

Former Minister bats for quick transportation of fruit from Valley, urges Govt to open NH 44 on priority.

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The apple growers, traders, and transporters are in a great tussle due to prolonged blockages of National Highway and strongly demanded for clearing the stumbling blocks and re-opening the road on top priority basis so as to address the ongoing grievances of fruit growers.

This was stated by Babu Rampal, former Minister and President Central Zone JKNC in a press statement today highlighting the miseries of fruit growers who are facing immense losses as their entire fruit stock is getting perished due to prolonged road blockages.

He said that this is not just about fruit and its transportation from



Valley to other parts of the country, which is a usual affair, he explained adding that constant blockage of National Highway for a pretty long time has hit the fruit growers' fraternity very hard as it is the question of livelihood and survival of thousands of families squarely banking upon the sale proceeds accrued after selling their fruits in every nook and corner of the country.

Explaining urgency of the

issue of fruit growers, Babu Rampal urged that the India's National Highway Authority and the Government of India to take concrete steps to ensure opening of the blocked road on a war footings so as to avoid further perishing of fruits loaded in the trucks eagerly waiting to put their vehicles on the road for transportation of fruit without any further delay, he stressed.

Babu Rampal expressed his profound gratitude to our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah Sahib, who personally met the Union Minister for Roads, Nitin Gadkari and vociferously raised this burning issue with utmost seriousness. It is earnestly hoped that the Government of India will act without any further delay and provide a timely solution.

LG Kavinder Gupta participates in India Youth Parliament at Jaipur

Asks youth to take lead in nation-building through democratic participation

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Democracy is not merely a modern system of governance but a way of life deeply rooted in India's civilizational ethos. References to democratic thought can be traced back to Vedic literature and ancient texts, and that great thinkers like Chanakya laid the foundations of political ethics and governance in India. This was stated by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, while addressing the India Youth Parliament held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, on the occasion of Democracy Day.

The Lt Governor, who was the Chief Guest, said that after 2014, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, democracy in India has



been infused with new energy and strength. With the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", democracy has reached the grassroots level. He highlighted how initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana, Digital India, and Direct Benefit Transfer have strengthened

transparency, accountability and inclusivity, empowering women, youth and rural communities. Shri Kavinder Gupta emphasised that today, India's democracy is more inclusive, participatory and result-oriented than ever before, evolving into a vibrant people's

movement. The Lt Governor urged the youth to actively participate in democratic processes, from Panchayats to Parliament, and contribute responsibly to nation-building. He stressed that the true spirit of democracy lies in dialogue, cooperation,

and civic responsibility. Young citizens, he said, must go beyond applause to offering constructive suggestions and engaging in areas like cleanliness, environment, education, and technology to further strengthen democracy. The Lt Governor also lauded Ashutosh Joshi, National Convenor of the Indian Youth Parliament, for organising the event and providing a meaningful platform to young people to express their views, engage in dialogue, and strengthen democratic values. Concluding his address, Kavinder Gupta called upon the younger generation to uphold the values of unity, harmony, and national integration, stating that the strength of India's democracy lies in the active role played by its youth.

Ajendra Sharma appeals Bihar residents in J&K to spare time to vote in Assembly elections

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Prioritizing the unity of culture & regions in the nation, Ajendra Sharma, J&K Prabhari of "Bihar Diwas" under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" Abhiyan appealed Bihar residents in J&K to spare time to visit their home state to vote in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Ajendra Sharma was accompanied by Baldev Singh Billawaria, General Secretary & J&K and Convenor of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat", Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, M.L.A. and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge J&K BJP, in the press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Addressing the media persons, Ajendra Sharma emphasized that the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as a landmark step towards strengthening cultural unity across the country. He said that the government firmly believes in nurturing the bonds of shared



traditions, languages, and lifestyles among different regions, thereby knitting India into one strong fabric of unity and diversity. Sharma noted that the celebration of "Bihar Diwas" in Jammu & Kashmir is not merely an event of cultural festivity but also a symbol of growing emotional connect between the people of both regions. He urged that the unity of the nation depends on recognizing and respecting each other's identities, while standing together as one collective family. He further added

that the Modi government has consistently worked to promote inclusiveness, mutual respect, and opportunities for every citizen, ensuring that no section of society feels left out. Calling upon the Bihar residents working in Jammu & Kashmir, to exercise their franchise with enthusiasm in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, Sharma said that their active participation would not only strengthen the democratic process but also reflect their commitment to

contributing wholeheartedly in this festival of democracy. In his introductory note, Baldev Singh Billawaria underlined that the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" campaign is a mission to deepen national integration through cultural exchange and people-to-people connect, which remains at the core of Prime Minister Modi's vision of a united and strong India. Ajay Partap, and Sohan Kattal, Mandal Presidents, Vikram Charak, and others were also present in the press conference.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana Visits Anjuman-I-Islam, Lauds 150-Year Legacy

MUMBAI, SEP 16

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Gulam Ali Khatana visited Anjuman-i-Islam, Maharashtra's largest educational institution, and hailed its 150 years of service to education and nation-building. The visit came on the sidelines of the Parliamentary Committee's ongoing engagements in Mumbai. Founded in 1874, Anjuman-i-Islam has grown into a vast educational network comprising 100 institutions, including primary and secondary schools, engineering, pharmacy, and architecture colleges. Today, it serves over 120 lakh students, with the support of more than 3,500 teaching staff. Khatana praised the



institution as "a beacon of learning and service to society," and said such establishments deserve "every possible support to expand their reach." He lauded the leadership of Padma Shri Dr. Zahir Kazi (President, Anjuman-i-Islam) and Shri Mushtaq Antule (Chairman, Maulana Azad Minority Financial Corporation & Senior

Vice President, Anjuman-i-Islam), describing their contribution as exemplary. He also expressed hope that MBBS and Dental colleges will soon be added to the institution's profile. Highlighting the institute's legacy, he recalled its illustrious alumni, which include former Maharashtra Chief Minister Abdul

Rahman Antulay, legendary actor Dilip Kumar, actor-academician Kader Khan, and noted cricketers Salim Durrani, Wasim Jaffer, and Yashasvi Jaiswal. Khatana was welcomed by senior office bearers including Shri Moiz Miyajiwala (Voice President), Shri Aqeel Hafiz (General Secretary), Shri Shaikat Bedgiri (Executive Chairman, Anjuman Panchgani), and Shri Shaghaf Naeqeb (Chairman & Executive Officer). Also present on the occasion were Shri Mehmod Hakimi, Founder & National President of Positive Change Foundation, and Shri Fabeem Ahmad Khan, National Vice President of the Foundation.

Two day annual intra-college technology festival TechFusion 2025 concludes at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, SEP 16

The two day annual intra-college technology festival, TechFusion 2025 concluded at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar. The two-day festival was held under the banner of the Technology Club. It included a range of competitions designed to test technical knowledge and practical skills. The mega event was coordinated by Dr. Iqra Altaf Geelani with the support of Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Institute Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman, Dean Students' Welfare, Prof. Mohammad Abid Bazzaz. On the opening day, events such as PromptCraft 2025, WHO AM I?, a Typing Contest, and Photopedia were conducted.

Day two featured technical and robotics-based competitions, including Guess the Programming Language, CAD-a-thon, Drone Workshop, DroneSim Challenge, Structure



Battles - Bridge Building, and Code & Circuit Clash. High-profile contests such as the 5-hour Forge Hackathon, Robo War, Line Follower Robo, and Object Avoidance Challenge drew wide participation. In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia said, "TechFusion 2025 provided our students with an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in practical, real-world contexts. 'Such platforms prepare young engineers to face future technological challenges with

confidence," he said. Dean Students' Welfare, Prof. Mohammad Abid Bazzaz, said such techno festivals go beyond technical skills. They foster leadership, teamwork, and innovation, qualities that are vital for holistic development," he said. Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman also stated that events like TechFusion reflect NIT Srinagar's commitment to nurturing creativity and problem-solving among students. We aim to give our students the right exposure so they can compete at national and

global levels, he added. Coordinator TechFusion 2025, Dr. Iqra Altaf Geelani extended her heartfelt gratitude to the Director, Registrar, Dean of Student Welfare (DSW), faculty members, student volunteers, and all participants for making the event successful. "The success of TechFusion 2025 is a testament to our collective effort. The remarkable enthusiasm of the students, combined with the unwavering support from the administration, made this festival truly memorable," she added.

GDC Ramnagar organizes Poster Making Competition on World Ozone Day.

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The Nature Club and Department of Zoology of Government Degree College Ramnagar, under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, organized a one-day Poster Making Competition to mark the celebration of World Ozone Day here on today. Around 15 enthusiastic students from different streams of the college actively participated and showcased their creativity through posters highlighting the importance of protecting the ozone layer and conserving the environment.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Sumita Rao, convener Nature's club, who highlighted the significance of ozone conservation for a sustainable future. The posters were evaluated by the esteemed panel of judges comprising Dr. Rakesh



Kumar Pandita, Dr. Kewal Kumar, and Prof. Ritika Mahajan, who appreciated the efforts of the participants and encouraged them for their innovative ideas. After a thorough evaluation, the first position was bagged by Samriti Thakur Of BSc Sem-I, second position was bagged by Manta Devi of Sem-III, and third position was bagged by Diksha Thakur of BSc Sem-I. All the participants were presented the certificate of participation and light refreshment.

Further Dr. Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar, in his address appreciated the efforts of the Nature Club for organizing such a relevant programme. He urged the students to actively participate in environmental awareness activities and adopt eco-friendly practices in their lives. He further emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in protecting the ozone layer and safeguarding the Planet for future generations.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Prof. Sonia Raj and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sham Singh Kotwal. The programme not only provided a platform for students to express their artistic skills but also sensitized the attendees towards the urgent need to protect the ozone layer and contribute towards environmental sustainability. Total 35 students besides participants were present at the venue.

K.C. College of Education Observed World Ozone Day

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Environmental Club of K.C. College of Education today organized an activity to mark the forthcoming event of Environmental concern, "World Ozone Day", the day proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as International Day for the

Preservation of the Ozone layer. The members of the club organized a poster making activity on the theme for World Ozone Day 2025 - "From Science to Global Action". The theme emphasized the success of the Montreal Protocol in moving from scientific understanding of ozone

depletion to global implementation of solutions. The main aim of the activity was to educate the participants by the convenor of the club, Dr. Puja Sharma - that is to spread the awareness about the importance of ozone layer & of International

cooperation to protect the ozone layer for the benefit of people and the planet. A good number of students of 3rd semester participated in the activity organized by the club who then educated the other students as the issue of preservation of ozone layer through their posters.

Raise the Height of Gangyal Nalla - Satish Sharma

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Former Councillor of Gangyal Ward-56, Satish Sharma, has appealed to the Jammu Municipal Corporation administration to raise the height of the Gangyal Nalla and ensure its regular cleaning. He stated that due to the low height of the nalla and irregular maintenance, it recently overflowed during heavy rains. This caused water to enter nearby areas and hundreds of houses, resulting in significant economic and emotional losses for the residents. Satish Sharma said that residents of Sector-1, Sector-2, Sector-3, and



Sector-4 are the most affected by this problem. He requested the Municipal Corporation to raise the height of both banks of the nalla so that water flow can be properly controlled during the rainy season and residents are protected from potential flood situations.

The former councillor also emphasized that regular cleaning of the nalla is extremely important. He urged the Municipal Corporation to remove the old and damaged siphons and construct a bridge in their place, as well as repair the broken sections of the nalla. These measures

would help prevent inconvenience and financial losses during rainfall and flood conditions. Satish Sharma expressed full confidence in the Municipal Commissioner that the administration would take necessary and timely action in this matter. He stated that all issues related to cleaning, nalla repair, and other civic facilities will be addressed promptly. He added that the steps taken by the administration will provide relief to the residents of Gangyal and reduce the likelihood of any serious damage in the future.