

Bag manufacturers call on Sat Sharma, seek GST revision on school bags

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A deputation of the All Jammu and Kashmir Bag Association today called on J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and submitted a memorandum requesting revision of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on school bags.

J&K BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, District Presidents Adv. Rajesh Gupta, and Rajeev Pandita and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.

The deputation, representing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in the manufacturing and supply of school and college bags, highlighted that while essential educational items such as books, stationery, shoes, tiffin boxes and water bottles fall under the 5% GST category, school bags remain excluded and are taxed higher. They stressed that school bags



are indispensable educational utility items and largely cater to students and middle-class families, a highly price-sensitive segment. The Association pointed out that over 70% of bag manufacturers belong to the MSME sector, providing employment to thousands of skilled and unskilled workers, including women and rural artisans. They appealed that a reduction in GST would not only make school bags more

affordable for families but also help sustain this labour-intensive industry, promote Make in India, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan and Atmanirbhar Bharat, and allow domestic manufacturers to compete effectively with low-cost imports from neighboring countries. While interacting with the deputation, Sat Sharma appreciated the concerns raised and said that the Modi government has always remained sensitive to the

aspirations of the people. He stated that the GST reforms under present government have already brought relief to people's pockets, and the issues raised will certainly receive sympathetic consideration at appropriate forum. He further assured that the matter will be taken up with the concerned quarters for review, keeping in mind the wider interest of students, parents, and the MSME sector.

Sharing is a duty, not just charity: Tony appeals for collective support"

Jammu Sanskrit School takes lead in distribution ration kits to flood-hit families

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Responding to an appeal by Taranjit Singh Tony, DDC Suchetgarh and senior Congress leader, Jammu Sanskrit School took a humanitarian step by distributing ration kits to around 100 flood-affected families in Kalka Colony, Gorkha Nagar, Rajiv Nagar, Bahu areas and other nearby areas. The relief camp was organized under the leadership of school owner Harpreet Singh Anand, with active participation from the school management, staff, and students.

This marks the first school in Jammu to take such an initiative, setting a powerful example of community-driven support during times of crisis.

Notably, Tony personally led and participated in the distribution drive, ensuring that aid reached the most vulnerable families.

He interacted with residents, supervised the process, and reaffirmed his commitment to stand by the flood-affected communities. The camp also witnessed the participation of prominent local figures



including Sahil, Chairman of Bawe Bazaar Association; Sham Lal Bassan, former councillor; Darshana Kumari, Gopal Ji, Harvinder Kour, Narender Sharma, Youth leader and others who extended their support on the ground.

Speaking at the event, Taranjit Singh Tony expressed gratitude and reiterated his appeal for collective action.

"I want to sincerely thank the management and staff of Jammu Sanskrit School for taking this noble step. In times like these, sharing is not just a responsibility—it's a duty. This initiative by the school sets a precedent for other

institutions to follow." "This is not a one-time gesture. Relief work will continue in phases, and I appeal to more schools, NGOs, and citizens to join us. Whether it is food, clothing, or basic supplies—every contribution can ease someone's pain. Let's come together and stand with our fellow citizens in need."

He also called upon educational institutions across Jammu to take inspiration from Jammu Sanskrit School, saying, "This school has shown that education is not just about academics—it's also about compassion and action. I urge others to follow their example and extend support in whatever way they can."

As per the organizers, clothing kits will be distributed in the coming two days, with continued efforts to identify and support more affected families. The list was furnished by committee led by Bassan, Harvinder Kour, Gopal Ji, Darshana and Sahil to maintain transparency, and Tony assured that anyone left out will be covered in the next camp.

H S Anand has assured that school will continue the endeavour in future also, where it is needed. Tony reaffirmed that his office and team remain open and ready to collaborate with any individual or institution willing to support ongoing relief measures.

Hindi Diwas Celebrated with Zeal at Kendriya Vidyalaya Rajouri

Students, Youth Leaders, and Dignitaries Highlight Hindi as a Symbol of Unity and Cultural Pride

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A vibrant programme marking Hindi Diwas / Hindi Pakhwada was organised at Kendriya Vidyalaya School Rajouri under the theme "A Global Voice that Symbolizes Unity and Cultural Pride". The event was conducted by Universal Brotherhood Youth Club, affiliated with MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The celebration drew enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and youth, reflecting the significance of Hindi as a unifying language and a source of national cultural pride. The Guests of



Honour included Vikram Sharma (Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Rajouri), Amaan Zari (Cricketer & President, Ek Sahara Foundation), Rahul Chandan (Former National Youth Volunteer), and Abrar Mughal (General Secretary, Anti-

Corruption Council Rajouri). In their addresses, the dignitaries urged the young generation to value their mother tongue while adopting a broad global outlook. A Speech Competition formed the highlight of the event, where students

e eloquently expressed their views on Hindi's role in strengthening unity and identity. The winners were awarded certificates and medals for their commendable performances. The programme concluded on a high note, with participants and guests alike appreciating the efforts of the coordinators and organisers. The event left a lasting impression, underlining Hindi's role as not just a language but a global voice of unity and pride. Ashish Bhasin, President, Universal Brotherhood Youth Club (affiliated with MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs, and Sports, Government of India).

J&K BJP receives relief consignment from Maharashtra for flood-hit families

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A consignment of essential relief supplies, sent by BJP Maharashtra under the leadership of its President Ravinder Chavan, reached Jammu today to support families reeling under the impact of the recent floods. The relief trucks, loaded with everyday essentials and basic household items, were received at Industrial Area Gangyal by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA), which he termed as a strong demonstration of unity and compassion, and said that the consignment, reflects the spirit of "Nation First" in action. He was joined by party Vice-President Rajeev Charak, General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLA Satish Sharma, Treasurer Prabhat Singh Jamwal, Spokesperson Vikram Malhotra, District Akhnoor Prabhari Vinay Gupta, SC Morcha Seh-Prabhari Jagdish Bhagat,



and other senior leaders and workers. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma expressed heartfelt thanks to BJP Maharashtra for promptly extending help during this difficult time. He said that the aid will be swiftly dispatched to flood-affected areas so that the families in distress receive timely assistance. He said that the foremost concern is to provide immediate relief to those who have lost their shelter, household belongings, and livelihood. The BJP

stands shoulder-to-shoulder with every victim and will ensure that no family feels abandoned in this crisis, he said. Rajeev Charak underlined that BJP has always prioritized the well-being of people and will continue to channel resources from across the nation until stability and normal life are restored in flood-hit regions of Jammu & Kashmir. Baldev Singh Billawaria informed that this is the second consignment from

Maharashtra in last few days and similar consignments from other states are expected shortly, further boosting the relief operations. Students already underway by BJP cadres and volunteers. Satish Sharma assured that the distribution process will be carried out with full transparency and accountability, highlighted that the coordinated effort with administration and social organizations is ensuring efficient outreach.

Inauguration of Hindi Pakhwada 2025 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

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The inauguration of Hindi Pakhwada 2025 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra was marked by enthusiasm and gaiety. This Pakhwada is being organized in the University from 15th September to 30th September 2025. It has been organized by the Hindi Cell, SMVDU with the objective of encouraging progressive use of Hindi in academic, administrative and cultural activities of the University. The inaugural



session was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragathi Kumar. In his inaugural address, he described Hindi as the bridge language of India's linguistic and cultural diversity and said that the need of the hour is to promote the use of Hindi in higher education,

research and administration. On this occasion, Dr. Anurag Kumar, Nodal Officer, Hindi Cell delivered the welcome address and presented the outline of the fortnight. He informed that essay writing, debate, poetry recitation, quiz

competition, workshops and cultural programmes will be held during this period. In the programme, Secretary, Sushil Kushwaha also assured active cooperation and enthusiastic participation from the students. A large number of students and faculty members participated in the session. The Hindi Pakhwada will conclude with the closing ceremony on 30th September 2025 wherein the winners of various competitions will be felicitated.

DIET Beerwah Hosts Red Ribbon Quiz Competition 2025; In Collaboration with JKBOSE & J&K AIDS Control Society

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The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Beerwah successfully conducted the Red Ribbon Quiz Competition 2025, under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), in collaboration with the J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS) and the Health & Medical Education



(H&ME) Department, J&K. The event took place at the DIET Beerwah campus under the visionary leadership of Principal Mr. Dev Raj, who delivered the keynote address, highlighting the critical need to blend education with social responsibility. "This competition is part of our broader mission to empower young minds with both knowledge and compassion."

JKBOSE is committed to organizing such initiatives that nurture a socially responsible and informed generation," said Mr. Dev Raj. The quiz competition served as an engaging platform for students to deepen their understanding of HIV/AIDS, foster healthy behaviors, and participate in peer learning through an atmosphere of intellectual curiosity and academic inquiry.

Students' Reflections & Impact A participating student expressed: "It wasn't just about winning. We gained valuable knowledge about real-life health issues. Now we feel equipped to spread awareness in our schools and communities."

"Saira Akbar Sofi, a student of Girls Higher Secondary School Beerwah, praised the initiative: The DIET Beerwah Red Ribbon Quiz was a great

initiative to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and promote a culture of healthy behavior and responsible peer engagement." Guest Speakers Applaud the Initiative Guest Speakers from JKBOSE and JKACS appreciated DIET Beerwah's efforts, emphasizing that youth awareness about public health challenges must begin at the educational level. They lauded the event as an excellent example of how academic institutions can lead social transformation. Participating Across District Budgam actively participated in the competition, showcasing their knowledge, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

The positive energy and eagerness to learn were evident throughout the event. Felicitation Ceremony & Vote of Thanks The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony honoring the top three performing student teams for their excellence and spirit of participation. A formal vote of thanks was extended to the organizers, faculty, participating students, and collaborating departments, whose efforts made the event a grand success.

Yudhvir Sethi starts development works at Karan Nagar

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MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi on Tuesday inaugurated the newly constructed Main Gate along with lanes and drains development work at Karan Nagar, Ward No. 9, under Jammu East constituency.

The project, launched at a cost of Rs 10 lakhs, aims to strengthen local infrastructure and provide better civic amenities to the residents. Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said the government is committed to ensuring equitable development across every ward and neighborhood.

Vikas Ka Safar - Har Colli, Karan Nagar is not just a slogan but our mission. We want every household to feel the benefits of better infrastructure and civic facilities. These developmental works will



ease the daily lives of people and improve hygiene and connectivity in the area," he remarked. Sethi also highlighted that public participation and cooperation are key to sustainable development. He thanked the residents for their constant support and assured them that more projects are in the pipeline to address their long-pending demands. On the occasion, AEE Sahil Arora, JE Ralesh Kumar, Ex-Corporator

Ward No. 9 and BJP Jammu District General Secretary Sunet Raina, BJP District Vice President Asha Gupta, Ex-President Ambphalla Mandal Raman Sharma, Ward President, Shakti Kendra Parmukh, and all Booth Presidents of Ward No. 9 were present. Scores of local residents attended the event and expressed gratitude to MLA Yudhvir for fulfilling their demands. They hailed the timely

execution of works, which they said would bring significant relief to the area. Other prominent persons present included Rajiv Sethi, Nepun Malhotra, Tahir Abbas, S. Charanraj Singh, Gujandri, and Sanjay. The event concluded with residents extending thanks to the MLA Yudhvir Sethi for taking concrete steps to ensure the area's holistic development.