

MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa Visits Belicharana & Bank of Nikki Tawi to Assess Damage



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MLA of Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, today visited Belicharana area and the bank of Nikki Tawi, accompanied by departmental officials and local dignitaries, to assess damage caused by recent events. The visit underscores the MLA's commitment to respond swiftly and properly to civic issues and infrastructure damage in his constituency. The MLA surveyed the damage along the bank of Nikki Tawi, noting erosion and flooding impact on nearby roads, homes and public

utilities. He also met with local residents, heard their grievances regarding damaged roads, drainage systems, sanitation, and risk to weakened banks. The MLA instructed the departments to prepare a damage report, to map critical areas, and initiate emergency repair work. He emphasised safety and ensuring residents are not left at risk. Plans to strengthen river/stream banks, improve drainage and flood control measures, and to provide relief assistance to people whose properties have been affected.

Mission YUVA Orientation Program organized for NRLM functionaries at Rajouri

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A Mission YUVA orientation program was today hosted for the functionaries of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) including the District Program Manager and Block Program Managers to prepare the latter for promoting the Mission Schemes among the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) at cluster levels. Additional Deputy Commissioner Chander Prakash, who is also District Nodal Officer for the Mission YUVA, presided over the orientation Session. In his address, the District Nodal Officer emphasized the pivotal role of NRLM functionaries in spreading the awareness among women SHGs at cluster level. He underscored the importance of proactive engagement and directed the stakeholder officers to organize special capacity-building programs for members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Mission YUVA framework. He asked them to strictly adhere to the programme design/structure prescribed by the directorate of Employment & Skill Development. During the orientation programme, Deputy Director Employment, Mohammad Nawaz provided an overview of Mission YUVA, eligibility, guidelines and the features of Mission YUVA mobile application. He explained that the initiative integrates various government schemes with a focus on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and skill enhancement.

Shiv Sena demands white paper on damage and safety on the Shri Mata Vaishnodevi route, immediate resumption of Yatra

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Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded immediate resumption of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra and issuance of a white paper on the damage caused by natural disasters and landslides and safety of the Yatra route. In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that only a few days are left for the start of Navratri, the biggest religious festival of Hindus, there is confusion about the resumption of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra. While during this time, devotees of the mother from all over the country and abroad reach Shri Mata



Vaishnodevi shrine with their wishes. Except for the Corona period, perhaps never in history has the Yatra been postponed for so many days. He said that the Yatra was stopped after the disastrous rains and landslide incident on 26th August (in which 34 devotees died). Although the resumption of the Yatra was announced on 14th September, but on 13th

September, citing the weather, the Yatra was once again postponed till further orders. He said that the Shiv Sena's silence on the damage caused to the Yatra route and the ongoing delay in resumption of the Yatra have hurt religious sentiments and have raised many questions. Suspicions are being raised that the Yatra route is unsafe and the safety of the pilgrims is in danger

SSP Reasi conducts inspection of P/S Reasi, women cell Reasi and PP Dera Baba

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In a bid to strengthen the commitment towards public safety and enhance the efficiency of policing, "SSP Reasi Sh. Paramvir Singh, JKPS," along with "Dy. SP Hqs. Reasi Sh. Vishal Singh Jamwal conducted a comprehensive inspection of Police Station Reasi. During the inspection, SSP Reasi meticulously reviewed the overall functioning of the Police Station, with special emphasis on crime prevention strategies, community policing initiatives, record management, and the welfare of police personnel. He interacted with the officers and officials, taking feedback on the challenges, achievements, and future goals. "The visit by SSP Reasi reflects the department's continuous commitment to ensure that every Police Station and Police Post operates at the highest standards to meet the evolving needs of society. Without tunnelling, this road will remain a failure," he said. Karra, the MLA from Central Shalteng constituency, said the problem was not just logistical but environmental. "This highway has surrendered. We have challenged nature by blasting mountains and ignoring ecology. Landslides are inevitable, and this is nature's punishment," he said, adding that widening projects had 'failed' to factor in environmental sustainability. The JKPCF chief said the crisis had hit multiple

Police Post Dera Baba, ensuring that its functioning remains in line with the standards of professionalism and public service. While interacting with the staff of "Police Post Dera Baba," SSP Reasi also listened to their grievance. He further reviewed crime data and statistics of the jurisdiction to gauge the effectiveness of ongoing initiatives and identify areas requiring improvement. Expressing satisfaction over the performance of Police Station Reasi and associated units, SSP Reasi appreciated the dedication and hard work of the police personnel. He motivated them to continue their tireless efforts in upholding law and order and in serving the community with integrity. The visit by SSP Reasi reflects the department's continuous commitment to ensure that every Police Station and Police Post operates at the highest standards to meet the evolving needs of society.

Repeat Drug Offender Can't Escape Preventive Detention: DB

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The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu has upheld the preventive detention of a Rajouri man under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PILNPS), ruling that habitual offenders cannot escape detention when ordinary law fails to restrain them. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajesh Oswal dismissed the appeal filed by Ajaz Ahmad, lodged in District

Jail Dhangri, against the October 2024 detention order. The appeal was filed through his wife, Nusrat Jaan, challenging the Writ Court's earlier decision that had upheld his detention. The court observed that Ahmad was first booked in 2020 for possessing 350 grams of charas and later again in 2024 for heroin possession. Despite being released on bail, he allegedly continued indulging in similar offences, which, the judges said, justified his detention. Rejecting his plea that there was an unexplained

delay of seven months in issuing the detention order, the Bench noted that the order followed soon after his release on bail and could not be termed excessive. It also found that all requisite documents, including grounds of detention, had been duly supplied to him, as proved by his own signed receipt. The court concluded that preventive detention was warranted, emphasizing that repeat involvement in drug trafficking posed a continuing threat to society and could not be curbed by ordinary penal measures alone. (JNF)

'Highway closure'; Dedicate Mughal Road for heavy trucks to ease crisis: Karra

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Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPC) president Tariq Hameed Karra on Tuesday urged the government to dedicate the Mughal Road exclusively for heavy vehicles to ease the crisis faced by fruit growers and transporters due to prolonged closures of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. Speaking to reporters at the party headquarters here, Karra, as per the news agency, said thousands of trucks

carrying fruit had been leaving produce damaged and growers devastated. "If these vehicles return, it will be waste material. The losses are colossal, and the growers as well as transporters are under severe stress," he said. The Congress leader also voiced strong environmental concerns, arguing that the widening of NH-44 by blasting mountains has destabilised ecology, triggering recurring landslides. "We have challenged nature, and this is punishment from nature. The JKPCF chief said the crisis had hit multiple

green industries, including tourism, mutton, horticulture, and transport, warning that the economic damage in the coming months will be "very bad" if immediate corrective measures are not taken. Karra expressed solidarity with the affected families, saying the horticulture sector, which is the backbone of Kashmir's economy, has been pushed to the brink. He announced that Congress would soon prepare a comprehensive programme regarding compensation for fruit growers and transporters.

5-day Induction Programme begins at BGSBU

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Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) on Tuesday inaugurated a five-day Induction Programme for the fresher students of different academic programmes. The initiative is designed to familiarize the fresh batch with the University's academic environment, ethos and opportunities and is being held simultaneously at three venues – the University Auditorium, II Hall and Bioscience Hall. In his message, Vice Chancellor Prof. Jawaid Iqbal extended his greetings to the newly admitted students and welcomed them into the BGSBU fraternity. He emphasized the University's commitment to fostering academic excellence, innovation and values of inclusivity and service. Registrar BGSBU Abhishek Sharma graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. Extending a warm welcome to the students, he congratulated them for taking admission in the University. "You are now part of an institution known for its commitment to quality education and holistic development," he added. He further emphasized the importance of discipline, dedication, and curiosity in a student's life. "University life is not just about acquiring degrees but about shaping your personality, developing critical thinking, and preparing yourself for the challenges of the future," he remarked. Highlighting the



opportunities available at BGSBU, the Registrar said, "This University provides a platform to nurture talent, whether in academics, research, innovation, or cultural and sports activities. I urge students to make the best use of every facility and support system that the University offers." He further encouraged the students to actively participate in all sessions of the Induction Programme, noting that the activities were carefully designed to provide them with insights into academic regulations, career development prospects, and the values of teamwork and leadership. "The friendships, experiences, and values you build here will stay with you for life. Let this journey be one of learning, exploration, and contribution," Mr. Sharma added. The inaugural programme was supervised by Associate

Deans Dr. A. A. Shah, Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum, and Dr. Titi Xavier, who oversaw the sessions across the three designations. Dr. Vishal Puri, Principal COET, along with Dr. Sanjay Jamalwal and Dr. Shreekar Pant, acted as the nodal officers for the smooth conduct of the inaugural event. Among others present on the occasion included Mohammad Ishaq Controller of Examination, Joint Registrar and Deputy Registrars, Heads and Coordinators of various departments and faculty members of the University. The Induction Programme includes lectures on the journey of BGSBU, ice-breaking sessions, interaction with faculty and experts, as well as orientation about student support services. The event is being coordinated by the Admission Cell of the University.