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



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JAMMU, SEP 16 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

Mission YUVA Orientation Program organized for NRLM functionaries at Raiouri

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YUVA Mission orientation program was today hosted for the for the functionaries of National Rural Mission (NRLM) the District Mission including the District Program Manager and Managers Program Manager and Block Program Managers to prepare the latter for promoting the Mission romoting the Mission Schemes among the women Self Help Groups (SHG) at cluster levels. Additional Deputy Commissioner Chander Prakash, who is also District Nodal Officer for the Mission VIVA District Nodal Officer for the Mission YUVA, presided over the orientation Session. In his address, the District Nodal Officer emphasized the pivotal 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 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 from lower the state of the programment of the state of the st

directorate
Employment J&K.
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 various government schemes with a focus on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and skill enhancement.

utilities. He also met with local residents, their gri grievances damaged their grievan regarding dama; roads, drainage syste sanitation, and risk property due weakened banks.

The MLA instructed the departments to prepare a damage report, to map critical areas, and initiate emergency repair work. He emphasized 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.

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In a bid to strengthen the public safety and enhance the efficiency of policing, *SSP Reasi Sh. Paramvir Singh, JKPS,* along with *Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi Sh. Vishal Singh Jamwal conducted c o m p r e h e n s i

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 community policing initiatives, management, and the personnel policing record molicing policing initiatives, and the policing pol welfare of police personnel. He interacted with the officers and officials, taking feedback on the challenges, achievements, and future

goals. SSP Reasi also conducted inspection of the *Women Cell, Reasi,* where he assessed the facilities, assessed the facilities, ongoing cases, and support mechanisms available for women. In addition, he inspected

Police Post Dera Baba, ensuring that its functioning remains in line with the standards of

SSP Reasi conducts inspection of P/S Reasi.

women cell Reasi and PP Nera Raha

professionalism public service.
While interacting with
the staff of *Police Post
Dera Baba,* SSP Reasi also listened to their

Dera Baba,* SSP Reasi also listened to their grievience. 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 Pol

Post operates at the highest standards to meet

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

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SRINAGAR, SEP 16
Jammu and Kashmir
Pradesh Congress
Committee (RPCC) 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 growers and transporters due to prolonged closures of the due to r closures of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. Speaking to reporters at the party headquarters here, Karra, as per the agency, said here, Karra, as per the news agency, said thousands of trucks

carrying fruit had been without tunnelling, this randed for days now, leaving produce damaged and growers Karra, the MLA from devastated. "If these vehicles return, it will be waste material. The losses are colossal, and the growers as well as the growers are under "This highway has been stranged to the standard of the growers are under "This highway has the stranged the standard of the growers are under "This highway has the stranged the stra 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

"I visited Belicharana and

Nikki Tawi today to see

Nikki Tawi today to see first-hand what the people are going through. The damage is real and cannot wait. We will ensure relief and restoration work is done without delay. Our aim is to secure the safety, infrastructure, and well-being of every resident." Locals shared their concerns, and officials were directed to prepare a detailed report and take necessary steps to address the issues. The MIAA assured that timely action

assured that timely action will be taken to restore

infrastructure and protect the area from further damage.

blasting mou destabilised ecology, recurring triggering landslides. 'We have challenged

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 JKPCC chief said the crisis had hit multiple

including tourism, mutton, horticulture, and transport, warning that the economic damage in the coming months will be "very bad" if immediate correctives. measures are not taken. 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

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.

in 2020 for possessing 350 grams of charas and later

Rejecting his plea that there was an unexplained

Omar Abdullah to Centre: Hand over NH-44 or face apple industry collapse

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With Kashmir's apple industry staring at unprecedented losses, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday threw a direct challenge to the Union Government: hand over control of National Highway 44 to the J&K administration or risk economic disaster in the Valley.

the J&K administration or risk economic disaster in the Valley. The 270-kilometre highway, Kashmir's only road link to the rest of the country, has been shut for heavy vehicles since August 25 after torrential rains battered several stretches. While small cars are allowed, trucks remain barred, choking the supply chain at the peak of apple season. The consequences are devastating. Kashmir produces 20 to 25 lakh metric tonnes of apples annually, and growers say losses have already crossed 21,000 crore. Truckhods of corner in the consequence of the consequence

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Apples are rotting, and we have no way to move them out." a grower said during a demonstration.

Abdullah, visibly exasperated, turned to social media to vent his anger. He accused the National Highways & Infrastructure to the social media not with the same of the s

crisis" and asked why the highway collapses so often despite massive spending on its upkeep. Iltija Mufti alleged a deliberate attempt to cripple Kashmir's apple economy. Peoples Conference leader Sajad Sopore mandi, Asia's Conterence feader Sajad second largest fruit Lone, while criticising market, has been closed for two days as protests spread across the Valley. farmers suffer is "Our patience is over." "criminal" and urged

immediate action.
Attempts to offer alternatives have failed to calm tempers. A newly caim tempers. A newly lagged parcel train from Budgam to New Delhi has carried limited produce but cannot absorb the Valley's vast output. Light vehicle access provides token relief but does nothing for the provides token does nothing truckloads of does nothing for the truckloads of apples waiting to be shipped to markets across India. The crisis has exposed the fragility of Kashmir's economy, where a single blocked artery can bring an entire industry to its knees. Apple farming supports lakhs of families, and timely transport is the difference between profit and ruin. With every passing day, growers are slipping deeper into debt. By openly challenging the Centre, Abdullah has raised the stakes. His demand for control over NH-44 is as much a pollitical gamble as it is an economic necessity. If the highway is restored quickly, he can claim credit for forcing action. If the Centre hesitates, anger on the streets may be considered to the stakes. anger on the streets may escalate, and the Union Government will face

Repeat Drug Offender Can't Escape **Preventive Detention:DB**

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JAMMU, SEP 16 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 Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT NDFS), ruling that habitual offenders cannot escape detention when ordinary law fails to

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal dismissed the appeal filed by Ajaz Ahmad, lodged in District restrain them.

The court observed that Ahmad was first booked 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.

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 found that all requisite documents, including grounds of detention, had been duly supplied to him, as proved by his own

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)

Central University of Jammu Hosts Induction Program for Physics Freshers

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The Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences, Central University of Jammu, organized the Induction Program 2025 on Tuesday welcome admitted students of the Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.)-M.Sc. and M.Sc.

(Hons.)-M.Sc. and M.Sc. (Physics) programs. The one-day program aimed to familiarize the freshers with the academic environment, research opportunities, and institutional ethos of the

institutional ethos of the University. The program was held under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Central University of Jammu, who motivated students who motivated students to pursue academic excellence with sincerity and integrity, while con n trib u tin g meaningfully to society. Prof. Vinay Kumar, Dean, School of Basic and Applied Sciences, and Head of the Department

Physics and sciences, vision and of Physics and Astronomical Sciences, introduced the vision, mission, and academic strengths of the department. Prof. Suram Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, encouraged the students to adopt a spirit

students to adopt a spirit of inquiry and make the best use of the opportunities available at the University.

Throughout the day, sessions covered the academic curriculum, examination system, research facilities, laboratories, and student research facilities, laboratories, and student support services such as the central library and placement cell. Students

were also sensitized to concluded were also sensitized to professional ethics, discipline, and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). Faculties and research scholars interacted with the freshers, sharing experiences and offering career guidance. The students expressed appreciation for the

career guidance. The students expressed appreciation for the program, noting that it provided them with valuable insights into emerging fields such as Nanoscience, Condensed Matter Physics, Quantum Technologies, and Astronomy. The induction program

with to pursue both academic and extracurricular success. The day ended with group photographs of all faculty members along with the newly inducted students, marking a memorable start to their academic journey.

valedictory session, where faculty members encouraged the freshers to pursue both academic and extracurricular activities for holistic growth. The Department extended its gratitude to the University administration, faculty, and student volunteers for their support in making the event a success. The day ended with group photographs

5-day Induction Programme begins at BGSBU

GY CORRESPONDENT RAJOURI, SEP 16 Baba Ghulam Sha Badshah Universi Shah University

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, academic environment, ethos and opportunities and is being held simultaneously at three venues – the University Auditorium, IT Hall and Biosciences Hall.

In his message, Vice Chancellor Prof. Jawaid Iqbal extended his greetings to the newly admitted students and welcomed them into the

welcomed them into the BGSBU fraternity. He

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. Evtending a warm Extending a warm welcome to the students,

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 BCSBU, the Registrar said, "This University provides a platform to nurture talent, whether in cacdemics, research, innovation, or cultural and sports activities. I urge students to make the best use of every facility 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

or the Induction Programme, noting that the activities were the activities were carefully designed to provide them with insights into academic 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.

contribution," Sharma added. inaugural 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 designated halls. Dr. Vishal Puri, Principal COET, along with Dr. Sanjay Jamwal and Dr. Shreekar Part, acted as the nodal officers for the smooth conduct of the inaugural event. Among others present on the occasion included Mohammad Controller of Examination, Joint Registrar and Deputy

Registrar and Deputy Registrars , Heads and Coordinators of various

Coordinators of various departments and faculty members of the University. The Induction Programme includes lectures on the journey of BGSBU, ice-breaking programs interactions and the programs of the progr ssions, 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.

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
sissuance 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 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 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. the Yatra was once again postponed till further orders. He said that the Shrine Board'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 he yatra route is unsafe and the safety of the pilgrims is in danger

due to natural disasters and reckless development, cutting of mountains, destruction of the yatra form, landslides of mountains etc. Sahni has issued a white letter to Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board demanding clarification of the situation. The traditional Charri Yatra is also getting affected on the auspicious Navratri. Sahni said that due to the suspension of the yatra, shopkeepers and traders, including the services of horses, Bittu, Palki etc. on the yatra route, are facing huge financial losses. Sahni has appealed to the Shrine Board to refrain from indiscriminate development and facilities keeping in mind the nature of the Yatra.