

## Sat Sharma raises road safety concerns in Rajya Sabha, calls for strengthening safety infrastructure on J&K Highways

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**

**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, raised the issue of road safety in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir during a Special Mention in the Rajya Sabha in New Delhi, drawing the attention of the Government towards the urgent need to further strengthen safety infrastructure on National Highways in the region.

While raising the issue, Sat Sharma highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India has undertaken unprecedented infrastructure development across Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the road and highway sector. He said that massive investments in road widening projects, construction of national highways,



ring roads, tunnels, and flyovers have significantly improved connectivity across the Union Territory. These initiatives have substantially reduced travel time, enhanced mobility, and made daily commuting easier and more efficient for the people. However, Sharma emphasized that along with rapid expansion of road infrastructure, it is equally important to ensure the highest standards of road safety for commuters. Highlighting the seriousness of the matter, Sat Sharma said that according to information recently provided by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in Parliament, a significant number of precious lives have been lost and numerous accidents have occurred on National Highways in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that these alarming figures clearly reflect the serious and persistent safety challenges on these

crucial road corridors. Raising concern over the ground situation, Sharma stated that although the Ministry has informed Parliament that road safety audits are mandatory at all stages of highway development and that accident-prone spots are identified through the e-DAR system, the realities on the ground reveal serious implementation gaps. He pointed out that many stretches of National Highways in the Union Territory continue to suffer from damaged or

missing crash barriers, delayed replacement of safety infrastructure, inadequate road signage, unsafe dividers, and the absence of quick-response safety measures, particularly on hilly and accident-prone stretches. Sat Sharma stated that in many cases, damaged crash barriers remain unrepaired for months, posing a direct and constant threat to commuters and often leading to fatal accidents. Considering the difficult terrain and the high-speed traffic on National Highways passing through Jammu and Kashmir, he stressed that crash barriers and other safety infrastructure are not merely optional facilities but life-saving necessities. Sat Sharma further emphasized that road safety cannot be viewed merely as a technical or administrative matter, but must be treated as an issue directly linked to the protection of human lives. He

urged the Government of India and the concerned ministry to accord the highest priority to strengthening road safety infrastructure and ensuring strict and timely implementation of safety measures on National Highways in Jammu and Kashmir, so that further loss of life and property can be prevented. Reiterating the development-focused vision of the Modi Government, Sharma said that while historic progress has been made in improving connectivity and infrastructure in the region, continuous monitoring and proactive safety measures are necessary to ensure that the benefits of development are matched with the highest standards of commuter safety. He called for urgent and coordinated action to prevent further loss of life and to make the highways of Jammu and Kashmir safer for every traveler.

## PhysicsWallah announces free online education for orphan students of J&K

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

Education company PhysicsWallah (PW) announced free online education for orphan students of Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative was unveiled by Founder and Teacher, PhysicsWallah (PW), Alakh Pandey, during Vishwas Diwas, the annual flagship event bringing together students and educators while exploring academic support opportunities. This step comes as a part of the organization's ongoing efforts to support the continuation of education for students facing personal and financial hardship. Under the initiative, orphan students across Jammu & Kashmir can join

any PW online batch of their choice, free of cost, through the PW App, allowing them to continue learning without having to move from their hometowns. The support covers school learning and competitive exam preparation, with access to lessons, practice material, and academic guidance, helping ease financial pressure after personal loss through online learning. Speaking on the occasion, Alakh Pandey, Teacher and Founder, PhysicsWallah (PW), said,

"Education matters most when it supports students during difficult phases of life. Through this initiative, we are making an effort to ensure that students facing personal losses in Jammu & Kashmir are able

to continue their education without financial barriers. When a student is willing to learn, it becomes important for institutions to step forward with support. By offering access to PW's online batches, we are trying to encourage these students to move ahead with confidence." Alongside its digital programmes, PW JKBOSE Wallah, the state-board vertical of PhysicsWallah (PW), provides academic guidance and preparation support for students of Classes 9 to 12 preparing for the stateboard examinations. Through its digital platforms, PW aims to provide academic guidance and learning support while attempting to cater to students' diverse learning needs in the region.

## Two drug peddlers arrested, heroin recovered in Domana

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

In a continued crackdown on drug trafficking and substance abuse, Domana Police apprehended two drug peddlers and recovered 12 grams of heroin-like contraband at a naka in Domana under the jurisdiction of Police Station Domana. Acting on specific information on March 10, a police team led by SHO Domana Inspector Varuneshwar Singh intercepted and arrested two accused Abhijot Singh @ Abhi, son of Jasbir Singh, resident of Nanak Nagar, Jammu. Navjot Singh, son of Rajender Singh, resident of Sector 2, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. During personal search, 12 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from their possession. The contraband was sealed and seized on the spot. A motorcycle (JK02DM-0410), allegedly used in the commission of the offence, was also seized. Accordingly, FIR No. 58/2026 under Sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Domana. The accused have been arrested and further investigation is underway to ascertain the forward and backward linkages of the drug network.

## Samba Police seize four Dumpers used for illegal mining

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**SAMBA, MAR 11:**

Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police seized four dumpers being used for the illegal transportation of construction material in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal. Police teams led by the Incharges of Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli and Mansar (PS Samba) and Police Post Rajpura (PS Ghagwal) intercepted and seized the dumpers during patrolling in their respective areas. The seized vehicles bear registration numbers JK21J-9190, JK14D-9133, JK21G-5654, and JK21G-7597. All the vehicles have been handed over to the Geology and Mining Department, Samba, for further legal action.

## 2 accused arrested in JCB tyre theft case in Kanachak

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

Jammu (Rural) Police have solved a theft case registered at Border Police Post Gajansoo under Police Station Kanachak, following a complaint regarding the theft of a JCB tyre from Ring Road, Gajansoo. Acting on the complaint, FIR No. 30/2026 under Section 303(2) of the BNS was registered at Police Station Kanachak and an investigation was initiated. During the investigation, a police team from BPP Gajansoo, led by PSI Deepika, arrested two accused Jar Hussain alias Yasar, son of Mohd. Sharif, resident of Rajpura, Kanachak. Puto, son of Abdul Rashid, resident of Rajpura, Kanachak. The stolen JCB tyre was recovered from their possession. Police also seized a Mahindra vehicle (JK02DJ-4017) allegedly used in the commission of the crime. Further investigation is underway.

## NC leader Ajeet Bhagat criticizes LPG price hike

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

Senior National Conference leader and spokesperson for the Chenab Valley region, Ajeet Bhagat, has strongly criticized the Central Government's decision to increase the price of domestic cooking gas by Rs 60, calling the move anti-people and insensitive to the hardships faced by common households. In a statement issued here today, Bhagat said that the sudden hike in LPG prices will directly affect the kitchens of ordinary families, particularly those belonging to the middle-class and economically weaker sections. He added that at a time when people are already grappling with rising prices of essential commodities, the additional burden of increased cooking gas prices will further strain household budgets. Bhagat said that such decisions reflect the government's failure to provide relief to the common man. "Instead of reducing the financial burden on citizens, the government is continuously increasing the cost of essential commodities, which will ultimately disturb the kitchen economy of poor and middle-class families," he said. The National Conference leader urged the Central Government to immediately reconsider the decision and roll back the LPG price hike in the larger interest of the people.

## Army conducts medical patrol for Gujjars and Bakkarwals

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

The Indian Army extended healthcare services to remote parts of Rajouri district through a mobile medical patrol in the village of Parat, benefiting local residents including Gujjars and Bakkarwals. Isolated by challenging terrain, these communities often lack access to mainstream healthcare. The patrol, equipped with essential medical supplies, provided on-the-spot medical care, basic check-ups, treatment of common ailments and distribution of medicines. Preventive healthcare was emphasised through immunisations and awareness on hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention, with special focus on women's health. The initiative received an overwhelmingly positive response, strengthening ties between the Indian Army and local communities. A total of 16 locals 5 men, 7 women and 4 children benefitted directly from the medical patrol, improving their health and overall well-being.

## Bharat Priye visits flood-hit Pargwal, slams Govt over delay in relief and repair works

**JKPCC Kissan Department Chairman warns of mass agitation if compensation to farmers and flood protection measures are not ensured before upcoming monsoon**

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**

**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

JKPCC Kissan Department Chairman Bharat Priye today visited the flood-affected Pargwal border area in the Akhnoor sector to assess the ground situation and take cognizance of the grievances of local residents and farmers who have suffered massive losses during the devastating floods caused by the swelling Chenab River during the heavy monsoon rains of late August and early September 2025. During his visit, Bharat Priye interacted with affected villagers and farmers who narrated their ordeal and expressed anguish over the non-payment of compensation for the losses suffered to their homes, crops, and agricultural lands. The villagers informed him that the floods had submerged large portions of fertile land, washed away standing crops, damaged irrigation channels, and severely affected rural infrastructure in the border belt.

Expressing serious concern over the plight of the affected families, Bharat Priye said it is unfortunate that even after several months of the disaster, the government has failed to provide adequate relief and compensation to the victims. He said that farmers, who form the backbone of the rural economy, have been left to struggle on their own despite suffering huge financial losses.

Bharat Priye also raised alarm over the lack of flood protection and repair works along the Chenab River embankments in the Pargwal region. He pointed out that the river frequently crosses danger levels during the



monsoon season, leading to repeated flooding of low-lying villages, destruction of agricultural land, and damage to border infrastructure. However, despite repeated appeals from local residents, no effective steps have been taken to strengthen the flood protection works or repair the damaged embankments.

He warned that the rainy season is once again approaching, and if urgent preventive measures are not undertaken, the region may face another devastating flood situation. "The safety of border villages and the livelihood of farmers cannot be ignored. The government must act immediately to repair the damaged flood protection structures and strengthen embankments before the monsoon arrives," he said. The JKPCC Kissan Department Chairman strongly criticized the Irrigation and Flood Control Department for its alleged failure to take timely action despite being aware of the vulnerability of the area. He said that administrative negligence has put thousands of residents and farmers at risk. Bharat Priye demanded immediate assessment of damages, release of compensation to affected farmers and families, and urgent execution of repair and flood control works in the Pargwal

border belt. He emphasized that ensuring the safety of border villages and protecting agricultural land must be treated as a priority by the authorities. Issuing a stern warning, Bharat Priye said that if the government and concerned departments fail to act promptly, he will be compelled to launch a large-scale agitation along with farmers and local residents to press for their legitimate demands. "If the authorities continue to remain indifferent to the suffering of the people, the JKPCC Kissan Department will mobilize farmers and hold strong protests. The responsibility for such agitation will lie entirely with the government and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department for their inaction," he asserted. Local residents who accompanied Bharat Priye during the visit appreciated his efforts for highlighting their issues and demanded immediate intervention by the administration to prevent further damage during the upcoming monsoon season. Bharat Priye assured the villagers that the JKPCC Kissan Department will continue to raise their voice at every platform until justice is delivered to the affected farmers and necessary steps are taken to safeguard the vulnerable border region from recurring floods.

## Free health check-up camp held at SVMM Charitable Hospital



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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission (SVMM) Charitable Hospital, Ambhalla, Jammu, organized a Free Health Check-up Camp in collaboration with Abbott India Ltd. and P&G Health to promote preventive healthcare and community awareness. During the camp, free Vitamin D3 testing was conducted with the support of Abbott India Ltd., while haemoglobin testing was carried out with the assistance of P&G Health.

A large number of people from the surrounding areas, along with hospital staff members, availed themselves of the free testing facilities. Many beneficiaries took advantage of the initiative and appreciated the hospital for organizing such a beneficial health camp. The camp was organized in the presence of the Management Committee of SVMM, including Sh. Amar Chand

Gupta, President; Sh. B.B. Gupta, General Secretary; Sh. B.S. Jamwal, Secretary; and Sh. Subash Chander Gupta, Member. The hospital administration was represented by Dr. Arvind Kohli, Medical Director, and Dr. Rabinder Rattan Pal, Medical Superintendent.

The camp was supervised by Dr. Rajesh Gandotra, Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon, and Dr. Sham Jurangal, who also guided patients on bone health and related medical concerns. On the occasion, Sh. Amar Chand Gupta, President SVMM, emphasized that the institution is committed to serving society with the noble principle of "Nar Seva, Narayan Seva," highlighting that service to humanity is the highest form of devotion.

Dr. Arvind Kohli, Medical Director, appreciated the support extended by Abbott India Ltd. and P&G Health and stated that such initiatives play an important role

in early detection of health issues and spreading awareness among the public. Dr. Rajesh Gandotra and Dr. Sham Jurangal also underlined the importance of regular health screening, particularly for Vitamin D deficiency and anaemia, which are common health concerns affecting a large section of the population. The arrangements and coordination of the camp were efficiently managed by Sh. Pawan Sharma, Liaison Officer, SVMM. The hospital management also expressed gratitude to Sh. Sanjay and Smt. Kajal Mehra from P&G Health and Ms. Sonia from Abbott India Ltd. for their valuable support in organizing the camp. The camp was successfully conducted with the dedicated efforts of the hospital staff, reflecting the continued commitment of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital toward charitable healthcare and community service.

## DPS Jammu organises spell bee competition for Class I students

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

With the objective of strengthening vocabulary, spelling skills, and confidence among young learners, Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu successfully organised a Spell Bee Competition for the students of Class I on March 10, 2026. The competition provided students with a valuable platform to showcase their language abilities and develop a keen interest in words and language. The competition was conducted in three rounds. In the first round, all Class I students from different sections participated enthusiastically in their respective classrooms. Based on their performance, 28 students were shortlisted for the second round.

During the second round,

the shortlisted students were asked to spell a variety of words. Their spelling accuracy, pronunciation, and confidence were carefully assessed, and seven students qualified for the final round.

The final round proved to be both exciting and challenging, as the finalists were asked several spelling and word-based questions. After a close and fair evaluation, the top three winners were declared. The winners of the competition were 1st Position: Vivaan Verma - Class I F, 2nd Position: Myrah Sharma - Class I E, 3rd Position: Amaira Grover - Class I B. The competition was conducted under the guidance of Academic Supervisor and Activity Coordinator (Pre-Primary Wing), Ms. Payal Tandon. Coordinator (Pre-

Primary Wing), Ms. Preeti Abrol, and Academic Coordinator (Pre-Primary), Ms. Richa Gupta congratulated all the participants and appreciated their enthusiastic involvement. They expressed delight at seeing the students confidently spell words and make sincere efforts to strengthen their vocabulary. The school management, under the leadership of Hon'ble President-RCT Sh. M. K. Ajatsharu Singh Ji, PVC Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh Ji, and Hon'ble Director Sh. S. S. Sodhi Ji, along with Principal Ms. Ruchi Chabra and the staff, congratulated all the participants and appreciated the dedicated efforts of the teachers in nurturing confidence, creativity, and language skills among young learners.

## Sunil Dimple leads protest over LPG price hike, alleged shortage



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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

President of Mission Statehood, Sunil Dimple, along with hundreds of traders, today staged a protest rally on Janipur High Court Road against the recent increase in LPG prices and the alleged shortage of cooking gas cylinders. During the protest, demonstrators raised slogans and burnt effigies to express anger over alleged black marketing, long booking gaps, and rising fuel prices. Addressing the protest rally, Sunil Dimple alleged that there is an artificial shortage of LPG cylinders and criticized the 25-day gap in booking faced by consumers. He also claimed that many people are unable to book LPG cylinders online as OTP messages are not being received on mobile phones, creating difficulties for consumers. Dimple further alleged that some gas agencies have stocked their godowns and are indulging in black marketing of LPG

cylinders, selling them in the black market for Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 per cylinder.

He questioned the government over the availability of fuel in the country and said that when India is facing shortages of LPG, petrol, and diesel, the government should ensure adequate supply for domestic consumers before exporting petroleum products to other countries.

Demanding immediate relief for consumers, Dimple urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to roll back the recent increase of Rs 60 on domestic LPG cylinders and Rs 120 on commercial cylinders. He said the hike has severely affected small businesses, adding that hotels, restaurants, dhabs, and tea stalls in Jammu & Kashmir and other states are struggling to survive due to rising fuel costs.

Dimple also alleged that the impact of the ongoing tensions in West Asia, including the conflict involving Iran, the United States, and

Israel, is being felt in India through rising fuel prices and supply concerns.

He further demanded that LPG, petrol, and diesel be brought under the GST regime to ensure uniform pricing and reduce the financial burden on consumers.

Highlighting the rising cost of living, Dimple alleged that prices of essential commodities such as milk, curd, food grains, edible oils, flour, and pulses have increased sharply, placing a heavy burden on poor and middle-class families. He also urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to provide 200 units of free electricity, 12 free LPG cylinders annually, and double ration to families in Jammu and Kashmir to help them cope with rising expenses. Dimple alleged that the Food and Supplies Department has failed to control the prices of essential commodities, claiming that vegetables such as onion and tomato, along with atta, rice, milk, curd, and cheese, have become too expensive for the common man. Warning of further protests, Dimple said that if the government does not roll back the hike in LPG, petrol, and diesel prices, his organization along with traders and citizens will launch a larger agitation in the coming days. He alleged that the policies of the government have pushed the prices of essential goods beyond the reach of ordinary people, severely affecting the financial stability of common households.

## GDC Thannamandi students participate in talent hunt competition

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**

**THANAMANDI, MAR 11:**

Government Degree College Thannamandi students participated in Talent Hunt Competition under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme (2025-2026), organised by district administration Rajouri in sub-division Thannamandi at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Thannamandi. The event aimed to provide a platform to students to showcase their creative and artistic talents and to encourage youth participation in cultural and co-curricular activities. Under the guidance of College Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, the event was

smoothly coordinated by Prof. Fatima Parveen, Convener Women Development Cell and Prof. Rummy Dar.

The program was graced by the worthy SDM Thannamandi, Abid Hussain Shah as the Chief guest. He encouraged all the participants and awarded them with Participation Certificates. Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Thannamandi, Shaheen Ara also graced the event as guest of honour. A total of 115 students from 19 different government and private institutions participated enthusiastically in the event.

The students of GDC

Thannamandi participated in various activities including Painting, Instrumental performance, and Poetry. Uqba Raina stood first in Painting while Tahoorah Fatima and Asia Gul are among the top five performers in this category. Zehra Fatima stands first in Instrumental performance whereas Mehak Fatima stands first in Poetry. Aisha Anjum and Arzoo Kouser also performed well in poetry. Dr. Shamim Ahmad Azad and faculty of the college congratulated the participants and their mentors for their efforts and achievements and encouraged the students to take part in such activities to enhance their hidden talents.