Manjit Singh led JKAP team visits Nehru Market, demands early compensation to victims

Calls for ultra-modern fire brigade, advanced equipment and prompt emergency response system



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Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) Jammu Province President Manjit Singh, accompanied by party office-bearers, today visited the Jammu Warehouse area and expressed deep concern over the massive fire incident that caused substantial losses to the local business community and traders.

During his interaction with the affected traders, Manjit Singh expressed solidarity with the victims and said that such incidents expose serious gaps in the preparedness and emergency response mechanisms of the administration. He stressed that the government must take immediate steps to strengthen the Fire and Emergency Services Department by equipping it with modern technology, advanced firefighting equipment and adequate infrastructure.

Demanding the transformation of the existing fire brigade system into an ultra-modern emergency response force, Singh said Jammu, being an important commercial centre with densely populated markets and large business establishments, cannot afford shortcomings in firefighting preparedness.

Singh emphasised the need for modern fire tenders, hydraulic platforms, specialised rescue equipment, adequate water resources, advanced communication systems and strategically located fire stations to ensure that emergency teams can respond promptly to incidents. Regular training, adequate manpower and periodic fire safety audits of commercial establishments should also be made mandatory.

Singh also expressed concern over allegations by affected traders regarding delays in the response of fire and emergency services during the recent blaze. He said that such complaints must be examined seriously and an appropriate assessment conducted to identify shortcomings, if any, so that similar situations can be prevented in the future. Referring particularly to the devastating fire incident at Shiv Market near Jammu Railway Station, Singh demanded immediate and suitable compensation for the affected shopkeepers who suffered enormous financial losses. He said the affected traders should not be made to run from one government office to another for relief when they are already struggling to recover from the losses. Singh urged the government to complete the assessment of damages without unnecessary delay, announce an adequate compensation package and ensure that financial assistance reaches every eligible affected trader within a stipulated timeframe. He maintained that rehabilitation of fire victims must be treated as a priority rather than allowing them to remain uncertain about their future. The JKAP leader observed that commercial establishments are the backbone of Jammu's economy and thousands of families depend directly or indirectly on small and medium-sized businesses. Any major fire incident therefore affects not only individual shopkeepers but also workers, suppliers, transporters and their families. Appealing to the Lieutenant Governor-led administration and the elected government to take coordinated action, Singh said that strengthening firefighting infrastructure and providing timely financial relief to victims must receive urgent attention. He maintained that prevention, preparedness, prompt emergency response and compassionate rehabilitation are equally important, adding that the safety of traders, their livelihoods and commercial establishments must be ensured through concrete administrative measures.

Adv Devraj Sharma calls for stronger cancer awareness, early detection and affordable treatment in J&K

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On the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day, senior BJP leader and former Sarpanch Adv Devraj Sharma has called for a comprehensive and sustained campaign against cancer, emphasising early detection, preventive healthcare, public awareness and affordable treatment for all sections of society.

In his message, Sharma said that National Cancer Awareness Day, observed every year on November 7, is an important occasion to remind society that cancer is not merely a medical challenge but also a serious social and economic concern affecting thousands of families. He observed that awareness, timely medical consultation and access to quality healthcare can make a significant difference in addressing the growing burden of the disease. Highlighting the importance of the occasion from the perspective of Jammu and Kashmir, Sharma said that the Union Territory requires a stronger and more accessible cancer-care network, particularly for people living in rural, border, hilly and far-flung areas. He pointed out that geographical challenges and limited access to specialised medical facilities often create difficulties for patients who have to travel considerable distances for diagnosis, treatment and regular consultations.

He stressed that cancer awareness should not remain confined to hospitals and medical institutions but must reach every village, Panchayat, educational institution and urban locality. Panchayati Raj Institutions, social organisations, youth groups, women's organisations and community representatives should actively participate in spreading awareness about cancer prevention, early warning signs and the importance of timely medical examinations.

Sharma particularly emphasised the need to educate people about breast cancer, cervical cancer and oral cancer, while encouraging women to undergo appropriate screening and seek medical advice without hesitation. He also called for greater awareness about HPV vaccination in accordance with national health recommendations.

Expressing concern over tobacco consumption, he said that tobacco remains an important preventable risk factor for several types of cancer. There is an urgent need to intensify awareness campaigns against smoking and other forms of tobacco consumption, particularly among young people. Educational institutions should organise regular awareness programmes to encourage healthy lifestyles and discourage habits that increase cancer risks.

The BJP leader also called upon the Jammu and Kashmir administration to strengthen cancer diagnosis and treatment facilities at Government Medical Colleges, district hospitals and other healthcare institutions. He said that modern diagnostic equipment, specialised doctors, oncology departments, radiation therapy facilities and affordable medicines should be made increasingly accessible across the Union Territory. Referring to the financial difficulties faced by cancer patients and their families, Sharma urged the government to ensure effective implementation of applicable health insurance schemes and financial assistance programmes so that economically weaker families do not suffer because of the high cost of treatment. He said that no patient should be deprived of medical care due to financial constraints. He also appreciated the contribution of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, researchers and healthcare workers who work tirelessly to support cancer patients and their families. Their role in spreading awareness, providing medical guidance and offering compassionate care deserves recognition. Sharma maintained that cancer prevention and control require coordinated efforts by the government, healthcare institutions, civil society and citizens. He appealed to people not to ignore persistent health problems, avoid misleading information and seek professional medical advice whenever required. Concluding his message, Adv Devraj Sharma said that National Cancer Awareness Day should serve as a renewed commitment towards building a healthier Jammu and Kashmir where every citizen has access to awareness, early diagnosis, quality treatment and affordable healthcare."Awareness, prevention and timely treatment are our strongest collective instruments in the fight against cancer. Saving lives must remain our shared priority," he added.

Friends Welfare Society greets ADGP Garib Dass Kaith on Deepawali



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In a warm gesture reflecting mutual respect, goodwill and the spirit of togetherness, members of the Friends Welfare Society on Sunday, extended their heartfelt Deepawali greetings to Shri Garib Dass Kaith, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of the festival of lights. The members conveyed their sincere wishes for his good health, happiness and continued success, while appreciating his distinguished contribution to public service and his commitment to maintaining law and order. They observed that officers who dedicate their lives to serving society and safeguarding the public deserve appreciation, encouragement and the highest respect. ADGP Shri Garib Dass Kaith, warmly welcomed the members of the Friends Welfare Society and appreciated their thoughtful gesture of extending Deepawali greetings.

He interacted cordially with the members and acknowledged the spirit of goodwill, brotherhood and social harmony reflected through their visit. His gracious reception and encouraging words made the occasion particularly memorable for the visiting members. The members comprised several distinguished personalities, including Shri Guldev Raj Bhagat, Retired Deputy Commissioner; Shri R.L.Kaith, Retired JU Assistant Registrar; Shri Om Parkash Sargotra, Retired Block Development Officer, Hans Raj Loria, Retired CDA Officer; Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd); Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd); Shri Darshan Kumar Bassa, Retired Sub Inspector; Tilak Raj Bassa and other prominent members of the Society.

The members stated that Deepawali is not merely a festival of lights but also a celebration of hope, righteousness, brotherhood and the triumph of good over evil. Such occasions provide a meaningful opportunity to strengthen social bonds, honour dedicated public servants and promote mutual understanding among different sections of society. The Society expressed the hope that the divine light of Deepawali would bring peace, prosperity and happiness to every household and inspire everyone to work towards a stronger, harmonious and progressive society.

SHO among four Policemen injured as vehicle overturns in Ramban

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Four police personnel, including a Station House Officer (SHO), were injured after a police patrol vehicle overturned following a collision with a bus on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Ramban district on Sunday, officials said.An official said the accident occurred near Chanderkote when the police vehicle collided with a bus, causing it to overturn.The injured personnel were immediately shifted to District Hospital, Ramban, for treatment, where their condition was stated to be stable.The SHO was identified as Inspector Vicky Thapa, while the identities of the other three injured personnel are yet to be ascertained.Police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Rishi Kilam seeks financial aid for fire-hit Warehouse traders

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Social and Political Activist Er.Rishi Kilam on Monday expressed concern over the massive fire that broke out in the Warehouse area of Jammu city last night, causing extensive losses to the business community and traders.Kilam deeply shocked by the massive fire that broke out in the Ware House area of Jammu city last night, resulting in enormous loss to the business community and traders.""It is also disturbing to hear allegations that the fire brigade services were not prompt enough in their response," kilam added. "While expressing my sympathies with the affected business community, I appeal to the authorities to take appropriate action and address the situation on priority. Expressing solidarity with the affected traders, Kilam said they would not be able to recover from the losses or restart their businesses without financial support from the government."Our goods and everything else have been damaged. Unless we receive financial assistance, we will not be able to recover from these losses. We need financial support to restart our businesses, as the losses are enormous," he said.Describing the incident as a horrifying experience, she said Diwali had turned into a dark and terrifying night for the traders. Kilam said adequate arrangements should have been made at markets during the festive season, keeping in view the possibility of fire incidents.

Man dies at home in Doda

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DODA, NOV 9:

A man died after being found unconscious at his residence in the Kashtigarh area of Doda district, officials said on Monday. An official said the man was found unconscious at his home and was immediately shifted to Government Medical College (GMC), Doda, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The deceased was identified as Gandeep Singh, a resident of Kotli Banzal in Kashtigarh. Medico-legal formalities are underway to ascertain the cause of death. Police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated an investigation.

IGNOU releases admit cards for Dec 2026 term-end examinations

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The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has officially announced the release of the Admit Cards (Hall Tickets) for the upcoming December 2026 Term-End Examinations (TEE) vide Notification No.IG/SED/2026/ 10375 Dated 06.11.2026. All eligible students enrolled either in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or online programmes can now access and download their Admit Cards/Hall Tickets online, as the university gears up for the comprehensive examination cycle scheduled to commence on 25th November, 2026 and conclude on 14th January, 2027. To ensure a smooth examination process, the Regional Centre advises students that hall tickets will not be sent by post and must be downloaded directly from the official portal at ignou.samarth.edu.in or via the main university website at www.ignou.ac.in.Upon downloading the document, candidates are urged to carefully verify all personal and academic details, including their enrolment number, name, allocated exam centre, course codes, and specific session timings. The Regional Centre emphasizes that carrying a clear printout of the downloaded hall ticket along with a valid IGNOU Student Identity Card is mandatory for entry, and no student will be permitted into the examination hall without both documents. Students are strongly requested to report to their designated examination centres well in advance of the scheduled session time, and any discrepancies or queries should be brought to the immediate attention of the Regional Centre on mail at rcjammu@ignou.ac.in, said Dr. Vikram Singh, Regional Director In charge.The communique from the Regional Centre has stressed that all students must retain a copy of the current date sheet and hall ticket for future use since the University does not retain any date sheet or hall ticket for any purpose whatsoever.

Vishwakarma Ji's teachings inspire dignity of labour, creativity and nation-building: Choudhary

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Vishwakarma Day was celebrated with religious fervour and enthusiasm at Vishwakarma Temple, Katra, by the Mazdoor Districtkar Union under the chairmanship of its President, Jugal Kishore. Surinder Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Rattan Lal Gupta, Adv., Provincial President, JKNC Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Rajesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Sher Singh were among the prominent dignitaries present. Speaking on the occasion, Surinder Choudhary Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister J&K highlighted the religious, cultural and social significance of Bhagwan Vishwakarma Ji, who is revered in Hindu tradition as the divine architect, master craftsman and celestial engineer. He is regarded as the creator of divine palaces, weapons, tools and magnificent structures and is worshipped by artisans, engineers, craftsmen, mechanics, workers and people associated with different trades and professions.

Choudhary said that Bhagwan Vishwakarma Ji symbolises creativity, technical excellence, innovation, dedication and the dignity of labour. His divine message inspires people to perform their work with honesty, devotion, discipline and perfection. Vishwakarma Ji's ideals remind us that every worker, irrespective of profession, plays an important role in building society and strengthening the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu said that the contribution of the working class, skilled artisans, craftsmen and labourers is indispensable to the development of Jammu and Kashmir. Their hard work forms the backbone of infrastructure, industries, construction and economic progress. "Respect for labourers and artisans is the true tribute to Vishkarama", he added.

Gupta emphasised that the government and society must work together for the welfare of labourers by ensuring better working conditions, social security, and healthcare, educational facilities for their children and respect for their contribution.He appreciated the Mazdoor Districtkar Union and its President, Sh. Jugal Kishore, for organising the religious function and bringing members of the working community together on this auspicious occasion.

On the occasion, the dignitaries also prayed for peace, prosperity, communal harmony and overall progress of Jammu and Kashmir. Among others who were present included: Ashwani, R.P Suri, Karan Advocate, Deepak Attri Advocate, Dev Thappa and others.

Natrang stages 'Aakhiri Boond', highlights water conservation and Jal Jeevan Mission



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Natrang presented its Hindi play 'Aakhiri Boond', written and directed by Neeraj Kant, at Rani Park, Jammu, today, highlighting the importance of water conservation, community responsibility and sustainable water management under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Jammu and Kashmir. Through engaging storytelling, powerful performances and impactful visuals, the play creatively portrayed the mission's objective of ensuring safe and adequate drinking water for every rural household. It sensitised audiences about the importance of conserving water and ensuring community participation in managing local water resources.

The story revolves around a village celebrating the successful implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission, with clean tap water reaching every household. During the celebrations of 'Jal Arpan Diwas' and 'Jal Mahotsav', women share how household tap connections have relieved them of the burden of travelling long distances to fetch water, while children, particularly girls, can now attend school regularly.

The narrative also highlights the responsibility of villagers in maintaining water supply infrastructure through active participation in Gram Sabha meetings.Taking a practical approach, the play depicts a villager wasting water while washing his car, prompting others to explain simple conservation measures, including closing taps while brushing, repairing leakages, reusing kitchen water and utilising purifier wastewater. It further draws attention to declining groundwater levels and the possibility of drought, emphasising rainwater harvesting, construction of ponds, groundwater recharge and plantation as essential measures to secure future water resources.

In its concluding segment, women emerge as 'Water Guardians' by testing water quality through field test kits and promoting laboratory testing through certified facilities. The play conveys that government initiatives can achieve lasting success only through public awareness, ownership and collective responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur informed that the theatre group had recently produced ten short theatrical performances dedicated to the Jal Jeevan Mission. These performances were showcased through six shows and received an encouraging response from audiences across the region.

Encouraged by the public appreciation, Natrang decided to dedicate one of its Sunday theatre performances exclusively to Jal Jeevan Mission J&K, reaffirming its commitment to promoting socially relevant issues through theatre.

The artists who performed in the play included Pawan Verma, Kananpreet Kaur, Aadesh Dhar and Kushal Bhat, who captivated the audience through their meaningful performances.The presentation delivered a strong message that saving every drop of water today is essential for securing a sustainable future tomorrow.

BJP demands immediate compensation for fire victims of Jammu

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BJP Jammu & Kashmir Spokesperson Parimoksh Seth has demanded immediate compensation for the traders, shopkeepers and other affected persons who suffered heavy losses in the fire incidents at Shiv Market near Jammu Railway Station and the Warehouse area of Nehru Market, Jammu.

Expressing concern over the damage caused by these unfortunate incidents, Seth said that the affected traders have suffered significant financial losses, and many families dependent on these businesses are facing uncertainty. Seth called upon the Jammu & Kashmir Government to take immediate steps to assess the losses and provide adequate financial compensation without unnecessary delay. Seth expressed concern that 40 shops were gutted in fire on 25th Oct 2026 in Shiv Market Railway Station Jammu and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his ministers visited Shiv market but no compensation has been announced till date by the NC Government leaving traders who lost everything in the fire high and dry. Seth said that last night's fire incident at Ware House Jammu has caused heavy losses to traders and it is the duty of CM Omar Abdullah to release immediate compensation to traders instead of just visiting the incident spot. Seth further demanded that a special assessment team be constituted to conduct an on-the-spot survey of the affected shops, business establishments and property. He also called for the immediate release of interim relief by J&K Government so that affected traders can resume their business activities.

He emphasised that the administration must ensure that fire safety arrangements in commercial areas are strengthened, including proper firefighting infrastructure, accessible emergency routes, functional fire hydrants and regular safety inspections to prevent such incidents in the future. The affected traders should not be left to face this crisis alone. The government must stand firmly with them, ensure transparent assessment of their losses and provide immediate and adequate compensation.

Their rehabilitation and restoration of livelihoods must be treated as a priority Seth further stated.He also urged the administration to coordinate with the Fire and Emergency Services Department and other concerned agencies to identify any lapses and take necessary corrective measures.