

# Sadhotra conducts whirlwind tour of Marh

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 25: The Minister for Planning, Development and Labour & Employment, Ajay Sadhotra

Latifi and a team of officials from Revenue, Rural Development and other concerned departments, the Minister visited Tikri Rakwalan, Sarora, Ghoumanhsan, Tarn



Minister for Planning, Ajay Sadhotra taking stock of damages caused by recent rains and flash floods.

today conducted a whirlwind tour of Marh area to assess the damages caused to the private and public property in the backdrop of recent rains and flash floods.

Accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Kalyan Singh, Block Development Officer Marh Tasir

Chak, Lahouri Chak, Gajansoo, Galwaday Chak, Dhateryal and other villages of Marh. He interacted with the families whose structures were damaged due to incessant rains and flash floods and assured them that the Coalition Government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to provide adequate compensation to the affected families.

The Minister asked the team of officers to record full details of the damages suffered by each affected family so that their cases are processed for compensation. He assured the people of the area that the administration would extend every help to facilitate their rehabilitation as the Government has already sanctioned Rs 87 crore for restoration of damages to the public assets and to pay compensation to the affected families.

He said that the Coalition Government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has given first priority to restoration of services and repair of public assets, besides rehabilitation of the flood affected people.

He said that the Chief Minister would be himself monitoring the entire exercise to ensure that none of the affected areas are left out in the restoration process.

The Minister also informed that the Government will also hold a series of camps on different dates for cluster of Panchayats for the expeditious disposal of ex-gratia relief.

# Manohar appeals civil society to contribute in checking female foeticide

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KATHUA, Aug 25: Minister of State for Fisheries, Cooperative, Finance and Planning Dr Manohar Lal Sharma has called upon civil society to create awakening among the public about the grave consequences of female foeticide.

The Minister was address-

Government Higher Secondary School Durung of tehsil Billawar.

Dr Sharma said that Female Foeticide is not only an inhuman practice but has also disturbed the gender ratio in the society which is detrimental to the survival of mankind.

The Symposium was sponsored by the Health



Minister of State for Fisheries, Manohar Lal Sharma giving away prize to a winner of symposium on Sunday.

Department under National Rural Health Mission. SDM Billawar, CMO Kathua, BMO Billawar, Dy CEO Billawar and tehsil and district level officers were also present.

As many as thirteen students from Higher Secondary schools of Durung, Billawar, Parnala, Pallan, Gujroo Nagrota, Koug, Dungada and Ramkot participated in the competition.

All the students threw light on the grave consequences of female foeticide and gender discrimination and advocated the need for saving the Girl Child for survival of the mankind. They also called for paying respect to the females as they in no way lag behind in any field of life.

Ajay Vaid said that the Jammu and Kashmir Government is concerned for the surrendered militants and has schemes for their rehabilitation but it is most unfortunate that the peace loving, law abiding educated youth have no place in its scheme of things. The same Government has concern for the stone pelters in Kashmir and

again it has nothing for Jammu youth, who are sitting idle after completing their studies.

Ajay Pargal, Sunil Sharma, Keshav Chopra, Vishu Sharma, Amit Gupta, Rajesh Padam, Ravi Sharma, Shakti Pajgotra, Sanjay Kumar, Davish Sharma, Arun Kumar, Prince Sharma, Samir Sharma, Sachin Gupta, Ravinder Sharma, Darshan Kumar, Shivam Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Hans Raj Sharma took part in this drive.

# Youth in large number turn up in BJYM's membership drive

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JAMMU, Aug 25: BJYM under "Yuva Sadasya-Yuva Mitra" countrywide campaign witnessed massive response in Narwal area of Gandhi Nagar Constituency near here today when a large number of youth reached the venue to get themselves registered with the Morcha. It was organized by Mandal general secretary Ravi Sharma.

Morcha district president, Ajay Vaid, while speaking about this drive, said that BJYM National leadership had taken a decision to reach the youth in every nook and corner of the



Youth enrolling themselves as BJYM members at Narwal on Sunday.

country to educate them about the anti-youth policies of the Congress-led UPA Government and mobilize their opinion in favour of the BJP through its youth wing.

He said that NC -Congress coalition in the State too has adopted discriminatory attitude towards the youth and there is widespread anger and resentment among them against it. This is clear from the fact that during the past few weeks thou-

sands of youth from different parts of the State have come forward to be members of the Morcha as they have themselves realized that it is the BJP and its Yuva Morcha only which have been continuously raising their voice and agitating for their welfare and dignified future.

Dr Manohar Lal Sharma also gave away prizes to the winners. Aarti Sharma of Higher Sec School Durung bagged first position with cash prize of Rs 2500, while Kiran Bala of HSS Durang and Kanchan Sharma of HSS Billawar were declared second with cash prize of Rs 2000 and third with cash prize of Rs 1500 respectively.

Three consolation prizes of 500 each was also given to Shivani Devi of HSS Ramkot, Parul of HSS Parnala and Rihana Shahin of HSS Durang.



SDP president Dr Darakhshan Andrabi addressing a public rally in Budgam on Sunday.

# Exploitation of people unabated in Valley: SDP

**Excelsior Correspondent**

BUDGAM, Aug 25: Socialistic Democratic Party (SDP) has alleged that exploitation of the people in Kashmir valley was unabated and the existing democratic system is being used for exploiting common masses.

Addressing a large public meeting at Kokhletter village in Budgam district of Kashmir today, president of the party Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that political system in the State was not different at all from the autocracy of the past. She alleged that democracy is being misused by some people and the system is being used for exploiting the common masses by the 'so called autocrats'. The ways and means of the autocracy have been emerging in new shapes and the common man has been made a slave to the will of the political system and bureaucracy.

Dr Andrabi further alleged that the whole Socknag belt of Budgam presents a picture of Kashmir of pre-47 and it was the real introduction of our political system in J&K. The SDP leader who visited the entire

area on-foot and talked to the people to know about their problems at door-steps, pointed out that worst condition of roads and lack of other basic amenities speaks volume of the hollow claims of the politicians representing this area since long. The Government school which is one of the oldest schools in Valley and existed during the time of Bakshi Ghulam Mohd has not been upgraded despite the fact that number of students have increased manifold.

Launching scathing attack on the local legislator and leaders from the district, Dr Darakhshan said that step-motherly treatment of the Government and callous attitude of the local elected representative has deprived this area of the basic amenities and facilities. This is the area of cattle rearing farmers and their basic demand of setting up of Veterinary Centre has also been ignored. The health facilities are also poor in this entire belt. She said now it is the time for a political change in this ignored area. SDP district president Budgam Mohd Akram and party convenor Dr Nissar Ahmed and others were also present.

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Newly elected office bearers of Young Lawyers Association along with supporters.

# Young Lawyers Association elects new body

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JAMMU, Aug 25: The Youth wing of Bar Association Jammu, held elections for the new office bearers of the Young Lawyers Association.

Out of the 1100 voters a total of 554 votes were cast and Advocate Daljit Singh Manhas came out victorious as the President while Advocate Benish Kazmi Syed was elected as the General Secretary for a term of 2 Years. Advocate Pradeep Majorota, Advocate Sahil and Advocate Shazia Azad were elected unopposed as Vice President, Joint Secretary and

Cashier respectively. For the post of president there were four contestants viz; Adv Arjun Singh Pathania, Adv Rohit Bhagat, Adv Meharban Singh, Adv Daljit Singh Manhas. There was a direct contest for the post of General Secretary between Adv Benish Kazmi Syed and Charanjeet Singh (Cheeku).

Adv Daljit Singh took a lead of 8 votes and won by 181 votes while Adv Benish Kazmi Syed took a lead of 51 votes and won by 298 votes. The elections were held under the supervision of Returning Officer Ex President YLA Adv Rohan Nanda.



Minister for Housing, Raman Bhalla and Minister for PHE, Sham Lal Sharma assessing the damages caused by heavy rains to Bahu Fort on Sunday.

# Bhalla, Sham assess damage to Bahu Fort; inspect restoration works in different areas

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 25: Minister for Housing, Raman Bhalla and Minister for PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control, Sham Lal Sharma today visited the Bahu Fort to assess the damage caused by the recent heavy rains.

They asked the concerned department to formulate a comprehensive plan for the restoration of this important heritage place on priority basis. They said that Rs 22 lakh have been kept with Jammu Development Authority for immediate restoration work and other details are being assessed by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Mr Bhalla and Mr Sharma directed the JDA to ensure completion of damage restoration work as early as possible.

Earlier, Mr Bhalla visited the Chandmari area where embankment has been damaged due to rains. He said that Government has sanctioned Rs 40 lakh to reconstruct the protection wall along the left side embankment of Nikki Tawi at Chandmari, Raipur and Satwari damaged due to flash floods recently.

He directed the Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) to immediately start the construction work of protection wall to protect the soil erosion of the edge area, adding that Government funds have been provided under State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF).

The Minister inquired about the prevailing situation at different locations at Chandmari, Barazalla and Raipur Satwari and assured all required help from the administration. He directed revenue officers to assess the loss and prepare cases for compensation under SDRF to the flood affected families.

Regarding de-silting of Landoi Choi nallah, the Minister informed that directions have been issued to Jammu Municipal Corporation for regular sanitation of colonies nallahs so that the residents do not face any inconvenience during rainy season.

Minister for the PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control, Sham Lal Sharma also visited

the site of breach of Tawi canal at Balole nallah near Purnamdal Morh to inspect the pace of progress on the restoration work of this important canal being done by the Ravi Tawi Irrigation Department.

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Kumar Sahu, Chief Engineer, I&FC, Varinder Badyal, Chief Engineer, Ravi Tawi Irrigation, J C Jerth, SE Hydraulic Jammu, Rajeev Malhotra, SES, PHE, I&FC, Jammu and Samba and senior engineers and officers accompanied the Minister.

Mr Sham expressed concern over the unchecked extraction along the nallah bed and instructed the concerned departments to work in close coordination and cooperate with the task force to protect water bodies as per the guideline and norms.

He asked the Jammu to submit a report regarding the encroachments along Balole nallah and take immediate action to remove the same along Tawi canal and its tributaries. He also asked district administration Jammu and Samba to take stern action against the encroachers and ensure irrigation canals are cleared for providing irrigation facilities to the farmers at the tail end.

# Dialogue only way to resolve issues: Vakil

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SOPORE, Aug 25: Former Minister and senior Congress leader Abdul Ghani Vakil has said that from the global scene, it has been emerged that dialogue is the only way and platform to move ahead to resolve all vexed issues and the Hurriyat Conference leadership must accept this reality and extend its full cooperation whole heartedly in resolving Kashmir issue.

Addressing a large gathering of party workers and the fruit growers here today Mr Vakil said that aspirations of the people of the State should not be allowed to be exploited any more by the vested interests who want to keep the pot boiling here. He emphasized the need for early dialogue on the issue as the delay does not benefit common people rather keeps miseries cropping up for them on daily basis. Confrontation and violence is never in anybody's interest, he added.

Mr Vakil appealed the

Hurriyat leaders to shun abhorrence and rigid behavior and participate in the dialogue process to bring an end to the spate of violence across Valley. The society has received heavy jolt on all fronts and economy has been badly hit but still some people want to do politics over dead bodies of the innocents killed during turmoil.

The Congress leader also expressed his grave concern over the neglect of fruit industry in the State. He said over lakhs of people are associated with this industry but due to callous attitude of the Government the growers are suffering. The people associated with the industry have been deprived of the basic assistance. There is no adequate cold storage and marketing facility being provided to the people connected with the fruit industry, he maintained.

Ex-MLC Haji Mohd Bhat, District president Ghulam Hassan Shah, senior leaders Pt Brij Nath Nehru and Ghulam Nabi Shah also spoke on the occasion.

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