

MLA Akhnoor, Nirmal visit Flood-hit areas; assures for permanent solution

AKHNOOR, AUGUST 30: MLA Akhnoor on Saturday undertook an extensive tour of flood-affected areas of Garkhal and Pargwal, accompanied by former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh Bhau, Tehsildar Manjeet Singh, BDO Naveel Hamdani, and senior engineers including Sanjeev Sharma (Executive Engineer PWD), Sunil Baogia (AEE PWD) along with engineers from the Flood Control, PHE, PDD and PWD Departments.

The delegation, which also included senior BJP leaders and local representatives, visited Rakh Kharoon, Fattu Kotli, Sidherwan, Jajial, Jamana Bela, Sajwal, Chhibbe Kothe, Gurha Manhasa, Garjal, Hamirpur Kona, Deora, Takwal, Pindi and Chak Phagwari, to assess the large-scale damage caused by the swelling waters of river Chenab.

At Fattu Kotli, the MLA noted that dozens of houses were completely washed away while hundreds of people had to be rescued and



shifted to Akhnoor. He later inspected the restoration work of the Garkhal road — the only lifeline connecting Pargwal to the rest of Jammu — which had remained disconnected for four days due to severe damage.

The MLA directed officials of PWD, PDD and PHE to restore road connectivity, power supply and drinking

water at the earliest. Tehsildar and BDO were instructed to prepare a detailed damage report. He assured the people that their concerns, including demands for compensation to farmers cultivating custodian land without ownership rights, will be raised before the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Jammu and

Kashmir on Sunday. Emphasizing the need for long-term solutions, the MLA said he would push the Union Government for the channelisation of Chenab to prevent recurring floods and also stressed the early completion of the much-awaited Pargwal-Indripattan bridge to avoid future disconnections of this densely populated border area.

Calls for urgent Central Assistance as continuous cloudbursts, landslides, across region: RL Gupta

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 30

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President (Jammu) of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, has expressed profound anguish over the tragic loss of lives, livestock, and property due to the massive cloudbursts, landslides, and flash floods that have wreaked havoc across the Jammu region and still continuing even today at Rajgarh in Ramban District where five deaths and immense property loss likewise in Mahore area of Reasi District where seven people died and several houses washed out.

In a statement issued from the party's provincial headquarters at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu after concluding three day Tour District Kathua, District Samba and other parts of the District

Jammu City, Narayana Hospital Katra in Reasi District including 4th Bridge Bhagwati Nagar Jammu along with Honble Deputy Chief Minister Jenab Surinder Choudhary, he made an urgent appeal to the Government of India to immediately release a financial relief package to support rescue and relief efforts in the affected areas.

Gupta stated that the scale of the devastation is immense and beyond immediate assessment. He emphasized that the urgency of the situation demands prompt and decisive action, and called upon the Centre to rise to the occasion by providing immediate assistance to help restore normalcy and support those affected.

While the full extent of the damage can be properly assessed once the situation stabilizes, he asserted that the need for substantial interim

relief cannot be delayed. All the affected districts of Jammu region including Jammu, Kathua, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri, Poonch, Samba, Doda, Reasi, and Udhampur are in dire need of resources to manage the crisis on the ground.

Criticizing the poor quality of infrastructure in the region, Gupta pointed out that the rains have exposed serious deficiencies in the construction of the national highway. He noted that entire stretches have eroded, with asphalt washed away and several parts submerged due to water accumulation in potholes, indicating that substandard materials and lack of proper planning may have compromised the integrity of the roads. He called for a thorough investigation into the construction practices and accountability for those responsible. Gupta appealed to take immediate steps to

look into the matter to check the future losses.

Extending heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives due to the flash floods in and around the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. Gupta also condole the deaths of Rajgarh in Ramban District and Mahore in Reasi District due to fresh cloudburst and landslide.

Concluding his statement, Gupta urged the Government of India to act with compassion and urgency, and not treat the tragedy as a routine administrative challenge.

He reiterated that the people of Jammu are going through an unprecedented humanitarian crisis and deserve immediate, large-scale support from the Centre. The current circumstances, he said, call for solidarity and swift action not procedural delays or indifference.

EPFO organises Shooting Event to celebrate National Sports Day

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 30

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Jammu organised a vibrant series of sporting and fitness activities from August 29 to August 31, 2025, to celebrate National Sports Day 2025. As part of these celebrations, EPFO Jammu hosted a shooting event specifically for children at the Shooting Range, District Youth Services and Sports Office, Apsara Road on August 30, 2025.

The shooting event promoted sports and fitness among the younger generation, providing them with an opportunity to engage in a fun and competitive environment. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from children, who showcased their skills and talent in shooting. By organising this event, EPFO Jammu encouraged mass participation in sports and fitness activities, aligning with the theme of National Sports Day 2025.

A prize distribution ceremony was held to felicitate the winners. The chief guest, Smt. Vinakshi Koul (JKAS) Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu graced the occasion and presented the trophies to the winners.

Sh. Satya Prakash, Assistant Provident Fund Com-



missioner, EPFO Jammu felicitated Smt. Vinakshi Koul (JKAS) with the Major Dhyani Chand Trophy for making this event a massive success. Sh. Rajesh Virdhi & Insp. Madhupal Singh, Shooting Coach, J&K Police and Sh. Vishal Bharti Slathia, Coach, J&K Youth Service and Sports, Pranav Sambyal, Coach NIS were also present in the event. Sh. Shamsher Singh, Member, EPF Central Sports Promotion Board, North Zone, EPFO coordinated and organised the event in collaboration with Youth Services and Sports, Department.

A token of appreciation award was presented to all the participants- Abhay Gupta, International Player,

Himanshu Gupta, National Medallist, Madhavi Dabas, Bhavya Sharma, Saksham Virdhi, Sahir Swaraj Singh, Mukul Choudhary, Ru Gupta, Saahil Kumar and Shradha- National Players acknowledging their enthusiasm and participation in the event. This gesture reflects EPFO Jammu's commitment to promoting sports and fitness among the youth. The National Sports Day celebrations featured a range of sporting and fitness activities across the country, and EPFO Jammu's shooting event for children was a part of these celebrations.

Sh. Satya Prakash APFC, EPFO Jammu also held a discussion with Smt. Vinakshi Koul (JKAS) Joint

Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu regarding the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana. The discussions focused on collaboration and facilitation under the scheme for wider outreach and effective implementation.

EPFO Jammu believes that sports and physical activity play a vital role in the overall development of individuals, especially children. By promoting a culture of sports and fitness among the youth, EPFO Jammu contributes to the development of a healthy and active society. The organisation is committed to encouraging mass participation in sporting activities and promoting excellence in sports.

Omar Govt releases Rs 200 cr for restoration, relief, BJP answerable for decade-long negligence: Sadhotra

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 30

National Conference Additional General Secretary and former minister Mr Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today visited Tawi Island area of Marh Assembly Constituency which is badly hit by the recent flash flood interacting with the affected people he launched a scathing counter to the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) attempt to politicise the recent natural calamities, describing its statements as opportunistic, misleading, and divorced from facts on the ground.

Reacting to uncalled for remarks of BJP, Mr Sadhotra said the BJP's attempt to malign the Omar Abdullah-led government was not only malicious but also an insult to the people who are still reeling under the devastation caused by floods, landslides, and cloudbursts.

"At a time when the entire government under the visionary leadership of Jenab Omar Abdullah and people are united in relief and rehabilitation, the BJP has chosen to indulge in divisive blame-game," he said.

Mr Sadhotra recalled that the Omar Abdullah government had released Rs 200 crore for immediate restoration works and challenges post the Ramban and Chesoti landslides, as well as the damages caused by Operation Sindhoor. The Chief Minister himself is on tenterhooks, constantly monitoring the situation, reaching out personally to the sufferers, and ensuring that relief



reached the worst-hit areas. The ministers and officials were on the ground 24x7, coordinating rescue, relief, and restoration efforts, he said, adding that the NC government did not believe in issuing statements from press rooms but in working with people at ground zero.

Taking strong exception to BJP's criticism of the collapse of the fourth bridge on river Tawi, Mr Sadhotra reminded that the bridge was constructed more than a decade ago during a non-NC regime. The BJP is shooting arrows in the dark. The fact remains that no bridge, embankment, or structure can withstand the fury of nature when floods and cloudbursts of such magnitude strike, he said.

The NC Additional General Secretary also hit back at BJP over illegal mining, saying that the party has no moral right to point fingers. The truth is that BJP has been in power both at the Centre and in J&K during the past decade. They did absolutely nothing to evolve preventive measures, strengthen embankments,

or check illegal mining which has weakened riverbeds. Today's damages are in fact the direct result of BJP's criminal negligence and policy paralysis, he added.

Calling BJP's description of NC ministers as "Non-Performing Assets" a sign of frustration, Mr Sadhotra said, it was the NC government that stood firm in the face of natural fury, released funds, mobilised the administration, and reached out to victims. On the other hand, BJP, despite being in power for over ten years, has utterly failed to build safeguards, strengthen infrastructure, or prepare for natural disasters. They are now shamelessly trying to pass on their own failures onto Omar Abdullah government, he said.

Mr Sadhotra cautioned the BJP to stop misleading people and instead press for adequate central assistance for relief, rehabilitation, and rebuilding.

The people of Tawi Island have faced huge loss of property, belongings and crops moreover in many agricultural fields silt has entered the fields and it is difficult for


Kisans to cultivate their agriculture fields.

National Conference leader talked to Principal Secretary Power Mr Parshad for early restoration of Power as since the last five day there is no power and water. He also talked to Chief Engineer PHE Mr Haneef for immediate restoration of Water supply. Also talked to SDM South Mr Manu and requested him for intensive verification of losses due to flood by the Revenue staff.

"People of Jammu and Kashmir need support, not slogans. It is high time BJP stops shedding crocodile tears and accepts its responsibility for the current damages," he said.

Mr Sadhotra appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to see through the BJP's politics of diversion and remain vigilant against those who seek to exploit human tragedy for electoral gains.

"Our fight must be united — against natural disasters and for rebuilding lives — not divided by the politics of blame and political opportunism," he added.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 60 of 2025-2026/Jammu East Dated: 29-08-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State / Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No.	Name of work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost	Cost of documents	Earnest Money	Time of completion	Time & date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
01	Construction of 14.50mtr Single Span RCC Bridge Double Lane with Carriageway width 7.50mtr along with Crash Barriers at Bus Stand Jammu.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	Rs. 87.00 Lacs	Rs. 1500/-	2% of Advertised Cost	02 Month	(1500 Hrs) on or after 04-09-2025	"A"

► Position of AAA: Accorded

► Position of T.S: Under Process

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting
4	Bid Submission Start Date
5	Bid submission End Date
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)

Note:

(A) The work is of Emergent Nature and the successful bidder has to start the work of soil investigation and designing of bridge on the day of LOA is issued.

(B) The successful bidder has to do work on day and night basis as the time of completion is essence.

(C) The successful bidder has to maintain the quality and specifications of the work during execution, any lapse will be personal responsibility of the successful bidder.

(D) The successful bidder has to establish his laboratory at site and get some tests of compressive strength of concrete and tensile strength of steel from DIQC Jammu and PWD (R&B) Material Testing Lab Nagrota at their own expenses, nothing extra shall be paid by department for lab testing. The payment shall be made only after receipt of laboratory reports.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

No: /R&B/BN/5484-5503
Dated: 28.08.2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division, Jammu East.

DIP/J-5253/25 Dated: 30-08-2025