

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Stomach pain
- Reddened eyes
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Severe pain in chest, stomach, or joints

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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2 killed, 4 others injured in road accident in Doda

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DODA, APR 9

At least two people were killed, while four others were injured in a road accident at Kastigarh's Shamthi area of Doda district on Wednesday. Officials said that a load carrier (Bolero) bearing registration number JK06B1695 was coming from Ramban towards Doda when it met with an accident. In this incident, two people were killed while four others were injured. All the injured have

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2 to 3 terrorists hiding in Udhampur forest: SSP Nagpure

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, APR 09 (KNO)

Security forces on Wednesday tightened the cordon around Marta village of Ramnagar area in Udhampur district after engaging terrorists in an encounter for more than two hours. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amod Ashok Nagpure, according to the news agency, said, "This is a very inaccessible area due to the high mountains, a river below, and a dense forest. We have the

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83,000 domicile certificates granted to non-state subjects in 2 years: J&K Govt

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 09 (KNO)

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday disclosed that around 83,742 domicile certificates have been granted to non-state subjects in the Union Territory over the past two years. In a written response to MLA Waheed Ur Rehman Para, the government as per the news agency said that around 35,12,184 domicile certificates have been issued in two years across

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J&K Assembly's budget session ends

►► Speaker disallows BJP's adjournment motion on unemployment
►► Protests continue in House for 3rd consecutive day on Waqf law

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

The 21-day budget session of the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly concluded on Wednesday, with the Speaker adjourning the House sine die. The session, which began on March 3, today witnessed protests over disallowing of adjournment motions brought by National Conference and Bharatiya Janata Party, respectively, on the Waqf (amendment) bill-2025 and unemployment.

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Speaker says no-confidence motion against him cannot be taken up due to adjournment of House sine die

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

The Speaker of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Wednesday said that the no-confidence motion brought against him by Peoples Conference President Sajad Gani Lone and PDP MLAs cannot proceed, as the Assembly wouldn't be in session when it has to be listed in the business.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, Rather, as per news agency,



explained that he had thoroughly examined the notice submitted by Lone and other MLAs regarding the no-confidence motion against him.

"As per Rule 215(2), the Speaker has to fix the date for listing of the motion to seek leave of the House 14 days after the notice

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Lt Governor attends Navkar Mahamantra Divas celebration at Raj Bhavan

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the celebration of Navkar Mahamantra Divas at Raj Bhavan, Wednesday.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the citizens from different walks of life, members of Jain International Trade Organization, and numerous other organizations and senior officials who have joined together for the collective recitation of the sacred Navkar Mahamantra.



"For thousands of years, several significant 'Mantras' are guiding the path of seekers and devotees. Among them Navkar Mahamantra's aura and

essence of divinity is unique," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that Navkar Mahamantra- the most

revered and universal chant inspires inner transformation and fosters spiritual awakening.

"Where there is

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CS for boosting last mile connectivity under PMGSY-IV



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

In a decisive step towards enhancing rural infrastructure, the UT Level Standing Committee (UTLSC) meeting was today convened here under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Atal

Dulloo, to review and approve critical proposals under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase-IV (PMGSY-IV).

The meeting besides Principal Secretary, Home; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Transport; Secretary, Revenue; DG, Budget; Engineer-in-Chief

was attended by other concerned officers from the various departments.

The Chief Secretary emphasized upon utilizing this scheme for expanding all-weather rural road connectivity to underserved areas across the Union Territory. He made out

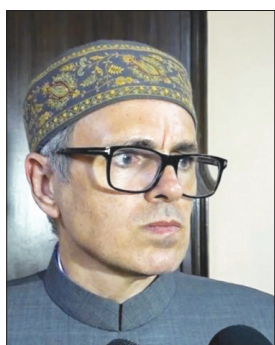
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No Govt ever tolerated terrorism on J&K soil: CM Omar Abdullah

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 09 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that no government ever has tolerated the terrorism on the soil of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the news agency, he said, "No government has ever tolerated the terrorism. At least the government I was associated with never tolerated it. We should take J&K to the position where I left in 2014 when the terrorism was at its lowest ebb. In 2014 entire Jammu was free from terror while



in Kashmir there were hardly 2 districts where terrorists were active."

"So we too had zero tolerance against the terrorism. Today also, we want an end to the terrorism.

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Chance meeting with Abdullahs coincidence: Rijiju

JJ NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APR 09 (KNO)

Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju Wednesday said that his "chance meeting" with J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his father Farooq Abdullah at Tulip Garden was just a coincidence.

Referring to his meeting with Abdullah's which has snowballed into a major

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ACB arrests ex-Corporator from Trikuta Nagar, her husband in trap case

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday said to have produced a charge-sheet against former Corporator from Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and her husband in a trap case.

In a statement issued to the news agency, a spokesman said that Anti Corruption Bureau produced a charge-sheet in a case under FIR number 10/2022 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and 120-B,

IPC of PS ACB Jammu in the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu against Jyoti Devi, then Corporator of Ward No. 53 Trikuta Nagar Jammu and her husband for demanding and accepting illegal gratification of Rs 10,000 for issuance of Mulba Clearance Certificate of the works done by the complainant, required for making payments.

"The instant case was registered on the basis of a complaint alleging therein that the complainant approached Jyoti

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Power generation in JK increases by 44%

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 09 (KNO)

With the frequent rainfall and improvement in weather, the hydel power generation in Jammu and Kashmir has increased by 44 percent in a month.

Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department was facing 84.17 percent dip in power generation owing to the low water level and was generating only 16 percent of energy.

A top official informed the news agency, that the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development

Corporation (JKSPDC) recorded a peak hydel power generation of 721 Megawatts (MWs) from the local plants.

"From the power plants of the Kashmir region, the department is currently able to produce 110 MWs of power and in case of power plants in Jammu, the peak generation is 611MW," the official said.

The official further said that the department is likely to produce more power in the coming weeks keeping in view the water level and improvement in weather.

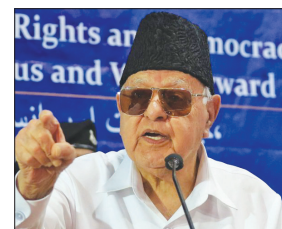
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Will establish women centre in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 09 (KNO)

National Conference (NC) President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said that the time has come to give women their rights and added that a women centre will be established in Jammu and Kashmir soon.

Talking to reporters here, Dr Farooq as per the news agency said that the nation cannot progress until the women get their rights. "The time has come to give women their rights. The women



comprise of 50 per cent of population. They should get their rights and the parliament should take immediate measures to empower them," he said.

"J&K is the crown of India and we will establish a women's centre from here. I have

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J&K transport sector generates over Rs 964 cr in 2024-25, reveals Govt data

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 09 (KNO)

The transport department of Jammu and Kashmir has reported a substantial revenue generation from the sector during the financial year 2024-25, with earnings touching Rs 964 crore, government data reveals.

Data accessed by the news agency revealed that the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) alone generated a total revenue of Rs 782.67 crore up to

January 2025. During the same period, the MVD incurred an expenditure of Rs 20.23 crore, indicating a high net gain for the department.

The Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) covering the period from April 2024 to December 2024 reported earnings of Rs 181.31 crore (Rs 181.11 lakh) and an expenditure of Rs 115.69 crore (Rs 11569.25 lakh).

Meanwhile, the

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Did you raise SPO salary, regularization issues with HM: Dy CM asks BJP

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday said that instead of creating repeated disruptions in the Assembly, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) should answer whether they raised the issue of salary hikes and regularisation of Special Police Officers (SPOs) with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Talking to reporters here, Choudhary, accord-



ing to the news agency said that SPOs have been demanding regularisation and better pay for the last ten years despite playing a key role in

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NC wants to protect relatives, workers who encroached Waqf land: LoP Sharma

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 09 (KNO)

Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and senior Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) leader, Sunil Sharma on Wednesday alleged that the National Conference (NC) leaders are trying to shield their relatives and workers, who have encroached on the Waqf land.

Talking to reporters here, Sharma as per the news agency, said, "NC is least concerned about Waqf bill. It is trying to



divert the attention as the party leaders want to protect their relatives and workers, who have encroached the lands." He said that NC is calling it as a 'land jihad' in

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Block Diwas held at Ajas to address public grievances, review dev needs

JNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, APRIL 09

The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday conducted mega Block Diwas at Ajas Bandipora to strengthen grassroots governance.

The programme presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri witnessed participation of District Development Council Member Hajin B, Ghulam Mustafa Khan; civil society representatives, youth delegates and large public gathering.

During the programme, DC took firsthand appraisal of public grievances and developmental demands.

Delegations from Go Green Ajas, Civil Society, Tehsil Welfare Committee Ajas, Ex-BDC Chairman Nazir Ahmad, Youth Representatives, and representatives from ST community highlighted various issues



including macadamization of inner links, construction of tehsil office, availability of staff in schools, approach road to NTPHC, upgradation of school infrastructure, construction of playground and public library, effective waste manage-

ment, besides other issues of public importance.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Member Hajin B emphasized the need for development of sports infrastructure to engage youth positively and keep them away from drugs and

substance abuse. He also highlighted the need for ground-level implementation of the Forest Rights Act besides raising various issues of public importance.

Responding to public issues, the DC assured that all genuine demands will be addressed in a time-bound manner.

Regarding waste management, DC directed Tehsildar Ajas to identify land for construction of Material Recovery Facility (MRF), besides also instructed BDO Hajin to conduct awareness programmes to generate awareness regarding proper waste segregation and disposal.

Qadri also instructed tehsildar to identify land for construction of the playground and Public library.

Regarding irrigation concerns, DC directed Tehsildar Ajas and Executive Engineer I&FC to ensure removal of encroachments

from irrigation canals, and assured that all issues related to irrigation for agricultural land will be resolved on priority.

Highlighting the importance of the IEC campaign against drug abuse under Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir, Qadri emphasized the participation of the general public, civil society members and youth in the ongoing panchayat level IEC campaign to combat drug abuse.

Later, DC visited the NTPHC Ajas to take firsthand appraisal of the issue concerning the approach road besides reviewing the functioning of the health facility and interacting with the staff to ensure quality healthcare delivery to the public.

Chief Planning Officer, Tehsildar Ajas, BDO, District Officers of various departments and other concerned were present on the occasion.

Block Diwas held at Zainapora, Shopian



JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, APRIL 09

In order to lend patient hearing to public concerns, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today presided over a Block Diwas event at Zainapora, Shopian.

On the occasion, public delegations from Zainapora, Babapora, Sofipora, Safnagri, Aglar Chirat and other individuals raised various issues of public importance pertaining to development of irrigation network in the area, pendency of applications in horticulture and agriculture departments for availing farm machinery, provision of better water and power supplies.

Public also demanded development of playgrounds, educational institutions at Sofipora, desiltation of canals, animal husbandry infrastructure development, beautification of Nallah Tongri, construction of public toilets, installation of solar lights

and transport yard in Zainapora, staff for CHC and other health centres, macadamization of Zainapora and Bijbehara road, Aglar to Shopian road and other interior roads in the subdivision besides rejuvenation of springs, waste disposal services and various other welfare and development issues.

Giving patient hearing to the public, DC assured the visiting delegations and individuals of addressing their genuine issues in a timely manner.

He on the occasion sought department wise status of issues and demands as highlighted and issued on spot directions to concerned Officers for taking up the demands with concerned authorities and addressing them timely.

The DC also appealed to people to take benefits under the PM Surya Ghar scheme and install solar plants which aim to generate renewable electricity for local consump-

tion, thereby reducing the burden of electricity tariffs for households.

He also stressed on the need to conserve and protect water resources and called for investing in Rain water harvesting strategies in our conservation efforts, in view of the dwindling of water aquifers and sources owing to misuse of water.

Officers of Ayush, Horticulture and KPDCL also generated awareness on Health, wellness, sanitation and protection of water resources, Leaf Miner disease and its control and PM Surya Ghar Scheme.

ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; ADC, Dr. Zakir Husain Faaz; Principal, GDC, Prof (Dr.) Shafiq; CMO, Ex. Engineers of R&B and KPDCL, CAO, CHO, DIO, DSWO, concerned Tehsildar and other subdivision/block level officers and officials were present on the occasion along with an appreciable number of public and public representatives.

3-Day training for LMD officials concludes at Excise & Taxation Institute Nagrota

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 09

A comprehensive three-day training programme, conducted by the Excise and Taxation Institute Nagrota, concluded here at its campus. The programme was held under the guidance of Anuradha Gupta, Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from Legal Metrology officers representing both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

The training programme aimed at enhancing enforcement capabilities, promoting uniformity in departmental procedures, and equipping officers with updated knowledge of legal frameworks, technical standards, and operational best practices.



The Programme featured in-depth discussions on the proposed amendments to Draft Enforcement Rules, with a focus on strengthening legal provisions and ensuring their effective implementation at the grassroots level; Review of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) with special emphasis on ensuring transparency, uniformity, and efficiency across the functioning of the department.

It also featured sessions on the Consumer Pro-

tection Act, highlighting the crucial role of Legal Metrology in upholding consumer rights and ensuring regulatory compliance; Technical Deliberations on the Karat Meter, including presentation on calibration, accuracy, and standardisation methods in the verification of gold jewellery was delivered; Interactive Session on the Single Window System wherein Officers actively shared their experiences, feedback, and suggestions to enhance user experi-

ence and improve service delivery mechanisms.

In addition to academic and technical deliberations, the programme also included team-building exercises, yoga sessions, and insightful discussions on sustainable development—aimed at promoting holistic well-being and environmental awareness among officers. These sessions were conducted by the resource persons of the Institute, including professionals from IIT Jammu.

The valedictory session was marked by the presence of Controller, Legal Metrology, Anuradha Gupta, and the Principal Excise and Taxation Training Institute Renu Bhasin.

While delivering her closing remarks, the Controller appreciated the quality training organ-

ised by the Institute and encouraged all officers to work in close coordination and strive towards shared goals, emphasizing that collective effort strengthens not just the department as an institution, but also enhances individual professional growth and excellence.

The event culminated with a certificate distribution ceremony, where participants received their certificates from Controller Anuradha Gupta and Principal, Excise and Taxation Institute Renu Bhasin.

The participants left the programme with renewed enthusiasm, reaffirming their commitment to continuous learning, legal reform, and dedicated service to uphold consumer rights and regulatory integrity across J&K.

DC Srinagar reviews functioning of One Stop Centre

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APRIL 09

With an aim to ensure effective support for women affected by violence, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting at DC Office here to review the functioning of One Stop Centre (OSC), Bemina in helping women in distress and battling any form of violence.

At the outset, DC held a detailed review of the working of One Stop Centre and discussed various issues to further strengthen and broaden the activities of OSC. He directed the Officers to handle the cases of victims in a compassionate manner with extra care and precautions so that the affected women are rehabilitated with dignity.

The DC directed the concerned to show proactive approach in reaching out to the women in distress and cooperation to provide timely assistance



to victims with legal protection. He also directed to spread mass awareness about the services of OSC through different kinds of IEC activities. He also stressed on increasing linkage of OSC with Police Stations.

Dr Bilal assured additional support from the administration for ensuring effective and efficient functioning of the One Stop Centre so that women in distress are provided integrated support and assistance both in private and public spaces, under one roof.

The meeting was informed that as many

as 727 women visited the OSC Bemina and registered complaints, out of which 310 affected women were provided proper counseling at the centre while free legal aid was given to 188. In addition, free Medical aid has been given to 17 affected women, police assistance to 76 and shelter to 20 women victims of violence in the District.

The meeting was also informed that women victim of domestic violence, sexual harassment, dowry demand, property dispute etc can register her complaint on National Women Helpline 181 for seeking assistance.

CS reviews arrangements for smooth conduct of NEET exam

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 09

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high level meeting to take stock of preparedness for smooth and fair conduct of NEET (UG) 2025 examination across various districts of the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Education, Shantmanu; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners of all districts; Directors of School Education for both divisions; officials from the National Testing Agency (NTA) and senior officers from the Education Department.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of seamless coordination between the civil administration and the NTA to ensure professional and transparent conduct of this prestigious national level exam. He directed all the Deputy Commissioners to personally visit the designated exam centres and assess the on-ground requirements. He asked them to coordinate closely with the City Coordinators of the NTA to finalize the logistics and ensure avail-



ability of all essential amenities.

He further instructed both the Divisional Commissioners to put in place adequate arrangements for security and administrative oversight by deploying duty magistrates and ensuring police presence at each centre. "The credibility of both the civil administration and Police must be upheld through efficient and professional handling of this examination," he stated.

The Chief Secretary observed that the overall arrangements will be overseen by the Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department. He asked the divisional and district administrators to promptly report any issue or requirement to his office for immediate

resolution. He directed the UT Coordinator of NTA to maintain direct communication with the ACS to align local arrangements with national level standards.

Speaking on the occasion, Shantmanu informed the participants that the final list of examination centres in J&K will be shared by the NTA tomorrow. He directed the officials to obtain and circulate the contact details of all the City Coordinators designated for J&K to ensure smooth coordination. He assured that all necessary arrangements for successful conduct of the NEET (UG) exam will be made in close collaboration with the testing agency.

Both the Divisional Commissioners informed

the meeting that multiple centres, including those previously used for major competitive exams, have been preliminarily identified. These included colleges having requisite infrastructure and capacity, with necessary certifications being obtained from competent authorities.

Penitent to mention here that the NEET (UG) 2025 examination is scheduled to be held on May 4, 2025 in pen-and-paper mode using an OMR sheet. The application window remained open from February 7 to March 7, 2025. The candidates can expect release of the exam city slip on April 26, 2025, followed by the admit cards, which are anticipated to be available by May 1, 2025.

Tourism dept holds Spring Festival

JNEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, APRIL 09

Amidst the mesmerizing Saffron fields of Pampore, the Tourism department J&K hosted the Pampore Spring Festival at Sambora Tourist Village with traditional performances.

Following the mesmerizing bloom of mustard flowers that painted the landscape in cheerful yellow, the region is now witnessing a spectacular display of wild tulips, drawing tourists and locals alike to its picturesque Karewas.

The delicate pink and white hues of the wild tulips create a stunning contrast against the golden backdrop of the mustard fields. Visitors are seen pausing along the Srinagar-Jammu highway, captivated by the ethereal beauty and eager to capture the moment.

This natural spectacle is a welcome boost to the local tourism, showcasing another facet of Pampore's allure beyond its famed saffron.

Swachhata Hi Sewa: Cleanliness Drive held at Pulwama

JNEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, APRIL 09

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Pulwama organized a cleanliness drive under 'Swachhata Hi Sewa'.

The programme/drive was organized under the chairmanship of Malik Shabir Ahmad, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge), Pulwama and under the supervision of Mudasar Farooq, Secretary DLSA Pulwama.

The said Swachhata drive held in collaboration with BDO Nawa, Municipal Committee Pulwama and Marry Land Public School Nawa was organized near



ipitation from a handsome gathering of staff members of BDO Nawa, Municipal

Committee Pulwama and a large number students and PLVs of DLSA Pulwama.

Awareness prog. held for LSUC, support for Admission/ Re-admission in schools at B'gam

JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, APRIL 09

In a significant move, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam in collaboration with Juvenile Justice Board, Budgam organized an awareness programme for Legal Services Unit for Children (LSUC), Support for Admission/Re-admission in Schools at Juvenile Justice Board Budgam.

The programme was organized under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of O.P Baghat, Chairman DLSA (Pr.&Distt. Judge) Budgam and under the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam and Shabbir Ayaz, Principal Magistrate Juvenile Justice Board Budgam. Sandeep Kour, Member Child Welfare Committee



Budgam gave a brief introduction about the programme.

Advocate. Feroz Ahmad Khan Member Child Welfare Committee, Budgam, briefed the audience about LSUC and about educational opportunities for children particularly those rescued from trafficking, abuse, and other challenging circumstances and how they can be supported for Admission/Re-admission in Schools.

Mehreen Zafer, Panel lawyer DLSA Budgam briefed the audience about the role of DLSA in rendering the services. She urged the collaborative partners including Child Welfare Committees and Child help line to raise awareness about the free and competent Legal aid meant for the juveniles and other marginalized sections of society.

In her address she also apprised the audience about specific legal provisions for vulnerable children, including those with disabilities, transgender children, and children at risk of trafficking or abuse. She clarified legal provisions, children's rights, and remedies available through legal services for children in need.

NALSA Helpline (15100), Child Helpline (1098), Divyangjan Helpline (14456), and other relevant helplines were also displayed in the programme to ensure that children and their families are aware of legal and child protection helplines

The programme witnessed active participation of Members of LSUC, staff of Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board Budgam, members of Child Helpline Budgam and Staff and PLVs (Adhikar Mitras) of DLSA Budgam.

Div Com Kashmir for hassle-free tourist facilities at Gulmarg



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APRIL 09

Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Wednesday chaired a meeting of officers to streamline and augment the tourist facilities for enriching their experience at the world famous tourist destination, Gulmarg.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla; Director Tourism Kashmir; Director ULB, Kashmir; MD Cable Car Corporation; CEO, Gulmarg Development Author-

ity; RTO Kashmir; SSP Traffic besides other concerned officers.

Addressing the meeting; Div Com instructed MD Cable Car Corporation to increase the availability of online tickets for the Gondola ride from 3,400 to 5,000. He also directed the implementation of a tatkal booking system for a designated time slot one day in advance to optimize the Gondola service operations and improve crowd management.

He highlighted the importance of maintaining cleanliness in the Gulmarg

bowl and ensuring the collection of waste from Apharwat and Kongdoori, as well as addressing the issue of legacy waste.

Further, he directed for ensuring pothole free roads at tourist destination, regulation of traffic movement, management of parking spaces, besides enjoined for regulation of service providers. He also directed for enforcement of polythene ban at Gulmarg.

Moreover, he urged all departments to collaborate effectively to provide seamless and efficient services for tourists.

Single Window Committee discusses quarry land request by CVPPL

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today chaired the Single Window Committee Meeting to discuss the request made by the CVPPL, represented by the General Manager (GM) of the Pakal Dul Hydro-electric (HE) Project.

The request pertains to obtaining Single Window Clearance for a proposed quarry land located on the right bank of the Marusadar River, downstream of the Coffer Dam of the Pakal Dul HE Project, in order to secure a Quarry License.

During the meeting, the DC directed all concerned members of the Single Window Committee to thoroughly review the contents of the communication and conduct a joint inspection of the proposed site. The committee has been given a one-week deadline to submit their comments/the No Objection Certificates (NOC) or otherwise for further process by the DC. The meeting was attended by DFO Vishal Choudhary; CAO Amjad Hussain Malik; CHO Sajid Mustafa, ExEn PWD Ravindra Verma, besides other concerned officers and staff.

Div Com inaugurates 2-day mega flower show at Jakhani Park Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, APRIL 09

District Administration Udhampur on Wednesday organised a two-day mega Flower Show at Jakhani Park, aimed at promoting tourism and environmental consciousness in the region.

The event was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai.

Addressing the gathering, the Divisional Commissioner congratulated the District Administration for successfully organizing the flower show. He emphasized that Jammu & Kashmir is renowned for its natural beauty and tourism continues to be a major contributor to the Union Territory's economy. "Jakhani Park, with its serene landscape can serve as a prominent destination for travelers," he said.

The Divisional Commissioner further appreciated setting up of awareness

and exhibition cum sale stalls by the government departments, providing a platform to artisans to showcase their products and services. He expressed hope that the Flower Show becomes an annual feature, celebrating nature, culture and community involvement. He commended the presentation of a Nukkad Natak on drug abuse, terming it as a significant initiative to educate the youth about its adverse effects and guiding them towards a positive path.

Several government departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Social Welfare, Handicrafts and others had established stalls to generate awareness about government schemes and services.

The Divisional Commissioner along with the Deputy Commissioner, inspected these stalls, interacted with the officers and reviewed the implementation status of various welfare schemes. He lauded their efforts in

disseminating useful information to the public and promoting citizen engagement in developmental initiatives.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner extended a warm welcome to the Divisional Commissioner and briefed him about the objectives of the Flower Show. She stated that the event was organized with the aim of enhancing the tourism potential of Udhampur by integrating recreational activities, showcasing the district's natural beauty and encouraging environmental awareness through departmental exhibitions. She expressed hope that the event would witness increased public participation in future editions and become a recurring cultural affair.

A theme-based cultural bonanza was presented by the Information Department Udhampur, featuring captivating Dogri folk songs, dances and Nukkad Natak by local artists and students. The performances were warmly received

by the audience with rounds of applause reflecting the cultural vibrancy of the region.

The Divisional Commissioner also took a stroll through Jakhani Park to admire the blooming floral arrangements and interacted with students who participated in the painting competition. He appreciated their creativity and innovative expression showcased through their artworks.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner distributed prizes among the winners of the painting competition on the occasion.

The inaugural event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the public and was attended by key dignitaries including Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan, Chief Planning Officer, Mohd Iqbal Zargar, DDC members, heads of various departments, civil society members and a large number of people.

DC Baramulla visits Baba-Gael in Uri



JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today visited the remote border village of Baba-Gael in Uri Sub-division to assess on-ground developmental issues and engaging directly with the inhabitants living close to the border to understand and resolve any infrastructural and service delivery challenges faced by them.

During the visit, the locals put forth several pressing issues affecting their daily lives which include frequent wild animal attacks resulting in

loss of life and property, need for macadamization and upgradation of road infrastructure, construction of retaining walls in landslide-prone areas, and improvement in health-care and education facilities.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all the concerns raised by the villagers and assured the public that the administration is committed to the development and welfare of border residents and that all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

He further issued directions to the concerned departments to conduct

on-ground assessments for necessary action, especially in critical areas like road connectivity and prevention of landslides.

Earlier, DC visited the under-construction Water Supply Scheme at Shakot Warikha being constructed under NABARD, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons. The concerned Executive Engineer apprised that 70 percent of the work has been completed and the scheme is expected to be completed by July 2025.

The DC was accompanied by SDM Uri, Shubhanakar Pratyush Pathak and other concerned officers during the visit.

Rajouri: ARTO Seizes 16 Vehicles, Challans 51 for Violations; Recovers Rs. 1.72 Lakh fine from violators

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In a major crackdown on traffic violators, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Rajesh Gupta has seized 16 vehicles and challaned 51 others in past 3 days for plying without Fitness Certificates and other serious violations. A fine of Rs. 1.72 lakh was also recovered on the spot.

The enforcement drive was launched on the directions of the Transport Commissioner J&K Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma with a special focus on ensuring road safety and compliance with transport regulations.

In addition to the enforcement action, the enforcement team also conducted a comprehensive audit of school buses operating in the district. The audit aimed to ensure that all school transport vehicles adhere to safety norms and are properly documented in terms of fitness, insurance, permits, and driver credentials.

The ARTO Rajouri stated that such drives will continue to promote safe and disciplined driving practices and to curb violations that endanger public safety.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan: IEC Campaign kick-started across Municipal areas of Kishtwar

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To combat the challenges of drug menace, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Awareness Campaign was today launched in the Municipal areas of the District Kishtwar under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

The campaign, conducted under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan, has received an overwhelming response from the local commu-



nity.

The inaugural event of the campaign was held in Ward No. 1 of Kishtwar Town, where informative sessions were led by

resource persons from eight key departments, including Health, Police, Education, Rural Development Department (RDD), and Ex-PRIs. The

Resource Persons were nominated by the District administration to raise awareness and educate the public about the devastating consequences of drug abuse.

During the sessions, the resource persons provided crucial insights into the damaging effects of drug abuse on the individuals and the society as a whole.

The campaign was executed under the guidance of Nodal Officer (DSWO) Zubair Ahmed, ensuring a comprehensive outreach to the public.

84 Bn CRPF unveils Memorial stone of its brave hearts at Digdol

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While the country is celebrating Valour Day, 84 Bn CRPF, under the aegis of DIG CRPF Jammu North Ops Range Vivek Bhandral, unveiled a memorial stone dedicated to the supreme sacrifice of its 02 brave personnel. Sh Shailendra Vikram Singh, then DIG CRPF Srinagar North and Constable/Dvr Naveen Kumar of the 144 Bn laid down their lives in the line of duty at Digdol on 15 Dec 2019.

The memorial stone was unveiled by Sh N Ranbir Singh Commandant in the presence of Sh A K Dixit Second in Command and personnel of 84Bn, Sh Zaheer Ahmed Ex-Sarpanch and prominent members of Digdol and media personnel.

During the function, floral tributes were paid to



the 02 CRPF brave hearts.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant 84 Bn stated that the memorial stone signifies CRPF's steadfast commitment to honoring its heroes and upholding its legacy of valour. CRPF, with approx 250 Bn, is the largest Central Armed Police Force in the country and deployed for multifarious duties across the length and breadth of the country.

The 84 Bn CRPF is securing a 47 km stretch

of the NH 44, a major life-line connecting Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country and ensuring smooth passage of SF, Yatri, VVIP, etc.

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J&K Assembly's..

The pandemonium broke out in the House as soon as proceedings began with NC legislators standing up to insist the Speaker to allow discussion on the Waqf law. "You should allow discussion on the Waqf bill so that we can speak up against the injustices faced by Muslims," Gurezi urged the Speaker.

He accused the BJP of playing divisive politics. "They want to divide Hindu and Muslims. They should tell people how many jobs they have provided to unemployed youth during the past 10 years," he said.

Amid protests by NC lawmakers, the Speaker announced that he has rejected an adjournment motion brought by the BJP on the issue of unemployment.

"I have rejected the adjournment motion as it doesn't pertain to the matter of urgent nature," the Speaker announced.

"The adjournment motions can be brought only on the matters of urgent nature."

The Speaker's ruling sparked protests from BJP legislators.

Shouting slogans, the BJP legislators led by leader of opposition Sunil Sharma stormed into the well of the House and staged a sit-in there.

The Speaker adjourned the House till 1:00 AM.

When the House reassembled at 1:10 AM, the Speaker defended his action of rejecting the adjournment motion on Waqf law.

He cited sub-Rule 7 and 9 of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of Conduct of Business in J&K Legislative Assembly to justify his action.

The Speaker informed the House that during the Session, 1355 questions were received.

"154 main questions were taken up during this session while their 353 supplementaries were answered," he said.

He informed the House that 1738 Cut Motions were also received and 1731 were taken up for the discussions.

He further informed the House that three Government Bills were received and subsequently passed by the house.

He added that 33 Private Members Bills were also received and listed for the business.

The Speaker further informed the House that 78 Calling Attention Motions were received by the Assembly Secretariat, out of which 23 were listed for the business and 34 were disallowed.

The speaker said that the 21-day budget session was the second longest in the country during 2025.

He also informed that 109 resolutions were received during the session, out of which 85 were admitted and 14 were listed for business.

The Speaker further said that more than 39 hours were utilized during the budget session. KNO

No Govt ever tolerated...

But, I reiterate that without public support, terrorism cannot be eliminated. It is important to take the people along. The elected members will play their role in this regard," he said, as per KNO.

About statehood restoration, the Chief Minister said, "The statehood is our right. It has been promised to us and I hope that the process in this regard will be started soon."

He said that a large chunk of people are depressed and anguished with the passage of Waqf Amendment Bill and the elected members tried to raise the issue in the House. "The people believe that through this Act the government is trying to interfere in their religious matters and the members too tried to raise this public issue in the House," he said.

However, he said that there was no need for this Act as a particular religion is being targeted only. "Every religion has its own organizations but through this Act, the non-Muslims are now being asked to review the activity of Waqf. Do you allow the non-Hindus or non-Sikhs to review the activities of the Shrine Board, Golden Temple or other religious organizations? This is what the members wanted to convey and now the party has probably decided to approach the Supreme Court. Let them approach the court and let it decide the matter," he said.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister blamed Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir. "Ones who aligned with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and remained silent during critical times are now leveling allegations against me for clicking a picture with the Union Minister. They are the ones who sat in BJP's lap and talked about milk and toffees, and watched the destruction of Jammu and Kashmir without raising their voice," CM Omar added.

He said some members used a photograph taken with a Union Minister during a "chance meeting" at the Tulip Garden to raise questions about him. "I had taken my father to the garden, and a Union Minister happened to be present. He asked for a photograph with me. What was I supposed to do, refuse or misbehave? I took the photo," Omar said, as per KNO.

He added that using such a picture to target him was unjust, especially by those who helped BJP to enter into Jammu and Kashmir politics. "These are the same people who have never apologised to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the 2016 killings," he said.

The J&K Chief Minister said, "Many strange things have taken place in his absence in the House." However, he was quick to add, "Elected representatives are expected to raise public concerns inside the Assembly. If we don't raise people's issues in the House, where else will we raise them?"

Responding to a question about India-China relationship, he said, "If relations with China are getting better, it is good. If China is ready to agree that Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh are part of India then it will be a positive move." KNO

Chance meeting with...

controversy, Rijiju, according to the news agency wrote on X: "A beautiful morning walk became a political discussion, echoed even in J&K Assembly too! I briefly came across CM, Omar Abdullah sahab and Farooq Abdullah sahab at the Tulip Garden on an early morning visit to avoid inconvenience for the visitors & tourists during the daytime."

"We exchanged pleasantries! Let's enjoy the beauty of Kashmir beyond politics!" Rijiju posted.

Notably, the opposition parties in Kashmir have taken Abdullahs head on over their "chance meeting" with Rijiju, saying the ruling National Conference had rolled out the red carpet for the "architect of anti-Muslim amendments" to the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

Rijiju had moved the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in both Houses of Parliament in the recently concluded Budget Session. KNO

2 to 3 terrorists...

information that two to three terrorists are hiding in the middle of this jungle."

"This search operation is going on in this regard. Currently, all the soldiers of all the forces and teams are fit and fine. Even though this is a tough terrain, the morale of the forces is high, and we hope that we will be successful," the SSP said, as per KNO.

He said that the security forces exchanged fire with the hiding terrorists for about two hours and the noose around them has been tightened.

Pertinently, police and security forces have been tracking terrorists moving from one area to another following three encounters since the operation started on March 24 in the Sanyial area of the Kathua district. Two terrorists and four policemen have been killed in the skirmishes during the past 17 days. KNO

Power generation in...

"Currently, we are able to produce more than 60 percent of power against the total generation capacity of 1197.4 MW," the official said.

Pertinently, till the third week of February, an official had said that Jammu and Kashmir was relying on more than 85 percent of coal and solar power amid acute deficit of hydro power generation.

Officials of PDD department had claimed that local hydro power generation from the local power plants have reduced by nearly 90 percent.

An official had informed that "At present Jammu and Kashmir is 85-90 percent dependent on coal and solar energy that is being procured from the other states because as of now we don't have a local power generation."

"In winters the local hydro power generation of Jammu and Kashmir power plants has reduced by almost 90 percent and in order to cater the requisite power demand, we need to have a base power availability that we procure from outside states. The energy is coal based energy," the official had said. KNO

Speaker says no-confidence...

is given," he said.

He further said the House would not be in session when the resolution has to be listed.

"You submitted the notice on April 8, and if you add 14 days, the House would have already adjourned sine die by then," he added.

Rather said that the notice requires the support of 23 MLAs before it can be taken up for discussion.

He said that he will hold the chair as long as he enjoys the confidence of the House.

"You shouldn't feel that Rather Sb has rejected no-confidence motion against himself. I will sit in the chair as long as I enjoy the confidence of the House," he said.

Lone had brought no-confidence motion against the Speaker for rejecting demand for discussion on the Waqf (amendment) bill-2025. KNO

2 killed, 4 others...

been shifted to GMC Doda for treatment.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognisance of the incident.

NC wants to protect...

Kashmir."

He added that the 'land jihad' is getting legislative protection, which he said is a 'Legislative Jihad'.

Pertinently, the Legislative Assembly witnessed disruptions for the third straight day on Wednesday with the NC MLAs protesting over the Waqf Amendment Bill in the House while as the Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather rejected the discussion over it, saying that the matter is already sub-judice. KNO

Lt Governor attends...

love and harmony there is God. It is true power. A man is closest to God when heart is filled with goodwill. It is my firm belief that the most precious assets of society are love, harmony, peace and compassion. A person full of these qualities can uplift humanity. I believe that the true meaning of life lies in self-discovery. When we know ourselves then one thing becomes clear that God has not given this life for small things but there is a big purpose behind it and that is selfless service to society and welfare of all living beings," the Lieutenant Governor said.

In a global initiative, people from more than 108 countries participated in 'Navkar Mahamantra Divas' celebration promoting peace, and universal harmony. The occasion also encourages all individuals to reflect on the values of self-purification, tolerance, and collective well-being.

Anand Jain, ADGP Armed Police; Rajeev Jain, North India Advisor, Jain International Trade Organization (JITO); Pankaj Jain, President SS Jain Sabha; Sandeep Jain, General Secretary, SS Jain Sabha and representative JITO J&K, senior officials, and people in large number were present on the occasion. KNO

Will establish women...

asked for identifying the land in this regard. We will take every possible step to support them (women)," he added.

Replying to a query on opposition's statements in the Assembly, he said the enemies will always remain there, but "we will do our job and take J&K out of the problems." KNO

J&K transport...

Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) recorded an even more impressive revenue collection. From April 2024 to December 2024, the JKRTC amassed Rs 1813.11 lakh in revenue, while the expenditure during this period stood at over Rs 115.69 crore.

The data suggests a healthy financial state for the transport sector with a joint revenue (MVD + JKRTC) touches Rs 964 crore, while 135.92 crore as expenditure and Net Surplus Rs 828.08 crore—the data was disclosed in a written response to a query raised by MLA Thakur Randhir Singh.

In response to another question regarding parameters for starting a new bus service, the Minister Incharge said that multiple factors are considered, including regulatory approvals, logistics, route surveys, road connectivity, public demand, and financial feasibility. Additionally, population size and availability of transport in a given area play crucial roles. KNO

ACB arrests ex-Corporator...

Devi, then Corporator of Ward No. 53 Trikuta Nagar Jammu, who demanded an amount of Rs 10,000 as bribe for issuance of Mulba Clearance Certificate of the works done by the complainant and further asked him to contact her husband namely Sham Lal for payment of bribe money," he said.

However, the complainant chose not to pay bribe and instead approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant.

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirms the demand by the Corporator concerned and accordingly a case under FIR number 10/2022 under section 7 PC Act 1988 and section 120-B IPC was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation of the case was taken up, the spokesman said.

"During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted. The team laid a successful trap and caught accused Corporator and her husband namely Sham Lal red handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 10,000 from the complainant. Both the accused persons were arrested on the spot by the ACB team. The bribe money was also recovered from their possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team," it reads.

After the completion of investigation of the case as proved and receipt of prosecution sanction against the accused, accorded by the Government, charge-sheet against both the accused has been produced in the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu, which has transferred the instant case to the Court of Adl. Special Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu for judicial determination. KNO

CS for boosting last mile...

that the department should target speedy approval for all the surveyed roads.

Dulloo directed the department to prioritise these projects as per the Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL) so that same receives early nod from the central government. He also advised them to ensure that the far off areas get last-mile connectivity under this flagship scheme.

The newly launched PMGSY-IV initiative, approved by the Ministry of Rural Development, aims to connect rural habitations those are eligible due to increased populations as recorded in the 2011 Census. Spanning from 2024-25 to 2028-29, this phase promises to bridge critical gaps in access to education, healthcare, markets and administrative services by giving them access through construction of all-weather roads.

About the criteria, Secretary, PWD, Bhupinder Kumar, informed that the PMGSY-IV has been structured to ensure inclusivity with population thresholds of 500+ in plains, 250+ in Hilly States/UTs and 100+ in LW (Left Wing Extremism) affected areas.

He further elaborated that the cluster approach combines habitations within a 500-meter radius (or 1.5 km in hilly terrain) to qualify as a single entity for connectivity. In addition to sensitive border blocks, all habitations within a 10 km path distance are considered a cluster to address strategic and developmental priorities.

It was also revealed that all-weather roads under PMGSY-IV would ensure minimal service disruption with no more than 24 hours of blockage at a time and not exceeding six such instances per year. Roads previously constructed with just Stage-I formation under PMGSY-I, lacking essential pavement layers, will also be completed under the current phase.

Regarding the funding model, it was revealed that the share of Centre would be 90% with 10% UT share. The UT would be responsible for full maintenance for a decade post-construction.

83,000 domicile...

the Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister Incharge also added that out of which, 83, 742 have been granted to individuals from outside the erstwhile state.

It is noteworthy that the legislator Para had sought details on the number of domicile certificates issued to non-locals across Jammu and Kashmir during the last 2 years. KNO

Did you raise SPO...

the fight against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. "These are the issues that should be discussed in the House, but BJP members seem more interested in media attention than the people's problems," he said.

"BJP legislators entered the House only to create disturbances and did not speak about vital issues like electricity, water, schools, roads, hospitals, unemployment or the concerns of daily wage workers," the Deputy Chief Minister alleged.

"We have formed a committee to look into the regularizing daily wagers, but BJP continues to ignore these matters," he said.

Choudhary said the Speaker had given his ruling and the House must be run according to the Constitution.

Full Court Reference held to bid farewell to Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Puneet Gupta

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A Full Court Reference was held today in the Court Room of the Chief Justice at Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to bid farewell to Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice and Justice Puneet Gupta, Judge, on their demitting the office on superannuation.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani were present on the occasion.

The Full Court reference was also attended by Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Former Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The former Judges of the High Court, Chief Secretary, UT of J&K, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, Inspector General of Police, J&K, Secretary Law, Justice, Senior Additional Advocate General, Deputy Solicitor Generals of India, Jammu/Srinagar, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Senior Advocates, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Chairman, J&K Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Judicial Officers and Officers of the Registry of the High Court were also present on the occasion. Besides, officers and a large number of advocates had joined from Srinagar Wing of the High Court virtually.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, in his farewell address, described both Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta, kind hearted persons having great qualities of head and heart. He added that Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet were always in tireless search for delivering justice and delivered number of landmark judgments which will be of remarkable help and guidance.

Acknowledging their years of service and the impact on judiciary, Justice Sanjeev Kumar said that their joined the judiciary with a sense of purpose, bringing with them a steadfast commitment to justice, a deep understanding of law and an unwavering dedication to fairness. He expressed heartfelt appreciation to Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta for their exemplary services and contributions to the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General in her farewell address lauded the role of Justice Tashi Rabstan, for his dedication and commitment both on judicial and administrative side. She said that his tenure as the Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, though brief, has been marked by judicial prudence, a keen sense of justice and a commitment towards upholding the rule of law.

She appreciated the services of Justice Tashi Rabstan for ensuring access to justice for all particularly the poor and downtrodden. She added that His Lordship displayed exceptional calibre during his tenure as a Judge and then as the Chief Justice of this Court.

"Still, we hope for a meaningful session. But looking at their behaviour, BJP members are likely to continue the disruption," he said, as per KNO.

He also said that young people in Jammu and Kashmir are performing well in sports, especially in rural areas, but no one, including BJP leaders, is talking about their needs. "This House belongs to the people. It is not a party meeting. Elected representatives must use this platform to raise the people's voice," he said.

Asked about extending the session, he said the decision lies with the Speaker. "I am the Deputy CM, but I am also an elected MLA. I want to speak for my people," he said.

Choudhary said everyone in a democracy has the right to speak, but BJP tries to suppress that voice inside and outside the House. "They've never succeeded in doing that," he added. KNO

NOTICE

I, Chuni Lal, R/o Village Sial Jagir, Tehsil and District Jammu, is applying for the issuance of Date of Birth (DOB) certificates in favour of my daughters, Jyoti Devi, whose Date of Born is 13-01-2014 and Shalalu Devi, whose Date of Born is 12-01-2020. Objections, if any, may be conveyed to the concerned within seven days after the publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Anju Devi, W/o Late Sansar Chand, R/o Chak Largan, Tehsil and District Jammu, is applying for the issuance of Date of Birth (DOB) certificates in favour of my sons, Krishan Kumar, whose Date of Born is 19.10.2011 and Lucky Kumar, whose Date of Born is 01.11.2008, both sons of Late Sansar Chand, R/o Chak Largan. Objections, if any, may be conveyed to the concerned within seven days after the publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I Prop. Kuldeep Raj S/o Sh. Joginder Lal do hereby declare that I am working as KU (Krishi Udhayam) at KKG Nekowal located at village Jajowal under HADP scheme and I intend to apply for the Seeds, Fertilizers & Pesticides license and sale at village Jajowal, Tehsil Suchetgarh, District Jammu. If any person having any objection to my application may submit their objection within week to Chief Agriculture Office Near Police Line, Jammu & PPO Office Jammu.

Distt admin Kulgam intensifies campaign against Drug Abuse

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KULGAM, APRIL 09

In a continued effort to combat the growing menace of drug abuse, the District Administration Kulgam has intensified its awareness campaign under the Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan.

In this connection, a series of awareness camps are being conducted daily across the district at educational institutions, workplaces, Panchayats, Municipalities, and other community spaces.

These camps aim to educate the youth, engage parents, and sensitize the general public about the physical, psychological,



and social consequences of drug abuse. Special emphasis is being laid on early intervention, community participation.

During the sessions, speakers stressed the importance of collective responsibility and community engagement in addressing this pressing issue. They called for united efforts to

eliminate the scourge of drug abuse from society.

To further strengthen the campaign, the District Administration is distributing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material such as pamphlets, booklets and posters among participants to enhance public awareness and reinforce key messages.

DC Kupwara chairs Block Diwas at Trehgam

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KUPWARA, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today chaired the weekly Block Diwas programme at Trehgam block of district Kupwara to listen to the grievances and developmental issues of the people.

On her arrival, DC visited various stalls set up by different departments showcasing their schemes and achievements. She enquired from the concerned officers about the progress of these schemes in Trehgam block.

People in large numbers attended the block diwas. District and Block level officers, besides, a large number of employees were also present at the event.

In her address, DC said that the Government is committed to holistic development and welfare of the people especially belonging to far flung areas. She highlighted various Government schemes aimed for welfare of the people and urged upon the people to come forward and avail the benefits of these schemes.

Regarding Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna, Ayushi said that the scheme aims to reduce the electricity bill of the consumers to make them self-reliant. She urged them to enroll themselves under the scheme which is heavily subsidized by the Government for the benefit of the consumers. She appealed to the people to register themselves under the scheme to take benefit of free electricity which



will reduce their electricity bills.

While raising awareness on JK Samadhan portal, DC said that the portal provides opportunity to the citizens to raise their grievances through online mode and appealed to the people to register on the portal to get their grievances redressed which will save their time and efforts from physically visiting the government offices.

Earlier, senior citizens and youth spoke and put forth their demands and issues of the area including beautification of Trehgam stadium, completion of ongoing JJM schemes, upgradation of link roads etc.

Regarding power supply, she said upgradation of power infrastructure is under progress through RDSS scheme

across the district which include establishment of new Receiving Stations, Distribution Transformers, Conductor, Poles and allied material and said that this will improve the overall power scenario of the district.

Replying to the issue of water supply, DC said that 80% targets under Jal Jeevan Mission have been achieved so far under the scheme and said on completion of the Mission, the whole scenario of the water supply will improve in the district.

After giving patient hearing to the issues raised by the people, DC redressed several issues on the spot and assured them that all their genuine concerns would be addressed in a phased manner with active coordination from relevant departments.

ICE campaign against Drug Abuse gains momentum in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, APRIL 09

As part of its ongoing efforts to combat drug abuse, the District Administration Ganderbal today organized a series of awareness programs under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir campaign, aiming to curb the menace of substance abuse and educate the youth and general public about its harmful impacts.

Awareness camps were held across multiple educational institutions in the district including Government Degree College Ganderbal, BHSS Gund, GHSS

Kangan, BHSS Wakura, BHSS Manigam, BHSS Safapora and BHSS Kurhama.

The events witnessed active participation from various departments including Health, Police, Education, Social Welfare and Rural Development.

The primary focus of these camps was to sensitize students, parents, and the wider community on the physical, psychological and social repercussions of drug abuse.

The sessions emphasized early intervention, strong community support systems and the availability of rehabilitation services.

At Government Degree College Ganderbal, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi graced the occasion as the chief guest. The event saw enthusiastic participation from college staff, students, and community members.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC highlighted the need for collective responsibility and community engagement in eradicating drug abuse. He underscored the importance of education, family support, and active community involvement in both prevention and rehabilitation efforts.

J&K Govt sponsored Startups shine at Startup Mahakumbh 2025; wins Rs 25 Lakh cash award

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JAMMU, APRIL 09

In a significant development, two startups M/s Genetico Private Limited and M/s GR8 Private Limited from J&K have emerged victorious at the prestigious Startup Mahakumbh 2025, clinching top honors in the Startup MahaRathi Challenge.

M/s Genetico Private Limited received an award of Rs. 20 lakh under the HealthTech and BioTech sector, while M/s GR8 Sports Private Limited won Rs. 5 lakh under the Gaming and Sports sector, emerging as top performers among startups from across India in their respective categories.

Pertinently, the Startup MahaRathi challenge is a flagship initiative of the department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to organise competition among promising recognised early and growth stage startups across 10 high impact sectors wherein 2400 startups participated from across the country. The awards were given on the eve of concluding ceremony of Startup Mahakumbh organised by the DPIIT at Bharat Mandapan, New Delhi from 3rd April to 5th April, 2025.



With a funding pool of over Rs. 70 crore, the challenge not only offered grant support but also provided startups with national recognition, global exposure, structured mentorship, incubation opportunities and access to leading investor networks.

Five startups from Jammu and Kashmir participated in the Startup Mahakumbh 2025, namely GR8 Sports Private Limited (Gaming & Sports), CLMRAT Sports, AL-Hamdaan Crafts, Studio Agama, BISA Innovation Private Limited. These startups were led by Irtif Mehraj Lone, In-charge Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Business Modeling (CIIBM), JKEDI and Zahid Ali Dar, Project Manager, JKEDI.

The J&K Industries and Commerce Department has played a pivotal role in laying a strong foundation for the startup ecosystem in the Union Territory. The recognition of these two promising startups from Jammu and Kashmir demonstrates a growing startup ecosystem in the UT. The department has not only formulated a vibrant J&K Startup Policy-2024, but has also taken necessary steps for ensuring its speedy implementation through the designated Nodal agency, viz., the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI).

Sharing his thoughts on the achievement, Arjun Gupta, Founder of Genetico Private Limited, said, "It

is wonderful that our years of hard work and commitment are being recognized by the government. There is a highly motivated and capable team behind Genetico. The award is not only for the founders but their team, customers, government, incubators, advisors, mentors and well-wishers."

Fawz-ul-Kabir, Founder of GR8 Private Limited, expressed gratitude stating, "We are truly honoured to represent Jammu and Kashmir on such a prestigious platform. This recognition reaffirms our belief in the power of gaming and technology to drive positive impact. We thank the J&K Government and JKEDI for their unwavering support."

Notably, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has allocated Rs. 50.00 crore for 2025-26 fiscal for implementation of J&K Startup Policy 2024-27. The funds shall be utilized for various components, including providing seed funding to eligible startups, startup awards, grants for setting up and scaling incubators, mentorship support, awareness and innovation-driven initiatives, aimed at strengthening the startup ecosystem across the Union Territory.

DC assesses patient care scenario at Associate Hospital GMC Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Associate Hospital, Government Medical College (GMC) Doda to assess healthcare facilities and general patient care scenario in the District's premier health institution.

During the visit, the DC took a round of the Hospital and inspected the Pediatric Ward, ICU, Cardiac Care Unit, Orthopedic Ward, Dialysis Unit, Surgical Ward, Medicine Ward, Emergency Ward, and the Control Room. He also inspected the Casualty Medical Officer office, Matron Office, and Emergency Triage Room.

The DC Doda took note of the cleanliness and hygiene standards in the hospital and emphasized the need for regular and thorough cleaning of all washrooms, bathrooms, wards, and common areas. He stressed on maintaining high standards of sanitation for the safety and well-being of patients and staff alike.

He also reviewed the functioning of the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY registration counter and checked the attendance and functioning of the GMC staff room. Directions were issued to ensure proper attendance and accountability of hospital staff.

The Power Development Department (PDD) was asked to carry out necessary electrical repairs in the hospital premises on priority.

In addition, DC Doda issued specific instructions to security personnel deployed at the hospital to remain vigilant, especially in critical areas such as emergency wards and entry-exit points. He asked security staff to ensure round-the-clock presence, proper visitor management and coordination with hospital administration to maintain a secure and patient-friendly environment. Security staff was also advised to maintain daily activity logs and promptly report any unusual activity to the concerned authorities.



Later, DC Harvinder Singh, accompanied by SSP Sandeep Kumar Mehta inspected the police post located adjacent to the Associate Hospital. The DC and SSP inspected all rooms and issued directions for necessary repairs and maintenance to ensure proper functioning of the post.

DC appreciated the humanitarian gesture of the CRPF men and commended their dedication towards community welfare.

Later, the DC chaired a meeting to assess the preparations for the Mega Surgical Camp scheduled from April 16 to 23, 2025 at SDH Bhandarwah and the Associated Hospital GMC Doda. The meeting focused on key provisions such as logistics management, mobilization of specialist teams, medi-

DLC approves 1471 cases under HADP in Ganderbal



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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) here in the V.C. Room of the DC office to discuss and approve cases received under Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP).

The committee approved 1471 cases of various sectors, including agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and allied fields. Among these, 134 cases have been linked with credit.

DC emphasized that the HADP is a major step towards creating a sustainable and profitable agricultural ecosystem and urged all officers to intensify efforts to reach

out to farmers, ensuring maximum participation in HADP initiatives and utilizing available resources to their full potential.

He also reviewed the registration of farmers on Daksh Kisan Portal, KKG and Kisan Sathi portal, and impressed officers to augment registration of farmers.

Furthermore, streamlining Credit Linkage schemes implementation was also emphasized so that a commitment to optimizing its advantages for sustainable agricultural growth is achieved.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, GM, DIC; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries and other committee members.

DC inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at SDH Bhandarwah

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BHADERWAH (DODA), APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh today inaugurated a Blood Donation Camp at Sub District Hospital (SDH) Bhandarwah, organized by the 33 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with hospital Management. The initiative aimed to support the upcoming Mega Surgical Camp by ensuring an adequate supply of blood for



patients undergoing surgeries. The event was attended by Chairman DDC Dhananter Singh; Deputy DDC Bhandarwah Thakur Yudhvir Singh; ADC Bhandarwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal; Director (Dentistry) DHS Jammu Dr. Sanjay Sharma; CMO Dr.

Om Kumar; Deputy CMO Dr. S.L. Manhas; Tehsildar Bhandarwah Kamalpreet Singh, and BMO Bhandarwah Dr. Mohammad Ashraf.

During the camp, 25 units of blood were donated by CRPF personnel. The

cal equipment readiness, and public awareness campaigns to ensure smooth execution of the camp.

The district administration reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening healthcare delivery and called upon all stakeholders to work in synergy for the success of this major health initiative. The upcoming camp is expected to offer vital surgical care to underserved communities across the region.

GMC Srinagar gets accreditation for Superspecialty course

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 09

In a significant development for medical education in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) has granted accreditation to the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, for the DrNB Thoracic Surgery programme.

This accreditation marks a major milestone in the development of medical education in Jammu and Kashmir, enhancing the region's capacity for specialized medical training.

Training prog. for Hajj pilgrims of Ganderbal on April 12 at Jamia Masjid Beehama

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GANDERBAL, APRIL 09

The Hajj orientation/training programme for the selected Hajj pilgrims of District Ganderbal about the Manasik-e-Hajj is scheduled on 12 April, 2025 at Markazi Hanfia Jamia Masjid Sharief Beehama Ganderbal at 10:30 A.M.

EDITORIAL

B2V--A tool for real governance?

Over the past six years, the Jammu and Kashmir government has spent a whopping Rs 353 crore on its flagship 'Back to Village' (B2V) programme, which was envisioned as a transformative initiative to bridge the long-standing trust deficit between the administration and the people at the grassroots. But six years later, with a significant number of public grievances still pending and liabilities unpaid, it is fair to ask: Has B2V delivered on its promise, or has it become yet another festival of optics over outcomes? The B2V programme, launched in 2019 with the noble goal of decentralizing governance and empowering rural citizens, was meant to create direct lines of communication between villagers and senior officials. In theory, it was a commendable concept—bringing the bureaucracy to the doorsteps of the people, understanding their lived realities, and responding with immediate policy action. In practice, however, its impact remains deeply uneven. According to official data presented in the Legislative Assembly, a large chunk of the programme's budget went not into development works but towards ensuring the comfort of visiting officers—suggesting an unfortunate tilt toward form over substance. While the government claims that over 4,000 gazetted officers visited villages, stayed overnight, and engaged with communities, it is troubling to see that in districts like Kathua and Jammu, hundreds of public complaints remain unresolved. The situation is further compounded by financial hurdles, with many contractors awaiting payment due to the suspension of the e-Gram Swaraj payment system since January 2023. And while the government touts high implementation rates in districts like Bandipora, Srinagar, and Ganderbal, the ground reality in places like Baramulla (62.3%) and Anantnag (68.68%) paints a different picture. For a programme meant to reduce disparities, the variation in outcomes across districts reflects a lack of uniform execution and monitoring. Even more concerning is the absence of independent and transparent evaluation mechanisms. Although audits have been conducted by district administrations and select agencies, these are no substitute for rigorous third-party evaluations that assess not just how many projects were executed, but how effectively they have improved lives. A particularly jarring fact is that during the current financial year, Rs 1.88 crore was spent on a single B2V event in Reasi district, even as 19 other districts saw no activity under the programme. This begs the question: Has B2V become an exercise in symbolism, executed selectively and without long-term strategic planning? The government claims that the programme is widely welcomed by the public, and it is certainly heartening to hear stories of grassroots engagement being highlighted on national platforms like the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat. But one or two anecdotal success stories cannot mask systemic gaps in delivery, accountability, and follow-through. A programme of this scale and ambition must not be allowed to go the way of so many government initiatives—lavishly funded, enthusiastically launched, but poorly sustained. The villages of Jammu and Kashmir don't need a travelling circus of bureaucratic pageantry. They need consistent engagement, honest listening, and measurable change. The B2V programme has potential, no doubt. But potential without delivery is a disservice. Let us ensure that "Back to Village" doesn't end up being more about the backdrop than the village.

BAGHWAN MAHAVIR (VARDHAMANA)
TIRTHANKARA OF JAINSIM (540 BG468 BC)

ON THE OCCASION OF 2623RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHAVIR WHICH FALLS ON 10TH APRIL, 2025 BIGGEST FESTIVAL OF JAINISM (MAHAVIR JAYANTI)

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Mahavira also known as Vardhamana was the twenty-fourth and last tirthankara of Jainism. He was born into a royal family in what is now Bihar. At the time of his birth, the whole town marked prosperity in terms of agriculture, health, wealth and wisdom. It is for that reason that he was named as Vardhaman by his parents. At the age of thirty he left his home in pursuit of spiritual awakening (Diksha). For the next twelve and a half years after which he achieved enlightenment. He travelled all over India for the next thirty years to teach his Philosophy which is based on AHIMSA, SATYA, ASTEYA, BRAHMACHARYA AND APARIGRAHA. Mahavira attained Nirvana after his Physical death at the age of 72. He was one of the most popular propagators of Jainism, and he is regarded as a reformer of Jainism rather than its founder. The exact place of birth of Mahavira is unknown. Historians have identified three places in Bihar as his possible birth place Kundnigraam in Vaishoti district, Lachuar in Jamui and Kundaipur in Nalanda. Mahavira was born into the royal family of King Siddhartha of Kundnigraam and Queen Trishola, sister of King Chetaka of Vaishali.

Ascetic life and awakening
At the age of 30, Mahavira abandoned all the comforts of royal life and left his home and family to live ascetic life for spiritual awakening. He underwent severe penances, even without clothes. There is

graphic description of hardships and humiliation he faced in the Acaranga Sutra. In the eastern part of Bengal he suffered great distress. Boys pelted him with stones, people often humiliated him.

The Kalpa Sutra gives a detailed account of his ascetic life:

The Venerable Ascetic Mahavira for a year and a month wore clothes; after that time he walked about naked, and accepted the alms in the hollow of his hand. For more than twelve years the Venerable Ascetic Mahavira neglected his body and abandoned the care of it; he with equanimity bore, underwent, and suffered all pleasant or unpleasant occurrences arising from divine powers, men, or animals.

Henceforth the Venerable Ascetic Mahavira was houseless, circumspect in his walking, circumspect in his speaking, circumspect in his begging, circumspect in his accepting (anything), in the carrying of his outfit and drinking vessel; circumspect in evacuating excrements, urine, saliva, mucus, and uncleanliness of the body; circumspect in his thoughts, circumspect in his words, circumspect in his acts; guarding his thoughts, guarding his words, guarding his acts, guarding his senses, guarding his chastity; without wrath, without pride, without deceit, without greed; calm, tranquil, composed, liberated, free from temptations, without egoism, without property; he had cut off all earthly ties, and was not stained by any worldliness: as water does not adhere to a copper vessel, or

collyrium to mother of pearl (so sins found no place in him); his course was unobstructed like that of Life; like the firmament he wanted no support; like the wind he knew no obstacles; his heart was pure like the water (of rivers or tanks) in autumn; nothing could soil him like the leaf of a lotus; his senses were well protected like those of a tortoise; he was single and alone like the horn of a rhinoceros; he was free like a bird; he was always waking like the fabulous bird Bharunda, valorous like an elephant, strong like a bull, difficult to attack like a lion, steady and firm like Mount Mandara, deep like the ocean, mild like the moon, refulgent like the sun, pure like excellent gold; like the earth he patiently bore everything; like a well-kindled fire he shone in his splendour.

After twelve and a half years of rigorous penance he achieved kevalajnana. i.e., realization of perfect perception, knowledge, power, and bliss. The Acharangasutra describes Mahavira as all-seeing. The Sutrakritanga elaborates the concept as all-knowing and provides details of other qualities of Mahavira.

Teachings

For the next 30 years Mahavira travelled far and wide in India to teach his philosophy. His philosophy has eight cardinal (law of trust) principles & three metaphysical and five ethical. The objective is to elevate the quality of life. Ahimsa or non-violence is the first of five ethical principles. Mahavira taught that every living being has sanctity and dignity of its own and it should be respected just like we expect to respect our own sanctity and dignity. In

simple words, we should show maximum possible kindness to every living being. The second principle is Satya or truthfulness which leads to good neighborliness in society. One should speak truth and respect right of property of each other's in society. One should be true to his own thoughts, words and deeds to create mutual atmosphere of confidence in society. Third principle is Asteya or non-stealing which state that one should not take anything if not properly given. Fourth principle is Bramhacharya or chastity which stress steady but determined restraint over yearning for sensual or sexual pleasures. Fifth and final principle is Aparigraha or non-possession, non-attachment which requires complete detachment from people, places and material property.

Mahavira taught that pursuit of pleasure is an endless game, so we should train our minds to curb individual cravings and passions. That way one does achieve equanimity of mind, mental poise and spiritual balance. One should voluntarily limit acquisition of property as a community virtue which results in social justice and fair distribution of utility commodities. The strong and the rich should not try to suppress the weak and the poor by acquiring limitless property which results in unfair distribution of wealth in society and hence poverty. Attempting to enforce these five qualities by an external and legal authority leads to hypocrisy or secret criminal tendencies. So the individual or society should exercise self-restraint to achieve social peace, security and an

enlightened society.

At the age of 72 (468 B.C.), Lord Mahavira died and his purified soul left the body and achieved complete liberation i.e., attained Nirvana or Moksha. He was cremated at Pawapuri where today stands a Jain temple named Jalmandir.

Mahavira is usually depicted in a sitting or standing meditative posture with a symbol of a lion under him.

Reincarnations
Mahavira's previous births are discussed in Jain texts such as the Trisastisalakapurusa Charitra and Jimasena's Mahapurana. While a soul undergoes countless reincarnations in transmigratory cycle of sa sara, the births of a tirthankara are reckoned from the time he determined the causes of karma and developed the Ratnatraya. Jain texts discuss twenty-six births of Mahavira prior to his incarnation as a tirthankara.

There are various Jain texts describing the life of Mahavira. The most notable of them is the Kalpa Sutra of Bhadrabahu. The first Sanskrit biography of Mahavira was Vardhamacharitra by Asaga in 853 CE.

Mahavira is linked to the first tirthankara, Rishabha, according to Jain legends. He was earlier born as the heretical grandson of Rishabha known as Marichi. During his time, many of his contemporaries claimed to be the 24th tirthankara. Some of these were Puran Kashyapa, Makhali Goshala, Ajit Keshkambl, Pakuda Kachchhayan and Sanjay Vellathiputta. However, none of them have any special place in jaina universal history except Mahavira.

With the help of the school's career guidance teacher, students can decide which stream to pursue after their tenth standard

VIJAY GARG

For students, which stream to pursue after 10th is a very important decision. Their entire life depends on this one decision. The subject they choose in 11th is the one that goes on to lead to their master's degree. Therefore, it is very important that the choice of subject is made after much thought.

For students, which stream to pursue after tenth is a very important decision. Their entire life depends on this one decision. The subject they choose in eleventh is the one that leads to their master's degree. Therefore, it is very important that the subject is chosen after much thought. For this choice, it is most important that the student knows his interest. Every student has an understanding of what subject he is interested in. Some are interested in science, some in arts and some in commerce. It is important for the student to know what the possibilities are after choosing a subject.

Be sure to consult with elders.

It is often seen that students choose subjects according to their friends instead of keeping their own interests in mind. They think that whatever subject my friend has taken, I will also take that. This is more common among girls, which is not right. For the selection of subjects, the student should consult his parents, teacher and the school's career guidance teacher. At that time, special attention should be paid to the subject in which he is interested. What others expect from him. More importantly, what he himself wants. He should also know what are



the possibilities ahead if he takes the science stream. Similarly, he should know everything about arts. Deep study

Nowadays, most of the students prepare for the administrative services paper. The minds of these students are already made up. Therefore, it is very beneficial for them to choose such subjects, which will prove helpful for them in the exams. If the subject taken in the 11th is also studied in the BA, then it gets studied in depth. When such a subject is chosen in the administrative exams, it is very beneficial for the student.

School Guidance Teacher Help

If a student wants to join the army, he should know what subjects he should study to become an army officer and also what he should do to maintain his physical fitness. This information is available in every school. Students can also get this information from Google. The school's guidance teacher can help the most in this. It is also very important for parents to allow the student to choose the subject according to his choice. When parents impose

their choice on their children, the results are often not good. The child is interested in fine arts and they take away science from him. In this way, the child is not happy. He is under pressure all the time. This affects his creativity.

It is essential to have a career plan.

By the time a student passes his matriculation, he should know what his interest is. It is very important for him to have a career plan. A career plan means what subjects he has to take and what are the possibilities ahead of him and how he has to prepare for them. It is very important to have options in his career plan. It is not necessary that whatever is thought of, it is achieved. If a student cannot achieve his goal, then he goes towards disappointment. In such a situation, it is very important that he has set two goals. In case one is not fulfilled, he can go towards the other goal.

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such diplomas.

Every student has a unique talent.

It is not necessary that every child becomes a doctor or engineer. Plumbing, welding, refrigeration, data operator, hair stylist, fashion designer and other such professions are very much in demand. Every student has a unique skill. He should work on that skill only. Skill is also required to become a salesman. Today, beauty parlor work is the most popular. Training is given in many other vocational subjects like beauty and wellness, health care, garment making, food preservation etc. in schools. There is a 100 percent guarantee of getting a job in computer vocation and modern office practice.

No profession is small.

It is very important for the student to understand that no profession is small. He should set his goal according to his interest, intelligence and financial condition. In this way, he can become proficient in his work even with little expenditure. Parents and teachers should also encourage him. Parents should also understand that the level of intelligence of every child is not the same. Therefore, they should not compare their child with anyone else. The choice of subject after tenth standard is such a choice, which is the foundation of the whole life. Therefore, this choice should be made very thoughtfully. It is not right to follow anyone in this. One should take one's own decision thoughtfully.

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Senior Citizens Joy Society organizes Seminar on Sanskrit and Cultural Heritage



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JAMMU, APRIL 09:

Senior Citizens Joy Society (SCJS) successfully organized a thought-provoking seminar on "Sanskrit and Cultural Heritage", celebrating the timeless essence of India's spiritual and cultural roots. The event was graced by the presence of Shastriji Purushotam Lal Dubey, a revered Vedic and spiritual scholar, as the Chief Guest, and was presided over by Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, Chairman, SCJS.

Ashok Kumar Gupta opened the session with an insightful introduction to the theme, setting the tone for a rich academic and cultural discourse. Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain formally introduced the Chief Guest, describing his illustrious journey as:

Shastriji Purushotam Lal Dubey, Vedic Scholar and Educationist, M.A. in Sanskrit, Retired Government School Teacher and Principal, Former NCC Chief Officer, Former State Commissioner, Scouts, Presiding Officer, Shri Ram Gaudham Rehal, President, Sanskrit Bharti Jammu-Kashmir.

Dr. Jain also recited a heartfelt poem emphasizing the importance of Sanskrit and India's cultural values, as a tribute to the Chief Guest.

In his keynote address,

Shastriji Purushotam Lal Dubey eloquently explained the richness of Sanskrit and its integral role in shaping India's cultural legacy. Through a meaningful poem, he shared:

Sanskrit and Our Cultural Heritage

Sanskrit is one of India's most ancient and enriched languages, often referred to as the "language of the gods." It is the origin of sacred scriptures such as the Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, and epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata. Sanskrit forms the foundation of our cultural and spiritual ethos.

The language embodies profound knowledge across various disciplines such as science, philosophy, medicine, astrology, mathematics, and arts. Foundational systems like Ayurveda and Yoga are rooted in Sanskrit.

Our cultural heritage extends beyond temples, classical dance-dramas, or sculpture—it is reflected in our lifestyle, speech, traditions, customs, and moral values. Sanskrit has played a vital role in preserving and promoting this legacy.

In the current era, where modern influences often overshadow traditions, the revival of Sanskrit and the reinstatement of cultural values is critically important. Pro-

moting Sanskrit education in schools, celebrating traditional festivals, and disseminating Indian philosophy can help reconnect us with our roots.

Sanskrit is the soul of our culture, and cultural heritage is our identity. Preserving both is our collective responsibility so that future generations can take pride in their glorious traditions.

As the State President of Sanskrit Bharati, Shastriji generously offered a free-of-cost, 10-day course in easy conversational Sanskrit, encouraging all attendees to participate. Several senior citizens enrolled on the spot, showing enthusiasm for the noble initiative.

Ashok Khajuria, Secretary of SCJS, conducted the program with elegance and confidence, ensuring a smooth and impactful experience for all. The seminar concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, in which eminent personalities like Prof. Virender Gupta, H. C. Vaid, Rajneesh Gupta, Narinder Wadhwa, C. M. Sharma, Yash Paul Sharma, and Mrs. Anju Bansal actively participated and enriched the discussion.

A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Ashok Khajuria, followed by the National Anthem, filling the hall with a sense of pride and unity.

Veteran Cow Protector Virender Khajuria extends support to Movement Kalki

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Today, Movement Kalki received a powerful boost of encouragement as Shri Virender Khajuria, former General Secretary of the Cow Protection Committee and a veteran cow protector, arrived at the protest site to offer his full support to the ongoing movement. At the age of 82, Mr. Khajuria shared inspiring stories of his relentless efforts in protecting cows, including chasing down cattle smugglers, organizing protests, and recalling a time when Jammu remained shut for three days due to a massive uproar over cow protection.

In his address, Mr. Khajuria said:

"Throughout every era, divine incarnations have emerged to protect Gaumata (Mother Cow). Today, even at the age of 82, I feel immense pride seeing a new organization - Movement Kalki - rise to protect Gaumata. Their continuous protest, going on for 172 days non-stop, braving heat, cold, rain, and storms, is truly commendable and inspirational."

He strongly appealed to the government to officially declare Gaumata as the 'National Mother' and to implement strict and enforceable laws for cow protection. Criticizing both past and present governments, he emphasized that the mentality toward



cow safety and cattle smuggling hasn't changed and remains a grave concern.

Key Demands of Movement Kalki:

1. Declare Gaumata as the 'National Mother' of India.
2. Enact strict and effective laws against cow slaughter and cattle smuggling.
3. Construct new cow shelters (gaushalas) across the country.
4. Establish a 'Sanatan Board' to safeguard Sanatan culture, religion, and cow protection through unified and systematic efforts.

Core Committee

Member Shri Sanjeev Dubey stated:

"Just as the powers of the Waqf Board have been amended and curbed, it is now time to establish a Sanatan Board - a body that protects the rights, values, and cultural heritage of Sanatanis and works proactively for the welfare of Gaumata."

Movement Kalki has pledged to continue this protest until Gaumata is granted her rightful status, respect, and legal protection. The organization stands firm with the resolve -

"Struggle till the last breath for the dignity and protection of Gaumata."

Cabinet approves Rs 1,878 Cr Zirakpur bypass project on HAM

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Construction of 6 lane Zirakpur Bypass starting from Junction with NH-7 (Zirakpur-Patiala) and ending at Junction with NH-5 (Zirakpur-Parwanoo) with a total length 19.2 Km in State of Punjab and Haryana under NH(O) on Hybrid Annuity Mode with a significant step to facilitate integrated transport infrastructure development under the PM Gatishakti National Master Plan principle.

The total capital cost of the project is Rs.1878.31 crore.

The Zirakpur Bypass starts from the junction with NH-7 (Chandigarh-Bathinda) in Zirakpur and follows the Punjab Government Master Plan in Punjab and terminates at the junction with NH-5 (Zirakpur-Parwanoo) in Panchkula of Haryana, thus avoiding the highly urbanized and congested stretch of Zirakpur in Punjab and Panchkula in Haryana.

The primary purpose of the project is to ease up congestion in Zirakpur, Panchkula and surrounding areas by diverting traffic from Patiala, Delhi, Mohali Aerocity and providing direct connectivity to Himachal Pradesh.

The current proposal aims at reducing the travel time and ensuring hassle-free traffic movement in the congested urban section of NH-7, NH-5 and NH-152.

Government has taken up decongestion of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali urban agglomeration with development of road network which would take shape of ring road as indicated in the map. The Zirakpur bypass is an important component of this plan.

Brij Mohan bags Padmashri Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award 2025

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JAMMU, APR 9

A jury comprising eminent dogri writers selected eminent Dogri poet and Music Composer Brij Mohan's collection of poetry entitled 'MANE DE AAHLE' for the prestigious Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial award 2025. In a press note, Padmashri Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu, has said that the award is given every year by Dogri Sanstha Jammu in collaboration with the family of Prof. Ram Nath Shastri to the best of all books which are the first publication of the author for the last five years. The award carries a memento, shawl and a cash prize of Rs 21,000. This is the 12th award and is given with the sole purpose of not only acknowledging the contributions of the dogri authors but also inspiring them to contribute for preserving and promoting mother tongue Dogri.

He further added that this year also Sanstha got quite a good number of books and after shortlisting the same, seven books got into the final. The consolidated decision of a jury of five prolific dogri writers went in favour of Brij Mohan's collection of poetry 'MANE DE AAHLE'. He congratulated Brij Mohan and said that he is a passionate poet who knows the art of giving words to the contents thus touching the soul of poetry. As a music composer also he has made colossal contributions to dogri music in particular. Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General secretary Dogri Sanstha Jammu said that Prof. Ram Nath Shastri is the father of Dogri Literature. The award consti-



tuted in his memory is a prestigious one and every dogri author wishes to have the honour of the same. While congratulating Brij Mohan for the honour, he said that he is a household name for his scintillation music compositions in Dogri. At the same time he is also an eminent poet having written several immensely popular Dogri songs, Bhajans, 'TARANAS' for Jammu University, Dogri Sanstha and several other Institutions and organizations. While working as an Editor "Sheeraja" at J & K Academy of Art, Culture and languages he has inspired and encouraged many to pen down creative writing. He hoped that he would continue compiling his poetry in the form of books and enrich the Dogri literature. In a meriting organized at Dogri Sanstha Jammu in which sons of Prof. Ram Nath Shastri, Ajit Khajuria and Dinesh Khajuria also participated, it was decided that the award will be presented on April 14th '2025 in an impressive function at Dogri Bhawan, Dogri Sanstha, Karan Nagar, Jammu.

Kesri welcomes stance of Home Minister against terrorism in J&K

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Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today welcomed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's three-day visit, praising his stance against terrorism in Kashmir who vowed to eradicate terrorism from its roots, which is seen as a commendable effort. His visit to the homes of martyred youth and border areas is also appreciated, given the growing threat of terrorism in Jammu, added Kesri. Kesri also hailed Home Minister for meeting with families of martyred policemen in Jammu and Kashmir, showing solidarity with the affected families who also visited Border Outpost in Kathua, interacting with BSF personnel to assess the situation on the ground. However, there are concerns regarding some Jammu assembly

members' inflammatory remarks, which seem to be aimed at creating divisions between Hindus and Muslims. The government and governor are urged to take necessary action against these law-makers, added Kesri. Kesri condemned some assembly members who made derogatory comments about Hindu doctors and police officers, allegedly taking bribes.

He demanded government and Governor to take strict action against these lawmakers for their divisive statements. Ensuring peace and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir is crucial, especially given the region's history with terrorism, said Kesri. By addressing these concerns and taking decisive action, the government can work towards creating a more secure and harmonious environment in Jammu and Kashmir, maintained Kesri.

J&K disallows MMU meeting on Waqf Act in Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 9 (UND)

Authorities on Wednesday barred the Muthahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU) - Jammu and Kashmir's largest religious representative body - from holding a scheduled meeting to discuss the contentious Waqf Act.

There was no official response from the Lt Governor administration on barring the meeting.

The MMU, led by Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, had planned to convene a meeting of religious leaders from across Jammu & Kashmir, including Ladakh, Kargil, and the Jammu region, to deliberate on the implications of the recently passed Bill.

According to a statement from the office of Mirwaiz, authorities informed them that the meeting, scheduled at his Nigen residence, would not be allowed to take place.

"...All lanes and bylanes leading to the residence have been sealed. Religious representatives from all districts of J&K, including Ladakh, Kargil and Jammu belt had reached the valley to attend this important meet, aimed at discussing the serious concerns of the Muslim community regarding the re-cently passed Waqf

Bill," the statement said.

Originally slated for Monday, the meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday in view of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

Mirwaiz Umar condemned the move, calling it "strange" that even peaceful discussions by Muslim scholars and religious bodies in the region were being barred.

"...It is strange that even a discussion to deliberate on this serious issue and respond peacefully by Muslim scholars and religious institutes in this Muslim majority region is barred. When every political party could freely express their views on this issue in the Indian Parliament, this right should be extended to the Muslim political and religious representatives of J&K also," Mirwaiz said on X.

He said MMU has decided that the joint resolution on this matter prepared in consultation with all members will be read out in mosques and at all religious congregations coming Friday.

Mirwaiz said the MMU extends All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and will stand by the Board in whatever course of action it deems appropriate to address the issues arising from the new law.

GDC B'la hosts IEC prog. under PM Internship scheme

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BARAMULLA, APRIL 09

In a significant step towards youth empowerment and community outreach, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) programme was organized today at Government Degree College (GDC) Baramulla under the ambit of the Pradhan Mantri Internship scheme.

The initiative aimed to harness the potential of young students by involving them directly in awareness generation related to key government schemes and developmental programmes.

The event was organized by the District Employment and Coun-

selling Centre (DECC) Baramulla, and was attended by Assistant Director, DECC Baramulla, Rahil Amin, who also serves as the Nodal Officer for the Pradhan Mantri Scholarship Internship scheme in the district.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Government Degree Colleges of Baramulla, Pattan, Sopore, as well as Polytechnic College Kanispora Baramulla and Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Baramulla.

Interns actively engaged with the community through interactive sessions, informative talks, and direct interactions, disseminating vital information on entrepre-

neurship, skill development, self-employment opportunities, and various government welfare schemes. Prominent dignitaries present on the occasion included Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo, Principal, Government Degree College Baramulla; Javed Ahmad, Principal, Industrial Training Institute Baramulla. Representatives of other Colleges, their presence added value to the programme and encouraged student participation. To ensure wider outreach, pamphlets and IEC materials were distributed during the event. Q&A sessions further enriched the interaction, allowing participants to clarify doubts and better understand various schemes.

Door-to-door distribution of voter forms commences in 77-Nagrota AC

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

The District Election office Jammu today commenced a door-to-door campaign in 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency to distribute Form 6, 7 and 8 under the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2025. The exercise is being conducted by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and aims at facili-

tating the inclusion of eligible voters and correction of electoral details across the constituency. BLOs are reaching out to households to distribute and assist citizens with Form 6 (for new voter registration), Form 7 (for deletion of names) and Form 8 (for corrections and shifting of voter entries). The campaign will continue in the coming days to ensure maximum

voter enrollment and accuracy in the electoral rolls, ahead of the April 24 deadline for submission of claims and objections. The District Election Office has appealed to all eligible citizens, especially new voters turning 18 by April 1, 2025, to take advantage of this drive and ensure their names are correctly entered in the electoral roll.

Suspicious IED detected, defused in Handwara

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SRINAGAR, APR 9 (UND)

A suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detected and defused by security forces in Handwara sub-district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said.

They said a suspicious object was found in Hafuda village on the Wadder Hafuda road by the road opening party of the forces during the routine sanitization exercise.

Soon after the detection of the suspicious object the traffic on the road was closed and the area was immediately cordoned by the joint forces.

Officials said a bomb disposal squad (BDS) was called and later they defused the IED in a controlled manner.

Meanwhile, a live grenade was recovered by security forces during a cordon and a search operation in the Lolab area of Kupwara district on Wednesday. The grenade was later destroyed by bomb disposal squad of the police and Army, official sources said.

Mehbooba slams Omar for welcoming Rijiju, says move mocks Muslim sentiment

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 9 (UNI)

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday slammed Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for recently "rolling out the red carpet" for Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, calling it a "deliberate move aimed at sending a message to 24 crore Muslims that their voices hold no value".

Omar has been facing a backlash after a Union Minister Rijiju- who had introduced the controversial Waqf bill in Parliament- shared pictures on Monday showing him with a smiling chief minister and his father, Farooq Abdullah, at Srinagar's famed Tulip Garden.

Mehbooba alleged the Rijiju strategically chose to visit Kashmir after the



passing of the Waqf bill "After bulldozing the Waqf Amendment Bill through Parliament, Minister Kiran Rijiju strategically chose to visit Kashmir. He was given red carpet welcome by the Chief Minister of India's only Muslim majority state - a move that seemed designed & deliberate to signal to the 24 crore Muslims across India that their views hold little

weight when the leader of the country's only Muslim-majority region stands in support. The visit set against the backdrop of Asia's largest tulip garden felt like a public celebration of the community's marginalisation & disempowerment," she said in a post on X.

"The Chief Minister's actions not only deepened the sense of alienation and

helplessness within the Muslim community but also lent legitimacy to this unilateral decision widely perceived as dismissive of their interests," she added.

The former Chief Minister Mehbooba said that the ruling alliance in Jammu and Kashmir should prioritize passing a resolution in the Assembly against the Act.

Over the past three days the Speaker of J&K Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather has disallowed a debate on the Centre's Waqf Act, a law perceived by many as an anti-Muslim law.

"With today possibly marking the end of this assembly session the ruling alliance should prioritize passing a resolution to reject this bill rather than prolonging the political spectacle," Mehbooba said.

GDC Basohli Organizes 'Tug of War' Competition Under Fit India Initiative

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BASOHLI, APRIL 09:

Government Degree College (GDC) Basohli, under the aegis of the nationwide Fit India Movement 2025, organized a vibrant Tug of War competition on its campus, led by the Department of Sports and Physical Education.

The event was aimed at promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and the spirit of healthy competition among students and staff.

The event was held under the able guidance and encouragement of Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, whose support was instrumental in the successful organization of the program.

The program began with the Fit India Pledge, solemnly undertaken by



students and staff, reaffirming their dedication to maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

The event was organized by the Physical Director, Roshan Lal Sharma, who played a vital role in coordinating and executing the event smoothly. Dr. Farooq Ahmed, Lecturer in Physical

Education, officiated the matches and ensured fair play and discipline throughout the competition.

Encouraged by Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, the event witnessed enthu-

siastic participation in both male and female categories. In a unique twist, teams were formed from both students and staff members, making the event inclusive and engaging.

In the female category, the Semester 6 girls' team emerged victorious, demonstrating strength and determination. In the male category, the college faculty team secured a well-earned win, showcasing excellent coordination and teamwork.

The event was further graced by the presence of Dean Student Welfare

Dr. Irvinder Kour, and senior faculty members Prof. Jasvinder Singh, Dr. Ravinder Kour, Dr. Shrub Kumar, Dr. Surya

Partap Singh, Dr. Roshan Lal (Convener sports committee) and others, who applauded the participants.

Special appreciation was further extended to the non-teaching staff for their commendable efforts behind the scenes, ensuring the event's smooth conduct and overall success.

Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, in his address, emphasized the importance of incorporating fitness activities into daily routines and praised the collective efforts of all departments in promoting the vision of the Fit India Movement.

Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti organizes "Shriramstuti and Hanuman Chalisa path" for World Peace

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

Today, Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti organized a grand Shriram-stuti and Hanuman Chalisa program at Shri Ram Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu. Sunil Sharma, National Co-ordinator of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti graced the occasion with his esteemed presence along with Swami vikram tripathi.

The program commenced with the recitation of Vedic mantras, Prarthna "Hey Prabhu Anand-data Gyan Humko Dijiye" and thereafter Samoohik Path of Shriram-stuti and Hanuman Chalisa, in which a large number of devotees participated along with family members. Specially young generation also attended



the event, adding to its significance. After the path, the speakers highlighted the devotion of Lord Hanumanji, his incredible contribution towards society, and his selfless service to Lord Rama. They emphasized how Hanumanji's exemplary deeds in difficult circumstances continue to inspire society and remain relevant today. After the completion of ShriRam stuti and the Samoohik Hanuman Chalisa, a Satsang session was held where devotees gained spiritual knowledge and inspiration from the Acharya vikram tripathi

special guest on the occasion. The gathering provided the attendees with an opportunity to engage deeply in worship, fostering inner peace and devotion to Lord Ramji and Hanumanji.

The National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sh. Sunil Sharma informed that over the years, many initiatives have been launched by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti to expand the knowledge of the sacred scripture Bhagwat Gita which can infuse the feelings of love for humanity and God in every body. For the

last 10 years Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti launched one more service towards society i.e. free distribution of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta Granth (not book) in the society to spread the message of Lord Krishna on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmgyani Guruji.

The event saw active participation from key figures such as Kewal Krishan Sharma Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Aayushman Sharma, Rohit verma, Sanjeev Sharma, Prateek Kumar, Sandeep kumar Sounanya, Om parkash Sharma, Manmohan Sharma, Sanjay Yadav, rahul yadav, Vimbo Devi, Seema jamwal, Sonia Kumari, shalini devi, Sawitri Sharma, vimal kumar, srinjan devi whose active contributions were pivotal in making the event a grand success.

Samsung launches Galaxy Tab S10FE Series in India, Starting at INR 42999

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of Galaxy Tab S10 FE and Galaxy Tab S10 FE+, offering new entry points to the Galaxy ecosystem on a premium tablet design. Equipped with the largest screen yet on the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series and slimmer bezels that expand its display, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE+ provides a fun, immersive viewing experience for everything from entertainment to studying and day-to-day tasks. Samsung's intelligent features empower users to get more done with ease, while a slimmer design helps users to achieve their creativity and productivity on the go. "At Samsung, we are committed to bringing world-class innovation to everyone, and the

launch of the new Galaxy Tab S10FE series is a testament to that vision. With Galaxy AI capabilities making their debut on our FE tablets, we are making cutting-edge technology more accessible than ever. The Galaxy S10 FE series will empower Galaxy users to maximize their creativity and productivity, and help us consolidate our market leadership in India's tablet segment," said Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India. Combining the Galaxy Tab S series' heritage design with slim bezels, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE+'s 13.1-inch display offers immersive entertainment on a screen that's almost 12% larger than its predecessor. Smooth visuals enabled by a 90Hz refresh rate and new levels of visibility that goes up to 800 nits in High Brightness Mode (HBM) ensure an optimal viewing experience

when watching videos and gaming on the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series. The Vision Booster's automatic adjustments enhance brightness and visibility even in ever-changing outdoor environments while blue-light emissions are safely reduced to minimize eye strain, meeting every unique viewing need. The Galaxy Tab S10 FE series boosts productivity when working or studying, and delivers fast, smooth gameplay without interruption. The performance upgrades enable the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series users to switch effortlessly between multiple apps, allowing for improved multitasking. And when capturing everyday moments in the classroom or in workshops, a newly upgraded 13MP rear camera produces clear and vivid photos.

These versatile experiences, from powerful work

to seamless play, accompany users everywhere they go. Now more than 4% lighter than its predecessor, Galaxy Tab S10 FE is even easier to carry around. The Galaxy S10 Tab FE series offers hassle-free storage and mobility at home, on campus, in the workplace and elsewhere with its slim design. Engineered for resilience and durability to withstand the elements, the FE series comes with IP68 rating. For an even more intuitive AI experience, the FE series seamlessly integrates with other Samsung Galaxy devices. Similar to the Galaxy Tab S10 series, users can access a comprehensive overview of their home status with the Home Insight widget dashboard and 3D Map View feature. Summarized status updates of SmartThings-enabled devices give users peace of mind when out and about.

Sat Sharma appeals society to be united against terrorism

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

J&K BJP led by its senior leaders paid floral tributes to party ideologue Daya Krishan Kotwal and martyr Chandrakant Sharma.

Main tribute programme in this regard was organized at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu in a programme organized by BJP District Jammu South led by its President Naresh Singh.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, Priya Sethi, BJP NEM, Ashwani Sharma, former MLA paid tributes to the great souls at party headquarters.

Sat Sharma, while paying respects to the great souls, said that the Daya Krishan Kotwal ji was a hardcore social activist who served the society, while the terrorism was at its peak. He said that he believed in unity and advised all to be united. Kotwal ji worked firmly to strengthen and save the society and the whole region in troubled times.

While paying respects to Shaheed Chandrakant Sharma, he recalled his commitment in leading from the front, while brav-



ing the threats from the terrorists. Following the path of these great souls, he appealed to the society to be united against terrorism and never let the plans of anti-nationals be fulfilled.

On the occasion, he also remembered the supreme sacrifice made by the Parihar brothers.

Ashok Koul, while paying floral tributes, said that due to his boldness, Kotwal ji was popularly known as the Sher-e-Doda. He said that Kotwal ji served in various capacities in RSS and as the President of BJP. He remembered Kowal ji's role in preventing migration and maintaining communal harmony.

Koul said that Shaheed Chandrakant Sharma was an energetic activist, who

was very helpful to the masses and played his part helping to contain terrorism with the forces. He was a dedicated RSS activist committed to the nation. He attained martyrdom in a targeted terrorist attack on him in the premises of District Hospital Kishtwar, while discharging his duties due to his 'nation first policy'.

Ashwani Sharma asked the party activists to take lessons of sacrifice, and commitment from the lives of Daya Krishan Kotwal and Chandrakant Sharma, who selflessly served the nation, and the society.

Naresh Singh conducted the proceedings of the tribute programme.

Veenu Khanna, Ayodhya Gupta, Rakesh Mahajan, Munish Sharma, Balbir Ram Rattan, Dr. Pardeep

Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Sunil Prajapati, Pawan Sharma, Kulbhushan Mohtra, Pawan Sharma, Sanjay Baru, Parduman Singh, Prerna Nanda, and others paid tributes in the party headquarters.

Meanwhile both the noble souls were also paid floral tributes at the party Kachi Chawni, Jammu, in a programme organized by District Jammu led by its President Rajesh Gupta.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Priya Sethi, BJP NEM, Veenu Khanna, Ayodhya Gupta, Sanjay Baru, Parduman Singh, and others were present in the Kachi Chawni. Tributes were also paid by the BJP's Kashmir Displaced District led by its President Rajeev Pandita.

Shrine Board, THDCIL & GSI collaborate for enhanced Pilgrim safety on Vaishno Devi track

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATRA, APRIL 9

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited India Limited (THDCIL) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI) to enhance pilgrim safety and security during the pilgrimage to the revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. This decision was made during a recent Meeting of the Board held under the Chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT with the objective to ensure the long-term safety and resilience of the yatra route through advanced geotechnical and geophysical investigations, coupled with the design of modern slope stabilization measures.

The MoU was signed by Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional CEO, SMVDSB; Dr. Niraj Agrawal, GM, Design (Civil-II), THDCIL and Sanjiv Kumar, Deputy Director General, GSI (NR) in the presence of Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB along with senior officers from Shrine Board, THDCIL and GSI.

The MoU outlines the scope of work, roles and responsibilities of SMVDSB,



THDCIL and GSI by establishing committees to conduct geological investigations and geotechnical surveys to identify potential risks on the pilgrimage track. The data collected will be used further to develop and implement effective measures to mitigate the risks associated with landslides and rockfalls. The partnership will also facilitate the sharing of expertise and resources among the three organizations. The agreement also involves conducting an extensive LIDAR survey to identify and delineate areas of slope instability particularly along the Adhkuwari to Bhawan yatra route for treatment measures with execution of work under-

taken under the close supervision of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

Notably, the Shrine Board has been working with THDCIL since 2012 to mitigate the risks associated with falling stones and landslides, which posed a threat to pilgrim safety. THDCIL have so far treated and stabilized 28 sites, which have been identified as most vulnerable landslide and stone falling areas on the yatra track. Effective measures are implemented in vulnerable zones including installation of rockfall barriers, wire mesh, concrete work, drilling, grouting and anchoring towards which an expenditure in excess of Rs.40 Cr has been incurred by the Board till

date.

The Shrine Board under the guidance and directions of the Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB has been working tirelessly to improve the pilgrimage experience and this collaboration is a significant milestone in this endeavor. With the expertise and resources of THDCIL and GSI, the Shrine Board is poised to take a major leap forward in ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims, while promoting sustainable pilgrimage and protecting the shrine's ecosystem. Additionally, the partnership will not only enhance the safety and security of pilgrims but also contribute to the overall development of the region.

Vi 5G Goes Live at Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh

Spectators can enjoy unlimited high-speed Vi 5G free of cost

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 9TH APRIL 2025:

As the T20 cricket fever grips the nation, Vi has brought its 5G services to the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh. Ensuring that cricket lovers in Chandigarh can experience ultra-fast speeds while soaking in live cricket action, Vi has strengthened its network infrastructure to provide seamless 5G connectivity at the stadium.

To ensure high-speed connectivity to the thousands of spectators

gathering at Chandigarh Cricket Stadium for live action, Vi has deployed additional 5G network sites and strengthened its network with technologies like BTS and Massive MIMO.

These network enhancements are designed to provide the best digital experience, ensuring fans can enjoy fast, reliable connectivity even in jam-packed stadiums. Whether it's live-streaming moments, uploading reels, or staying connected with friends – Vi 5G is here to elevate the match-day experience.

Who can access Vi 5G in the stadium?

Vi customers with 5G-enabled handsets can experience unlimited Vi 5G at these sta-

diums, free of cost, by simply switching on 5G usage in their mobile settings.

Vi 5G is now available in 11 stadiums across India:

This 5G roll-out at Eden Gardens is part of Vi's strategy to give cricket fans a preview of Vi 5G at 11 prominent stadiums across India, including- Eden Gardens (Kolkata), Narendra Modi Stadium (Ahmedabad), M. Chinnaswamy Stadium (Bengaluru), Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium (Chandigarh), M. A. Chidambaram Stadium (Chennai), Arun Jaitley Stadium (Delhi), Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium (Hyderabad), Sawai Mansingh Stadium (Jaipur), Ekana Stadium

(Lucknow), Wankhede Stadium (Mumbai), and Dr. Y.S.R ACA-VDCA Stadium (Visakhapatnam).

Vi has successfully installed a total of 53 5G sites, enhanced capacity in 44 sites, and deployed 9 Cell On Wheels (CoW), in the vicinity of the stadiums ensuring that fans can stay connected like never before!

Vi customers who are unable to watch the match live at the stadiums can experience it from the comfort of their home or on the go, with special Vi recharge packs that offer subscription to Jio Hotstar along with unlimited data, starting at just Rs 101. Customers can opt for these recharges via the Vi App or visit www.myVi.in

Keshav Chopra organizes Free Health Check-up camp for Police Cops

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra Organizes 96th Free Eye Screening Camp/ General Body Health Check Up at District Police Office Jammu. The camp saw great attendance from Police Personnel in which a total of 92 cops were provided Treatment including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up and General Body examination by a team of experts from Dr KD'S Multispecialty Hospital Jammu headed by Dr J.P.Singh, During the camp Medical Tests were also Conducted and Medicines were also provided. The camp was inaugurated by Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu Joginder Singh JKPS accompanied by Superintendent of



Police Jammu North Vivek Shekhar Sharma JKPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police Hqrs Farha Nishat JKPS and Deputy Superintendent of Police DAR Sheikh Tahir Amin JKPS. Speaking during the camp SSP Jammu Joginder Singh expressed Gratitude towards Samvedna Society for organizing the camp at DPO and praised the society's initiative to provide voluntary services to the

Police Personnels at their doorstep.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra said Samvedna Society is committed to work for all the sections by providing best healthcare facilities to the people. This camp was planned exclusively to benefit the Cops and to foster a culture that is devoted to the serving of everyone. we will continue to organize such camps in

future also so that maximum people can take advantage of it, Keshav said Dr Bhavuk Kapoor, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Shipra, Dr Sakshi, Naresh Optometrist, Amit Bagoitra, Anju Chopra, Ramesh Kumar, Vikas Kumar, Nipun malhotra, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, Shazia, Arti, Palak, Kajal, Ashok, Divyansh and others were also present during the camp

Coromandel International and Saudi Mining Company Ma'aden sign MoU to Partner for Phosphatic Fertilisers

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JAMMU, APRIL 9

Coromandel International Limited, India's leading agri-solutions provider, and Ma'aden, one of the world's largest producers of phosphate fertilisers, have further strengthened their longstanding partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the long-term supply of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and NP/NPK fertilisers.

The MoU was signed on April 9, 2025, by Mr. Narayanan Vellayan, Director - Strategic Sourcing, Coromandel International Limited, and Mr. Saud Al Tamimi, Director - Fertiliser Sales Commercial, Phosphate Business Unit, Ma'aden.

Over the years Coromandel and Ma'aden have fostered a long-standing



partnership, with Ma'aden playing a vital role as a trusted supplier of ammonia to Coromandel. The new agreement marks a significant milestone in expanding this collaboration, ensuring a reliable and sustainable supply of essential fertilisers to support Indian agriculture.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Narayanan Vellayan, Director - Strategic

Sourcing, Coromandel International Limited, highlighted the importance of this agreement, stating,

"In recent times, DAP availability in India has been impacted due to global supply disruptions. This strategic partnership with Ma'aden is a natural extension of our longstanding relationship and will help Coromandel

ensure timely availability of DAP and complex fertilisers to the Indian farming community. Coromandel, with its close connect to over 4.5 million farmers, remains steadfast in its commitment to Indian agriculture, working alongside Ma'aden as a trusted and sustainable partner."

Echoing similar sentiments, Mr. Saud Al Tamimi, Director - Fertiliser Sales Commercial, Phosphate Business Unit, Ma'aden, reaffirmed Ma'aden's commitment to India, saying,

"Ma'aden has been the largest supplier of phosphate fertilisers to India for over a decade. We are expanding our production capacity from 6 million tonnes to 9 million tonnes in the near term, reinforcing our commitment to serve the growing needs of India's agriculture sector."

The signing ceremony was presided over by Mr. S. Sankarasubramanian, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Coromandel International Limited, and Mr. Anas Al Bassam, Senior Vice President - Commercial, Phosphate Business Unit, Ma'aden.

Both leaders underscored the need to expand the partnership beyond phosphates and raw materials, focusing on collaborative efforts in R&D, innovation, and speciality products to advance sustainable farming practices.

Senior officials from both Coromandel International and Ma'aden participated in the ceremony, reinforcing the strong commitment of both companies to strengthen their strategic partnership and contribute to the food security of India.

Govt. tactically skipped Waqf Bill debate to appease BJP: Hakeem Yaseem

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APRIL 9

Hakeem Muhammad Yaseem, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, on Wednesday said that the ruling party deliberately skipped the discussion on the controversial Waqf Amendment Bill in assembly to please BJP.

In a statement issued here, Hakeem Yaseem welcomed the move by some national political parties and Srinagar MP Syed Aga Ruhullah, who individually approached the court by filing writ petitions against the bill. But he said this principled stand only defied the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference's (JKNC) duplicity and dangerous silence in the Assembly.

"By avoiding the debate, the NC has openly surrendered before the BJP. Their silence wasn't accidental, it was a calculated move to appease the ruling party. At a time when the people of Jammu and Kashmir expected them to resist, they chose compromise,"



Hakeem said. "This isn't the first time, they have mastered the art of silence over the last 70 years. And now, yet again, they've stabbed public sentiment in the back."

He said the NC's decision not to confront the bill in the legislature was nothing short of a political sell-out.

"They had the numbers, the mandate, and the responsibility—but lacked the spine. Instead of confronting the bill head-on, they watched in silence as a vital institution linked to our religious and cultural identity was undermined."

Taking direct aim at Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Hakeem accused him of playing the

role of a "mute spectator" when the people needed leadership the most.

He remained conspicuously silent on all major forums. Neither protested nor defended the people's interests. This silence speaks volumes, it was deliberate and complicit.

The senior PDF leader also ridiculed the NC's newfound willingness to approach the courts.

"Now, under public pressure, they are talking about filing writ petitions. This is damage control—an attempt to cover up their shameful conduct in the Assembly. But the people are not fools. They see through this eyewash."

Hakeem Yaseem demanded a public apology from the National Conference leadership, saying they had deceived the faith of the people who had reposed full trust in them by giving them a clear mandate.

"What happened in the Assembly wasn't a lapse—it was collusion. And history will remember it as yet another chapter in the NC's long record of compromises."

Shivraj Singh Chouhan leads India at third BIMSTEC Ministerial meeting on Agriculture at Kathmandu

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APR 9

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan led India at the 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (BAMM) in Kathmandu, Nepal today. The one-day event was graced by the Agriculture Ministers and Senior Agriculture officials of the BIMSTEC countries namely India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka. This meeting provided an opportunity for a greater regional cooperation in the field of Agricultural development.

Over the past decade, BIMSTEC has emerged as a significant forum for promoting regional development, connectivity and economic progress in the Bay of Bengal region. "Agriculture and Food Security" is one of the BIMSTEC core areas of cooperation. This was the third meeting of BAMM, the highest decision-making body shaping regional agricultural cooperation. The 1st BAMM took place in Myanmar on 12 July 2019, followed by the 2nd BAMM in India on 10



November 2022. During the 3rd BAMM, the Agriculture Ministers deliberated on ways and means to infuse greater momentum to the BIMSTEC agriculture sector including fisheries and livestock cooperation.

In his address, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that BIMSTEC is a natural choice for India to fulfil its key foreign policy priorities of 'Neighbourhood First' and 'Act East Policy'. BIMSTEC has the potential to connect South and Southeast Asia. We have a shared history and a rich cultural heritage that makes us natural partners. Minister mentioned that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, India has been implementing targeted measures such as direct transfer of cash to farmers, improving access to institutional credit, Soil Health Card,

National Food Security Mission, Crop Insurance, Namu Drone Didi Scheme for providing drones to women. India is focusing on using digital technologies to empower farmers. Along with this, organic farming and natural farming are also being promoted while maintaining focus on environmental protection and soil health.

He reiterated India's commitment to strengthen agricultural cooperation within BIMSTEC and felt happy to note that India has taken the initiative under BIMSTEC Agriculture Cooperation (2023-2027) by organizing trainings and workshops in the field of seed development, animal health and pest management. India also offers fully funded BIMSTEC Scholarships for students from BIMSTEC member nations to pursue M.Sc. and Ph.D. in India. This reflects our collective

efforts towards enhancing capacity building in the agriculture sector in the region.

To further strengthen cooperation among BIMSTEC countries, India has proposed the establishment of 'BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence for Agriculture Cooperation in India'. This centre will play an important role in resolving and operationalizing various commitments of BIMSTEC in agriculture and allied sectors in a timely manner. This centre will focus on precision agriculture, mitigating climate risk, natural farming, gender equality and artificial intelligence. It will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge and skills on emerging technologies including drones, digital technologies to ensure food security, nutrition and livelihood security in the region.

Shri Chouhan shared that Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has announced the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit- 2025 in December 2024 which aims to bring together the world of entertainment, creativity and culture. It will serve as a premier platform for creativity

and technological innovation for content creators, facilitate the exchange of knowledge, and provide an opportunity to engage in meaningful collaboration on issues with media and entertainment industry leaders from around the world. This event is being held in Mumbai during 1-4 May 2025 and urged the BIMSTEC member countries to participate in this mega event.

He expressed gratitude to leaders of BIMSTEC countries for the efforts made during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit to effectively implement the Plan of Action for Strengthening BIMSTEC Agricultural Cooperation (2023-2027). He expressed gratitude for the directions to enhance cooperation in sustainable development of fisheries and livestock to improve the livelihoods of people in the region and ensure food security. He concluded by stressing that BIMSTEC is central to our efforts to ensuring food security, climate adaptation and making Agriculture Sustainable in the region and reiterated the commitment of India towards these efforts.

Commencement of New Academic Session 2025-26 at SHRD Public School Mandal

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

The divine blessings of our esteemed Chairman, Shri 1008 Sant Hare Ram Dass Ji Maharaj, and under the guidance of our revered Principal, Prof. Aketa Gupta, Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School is pleased to announce the commencement of another promising academic session.

The session begins with an enlightening session with Maharaj Ji, titled:

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire that illuminates the path of knowledge, wisdom, and self-discovery," remarked our esteemed Principal.

To mark this occasion, a Tilak Ceremony was held to welcome students, symbolizing blessings and good fortune. Following this, we proudly conducted a Gau Pujan, honoring the sacred cow—symbolizing nurturing and respect for all living beings—an integral part of our cultural values.

This was followed by engaging interactive class-



room activities designed to foster camaraderie and excitement among students. We are also proud to recognize the achievements of our outstanding students from the academic session 2024-2025. Certificates and medals were awarded to position holders, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

As our "Aadhunik Gurukul," we remain committed to harmonizing modern education with traditional values. The management, faculty, and staff extend a warm welcome to all students and parents. We anticipate a fruitful year filled with learning, growth, and holistic development.

Director reviews progress of official language implementation at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, APR 9

Officials at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday reviewed the progress of official language implementation in the fourth and last quarterly meeting of financial year 2024-2025.

The meeting of the Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) was held at Committee Room and was presided over by Incharge Director NIT Srinagar Prof Roohi Naaz, Institute's Registrar Prof Atikur Rehman.

It was convened to review the progress of Rajbhasha (official language) implementation across various departments and administrative sections of the Institute during the financial year 2024-25.

The meeting was also attended by incharge Hindi

Officer Dr. R.P. Shukla (Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering), Heads of Departments, Centres and sections.

On the occasion, Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Roohi Naaz appreciated the commendable efforts made by the Rajbhasha Cell and active participation of departments in promoting the use of Hindi in official work.

She emphasized that the main signboards on campus will soon be made trilingual—Urdu, Hindi, and English on a priority basis to promote inclusivity and accessibility.

Prof. Naaz said that the Institute's commitment to effectively implementing the directives of the Department of Official Languages, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

She also discussed that there is a need for permanent posts in Rajbhasha Cell and for that commu-



nication is already under process with the department of Higher Education. Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman stated that all directions issued by the Official Language Implementation Committee are being followed in letter and spirit on the campus.

"Important circulars and official orders are regularly issued in bilingual format to ensure compliance with Rajbhasha guidelines. NIT

Srinagar has made significant progress in this direction, and we are confident of achieving even greater milestones in the future," he said. Hindi Officer, Dr RP Shukla informed the chair that so far 28 ministerial staff of the institute have successfully completed Prabodh Course under the Hindi teaching scheme and now have been registered in Praveen Course.

"Besides these 3 employees including an Officer

have qualified the last Parangat Course under the Ministry guidelines," he said.

During the session, it was discussed that training sessions will be organized for more employees of the Institute in line with the Official Language Policy of the MHA. These sessions will provide basic knowledge of Hindi to enhance reading and writing capabilities for effective usage in official correspondence. The training initiative will be supervised by Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Dar, Hindi Teaching Supervisor, Rajbhasha Cell.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Hindi Translator Dr Sabzar Gani, who expressed his gratitude to the Director, Registrar, and all members of the OLIC for their continuous support and cooperation in strengthening the role of Rajbhasha Cell on campus.

Indian Army conducts Registration & Training for Agniveer Aspirants at Doda



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The Indian Army conducted Agniveer registration & Training camp at Doda. A total of 21 youths attended the said program. This initiative aims to support the Indian Government's effort to inspire & prepare the nation's youth for a transformative journey of service and skill development as Agniveers. As part of the ongoing commitment to national development and community engagement, Indian Army

hosted this activity to promote awareness, empower aspirants & enhance community participation.

The purpose of organizing the camp was to motivate youth to get enrolled through Agnipath scheme launched by the Indian Government. The Agniveers will be infused into the civil society where they can contribute immensely towards the nation building process. The Agniveer training & registration drive underscores Indian Army's unwavering com-

mitment to patriotic and skilled youth population ready to contribute to India's growth & security. This event was a noble undertaking by the Indian Army to motivate the youth of our district, further strengthening the bond between the Indian Army and the Awam. The participants had glowing reviews and feedback for the event, with many hoping such events to be conducted regularly by Indian Army to prepare the youth better for upcoming recruitment rallies.

Cabinet approves CADWM Modernization under PMKSY for 2025-26

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NEW DELHI, 09 APR

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the Modernization of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM) as a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the period 2025-2026 with an initial total outlay of Rs.1600 crore.

The scheme aims for modernization of the irrigation water supply network to supply of irrigation water from existing canals or other sources in a designated cluster. It will make robust backend infrastructure for micro-irrigation by farmers from established source to the Farm gate upto 1 Ha with underground pressurized piped irrigation. The use of SCADA, Internet of things technology will be used for water accounting and water management. This will increase the Water Use Efficiency (WUE) at the farm level, increase agriculture production & productivity; and thereby increase the income of farmers.

The projects will be made sustainable by Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) to the Water User Society (WUS) for management of irrigation assets. The Water User Societies will be given handholding support for linking them with existing Economic Entities like FPO or PACS for five years. The youth will also be attracted to farming, to adopt the modern method of irrigation.

The initial approval is for taking up pilot projects across various agroclimatic zones in the country by challenge funding to the states. Based on the learning's in design and structuring of these projects, National Plan for Command Area Development and Water Management will be launched starting from April 2026 for the 16th Finance Commission period.

GDC Sunderbani commemorates birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

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SUNDERBANI, APRIL 9

The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Sunderbani organized a one-day seminar as part of a series of events to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice and equality. The event was held in the college premises and witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty, students, and NSS volunteers. The seminar was graced by the presence of Dr. Vandana verma the Worthy Principal of GDC Sunderbani, who delivered a powerful keynote address highlighting the life, philosophy, and immense contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to Indian society. In



her address, the Principal emphasized Dr. Ambedkar's unwavering commitment to social reform, education, and empowerment of the marginalized. She called upon the youth to draw inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar's life and dedicate themselves to building an inclusive and equitable society. Students actively participated in the seminar, presenting thought-provoking speeches, papers, and reflections on Dr. Ambedkar's role in nation-building, his vision of democracy, and his advocacy for human rights and social justice. Their presenta-

tions sparked engaging discussions and showcased a deep understanding of Dr. Ambedkar's legacy. The event served not only as a tribute to Dr. Ambedkar but also as a platform to educate and motivate the young minds of the college to uphold constitutional values and work toward social transformation. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Manjeet Singh the NSS Programme Officer, who appreciated the support of the college administration and the energetic involvement of students in making the event a success.

Amit Shah's visit a missed opportunity to rebuild trust in J&K: Rattan Lal

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has expressed deep disappointment and strong resentment over the recently concluded three-day visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir. He anguished against the visit of Home Minister which seemed to be a mere formality devoid of any substantive assurance regarding the long-pending and emotionally significant demand of the people—the restoration of full-fledged statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

In a press statement issued here today, the senior NC leader said that the people of J&K were anxiously awaiting some concrete announcement from the Home Minister, especially on the restoration of statehood, which was promised multiple times on the floor of the Parliament by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. "Unfortunately, the visit has only added to the



frustration and alienation of the people, as Amit Shah chose to remain silent on the core issue, thereby betraying the hope of millions who were eagerly waiting for a positive statement," he stated.

He further asserted that while the Union Government continues to disappoint the people with its shifty stand but the NC-led Government under the dynamic leadership of the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has already begun delivering on its promises made during the recent Assembly elections. "In a span of just five months, Omar led government has implemented several pro-people initiatives like free travel for women in government buses, enhanced

marriage assistance for underprivileged girls, provision of 200 units per month of free electricity for AAY families, increase in ration quota from 5 Kg to 10 Kg per person per month to AAY families and exemption from Stamps duties for registration of Gift deed among blood relations, he said.

Rattan Lal Gupta remarked that such timely and people-centric decisions by the Omar Abdullah-led government reflect the sincerity and commitment of the JKNC towards the welfare of the common masses. However, he lamented that the Centre has failed to reciprocate the aspirations of the people by continuously dodging the statehood issue.

The Provincial President appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to stay united and vigilant against the anti-people policies. "The National Conference will continue to raise the voice of the people and fight relentlessly until the dignity and identity of Jammu and Kashmir are fully restored through the reinstatement of its statehood," he affirmed.

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| SNO | Name of Place | Date | Nodal Officer | Name of Official/ BLO'S |
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| 1 | Migrant Camp Nagrota | 11.04.2025 to 12.04.2025 | Dr Satish Kumar Dhar 8825061272 | Sh. Dalip Kumar Jalali 7889602402 Roop Krishen Sapruo Cell No. 9906219587 Ankit Bhat MTS Cell No. 70061 60581 |
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| 3 | Purkhoo Camp | 19.04.2025 | Raj Nath Thusoo 8825060665 | Sh. Murad Ali Mob. No. 7051123602 Raj Nath MOB.NO-7006019280 |
| 4 | Shiv Mandir Sarwal | 13.04.2025 | Pardeep Singh 9906220811 | Sh.Ashwani Kumar Bhat BLO Mob. 7006347241 Chand Ji Walli MOB.No-9086699128 Ashok Koul Cell No.7006003477 |
| 5 | Migrant Camp Muthi | 17.04.2025 to 18.04.2025 | Sh. Ateeq Ahmad Wani Mob. No:9906366388 | Sh Kuldeep Kumar Tickoo Mob No.9149539124 Jagdish Kardar Cell No. 7889543723 Sh.Sunil Kumar CL Cell No.7006320421 |
| 6 | Jigar Institute, Sector 4 Gangyal | 20.04.2025 | Sh. Gourav Sharma Mob. No. 9419129449 | Sh. Amit Tutoo Mob. No. 7006846495 Virender Kumar Mob No. 9858721878 Karan Singh Cell No.9419149377 Raj Kumar JA MOB.No.9149469580 |
| 7 | Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra Bohri | 21.04.2025 | Pardeep Singh 9906220811 | Sh.Ramesh Kumar Mob. No. 9469384591 Sh.Bansi Lal Raina Mob. No. 9419115009 Sh.Rakesh Koul Mob. No. 8082131252 Sh.Kiran Jee Cell No.9149672561 Sh.Chankar Singh Cell No.9682337443 |
| 8 | Shiv Mandir Durga Nagar | 22.04.2025 | Raj Nath Thusoo 8825060665 | Sh.Ramesh Raina Cell No 985812088 Sh.Ajay Sudan Mob. No.7889966427 Sh.Dileep Kumar Koul Mob. No. 7006184174 Sh.Rajinder raina Cell No. 9622332274 |
| 9 | Sharika Mandir M,H Chowk Udhampur | 23.04.2025 | Sh. Raj Kumar, Zonal Officer (9596557086) | Sh.Surjeet Singh Jamwal RA cell No. 9419163539. Sh.Raj Kumar Bumzai BLO Cell No. 9419270203 |

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Per Primary Wing of Army Public School Ratnuchak inaugurated

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JAMMU, 09 APR 2025

Army Public School Ratnuchak celebrated a landmark occasion today with the grand inauguration of its pre-primary wing, attended by a distinguished gathering of dignitaries and special guests. The event was graced by Brig Sumeet Sharma Chairman APS Ratnuchak, Mrs Monika Sharma as the Guest of Honour, Principal Mrs Sonal Sharma, and other prominent personalities.

The ceremony commenced with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, followed by a warm welcome address and the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The atmosphere was elevated by a soulful rendition of the Saraswati Van-



dana and an enchanting dance performance, showcasing the vibrant talent of the students. These performances beautifully set the tone for the Chairman's inspiring address, which underscored the transformative power of education in shaping indi-

viduals and advancing society.

The event concluded with a guided tour of the school campus, offering guests a glimpse into the institution's steadfast commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

Amit Shah's visit reaffirms Centre's zero tolerance policy against terrorism: Bali Bhagat

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former Minister, on Wednesday said that the three-day visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir has sent a strong and clear message that terrorism will be eliminated from the region very soon. He asserted that the Central Government is working with a resolute approach of zero tolerance against all forms of terrorism and those aiding such activities.

In a press statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader said that the recent surge in terror-related incidents,



particularly in the Kathua district and other parts of the Jammu region, has once again highlighted the need for an uncompromising crackdown on terrorists and their overground workers (OGWs). "The Centre is well aware of the emerging challenges, and the Home Minister's

detailed review meetings with security and intelligence agencies during his J&K visit reaffirm the government's seriousness and preparedness," he said.

Bali Bhagat said that the security forces have been given a free hand to act decisively against terrorists, their handlers, and OGWs. "Those who are supporting terrorism in any form, whether directly or indirectly, will be dealt with sternly under the law. No leniency will be shown to those who are enemies of peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

The senior BJP leader lauded the Centre's unwavering stand and the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, saying that their vision for a peaceful and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir is being implemented with seriousness and full force.

Bali Bhagat also urged the people of J&K to stay alert and cooperate with the administration by reporting any suspicious activities. "Together, we can defeat the nefarious designs of our enemies and restore complete peace in the region," he said.

The senior BJP leader reassured the public that the days of fear are numbered and that a new era of security and development is on the horizon.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, APRIL 9

Chief Engineer, (Distribution), JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Receiving Station Samba-2 and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 11 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial Areas of Bari Brahmana, Kartholi, Ratnuchak, B.D. Bari and other adjoining areas will remain affected on April 11 from 8 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Sarthal, Kuntwara, Trigam and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 10 and 12 from 9 am to 2 pm.

GCET Jammu organizes multiple events to commemorate upcoming Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

The NSS Unit of Government College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu organized a series of thought-provoking events to commemorate the upcoming 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the visionary architect of the Indian Constitution.

These events, held under the guidance of Principal Prof. Sameru Sharma who highlighted not only Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contributions to social justice but also his profound economic ideas that laid the foundation for inclusive growth and poverty alleviation in India.

In her address to students, Prof. Sharma underscored Dr. Ambedkar's multifaceted legacy, emphasizing his role as a champion for equality, human rights, and socio-economic empowerment. "Dr. Ambedkar was a true nationalist and a relentless advocate for the marginalized. His work extended beyond social reforms, as he sought to create economic opportunities for the poor, ensuring that prosperity was accessible to all segments of society," said Prof. Sharma.

The event series included a vibrant debate compe-



tion on the theme "Role of Constitution in Democracy," where students from various engineering branches expressed their perspectives on how the Constitution sustains and strengthens India's democratic ideals. In addition, a creative poster-making competition on the theme "Rights and Duties: Two sides of the same coin" allowed students to visually explore the delicate balance between individual rights and societal responsibilities.

Senior NSS volunteers Arnav Sharma, Dhanush Dalmotra, Mehak, Vanishika, Aneesh, Anshdeep, Oshan Manhas, Eshwank, Ragav and Rudhar Gupta

played a key role in organizing the event under the expert guidance of NSS Program Officer Dr. Raman Gupta.

"Dr. Ambedkar's legacy is an enduring source of inspiration," said Dr. Gupta. "By engaging in these activities, we hope to instill in our students the values of social justice and economic equality, which remain as relevant today as they were in Dr. Ambedkar's time."

GCET remains committed to fostering a learning environment that encourages students to engage with the nation's history, reflect on its challenges, and contribute to creating a more just and inclusive society.

Tony condemns Murderous Attack on Sr. journalist Ajay Meenia

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JAMMU, APRIL 9

Senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony has strongly condemned the heinous attack on Ajay Meenia, a senior correspondent of Amar Ujala and an executive member of the Press Club Jammu. The incident, which occurred near the Kullian area of RS Pura, has been described by Tony as nothing short of an attempt to murder and a direct assault on the freedom of the press.

Expressing deep concern over the safety of journalists in the region, Tony urged the local police administration to take immediate and stringent action against the culprits



involved. "This was not just an attack on an individual, but on the fourth pillar of democracy. Such gunda elements must be dealt with firmly to ensure that the voice of truth is not silenced by violence and intimidation," Tony said in his statement. He appealed to the

SDPO RS Pura and the concerned DySP to ensure that a thorough and impartial investigation is conducted, covering all possible angles of the case. "A tough lesson must be taught to those behind this cowardly act, so that such incidents do not recur in future," he added.

Tony also demanded that the Police Department provide adequate security cover to journalists, especially those working in sensitive areas, to safeguard their lives and allow them to perform their duties without fear. "This brutal attack is a wake-up call. The government and the police must act swiftly to uphold the dignity and security of the press," he added.

Precious assembly hours being wasted over Waqf law ruckus: Suri

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 9

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) executive member Raman Suri expressed his deep concern and disappointment over the ongoing uproar in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, led by the National Conference (NC), regarding the Waqf law—an issue that clearly falls outside the purview of the J&K Assembly. This unnecessary disruption is wasting precious hours of the Assembly, which should instead be devoted to addressing the pressing needs and aspirations of the people of the state which NC had promised during electioneering.

The budget session, which resumed on Monday following the Eid and Navratri holidays, was anticipated to be a platform for meaningful discussions on private proposals, bills, and issues of public interest. However, the National Conference's insistence on raising the Waqf law has derailed proceedings, plunging the House into chaos, Raman Suri said.

This is particularly disheartening at a time when the Speaker of the Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, has taken a firm and commendable stand by disallowing debate on this matter, adhering strictly to the rules of the House. We appreciate Speaker Rather's efforts to uphold the sanctity of the Assembly and ensure that its time is not squan-

dered on matters beyond its jurisdiction.

Raman Suri said, It is unfortunate and unacceptable that the MLAs of the ruling party, particularly the National Conference, are unwilling to respect the Speaker's decision. The ruling party bears a greater responsibility to ensure the smooth functioning of the House, yet it has chosen to fuel this ruckus, undermining the democratic process. Those disrupting proceedings too, have failed to rise above petty politics, contributing to the deadlock instead of focusing on constructive dialogue.

He added that people of Jammu and Kashmir have placed their trust in the government and its promises, expecting it to address critical issues such as development, infrastructure, and welfare in this first budget session of the new government—formed after a decade-long gap since the last Assembly elections. However, the continuous sloganeering and disruptions over the Waqf law are eroding public confidence in the legislative process.

The Assembly is not a platform for grandstanding or settling political scores—it is a sacred space meant to serve the people.

The Waqf law, as clarified by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, is not within the ambit of the J&K Assembly's legislative authority and is

being contested in the Supreme Court. Attempts to debate it are futile, as such matters are governed by existing legal frameworks and institutions like the Waqf Boards. Moreover both houses of the Parliament have debated on the subject for multiple hours.

Any disputes or revisions related to this law are for the courts to adjudicate, not the Assembly. The new constitutional framework has already addressed these concerns, and there is no scope for the Assembly to intervene in what is essentially a settled matter. Raising this issue now is nothing more than a distraction from the real challenges facing the state.

Raman Suri said that elected representatives of the ruling party must cease this wasteful disruption and redirect their energies toward fulfilling the aspirations of the people. The time of the Assembly is a valuable resource that must be utilized to discuss developmental agendas, public welfare schemes, and solutions to regional problems—not squandered on issues that serve no purpose other than political posturing.

We stand firm in our commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and call for an immediate end to this chaos. Let the Assembly function as it was intended—to serve the public, not to stage unnecessary confrontations, he asserted.

Bharti Airtel Foundation and Dte School Education, Jammu celebrate Teachers' Conclave with Grand Culmination Ceremony

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 9 April

Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, successfully concluded a five-day Teachers' Conclave held district-wise from 16th January 2025 to 21st January 2025. It provided a platform for teachers to share their best practices, learnings, and challenges with the broader teaching community. Discussions spanned across key areas including Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), classroom management, co-scholastic domains, academic and subject-specific improvements, and technology integration in education. Each webinar session was moderated by the respective District Nodal Officers (DNOs).

Featuring two sessions each day, the conclave focused on a range of topics including classroom management, academic and subject-specific improvements, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), co-scholastic domains, and the integration of technology in education. Each session was led by a panel of four educators from each participating district and moderated by the respective District Nodal Officers (DNOs). The conclave recorded a total of 8,184 participations, with active involvement from the districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Kishtwar, Udhampur, Reasi, Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Ramban.

The Teachers' Conclave culmination ceremony brought together educators, DNOs (District Nodal Officers), HOIs (Heads of Institutions) and dignitaries for a day of collaboration and recognition. The event featured an engaging panel discussion moderated by Mr.

Binu Nair, Chief Programs and Operations, Bharti Airtel Foundation, where teachers shared real classroom outcomes, challenges, and the transformative impact of the program on their practice. Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director, Directorate of School Education, Jammu, presided the gathering, celebrating the commitment of teachers and the collaborative spirit that made this initiative a success.

Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO of Bharti Airtel Foundation, addressed the gathering and shared, "The Teachers' Conclave is a powerful example of how we can build a thriving community of practice among educators. While today marks the culmination of the conclave, it is truly the beginning of a larger movement - led by the pioneers of change present here - who will continue to share their experiences and learning with the wider teaching community. This ripple effect has the potential to transform classrooms and strengthen the future of education."

The ceremony featured the launch of the Teachers' Conclave Booklet and the Jammu Channel on The TeacherApp. A special session on Action Research by Dr. (Prof.) Naresh Kumar Gupta, Retired Professor, NCERT, offered educators valuable insights into the nuances of Action Research in Education and how a well-structured approach can help address critical challenges within the classroom.

All 40 teachers who presented their best practices during the conclave were honoured with certificates of appreciation in recognition of their commitment and active participation. Additionally, DNOs were acknowledged with certificates for their efforts in making the Teachers' Conclave a success.

Two properties of militant handlers attached in Sopore

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SRINAGAR, APR 9 (UNI)

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday attached properties of two suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba handlers in Sopore sub-district.

Police said seven marlas of land belonging to two LeT terrorist handlers Bilal Ahmad Mir and Moham-mad Umar Mir of Brath Kalan Sopore were attached under the provisions of Sections 82, 83 of CrPC, by a team of Police and revenue officials, after receiving approval from competent authority.

"These actions are connected to two cases under UAPA registered in police station Sopore in 2022," Police said.

Police sources said both Bilal and Umar are currently based in Pakistan.

Foundation Day of All J&K Gaddi sabha will be celebrated on 14 April, 2025



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

Meeting of All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi sabha held at Udhampur under the chairmanship of Kuldeep Kumar regarding celebration of Gaddi sabha Foundation Day on 14th of April 2025 at Blue Sapphire Hotel Near PWD Dakbanga Udhampur Those who spoke on the occasion are. . Manoj kumar Ajay

brahamnu. Rakesh kumar. Ajay kumar. Krishan lal, Pawan kumar. Parshotam kumar, Pradeep kumar. Manish kumar, Naresh brahmanu, Pawan kumar.. Rohit kumar, Arun kumar. Sujal kumar. Sanjay kumar. Dev raj. Anil kumar. Balwant kumar. Ajay kumar. Pawan kumar. Nakesh pal. Ajay kumar. Ukesh kumar Adish kumar. Vishal kumar. Etc

Shiv Sena announced its support to protest, dharna of JKESL

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 9

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has announced full support to the protest march and dharna demonstration of JKESL on April 11, in protest against the incidents of misbehavior with former and serving soldiers. According to the press release issued from the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the increase in cases of misbehavior by police personnel with serving soldiers and



ex-servicemen is condemnable. Sahni announced his full support and personal participation in the protest march, to be held on 11 April 2025 at Maharaja Hari Singh statue site located on Tawi bridge in Jammu by the Jammu and Kashmir Ex-Servicemen League (JKESL).

District Admin Jammu organises series of impactful anti-drug awareness events

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JAMMU, APRIL 09

The District Administration Jammu, under the directives of Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya and the overall supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner Anshu Jamwal today continued with impactful Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programmes to combat drug abuse.

One such event was held at Tawi Mahal, Udheywala, drawing participation from over a hundred attendees, including local residents, ex-corporators, ex-Sarpanches, government officials and members of the general public.

The campaign featured presentations and speeches from resource persons deputed by the



District Administration. These included Tehsildar Jammu North Aman Kumar Anand; SDPO Domana Mudassar Chowdhary; representatives from the Social Welfare Department Kunal Gupta, Health Department Dr. Sandeep; Naib Tehsildar Muthi, Mehar Singh and Education Department representatives Shanti Saroop.

Through their addresses, the experts highlighted the dangers of drug abuse, its societal impact and the importance of rehabilitation efforts.

A special cultural performance by artists Mohin-

der, Surjit and Balbir from the Information Department captivated the audience. Utilising music and art - the powerful mediums of communication, they sensitised attendees about the menace of drug addiction and its connection to crime within society.

Community Hall Trilokpur in Tehsil Jammu West also hosted a similar event where local residents gathered to discuss preventive measures against drug abuse. These initiatives are part of the month-long IEC campaign launched by the J&K Government to combat substance

abuse through sustained awareness efforts across panchayats, urban local bodies, Educational Institutions and major public spaces. In addition to the event at Udheywala, similar awareness programs were organised in multiple government schools as part of a broader initiative under the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan.

Schools such as Girls HSS Akhnoor, Girls HSS Arnia, HSS Mawa Brahmana, Girls HSS Canal Road Jammu, HSS Kharah, Girls HSS RS Pura, HSS Dablehr and Govt High School Nagrota hosted awareness drives featuring nukkad natak (street plays), interactive sessions with resource persons from various departments and other engaging activities to maximise community participation.

DC Kulgam chairs DRSC meet, calls for strict action against traffic violators

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) to review the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan and deliberate on various measures to improve road safety across the district.

The meeting featured detailed discussions on the Road Safety Act, traffic calming measures, road signage and the rectification of accident-prone spots.

DC reviewed the progress on tasks assigned to various departments in previous meetings and stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination to strengthen the road safety frame-



work. Officers briefed the chair on steps taken to rectify black spots, erect crash barriers, and install road signage at critical points.

Active participation from committee members led to meaningful discussions and formulation of strategic measures aimed at enhancing road safety throughout the district.

The DC directed the concerned departments to take strict action

against traffic rule violators and emphasized the need for curbing violations effectively.

He instructed ARTO to prepare a comprehensive road safety awareness calendar.

All departments were directed to ensure timely updates on the iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database) portal.

The DC also instructed the R&B and PMGSY departments to conduct road safety audits, iden-

tify black spots and blind spots, and project them for rectification to reduce accident risks.

Furthermore, the MVD and other stakeholders were directed to carry out extensive awareness campaigns across the district.

The DC directed the R&B department to conduct safety audits of major structures and bridges in the district.

Directions were also given to R&B Department to make the approach road to NHW at Qaimoh trafficable by 20-4-2025.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Viqar Ahmad Giri; ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah; Executive Engineer R&B, ARTO, DY-SP, officers from Traffic police and other committee members.

CHC Surankote qualifies for Bronze Quality Certificate under AB-PMJAY Ayushman Bharat

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POONCH, APRIL 09

The Community Health Centre (CHC) Surankote has qualified for the Bronze Quality Certificate under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

The program, initiated by the National Health Authority (NHA), represents the first step in a three-tier certification initiative aimed at enhancing patient safety and the quality care in hospitals across India.

CHC Surankote is the first community health centre in the Peer Panjal region and the second hospital in the district after RSSDH Poonch, to achieve this prestigious certifica-



tion. The accomplishment highlights the commitment of local healthcare providers to uphold and exceed national standards for patient care.

District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal praised the exceptional efforts of the health department, stating, "This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication and hard work

of our healthcare team. I congratulate everyone involved in reaching this significant milestone." DDC Kundal specifically acknowledged the contribution of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Parvaiz Ahmed Khan; Block Medical Officer Surankote Dr. Mohd Yousf; District Coordinator Ayushman Bharat: Dr. Tanveer and the entire health team at Surankote.

DC Kishtwar reviews preparations for Multi-Specialty Surgery Camp

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KISHTWAR, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (Chairman District Red Cross Society) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the Multi-Specialty Surgical Camp being organized by Rotary International here at the District Hospital.

During the meeting, the CMO provided an update on the screening process, informing the DC that 448 patients have already been screened across various blocks for multiple health conditions. These patients are now ready for pre-anesthetic check-ups and other necessary diagnostic tests before undergoing surgery.

The DC emphasized the need for effective patient



mobilization and directed the concerned authorities to arrange transportation for the patients.

The CMO apprised the DC that all Block Medical Officers (BMOs) have nominated dedicated Nodal Officers for each block, who will collaborate closely with the District Hospital authorities to ensure smooth patient coordination.

The Medical Superintendent District Hospital informed that the pre-operative investigations

and pre-anesthetic check-ups will start from tomorrow.

He also confirmed that the operation theatres and post-operative wards have been set up in accordance with medical protocols, and all hospital staff are on standby to ensure the smooth execution of the camp.

To ensure safety, proper sanitation measures have been implemented in the hospital, maintaining a hygienic environment for patients and staff alike.

The DC assured that all necessary resources and support would be provided to ensure the success of the Rotary International Multi-Specialty Surgical Camp, which promises to significantly benefit the health and well-being of the people of Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Dr. MS DH Dr. Yudhvir Singh Kotwal, and Block Medical Officers (BMOs) from all Blocks among other concerned staff.

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Baisakhi Festival at Dera Nangali Sahib

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In a proactive approach to ensure the smooth conduct of the annual Baisakhi festival, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, along with concerned officers, visited Shriromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib today. The visit included a crucial meeting with Shriimaan Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji to discuss the arrangements needed for the festival.

During the meeting, the members of the management committee of Dera Santpura Nangali raised several important issues seeking adequate provision for drinking water, proper lighting, sanitation, security and a parking facility. They also highlighted the urgent requirement for repairing potholes on the main road leading to Nangali Sahib.

Responding to the demands, the Deputy Commissioner assured the committee that necessary security arrangements would be made and directed the ARTO to ensure organized vehicle parking during the festival. He directed for deployment of water tankers on the day of Baisakhi and instructed the Power Development Department (PDD) and Jal Sahakti to guarantee sufficient power and potable water supply.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner called on the Executive Officer of the municipality to repair all non-functional street lights and install additional lights as required.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness in and around places of worship and areas of congregation.

To bolster security, police officials were tasked with ensuring foolproof arrangements during the festival.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner inspected vehicle parking sites.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tehsildar Haveli, ARTO, XEN PHE, XEN PDD, EO Municipality, XEN PWD (R&B), along with the president of DGPC, the Manager of Nangali Sahib, members of Ramdas Sewa Society, General Secretary DGPC, and other distinguished members of Dera Nangali Sahib.

Block Diwas held at Noorkha Block in Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, APRIL 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Wednesday presided over a Block Diwas at Noorkha Block of Boniyar Tehsil, drawing significant public participation.

General public on the occasion flagged-off various developmental concerns and demands with the district administration.

Key issues raised included road connectivity, with demands for macadamization of inner link roads like Chala to Noorkha. Locals also called for the promotion of Vijitop Gagward as a tourist destination and requested construction of tourism infrastructure such as huts. The upgradation of the High School at Bimyar to a Higher Secondary School was strongly advocated to improve access to higher secondary education.

Concerns were also raised regarding drinking water shortages in certain habitations. Locals demanded swift completion of PHE schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission, and also requested the establishment of ration depots in underserved areas.

Healthcare demands included the deployment of a veterinary doctor at



Phelipora, as well as an ambulance, lab technician and night staff at PHC Bimyar. Residents further demanded linking of the irrigation pump at Nagarni with Ijjara and the development of a local playground.

Responding to the issues, DC issued several on-spot directions to the concerned departments. The Executive Engineer PHE was directed to expedite work on ongoing schemes and ensure that all unconnected habitations are covered in a time-bound manner.

The officers from FCS&CA, were instructed to examine the feasibility

and take necessary steps for establishing additional ration stores in the region to meet public needs.

The concerned Zonal Education Officer was asked to process the proposal for upgradation of the High School at Bimyar to Higher Secondary level and submit it for consideration at the appropriate level.

Regarding road development, the DC informed that PMGSY Phase 4 is underway, with DPRs submitted and around 40 roads in Sub Division Uri likely to be approved soon. He directed concerned engineers to prioritize macadamization of roads under

(CND) scheme, especially in areas highlighted during the Block Diwas.

DC also stated that the Hilan to Hakhpatri road would be developed to enhance regional tourism potential. On healthcare, he assured that an ambulance will be provided to PHC Bimyar under CSR funding, and other staff-related demands are being reviewed.

Minga Sherpa reiterated the administration's commitment to inclusive and responsive governance and assured the public that all genuine demands will be addressed with urgency.

30 local youth complete 3-month data entry operation course at Govt Polytechnic Chanderkote



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RAMBAN, APRIL 09

Government Polytechnic College (GPC), Chanderkote, Ramban today organized a certificate distribution ceremony for the successful candidates of the three-month Skill Development Course in Data Entry Operation.

The course was conducted by GPC Chanderkote and sponsored by the District Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC), under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary.

Assistant Director Employment Amit Kumar was the chief guest. The Principal of the host institution Er. Vivek Mahajan expressed gratitude to DECC Ramban for selecting GPC

Ramban as the training venue for this significant initiative aimed at youth empowerment.

Also present were, Head of Department (Electronics & Communication) Er Pawan Kumar and Course Coordinator Er. Aabid Husain, who played a key role in the successful execution of the program.

The course, which commenced on December 30, 2024, and concluded on March 29, 2025, trained 30 local youth in data entry operations. It was aimed at equipping unskilled youth with practical skills to enhance their employability. Each trainee also received a monthly stipend of 1000 for three months, provided by DECC Ramban.

The ceremony was

chaired by Principal and Assistant Director Employment. In their addresses, both congratulated the trainees and emphasized the importance of skill development for self-reliance and livelihood generation. AD Employment reaffirmed the department's commitment to continue such initiatives for the benefit of the youth of Ramban.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by HOD Electronics and Communication Engineering.

The event marked the successful culmination of a collaborative initiative between GPC Chanderkote and DECC Ramban, aimed at promoting skill-based learning and empowering the youth of the district.