

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:

- Severe and continuous headache
- Diarrhea
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or vomit

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

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Two impersonators arrested on Vaishno Devi track

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In a firm crackdown against unauthorised service providers and impersonators on the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi track, police have arrested two impersonators in Katra town of Reasi district in Jammu and Kashmir.

Police said that two separate FIRs are registered under relevant sections of law, exposing individuals fraudulently operating as Pony service providers.

During routine patrolling near Geeta Mata Mandir, Batching Ghat-2, a man claiming to be Puran Singh was stopped and asked to produce his authorised pony service licence, said police.

Police added that on verification, the photograph on the card did not match the individual, and upon further scrutiny, his Aadhaar card revealed his true identity as Manir Hussain of Jhandi, Tehsil Thakra-kote, District Reasi.

The impersonator was found to be misusing someone else's authorised card to illegally operate on the

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BSF Jawan detained by Pak rangers after accidentally crossing border

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NEW DELHI, APR 24

A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan has been detained by Pakistan Rangers after he accidentally crossed the Punjab border and talks are on between the two forces to secure his release, officials said on Thursday.

Constable PK Singh of the 182nd battalion was apprehended by the Pakistan Rangers across the Ferozepur border on Wednesday, they said.

The jawan was in uniform and carried his service rifle. He was accompanying farmers when he moved ahead to rest in shade and was apprehended by the Rangers.

A flag meeting is on between the two forces to secure the release of the BSF jawan, the officials said.

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Rains lash Kashmir parts, MeT predicts more

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The light rainfall lashed the parts of Kashmir on Thursday while the weatherman predicted the possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershowers for the next two days.

According to the news agency, Jammu and Kashmir's deficit rainfall has reduced further after the recent heavy wet spell.

The data prepared by the local Meteorological department reveals that the present deficit rainfall in J&K from March 01, 2025 to April 23, 2025 has reduced to 32 per cent with Srinagar, the summer capital of the region, recording an average rainfall.

Against the normal precipitation of 231 mm, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a

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Pahalgam attack perpetrators, their backers will be punished: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Thursday, announced that perpetrators of Pahalgam terror attack, that left 26 civilians dead, would be traced and punished and the nation won't rest till the culprits and their backers are brought to book.

Speaking at an event in Bihar's Madhubani, the Prime Minister commenced his speech by paying a silent tribute to those who lost their lives in the attack.

The Prime Minister, accord-



ing to the news agency said that the entire country is in pain because of the attack. The government is working hard

to ensure the well-being of the injured, he said.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the personal

losses of the victims' families, stating that people from various parts of India, speaking different languages, had lost their loved ones. "Someone has lost a son, someone has lost a brother, someone has lost a life partner. This pain is felt from Kargil to Kanyakumari," he said.

PM Modi described the attack not only as an assault on innocent tourists but also as an attack on India's spirit. "This was not just an attack on tourists; the enemies of India have dared to attack the

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Police release sketches of 2 Pakistanis, one local; 1,500 detained



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SRINAGAR, APR 24

Even as J&K police have released sketches of three terrorists, including two Pakistani nationals, allegedly

involved in the Pahalgam terror attack, over 1,500 suspects have been de-tained for questioning as part of the ongoing investigation, top security officials said

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chairs All Party Meeting in Delhi

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NEW DELHI, APR 24

An All Party Meeting (APM) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here on Thursday condemned the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead and opposition told the government it backs all the actions against terrorism.

Official sources told the news agency that the developments following the terror attack in Pahalgam were thoroughly discussed during the meeting. The opposition offered unconditional support



to the government's actions in combating terrorism.

The meeting was chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh and attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister

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Pahalgam Attack: MEA suspends all visas issued to Pak citizens from April 27

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SRINAGAR, APR 24

In the aftermath of Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead and several injured, the Government of India Thursday announced the suspension of all the valid visas issued to Pakistani citizens from April 27 while the medical visas will remain valid only until April 29, 2025.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all Pakistani nationals, currently in India, must leave before their visas expire, as now amended.

Further, Indian nationals

have been advised against travelling to Pakistan. Those already in the country have been urged to return at the earliest.

"In continuation of the decisions made by the Cabinet Committee on Security in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, the Government of India has decided to suspend visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect," the MEA said, adding that all existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from 27 April 2025.

"Medical visas issued to

Pakistani nationals will be valid only till 29 April 2025. All Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave the country before the expiry of visas, as now amended. Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid travelling to Pakistan. Those Indian nationals currently in Pakistan are also advised to return to India at the earliest," it added.

On Wednesday, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty, closed the Attari land border, expelled Pakistani defense staff and withdrew its own military

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Army Chief General Dwivedi to visit Srinagar today

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SRINAGAR, APR 24

In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians, mostly tourists, dead, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi will visit Srinagar on Friday to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the details available with the news agency the top Army Commanders will brief Gen Dwivedi on various aspects of the security scenario and the steps being taken to counter terrorists in the Union Territory and along the Line of Control.

"The Corps commander of Srinagar based 15 Corps and other Rashtriya Rifles formation commanders will apprise



the Army Chief about the prevailing situation in Kashmir and the strategies being framed to keep the terrorists at bay," sources said.

It's in place to mention here that India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of

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Omar, Mehbooba & others call for protection of Kashmiris outside J&K

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Amid growing concerns over the safety of Kashmiris following the deadliest terror attack in Pahalgam, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the government is in touch with authorities in other states to ensure their protection.

Former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti also spoke to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue and urged him to take immediate steps to safeguard Kashmiri students and traders facing threats and harassment across the country.

Following the terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the

lives of 25 tourists and a local resident, reports have surfaced of Kashmiri students and traders facing intimidation and abuse in several states. In Deh-radun, the Hindu Raksha Dal has allegedly issued an ultimatum, asking Kashmiris to leave the city with-in ten days.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the J&K government is in touch with the governments of others states for their protection.

"The J&K government is in touch with the governments of the states where these reports are originating from. I'm also in touch with my counterpart Chief Ministers in these states & have requested they take extra care," Omar said in a post on X.

He was responding to an

appeal of his party colleague Imran Dar wherein he had sought immediate intervention of Chief Minister on the issue of rising concern over the safety of students outside J&K.

Concerned over the reports, Mehbooba Mufti spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah, pressing for ur-gent intervention to ensure the safety and protection of Kashmiris across India.

Mehbooba extended her deepest condolences to the bereaved families of the Pahalgam terror attack victims and expressed solidarity with the nation, emphasizing that the people of Jammu and Kashmir stand united against terrorism and violence.

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Para-commando killed, 2 injured in Udhampur encounter



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A Special Forces Para Commando of the Army was killed and two others sustained injuries during a fierce encounter with terrorists in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of Udhampur district on Thursday. Officials told the news agency that the joint

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All Party Meeting led by CM Omar supports Centre's response to Pahalgam terror attack

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SRINAGAR, APR 24

An All Party Meeting (APM) chaired by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here on Thursday termed the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead as barbaric and inhuman, the meeting also supported the steps taken by the Centre in response to the carnage and paid rich tributes to martyr Syed Adil Hussain Shah, a local horse ride operator, who was killed while attempting to fight off terrorists to save tourists.

After the meeting ended, the Chief Minister, accord-



ing to the news agency, while addressing a news conference here said, "Unanimous resolution was passed to denounce the deadly attack and expressing solidarity with the families of the victims. The resolution also reiterated J&K's commit-

ment to peace and communal harmony."

The resolution, Omar said, described the April 22 attack on unarmed civilians as "barbaric" and an "attack on the values of Kashmiriyat and

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LG Sinha, Union Minister Jitendra Pay tributes to soldier martyred in encounter in Udhampur

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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh paid tributes to Army Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh, who laid down his life during an anti-terror operation in the Udhampur district. Jammu travel guide

Ali, a soldier of the Special Forces of the Army, was martyred in an encounter between



security forces and terrorists following a search operation in the Udhampur district on Thursday, officials said.

Expressing his condolences and tributes to the soldier,

Sinha said, "I bow to our Army braveheart Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh, who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. His valour and sacrifice will never be forgotten." The lieutenant governor said that the entire nation stands firmly with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief.

Union Minister Singh took to his social media handle X and wrote, "My

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DC Srinagar finalizes arrangements for smooth conduct of NEET Examination

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

In order to ensure smooth and fair conduct of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET UG-2025) examination in the district, a meeting to review the preparedness was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

On the occasion, DC took a detailed stock of the preparations and the arrangements with regard to various logistical and security measures being put in place at all designated NEET examination centers across the district, which is scheduled to be held on May 4, 2025.

The DC underlined the



importance of seamless coordination between the Administration and the National Testing Agency (NTA) to ensure the proficient and transparent conduct of this prestigious National-Level Exam.

He also emphasized on close coordination among the all concerned stakeholders to ensure free, fair and transparent conduct of the examination.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Aadil Fareed, the meeting was attended by senior Officers of Police, District Administration, Principals of City Colleges and other Educational Institutions, representatives of NTA and other concerned.

Kathua observes National Panchayati Raj Day with live streaming of PM's address

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KATHUA, APRIL 24

A special programme was today organized in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Kathua to commemorate National Panchayati Raj Day 2025. The event featured the live streaming of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address from Madhubani, Bihar, where he distributed the National Panchayat Awards and launched several key developmental projects aimed at strengthening grassroots governance across the nation.

The event in Kathua witnessed the enthusiastic participation of senior district officials and local governance representatives. Chairman DDC, Col (Retd) Mahan Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner Surinder Mohan, Additional Deputy Commissioner Vishavjeet Singh, Chief Planning Officer Ranjit Thakur, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats (ACP), District Panchayat Officer (DPO), and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries highlighted the significance of Panchayati Raj Institutions in fostering democratic values and bringing governance closer to the people. They reiterated the administration's commitment to promoting participatory development and empowering rural communities through effective implementation of schemes and active public involvement.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, APRIL 24

Superintending Engineer, (Distribution), JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Nandpur-1, Nandpur-2 and its adjoining areas will remain affected on April 26 from 7 am to 12 noon. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-III, JPDCL, Batote has informed that the power supply to Sunetar, Marta, Dheeran, Hhanwalt, R. C. Peak, Amroh, Kulwanta, Joffer and Jandrari will remain affected on April 25, 27 and 28 from 9 am to 1 pm.

JKBRSETI Rajouri empowers youth through vocational training

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RAJOURI, APRIL 24

JKBRSETI Rajouri concluded a 31-day Vocational Training Programme in Tailoring - Women's Garments, marking a significant achievement for the 34 candidates who completed the training.

The course was designed to equip the trainees with practical skills in tailoring and garment making to enhance their employability and entrepreneurial prospects.

On the last day of the course, Lead District Manager Sanjeev Bhasin emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship and encouraged the trainees to leverage government schemes such as Differential Rate of Interest (DRI), Micro Units



Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA), TEJWANI The Radiant, JKREGP (Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme) and PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme) to set up their own units. "These schemes can provide financial support, mentorship, and resources to help you to establish and grow their own tailoring ventures" he added.

The Director of JKBRSETI Suniel Sharma con-

gratulated the trainees on their achievement and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. The Director reaffirmed JKBRSETI Rajouri's commitment to providing top quality vocational training and skill development opportunities, empowering youth for better livelihoods.

The successful completion of this course demonstrates JKBRSETI Rajouri's dedication to skill development and youth empowerment in the region.

Satish Sharma, Mian Altaf visit GMC Anantnag

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, APRIL 24

Minister for Transport, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma, Member of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad along with MLA Anantnag West, Abdul Majeed Bhat today visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag to meet the injured of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack.

The visit was aimed to assess the medical condition of the injured, inspect the healthcare facilities and take stock of the treatment being offered to the attack victims there.

The Minister and the MP were briefed extensively on the immediate emergency



response carried out after the incident, the current health status of the injured and the logistical and clinical support being extended to the victims and their families. They interacted with the injured and their families, assuring them of complete support from the administration. They expressed

deep concern over the traumatic episode and conveyed heartfelt wishes for the victims' speedy recovery.

They praised the medical teams for their rapid and effective response, expressing hope that they will continue their yeoman service with the same zeal and spirit.

Office of Adv. General condemns attack on civilians at Pahalgam

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

In light of the tragic and reprehensible incident that has shaken the conscience of the nation/people of Jammu & Kashmir, a meeting was convened today at the Office of the Advocate General to deliberate upon the

collective response of the Law officers/Government Counsels.

During the meeting, deep anguish and sorrow was expressed over the heinous act perpetrated by terrorists. The participants unanimously resolved that such acts of inhuman violence must be

condemned unequivocally and collectively.

An appeal was made to the people of Kashmir, civil society, members of the Bar and Bench, and all conscientious citizens to stand united in this hour of grief and to express their unwavering commitment against terrorism in all its forms.

KVK-Anantnag organizes awareness/ Input Distribution programme for Tribal Farmers

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ANANTNAG, APRIL 24

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, under the aegis of SKUAST-Kashmir and ICAR, today organized a grand awareness-cum-input distribution programme under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) at the KVK Campus.

The event was aimed at raising awareness among tribal farmers about the various agricultural initiatives being undertaken by the Government of India to improve the livelihoods of tribal communities through modern, sustainable, and inclusive farming practices.

Prof. Rihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, was the chief guest on the occasion. A large number of officers, Programme Coordinators, and Scientists from various Research Stations and KVKs participated in the programme, showcasing a collaborative effort to uplift tribal communities in the region.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Kanth emphasized the importance of adopting innovative, climate-resilient, and sustainable agricultural technologies. She urged tribal farmers to maintain regular contact with KVK scientists and field



officers to ensure proper technical guidance and maximize the benefits of government-supported schemes.

Earlier, Dr. Ishiyaq A. Khan, Head, KVK-Anantnag, presented the welcome address and highlighted the pivotal role of KVKs in transforming agriculture at the grassroots level.

He also elaborated on the multifaceted achievements of KVK-Anantnag in areas such as capacity building, varietal promotion, entrepreneurship development, and climate-smart agriculture.

As part of the input distribution initiative, over 350 tribal farmers were provided with approximately 150 quintals of potato seed, 33 quintals of fodder maize, 10 quintals of improved paddy seed (variety SR-4), along with soybean, rajmash seeds, and agricultural tool kits. These inputs are expected to significantly boost the agricultural productivity

and income levels of tribal farmers in the region.

Prof. Javeed Mughloo, Head, KVK Pulwama and Principal Investigator of the TSP project titled 'Outreach of Technology and Distribution of Farming Tools for Economic Upliftment of ST and Low-Income Farmers,' spoke on the transformative potential of the project. He underlined how timely support, access to tools, and tailored technical training can empower resource-poor tribal communities.

As part of the programme, hand-operated agricultural tools and implements were distributed among beneficiaries under the NICRA project being implemented at KVK-Anantnag.

The initiative marked a significant step towards enhancing the socio-economic status of tribal farmers through science-led interventions and inclusive extension support.

DC Rajouri inspects Eklavya Model School, Panchayat Ghara, Ayushman Arogya Mandir in Gurdhan Bala

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, APRIL 24

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of the Gurdhan Bala area to assess the functioning of public institutions and review the facilities being provided to the local population.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the Eklavya Model Residential School and took stock of the academic and infrastructural facilities. He interacted with the students, inquired about their academic progress, and encouraged them to remain focused on their goals. He also reviewed the availability of teaching staff, hostel facilities, extracurricular activities, and other essential services being provided to the



students.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Panchayat Ghar Gurdhan Bala and reviewed its functioning. He directed the concerned officials to ensure the Panchayat Ghar is effectively utilized for governance and community-related activities, while maintaining transparency and accountability at the grassroots level.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Ayushman Arogya Mandir

at Gurdhan Bala and reviewed the healthcare services being extended to the local population. He stressed upon the need for efficient service delivery and asked the health officials to ensure the availability of medicines, regular OPDs, and prompt attention to patients.

Senior officers from district administration and concerned departments accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit.

The visit reflects the commitment of the district administration towards strengthening educational infrastructure, grassroots governance and healthcare delivery in the far-flung areas of the district.

Training on civil Registration System held at ANMT School Ramban

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RAMBAN, APRIL 24

A training-cum-sensitization session on the Civil Registration System (CRS) was conducted today at ANMT School Ramban under the guidance and direct supervision of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kamal Jee Zadoo (District Registrar, Births & Deaths) and District Statistical & Evaluation Officer Ganesh Kumar (Additional District Registrar, Births & Deaths). The session witnessed participation from Block Medical Officers, Medical Officers, and other relevant medical staff from across the district.

The training focused



on equipping the participants with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills to handle cases related to births and deaths—including their accurate recording, documentation, uploading, and enumeration. The initiative is aimed at enhancing the capacity of healthcare functionaries to ensure the effective implementation of the Civil Registration System at the grass-

roots level.

Emphasizing the significance of timely and accurate registration of vital events, the training highlighted key areas such as improving the efficiency of the civil registration system, enhancing data quality for evidence-based decision-making, and facilitating citizen access to various essential services and government benefits.

Doda Admin
observes National
Panchayati Raj
Day to celebrate
grassroots level
democracy



J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, APRIL 24

The District Administration Doda today organised a mega event here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to celebrate National Panchayati Raj Day.

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh led the event, which served as a reaffirmation of the administration's commitment to strengthening grassroots democracy through empowered Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

The participants led by the Deputy Commissioner took a salmon hygiene pledge, reaffirming their commitment to promote clean and hygienic surroundings.

Later a comprehensive review was conducted of the works being carried out by different departments including Rural Development (RDD), Agriculture, AYUSH, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Sports, and others.

The Deputy Commissioner took a department-wise assessment of ongoing projects and the implementation of government-sponsored schemes across panchayats. He particularly emphasized the importance of the JJM initiative, urging officials to ensure the protection and conservation of natural springs and water bodies, and to explore urban water resource tapping.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayats to promote hygiene initiatives in every panchayat. Additionally, he reviewed the progress under the Kisan Ghar Ghar (KGG) and Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). He instructed officials to maintain proper records of migrant labourers working in the area, including their contact details and addresses.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur; ACR Ashraf Pervez; ACD Manoj Kumar; CPO Manesh Kumar Manhas and ACP Mushraf Haff attended the event, along with PRI representatives who shared success stories and suggestions for strengthening the Panchayati system.

The program concluded with a collective pledge to ensure community welfare and effective governance through coordination between departments and PRIs. The district administration also watched the live telecast of the National Panchayati Raj Day celebration from Madhubani, Bihar, where Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Gram Sabhas nationwide.

One-Day Training Program on Revised Birth & Death Registration Rules held at CMO Office Rajouri

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RAJOURI, APRIL 24

In line with the recent amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 2022, issued by the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department, Jammu and Kashmir, a one-day training program was organized here at the Auditorium of the office of Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

As per the amended rules, Superintendents, Medical Officers, and In-charge officers of Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and other government health institutions have been designated as Registrars of Births and Deaths for their respective institutions.

The training program was conducted under the directions of the Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Jammu & Kashmir UT, with the objective of sensitizing and equipping the newly designated Registrars with the necessary knowledge and tools to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

The session was chaired by the Chief Medical Officer,



who also serves as the District Registrar. Also present was District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO), Rajouri, who has been designated as the Additional District Registrar.

The training was attended by Block Medical Officers, in-charge officers of 28 Government Health Institutions and the data entry operators.

Participants received detailed instruction on the role and responsibilities under the amended rules, documentation procedures, and real-time data entry. A live demonstration of the Civil Registration System (CRS) portal was provided by master trainers from the offices of the CMO and DSEO, ensuring hands-on exposure to digital registration procedures.

Speaking on the occasion,

the CMO Rajouri emphasized the importance of timely and accurate registration of vital events and encouraged all participants to actively adopt the digital tools provided. The DSEO Rajouri also highlighted the role of robust data in planning and public policy formulation, urging strict adherence to the updated guidelines.

The training concluded with an interactive Q&A session, during which the attendees clarified their queries and shared feedback to further streamline the implementation process at the grassroots level.

The initiative marks a significant step towards strengthening the civil registration mechanism in Jammu & Kashmir UT and ensuring improved service delivery and governance in the health sector.

District Administration Samba orchestrates National Panchayati Raj Day Commemoration

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District Administration Samba marked the National Panchayati Raj Day 2025 by organizing an impactful event with overwhelming participation across all levels of local governance.

The district-level celebration, spearheaded by District Development Commissioner Rajesh Sharma and coordinated by Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Nar Singh Dayal Verma, brought together district officials, Panchayati Raj Institution members, youth leaders, women representatives, and diverse community stakeholders in a powerful

demonstration of inclusive governance.

Attendees participated in a live broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address, which emphasized the transformative potential of self-reliant local governance systems. Following directives from district leadership, Block Development Officers ensured the Prime Minister's message reaches every Panchayat through synchronized broadcasts, creating a cascading effect of engagement throughout rural communities.

"Today's celebration represents more than ceremonial observance—it showcases our collective resolve to build transpar-

ent, accountable rural institutions that truly serve citizen needs," said DDC Sharma during the event.

The gathering featured compelling exhibitions highlighting Samba's innovative local governance practices and developmental achievements, offering inspiration for further advancement of Panchayati Raj objectives.

As India continues strengthening democratic foundations at the grassroots level, Samba District stands as a model of participatory governance through its whole-of-district approach to empowering local democratic institutions.

DLSA Shopian organises awareness programme for LSUC at GHSS Zainapora

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, APRIL 24



District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian in collaboration with Education Department, Shopian today organized an awareness programme for Legal Services Unit for Children (LSUC), support for Admission/Re-admission in schools at Government Higher Secondary School Zainapora.

The programme was organized under the guidance of Mudassar Farooq, Secretary DLSA Shopian.

Deputy LADC, Dawood Ahmad Khan in his address briefed the audience about the Role of District Legal Services Authority in rendering the services. In his address he 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.

Earlier, Assistant LADC, Bisma Rafiq gave a brief introduction about the programme.

Sajad Ahmad Najar, Assistant LADC, briefed the audience about LSUC and about educational opportunities for children particularly those rescued from trafficking, abuse, and other challenging circumstances and how we can support them for Admission/Re-admission in schools.

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Dy CM, Advisor to CM meet Maharashtra Dy CM

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, along with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on the instructions of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, today met Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde, to express their deepest condolences on the death of Maharashtra civilians in Pahalgam terrorist attack.

The J&K Dy CM also raised the concern regarding safety of Kashmiri people residing in Maharashtra with Eknath Shinde.

Shinde assured full support from his government, assuring committed towards taking care



of J&K residents in Maharashtra. He assured establishment of a dedicated helpline number with a Nodal Officer to assist those in need.

Surinder Choudhary said that the brutal targeting of innocent civilians in this cowardly attack is highly reprehensible. He added that targeting innocent tourists, is extremely condemnable and painful.

Condemning the cowardly terrorist attack, the Dy CM also expressed his condolences to the families of the deceased.

Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, while expressing his condolences, said that the entire nation is united in fighting the scourge of terrorism. He added that these dastardly targeted attacks are a blot on humanity.

Implementation of E-Office System up to Block Level discussed at Poonch



JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, APRIL 24

Deputy Commissioner of Vikas Kundal chaired a critical meeting today in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office complex to review the implementation, extension, and operationalization of the E-Office system across all government offices in the district.

The initiative is part of a broader effort to streamline government operations by digitizing processes and significantly reducing paper usage.

The meeting was attended by line department officers, including those from subdivisions,

tehsils, blocks and the sectoral departments within Poonch.

Key topics discussed included, infrastructure requirements to support the E-Office system; Identification of existing challenges in the implementation process; Network Infrastructure Connectivity etc.

A detailed discussion was held on connectivity issues related to NICNET, SWAN, and BharatNet, as well as the overall IT infrastructure requirements necessary for effective implementation.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of timely action, instructing all dis-

trict officers to compile a comprehensive list of all government offices operating in the district. Officers were asked to submit this information within two days to facilitate a smoother implementation process.

Additionally, all officers were directed to coordinate closely with the District Informatics Officer (DIO) of the National Informatics Centre to ensure a hassle-free rollout of the E-Office system. The initiative is expected to enhance operational efficiency and contribute to the broader goal of digital governance within the region.

Awareness programme on 3 New Criminal Laws held at SP College



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

In order to educate the masses on the new three criminal laws Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, awareness programme was organized today by the District Administration (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at S P College here.

Besides senior Officers of District Administration, the awareness programme was attended by Principal SP College, HoD Department of Forensics GMC, SDPO Kothibagh, Prosecuting Officer, Assistant LADC, students and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Resource persons and other speakers stressed the need of creating awareness among the general public regarding transformative reforms having a positive impact

on all in general and specifically on the women and children.

They emphasized that the new criminal laws provide a lot of protection to women and minors through special provisions in the Act.

During the programme, a detailed talk about the three new criminal laws and how they will protect the citizens and ensure transparent & speedy justice were given by the other speakers also.

Kathua admin conducts anti-encroachment drive at village Basantpur

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KATHUA, APRIL 24

The Revenue team of Tehsil Kathua, under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas, today carried out an anti-encroachment drive at Village Basantpur near Nora Bridge to retrieve Government land.

During the drive, a shed constructed illegally on state land bearing Khasra No. 254 was demolished. Besides, a shop constructed on state land under Khasra No. 213 was also dismantled.

Pertinently, the district administration has taken a firm stance against illegal encroachments and today's action is part of its continued efforts to safeguard government land from unauthorised occupation.

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Accommodation: Sleeper & General (Reserved)

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Stoppages : Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjehanpur, Sitapur, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn stations,

Accommodation: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & General (Reserved)

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05:00	---	Gorakhpur	---
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Days of Run : 04022 Ex New Delhi from 09.05.2025 to 11.07.2025 (every Thursday) and 04021 Ex Gorakhpur from 10.05.2025 to 12.07.2025 (every Saturday)

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Pahalgam attack...

soul of our nation," he said.

He assured that the government was determined to bring the perpetrators to justice. The Prime Minister made it clear that both the terrorists who carried out the attack and those who supported them would face severe consequences.

"The time has come to dismantle whatever is left of the terror haven. The will of 140 crore Indians will break the back of the masters of terror," he said.

In a direct message to the global community, the Prime Minister switched to English and stated that identifying, tracking, and punishing the terrorists and their backers is India's top priority. "I say to the world that India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their supporters. We will pursue them wherever they are. India's spirit will not be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished," he said.

He also expressed gratitude to the international community for their support during this difficult time. "I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us," he added.

"Every effort will be made to ensure justice is done. The entire nation stands firm in this resolve. Those who believe in humanity stand with us," he said.

The Prime Minister made it clear that the government would not rest until the perpetrators were held accountable, stating, "These terrorists and their supporters will receive punishment greater than they can imagine, and the strength of 140 crore Indians will now break the back of terror," he said.

Pertinently, India had on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures, including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack.

The gunning down of tourists by terrorists has sparked outrage across the country and a demand for decisive action from the PM Modi led government, which is identified with a muscular stand on the plank of national security. KNO

Police release...

on Thursday.

In one of the deadliest terror attacks in J&K, 25 tourists and a local resident were shot dead on Tues-day at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam. The attack plunged the nation into mourning.

Police on Thursday released sketches of three attackers and identified them as Adil Hussain Thokar from Anantnag and two Pakistanis Ali Bahi alias Talha Bahi and Hashim Musa alias Suleman.

Police announced a reward Rs 20 Lakh each for anyone sharing information or leads about the Pahalgam attack.

"The three are involved in the terrorist attack on civilians in Baisaran Pahalgam," police said.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the attack on tourists.

Meanwhile, in a major crackdown around 1,500 suspects have been detained from several districts of the valley for questioning during the probe of the Pahalgam attack.

A top police officer said that those detained include suspected overground workers (OGWs) and those with prior records linked to militant activities.

The case is currently being handled by the J&K Police and it has already registered a case at police station Pahalgam. The National Investigation Agency is likely to take over the investigation of the case in the coming days.

Defence Minister Rajnath...

S. Jaishankar, and other senior leaders and ministers from across the political spectrum, including Union Ministers JP Nadda, Praful Patel, and Nirmala Sitharaman. Also present were TDP's Lavu Srikrishna, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde, and opposition leaders Supriya Sule, Asaduddin Owaisi, T. Siva, and Premchand Gupta.

After the meeting ended, Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said everyone condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack while the opposition has given full support to the government to take any action.

Gandhi also confirmed that he will visit Srinagar on Friday. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that efforts should be made to maintain peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

From the Aam Aadmi Party, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said that inno-

cent tourists have been killed and in response, the terrorists should be given a reply in their own language. "We have all unanimously agreed that we have to give them a befitting reply for the Pahalgam terror attack," he said.

Trinamool Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay said that "security lapses were discussed" and said "all parties are with the government in handling terror."

Union Minister Kiren Rijju said that the government informed political parties about its preparedness to take stronger actions if needed. "The situation in Kashmir had remained peaceful in recent years, but the latest terror attack has shattered that calm," Rijju said.

He added that all political parties expressed concern over the recent developments and agreed on the need to act collectively against terrorism. "All political parties agreed on the need to stand together in the fight against terrorism," he said, calling the meeting "constructive, with consensus across the board on supporting the government in its response to the Pahalgam attack."

BJD MP Sasmit Patra said that the consensus that has come out of this meeting is that all the parties are together on this matter and we support the government fully in whatever actions they take to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The meeting also included a presentation by Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to brief international partners in the coming days as part of India's diplomatic outreach. KNO

Pahalgam Attack: MEA...

advisors stationed in Islamabad in response to the Pahalgam attack on April 22.

26 people, mostly tourists and a local horse rider were killed in a major terror attack in Pahalgam area, leaving the entire country in shock and mourning. KNO

Army Chief General...

1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam carnage.

The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. KNO

Omar, Mehbooba &...

She also raised the alarming issue of threats faced by Kashmiri students and traders in various parts of the country following the attack.

Mehbooba urged the Home Minister to intervene without delay to ensure the safety and protection of these vulnerable communities, wherever such incidents are being reported.

"The Kashmiri diaspora should not have to bear the brunt of this tragedy through threats and harassment. I have requested Amit Shah ji to take immediate action to safeguard our students and traders, ensuring they can live and work without fear," she said in a statement.

Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said that it was deeply concerning to see students being attacked in the aftermath of the dastardly Pahalgam attack.

"Fear and distress expressed by Kashmiri's outside, especially students who are being attacked in the aftermath of the dastardly Pahalgam incident seen on videos circulating, is deeply concerning. Urge the concerned authorities to immediately intervene and ensure their safety and protection," Mirwaiz said

People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone also urged the union government to ensure the safety of Kashmiri students.

"There have been many incidents across the country wherein Kashmiri students are being harassed, beaten up, bullied and even asked to vacate their residential premises. I request the union government to please ensure the safety of Kashmiri students," Lone said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has already issued an urgent advisory to Kashmiri students across India, urging them to remain vigilant and avoid engaging in public or political discourse amid the escalating tensions. The JKSA reported receiving at least eight complaints of harassment from Kashmiri students in the last two days.

Para-commando...

operation was launched by the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and the CRPF, following specific intelligence inputs regarding the presence of terrorists in the area.

"The operation—codenamed #OpBirligali—began early Thursday morning in the dense forests of Bas-

CWC condemns Pahalgam terror attack, adopts resolution demanding probe into security lapses

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, APR 24

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Thursday held an emergency meeting during which it strongly condemned the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, and also expressed grave concern over the security lapses that allowed such an attack to occur.

The CWC, attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, ex-Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and members of the Working Committee, paid tribute to the 26 people killed in the terror attack.

The CWC also adopted a resolution holding



Pakistan responsible for masterminding the terror attack, describing it as a direct assault on the values of the Indian Republic.

It also expressed grave concern over the security lapses in a region known for its heavy security and three-tier protection system.

Before the meeting began, the CWC observed a two-minute silence as tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam attack.

Later addressing the media, party leaders KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh and Pawan Khera, said that the CWC adopted a resolution expressing its deepest shock and condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

The resolution adopted by the CWC said, "This cowardly and calculated act of terror, mastermind by Pakistan, is a direct assault on the values of our Republic. The delib-

erate targeting of Hindus was done to inflame passions across the country," the resolution read, while appealing the people to "remain calm in the face of this grave provocation and reaffirming the collective strength in the face of adversity".

The resolution demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the intelligence failures and security breaches, especially since the area falls under the direct jurisdiction of the Union Home Ministry.

With the Amarnath Yatra set to begin soon, the CWC stressed the urgency of implementing strong, transparent, and proactive security measures without delay.

"Robust, transparent, and proactive security arrangements must be put in place without delay.

The safety of pilgrims, as well as the livelihoods of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, many of whom depend on tourism, must be protected with full sincerity and seriousness," the CWC resolution said.

The resolution also slammed the BJP, accusing the party of politicising the tragedy.

"The BJP is exploiting this grave tragedy through official and proxy social media platforms to sow further discord, mistrust, polarisation, and division at a time when unity and solidarity are most needed," the resolution said.

Meanwhile, the party will hold a candlelight march across the nation on Friday, at state and district levels, against the Pahalgam terror attack and against terrorism.

Stopping Indus Water Treaty will be considered an act of war: Pakistan responds to India

AGENCIES

ISLAMABAD, APR 24

Pakistan today warned that any move by India to divert the flow of the Indus river waters will be considered as "an act of war".

This was decided at the National Security Committee (NSC) – the top civil-military decision-making body – meeting chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday.

As part of its immediate response to India's downgrading of ties, the Pakistani government announced the restriction of the Indian High Commission's diplomatic staff in Islamabad to a maximum of 30 personnel, effective April 30.

Pakistan has also closed



its airspace to all Indian-owned or operated flights with immediate effect.

The committee also decided to suspend all forms of trade with India, including those routed through third countries.

Furthermore, it announced the immediate closure of the Wagah Border crossing.

The NSC vowed that Pakistan would respond to India's hostile actions

with full national strength, declaring that the nation and its armed forces are fully prepared to counter any form of aggression, Geo News reported.

Islamabad's response comes after India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) laid out five measures which New Delhi has termed as "decisive response to cross-border terrorism".

India yesterday

announced suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, a water-sharing agreement between India and Pakistan, facilitated by the World Bank.

It gives India control over the three eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas and Sutlej) of the Indus basin while it gives Pakistan authority over the three western rivers (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab).

The other measures

announced by India include the immediate closure of the Integrated Check Post Attari as well as the issuance of a deadline for Pakistanis to leave the country before May 1, 2025.

Also, Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are now deemed cancelled.

Any Pakistani national currently in India under an SVES visa has 48 hours to leave India.

India announced the moves following the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 tourists were gunned down by Pakistan-linked terrorists.

antgarh. During the mission, contact was established with a group of 3-4 suspected JeM terrorists, believed to have recently infiltrated across the international border. A heavy exchange of gunfire ensued in which one para commando lost his life and two others sustained injuries," said an official.

The Indian Army's White Knight Corps said: "Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation with the Jammu and Kashmir Police was launched today in Basantgarh, Udhampur. Contact was established and a fierce firefight ensued. One of our Bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the initial exchange and later succumbed despite best medical efforts. Operations are ongoing." KNO

All Party Meeting led...

the idea of India".

"The participants strongly denounced the attack on defenceless civilians and expressed their shock and agony. Such cowardly acts of brutality have no place in society and are a direct attack on the region's traditions of unity and harmony," the Chief Minister said. "The leaders pledged full support for all efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice and affirmed that no act of terror could weaken their resolve."

Participants, the Chief Minister said, also expressed support for the steps taken by the Union Government in response to the attack.

It's in place to mention here that India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam carnage.

The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Omar said that during the all party meeting special tributes were paid to Syed Adil Hussain Shah, a local horse ride operator who was killed while attempting to fight off terrorists to save tourists. "The resolution hailed him as a symbol of Kashmiriyat and Kashmir's hospitality. His bravery would remain an inspiration for all," he said,

adding that the resolution also extended deepest condolences to the families of the victims and expressed solidarity with them. "It also commended J&K people for their overwhelming support to tourists and for organising peaceful demonstrations across the region to condemn the attack," the Chief Minister said, as per KNO.

Expressing concern over the safety of Kashmiri students and citizens outside the Union Territory, the resolution made an earnest appeal to all state governments and Union Territories to ensure their protection.

It urged authorities to prevent any form of harassment, discrimination, or intimidation against Kashmiris residing or traveling outside J&K.

The meeting called upon political parties, religious leaders, youth groups, civil society organizations, and the media to maintain calm and resist any attempts to disrupt harmony.

It emphasised the need for collaborative efforts to ensure the prosperity and stability of Jammu & Kashmir.

The all-party meeting was attended by leaders including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, NC President Farooq Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, several ministers, Members of Parliament, former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress leaders Tariq Hameed Karra and Nizamuddin Bhat, CPI(M) leader MY Tariq, Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone, PDP leaders Mehboob Beigh and Basharat Bukhari, Apni Party president Syed Altaf Bukhari, and BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur, and others. KNO

LG Sinha, Union Minister...

deepest condolences and salute to Havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh (6 PARA SF), who has made the supreme sacrifice during this operation." He said that he is keeping a close track of the encounter going on in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of the Udhampur district. The Union minister said that Udhampur Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai is constantly in touch with him.

"The DIG and SSP are personally on the spot. Further security measures, as required, are being planned," he said. (Agencies)

Two impersonators...

track. In another incident near Ban Ganga Bridge, police said that a person identified as Sahil Khan of Kotli Akhnoor, District Jammu, was found operating a pony without any valid authorisation.

Upon inquiry, he admitted to having no registered pony card in his name, thus violating SDM orders and operating unlawfully.

Police said that cases under relevant sections are registered and investigations started.

Police, however, have urged all service providers to carry valid authorisation and calls upon pilgrims and locals to report any suspicious activity to the nearest police personnel.

BSF Jawan detained...

They said such incidents were not uncommon and have happened in the past between the two sides.

The incident comes against in the backdrop of the Pahalgam terror attack with India taking a slew of measures against Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism. (Agencies)

Rains lash Kashmir...

rainfall of 156.2 mm in the last 54 days, the data revealed.

Besides Srinagar, the other stations including Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Kupwara and Ramban have recorded an average rainfall during the period.

However, Anantnag, Budgam, Doda, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Poonch, Shopian and Udhampur have recorded deficit rainfall upto 59 per cent during the period while Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, Reasi and Samba have recorded large deficit rainfall upto 99 per cent.

Meanwhile, the light rains lashed the parts of Kashmir this afternoon followed by the gusty winds at multiple places.

Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershowers for the next two days.

However, he said that the weather is expected to remain dry from April 27 to May 02. KNO

Director Agriculture reviews agriculture scenario in Ganderbal

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Mohammad Ilyas Khaateeb today visited Ganderbal and reviewed overall agriculture scenario in the district in a meeting with the concerned officers.

During the visit, he also inaugurated a Hi-tech poly house (under HADP 2024-25) at Gujjar Patti, Prang Wussan, farm machinery bank and a Village soil testing laboratory.

Speaking to the farmers of different areas, Director Agriculture said that department is working on an ambitious plan of providing farmers with round the year availability of seedlings of different vegetable crops. He said to achieve this goal department has already established hi-tech power-



houses in all the districts of Kashmir division.

He said the Farm machinery bank would help concerned farmers in performing their farm mechanical activities easily and timely. He further said the village soil testing laboratory

would be very helpful to the farmers of the area in ensuring the optimal use of fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides.

Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of integrated farming, and asked the farmers to diversify their agricul-

ture operations.

Director asked the concerned officers to guide the farmers during their preparation of paddy nurseries and during the pre and post harvest operations of oil seed (Mustard) crop.

He asked the farmers that department would provide all the technical assistance to them in comprehensively performing their agriculture activities.

Later, Director Agriculture visited some seed village areas. He held interactions with the concerned farmers and took feedback from them. He also appreciated their role in agriculture sector.

Director was accompanied by Joint Director Agriculture Extension, Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal and other officers of the department.

World Numismatic Week 2025

Principal Secretary Culture inaugurates rare Coins Exhibition at Kala Kendra

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JAMMU, APRIL 24

Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma, today inaugurated a two day Rare Coins Exhibition at Kala Kendra, Jammu.

The event was organized to mark observance of World Numismatic Week-2025 by Kala Kendra under the aegis of Department of Culture, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

A galaxy of art lovers, painters, heritage collectors and dignitaries were present to witness the inaugural ceremony.

While addressing the gathering, Brij Mohan Sharma stated "each coin on display is not merely a piece of metal, it is a witness to history, culture and tradition. It stands as a silent storyteller of trade, governance, empires and the everyday lives of our ancestors." He emphasized that through their inscriptions, materials, shapes and symbols,



coins serve as vital carriers of our collective cultural memory.

The Principal Secretary invited all the collectors and cultural organizations to join hands with the government for resolving issues faced by the heritage collector community. He announced that the Department of Culture has devised a new scheme to recognize and reward Non-Governmental Organizations working with commitment and zeal in the field of culture, heritage preservation and pro-

motion.

Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary Kala Kendra, informed that the exhibition is featuring around 1000 rare coins from various historical periods. These included those of Kanishka, Indo-Greek rulers, Pre and post Islamic Kashmir, the Mughal Empire, British era, Sikh and Dogra regimes besides post-Independence India. He said the primary objective of the event is to provide a platform to the collectors to showcase their prized coin collections.

Prominent collectors whose collections are on display included Dr. Suresh Kumar Abrol, Founder, Shashvat Art Gallery, Jammu), Inder Singh, Himalayan Heritage Museum, Jammu), Sudhir Gupta, Ashok Kumar Koul and Ramesh Kumar Raina. Their exhibits have been displayed at the Master Sansar Chand Gallery within Kala Kendra.

Special Secretaries Culture Department, Trishla Kundal and Malikzada Sheeraz ul Haq besides eminent authors and cultural personalities like Khalid Hussain, A.S. Amn, Liaqat Jafri and Raj Kumar Behroopia, along with senior officers of Culture Department including Vishivjeet, Raiz Chowdhary and Amar Singh were present on the occasion. They also spoke on the subject and appreciated the initiative.

The exhibition will remain open to the public till evening of April 25, 2025.

Massive protest rally in Jammu condemns Pahalgam Terror attack, demands justice

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JAMMU, APR 24

A massive protest rally was held at Channi Himmat, Jammu on Thursday, led by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti and supported by several religious and social organisations. In response to the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The protest, marked by intense public outrage, saw participation from volunteers of Satsang Prachar Sewa Mandal, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Brahman Sabha Channi himmat, Vichar Kranti Manch International, Prominent Citizens and retired officers of the area.

The rally commenced from Channi Himmat main chowk passed through various lanes of posh colony and culminated at Tawi Chowk



of the locality. Especially womans of the area raised slogans against the terrorism and Pakistan as well.

Protesters issued strong demands including strong action against the Pakistan, Separate Union territory for Jammu, Immediate elimination of terrorists and their local supporters. Several Speakers also delivered a powerful message stating the nation must unite against the force trying to disrupt our peace. We stand in solidarity with the families of the

victims a demand justice. As a powerful symbol of protest, an effigy of Pakistan was set ablaze, its flames a mirror to the fury burning in every soul present.

Also present at the rally were prominent Social and religious figures including Sushma Sharma, Poetess Girija Sharma, Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Neeru Sharma, Usha Rajput, Vimla Devi, Kiran Kumari, Sonam Sharma, Naradh Devi, Dr. Vijay Sharma, Parshotam

Sharma, Subash Shastri, Ramesh Sharma, Ajay Bhalla, Naresh Sharma, Yash Paul Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Chaman Choudhary, Manmohan Naradh, Omkar Singh, Aayushman Sharma, Pran Nath Koul, Jai Krishan Koul, Raman Sharma, Arjun Singh, Rohit Shastri, Rajesh Bargartra, Yash Paul Sharma, Abhinandan Jain, Parveen Kumar, Inder Sharma, Chaman Lal Sharma, Parveen Sharma and others.

District Biodiversity Committee reviews Environmental Conservation initiatives in Doda

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, APRIL 24

In a proactive move to safeguard the region's rich biodiversity, the District Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) Doda convened a crucial meeting at the Divisional Forest Office today. The session was chaired by District Development Council (DDC) Chairman and Committee Head Dhananter Singh Kotwal. The meeting aimed to review ongoing conservation strategies, enhance protection measures, and ensure sustainable utilization of local biological resources.



The meeting saw the presence of key forest officials, including Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Sandeep Kumar, who also serves as the Committee's Secretary. He emphasized the need for updating People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) and involving local communities in eco-restoration efforts. Also in atten-

dance were Manohar Lal Aryan (Member) Bipna Manhas (Member) Sumit Kotwal (Member); Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Mahesh Kumar (Doda) and DFO Bhaderwah, who shared updates on afforestation drives and steps taken to curb deforestation and encroachments in forest areas.

Adding to the inclusive

nature of the meeting, DDC Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani participated virtually, reflecting the committee's commitment to collaboration and transparency.

The BMC stressed on enhancing public awareness through biodiversity awareness camps, school programs, and the promotion of traditional knowledge in preserving native flora and fauna. The session concluded with a call for collective action and stronger coordination among departments, local bodies, and civil society to secure the ecological future of the district.

MLA Marh leads Candlelight March to pay tributes to Pahalgam terror attack victims

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In a poignant display of solidarity and condemnation, MLA Marh Satish Bhagat led an impressive candlelight march to pay tributes to the innocent lives lost in the Pahalgam terror attack. The march was a heartfelt expression of grief and a call for peace and harmony in the face of terrorism. During the march, Bhagat prayed to the almighty to grant peace to the departed souls and enough strength to their families to bear the immense loss. He expressed his deepest condolences to the families of the victims and emphasized the need for unity and solidarity in the face of such cowardly acts.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhagat welcomed the Government of India's action against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. He reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, terrorism will be rooted out from Jammu and Kashmir soon. He warned Pakistan to be prepared to pay a heavy price for killing innocent people in Pahalgam. Bhagat expressed confidence that Pakistan will never succeed in creating communal tension and disturbing com-



munal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that the people of the region stand united against terrorism and will not be swayed by Pakistan's nefarious designs.

Bhagat warned Pakistan that the united stance of India against its sponsorship of terrorism should serve as an eye-opener. He emphasized that if Pakistan does not mend its ways, it will face severe consequences, including potential decimation at the hands of India's brave forces. The candlelight march led by MLA Satish Bhagat was a powerful display of solidarity with the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. His strong words against Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism and his confidence in the Government of India's action reflect the determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to stand united against ter-

rorism and work towards peace and development.

Bhagat maintained that Pakistan's inability to engage in direct warfare has led to a surge in proxy wars, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. The country's economic struggles haven't deterred its support for terrorist groups, which has become a major concern for global peace. Given the severity of the situation, there's a growing demand for global action against Pakistan. With 126 UN-designated terrorists and 27 UN-designated terrorist entities, the country has become an epicenter of terrorism. Pakistan's use of terrorists and sleeper cells aims to disrupt peace in Jammu and Kashmir and sabotage the democratic process. There's a strong case for isolating Pakistan globally until it stops sponsoring terrorism, added Bhagat.

Traders expresses solidarity with Families of Pahalgam Martyrs, condemns Militant Attack

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On the call of the Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd.) Jammu Traders in large numbers took out Mashaal Rally (candle march) from Federation office to Bikram Chowk to pay tributes to the Tourists who attained Martyrdom in Pahalgam Attack on Tuesday. Traders while passing through main road were house raised slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who are behind this attack. With thunderous chants that reverberated defiance, traders rallied to express their Solidarity with the families who lost their loved ones in this attack.

Speaking fervently to the media during the protest, Mr. Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd.) Jammu voiced searing concerns about Pakistan's direct complicity in providing sanctuary to terrorists through its sinister intelligence agency, ISI and Army. Mr. Deepak Gupta strongly condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harboring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten life



of the people in JKUT. He further emphasised that the recent attack was a blatant attempt to derail peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Deepak Gupta urged upon the Central Govt., U.T. Administration and police authorities to take immediate action against those involved in the said incident and further urged that thorough probe be done in the said incident. He stated that such barbaric acts of targeting innocent lives is an attack on the democratic values of society and deserve to be universally condemned. They must be met with determination and collective action. He called upon the Central and U.T Government and all concerned agencies to ensure that the guilty are brought to justice and law and order is maintained in the U.T. of J&K. Strongly

condemning the brutal terrorist attack in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam, Mr. Deepak Gupta said that this inhumane and senseless act of violence, targeting innocent civilians, is a stark reminder of the continued threat posed by those who seek to disrupt peace and harmony in the region. This cowardly act of violence against innocent lives is an affront to humanity. "The Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families during this difficult time. The Federation extends its deepest condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones in this tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who have been injured, and we sincerely wish them a swift and full recovery." Deepak Gupta said.

Among those who were present in the Mashaal Rally were Dheeraj Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Vishal Gupta, Vc. President, Abhimanyu Gupta, General Secretary, Rahul Gupta, Secretary, Nitish Gupta, Cashier of the Federation, Sh. Rajesh Bhagotra, President Sugar Association, Sh. Munish Mahajan, Former Sr. Vc. President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market, Atul Gupta, President Transport Association, rajesh Gupta, Former President TFWHNM, Manu Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, Kapil Gupta, Harish Gupta, Prushottam Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Keshav Pal Gupta, Raghav Gupta, Nitin Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Vijay Gupta, Praful Gupta, Naman Gupta, Rinku Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Vikas Gupta, Kurnesh Gupta, Palli Gupta, Muna Kohli, Raju Gupta was prominent.

President J&K Media Association condemns terrorists attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir

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President J&K Media Association Shri Tariq Mir, Joint Secretary Manjeet Singh Sodhi, Special Advisor To President Mehjabeen Nabi, Zahoor Bhat, Irshad Hussain, Ashok Sanasari Abdul Rasheed Omar, and others Members Across J&K strongly condemns the terrorist attack on tourists in Baisaran, Pahalgam Kashmir J&K.

This heinous act of violence not only highlights the desperation of Pakistan-sponsored terrorists but also underscores their cowardice in targeting innocent civilians. Such actions reflect their frustration and will not deter the commitment of our security personnel or the resilient spirit of the people of UT J&K

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and reiterate our unwavering support for all efforts to restore peace and security in the region. The Media Association stands firm in its resolve to combat terrorism in all its forms and ensure the safety of every Person.

EDITORIAL

Unified voice
against terror!

The cowardly attack on innocent civilians in Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, stands as one of the darkest chapters in recent memory for Jammu and Kashmir. This brutal act, which claimed the lives of innocents and attempted to instill fear in the hearts of ordinary people, has rightly drawn unequivocal condemnation from all quarters. In a rare and heartening display of political unity, all major parties of Jammu and Kashmir came together under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to pass a resolution that not only denounces this inhuman attack but also reaffirms the collective strength and resilience of the region. The all-party meeting was not just a routine political gesture. It was a statement of shared grief, unbreakable resolve, and steadfast commitment to peace. The resolution's tone was clear and courageous: such acts of terror are a direct assault on the values that define Kashmir—its centuries-old traditions of hospitality, harmony, and Kashmiriyat. These attacks are not just against individuals but against the soul of a region that has long served as a beacon of unity in diversity. Chief Minister Abdullah's appeal to other state governments to ensure the safety and dignity of Kashmiris residing outside the Valley is both timely and vital. In the wake of such tragedies, emotions often run high, and it becomes all the more important to ensure that the pain of one does not become the basis for prejudice against another. A Kashmiri in Delhi or Mumbai should not have to live in fear or be treated with suspicion. The protection of every Indian, regardless of where they come from, is a reflection of the country's democratic ethos and constitutional morality. Perhaps the most poignant moment of the meeting was the recognition of Syed Adil Hussain Shah, the brave ponywallah who lost his life defending tourists from the attackers. His act of courage, selflessness, and humanity exemplifies the true face of Kashmir. Shah's sacrifice must not only be remembered but honored as a symbol of what this region truly stands for—empathy over hatred, bravery over fear, and humanity over violence. The spontaneous peaceful protests and demonstrations across towns and villages in J&K further emphasize that the people of Kashmir reject violence in all its forms. Their collective voice sends a powerful message: the Valley will not be held hostage by those who seek to disrupt its peace and communal fabric. The widespread moral and material support extended to tourists by locals in the wake of the tragedy shows that terrorism has no place here—only resilience and compassion do. The resolution also wisely called upon all sections of society—political leaders, religious figures, civil society, and the media—to remain united and avoid falling into the traps set by those who profit from chaos and division. It is a reminder that peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, mutual respect, and dialogue. As India continues to grapple with the complexities of security, governance, and cultural pluralism in regions like Jammu and Kashmir, what happened in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack is a guiding light. It proves that political unity, civil courage, and grassroots compassion are not only possible—they are already thriving. Let this moment of solidarity not be fleeting. Let it become a foundation on which a stronger, more inclusive, and peaceful Kashmir can be built. The terrorists sought to break the spirit of Kashmir; instead, they have awakened its conscience.

Reclaiming our humanity: A call to
connection in a fragmented world

DEBASISH BHATTACHARYYA

Septuagenarian Dr Iain McGilchrist, a world-renowned philosopher, psychiatrist and neuroscientist, recently addressed a symposium titled *The Future of Humanity*, where he delved into some of the most pressing questions at the heart of our existence—the existence of what is good, beautiful, and true. Reflecting on his lifetime, he observed that these fundamental transcendental values have been increasingly sidelined, decried, debased, and even destroyed. “It is not just that we are distracted from the truth,” he noted, “but we demand protection from it, lest it hurt us—in case life itself hurts us.”

This observation resonates deeply in a world increasingly perceived as unkind, unfeeling, and unconcerned, where the very essence of humanity—compassion, love, and concern—seems to be vanishing at an alarming rate.

In our hyper-competitive socio-political environment, every sphere of life—familial, social, professional, and spiritual—is under strain. Systems meant to support them are collapsing. Yet amid this bleakness, glimmers of hope remain. One such beacon is a traveller's journey, marked by twists, encounters, and insights, offering a powerful affirmation of the human spirit.

Take the journey of Thor Pedersen, a Danish explorer. Thor is the only person in history to travel to every country in the world without flying. Between 2013 and 2023, he visited over 200 nations—India being his 168th—using only ships, trains, buses, and other ground or sea-

based transport. His journey was more than a feat of endurance; it became a profound exploration of humanity, transcending borders, cultures, and beliefs.

At the heart of his experience lay a simple truth: “People are just people.” Wherever he went, he met ordinary people living ordinary lives—finding joy in food, music, and sports, and valuing safety and stability over political and religious divides. Across every border he crossed, he was met with kindness and generosity. Strangers offered him meals, shelter, contacts, translations, or simply a smile when he needed it most—true to the spirit of our shared humanity.

His realisation deepened when he observed: “If we reduce people to numbers and statistics, we create distance and lose empathy. Divide and conquer is an age-old strategy, and it works well—but at what cost? We can keep dividing the world until, eventually, we all sit alone.”

However, the Danish globe-trotter's voyage was not without challenges. He encountered a few unpleasant incidents and individuals along the way, threatened by drunk, armed, and hostile men, battling cerebral malaria, and being held at gunpoint. While all this, however, did not dishearten him, we are reminded of Gandhiji's profound words: “You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.”

Thor's journey, devoid of privilege and elitism—underscores vital truths:

a) Even if gentleness and kindness seem to be in decline, they continue to thrive quietly at the

grassroots.

b) Though humanity struggles to find its rightful place in a world consumed by the relentless pursuit of power, pleasure, and profit, it is not lost—only marginalised.

c) As we glorify wealth, we risk losing the very qualities that define us as human—compassion, care, and cooperation.

History bears witness to countless individuals who, in moments of crisis, be it accidents, tragedies, or desperate need—step forward uninvited, saving lives and rekindling faith in humanity. Though often overlooked, their actions quietly pull humanity back from the brink.

That said, the world remains enmeshed in grave, interconnected crises—war, inequality, poverty, climate change—all demanding collective will. Sadly, world leaders, despite their promises, continue to ignore the catastrophic plight of millions. As they routinely gather to design an ostensibly better future, they remain either unable or unwilling to respond—revealing not just a failure of meaningful action, but a failure of intent.

Grim Realities

For long, we have viewed the world as manipulable and controllable—ripe to be bent to our will. Therefore, few doubt that many crises plaguing our world are not mere accidents of fate or unavoidable circumstances; they are often the deliberate outcomes of power-driven agendas. Fueled by greed, ruthless self-interest, and an insatiable thirst for domination, these forces ignite brutal conflict, widespread deprivation, environmental devastation, racism, and religious extremism—creating a

reality steeped in suffering and division.

Poverty, an affront to human dignity, heightens vulnerability to abuse. Tied to climate change, it's set to intensify—new research led by Dr Timothy Neal (University of New South Wales) warns the average person could be 40% poorer if global temperatures rise by 4°C.

Shockingly, those who hold power—whether in struggling countries, developing economies, or even the most developed nations—have often abandoned humanity as the foundation of governance. Opportunistic toxic politics and hybrid forms of authoritarianism continue to destroy the sacred ground of human dignity, pushing aside the cardinal principle that must guide all leadership: **People Over Everything.**

Even the COVID-19 crisis—exposing vulnerabilities and inequities—failed to instil lasting solidarity. Human dignity remains dispensable.

What of more grim realities? According to the Geneva Academy, more than 45 armed conflicts are currently raging across the Middle East and North Africa. Africa follows closely, with over 35 non-international armed conflicts (NIACs). Asia remains a battleground for 19 such conflicts, while Europe contends with seven.

Bleak as it may seem, this is a call to action—one urging us to deepen our commitment to humanistic values, where every life is worthwhile, wanted, and welcomed.

While it may be simplistic to expect everything to align perfectly with the humanistic way, it is crucial to recognise the deeper causes of suffering,

distress, and anguish within the fabric of human society—locally, nationally, and globally. In an age of deep disillusionment, we must remember: the world is not merely a map of borders, but a shared home.

As Professor Harvey Whitehouse of Oxford reminds us: “Remembering that we are all related and experience many of the same challenges could be the key to solving global problems—from intergroup conflicts to poverty and the climate crisis.”

What kind of world do we want to live in? If we fail to address this, we risk sliding into a soulless existence—a world full of people, yet empty of humanity. We may exist, but we will not truly live. The degradation of humanity is not inevitable. Though messiness and imperfection are part of what makes us human, it is in our ability to reclaim substantive conversation and enrich our relationships, based on humanistic virtues. Our hearts and minds—feeling, willing, knowing, sensing—must not grow numb to the suffering that surrounds us. We must not be swayed by eloquent words, empty rhetoric, or the shallow display of symbolism. Only through real, tangible action can we reclaim what is slipping away—the very essence of our shared humanity.

The imperative of our times: Reawakening our humanity—Embracing what matters most—People, planet, and our shared future.

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WAVES 2025: Redefining global media diplomacy

CHAITANYA K PRASAD

Come May 1st, India has truly arrived with the WAVES Entertainment Summit being held in Mumbai from 1st to 4th of May 2025. The summit echoes the vision envisaged in 2019 by PM Modi in his speech at the inauguration of the National Museum of Indian Cinema; highlighting Indian cinema as a powerful medium of global outreach and soft power, calling it a “silent force” that shapes global perceptions and connects cultures. He emphasised cinema's potential to promote film tourism, inviting international filmmakers to explore India's diverse landscapes. The design of WAVES is an unusual convergence of like-mindedness of M&E stakeholders; individuals or institutions that think alike in carving out a landscape that will be suited for the global fraternity responsible for creating content and its consumption.

WAVES 2025 brings a bold new phase of soft power diplomacy, focusing on transformative and technology-driven partnerships. Innovation in this segment is bound to create a new buzz for foreign policy tie-ups, carried forward on the wings of emerging tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), and immersive content ecosystems. The diverse participation at WAVES will open unprecedented avenues for multilateral cooperation and dialogue across critical areas of knowledge sharing, media engagement, storytelling ecosystems, and digital co-productions. It provides India with an unparalleled opportunity to assert global leadership in the creative domain; by fusing its creativity quotient, strategic foresight, and cultural capital into a soft power matrix that fosters goodwill and purposeful international collaboration.

At the heart of WAVES 2025 lies its evocative tagline: “Connecting Creators, Connecting



Countries”, a bold declaration of India's intent to reposition itself as a global M&E powerhouse. As a summit that seeks to reimagine communication diplomacy, one of its most awaited outcomes is the WAVES Declaration, a visionary charter that could reshape the media discourse globally.

Rarely has a platform attempted to knit together creativity, business, leadership, and soft power into a cohesive global identity. But WAVES seeks to do just that, with a Global Media Dialogue, a declaration of shared values, and a structured roadmap for the M&E industry that reflects the ethos of a borderless, tech-enabled, creatively interconnected world. The declaration will place communication—clear, coherent, and collaborative—at the centre of a new global information order, founded on equity, access, equality, and participation.

WAVES has quietly but effectively given a new meaning to soft power diplomacy wherein all constituents that create charisma associated with knowledge sharing and storytelling play a critical role in bilateral or multilateral cooperation. It would be appropriate to mention that diplomacy will adorn new wings of change based on creativity, innovation and the spirit of collaboration. WAVES will truly be the “Mahakumbh” of ideas, opportunities, experiences and knowledge sharing.

The philosophical underpinning of WAVES 2025 can be distilled into the 7 Cs of Commu-

nication: Clarity, Conciseness, Concreteness, Correctness, Coherence, Completeness, and Courtesy. These seven pillars not only ensure effective storytelling but serve as diplomatic principles guiding cross-border media collaboration. They offer a timeless framework as we enter an era where communication is the new currency of power, diplomacy, and development.

With narratives shaping geopolitics, trade, and international perception, there is a pressing need for a Global Media Charter, a binding commitment from nations to protect freedom of creative expression, foster diverse storytelling, and ensure ethical media practices. WAVES 2025 can be the birthplace of this transformative shift. In a world increasingly governed by digital influence and algorithmic reach, a unified declaration will help navigate the ethical dilemmas of deepfakes, information disorder, and cultural homogenisation. It's not just about content anymore; it's about cultural continuity, technological responsibility, and global unity through creative collaboration.

WAVES isn't just about short-term buzz, it's about building something lasting. It understands that media and entertainment (M&E) isn't a quick fix but a long-term strategic play. At its heart is a clear goal: to make India the global content hub and a net exporter of stories. With its rich cultural diversity and languages, India has all

the ingredients to build a strong intellectual property base that resonates worldwide.

The summit also aims to increase India's global market share in media, attract major investments, and encourage co-production between Indian and international players. By bringing together creators, investors, and policymakers, WAVES offers a shared space to build partnerships and grow ideas. Platforms like WaveXcelerator and WAVES Bazaar will help startups and innovators scale up and plug into global markets.

WAVES 2025 is designed to be a complete experience. The Global Media Dialogue brings together ministers and top policymakers from around the world to exchange ideas. The Thought Leaders Track will host key sessions exploring future trends and challenges in media.

In the Exhibition Zone, companies will showcase the latest in gaming, animation, VR, and AI. The WAVES Bazaar will act as a meeting ground for buyers and sellers to find the right collaborators. WaveXcelerator will give startups a chance to pitch live and attract investors.

The Bharat Pavilion will spotlight India's storytelling journey; from folk tales to futuristic formats. The CreateSphere will feature masterclasses, creators' meet-ups, and the grand finale of the Create in India Challenge. And finally, a series of cultural performances will bring together talent from across the globe, blending tradition with innovation.

WAVES is expected to drive real outcomes, from new content partnerships and global investments to job creation and policy support. It will help position India as a creative and tech-savvy media partner for the world. With cutting-edge tech on display, including AI tools and immersive experiences, the summit will also show how India is shaping the future of media.

By promoting co-produc-

tions, content exchanges, and new distribution deals, WAVES could help Indian stories travel further. It also gives international stakeholders a chance to build real connections with Indian creators—paving the way for shared growth and innovation. Most importantly, it sets the stage for India to lead the way in global media diplomacy.

The timing couldn't be better. According to the EY-FICCI 2025 M&E Report, India's media sector grew to INR 2.5 trillion in 2024 and is expected to touch INR 2.7 trillion in 2025.

Digital media now makes up 32% of total revenue, with digital ads growing fast. OTT platforms grew by 18%, driven by regional stories finding global fans. The report projects that the sector will hit INR 3.1 trillion by 2027, powered by gaming, animation, and immersive tech. WAVES gives these numbers real meaning, by turning data into action, partnerships into policy, and content into soft power. It's where the industry meets diplomacy and the future is co-created.

India is no longer on the sidelines of the global media conversation, it is setting the agenda. With WAVES 2025, India is articulating a bold creative vision for the world: one that transcends platforms, breaks silos, and builds coalitions of creators. WAVES 2025 isn't just another summit, it is a cultural declaration, a geopolitical realignment of media narratives, and a commitment to connect not just creators, but countries, cultures, and communities.

By placing communication at the heart of global partnerships, WAVES brings together not only markets but also minds and meanings. The world is watching, and India is ready to lead.

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Scientists create novel method to identify healthy and cancerous cells

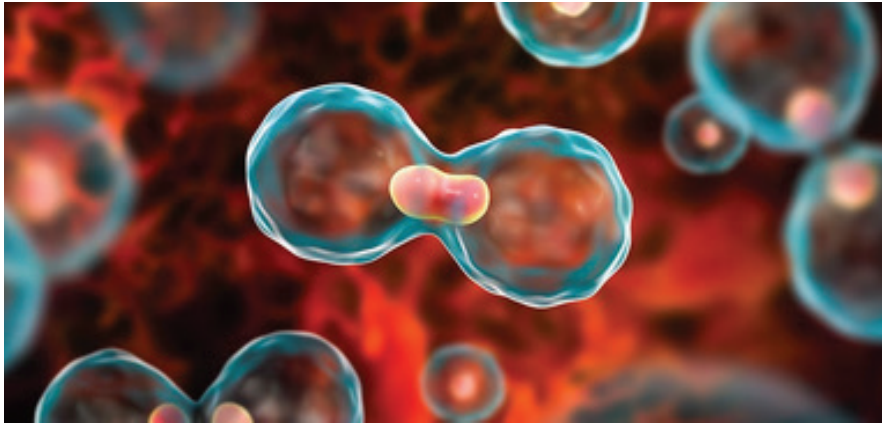
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TOKYO

Researchers from Tokyo Metropolitan University in Japan on Saturday said they have found that the motion of unlabelled cells can be used to tell whether they are cancerous or healthy.

They observed malignant fibrosarcoma cells and healthy fibroblasts on a dish and found that tracking and analysis of their paths can be used to differentiate them with up to 94 per cent accuracy.

Beyond diagnosis, their technique may also shed light on cell motility related functions, like tissue healing, according to the study published in the journal PLOS One.

The team of researchers, led by Professor Hiromi Miyoshi, came up with a way of tracking cells using phase-contrast microscopy, one of the most common ways of observing cells.



Phase-contrast microscopy is entirely label free, allowing cells to move about on a petri dish closer to their native state, and is not affected by the optical properties of the plastic petri dishes through which cells are imaged.

Through innovative image analysis, they were able to extract trajectories of many individual cells. They focused on properties of the paths taken, like migration speed, and how curvy the paths were, all

of which would encode subtle differences in deformation and movement.

As a test, they compared healthy fibroblast cells, the key component of animal tissue, and malignant fibrosarcoma cells, cancerous cells which derive from fibrous connective tissue.

They were able to show that the cells migrated in subtly different ways, as characterised by the "sum of turn angles" (how curvy the paths were), the frequency of shallow turns,

and how quickly they moved. In fact, by combining both the sum of turn angles and how often they made shallow turns, they could predict whether a cell was cancerous or not with an accuracy of 94 per cent.

The team's work not only promises a new way to discriminate cancer cells, but applications to research of any biological function based on cell motility, like the healing of wounds and tissue growth, said the study.

What is Type 5 Diabetes? Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment Options

After years of disregard and misdiagnosis, a specific type of diabetes called Type 5 diabetes has at last been officially recognized by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). This type of diabetes is experienced by lean and undernourished adolescents and young adults in low- and middle-income nations, especially in Asia and Africa.

What is Type 5 Diabetes?

Type 5 diabetes is a diabetogenic effect of malnutrition that results in abnormally functioning pancreatic beta cells and inadequate release of insulin. In contrast to Type 2 diabetes, wherein the primary dysfunction is insulin resistance, Type 5 diabetes results from a tremendous decline in the secretion of insulin. Type 5 diabetes was documented in multiple nations, among which are India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Uganda, Ethiopia,



Rwanda, and Korea. **Causes and Markers**

The major cause of Type 5 diabetes is malnutrition, and its onset is during pregnancy. When a baby does not get proper nutrition during fetal growth, it may predispose them to diabetes at a later age. Characteristics of Type 5 diabetes are abnormally low body-mass index (BMI), decreased body fat percentage, and extremely low insulin secretion.

Treatment and Management

Since its recent official acknowledgment, definitive diagnostic criteria and therapeutic standards for Type 5 diabetes remain to be agreed upon. A diet rich in protein and proper consumption of carbohydrates and fats is necessary to manage the condition, though. The IDF has appointed a working committee to formulate official diagnostic and therapeutic standards for Type 5 diabetes within the next two years.

Global Impact

Type 5 diabetes is approximately estimated to be found in 25 million individuals worldwide, with a majority in middle- and low-income countries. The absence of official diagnosis has slowed efforts towards diagnosing the patients and an effective therapy. The workgroup is targeting creating a worldwide registry, formulating education modules, and establishing collaborative research for greater understanding and control of the disease.

Conclusion

Official acknowledgment of Type 5 diabetes is an important milestone in meeting the needs of millions of individuals who suffer from this condition. With increased focus and research, hopes are that proper diagnostic criteria and therapeutic guidelines will be established to enhance the treatment and management of Type 5 diabetes.

GenAI's diagnostic capabilities comparable to non-specialist doctors: Study

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NEW DELHI

A new research on Friday showed that generative AI's (GenAI) diagnostic capabilities are comparable to non-specialist doctors.

The use of generative AI for diagnostics has attracted attention in the medical field and many research papers have been published on this topic.

However, because the evaluation criteria were different for each study, a comprehensive analysis was needed to determine the extent AI could be used in actual medical settings and what advantages it featured in comparison to doctors.

A research group led by Dr Hirotsuka Takita and Associate Professor Daiju Ueda at Osaka Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Medicine conducted a meta-analysis of generative AI's diagnostic capabilities, using 83



research papers published between June 2018 and June 2024, that covered a wide range of medical specialties.

Of the large language models (LLMs) that were analysed, ChatGPT was the most commonly studied.

The comparative evaluation revealed that medi-

cal specialists had a 15.8 per cent higher diagnostic accuracy than generative AI, according to the study published in the journal npj Digital Medicine.

The average diagnostic accuracy of generative AI was 52.1 per cent, with the latest models of generative AI sometimes showing accuracy on par with

non-specialist doctors.

"This research shows that generative AI's diagnostic capabilities are comparable to non-specialist doctors. It could be used in medical education to support non-specialist doctors and assist in diagnostics in areas with limited medical resources," said Dr Takita.

"Further research, such as evaluations in more complex clinical scenarios, performance evaluations using actual medical records, improving the transparency of AI decision-making, and verification in diverse patient groups, is needed to verify AI's capabilities," according to researchers.

Established in Osaka as one of the largest public universities in Japan, Osaka Metropolitan University said it is committed to shaping the future of society through "Convergence of Knowledge" and the promotion of world-class research.

Paediatric thyroid cancer risk rises with early exposure to air, light pollution

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NEW YORK

Early-life exposure to small particle air pollution and outdoor artificial light at night could increase the risk of paediatric thyroid cancer, a new study led by researchers at Yale University in the US has suggested.

The team found a "significant association" between exposure to ambient fine particulate matter air pollution (PM2.5) and outdoor artificial light at night (O-ALAN) and increased risk of papillary thyroid cancer in children and young adults up to 19 years old, according to the study published in Environmental Health Perspectives.

The exposures occurred during the perinatal stage of life, typically defined as the time from when pregnancy occurs up to a year after birth.

"These results are concerning, especially given



how widespread both of these exposures are," said Dr Nicole Deziel, an environmental epidemiologist with the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) and the study's lead author.

Fine particulate matter is found in urban air pollution due to automobile traffic and industrial activity, and artificial light at night is common, particularly in densely populated urban areas, Deziel added.

The research team analysed data from 736 individuals diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer before age 20 and 36,800 matched control participants based on birth year. Using advanced geo-

spatial and satellite modelling, the team assessed individual-level exposure to PM2.5 and O-ALAN based on residential location at birth. All of the study participants were from California.

The findings showed that for every 10 micrograms per cubic meter increase in PM2.5 exposure, the odds of developing thyroid cancer rose by 7 per cent overall.

The strongest association between exposure and thyroid cancer was found among teenagers (15-19 years of age) and Hispanic children. Similarly, children born in areas with high levels of expo-

sure to outdoor light at night were 23-25 per cent more likely to develop thyroid cancer, according to the study.

"Thyroid cancer is among the fastest growing cancers among children and adolescents, yet we know very little about what causes it in this population," said Deziel, an associate professor of epidemiology (environmental health sciences) and co-director of the Yale Center for Perinatal, Pediatric, and Environmental Epidemiology.

The study is the first large-scale investigation to suggest that these exposures early in life – specifically to PM2.5 and outdoor light at night – may play a role in this concerning trend.

The researchers emphasised that more work is needed to replicate and expand on their findings, ideally using improved exposure metrics and longitudinal designs.

IPOs in global biopharma industry rise to \$8.52 billion in 2024

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

The initial public offerings (IPOs) in the biopharmaceutical sector surged 68.4 per cent to reach \$8.52 billion globally in 2024, according to a new report.

The sector saw an upturn in 2024, with 50 completed IPOs raising \$8.52 billion, from \$5.06 billion raised in 2023 and marking the highest total IPO value raised since 2021.

This rebound, driven by US Federal Reserve interest rate cuts, marks the highest total since 2021, said GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company.

While cautious, investors are showing increased interest in companies with strong clinical data, signalling a recovery in the public markets and a shift toward more advanced-stage biopharmaceuticals.

Completed IPOs that raised more than \$100 mil-



lion almost doubled, from \$4.39 billion across 15 IPOs in 2023 to \$7.88 billion across 24 IPOs in 2024.

The increase in the number of high-value IPOs in 2024 suggests that while public investors remain selective, increased capital availability due to inter-

est rate cuts has facilitated investments in biopharmaceutical companies with a strong value proposition, said Alison Labya, business fundamentals analyst at GlobalData.

The largest biopharmaceutical IPO completed in 2024 was Switzerland-

based dermatology company Galderma, which raised \$2.48 billion, according to the report.

Galderma's IPO followed a planned IPO in February 2022 that did not close, as well as Galderma postponing its IPO in March 2023 amid market volatility.

Despite the overall increase in IPO value raised, discovery and preclinical-stage companies saw a four-fold drop in total IPO value from \$490.6 million in 2023 to \$112.5 million in 2024, indicating a shift in public investor preference towards more advanced stage companies, Labya added.

However, IPO activity could be dampened by an anticipated increase in private biopharmaceutical M&A in 2025 as companies seek to refill their pipelines ahead of upcoming patent expirations, said the report.

Soft brainstem implant delivers high-resolution hearing: Researchers

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NEW DELHI

A team at EPFL's Laboratory for Soft Bioelectronic Interfaces in Switzerland on Friday said it has developed a soft, thin-film auditory brainstem implant (ABI) that closely conforms to the curved surface of the brainstem.

The device uses micrometer-scale platinum electrodes embedded in silicone, forming a pliable array just a fraction of a millimeter thick.

This novel approach, published in Nature Biomedical Engineering, enables better tissue contact, potentially preventing off-target nerve activation and reducing side effects.

Over the last couple of decades, many people have regained hearing functionality with the most successful neurotech device to date: the cochlear implant.

But for those whose



cochlear nerve is too damaged for a standard cochlear implant, a promising alternative is an auditory brainstem implant (ABI).

"Designing a soft implant that truly conforms to the brainstem environment is a critical milestone in restoring hearing for patients who can't use cochlear implants. Our success in macaques shows real

promise for translating this technology to the clinic and delivering richer, more precise hearing," said Stephanie P. Lacour, head of Head of the Laboratory for Soft Bioelectronic (LSBI) Interfaces at EPFL.

Rather than simply relying on surgical tests, the researchers ran extensive behavioural experiments in macaques with normal

hearing.

This allowed them to measure how well the animals could distinguish electrical stimulation patterns as they would with natural acoustic hearing.

"Our main idea was to leverage soft, bioelectronic interfaces to improve electrode-tissue match," explained Alix Trouillet, a former postdoctoral researcher at EPFL and co-first author of the study. "If the array naturally follows the brainstem's curved anatomy, we can lower stimulation thresholds and maintain more active electrodes for high-resolution hearing."

Beyond conformability, the soft array's flexible microfabrication means it can be reconfigured for different anatomies.

Although these findings are promising, the path to a commercially available soft ABI will require additional research and regulatory steps, said authors.

Sant Nirankari Mission marks manav ekta diwas with nationwide blood donation drive

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JAMMU, APRIL 24

Reflecting the spirit of love and brotherhood, Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day) is observed annually on April 24 by the Sant Nirankari Mission in a spiritually charged atmosphere, in sacred remembrance of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji. This day is not only an occasion to pay homage but also a spiritual confluence of humanity, harmony, and unity.

On this day, the Mission initiates a nationwide blood donation drive that flows throughout the year as a symbol of collective awakening toward selfless service. Alongside, spiritual congregations spread the message of love, peace, and inclusiveness

to the masses. This day signifies that service is not merely an act but an inner sentiment of selfless dedication. This year too, the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation organized an extensive series of blood donation camps across more than 500 branches throughout India. In Jammu the camp was held at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Shastri Nagar and was inaugurated by Smt. Seema Basin JKAS Director Finance, Social Welfare Department Civil Secretariat Jammu. She said that the camp witnessing the enthusiastic participation of devotees who voluntarily donated blood with full dedication and zeal, contributing to the welfare of humanity. A total of 217 units of blood donated by devotees.



Through his realization of Truth, Yugdrishta Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji initiated movements that freed society from superstitions and social evils, encouraging de-addiction, simple marriages, and positive thinking among youth. Carrying forward his noble legacy, Baba

Hardev Singh Ji gave the eternal message, "Let blood flow in veins, not in drains," making blood donation an integral part of the Mission's spiritual service. This message continues to live in the hearts of Nirankari devotees as a glowing torch of service and sacrifice.

Dr. Geetika Duggal, Medical Director of Sant Nirankari Health City, shared that approximately 30,000 units of blood were collected across the country during this blood donation drive, with nearly 1,000 units donated at the Delhi camp alone.

This day also honors the sacred memory of devoted martyrs like Chacha Partap Singh Ji and many other saints who dedicated their lives walking the path of human unity, selfless service, and spiritual awakening. Manav Ekta Diwas keeps alive the inspiration drawn from their steadfast faith and noble resolutions.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu Welcome all and said that this grand initiative is more than just

a blood donation drive; it is a living expression of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj's message of compassion, service, and unity. It teaches us that humanity is the supreme religion. Inspired by this divine vision, the Sant Nirankari Mission continues to pave the path of humanity through tireless service and wholehearted dedication.

Other Dignitaries presented on the occasion were Anu Behl JKAS Special Secretary to the Govt Revenue Deptt of Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Dr. Vijay Sahni, Dr. Renu Menia, Dr. Zulfikar, Dr. Rashmika from Blood Bank GMC Jammu. The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu and JKASCS.

GDC RS Pura Organizes Plantation Drive for Herbal Tea Garden



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NSS unit of Government Degree College RS Pura has taken a green leap forward by organizing a Plantation Drive for establishing a Herbal Tea Garden in college campus today on 24.04.2025, promoting both environmental consciousness and holistic health. The drive saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and NSS volunteers. A diverse selection of herbal plants, including Tulsi, Lemongrass, Mint, Chamomile, and Ashwagandha, were planted during the event. These plants will serve as the foundation for the college's new Herbal Tea Garden, which aims to educate students on the benefits of herbal remedies and sustainable agriculture. Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour, applauded

the initiative, stating, "This plantation drive is not just about greenery—it's about cultivating a healthier lifestyle, connecting with nature, and inspiring students to value traditional knowledge." The Herbal Tea Garden will also be integrated into the academic and extracurricular framework of the institution, offering students practical exposure to herbal sciences and eco-friendly practices, she added. Speaking on the event Program Coordinator, Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS PO said that this initiative aligns with broader efforts to instill Eco-conscious habits among youth and supports India's mission for a cleaner, greener future. The faculty members who make the event successful were Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour.

DIC Kulgam organizes Awareness programme under RAMP

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KULGAM, APRIL 24

District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam today conducted an awareness creation cum outreach programme under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating of MSME Performance) here at Higher Secondary School, Qaimoh.

Officers from line departments viz. Lead District Manager Kulgam; Principal, Higher Secondary School, Qaimoh; District Nodal Officer, EDI Kulgam; Principal ITI, Qaimoh; besides representatives from Agriculture, Handicrafts/ Handloom, CSC centres and Cooperatives Department, IPOs and other officials of DIC Kulgam were present in the programme.

More Than 100 beneficiaries from various departments, viz. Handicrafts/ Handloom, NRLM, Cooperatives, EDI, Agriculture, CSC operators, and industrial unit holders of DIC Kulgam attended the programme.

Golden Debut for J&K at Masters Nationals

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In a moment of immense pride for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, its Masters Basketball teams have etched their names in the annals of Indian sports history by clinching one gold and one silver medal at the 7th Masters National Games held in Dharamshala. Making their debut at the prestigious tournament, the teams delivered standout performances that have inspired a wave of celebration and admiration across the region.

Organized by the Masters Games Association Himachal Pradesh under the aegis of the Super Masters Games and Sports Federation (India), the tournament witnessed Jammu and Kashmir's athletes shine on a national platform, proving their mettle and leaving an indelible mark.

Leading the charge was the dynamic Iqbal Singh, whose performance was nothing short of spectacular. With over



30 points to his name, Singh's leadership and skill on the court earned him the coveted title of Best Player of the Tournament. His influence extended far beyond the scoreboard, motivating his teammates and lifting the entire squad with his energy and focus.

The highlight of the tournament was the J&K men's team in the 35+ age category, who stormed to a decisive 64-46 victory over Haryana in the final match, capturing the gold medal. The team, composed of Bhanu Partap Singh, Iqbal Singh, Ranbir Singh, Sumit Kumar, Varinder

Dabgotra, Sahil Sharma, Vaneet Pangotra, Mohan Singh, Sachin Bhambra, Sahil Uppal, Sumit Dogra, and Sandeep Khajuria, showcased exceptional coordination and resilience throughout the tournament.

In the 40+ men's category, the team fought valiantly against Kerala in a tightly contested final, ultimately securing the silver medal with a narrow 50-57 defeat. The squad, including familiar faces like Iqbal Singh and Bhanu Partap Singh, along with Ranjeet Singh Chib, Sumit Kumar, Varinder Dabgotra, Vaneet Pangotra, Mohan Singh, Sachin

Bhambra, Sahil Uppal, and Sumit Dogra, earned widespread applause for their spirit and sportsmanship.

Ranjeet Singh Chib, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Masters Games Association (JKMGA) and a former international handball player, hailed the victory as a landmark achievement for the UT. He extended his gratitude to key institutions such as the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, led by Sh. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), the J&K Police, and the Secretary of the J&K Sports Council, whose collaborative efforts were instrumental in creating a

supportive environment for the athletes.

The remarkable achievements of J&K's Masters Basketball teams are more than just wins on the court—they represent a triumph of perseverance, unity, and the indomitable spirit of the region's athletes. Their success has ignited a renewed passion for sports across Jammu and Kashmir and serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when talent meets opportunity. As the dust settles on a historic tournament, the legacy of these athletes is only just beginning.

J&K Trade Unions condemn Pahalgam terror attack, demand justice



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JAMMU, APR 24

The Joint Platform of J&K Trade Unions/Associations comprising CITU, INTUC, HMS, Oil & Gas Tankers union, NZIEA, State Centre Labour Union, Water Box PHE Employees Association, J&K Kisan Tehrik, Border Roads Casual Paid Workers Union (J&K), ASHA Workers Union - Jammu, NHM Employee Association strongly condemns the barbaric killing of 28 tourists in Pahalgam by Terrorists during a joint meeting of trade unions held today

on 24th of April, 2025 in the CITU office Marble Market Jammu. The Joint Platform of Trade Unions extends deepest condolences to the families of the innocent people who lost their lives in the attack. Several people have suffered serious injuries in the attack. The joint platform of Trade unions extends wishes for their speedy recovery.

The perpetrators of the horrific crime must be apprehended and punished. The police and security forces are under the centre Government. The Centre Government

must leave no stone unturned in bringing the forces responsible for the dastardly attack to justice. The perpetrators of crime are the enemies of the nation and more so of the people of Kashmir.

It is incumbent on the Central government to probe all angles of the attack including the lack of security in crowded tourist places.

The joint platform of J&K Trade Union stands united with people of India in this hour of tragedy against the extremists fundamentalist forces.

Modi Govt's CCS Decisions a Stern Warning to Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorism: Kavinder

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 24

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, on Wednesday said that the recent decisions taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, serve as a clear and stern warning to Pakistan and its terror proxies – India will no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism in any form.

Addressing a meeting at the BJP Headquarters in Jammu, Kavinder Gupta emphasized that the Modi Government has once again reaffirmed its uncompromising stance against terrorism and its steadfast commitment to safeguarding national security.

He stated that while Pakistan continues to act as a breeding ground for terrorism, the Modi Gov-



ernment has responded with decisive action, strategic planning, and unwavering political will. "Pakistan must realize that the era of soft responses is over. Today's India, under Prime Minister Modi, speaks the language of strength and sovereignty," he asserted.

Kavinder highlighted that the CCS decisions reflect the Modi government's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. He pointed to key measures such as the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, closure of the Wagah-Attari border, revocation of the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme for Pakistani nationals, and the expulsion of Pakistani military advisers from India, along

with the withdrawal of Indian military advisers from Pakistan, as part of a comprehensive strategy to hold Pakistan accountable for its continued support to terrorism.

Appealing to the people, especially those living in border areas and Jammu & Kashmir, he urged them to stand united with the security forces and support the government's efforts in building a terror-free and development-oriented future.

"Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India is determined to crush terrorism at its roots and make it unequivocally clear to Pakistan that this nation will never bow before violence and intimidation," he concluded.

Indian Army conducts Medical Patrol for Local Communities at Shikari, Reasi



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Demonstrating its continued commitment to the welfare of local communities, the Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in the remote area of Shikari district, Reasi. The outreach initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services to residents in this underserved region, ensuring access to primary medical aid, health awareness and necessary consultations. A team of Indian Army medical professionals carried out check-ups, dispensed medicines and

addressed various health-related concerns of villagers, many of whom have limited access to regular medical facilities. This initiative was well-received by the local population, who expressed gratitude for the timely support. The Indian Army remains steadfast in its resolve to assist and uplift remote communities while continuing to foster trust and goodwill among the people. Such humanitarian efforts reaffirm the Indian Army's motto of "Service before Self" and its dedication to nation-building beyond the call of duty.

Adjudicating Officer FSSA Jammu imposes Rs 1.79 lakh fine for food safety violations

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JAMMU, APRIL 24

As part of ongoing efforts to ensure food safety and safeguard public health, the Adjudicating Officer under the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA) in Jammu has imposed a fine of Rs 1.79 Lakh on various commercial establishments for violations of food safety norms.

The penalties were levied on manufacturers, distributors, and retailers found guilty of selling or distributing substandard and misbranded food items in the district.

The enforcement authorities have urged all food business operators to comply with the prescribed guidelines under FSSA 2006 to avoid punitive measures. Citizens can also report food safety violations by calling the toll-free number 104 or messaging on WhatsApp at 9484002101.

Fostering Collaboration and Learning: IIM Jammu hosts Immersion Program for BBA Students of ITS, Ghaziabad

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JAMMU, APR 24

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, organized an enriching Immersion Program for BBA students from the Institute of Technology and Science (I.T.S), Ghaziabad. Held at the Dharmma Classroom, Vedanta MDP Centre from April 24 to April 28, 2025, the program aimed to foster collaborative learning and provide valuable industry exposure to aspiring management professionals.

The Immersion Program featured the participation of 30 enthusiastic BBA students and two faculty members from I.T.S Ghaziabad. The students received a warm welcome and were taken on an engaging campus tour, beginning at the iconic Clock Tower and covering key facilities including the IIM Jammu Reception Area, Mandapam Auditorium, Smart Classrooms, and the state-of-the-art

Nalanda Library.

The Inaugural Ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of wisdom. The event was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu; Dr. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy; and Dr. Vinod Durge, Chairperson, Alumni Affairs. Representing I.T.S Ghaziabad were Prof. Vajjayanti Anand and Prof. Shivoham, who extended their support and encouragement to the participating students.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, welcomed the students and emphasized the importance of active participation and co-creation in the learning process. He encouraged the students to come prepared, be engaged, and leverage this opportunity to the fullest. Highlighting that learning at IIM system goes beyond classroom sessions, he underscored the value of peer learning and out-of-classroom



experiences. He thanked I.T.S Ghaziabad for collaborating in this initiative and encouraged students to explore the IIM Jammu campus, reflect on key takeaways, and fully immerse themselves in its vibrant academic ecosystem. "This five-day journey is not just about learning—it's about discovery, challenge, and growth," he remarked.

Dr. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and shared a key learning from a past industry immersion – the importance of dis-

covering something new each day. He emphasized that the five-day BBA program is designed to align with students' aspirations and equip them to become future leaders and job creators. Highlighting the role of Executive Education, he noted that IIM Jammu focuses on practical skills, policy awareness, and industry insights essential for today's dynamic business landscape. He reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment, in contributing to policymaking and nation-building through continuous learning and innovation.

Dr. Shreya Rastogi, Program Director, IIM Jammu, warmly welcomed the participants and provided an insightful overview of the program's objectives, setting the tone for an engaging and enriching learning experience.

The five-day program featured a thoughtfully curated curriculum designed to equip students with essential managerial insights and practical knowledge. Key topics included International Business, Capital Budgeting, Critical Thinking, Digital Branding, Fundamentals of Forex Markets, Cap-

ital Structure and Leverage Analysis, Operations Management, Practical Applications of Business Strategy, Supply Chain Management, Consumer Behaviour, Digital Transformation in Business, Lean Management, Business Statistics for Managers, Monetary Policy, Digital Marketing, Team Building, and the Role of AI in Business Communications. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Garima Maurya, Program Director, IIM Jammu. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the national anthem and group photograph.

The Immersion Program at IIM Jammu stands as a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and strengthening industry-academia partnerships. Through such transformative initiatives, IIM Jammu continues to set new benchmarks in management education and plays a pivotal role in shaping future-ready leaders.

Shri Kaal Bhairav Dham Trust distributes educational materials to GMS Raika, Jammu



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JAMMU, APRIL 24

In a commendable initiative, Shri Kaal Bhairav Dham Trust distributed educational materials to Govt Middle School Raika today. The distribution was carried out with the blessings of Mahant Shri Rahul Giri Ji Maharaj, who continues to inspire such social service efforts. As part of the event, the children received books and other essential learning supplies aimed at encouraging their interest in education and supporting their academic journey.

Trust members emphasized that this initiative is a step towards empowering underprivileged children by providing them with the tools they need to succeed. They also assured that similar activities will be organized regularly in the future. The local community expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Mahant Shri Rahul Giri Ji Maharaj for his constant support and guidance. The event not only brought smiles to the faces of the children but also reflected the Trust's commitment to social welfare and the upliftment of society through education.

KSS Faridabad strongly condemns Pahalgam massacre of innocent tourists

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The Kashmiri Sewak Samaj Faridabad strongly condemn Pahalgam Massacre of innocent Tourists who opened fire on them in a broad day light.

It reminded us the massacres of Kashmiri Pandits at various place from 1990 onwards.

The jihadis killed 26 tourists on the spot who were having tea and snacks at a local shop at the Baisaran Valley at Pahalgam Kashmir.

The terrorists segregated Males from ladies and children, verified their religion and killed being Hindus. They also killed one muslim boy Adil who has asked them not to kill innocent Hindus who has come to Pahalgam from different Parts of the country as tourists.

It was horrible to see the dead bodies lying in a pool of blood and the family members (crying for help). This barbaric act seems a planned action of the antinational forces to terrorise the Indian nationals to disturb the tourist season in Kashmir as they can't disgust the free flow of tourists in Kashmir. The terrorists have not only disturbed the peace in Kashmir, but has also snatched the bread and butter of the Local Muslims who have designed their rooms as Home stays and were earning a good amount of money

from the tourists. The local shopkeepers and businessmen engaging themselves with the tourists are hugely benefitted by the business which has boomed Kashmir these days.

India has put a lot of money during last few years in Kashmir, to develop various new tourist resorts such as Doodhpathri, Bangus Valley, Lolab Valley, Sonamarg besides traditional tourist resorts such as Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg etc. A world class tourist infrastructure has been developed in Kashmir to make every part of the Kashmir competitive with the foreign country tourist destinations. Pakistan is doomed to see huge infrastructural development in Kashmir.

The terror act at Pahalgam has resulted in cancellation of the most of the bookings from various parts of the country. Pakistan as usual again tried to undermine the Indian security forces and tried to raise the communal sentiment in India due this barbaric attack on the lives of peaceful Indian citizens.

It proved once again that terrorism can't be controlled by tourism. It needs an iron hand to handle the brutes. Kashmiri Muslims should come on the streets against the terror act so that the people of India restores faith in them which was totally eroded

by the rece The Government should show zero tolerance against terrorism. The Government should dismantle the terror ecosystem. Security measures should be strengthened to sustain peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiri Pandits strongly believe that till terrorism is not fully erased, the lives of common man would be at risk. The measuring rod for declaring normalcy in Kashmir should be only by return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Hindus in Kashmir. So that the prime goal of Pakistan and Local Militants to make Kashmir a pure Islamic state get defeated.

Kashmiri Sewak Samaj Faridabad believe that this is the right time to Settle Kashmiri Hindus back in Kashmir at a Single place so that the nationalist forces may get strengthened in Valley. We sympathise the families of Victims of this brutal act and urge Government to provide security to the tourists and protect the lives.

Kashmiri Hindus have faced similar massacres in Kashmir at Nadimarg, Wandhama, Chattisignpora, Amarnath and various other places besides selective killings of hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits in 2023. We know the pain and suffering of the victims. Our prayers are with the victim families

and we urge Government of India to deal with Terrorism and Islamic Jihad with Iron Hands.

We Suggest the following steps to be taken by the government in Kashmir to defeat the Terrorism.

To cancel all the property deals since 1990 which were registered during terrorism as all of them as based on threat and distress. The details may be taken from the revenue department.

To announce a Rehabilitation and resettlement Package and allot land to Kashmiri Hindus in a single place in Kashmir. The scheme for rehabilitation known as HUB and Spoke has been submitted to Government of India in 2021. Government should develop land for group housing societies and it should be open for everyone without any restriction of colour, creed and sex.

Government should ban all the private schools who are teaching hatred, violence and intolerance towards other religions. Strict rules including death sentences should be bring into force for those who indulge into violence and who abet terrorism / jihad.

Every action of the leaders should be watched and there should be zero % tolerance against their statement which they issue against any community / nation.

Candle March in Jammu pays tribute to Pahalgam Terror Attack Victims

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JAMMU, APR 24

To pay homage to the Martyrs of Pahalgam Terrorist Attack a Candle March was organized by Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu with the support of Anjuman-e-Haidery New Plot and MEWSL Hostel Bathindi. The attack was the most barbaric and cowardly act by terrorists that occurred in the picturesque town of Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in the tragic loss of 28 innocent lives, including 25 Indian nationals and 3 foreign nationals. The attack, which took place in the Baisaran Valley, targeted a group of tourists and has been described as one of the deadliest assaults on civilians in the region in recent years.

Security forces have launched a massive manhunt to apprehend the perpetrators and bring them to justice. The Candle March was taken out from Pirmitha and pass through the route of Lakhdara Bazar, Rajinder Bazar and culminated at Shaheedi Chowk Jammu.

Prof. Sujat Khan General Secretary of Anjuman-



e-Imamia during media interaction said that we assembled here to show our support and solidarity with the families of the victims who lost their loved ones in this attack and this candle march is a clear and loud message to the Pakistani sponsored Terrorist that don't claim yourself as Muslims. This is inhumane and no religion supports this kind of brutality. He said it's a tribute to those noble and innocent souls and we request our centre and state govt that those who involved in this attack should be traced and hardest of hard punishment should be given to those.

Prof. Khan further added that the decision taken by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

to suspend Indus water treaty, closing a key land border with Pakistan and cancelling a visa exemption schemes for Pakistani Citizens. Until unless some strong steps will not be taken this cross border terrorism will not be stopped.

Afaq Hussain Kazmi VP of Anjuman said that the Role of Kashmir People is appreciable that they came out of their houses and protest against this heinous act. He further added that we will appeal to people of Jammu and Kashmir that be united in this tough time and don't pay attention to rumours that will create differences among us.

President Anjuman-e-Haidery New Plot Abdul Sameer said that this incidence of pahalgam

should be investigated thoroughly and teuth should be brought in front of public and these terrorists should be given strict punishment and a lesson should be taught to these anti India forces once forever.

Sajid Jafari director MEWSL hostel in his message said that bloodshed of innocents is not permissible in ISLAM. He further added that that Government of India remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all its citizens and visitors. are firmly stand with th families of martyrs of Pahalgam.

Syed Ayaz Naqvi during his address thanked Rajinder Bazaar Association, Lakhdara Bazaar Association, Pir Mitha Shopkeepers Association And members of the civil society for their kind support for this noble cause and raised their voice against this brutal and coward act. He said our thanks are due to the entire print, electronic media foe conveying this message to national and international plat-forms. He also thanks to the different bazar associations for their kind support.

SRS appeals for free Air Evacuation of Tourists from Kashmir following Pahalgam terror attack

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JAMMU, APR 24

In response to the recent horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena (SRS), J&K UT, has urgently appealed to the Government of India and the Jammu & Kashmir UT Administration to immediately arrange free

air evacuation services for tourists currently in the Kashmir Valley.

Mahajan expressed deep concern over the safety and mental well-being of tourists, many of whom are reportedly traumatized and eager to return home. He strongly condemned the exorbitant airfare hikes by private airlines, calling it

"economic exploitation of fear and grief."

Free or heavily subsidized flights for tourists, to be arranged via the Indian Air Force or government-supported civil charters.

Strict action against private airlines engaging in price gouging during such national emergencies.

Establishment of a dedi-

cated helpline to assist and coordinate the evacuation of stranded tourists from Kashmir.

Emphasizing the Indian ethos of "Atithi Devo Bhava" (Guests are like Gods), Mahajan called for compassion and swift government intervention to ensure the safety and dignity of both domestic and international tourists.

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UDHAMPUR, APR 24

JKNC strongly denounced the cowardly militant attack on tourists in Pahalgam terming the incident as the most unfortunate and shameful act. The rank and file of the National Conference led by District Secretary Captain Pavitar Singh along with team staged strongest protest at Jib Thathi, and strongly denounced the militant attack on tourists in Basiran area of Pahalgam in Anantnag District in which several tourists were injured leav-



ing reportedly one dead. It was very shocking and anguishing to learn about the mindless and dastardly militant attack on innocent tourists such incidents are highly deplorable and have no place in a civilized society he said.

Adding that the incident has put a big question mark on the tall claims of Centre Govt with regard to the security situation in J&K,

Capt. Pavitar Singh strongly urged that the perpetrators of this he-

nous crime must be identified and given exemplary punishment.

He expressed solidarity with the family of the deceased person and prayed for speedy recovery of the injured.

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat issues instruction to Revenue Dept for improved public service, transparency

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BISHNAH, APRIL 24

In a determined move to improve public service delivery, Bishnah MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat convened a high-level meeting with revenue officials, addressing critical shortcomings within the department. The meeting, held at his office chamber, focused on systemic issues causing hardship to citizens.

Dr. Bhagat strongly criticized the persistent delays in issuing essential certificates, including domicile, category, character, and agriculture certificates. He reminded officials of the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) mandates and demanded strict adherence to prescribed timelines. "Citizens are entitled to timely services," Dr. Bhagat asserted, "and delays are unacceptable."

The MLA also addressed the slow pace of providing online revenue extracts and land records. Despite the availability of online platforms, services like Jamabandi and Khasra Girdwari are significantly delayed. Dr. Bhagat instructed officers to

prioritize online service delivery within the PSGA framework.

A key concern was the flawed practice of conducting Harvest Inspections (Girdwari). Dr. Bhagat denounced the practice of Patwaris completing Girdwari from their offices instead of conducting mandatory field inspections. He emphasized that this leads to inaccurate records and disputes among landowners. "Every Patwari will now be held accountable for conducting on-the-spot inspections," Dr. Bhagat declared.

The attestation of mutations also came under scrutiny. Dr. Bhagat stressed the importance of fair hearings for all stakeholders and mandated on-site attestations to ensure transparency and prevent delays. He further expressed concern over the non-incorporation of attested mutations into revenue records, calling the practice "unlawful" and demanding immediate action.

Regarding land acquisition, Dr. Bhagat urged the Collector to meticulously

review records, particularly the LB-10 forms, to prevent discrepancies. He cited past issues with Ring Road acquisitions and stressed adherence to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Dr. Bhagat also highlighted the lack of regular inspections of revenue records by supervisory officers, which he believes has enabled manipulation of records. He called for strict adherence to the inspection schedule outlined in the Land Revenue Act.

Finally, Dr. Bhagat directed the swift disposal of pending partition cases and reiterated his commitment to eradicating corruption within the department. He also called for the immediate distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA scheme.

Dr. Bhagat's assertive stance signals a push for significant reforms within the Revenue Department, with a focus on citizen-centric services, accountability, and transparency.

Sant Hare Ram Das Public School pays tributes to victims of April 23 incident



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JAMMU, APRIL 24

Under the guidance of President Shri Shri 1008 Sant Hare Ram Das Ji Maharaj and Principal Prof. Ekta Gupta, Sant Hare Ram Das Public School held a heartfelt tribute service today to honor the victims of the tragic incident that occurred on April 23, 2025.

The school community gathered in unity, observing a moment of silence and offering prayers for those affected. Students, teachers, and staff came together to pay their respects and express solidarity with the victims and their families.

Principal Prof. Ekta Gupta expressed deep sorrow and condemned

the act of violence, stating, "We strongly denounce these heinous acts. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families, and we wish for the speedy recovery of the injured."

The school reaffirmed its commitment to promoting peace, unity, and compassion within and beyond its community.

Kavinder, Ganga hold Public Darbar at BJP HQs

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JAMMU, APRIL 24

Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and Chandher Parkash Ganga, MLA Vijaypur Assembly Constituency listened to the public grievances of the masses in a Public Darbar held at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

MLA Bahu Choudhary Vikram Randhawa, along with senior party leaders Rashpaul Verma, Daljit Singh Chib, and others, was also present during the interaction.

The Darbar witnessed participation from numerous deputations representing various sections of society and regions from Jammu and its adjoining districts. Citizens raised a wide range of issues including unscheduled power cuts, irregularities in ration supply, drinking water shortages, and other developmental concerns.

People apprised the BJP leaders about unscheduled power cuts, ration supply issues, drinking water supply, and other developmental issues.

The BJP leaders patiently listened to the grievances and assured



that the matters brought to their attention would be taken up with the concerned departments for timely redressal. Written communications

were made on the spot to the respective government officials, pressing for prompt action on the genuine demands of the public.

Civil Society welcomes appointment of Yasir Wani as EO MC Doda

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DODA, APRIL 24

The people of Doda have wholeheartedly welcomed the appointment of Mr. Yasir Wani as the Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Doda, a decision hailed as timely and much-needed by the civil society and residents alike.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir's move to delegate this crucial responsibility to Mr. Wani has been lauded across the board, with citizens expressing hope for a new era of efficiency and transparency in local governance. The absence of a capable and dedicated officer had long been felt in the administration of the Municipal Council, and Mr. Wani's arrival is seen as a major step forward.

Prominent social activ-



the public that addressing the growing monkey and dog menace in the town will be among his top priorities. He emphasized the importance of maintaining public safety and sanitation, and expressed his commitment to resolving these civic issues through coordinated and humane strategies.

"The Municipal Committee Doda has long required a committed officer to steer the institution in the right direction. Mr. Yasir Wani's appointment has restored our faith in the system, and we are optimistic about the future of Doda's civic development," said Firdoos Hussain Rather.

With this development, the citizens of Doda look forward to a more responsive and dynamic municipal administration under Mr. Wani's stewardship.

ists including Firdoos Hussain Rather, Faizan Trembo, Naseer Khora, Ghulam Hassan Pampori, Manzoor Ahmed Butt and Ishtiaq Ahmed Dev extended their gratitude to the government for appointing a competent and locally rooted officer to lead the prestigious civic body. They praised Mr. Wani's reputation for administrative acumen, sincerity, and a people-centric approach, expressing confidence that his leadership will bring about meaningful change.

Speaking to PNA Doda, Mr. Yasir Wani assured

Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament held at GMHSS Basohli

JNEWS SERVICE
BASOHLI, APRIL 24

Inter School Zonal level tournament of Zone Basohli held at GMHSS Basohli follow the activity Calander issued by direction of worthy Director general YSS Jammu Kashmir Ut and the direction of Worthy DYSSO Kathua Sh. Sunil Singh Sambyal ji, Zonal Physical Education officer Basohli Sh. Tara Singh ji along with physical education staff of Zone Basohli held the tournament in Discipline Athletics, Yoga boys of U/14 and U/17 yrs age groups.

Today Athletics, Yoga, U/14, U/17 yrs Boys match held at Zone Basohli.

Total 713 Boys of govt and Private Schools of Zone Basohli participated with full of enthusiasm.

Results; Running Under / 14 selection of 100 meters Sahil : Govt GMS Basohli



Under / 17 Selection of 100 meters Ritik Thakur : VSHSS

Basohli Selection list of 200 meters

Under / 14 - Bhiregav Balotra of VSHSS Basohli Under / 17 - Amit Kumar of MHSS Basohli Javelin Throw Under / 14 Krish from VSHSS Basohli

Under / 17 Cluster Bhoond Under / 17 Kamal Singh First In Shot Put Under / 14 Wasim Hussin First In Shot Put Long jump Under / 14 Mohit Verma first position from GHS Sandhr

Under / 17 Mohd Sahid first position from GHS Sandhr Running 100 meters Avnish Kumar take a first position from GHS Daramn 200 meters Salman Khan takes a first position from HS Janu 400 meters Varun Singh takes a first position from HS Sandhar 600 meters Mnjeet Thakur first position HS Daraman.

Sham Lal Gupta condemns Pahalgam terror attack, calls for united stand against terrorism

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 24

Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti-Crime (NGO), has strongly condemned the barbaric terrorist attack on tourists in the Baisaran area of Pahalgam, Anantnag district, in which 26 innocent lives were lost and dozens more were injured. He described the act as cowardly and inhuman, aimed at disrupting the growing atmosphere of peace and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing deep anguish over the heinous incident, Gupta said such acts of terror reflect the desperation of those who cannot tolerate the return of normalcy, tourism, and stability in the Union Territory. "Attacking unarmed civilians who had come to enjoy the natural beauty and cultural warmth of Kashmir is a shameful and despicable act," he stated. "These attempts to tarnish the image of Jammu and Kashmir must be condemned by every right-thinking citizen."

He further emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have repeatedly voiced their aspiration for peace, development, and brotherhood—an aspiration that terrorists are trying to sabotage.


"The enemies of peace are trying to instill fear among tourists and local communities. But their nefarious designs will not succeed, as the people of this region are united in their resolve against terrorism," he asserted.



Calling for a strong and decisive response, Sham Lal Gupta urged the security forces to act with full strength against the perpetrators of the attack and anyone who supports or shelters the terror ecosystem. "There should be zero tolerance towards those spreading bloodshed and disrupting communal harmony," he said.

He also appealed to society at large, including political leaders and civil society organizations, to rise above all differences and come together in support of the victims, while extending full backing to the security forces in their mission to eliminate terrorism from the region.

In conclusion, Gupta expressed heartfelt solidarity with the injured tourists and their families, assuring them that Anti-Crime NGO stands firmly with all peace-loving citizens in the collective fight against terror.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 10 of 2025-2026/Jammu East Dated 22-04-2025

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

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Stage Contract for Maintenance of Air Conditioners / Drinking Water Coolers / Water purifiers / Refrigerators etc. installed at J&K Guest Houses at 5, Prithvi Raj Road, Chankyapuri, 7 Akbar Road, New Delhi, and Amritsar for the financial Year 2025-2026	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	9.02	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2026	30-04-2025 on or after 1300 Hrs	"A" Class Electrical Contractor

Position of AAA :- Accorded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-04-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 23-04-2025 to 28-04-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	25-04-2025 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Asstt. Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Sub-Div. New Delhi
4	Bid submission Start Date	23-04-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	28-04-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	30-04-2025 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

No :- 808-18
Dated :- 22-04-2025

Sd/-
(Er. Rahat Gupta)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Jammu East

DIP/J-518/25
Date: 24-4-25

MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta inaugurates Dehail-Bakal Road project in Hartaryan



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 24

Hon'ble MLA Shri Pawan Kumar Gupta today inaugurated the blacktopping works of the Dehail to Bakal road in Village Hartaryan, undertaken under the NABARD scheme. The road project, with a tender cost of Rs 356.67 lakhs and an allotted cost of Rs 285.34 lakhs, is expected to greatly enhance connectivity in the rural region and improve access to essential services and markets for the local

population.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of several senior leaders and dignitaries, including DDC Chairman Shri Lal Chand, BJP District Secretary Shri Rohit Sethi, BJP General Secretary Shri Varinder Badyal, BJP City President Shri Pankaj Mahajan, and former Sarpanch of Hartaryan, Shri Sanjay Ji.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Pawan Kumar Gupta reaffirmed the government's commitment to bolstering rural infra-

structure and ensuring that development projects are completed in a timely, transparent, and efficient manner. He highlighted the significance of this road in bridging the infrastructure gap in rural areas and empowering local communities.

Local residents welcomed the initiative, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the leaders for addressing a long-pending demand and taking a step forward in the region's development.

BJP organizes Shradhanjali Sabha to pay tributes to the 26 civilians martyred in Pahalgam terror attack



J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 24

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir organized a Shradhanjali Sabha at Church Lane, Srinagar, to pay tribute to the 26 innocent civilians who were brutally killed in a terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22nd April 2025.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP, Gh. Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha), Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP & MLA, Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson, J&K BJP and other senior leaders of BJP paid floral tributes on the occasion. Offering floral tributes to the martyrs, BJP

leaders observed a two-minute silence in memory of the innocent lives lost. The attack, which targeted peaceful visitors, has drawn strong condemnation from all corners and has been described as an attack on the soul of Kashmir.

While paying the tributes, Sat Sharma stated, "These tourists came here in trust and peace, and their murder is a crime against humanity. We grieve with their families and promise that their sacrifice will not be forgotten."

Ashok Koul added, "Terrorists want to instill fear and divide us, but Kashmiris will never allow such darkness to overpower the spirit of our land. We stand united in mourning and in resolve."

Dharmarth Trust pays homage to victims of Pahalgam terror attack

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 24

The J&K Dharmarth Trust today observed two minutes of silence at its Central Office in Jammu to pay solemn tribute to the innocent tourists who lost their lives in the recent tragic terrorist attack at Pahalgam.

The staff and officials of the Trust gathered in a spirit of deep mourning and solidarity to express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. The unfortunate incident, which claimed the lives of peaceful visitors, has left the entire nation in shock and grief.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. P.S Pathania, President of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, expressed profound



sorrow over the incident and called for unity and resilience in the face of such senseless violence. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. The entire Trust headed by the Hon'ble Chairman Trustee and former Sadr-e-Riyasat of J&K, Dr. Karan Singh ji and Trustees, stands in solidarity with them during

this difficult time," he said. Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd), Secretary of the Trust, condemned the act in the strongest terms, stating, "Terrorism has no place in our society. This heinous act against innocent tourists is a direct attack on peace and harmony. We pray for strength and courage for the families affected."

Modi Govt's actions against Pakistan show zero tolerance for terror: Vibodh

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 24

In a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Mandir Committee of Gangyal today organized a Yagya to offer prayers for those who lost their lives and to seek blessings for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Later, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressed the media at the venue. Expressing deep anguish over the incident, Gupta stated, "We strongly condemn the cowardly attack on innocent civilians. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the peace and unity of our nation, and the perpetrators will not be spared."

He further emphasized India's long-standing ethos of peace and non-aggression, while also asserting the country's right to self-defense. "India has never attacked any country out of hatred or contempt, but if our interests are threatened, we will not hesitate to take a big step," Gupta



added.

He further highlighted the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national security, noting several strong measures taken in response to repeated provocations from Pakistan. He also asserted that Pakistan's support to terrorism is a global threat. "This government has not stayed silent. We have taken steps like keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, cancelling SAARC visas for Pakistani citizens, among others - sending a clear message that terrorism will not be tolerated," Gupta said.

Speaking to the media, Baldev Singh Billoria expressed profound grief and condemned the heinous act in the strongest terms. "This cowardly attack is not just an assault on individuals, but on the very spirit of our nation - a nation built on unity, resilience, and peace."

He called on the people to remain united adding, "Terror has no justification. Such violence will only strengthen our resolve to defeat it in all its forms. We must continue to support our security forces and stand firm against any attempt to destabilize our peace."

GCW Gandhi Nagar organizes one day Extension Lecture on the Topic "Scope Of Value Added Products"



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 24

PG Department of Food Science and Technology of PPS Government college for women Gandhi Nagar Jammu organized one day Extension Lecture on the Topic "SCOPE OF VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS" on 24th of April 2025 to enlighten the young minds towards value addition of fruits and vegetables based food products using various novel techniques in Food processing sector. The program was organized under the able guidance of worthy Principal Prof. Geetanjali Rana who appreciated the efforts of the department and

encouraged the students to become job givers rather than job seekers. Dr. Anuradha Gandotra, HOD Food Science welcomed the resource person Dr. Gul Syed, chief canning and processing Instructor (Dy Director), Fruit and Vegetable Craft Centre, Chand Nagar. Dr. Gul Syed gave deep insight into the topic and motivated students to become entrepreneurs and take up food processing as profession with a view towards ensuring self employment opportunities. A total of 50 students attended the lecture. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Kavneet Kour and Upasana Sharma student of the department.

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JAMMU, APR 24

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has issued a poster with the message "Fearlessly visit Baba Barfani" and appealed to devotees of Bholenath to take part in the Amarnath yatra and give a befitting reply to terrorism.

Along with this, a warning has been issued to terrorist organizations to face dire consequences if they dare to carry out any untoward incident.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the purpose of the cowardly attack on Hindus in Pahalgam is to affect the Shri Amarnath yatra and create fear among Hindus. Sahni has issued a warning to the terrorist organizations that they will have to face serious consequences if they make any nefarious attempt to carry out any untoward incident during the pilgrimage.

Along with this, Sahni

said that to encourage the devotees of Baba Barfani, a group of Shiv Sainiks of revered Bala Saheb Thackeray will be present at the main base camps Pahalgam and Baltal during the yatra.

Sahni has released a poster "We will have darshan of Baba Barfani without fear" and appealed to people to participate in the yatra and take blessings of Bhole Baba. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Senior Vice President Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli were present on this occasion.

JK students of Aryans pay tribute to Pahalgam Victims in Srinagar

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 24TH APRIL

JK students of Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh expressed its deepest sorrow and regret over the tragic loss of 27 lives in the Pahalgam incident. In a solemn gesture of solidarity, JK students of Aryans Group of Colleges organized a tribute ceremony on 27 Shikaras, gave a message of unity with "United Against Terror" posters on Shikaras. Dr. Anshu

Kataria, Chairman of Aryans Group was present on the occasion.

Dr. Kataria extended his deepest condolences to the bereaved families and offered prayers for the departed souls. He said that Kashmir is heaven on earth, will always be heaven despite of any adversity. He asserted that no terrorist attack can undermine the spirit of India's 140 crore people. The Aryans team, along with 2000 Kashmiri students and their families, will

provide support to the victims' families in Kashmir for the entire next week.

Er. Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, Aryans JK Coordinator, highlighted that the students from Jammu and Kashmir form a significant part of Aryans Group Chandigarh. He mentioned that earlier also in times of crisis, such as floods, Aryans JK students have consistently been at the forefront in serving the society.

Police arrest 3 drug peddlers; Contraband substances recovered

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 24

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered a substantial quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

A Police party of Police Post Mirgund at a checkpoint established at Check Raza Khan intercepted a vehicle (Alto) bearing registration number JK01V-3940 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Parvaiz Ahmad Shah son of Abdul Ahad Shah resident of Lolab Kupwara A/P Rambailgarh,

Khushboo Jan daughter of Bashir Ahmad Parray resident of Rambailgarh. During search, 1146 grams of Charas Powder were recovered from their possession. Both the accused have been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of the crime has also been seized.

Meanwhile in Kulgam, a Police team from Police Station Qazigund set up a checkpoint at Levdoora crossing NHW and intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number JK02BK-8707 driven by Sardar Chand son of Deena Nath resident of Samba Manan, Jammu. During search, Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered.

He has been arrested and the vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations are underway.

We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

FICCI FLO JKL condemns Baisaran attack, urges for Peace, Unity

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 24

FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chairperson Aarti Chowdhary has strongly condemned the barbaric attack on innocent tourists in Baisaran, calling it a heart-wrenching tragedy that has shaken the entire region. In her statement, Aarti Chowdhary expressed deep sorrow over the loss of innocent lives and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. "What was meant to be a joyful moment turned into an unimaginable tragedy. As a woman, a leader, and above all, a human being, I unequivocally denounce this act of terror," she stated. She urged the community to remain united in compassion, courage, and commitment to peace. "There is never any justification for such violence. We must speak against fear and uphold peace with unwavering resolve," she added.

FICCI FLO JKL reaffirmed its stand in solidarity with the victims and emphasized that the power of light and unity will always overcome darkness.

Police observes Thana Diwas in various police establishment

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 24

As part of the ongoing public outreach initiative under the Government of UT Jammu & Kashmir, Thana Diwas were observed at various police establishments including Awan-tipora, Sopore, Budgam, etc.

These programmes were held with the aim

of bridging the gap between the police and the public by facilitating open dialogue and direct engagement. These meetings were chaired by senior officers along with the concerned Station House Officers. These meetings were attended by various associations and respectable of concerned areas.

During the inter-

actions, participants raised various issues and grievances related to policing and local civic matters. Officers assured the public that all genuine concerns related to the Police Department would be addressed on priority, while matters pertaining to civil administration would be taken up with the concerned departments for timely resolution.

DC Ramban visits flood-affected areas

Reviews relief, restoration measures

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, APRIL 24

Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today undertook a comprehensive tour of all affected wards in Ramban town to assess the situation on ground.

Accompanied by officers of line departments, the DC visited the homes of affected families, evaluated the extent of damages and took realistic feedback to ensure immediate and effective relief and rehabilitation.

Today's visit also focused on future planning to mitigate such damages and losses, aiming to strengthen the district's preparedness and resilience against such disasters. His proactive engagement reflects the district administration's unwaver-



ing commitment to compassionate and efficient disaster response, said DC. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shoket Hyat Mattoo, CMO Dr. Kamal Je Zadu, CEO Bikram Singh, Assistant Director Food Civil Supplies and Public Distribution, Executive Engineer PWD Abhishek Mahajan,

CEO MC Ramban and various other officers.

While inspecting the restoration of essential services and the ongoing debris clearance operations, the DC issued necessary directives to concerned officers for expediting the work. He assured the affected families that the administration stands firmly with them and will provide

every possible support to help them rebuild their lives.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of damage assessment at a review meeting and instructed the Assessment Teams to complete the evaluation within the stipulated timeline. Efforts to restore water supply, power, street lighting, and link road connectivity are being undertaken on a war footing to bring normalcy to daily life.

To support the labour force actively engaged in restoration work, the District Administration has established a Langar at Ramban and is also distributing ration to affected families to address immediate needs.

Further, a dedicated help desk has been set up at Sangaldan Railway

Station to assist incoming tourists by providing information, guidance, and medical assistance, thereby ensuring a safe and smooth travel experience.

The Health Department has intensified spraying activities across affected areas to curb the spread of communicable diseases, while the Animal Husbandry Department is providing medical care to livestock and ensuring a continuous fodder supply in affected zones like Kelamohr, safeguarding both animal and human lives.

The District Administration Ramban remains committed to ensuring round-the-clock response, dignified rehabilitation, and rapid restoration of all essential services in the flood-affected areas.

Div Com Jammu, IGP review law & order situation in Kishtwar



JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, APRIL 24

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti today arrived here to take stock of the law and order situation.

The Div Com and IGP convened a meeting with officers from the Police,

Army and Civil Administration.

The meeting focused on a comprehensive review of the security arrangements and the overall law and order situation in the District. Necessary directions were issued to ensure safety and security in the district.

Later, the Div Com reviewed the ongoing

arrangements for the annual Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

The Divisional Commissioner took a comprehensive review of the facilities being put in place for the smooth annual pilgrimage. He assessed provision of power, water supply, accommodation, transportation and other facilities.

J&K celebrates National Panchayati Raj Day with over 1 Lakh participation across UT

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APRIL 24

Jammu and Kashmir today joined the rest of the nation in commemorating the National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) 2025 with unprecedented enthusiasm and overwhelming public participation.

More than one lakh people from across 4,291 Gram Panchayats took part in the vibrant programmes held at the Panchayat, Block and District level, reaffirming the Union Territory's commitment to grassroots democracy and community driven development.

The national highlight was a historic event at Lohna Uttar Gram Panchayat in Bihar's Madhubani district, presided over by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

Addressing the nation, the Prime Minister called for a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, offering prayers and condolences



to the bereaved families.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister also presented the National Panchayat Awards, recognizing best-performing Panchayats from across the country for their excellence in governance and development.

The NPRD 2025 observance also commemorat-

ed the continued legacy of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, which institutionalized Panchayati Raj in India and empowered local self-governance at the village level.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the celebrations focused on promoting transparency, accountability and cit-

izen participation. Gram Sabhas were held across the UT, with a special focus on Water Management & Conservation, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and awareness campaigns under Nasha Mukta Bharat to address drug addiction.

In a strong show of unity, districts across the UT passed unanimous res-

olutions at District, Block and Panchayat level condemning the heinous and cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The resolutions reflected the collective grief, outrage and unwavering resolve of the people to stand against terrorism.

A live telecast of the Prime Minister's address was arranged in Gram Panchayats across Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring wide viewership and participation. Director, Panchayati Raj, J&K, Sham Lal, lauded the efforts of all districts in organizing special Gram Sabhas and reaffirmed the administration's commitment towards strengthening grassroots democracy. "We are committed to the development of all Panchayats and will ensure that the benefits of democracy reach every corner," he asserted.

On the National Panchayati Raj Day, PM Modi presented National Panchayat Awards, recognizing and incentivizing best-performing Panchayats.

Free Eyeglasses provided to inmates at District Jail Bhandarwah under Health Department initiative



JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, APRIL 24

The Health Department today provided free eyeglasses to inmates at District Jail Bhandarwah on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Om Kumar.

A total of 36 eyeglasses were distributed among the inmates diagnosed with the eyesight issues. The distribution was carried out by Superintendent Jail Hamid Ullah

Naik, in the presence of Rishi Kumar Pandita, Nodal Officer Red Cross.

It is pertinent to mention that this initiative is the follow-up of a free eye screening camp organized by the Health Department in February 2025, during the visit of Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Atul Sreedharan.

During the camp, 36 cases of visual impairment were identified among the inmates, who have now been provided with free spectacles as part of this

welfare initiative. Superintendent Jail, Hamid Ullah Naik expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the District Administration and the Health Department for their continued support and compassionate efforts towards inmate welfare.

This step reflects the administration's commitment to ensuring health and well-being for all sections of society, including those within correctional facilities.

National Panchayati Raj Day celebrated at Shopian



JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, APRIL 24

District Administration Shopian today celebrated National Panchayati Raj Day at the Mini Secretariat here, underscoring the importance of empowering local self-governance and strengthening grassroots democracy.

The event was chaired by DC Shopian, Shishir Gupta, who spoke about the crucial role Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) play in promoting participatory development and responsive governance at the village level.

During the programme, DC held a brief counselling session with parents and teachers, sensitizing them

about the rising threat of drug abuse among youth.

He urged proactive involvement from families and educational institutions in guiding the younger generation and pledged the administration's continued support in awareness and intervention efforts.

As part of the celebrations, DC felicitated the Best Performing employees of RDD for the year 2024-25, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to rural welfare and development.

The event was attended by ADDC Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Husain Faaz; ACD Shopian, DPO, BDOs and other senior officers of the district.

WORLD MALARIA DAY - 2025

25th, April

01

PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING

- Keep surroundings free of stagnant water
- Cover all water containers & frequently change the water
- Disposal of all useless items holding water such as tins/cans/tyres/bottles etc.

02

PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES

- Use mosquito net while sleeping
- Use protective clothing (covering full body)
- Use mosquito repellents (creams/ liquid sprays/ mats/coils)

03

PREVENT ENTRY OF MOSQUITOES

- Mosquito screen for doors/ windows
- Clear weeds and tall grass around the houses
- Improve basic sanitation

04

FOR FREE TREATMENT AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT

Nearest Government Health Institution

ASHA in your village

STATE MALARIOLOGIST / STATE PROGRAMME OFFICER, NVBDGP, J&K
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, JAMMU

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