



## J&K Students Association Announces Second List of Office Bearers; Expands National and Regional Representation

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The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Monday announced the second list of newly elected office bearers, following the conclusion of its ongoing electoral and consultative process. This move is part of the Association's broader strategy to strengthen its grassroots presence and institutional effectiveness by empowering dynamic student leaders across a wider spectrum of Indian states, union territories, and university campuses. The newly elected leaders are expected to play a pivotal role in furthering JKSA's mission both within India and abroad.

Among the notable elections, Raheel Banka has been elected as the Chief Spokesperson of the Association. Shahid Peer has been elected as the State Secretary for Jammu and Kashmir, while Aamir Hassan will serve as the Incharge for Central Kashmir and also as the Unit President of Islamia College. Furqan Janwari has been elected as the Coordinator for North Kashmir. Strengthening its healthcare and student representation, Shahid Mir has been elected President of the J&K Nursing Wing, with Tawseef Ayoub as its Vice President. Musa Yousuf has been elected President of the Paramedical Students Association Wing. The Government

Medical College (GMC) units also see new leadership with Owais Ashraf elected as Unit President of GMC Srinagar and Varun Jagotra as Vice President. Idrees Ahmad will head GMC Jammu as its Unit President.

The Association continues to grow its presence outside Jammu and Kashmir as well, with Dr. Anamul Haq elected as the State Vice President for Uttar Pradesh and Irfan Sarwar as Vice President for Chandigarh Union Territory.

In the media and communications division, Sumaya Sultana has been elected as Media Coordinator for Jammu and Kashmir, alongside Syed Adnan Hashmi and Gowhar Man-

zoor, who will also serve as Media Coordinators in the region. Muzamil Reshi joins the communications team as Additional Spokesperson.

Further strengthening its social outreach and inclusion efforts, Rizwan Ahmad has been elected President of the Gujjar-Bakerwal Wing. Ahmed Nayar will lead as the Unit President of SP Higher Secondary School. Shafat Hassan has been elected as General Secretary of the Nursing Wing, while Peerzada Mehbooba-ul-Haq joins the Advisory Board as a new member.

Expanding its academic engagement, Umer Bashir has been elected as the Coordinator at the National Institute of Tech-

nology (NIT). Mubashir Ahmed will serve as the Coordinator for Ramban, Udhampur, and Reasi districts, ensuring outreach in these regions as well.

The Central Working Committee of the Association congratulated the newly elected office bearers, expressing confidence in their dedication and enthusiasm to ensure the welfare and betterment of Jammu and Kashmir's student community. Newly elected National Chairperson Mushtaq Habeeb emphasized the importance of working together to make the JKSA a stronger and more effective platform for students. He expressed eagerness to expand the association's reach and impact.

## Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan: DC presides over IEC Campaign at Poonch



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POONCH, JULY 7

As part of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign under the Nasha Mukt Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal today presided over a comprehensive awareness programme held at the Town Hall, Municipal Council Poonch. The event witnessed active participation from various stakeholders and community members.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the critical role of parents in identifying early signs of drug abuse among chil-

dren and youth. He urged families to remain vigilant and stressed the importance of early intervention through proper counseling and if necessary, referral to de-addiction centres for treatment and care.

"The key to tackling drug abuse lies in nurturing strong social values and fostering positive peer relationships," the DC said. He further informed that the District Administration has launched a series of targeted IEC campaigns at the panchayat, municipal and educational institution levels. These initiatives aim to sensitize vulnerable age groups, raise grassroots awareness and promote effective rehabilitation for individuals battling addic-

tion. The program also featured addresses by the District Social Welfare Officer, AYUSH Medical Officer, representatives from the Police Department and officers from the Panchayat, Sports and Bar Association. The speakers shared insights into the social, economic and medical consequences of drug addiction and underlined the collective responsibility of all sections of society in combating this growing menace.

The awareness programme underscored the importance of community engagement and inter-departmental coordination to achieve a drug-free and healthier society in the district.

## PAC holds meet at Srinagar, discusses Audit Paras of HUDD

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SRINAGAR, JULY 07

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today convened a meeting to discuss various audit paras of the Housing and Urban Development department (HUDD) at the Assembly Complex here.

The meeting was presided over by Committee Chairman Sham Lal Sharma and attended by members Mubarak Gul, Nazir Ahmad Khan, Qaysar Jamshaid Lone, Javid Hassan Baig, Sajad Shaheen, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan and Altaf Ahmad Wani.

Principal Accountant General J&K, Commissioner Secretary HUDD, Director General Accounts and Treasuries, VC LCMA, VCs of JDA/SDA, MD J&K Housing Board, Chief Town Planner, Chief Architect J&K, senior officers of SMC/JMC and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the PAC undertook a detailed review of audit paras per-



taining to the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Addressing the officers, the Chairman underscored the importance of ensuring efficiency and transparency in spending public money. He highlighted that the mandate of PAC is to scrutinize the government spending, identify lapses, fix accountability and recommend corrective actions.

The Chairman also asked the department that officers, who cause loss to exchequer, need to be made accountable and procedural delays should be completely avoided for smooth execution of works.

Highlighting on the mandate of PAC, the Chair-

man said that the main motto of this committee is to keep a regular check on the spending of public money. He added that the legislators have been given a mandate by the people to look after the system and take measures for its correction wherever necessary.

While taking strong notice of some of the unsatisfactory replies to audit paras, the Chairman and other members of PAC called upon the HUDD to submit a comprehensive report, in this regard, within two months.

The Chairman and the members also asked the department to frame a policy for revenue generation of various assets of the department.

## DC inspects progress of ongoing work on GMC Udhampur



J NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, JULY 7

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the ongoing construction work at the new Government Medical College in Bailey.

During the visit, the DC meticulously reviewed each construction component, assessed the current progress and emphasized resolving bottlenecks, if any, affecting the project's execution.

The DC urged the executing agency to adopt a double-shift work sched-

ule with heightened enthusiasm and synergy, aiming to meet the project's completion within the designated timeframe.

Emphasizing the efficient mobilization of available resources, the DC directed the executing agencies to work productively to achieve optimal results. The DC asked Principal GMC to closely coordinate with the executing agency to accelerate the pace of the construction work.

Among others, Principal GMC Udhampur, Executive Engineers PWD and PHE and other officers were accompanying the DC.

## Aam Aadmi Party staged a strong protest against PWD in Khanpur Nai Basti

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JAMMU, JULY 7

Aam Aadmi Party workers and local people under the leadership of senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and Nagrota Assembly constituency in-charge Amit Kapoor staged a strong protest in Khanpur Nai Basti of Nagrota against the bad condition of the road.

A large number of local people including women and Aam Aadmi Party workers participated in this protest. The protesters were raising slogans against PWD during this time. They also raised slogans against NC and BJP and vented out their anger against both these parties.

While addressing the protesters, Amit Kapoor said that the condition of the road of Khanpur Nai Basti has been bad for more than twenty years but till



now neither the senior officials of PWD have paid any attention to this nor the leaders of NC and BJP have considered it appropriate to solve this issue of the people. He said that either BJP or NC has been winning from this constituency but the leaders of both these parties have used the people of the area only as their vote bank while no steps have been taken to solve their basic problems.

The local residents said that earlier their drinking water problem was also solved by the Aam Aadmi

Party leaders and regarding the road issue also Aam Aadmi Party leaders have raised their voice. Amit Kapoor has warned the senior officials of PWD that if the road issue of the people is not solved within a week, then he will protest strongly in Jammu and Tawi bridge will also be closed. Many senior leaders also participated in the protest, prominent among them were Amrik Singh Sasan, Parminder Singh, Gurmeet Singh Bagi, Amrik Singh, Shakeel Bania, Talwinder Singh and others.

## Govt to establish MRI, Cath Lab worth Rs 37.50 cr in GMC Baramulla this year: Sakeena Ito

J NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat to review the healthcare infrastructure and other facilities across Baramulla district.

MLA Baramulla, Javid Hassan Beigh; MD NHM; Director Health Services Kashmir; Director Finance, Health and Medical Education Department; Director Coordination New GMCs; Principal GMC Baramulla; CMO and BMO Baramulla besides other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The Minister emphasized on the critical importance of strengthening the healthcare delivery system at grassroots level. She highlighted that health sector is an important sector for societal development and wellbeing, therefore there is no room for any compromise.

Highlighting that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is ensuring prime focus on development of health



sector, Sakeena Ito said that an MRI (3 Tesla) worth Rs. 25 crore and Cath Lab worth Rs. 12.50 crore will be established in GMC Baramulla during current financial year. She added that these facilities will revolutionize the healthcare outreach in the North Kashmir district and its adjoining areas.

She said that around 50 kanal of land has been transferred to GMC for establishment of separate OPD block and Diagnostic Block, mortuary, which will improve the quality of healthcare at this prestigious health facility of North Kashmir.

The Minister added that Dialysis facilities at SDHs and CHCs besides AI based X-Ray machines and other facilities will also be established in various hospitals

and centres of Baramulla. During the meeting, Minister Sakeena also directed the officers to establish digital X-Ray facility at the GMC Baramulla. She also asked them to provide 104 Ambulance vehicle to the institute.

Expressing concern over certain gaps, Salina Ito called for immediate redressal of issues that hamper effective health service delivery. "Health is a fundamental right and remains top priority of present government. There is no scope for complacency or compromise in this vital sector," she stated.

The Minister urged the officers to expedite pending upgrades, ensure proper staffing and maintain transparency in resource utilization.

While reviewing other aspects related to healthcare sector, the Minister directed the Principal GMC and other officers that Hospital Development fund should also be used for upgrading basic amenities in the hospitals. She also directed the hospital administration and other district officers of health department that any issue related to non-functioning of medical equipments in health facilities should be raised with the concerned quarters immediately for prompt rectification.

During the meeting, Associate Professor, GMC Baramulla, Dr. Shumail Bashir gave a detailed presentation on different aspects of functioning of the hospital.

## Empowering Tribal Communities: DA-JGUA Camps held at Mamer B, Satrina of Ganderbal

J NEWS SERVICE  
GANDERBAL, JULY 7

As part of the ongoing Darti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA), district administration Ganderbal organized dedicated outreach camps at Panchayat Halqa Mamer B and Satrina, aimed at inclusive tribal development and delivery of essential public services.

At Mamer B, the camp drew large participation from the local tribal population including Gujjars and Bakarwals. Multiple government departments set up stalls and service counters to provide on-the-spot assistance in areas such as health check-ups, education enrollment drives, sanitation awareness, livestock and veterinary care, agricultural extension, and PM JANMAN-linked benefits.

The camp also facilitated community dialogue with frontline workers to raise awareness of schemes related to livelihood, nutrition, and women-centric programs.

At Satrina, a major highlight was the provision of



Aadhaar Biometric Enrollment and Update Services at the camp site itself. This mobile Aadhaar facility helped tribal residents especially nomadic individuals, women, and children get enrolled for the first time or update critical details like name, date of birth, and biometric data. The availability of Aadhaar is essential for linking with various government welfare schemes including ration, pensions, scholarships, and DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer).

The camps under DA-JGUA are being organized across remote tribal villages of Ganderbal under the banner of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2025, with a focus on saturation of services and real-time tracking of beneficiary coverage through digital platforms. These initiatives are aligned

with the national vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to uplift India's tribal communities and bring governance to their doorsteps.

The efforts were jointly coordinated by the district administration, Tribal Affairs department, Rural Development department, ICDS, Health, Education, Animal Husbandry, and CSC officials, under the active supervision of local PRI representatives.

Such camps not only bring schemes to the grassroots but also act as a platform for grievance redressal, information dissemination, and participatory governance. The tribal communities expressed their deep gratitude for this doorstep delivery model and requested that such camps be organized frequently.

## Macadamization work begins on Tujjar Sharief to Zainger road, Baramulla

J NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JULY 7

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today kick started the macadamization work on the Tujjar Sharief to Zainger road via Larkipora, Baramulla, connected to the Kupwara National Highway. This project has addressed the long-standing demand of the local residents.

Javid Dar emphasized the government's commitment towards providing basic facilities to the public, highlighting the importance of infrastructure development in enhancing the quality of life for the residents. The Omar Abdullah Government's aim to improve road connectivity, a crucial aspect of rural development, facilitating easier access to markets, healthcare and other essential services, he added.

The Minister said the execution of works has been initiated and all the pending roads will be macadamized in a phased manner. There will be no compromise with the quality of works while ensuring time bound completion of all the vital projects.

# Advisor to PM assesses J&K's developmental landscape; reviews major projects, governance reforms

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7

In a high-level meeting convened today, Advisor to Prime Minister, Tarun Kapoor, undertook a comprehensive review of development trajectory of Jammu and Kashmir, spanning energy, health, infrastructure, urban renewal, connectivity and governance reforms.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, along with other senior officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting brought together Administrative Secretaries of the UT government and senior officials from various Central agencies implementing mega projects across the region.

The Advisor was briefed on the significance, current status and projected completion timelines of each major project.

The session began with a

review of major hydroelectric projects (HEPs), which form the backbone of J&K's energy strategy. Projects like Pakal Dul (1000 MW), being developed at a cost of Rs 12,757 crore and scheduled for completion by December 2026, were prominently discussed. Besides, updates were also shared on Kiru (624 MW) with 60% physical progress, Kwar (540 MW) at 22% progress and Ratle (850 MW) currently at 23% physical progress. Other strategic projects like Sawalkote, Uri Phase-II, Kirthai-II, Bursar and Tulbul Storage also came under focus.

Stressing the strategic significance of these projects at the national level, the Advisor called for robust organizational structures and efficient decision-making processes to ensure their timely execution.

The Advisor took stock



of key railway projects including the landmark Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), and new corridors like Qazigund-Budgam double line, Baramulla-Uri, Sopore-Kupwara, Anantnag-Pahalgam and Jammu-Katra double line. These projects aim to drastically cut the travel time, boost commercial transport and improve the market access for J&K's horticultural produce. Road infrastructure,

being implemented by NHAI, NHIDCL and BRO, was also reviewed. The Advisor discussed challenges such as construction material availability and the issuance of short-term permits to address the supply gaps.

A detailed review was conducted on the AIIMS campuses at Jammu and Srinagar. While the Jammu AIIMS is already functional, the Kashmir AIIMS is on track for completion by November this year. The

Advisor also assessed progress on faculty recruitment and procurement of high-end medical equipment to ensure world-class healthcare delivery in these prestigious institutions.

With a vision for a greener future, the Advisor took stock of solar initiatives under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. He asked for focused action on installing grid-connected rooftop solar panels for domestic consumers and government buildings,

spearheaded by the government agencies of PDD and J&K Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA).

The health of Dal Lake was also in spotlight, with a review of the existing and proposed Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to improve water quality and preserve the lake's ecological balance.

Kapoor emphasized sustainable lake management to protect the valley's iconic natural heritage. He also assessed the

Urban infrastructure projects in Jammu and Srinagar. These included PM eBus Sewa, Intelligent Traffic Management Systems (ITMS), modern parking infrastructure, IMS Katra, water transport and Smart City/AMRUT schemes. These initiatives are poised to significantly improve the urban mobility, environmental sustainability and citizen-centric service delivery.

The Advisor appreciated the UT's Mission YUVA, aimed at creating sustainable livelihood avenues for the youth. He emphasised on identifying viable, local sectors and providing both financial and institutional support to promote nano enterprises, MSMEs and startups in sunrise sectors through a comprehensive umbrella scheme.

He also had a detailed review of the telecom connectivity and digital empowerment. He

was informed that with the BharatNet initiative, efforts are underway to extend high-speed internet to every corner of the UT, including its most remotest of villages.

Simultaneously, IT reforms being executed in collaboration with BISAG-N were reviewed, with a thrust on making administration more transparent, accountable and accessible through digital platforms and integrated governance tools.

Summing up the review, the Advisor expressed satisfaction with the scale of progress while underlining the need for timely execution, inter-agency coordination and people-centric outcomes. He reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to give utmost priority to Jammu and Kashmir, transforming the region into a model of inclusive development and digital governance.

## Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan: Awareness campaigns held across Rajouri district to combat drug abuse

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, JULY 7

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, a series of impactful awareness programs were organized in various blocks of Rajouri district under the banner of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

These events, part of a concerted effort to combat drug abuse drew enthusiastic participation from the public. The events were held in different blocks including Thanamandi, Budhal Old, Doongi, Panjgrain, Rajouri, Sunderbani and in MC Sunderbani.

The events attracted significant participation from the general public who actively engaged in discussions and activities designed to generate awareness about the dangers of drug abuse. The programs featured resource persons from multiple departments,



who provided valuable insights into the detrimental effects of substance abuse. The focus was not only on the health implications but also on the profound societal impacts, particularly how it undermines the future of the youth. The sessions underscored the importance of maintaining a drug-free lifestyle and highlighted how every individual can contribute to building a stronger and healthier nation.

At MC Sunderbani, Executive Officer Ashiq Rafiq Malik delivered a compelling address to the community, illustrating how substance abuse not only devastates individual health but also erodes

the social fabric—urging everyone to stand together in defense of a drug-free society. The District Administration Rajouri is committed to continuing this important initiative, with more such camps and awareness drives planned in the upcoming months. Collaborations with various stakeholders will ensure the message of a drug-free society reaches every corner of the district. The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan prioritizes building a united front against addiction, empowering youth and strengthening the societal fabric by emphasizing shared responsibility in securing a healthier and drug-free future for all.

## Sheep Husbandry deptt organizes PMFME workshop/awareness programme at Sumbal

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BANDIPORA, JULY 7

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Sheep Husbandry deptt, Bandipora designated as the Nodal department for the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme in the district, successfully organized a workshop-cum-awareness programme at the Conference Hall, Dak Bungalow, Sumbal Bandipora.

On the occasion, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Bandipora, who is also the District Nodal Officer (DNO), PMFME, elaborated on the scheme's significance, highlighting its role in empowering individual entrepreneurs and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) through financial and technical support.

District Resource Person delivered a comprehen-



sive presentation on the PMFME scheme, detailing its objectives, components, eligibility criteria and the application process. He urged participants to make the most of the scheme's provisions to enhance their income and establish sustainable enterprises.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 50 farmers and aspiring entrepreneurs, who engaged actively during the session.

During the event, a special address was delivered by the Lead District Manager, J&K Bank, who shed light on various banking and insurance products

available to the beneficiaries. He also highlighted the synergy between PMFME and financial institutions in fostering rural entrepreneurship and financial inclusion.

Officials and resource persons from various departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, NRLM, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, and Fisheries were present to offer guidance and support to the aspiring entrepreneurs.

On-the-spot beneficiary registration was facilitated by the District Resource Person, enabling immediate access to the scheme.

## Mission Director HADP inaugurates five-day Capacity Building Programme for FPOs

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 07

Mission Director, HADP Sandeep Kumar inaugurated a five-day Capacity Building Programme for Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Chairman/Board of Directors (BODs) of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) from across Jammu and Kashmir in the presence of Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reem, Director Research SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. S.K. Gupta, senior officers of the department, faculty members and project staff.

The programme, organized under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), is being held from July 7 to 11, 2025. The programme is a joint initiative of the Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu and SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with MANAGE-Hyderabad.

In his address, Sandeep Kumar emphasized addressing the technical challenges being faced by CEOs and BODs in the formation and functioning of FPOs in their respective areas. He encouraged the participants to share their experiences and seek solutions from the expert



faculty of MANAGE. He further highlighted the need to empower small and marginal farmers, enhance farm landholdings, promote biodiversity, soil and natural resource conservation, and ethical agricultural practices. He also advocated the promotion of local agricultural products to strengthen rural economies.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director underscored the importance of such training initiatives in reforming and strengthening the farming community. He stated that capacity building of CEOs and BODs will play a pivotal role in enhancing the Market-driven strategies of FPOs. Sharing his personal experiences with FPOs, he motivated participants to adopt proactive leadership roles and stressed the importance of educating and engaging farmers effectively to realize the true potential of FPOs in J&K.

Dr. S.K. Gupta appre-

ciated the collaborative efforts under HADP and stated that such capacity-building programmes will build a strong foundation for farmer-centric institutional development. He encouraged the participants to absorb knowledge from resource experts and implement practical solutions in their respective organizations.

During the five-day programme, experts from MANAGE, Hyderabad will conduct training sessions on key topics including: FPO registration procedures, institutional systems and policies, features of successful FPOs, principles of collective action, business model development and market scanning. The programme aims to equip CEOs and BODs with practical skills and insights for efficient FPO management and growth. The programme is being attended by representatives of various FPOs from across Jammu and Kashmir.

## BRO CE calls on Dy CM; discusses road infra in Jammu province

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7



BRO Chief Engineer Jammu Province, Brigadier R K Mishra, today called on Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary and apprised him regarding the road projects being executed under Border Road Organisation (BRO) in Jammu Province.

The meeting was aimed to ensure that the road infrastructure development in Jammu province progresses efficiently, contributing to improved connectivity, economic growth and overall development of the region.

The CE provided key updates on various road works being executed in the Jammu division especially in Pir Panjal area including Mughal Road.

In depth discussion was held on several issues like forest clearance, compen-

sations, removal of structures obstructing the alignment, quality assurance and others.

During the discussion, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized on removal of bottlenecks hindering the progress of projects.

Underscoring the importance of preventing delays in execution of these vital projects, the Dy CM said that removal of structures obstructing the alignment of roads is crucially important. He also exhorted upon the concerned to expedite land acquisition process, with emphasis on timely disbursement of compensation among the landowners.

Stressing the urgency of timely project delivery, the Dy CM asked all the executing agencies to work in tandem, ensuring prompt completion of these essential infrastructure initiatives.

## World Zoonoses Day celebrated in Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, JULY 7



on the occasion of World Zoonoses Day, District Surveillance Unit, Shopian, successfully organized a joint coordination meeting-cum-awareness programme at the Meeting Hall, Mini-Secretariat, Shopian.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with the Health and Animal Husbandry Department, and other line departments with the aim of raising awareness about Zoonotic Diseases – diseases transmitted from animals to humans – and to promote better coordination among departments for their prevention and control.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials of the Health, Animal Husbandry, Wildlife, Forest, Municipal Council, and other allied departments. ASHA Workers, field health staff, and workers from other key sectors were also present and actively engaged in the programme.

Chief Medical Officer, Shopian, appreciated the active involvement of all departments, officials, ASHA Workers, and field staff, emphasizing that the prevention and control

of zoonotic diseases requires collective responsibility, community awareness, and sustained inter-departmental coordination.

During the sessions, participants were sensitized about the types of zoonotic diseases, their signs and symptoms, prevention strategies, importance of early detection, laboratory diagnosis, and the crucial role of all departments and field-level workers in addressing these health threats.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### E-TENDER NOTICE

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Tender Closing Date/Time
03.07.2025	11.07.2025	25.07.2025 & 15:00 Hrs.

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	57-2025-26-ADEN-2-FZR	Replacement of steel girders of Br. No. 94(2x2.66+1x4.27 mtr), Br. No. 101(1x2.20 mtr) & Br. No. 102(2x2.20m) on FZP-HSW section, Br. No. 108-A(1x2.90m) on LDH-FZR section, Br. No. 107(2x3.66m) on JUC-FZR section & Br. No. 158(11 x1.83m) on PHR-LNK section under ADEN-2/FZR (Total span 20 Nos.).
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	86,89,848.97/-
	Earnest Money	1,73,800.00/-
	Validity of offer	60 Days
	Period of completion	08 Months
	Similar Nature Work :-	"Construction of any Bridge work".
2.	72-2025-26-ADEN-1-FZR	Improvement to various service building at FZR, Road surfacing in colonies and development of Park in colony No. 1 to 4 in the section of SSE/W/FZR under jurisdiction of ADEN-1/FZR.
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	4,70,44,255.47/-
	Earnest Money	3,85,200.00/-
	Validity of offer	60 Days
	Period of completion	09 Months
	Similar Nature Work :-	"Any civil work other than track work".

Note : 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. No:- 57-2025-26-ADEN-2-FZR & 72-2025-26-ADEN-1-FZR Date: 04.07.2025

## Sat Sharma stresses grassroots strengthening and ground-level outreach in an organizational meeting at party headquarters

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, 07 JULY 2025:

Sat Sharma, President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, chaired an important organizational meeting at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The meeting was aimed at reviewing the ongoing organizational activities and planning future programmes with a focus on enhancing party presence at the grassroots level across the Jammu & Kashmir.

Prominent leaders present during the meeting included BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, DDC Chairperson Bharat Bhushan, former Minister Priya Sethi, former Deputy



Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, Morcha General Secretary Reema Padha, and other senior party functionaries.

In his address, Sat Sharma emphasized the need to further strengthen the party's grassroots network to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes reach the last mile. He urged all party functionaries to intensify their outreach activities at the booth and ward levels, engaging with the public directly and addressing

local concerns effectively.

Highlighting the importance of organizational discipline and ground-level coordination, Sat Sharma reviewed the implementation of various ongoing BJP programmes in different districts and called for regular feedback from mandal and booth-level committees. He stressed that the success of BJP lies in its ability to connect with people at the village, panchayat, and urban ward levels through continuous and meaningful engagement.

## Shiv Sena distributes poster to Amarnath pilgrims for 'Jammu-Darshan'

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 7

A team of leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit appealed to the pilgrims arriving in Jammu for Shri Amarnath Yatra to visit other religious and tourist places of Jammu.

A team of senior leaders headed by the party's state chief Manish Sahni appealed to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra to visit Jammu through special interaction and posters with details of the main religious and tourist places at the main base camp located at Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu and the Tatkal registration counter near Jammu Railway Station.

Sahni said that Shri Amarnath Yatra has an important role in accelerating the economy of Jammu and Kashmir along with faith.

He said that he is very happy and satisfied with



the continuous crowd of devotees of Baba Barfani. The effect of his appeal to devotees to be a part of the Yatra in record numbers and give a befitting reply to terrorism is clearly visible.

Today, for the sixth consecutive day, there was a huge crowd of devotees of Baba Barfani at the on-spot registration counters.

Sahni has appealed to all the devotees of Baba Barfani who reach Jammu to spend 'one day in Jammu' and visit the religious and tourist places of Jammu. Along with this,

he has appealed to the administration to start a special package for Jammu Darshan and provide other facilities including e-buses.

Sahni said that it's a golden opportunity, during this time thousands of devotees from the country and abroad reach Jammu, there is a need to provide them information and facilities about other religious and tourist places of Jammu. On this occasion Vinod verma (Happy), Vijay, Tarsem, Yashpal were present.

## Dr. Arpan Uppal secures Admission to Super Specialty Program in Endocrinology and diabetes at Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 7



It is a moment of immense pride for the town of Malout and the academic

fraternity that Dr. Arpan Uppal has earned admission to the prestigious Super Specialty Program in Endocrinology and Diabetes at Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi. This remarkable academic milestone is a testament to Dr. Uppal's unwavering dedication to the medical profession and his pursuit of excellence in healthcare. Dr. Uppal began his academic journey at Sacred Heart Convent School and DAV Edwardganj Senior Secondary School, Malout. He earned his MBBS from the Himalayan Institute of

Medical Sciences, Dehradun, and completed his post-graduate degree in Medicine from the renowned Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. He is the younger son of Prof. Dr. R.K. Uppal, a distinguished academician and Principal of Guru Gobind College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha. Dr. Arpan Uppal's achievement not only brings distinction to his family and hometown but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring healthcare professionals. The medical and academic communities extend their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his continued success and impactful service in the field of Endocrinology.

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#### Terrorist country...

unity and collective resistance. "We all must fight together against the ill designs of the terrorist country. Police and security forces are playing a crucial role in the fight against terrorism. But the people's cooperation is equally important."

LG Sinha emphasised that while the administration is committed to peace and prosperity, this goal can only be achieved when the public actively supports the fight against terrorism. "We need to provide support and timely information to our police and security agencies so that this menace can be uprooted completely," he said.

While lauding the efforts of security personnel, he also appreciated the resilience of the people. "Despite numerous provocations, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have shown remarkable patience and restraint. We will not allow anyone to divide us," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor paid obeisance at Mata Sidh Lakshmi Temple at Teerathraj Lok Bhawan, Anantnag and appreciated the Deputy Commissioner and his entire team for making dedicated efforts to improve facilities for the pilgrims at Mata Sidh Lakshmi Lok Bhawan. He also extended his best wishes to the devotees for the forthcoming Mahakala pilgrimage.

Speaking to the reporters on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor said: "There is an atmosphere of joy across J&K as devotees arrive for the holy Shri Amarnathji Yatra. Muharram processions were taken out peacefully, and today we have gathered here at Mata Sidh Lakshmi Temple. It's heartening to see communities celebrating together in unity and mutual respect. This is the true spirit of Jammu Kashmir."

Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; senior officials of Police and Civil Administration, members of Teerathraj Sidh Lakshmi Peeth Trust, prominent citizens and devotees in large numbers were present on the occasion. KNO

#### Amarnath Yatra records...

The pilgrimage began with 12,348 yatrins paying obeisance on the first day (Thursday), followed by 14,515 on Friday, 21,109 on Saturday, 21,512 on Sunday, and with 23,857 pilgrims today.

Officials told KNO that the Yatra continues to run smoothly along both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes, under a multi-tier security cover with all essential services, including medical assistance.

Meanwhile, the sixth batch of 8,605 pilgrims departed from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu early Monday morning. The convoy, the largest of the season so far, was escorted under tight security and headed to the twin base camps at Baltal (Ganderbal) and Pahalgam (Anantnag).

The group included 6,486 male pilgrims, 1,826 females, 42 children, 216 sadhus, and 35 sadhvis. Route-wise, 3,486 pilgrims chose Baltal while 5,119 took the Pahalgam route.

A total of 372 vehicles were pressed into service for the batch - 179 buses, 81 medium motor vehicles (MMVs), and 112 light motor vehicles (LMVs). Baltal received 73 buses, 27 MMVs, and 66 LMVs, whereas the Pahalgam route had 106 buses, 54 MMVs, and 46 LMVs - marking the most extensive convoy deployment of the Yatra so far.

If the weather remains favorable, the number of pilgrims paying obeisance at the holy cave is all set to cross one lakh on Tuesday.

According to the officials there is a huge rush at the counters for on-the-spot registration, with authorities increasing the number of counters as well as the daily quota to ease the rush. Over 3,000 devotees arrived in Jammu from various parts of the country to get themselves registered.

Pertinently, more than 3.5 lakh people have registered online for the pilgrimage so far. Thirty-four accommodation centres have been set up across Jammu, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are being issued to the pilgrims. Twelve counters have been set up for on-the-spot registration.

Arrangements have been put in place to provide boarding and lodging facilities for more than 50,000 people at various lodgement centres across the Jammu region, from Lakhampur to Banihal, officials said.

A total of 180 companies of Central Armed Police

Forces (CAPF), which is 30 more than previous years, have been deployed for the security of the annual Amarnath Yatra in Jammu division this year, a senior police officer said.

The 38-day pilgrimage, which commenced on July 3 will conclude on August 9. KNO

#### Pahalgam killings...

strengthen the global fight against terrorism, he called for "zero tolerance" in dealing with the menace.

The BRICS leaders held discussions on various issues including reform of global governance, enhancing the voice of the Global South, peace and security, strengthening multi-lateralism, development issues and Artificial Intelligence.

The Prime Minister also addressed the session on 'Strengthening Multilateral, Economic-Financial Affairs and Artificial Intelligence'.

Reaffirming India's commitment to enhancing the voice of the Global South, he said developing countries required greater support for sustainable development in terms of access to climate finance and technology.

Pointing out that global organizations of the 20th century lacked the capacity to deal with the challenges of the 21st century, he underscored the need for reforming them and called for a multipolar and inclusive world order.

He called for urgent reforms in global governance institutions like the UN Security Council, IMF, World Bank and WTO to reflect contemporary realities.

Expressing deep concern at global conflicts he said India has always called for dialogue and diplomacy to resolve such conflicts and was ready to contribute towards such efforts.

Addressing the session on 'Strengthening Multilateralism, Economic-Financial Affairs and Artificial Intelligence', the Prime Minister said diversity and multi-polarity were valued strengths of the BRICS. At a time when the world order was under pressure and the global community facing uncertainty and challenges, the relevance of BRICS was evident.

BRICS could play an important role in shaping a multipolar world, he said, and suggested that the BRICS New Development Bank must follow demand driven principle and long-term sustainability for granting projects.

Also the group must consider setting up a Science and Research repository which could benefit the Global South countries and focus must be given to make the supply chain of critical minerals secured and resilient.

The group should work for responsible AI. While looking into the concerns of AI governance, it should also give equal importance to promoting innovation in the field, the Prime Minister added.

#### BRICS condemns...

the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, during which 26 people were killed."

"We reaffirm our commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens," it said.

"We urge to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism," the statement said, adding, "We call for an expeditious finalization and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the UN framework. We call for concerted actions against all UN designated terrorists and terrorist entities."

The statement said that the BRICS adopts strongest ever language on UNSC reforms and reiterates its support for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council, with a view to making it more democratic, representative, effective and efficient, and to increase the representation of developing countries in the Council's memberships so that it can adequately respond to prevailing global challenges and support the legitimate aspirations of emerging and developing countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including BRICS countries.

"We stress that the United Nations Security Council reform will lead to the amplified voice of the global south. We reiterate support to the aspirations of Brazil and India to play a greater role in the United Nations, including its Security Council," it added. KNO

#### LG visits Nunwan...

providers, langar sevadars, sanitation workers, and took stock of the facilities for the devotees. He commended the significant contribution of all stakeholders in the smooth and successful conduct of the holy pilgrimage.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor chaired a meeting with the administrative and security officials and discussed measures taken for the safe and hassle-free journey of the devotees of Baba Barfani. He also reviewed the queue management at the camp.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr Mandep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and other senior officers of District Administration, SASB, Police and Security Forces-(KNO)

#### Heavy rain, windstorm...

rainfall turned the city into a network of pools, with water seeping into homes and businesses, creating flood-like conditions.

"There is a flood-like situation. The drainage system has completely failed," a local resident from Rajouri Kadal told KNO.

In Gasiar Chowk Zadibal, Srinagar, a manhole was damaged during the downpour, causing hazards for pedestrians and motorists as drainage water began overflowing onto the street.

A tree fell between Batwara and Pandrethan in the early evening, damaging an e-rickshaw bearing registration number JK01AV-1587 and causing a massive traffic jam on both sides of the road. The situation was later managed by visiting officials who cleared the debris. A tree was also uprooted in Khanyar near the Aastaan-e-Aliya due to heavy winds.

Another incident involved a fallen tree on the railway track near Budgam Railway Station, temporarily disrupting train services. Railway authorities initiated clearance operations to restore normalcy.

Massive winds and rain also struck Eidgah in Srinagar, causing water to enter the area.

Residents expressed frustration over the poor drainage infrastructure and repeated civic failures. "Every time it rains, the same story repeats. Just one hour of rain, and the entire city gets choked," lamented a paediatrician in Polo View.

Another resident, a paediatrician who preferred not to be named, recounted an accident: "We were riding a bike, and with the road fully waterlogged, we fell due to a pothole hidden beneath the water. We were injured, but thanks to Almighty Allah, not severely. If Lal Chowk, the main hub of the city, gets waterlogged, what can we expect in other parts?." KNO

#### Schools to reopen today...

new school timing issued post summer break.

One of the parents, Nasreena said, "It is totally injustice to the students to wake them up at 6Am and get them ready by 7Am."

She said, "Minor kids already require extra time to sleep for their good mental health but on the contrary, the School Education Department issued an unjustified timing for them."

I would prefer to keep my kids back at home. For me the health of my wards is more important. The new school timing schedule must be revised for the betterment of the students," Nasreena said.

Another parent said, "Many of the students who have working parents are worried about receiving their wards. I wonder who will receive them because the timing of the schooling is very odd."

"If it was possible for students to attend the online classes throughout the year during COVID-19, why is it hard for the School Education Department to adopt the same mechanism for some time," questioned a parent.

Likewise the teachers have said that "Conducting online classes one hour after will be a burden for the students. The government must revise the online classes' timing so that there won't be any burden for the students."

"School Education Department can adopt the evening timing for the online classes in order to ease the

burden on students," they said.

Pertinently, the government had announced 15-days summer break for schools in Kashmir division from June-23 to July-07. KNO

#### Pahalgam Terror Attack: NIA...

period ending, the accused were produced again on Monday, and their custody was further extended to allow the agency to continue its investigation.

According to the NIA, the accused facilitated the movement of three Pakistani militants affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) by providing them shelter and logistical support at a seasonal hut in Hill Park, Pahalgam, ahead of the attack.

The agency claims that the attackers selectively targeted tourists based on religious identity, making the incident one of the deadliest attacks in Kashmir's tourism sector in recent times.

The NIA investigation is going on to uncover the broader network behind the terror strike. KNO

#### Tourism in Kashmir...

strong confidence-building measures which will be fruitful in the coming days," Shekhawat said, as per the news agency.

He said the conclave was aimed at boosting domestic tourism and conveying a clear message that Kashmir is safe. "Tourism secretaries from across the country are here to see the real picture and carry the message of peace and revival back to their states," he added.

The Minister also said Kashmir has seen steady growth in tourism over the past three years, and recent efforts would help regain the earlier momentum. "We must work with fresh ideas to improve infrastructure, hospitality and overall experience for tourists," he said.

Shekhawat also highlighted the Centre's goal of developing 50 world-class tourist destinations under the Prime Minister's vision. He said Kashmir holds great potential in this regard.

Meanwhile, the conclave witnessed a brainstorming sessions among tourism professionals and government officials to exchange ideas and explore new avenues for growth. KNO

#### Kashmir Himalayas record...

learning algorithms like Decision Trees and K-Nearest Neighbors were used to estimate missing values, achieving an accuracy rate of approximately 67 per cent.

The implications of these findings are far-reaching. Decreased spring rainfall may prompt farmers to adopt drought-resistant crops and more efficient irrigation methods. The overall decline in annual rainfall in rural parts of Kashmir highlights the importance of implementing rainwater harvesting systems to enhance water security. The study advocates for the development of localized climate adaptation strategies, emphasizing the need to strengthen flood defenses in urban areas like Srinagar while promoting water conservation in regions facing scarcity.

As per the study these changes mirror the global impacts of climate change and that the Himalayas serve as a critical indicator of environmental shifts. He stressed that regional responses must be timely and grounded in scientific evidence. KNO

#### Key position of SEC...

of a Committee headed by Chief Minister and comprising a senior minister to be nominated by the Chief Minister, Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Minister Incharge Panchayats and Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly.

Talking to news agency- KNO, leader of opposition Sunil Sharma said that keeping such an important position vacant for a longer period shows non-seriousness on part of the government towards strengthening grassroots democracy.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference today said that the post of SEC has been vacant for too long.

The JKPC said the delay in appointment has stopped the democratic process at the grassroots level. KNO

## DC Budgam participates in 11th Muharram Procession at Magam

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, JULY 7

In observance of the 11th of Muharram, a solemn and peaceful procession was held today at Magam in Budgam district.

The event witnessed the participation of a large number of mourners from various parts of the Kashmir Valley, who gathered to pay homage and express their religious devotion.

The 11th Muharram procession commenced from Yagipora Imambara and proceeded through the main market of Magam, with the revered Zuljana Sharief being carried by mourners. The procession culminated late in the evening at Astanpora, maintaining the traditional route.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Budgam, Nikhil Borkar participated in the procession and interacted with the participants.

On the occasion, DC and SSP personally distributed refreshments among the mourners, acknowledging their devotion, discipline, and participation in the



religious observance.

To ensure the smooth conduct of the procession, district administration had made elaborate arrangements well in advance. Civic amenities, including uninterrupted power and water supply, sanitation, medical facilities, and other essential services, were made available along the procession route. Adequate security measures were also put in place through coordinated efforts of civil and police administration, thereby facilitating a safe and peaceful environment for the mourners.

DC appreciated the cooperation extended by the local community, religious leaders, and various departments involved in managing the arrange-

ments. He reiterated the district administration's commitment to upholding the sanctity of religious events and ensuring public convenience during such occasions.

DC stated that the culmination of the 11th Muharram procession at Magam stands as a testament to the district's communal harmony, discipline, and the dedication of all stakeholders involved.

DC was accompanied by ADC, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Beerwah; SDPO Magam, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Budgam, Tehsildar Magam and Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Magam besides other concerned officials.

## YSS, Jammu Forest Division launch joint Plantation Drive

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 7

In a significant step towards environmental conservation and clean environment, the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports and Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department (Jammu Forest Division) launched a massive Plantation Drive at Sports Training Centre/Base Camp Nagrota, here today.

The Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Central, Jitender Mishra along with other officers and officials of the Department and the representatives of Jammu Forest Division planted a variety of trees at this venue.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Mishra while highlighting the importance of environmental stewardship said the Department was committed to fostering a culture of sustainability among the youth, adding today's plantation drive was a step towards a



greener future.

He urged the youth in general and the Refresher Course candidates, who were present there, in particular, to take ownership of their environment.

A variety of plants and trees were planted on the occasion which included Chinar trees, different kinds of roses, guava trees, papaya etc.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Altaf Hussain Bhat, CVO Directorate and Incharge Warden Sports Training Centre/Base Camp Nagrota; Rajesh Dhar, Lecturer Physical Education; Vijay Koul from Activities Section of Directorate, besides Incharge Khel Gaon Dinesh Kumar, Ajay Wadera and Naresh.

## Sub-Division Level awareness programme held at Loharakote under Vibrant Village Programme-2.0 (VVP-II)

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JULY 7

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, a Sub-Division level awareness programme was organized under the Vibrant Village Programme-2.0 (VVP-II) at the border village Loharakote in Sunderbani Sub-Division.

The event was held under the close supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Ramkesh Sharma and witnessed the participation of district and sectoral officers.

The camp was attended by the residents of the identified border village Loharakote. The Vibrant Village Programme-2.0, launched by the Government of India on 2nd April 2025, is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100 percent funding aimed at transforming border villages across 15 states and 2 union territories. Under this phase, 124 villages from eight districts of Jammu and Kashmir have been included. The initiative is a step toward achieving the national vision



of Viksit Bharat@2047, with a focus on making land border villages safe, secured, and vibrant.

The primary objective of the programme was to spread awareness among the residents regarding the benefits and goals of VVP-II and to sensitize them about the formulation of village action plans. These plans will focus on the saturation of central and UT-sponsored beneficiary-oriented schemes and cover thematic areas such as all-weather road connectivity, telecom and television connectivity and electrification through convergence with existing schemes.

The ADC informed that the program aims to ensure comprehensive development through gap analysis and convergence of schemes like PMGSY-IV (for road connectivity), Digital Bharat Nidhi (for telecom access), RDSS (for electrification) and BIND Scheme (for television

access). He added that activities such as local fairs and festivals, awareness campaigns, celebrations of national days, regular visits of Ministers and senior officials and night stays in border villages are also envisaged under the programme to boost engagement and development.

Officers present at the event emphasized that the VVP-II aims at sustainable livelihood development through eco-agri business models and other community-driven initiatives that will empower the border populations economically and socially.

Among others who attended the programme were Program Officer ICDS Rajouri Harpal Singh, Tehsildar Sunderbani, Executive Officers of the Municipality including Ashiq Rafiq Malik, Executive Engineers of Sunderbani Sub-Division and other concerned District and Sectoral officers.

## DLSA Srinagar organizes awareness programme on drug abuse



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7

In continuation of its committed efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, in collaboration with Government College for Women, M.A Road Srinagar Monday organised an impactful awareness programme.

The programme focused on the growing concerns of drug abuse and illicit trafficking, with special emphasis on legal rights and remedies available under the law.

The event was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar and Prof (Dr) Yasmeen Farooq

Khan, Principal of Government College for Women, M.A Road Srinagar.

The awareness programme was conducted with the objectives of the NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015, which aims to provide legal aid and support to the victims of drug abuse while contributing to the national mission of eradicating the drug menace.

Urba Rashid, Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel, delivered a detailed session highlighting the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, spreading awareness about the legal consequences of drug abuse and the rehabilitative measures available under the law.

Advocate Suhaila Ali, Panel Lawyer of DLSA

Srinagar, sensitised the participants about the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and stressed that women affected by domestic violence are entitled to free legal aid under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

She also shared information about the NALSA legal aid helpline toll-free number 15100, urging participants to reach out for legal assistance and support without hesitation.

The programme witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, Para Legal volunteers of DLSA Srinagar, aimed to empower citizens with legal knowledge and ensure access to justice, particularly for the vulnerable and marginalised sections affected by drug abuse and domestic violence.

## LG meets DGPC Baramulla delegation, assures action on Sikh community issues

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 7

A delegation of Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, District Baramulla led by its President S. Paramjit Singh called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today.

The members of the delegation put forth various issues pertaining to welfare and empowerment of Sikh Community in the UT of J&K including extension of benefits under SRO 425 to non-migrant Sikh community members, grant of ST Status based on Language & Ethnicity, political representation of Sikh Community, constitution of J&K Sikh



Development Board and special recruitment drive for Sikh Youth.

The delegation also requested for the grant of lease for Guru Nanak School, run by District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee in Baramulla and allocation of land for a

memorial in honour of Sikh community members martyred during the tribal wars by Pakistan in 1947.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the members of DGPC Baramulla that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them.

## Awareness cum 100 % saturation camp under DAJGUA held at village Dhar-Ghaddian

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JULY 7

As part of the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gramin Utkarsh Abhiyan, awareness cum 100% saturation of Government schemes camp was successfully organized today at Village Dharghaddian, Panchayat Pakhlai, Block Sewna.

The camp was attended by BDO Sewna, Jasreen Kour, officers and officials besides members of the tribal community.

The camp was held under the overall supervision of Programme Officer Poshan Subhash Chander who graced the occasion as the chief guest. He sensitized the

local tribal population about various flagship government welfare schemes. He emphasized the commitment of the administration towards ensuring the socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities through saturation of key benefits and documentation services.

During the camp, domicile and ST category certificates were distributed among the eligible tribal beneficiaries, thereby ensuring their access to widespread public welfare schemes. The Health Department, in coordination with Ayush conducted TB sputum sampling and distributed free medicines to the villagers

present in the camp.

In order to educate the public about global warming, the representatives of the Forest department launched a plantation drive and sensitized the public about the importance of Forest cover. The camp concluded with a plantation drive, symbolizing collective efforts towards environmental conservation and community participation.

Officials from various line departments also participated in the camp and provided on-the-spot services and information to the locals. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of the tribal population for mitigating their problems.

## DC Kupwara reviews progress of Poshan schemes



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KUPWARA, JULY 7

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of Poshan schemes of ICDS department in the district.

Addressing the meeting, DC enjoined upon all the officers to work with concerted efforts and close coordination to ensure achievement of the desired targets within the stipulated time frame. She emphasized for intensifying IEC campaigns for coverage of beneficiaries under different Poshan schemes in the district.

To ensure drinking water and sanitation facilities in left out Anganwari Centres and schools, ACD was directed to prioritize the work and ensure 100% coverage of these AWCs and schools.

To monitor the functioning of newly constructed buildings, it was given out that the ICDS department shall submit report on weekly basis about completion and handover/takeover of the buildings being established in different ICDS Blocks.

Similarly, for best utilization of the abandoned buildings, PO was directed to takeover the well located buildings facing scarcity of space.

Earlier, Programme Officer, Yar Ali Khan briefed the chair about progress and achievements of the ICDS department. He said 85962 beneficiaries have been registered under Poshan Tracker from 2320 Ananganwari Centres.

DC also took a detailed review of different works and schemes of the ICDS sector which include supplementary nutrition, Pre-School education, nutrition and health education, Immunization, Saksham/Balvidalya AWCs, Poshan Vatikas, PMMVY etc.

Representatives from Piramal Foundation present in the meeting also briefed the chair about 'Kuposhan Mukht Panchayat Initiative' and highlighted different indicators for their improvement.

The meeting was attended by Programme Officer ICDS, ACD, CMO, CEO, CPO, and CDPOs, representatives from Piramal Foundation and other concerned were present in the meeting.

## DLSA Shopian conducts visit to Central Jail Srinagar



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, JULY 7

In compliance with the directions of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian, under the chairmanship of Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhury (Principal District & Sessions Judge & Chairman, DLSA Shopian) conducted a visit to the Central Jail Srinagar, today.

The team, led by Mudasar Farooq, Secretary DLSA Shopian, along with Adv. Rafie Ahmad Ganie, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC), Shopian, interacted with the under-trial prisoners (UTRs) currently lodged in the facility.

The visit was conducted in the presence of the Superintendent of Central Jail Srinagar, ensuring a comprehensive review of the conditions and facilities provided to the inmates.

During the visit, DLSA

team held detailed interactions with the inmates to gather feedback regarding the amenities and legal assistance available to them. The initiative is part of the ongoing Under-Trial Review Committee (UTRC) Campaign 2025, aimed at identifying eligible under-trial prisoners for potential legal remedies, including bail and speedy trials.

The findings from today's visit will be placed before the next UTRC meeting for further necessary action. DLSA Shopian reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring access to justice and safeguarding the legal rights of prisoners, in line with the mandates of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and JKLSA.

This visit underscores DLSA Shopian's proactive efforts in prison legal aid and jail reforms ensuring that no under-trial prisoner remains incarcerated due to lack of legal awareness or assistance.

## EDITORIAL

## Ray of hope shines brighter!

JUST a few months ago, the picturesque region of Pahalgam was gripped by fear and mourning. The tragic terror attack in April claimed 26 lives – 25 of them tourists—and sent shockwaves across the country. The blow was not just emotional but also deeply economic, triggering a steep decline in tourist arrivals across both Kashmir and Jammu. For an economy heavily reliant on tourism, it was a body blow. But today, a different narrative is beginning to take shape—one of resilience, recovery, and cautious optimism. In just the first four days of this year's Amarnath Yatra, nearly 70,000 pilgrims have already visited the holy cave shrine. That in itself is a remarkable show of faith—not only in the spiritual sanctity of the pilgrimage but also in the Valley's ability to ensure safety and stability in the aftermath of terror. One of the key base camps of the Amarnath Yatra is Pahalgam—the very town that bore the brunt of the April tragedy. And yet, today, it is bustling with yatrīs, security personnel, service providers, and traders who have pinned their hopes on the revival this annual pilgrimage can bring. It sends a resounding message: Kashmir is open. And it is safe. The launch of railway services from Katra to Kashmir last month and the commencement of Vande Bharat trains have further strengthened this sense of accessibility and confidence. Tourists now have faster, safer, and more comfortable travel options – critical to reviving the tourism ecosystem. As Tariq Ghani of the J&K Hoteliers Club rightly pointed out, the Amarnath Yatra is playing a dual role – not just in spiritual upliftment but also in economic healing. Hotel bookings are rising, and the perception battle that was lost in April is gradually being won back. Every peaceful day of the Yatra is a day of reassurance to tourists across India. The ripple effect is being felt in Jammu as well. The decline in Vaishno Devi footfall had hurt traders and hoteliers in Katra and surrounding areas. But now, as the Amarnath pilgrims pass through Jammu, a wave of commercial activity has returned. From Nkrumah's dream of African liberation and anti-imperialism to Modi's vision of a cohesive Global South, India-Ghana ties continue to strengthen this age-old spirit of sovereignty, self-reliance and mutual respect. In a powerful affirmation of this deep-rooted solidarity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stepped onto Ghanaian soil on July 2, 2025, marking the first official visit by an Indian head of government to the West African nation in over three decades. On his arrival at Accra's Kotoka International Airport, the Prime Minister was received by Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama and greeted with cultural fanfare and a wave of warmth from Ghana's Indian diaspora. However, the grandeur of the visit was not just symbolic. The sojourn, as part of PM's five-nation tour, gave the much-needed clarity and push for a more stable and structured relationship with Ghana, significantly strengthening India's strategic commitments towards the prosperity and development of Africa. For long, there has been a critical view of India's development partnership with Africa, particularly by Western policy analysts, who looked at India's investment as predatory and not making structural economic changes in Africa to make them self-reliant. Silencing the critics, the Prime Minister made the overarching goal of India's Africa policy amply clear. "Our development partnership with Africa is demand-driven. It is focussed on building local capacities and creating local opportunities. Our objective is not just to invest, but to empower. To help develop self-sustaining ecosystems," PM said emphatically, in his historic address in the Parliament of Ghana. Ghana's multi-layered diplomatic engagement with India, characterised by widening interest in agriculture, infrastructure, technology, pharma, defence and culture, has now been taken to the level of a 'comprehensive partnership'. The newly signed bilateral agreements, particularly on health, digital infrastructure and cultural exchange, will result in providing significant tangible

## Children still need teachers in the age of AI

SAKSHI SETHI

In an age where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising every sphere of life – from healthcare to transportation to education – it is tempting to assume that machines can replace humans in all capacities. A common refrain these days suggests that children no longer need teachers, given the rapid advancement of AI. However, this belief is not only premature but also deeply flawed. In truth, this is a paradox: the more sophisticated our technology becomes, the more critical the role of the teacher will be. There is no denying that AI tools can deliver personalised content, generate instant solutions, and help students learn at their own pace.

Learning applications are available around the clock, digital tutors never tire, and machines don't forget – but we must remember: education is

not merely about information; it is more about transformation. AI may be brilliant at delivering answers, but it doesn't pause to ask, "Are you okay today?" It doesn't notice the trembling voice behind a brave front or the distant gaze of a child whose mind is burdened by something too heavy to carry alone. It won't pick up on the silence that speaks louder than words or the smile that doesn't quite reach the eyes. A machine can process data, but it cannot feel pain, confusion, or joy. It can compute, but it cannot care. Intelligence may be artificial, but empathy – that warm, human touch – is something which only, and only, a teacher can offer. The classroom has always been more than four walls and a blackboard. It is a sanctuary, a training ground, and often a second home. The teacher plays multiple roles – educator, mentor, counsellor, confidant, and role model. As Albert Ein-

stein once remarked, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." That art cannot be automated. Children are emotional and social beings. They need affirmation, encouragement, guidance, and, at times, correction – none of which a machine can provide with genuine warmth.

As Aristotle wisely said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." AI can tutor; it cannot nurture. It can test; it cannot inspire. And that's the difference between learning and being educated. Moreover, in a time when children are exposed to increasing digital overload, emotional stress, and moral ambiguity, teachers serve as moral anchors.

They teach values, build resilience, and model empathy – qualities that are neither programmed nor processed by machines. To rely solely on AI

for a child's holistic development is like using Google Maps to find purpose in life – convenient, but directionless. Of course, it would be foolish to ignore the benefits AI brings to the classroom. It can support differentiated instruction, handle administrative tasks, and help bridge learning gaps. But let's call a spade a spade – AI is a tool, not a teacher. It is the assistant, not the architect. In the right hands, it becomes an enabler, allowing educators to focus more on meaningful interaction and less on mechanical tasks.

As the old saying goes, "It's the poor workman who blames his tools," and today's skilled teacher is learning to use AI wisely, not fear it. At its core, teaching is not about delivering content; it's about cultivating curiosity, instilling confidence, and shaping character.

No child ever grew up to say, "An algorithm changed my life."

But many successful people trace their journey back to a teacher who believed in them when no one else did. The true essence of teaching lies in connection – something no chatbot can simulate. It is the teacher who lights that lamp and keeps it burning through storms of self-doubt, distraction, and failure.

Remember, Artificial Intelligence may assist in delivering education, but it is the teacher who delivers humanity. The danger is not that AI will become more intelligent than us; the danger is that we might forget what makes us human in the first place. Let us not hand over the chalk entirely to a machine. In fact, let's continue to honour the irreplaceable presence of a teacher – the heartbeat of every meaningful classroom, and the compass in every young learner's journey

(The writer is an educator and a counsellor. Views are personal)

## The Need to Understand Patterns of Life

VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

Dynamism is the essence of life. Anything which exists will have some movement, some growth, and some energy to it. It will be born at a point of time, grow, develop, and gradually wither away.

This is the essential cycle of life. It is available in plants, animals, and human beings. This is a domain worthy of its own exploration, fit enough for a specialisation with many permutations and combinations. Amongst the more obvious cycles of life is the birth, growth, flowering into its fullness of creatures, and ultimately their detachment or demise. All living creatures go through this cycle.

The depth of this exploration is deep and intense. This would need many efforts over many centuries to get to any conclusion worthy of even being tossed around. To make the topic manageable in the time and space of this text, it may be desirable to talk about the area of 'relationships' only.

By definition, the 'relationship' can only exist between entities. It can be between two people of any breed and variety. The period of time spent between the two can be cycli-

cal and capable of many undulations. Some reading of patterns can be interesting. One of the areas of relationship that is fairly universal in character is the relationship of 'marriage'/'family'.

Herein, a man and a woman come together with an implicit contract to spend time with each other in a bond. Generally, marriage involves a one-to-one commitment between a man and a woman, usually including the procreation age.

One could hasten to add that procreation is not essential to a marriage, but a marriage often leads to identifiable procreation. This is important because it constitutes the core of a family. This is a universal pattern, bereft of variations in race, creed, region, and more. Often, two people in a marital relationship are referred to as a couple, and they live together, grow together, and very often have a shared household. The shared household opens up many concerns of proprietorship, ownership, and more.

Usually, the fondness and necessity of the relationship between a couple make it unnecessary to have a legal framework on every aspect of ownership.

Goodwill, love, affection and pure, simple good sense allow a

couple to navigate their relationships without too many tumbles or pitfalls. Life exists because of the normal smoothness of good sense and how relationships are essential to moving things, preserving things, and keeping them going. The coupling does not end there but has many ramifications that may require a legal framework of a civil society. This itself is a complicated and extensive area that may elude exhaustive treatment in the definitional constraints of this text. The conjugal relationships would normally be between a man and a woman.

The purpose of this text is to have some thoughts on the nature of relationships between a man and a woman in a marital/family relationship over a period of time of, say, roughly 30 to 40 years.

Of course, one realises that all these 'figures' can and do vary, and generalisations are only helpful to a limited extent. Like in any relationship, in a marital/family relationship, for understanding the various lights and shades, some assumptions could be made.

Broadly, this assumption would mean that a man-woman relationship in a marital/family mode begins in the twenties and, other things being equal,

spans the entire lifetime till the persons approach their seventies, eighties, or more.

The average lifespan of the marriage, therefore, could be assumed to be about 40 to 65 years. In between, the concept of family comes in and various generations would need to be recognised within the family. The period of relationship between two individuals, covering 40 to 65 years, can have many lights and shades. In the early years of the relationship, physical proximity may be more prominent than it would be after 35 or 40 years.

In the beginning years of marriage/family, there may be more resilience and accommodation than what the marriage/family may experience as it goes on. It will be hazardous to predict which way the relationship will go with the passing years. It may end up making the relationship fonder, or the relationship may experience turbulence.

This is where relationship research becomes important. Some application of scientific methods would be useful in understanding patterns of relationships. Unfortunately, publication and serious research in this area is little, compared to the need for thought and understanding. This text would have

served the purpose if it drew attention to the need to look at the holistic rollout of a man-woman/family relationship, in an institutional mode, over 40 to 65 years of possible existence. Its relevance and utility for helpful intervention in the lives of families would be high. A beginning could be marked by couples voluntarily recording their experiences over decades of being together.

Gradually, a research methodology will develop, but that may take time. An organised thought on developing a research methodology for understanding family life would clearly be, also, useful.

One could, indeed, use applied research for making life more insightfully pleasant and enriched. Among other things, this would help in families dealing amongst themselves and building a more stable platform for better relationships. This has obvious advantages for a well-integrated social framework and greater happiness all around. Applied research has much to recommend itself.

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## India-Ghana: Growing Together as Equals

RAO NARENDER YADAV

Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's founding Prime Minister and one of Africa's most iconic leaders, was widely hailed as the Osagyefo, meaning "redeemer". Rightly so, as Ghana became the first sub-Saharan African country to gain independence from colonial rule in 1957, under his leadership.

From Nkrumah's dream of African liberation and anti-imperialism to Modi's vision of a cohesive Global South, India-Ghana ties continue to strengthen this age-old spirit of sovereignty, self-reliance and mutual respect. In a powerful affirmation of this deep-rooted solidarity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stepped onto Ghanaian soil on July 2, 2025, marking the first official visit by an Indian head of government to the West African nation in over three decades.

On his arrival at Accra's Kotoka International Airport, the Prime Minister was received by Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama and greeted with cultural fanfare and a wave of warmth from Ghana's Indian diaspora. However, the grandeur of the visit was not just symbolic. The sojourn, as part of PM's five-nation tour, gave the much-needed clarity and push for a more stable and structured relationship with Ghana, significantly strengthening India's strategic commitments towards the prosperity and development of Africa. For long, there has been a critical view of India's development partnership with Africa, particularly by Western policy analysts, who looked at India's investment as predatory and not making structural economic changes in Africa to make them self-reliant. Silencing the critics, the Prime Minister made the overarching goal of India's Africa policy amply clear. "Our development partnership with Africa is demand-driven. It is focussed on building local capacities and creating local opportunities. Our objective is not just to invest, but to empower. To help develop self-sustaining ecosystems," PM said emphatically, in his historic address in the Parliament of Ghana. Ghana's multi-layered diplomatic engagement with India, characterised by widening interest in agriculture, infrastructure, technology, pharma, defence and culture, has now been taken to the level of a 'comprehensive partnership'. The newly signed bilateral agreements, particularly on health, digital infrastructure and cultural exchange, will result in providing significant tangible

outcomes from the high-level visit shortly. Sustained focus on health services and digital payment networks, as outlined during the visit, could be a significant growth amplifier in the region. Due to deficient capacity for pharmaceutical research and development (R&D), Africa manufactures less than 2 per cent of the medicines it consumes, making it heavily dependent on imports. With the plan to establish a vaccine manufacturing hub in Ghana, India is giving a major push towards Ghana's health sovereignty and West Africa's rapid industrial growth. A stable domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing industry will not only better guarantee future supplies but also create high-paying manufacturing jobs and increase the overall economic productivity in the region.

India's traditional medicine systems (AYUSH) are also likely



to get a major boost in Ghana. Being the second most populous country in West Africa, these bilateral initiatives will have significant outcomes and a multiplier impact on the entire region. Trade has always been a key priority between India and Ghana, with bilateral commerce touching \$3 billion. India's nearly \$2 billion investment in diverse sectors like infrastructure, energy, pharmaceuticals, and IT makes Ghana an important destination for private players. Ghana's abundant gold, oil, and newly discovered critical minerals (for EVs and the electronics industry) will further boost the bilateral trade, aiming towards doubling it in the next five years. This likely upward trend in the bilateral trade, together with a more robust and reliable digital payment system in Ghana, by integrating India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GHIPSS), is poised to create West Africa's first cross-border real-time growth corridor.

Ghana plays a crucial role in ensuring regional stability in West Africa, being a key partner in transatlantic strategic

engagement on governance, trade and security. As terrorism and transnational threats rise in the region, this partnership adds strategic depth to India's Africa outreach. PM's mantra of "security through stability" synergises with India's commitment to extend maritime security, defence supplies and cyber security to Ghana.

Post Operation Sindoor and amidst continuous realignment of the global world order, the visit can be seen as a significant diplomatic move that goes beyond the ceremonial gestures, and could result in developing an ambitious yet pragmatic blueprint for future collaborations, not just with Ghana, but also about India's deepening engagement in Africa beyond trade and economy to contemporary global issues. Elevating the diplomatic relations to the level of 'comprehensive partnership' will bring in more depth, momentum, as well as accountability in the bilateral relations between India and Ghana. After the inclusion of the African Union (AU) in the G20 as its 21st permanent member in 2023, the recent visit by the Prime Minister to Ghana has further reaffirmed India's positioning as a leader of the Global South, advocating for equity, reform in global institutions, and pro-Africa development models.

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## BMW Group India records highest-ever H1 car deliveries, on fast-track with 10% growth

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Propelling its robust performance in the current year, BMW Group India has posted its highest-ever car deliveries in H1 2025. The company sold 7,774 BMW and MINI cars and 2,569 motorcycles between January to June 2025. BMW sold 7,477 units and MINI 297 units.

In the second quarter (April - June), each month recorded best-ever sales.

Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, "Carrying forward the impressive performance of Q1 into H1, BMW Group India is steering the success story for this year with tremendous fervour. We are on a fast track, posting +10% growth despite a challenging environment as we continue to unfold new opportunities in luxury segment. Changing the game with our thrust on electric mobility, we are the most preferred Indian luxury EV brand with phenomenal +234% growth. Among SAVs as well as sedans, our long wheelbase luxury models are in great demand due to their seamless blend of comfort and performance. Coupled with the ongoing Retail.Next transformation and Relax.We.Care customer support initiatives, we are redefining our customers' journey



with joy and complete peace of mind."

BMW Group Electric Vehicles (EV)

For last three years, BMW Group India is the leader in luxury EV sales in India. In H1 2025, this lead continues with 1,322 BMW and MINI EVs sold. The company achieved enormous +234% growth in EV sales in the first half of the year. The BMW iX1 Long Wheelbase was the highest-selling electric car during this period, followed by the flagship BMW i7 in second spot. Electric cars now hold 18% share in total sales of BMW Group India.

At the start of the year, BMW Group India announced many new initiatives for its EV customers including services like BMW Destination Charging, Smart E-Routing and Charging Concierge. Combined with complimentary

Wallbox chargers and 24x7 open access to the company's fast-charging dealership network across the country, customers are able to embrace progressive e-mobility with complete peace of mind. BMW Group India currently offers six electric cars and two scooters - BMW i7, BMW iX, BMW i5, BMW i4, BMW iX1 Long Wheelbase, MINI Countryman E, BMW CE 04 and BMW CE 02. Stunning performance and driving dynamics are hallmark of the entire EV portfolio and each model stands for next level digitalisation and sustainability.

BMW Long Wheelbase Range

The long wheelbase BMW models saw a massive growth of +159% in H1 2025. This includes the BMW 7 Series, BMW 5 Series, BMW 3 Series and BMW iX1. BMW long

wheelbase models today account for 47% share in total sales. Strategically positioning these models across its portfolio, BMW Group India proactively ascertained customers' needs and provided the ideal luxury product in each segment. The BMW 5 Series was the highest-selling BMW sedan in H1 with close to 20% share in sales. Meanwhile, the BMW 3 Series retained the class-leading position in Indian premium sedan segment.

BMW Luxury Class

BMW Luxury Class consists of flagship cars such as the BMW 7 Series, BMW i7, BMW X7 and BMW XM. Reigning at the absolute pinnacle of BMW's luxury world, these bespoke sedans and SAVs are the subject of highest aspiration and admiration among Indian luxury clientele. The BMW

7 Series and BMW i7 are leading in their respective segments while the BMW X7 has crossed the notable milestone of over 5,000 deliveries since launch.

BMW Sports Activity Vehicles (SAV)

BMW SAVs recorded a double-digit growth of +17% in H1 2025. Compared to 56% in Q1, their share in sales increased to 59% in Q2. BMW X1 was the highest selling SAV not just for BMW (over 30% share in sales), but in the Indian premium compact segment. The next most admired BMW SAV in H1 was the powerful BMW X5.

MINI

MINI delivered 297 units in H1 2025. MINI Cooper S was the highest-selling model and saw growth of over +60% as compared to H1 2024. Both the MINI Cooper S and the MINI Countryman E enjoyed almost equal share in sales.

BMW Motorrad

BMW Motorrad delivered 2,569 motorcycles in H1 2025. The BMW G 310 RR was most popular smart-cc bike. In the GS adventure world, the BMW 900 GS / GSA and the BMW 1300 GS / GSA were the best-selling models. In the super sports segment, the BMW S 1000 RR commanded the top spot.

## Aseem Flags Off Chitto Mata Yatra from Digiana; Calls It a Journey of Faith, Culture, and Collective Strength

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JAMMU, JULY 7

With an overwhelming display of faith and unity, Senior BJP Leader and J&K BJP Vice President Aseem Gupta today flagged off the revered Chitto Mata Yatra from Digiana, Jammu, as hundreds of devotees chanted bhajans and waved saffron flags in reverence. The spiritually significant journey will lead devotees to the sacred shrine of Chitto Mata in Paddar, Kishtwar. The yatra saw participation from over 1500 devotees, making it one of the most enthusiastic starts in recent years.

The event was graced by the presence of SP South Ajay Sharma, Advocate Tarun Sharma, Former District President Sat Pal Choudhary, Rajesh Sharma, and Ashwini Khajuria, all of whom extended their greetings and support to the devotees. Special appreciation was extended to the Jammu & Kashmir Police and civil administration for their efforts in ensuring seamless arrangements and tight security, ensuring a peaceful and spiritually uplifting beginning to the yatra.

Addressing the gathering, Aseem Gupta said, "This yatra is a divine expression of our rich cultural legacy and religious devotion. It is not only a spiritual journey but also



a reflection of the deep-rooted cultural unity of our people. The Chitto Mata Yatra revives the collective soul of Jammu and Kashmir, symbolizing peace, strength, and spiritual identity." He emphasized that such pilgrimages serve as bridges between generations, and are instrumental in promoting "sanskriti, sanskaar aur samridhhi."

He further added, "Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is moving steadily on the path of peace, prosperity, and spiritual resurgence. Whether it's the Amarnath Yatra, Machail Mata, or Chitto Mata Yatra, the focus is on holistic development - spiritual, infrastructural, and economic. Pilgrimages are now becoming symbols of unity and engines of regional growth."

Aseem Gupta praised the participation of the

youth, women, and elderly alike, calling it a beautiful representation of "Bhakti, Bharat aur Bharosa." He said, "The devotion in the hearts of these yatis is the true heartbeat of Jammu. When the youth walk with tilak on their forehead and the name of Maa on their lips, it shows that our spiritual roots are deep and strong."

He also extended heartfelt gratitude to SP South Ajay Sharma, Advocate Tarun Sharma, and other officials for their cooperation, and assured that BJP will always stand by efforts that promote religious freedom, cultural values, and harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. Concluding his address, Gupta prayed that Maa Chitto bless every household with good health, happiness, and harmony, and urged the devotees to be ambassadors of peace and brotherhood during the pilgrimage.

## Farooq Khan urges J&K Govt to urgently appoint I&FC Chief Engineer, other Technical Staff

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SRINAGAR, JULY 7

The Chairman of the Mechanical Irrigation & Flood Control Employees Federation (MI&FCEF) and Vice President of EJAC, Farooq Ahmad Khan, has strongly appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir Government to address key issues affecting the Irrigation & Flood Control Department.



staff shortage."

Khan further said that "I once again appeal to the J&K Government to address these issues immediately so that the department can function smoothly and serve the people effectively."

Farooq Khan also highlighted the long-pending issue of regularizing daily wagers, casual labourers and seasonal employees who have been serving for years without any job security. "Daily wagers are the backbone of essential public services across all government departments in Jammu & Kashmir. While the Chief Minister has assured action and announced the regularization of these employ-

ees and even constituted a cabinet sub-committee to frame a regularization policy, we urge that this committee works with urgency and delivers concrete results. Thousands of families are waiting for justice."

He further added, "We expect the government to prioritize regularization rather than delaying it with procedural formalities. These workers have served the people of J&K with dedication under tough conditions and deserve fair treatment."

Farooq Khan appeals to the Jal Shakti Minister Javaid Ahmed Rana to play a proactive role in addressing the long-standing concerns of employees within the Irrigation & Flood Control Department.

He also urged MLAs across party lines to raise their voices in the Assembly in support of these employees. "This is not a political issue, it is a matter of fairness and justice for thousands of workers. We hope the government will fulfill its commitment without any further delay," Khan concluded.

## Soil & Water Conservation Baramulla accords warm send-off to Gh Hassan Ahanger

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JULY 7

The Department of Soil and Water Conservation Baramulla on Monday accorded a warm send-off to Mali, Gh Hassan Ahanger. On the occasion, a grand farewell was organised, which was attended by the DFO Soil and Water Conservation Baramulla



along with other senior officers of the department. Speaking on the occasion, the officers commended

outgoing Mali Ghulam Hassan Ahanger for his unwavering dedication, professionalism, and commitment throughout his tenure.

They lauded the retiree's contributions in serving the department with diligence and integrity and wished him the best of luck in his post-retirement life.

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## Yudhvir Sethi, Surinder Bhagat holds public darbar at BJP headquarters

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BJP Vice-President and former MLA from Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, and BJP MLA from Marh constituency, Surinder Bhagat, held a Public Darbar at the Bharatiya Janata Party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The public darbar witnessed participation from a large number of people and deputations from across Jammu city and its adjoining areas, who came to raise various civic and administrative concerns.

Throughout the interaction, deputations from different localities highlighted a range of pressing issues. A deputation from Pouni Chak voiced concerns regard-



ing electricity supply and demanded swift restoration of damaged internal roads. Residents of Talab Tillo raised demands under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), while a group from Anand Nagar called for urgent repair of lanes and drains.

Deputations from Akhnoor and Javed Nagar sought the repair and construction of main

and link roads, respectively. A deputation from Bahu Plaza raised the issue of E-Buses. A group from Rajouri flagged an administrative issue requiring intervention, while residents of Dhatreyar village pressed for road connectivity to their region.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "The BJP is committed to addressing the genuine concerns of the public.

These public darbars are a means to ensure that people's voices reach the administration effectively. We are taking note of each issue raised and will escalate them to the appropriate departments for timely redressal."

Surinder Bhagat reiterated the BJP's grassroots engagement model and said, "We are here not only to listen but to act. The developmental needs of our constituencies are our top priority. Whether it's road repairs, power supply, or water issues, each matter will be taken up with the concerned officials for prompt action."

Both the MLAs immediately took up the presented issues with the concerned department officials and pressed for their early disposal.

## Prominent political activists from NC, PC and Apni Party joined the BJP in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, JULY 7

More than a hundred prominent activists and young individuals from across the valley joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday.

The joining ceremony was held at Church Lane, Srinagar, in the presence of Ashok Koul, the BJP J&K's general secretary (organisation), Waqf Board Chairperson (MOS) Dr Darakshan Andrabi, Former MLC S. Charinjeet Singh Khalsa and other BJP State team.

As the new members were welcomed into the party with BJP Patkas, Ashok Koul highlighted



the party's commitment to development and empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the participation of the youth reflects the trust the public has in the BJP's

vision for progress, good governance, and stability.

"The BJP is dedicated to the betterment of every section of society through our promise of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka

Vishwas,'" Koul said. He expressed confidence that the party's approach has endeared it to the people, stating, "Today, the citizens believe that Jammu & Kashmir can only progress under the leadership of the BJP."

Among other Prominent people, those who joined BJP were Bashir Ahmad Bhat (DFO), Abrar Ahmad (Independent Assembly Candidate), Vijay Koul (Former NC, JDU Leader), Mehraj Rather (Apni Party Leader), and Syed Imran Ali Bukhari.

Newly joined members expressed their confidence and faith in the Leadership of PM Narendra Modi.

## Int'l recognition of Cross-Border Terrorism validates India's stand: Kavinder Hails BRICS stand against terrorism

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JAMMU, JULY 7

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta said that the international community's recognition of the growing threat of terrorism, especially cross-border terrorism, validates India's long-standing position on the issue. He was referring to the strong condemnation of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam killing 26 Hindu tourists, by the BRICS nations during the 17th BRICS Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Welcoming the "Rio de Janeiro Declaration," the BJP stalwart said the BRICS bloc has echoed India's consistent call for a "zero tolerance" approach to terrorism and rejected the dangerous double standards that some global players adopt while dealing with terror-



ist threats. "The collective stand taken by the BRICS nations, including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, is a significant diplomatic victory for India. It sends a clear message to terror-sponsoring states that the world will no longer tolerate the export of terror," he asserted while speaking at the meeting held at Party Headquarters here today.

Kavinder further praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under whose guidance India's counter-

terrorism narrative has gained widespread international support. "The inclusion of cross-border terrorism, terror financing, and safe havens in the BRICS declaration shows that India's concerns are now the concerns of the global community," he added.

Referring to the part of the declaration that called for concerted action against all UN-designated terrorists and terror entities, he said such steps are crucial to dismantling the infrastructure that enables

terrorism to thrive. "Our brave security forces and innocent civilians in Jammu and Kashmir have long been victims of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. The BRICS stand is a morale booster for every Indian," he said.

Kavinder also noted that the emphasis by BRICS on states' responsibility to combat terrorism within the framework of international law further strengthens India's argument on holding rogue nations accountable. He said the BJP government remains committed to rooting out terrorism and ensuring peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Terrorism must be fought unitedly, without bias, and without compromise. The world must come together in both word and action," he concluded.

## PM Modi at BRICS, A Global Wake-up call against terrorism, global hypocrisy: Gaurav Gupta

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JAMMU, JULY 7

BJP Spokesperson for Jammu & Kashmir UT, Gaurav Gupta, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forceful and uncompromising address at the BRICS Summit 2025 has sent a clear and much-needed message to the global community – that terrorism cannot be fought with half measures, diplomatic silence, or selective outrage.

Gaurav Gupta pointed out that in stark contrast to the recent SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Summit, where the brutal Pahalgam terror attack failed to find any mention – ultimately resulting in no joint declaration being issued – the BRICS Summit rose to the occasion. The BRICS joint communiqué explicitly referred to the Pahalgam attack, condemned it in the strongest terms, and stood in full solidarity with the victims and their families. "This is a significant diplomatic success for India and a testament to PM Modi's unrelenting commitment to exposing terror sponsors and securing international acknowledgment for India's fight against cross-border terrorism," Gupta said.

He added that PM Modi's remarks – "India is a victim of terror; some countries are exporters of it" – were not only bold but long overdue. These words reflect the lived reality of Jammu & Kashmir, a region that has paid the highest price for decades of Pakistan-sponsored terror. Gupta said it was heartening to see BRICS recognize this reality, where the SCO had failed due to pressure from certain member states that continue to shield or support terrorist elements.

Gaurav Gupta welcomed the Prime Minister's direct call for global sanctions on countries that provide safe haven, funding, and ideological cover to terrorism, emphasizing that "there can be no ifs and buts in the fight against terror." He stated that PM Modi's leadership at BRICS highlighted not only India's moral clarity



but also its growing diplomatic influence, especially in mobilizing consensus on issues where the world has remained divided or hesitant.

Gupta also praised PM Modi's role as a voice for the Global South, noting that the Prime Minister rightly exposed the double standards of powerful Western nations and international institutions. From climate finance to global trade, and from geopolitical conflicts to the functioning of the IMF and World Bank, PM Modi underscored that developing countries are too often subjected to unfair treatment. "When PM Modi said 'We are trying to run 21st-century software on 20th-century typewriters,' it captured the urgent need for reform in global governance," Gupta remarked.

In conclusion, Gaurav Gupta said that PM Modi has once again proven that India will not allow the world to look the other way when terrorism strikes its soil. "From the streets of Jammu & Kashmir to the global stage at BRICS, the message is now loud and clear – India will not tolerate terror, will not accept global silence, and will continue to lead the world in the fight for justice, peace, and truth," Gupta asserted.

## Shrine Board Judokas to represent India at Int'l Competitions

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KATRA, JULY 7

Three judokas from the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex - Varun Sharma, Rajat Singh Chib and Akshay Sharma have earned the distinction of representing India in the esteemed World University Games and Asia Cup, events governed by the International Judo Federation.

Varun Sharma will compete in the 81 kg category Judo competition at the World University Games in Berlin, Germany from July 16-27, 2025. Meanwhile, Rajat Singh Chib and Akshay Sharma will represent India in the 90 kg and 73 kg categories respectively at the Senior and Junior Asia Cup Judo competition in Taiwan scheduled from July 12-17, 2025.



Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB presented internationally approved judo kits to the judokas in the presence of Satish Sharma, Jt. Chief Executive Officer, Dhruv Gupta, Director (Sports), SMVD Sports Complex and Danish Sharma, Judo Coach at Central Office, Katra with the gesture to support the athletes in their international endeavors, enabling them to perform at their best while representing India. On the occasion, he also extended his best wishes to athletes on behalf of the Hon'ble Chairman,

SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) for their upcoming events.

Noteworthy that the SMVD Sports Complex has played a pivotal role in nurturing the judokas' talents by offering state-of-the-art facilities and expert guidance under the mentorship of coach Danish Sharma. The SMVD Sports Complex is currently nurturing the talents of over 150 aspiring athletes across various sports disciplines, who have been consistently delivering promising results in national and international competitions.

## ABRSM delegation meets CEO Jammu, highlights teachers' issues

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JAMMU, JULY 7

A delegation of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shai-shik Mahasangh (ABRSM), under the leadership of District President Sh. Pawan Sharma ji along with Special invitee Sh. Rakesh Sharma ji State Executive member, met the newly posted CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER JAMMU, Sh. Ajeet Sharma ji, to discuss pressing concerns of the teaching fraternity.

Key issues raised during the meeting included the undue delay in transfer of teachers, delay in time bound promotions of Teachers, importance of early conduct of DPCs for



promotion of Teachers to Masters, and effective implementation of central government education policies aimed at qualitative improvement in the education sector.

The delegation comprised of Sh. Rahul Sharma (State Additional Secretary), Sh. Ved Parkash (Jammu District General Secretary), Sh. Tarsem Lal (Jammu Dis-

trict Media Prabharti), Sh. Narrotam Sharma, Sh. Deepak sharma, and Sh. jeet raj, sh. Kuldeep kumar (Zonal president jourian, Sh.Tirath Ram Senior V.P. jourian, sh. Bali RamZonal Secretary AKHNOOR and Sh. Makhan Lal. The Chief Education Officer Jammu gave a patient hearing and assured appropriate action on the highlighted concerns.

## Vi Guarantees 24 Days additional Validity for 2G Handset Customers

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JAMMU, JULY 7, 2025

India's leading telecom operator Vi, has rolled out the Vi Guarantee Programme for its 2G Handset customers. Under this programme, the benefit of 24 Days Extra validity will be credited over a 12-month period wherein 2 Days Extra Validity will be credited with every Unlimited voice recharge pack of Rs. 199 and above.

The Vi Guarantee programme aims to address a long-standing challenge faced by voice-only or low data usage prepaid customers, which is the need to recharge again within the same month. With traditional 28-day packs, customers often recharge twice in a single calendar month or sometimes continue with interrupted service.

With the introduction of Vi Guarantee, customers will now get 30 days of service validity instead of the usual 28 days, enabling one recharge per month. Even on recharges with longer than 28-day validity, the additional two days will help bridge gaps in the recharge cycle, ensuring greater convenience and uninterrupted service.

The Vi Guarantee benefit is applicable for prepaid customers who are using 2G handsets and are on Unlimited voice recharge packs of Rs 199 and above.

The Vi Guarantee programme for 4G and 5G customers, launched last year, continues to be available offering a total of 130GB guaranteed extra data over one year, with 10GB being credited automatically every 28 days for 13 consecutive cycles. To avail this, customers will need to be on daily data unlimited plans of Rs 299 and above.

Customers can opt in for the Vi Guarantee - Extra validity benefit via USSD \*999# or call on 1212. The Vi Guarantee-Extra Data offer can be availed on the Vi App.

## Crescent Public School withdraws AC Charges Order in view of parents' concern

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SRINAGAR, JULY 7

Crescent Public School, Naseem Bagh, Srinagar, has officially withdrawn its earlier administrative order regarding the collection of air conditioner (AC) charges from students. The said order was issued under No. CPS/211/Adm. dated 07-07-2025.

A school spokesperson confirmed that the decision was taken following feedback from parents and guardians. "We have decided to withdraw the order in the best interest of our students and to maintain a healthy parent-school relationship," the spokesperson said.

The school administration reiterated its commitment to providing a conducive and student-friendly environment without causing any undue financial burden on parents.

## Annual Congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari on Thursday, July 10

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JAMMU, JULY 7

The Annual Congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Devsthan Temple, Sector 14 behind Power House, Shiva Ji

Chowk, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. The Meeting of Akhil Bhartiya Rohmetra Mahajan Bradari held under the Chairmanship of the President Parbhakar Rohmetra. It was decided that the annual congregation (Mail will be held on Thursday, July 10,

2025 at Devsthan Nanak Nagar Shiva ji Chowk Sec-14, Near Power Grid Staion Jammu). All members of Biradi are requested to attend the Congregation and seek blessings of Kuldevta Baba Pargan Nath Ji. Among others present in the meeting

were Prabhakar Rohmetra, Yogesh Rohmetra, Ravi Rohmetra, Pardeep Rohmetra, Satpal Rohmetra, Yash pal Rohmetra, Moolraj Rohmetra, Ajay Rohmetra, Neeraj Rohmetra, Vinay Rohmetra, Abhishek Rometra and others.

## Beating the Heat wave and humidity, IGNOU Flying Squad teams charge into Exam Centres for on-the-spot monitoring

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JAMMU, JULY 7

"We are in the midst of June 2025 Term-end Examinations of IGNOU which are being held across the Country for various Academic Programmes offered by the University in ODL as well Online mode and the examinations in all Examination Centres in the region are going on smoothly in fair manner maintaining utmost integrity and sanctity of the examinations", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu.

The University, under the Jammu Region, has established 32 Examination Centres which include four Examination Centres in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, District Jail Ambphalla, District Jail Udhampur and District Jail Kathua exclu-



sively for Jail inmates, one Examination Centre in Northern Command Udhampur exclusively for Army personnel, and one Examination Centre in National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Women, Jammu exclusively for conducting examinations in CBT mode.

Despite the intense heat wave and prevailing extreme humid conditions, the Flying Squad teams are

travelling across the region for on-the-spot monitoring at the Examination Centres. Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director made a surprise visit to the Examination Centres at GGM Science College, Canal Road and KC College of Education, Akhnoor Road, Muthi, Jammu and was satisfied to find the things in proper order. "Prof (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GGM Science College, and

Dr. Sanjay Tickoo, Principal, K.C. College of Education, who are also the Centre Superintendents of their respective IGNOU Exam Centres are providing excellent support by way of conducting examinations as per set protocol under their supervision", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, RD, RC Jammu.

Assistant Regional Director Dr. Asha Upadhyay made a surprise visit to the Exam Centres at Govt. MAM College, Jammu, for surprise check and found the things going on as per the laid down norms and guidelines of the University.

Assistant Regional Director Dr. Vikram Singh visited the Exam Centre at Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and felt satisfied about seeing the things in order.

Based on on-the-spot

random surprise checks and feedback obtained from other field functionaries, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, lauded the efforts of Examination Superintendents, and their Invigilation and other staff in ensuring smooth conduct of examinations in Jammu region.

Dr. Sandeep also informed that as a special initiative, RC Jammu has installed Electronic Detector Machine at the Examination Centre 1232, Govt. M.A.M. College Jammu with the help of SSP (Security), J&K Police Jammu. This initiative has been taken since the number of examinees appearing at the said Centre is huge and it becomes unmanageable to frisk each and every student. The SSP (Security) has also deployed two police personnel, one male one female, at the Centre.

## Indian Army organizes Comprehensive Lecture on "Personality Development" at Shikari, Reasi

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In a continuing effort to foster holistic development and empower local communities, the Indian Army organized a comprehensive lecture on "Personality Development" for the youth and residents of the remote area of Shikari, District Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir on 07 Jul 2025. The lecture aimed to equip attendees with essential life skills, enhance self-confidence and provide guidance on effective communication, leadership and positive attitude building. This initiative is part of the Indian Army's broader commitment to community welfare and nation-building in the region. "We believe in investing in the poten-



tial of our youth," stated the representative of the Indian Army. "Personality development is crucial for personal growth and plays a significant role in shaping responsible and successful individuals. By bringing such initiatives to remote areas like Shikari, we hope to provide valuable opportunities and contribute to the overall well-being of the community." Expert speakers from the Indian Army conducted the session, drawing upon their extensive experience in leadership,

discipline and human resource development. The interactive lecture covered various aspects, including: Self-awareness, Effective communication, Building self-confidence and a positive outlook, Leadership qualities and teamwork. The Indian Army invited all interested individuals, especially the youth of Shikari and surrounding areas, to attend this beneficial lecture. The event was open to all and aimed to create a positive impact on the lives of the participants.

## Miran Sahib Mandal celebrates Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Jayanti

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MIRAN SAHIB, JULY 7

A program was organized by Miran Sahib Mandal on July 6, 2025, to pay tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, a renowned statesman and founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. The event was attended by senior BJP leader Advocate Devaraj Sharma, DDC member Smt. Vidya Motton, and other prominent figures from the Miran Sahib block. The program focused on discussing Dr. Mukherjee's invaluable contributions to India, particularly his unwavering commitment to the nation's unity and integrity. His sacrifice and legacy were remembered and honored. Participants took a pledge to follow Dr. Mukherjee's ideals, including his vision of "One Country, One Law, and One Constitution."

The event featured prominent speakers, including Advocate Devaraj Sharma Senior BJP leader Smt. Vidya Motton, Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Mandal President, Pramod Rampal Retired Principal. Other dignitaries present on the occasion include Kirpal Chand, Vinod Sharma, Vijay Raina, Yashpal Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Des Raj and Jyoti Sharma among others. The program served as a



reminder of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's enduring legacy and his contributions to India's growth and development. It also reaffirmed the commitment of the participants to uphold his ideals and work towards the nation's progress.

DDC Member lauded Dr. Mookerjee's contribution in advocating the importance of Indian languages. She said that with the introduction of New Education Policy, the government has realized Dr. Mookerjee's vision for the preservation, promotion, and development of Indian languages. She added that the struggle led by Dr. Mookerjee was fulfilled in 2019 when Article 370 was abrogated from the Indian Constitution. She recalled Dr. Mookerjee's message of the country being above party politics. Remembering his stance on Kashmir, she highlighting that the construction of new Chenab Bridge is a step toward realizing Dr.

Mookerjee's vision. Advocate Devaraj Sharma paid tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary, describing him as the "immortal son of the nation" and lauding his lifelong dedication to India's unity, pride, and development. He sacrificed his life to protect the honour, dignity, and pride of the country. His ideals and principles are invaluable in the construction of a developed and self-reliant India. "Bengal's son, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, used to say that any nation can only be secure through its own energy. He had immense faith in the nation's resources and in the capable people of this country," Adv Devraj noted.

Reflecting on Dr. Mookerjee's contributions post-independence, Adv Devraj said, "After Independence, his vision helped lift the country from despair and disappointment. As the first Minister for Industry

and Supply, he drafted India's first industrial policy. He believed that if the government, educational institutions, and industrial organizations worked together, India would soon achieve economic independence." He also praised Dr. Mookerjee's forward-thinking approach, "His contributions towards women's empowerment, education, and the shaping of India's nuclear policy were far ahead of his time. I pay my deepest respects to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and bow to his memory."

Adv Devraj recalled Dr. Mookerjee's powerful stance against the dual governance system in Jammu and Kashmir. "In one country, two constitutions, two heads, and two flags will not work... This was the lifelong pledge of the great man, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who tirelessly dedicated himself to an undivided India," Adv Devraj said. He added, "Humble tributes to the revered Dr. Mookerjee ji, the founding president of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a fervent nationalist thinker, and a martyr of Kashmir's integration. Your life remains a timeless beacon of national unity, education, and public service that will continue to inspire generations."

## Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia slams NC for stirring unnecessary Urdu controversy

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 07 JULY 2025:

In a strongly worded press conference held at the BJP party office in Trikuta Nagar today, party spokesperson Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, accompanied by Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra and Dr. Makson Tikoo, criticized the National Conference (NC) for fueling an unnecessary controversy around the Urdu language in the context of Naib Tehsildar recruitment.

Dr. Jasrotia termed the issue as politically motivated and aimed at misleading the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. "Urdu is a sister language of Hindi and both have deep roots in Bharat. The attempt to portray it as an exclusive cultural identity

is misleading," he said.

He pointed out that during NC's own tenure, the first recruitment rules for Naib Tehsildars in 1973 did not mandate Urdu as a compulsory qualification. "For three decades, this remained unchanged. It was only in 2003 when two parties – one responsible for the partition of Bharat and the other infamously involved in the Amarnath land row – joined hands and planted the seeds of division," he said.

He further said that the clause making Urdu mandatory was kept in abeyance again in 2009 during another coalition regime involving NC. Dr. Jasrotia demanded an explanation from NC on why it is reigniting this controversy now. "NC should explain to

the youth why they are diverting attention from their unfulfilled promise of providing 1 lakh government jobs, which they mentioned in their very first manifesto," said Dr. Jasrotia.

He added that the party is creating confusion among innocent aspirants at a time when digitalization of land records has made such criteria irrelevant.

"If knowledge of Urdu is mandatory for Naib Tehsildars, then what about other key officials of the land revenue department like DCs, ACRs, and Revenue Secretaries?" he questioned.

Dr. Jasrotia also recalled that BJP was the first to raise concern over this issue. "Party President Sat Sharma ji and Leader of Opposi-

tion Sunil Sharma ji were the first to meet Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha. I too followed up personally, after which BJYM took to the streets demanding justice for youth," he added.

Highlighting the inclusive concerns, he said that the issue of Urdu is not only a hurdle for Jammu aspirants but also for youth from the Kashmir region.

Taking a dig at former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Dr. Jasrotia said, "Omar Sahib's love for Urdu seems superficial. His Twitter handle is in English. If he truly respects Urdu, he should switch his account to Urdu. Otherwise, Abraham Lincoln was right when he said – you can't fool all the people all the time."

## Ex-Servicemen Rally, Outreach Program conducted at Balnoi Base, Poonch

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Post Operation Sindoor, for the first time near the Line of Control (LOC), the Ex-Servicemen Rally and Mega Veterans Outreach Program was organized by the Krishna Ghati Brigade of the Indian Army at the Balnoi Base on 06 July 2025. The rally brought together 400 veterans, including Veer Naris, Veer Matas, and widows, to honour their selfless service and sacrifices. The event strengthened the camaraderie of the armed forces community and addressed key welfare issues. Numerous stalls and help desks from various welfare agencies and organizations, such as the ESM Help Desk, Grievance Cell, Artificial Limb support, Art of Living, Financial Planning, Medical Check-up, Dental Check-up, Veterinary Facility, CSD Canteen, ECHS Facility, and provisions for four-wheelers and two-wheelers, were set up at the venue. These services aimed to resolve pension and entitlement issues, assist with health-related concerns, provide artificial limbs to those in need, and act as a mediator between various agencies and ex-servicemen. The rally was specifically



aimed at ex-servicemen, war veterans, disabled soldiers, and war widows to express solidarity and demonstrate that they remain integral members of the Armed Forces fraternity even after retirement. Senior officers from the Armed Forces, including Brigadier Anand Raj Singh, Commander of the Krishna Ghati Brigade, along with other civil dignitaries, attended the event. During the occasion, veterans, Veer Naris, and Veer Matas were presented with gifts such as caps, cups, dinner sets, as well as wheelchairs, clutches, walking sticks, and hearing aids, sponsored by Bhagwan Mahaveer Vikalaang Sahayata Samiti for the

specially-abled veterans. A team of specialist doctors from the Kiwanis Club of New Delhi provided artificial limbs for disabled ex-servicemen, Veer Naris, Veer Matas, children, and civilians along the border area of Poonch district. The outreach program also included a medical camp and dental camp, where specialist doctors offered their services to the ex-servicemen. A raffle/bumper draw was also organized during the event. The rally was a resounding success, fostering a supportive environment for the esteemed ex-servicemen and ensuring that their concerns were acknowledged and addressed effectively.

## Hakeem Yaseen urges reopening of Budgam tourist destinations

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SRINAGAR, JULY 7

People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former Minister Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen has urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to intervene and facilitate the immediate reopening of tourist destinations in Budgam district, including Yousmar, Tosa Maidan, and Doodhpathri.

In a letter addressed to the Union Tourism Minister, Yaseen said the situation has significantly improved since the tragic Pahalgam attack, and several other tourist locations across Jammu and Kashmir have already been reopened. He emphasized that the popular tourist spots in Budgam are located close to Srinagar Airport and are among the areas with the lowest security threat.

"Doodhpathri, Yousmar, and Tosa Maidan are not only breathtakingly beautiful but also economically vital for thousands of locals who depend on tourism for their livelihood. The prolonged ban is pushing youth and families into deep financial distress," Yaseen said.

## Sant Samaj Nyas holds High-Level Meeting in Jammu on Amarnath Yatra

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A meeting was organized in Jammu by the org General Secretary of the Jammu Kashmir Sant Samaj Nyas, Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji, along with visiting saints from outside the region. The meeting was chaired by Maha manadleshwar Sadhvi Vibhanand Giri Ji, Peethadheeshwar of Pragma Peeth Member of the Central Margdarshak Mandal of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Vice President of Delhi Sant Mahamandal NCR Mahant Swami Mohan Giri Ji Maharaj, Mahant Swami Yagya Giri Ji Maharaj Trustee of Pragma Sai Lok Kalyan Nyas, Pragma Dham Katangi.



The meeting also involved discussions with Jammu police officials regarding the ongoing Shri Amarnath Yatra. DIG Jammu Shiv kumar Sharma and other senior officials were present. The saints expressed their appreciation and gratitude towards the Jammu & Kashmir government for the excellent arrangements made for the Yatra.

The saints also visited and reviewed the Peer Kho Temple, the Mata Bawe Wali Temple, Radha

Krishan Temple rs pura and the Retreat Ceremony held at the RS Pura border. They noted that despite the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the enthusiasm of the pilgrims remains high, and the yatra is continuing with great spirit.

On this occasion, Swami Yagya Giri Ji expressed his gratitude to Mahamandaleshwar Rameshwar Das Ji for the arrangements made for the saints' accommodation at the Ram Mandir in Purani Mandi.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji also thanked all the visiting saints for coming to Jammu and discussed in detail the facilities being provided to them. He also addressed what more needs to be done for local monasteries and temples. There were further discussions about the ongoing langar services being organized by various saints to ensure the pilgrims face no inconvenience.

He announced that a grand spiritual congregation will soon be held in Jammu, in which saints from all over the country and from all Akharas will participate. The meeting concluded with heartfelt thanks to all the visiting sant

Indian Army organizes Amity Meeting at Lassana, Poonch

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Indian Army organised an Amity Meeting with the local residents of Lassana in Poonch District. This initiative was part of the ongoing effort to extend the area of domination patrols and address local concerns. The meeting served as a platform for informal interaction, easing local tensions and discussing

the prevailing security situation. It provided an opportunity for residents to openly address various issues they face within the Area of Responsibility.

The role of Army and Awam to fight together against terrorism in the region was the key highlight during the meet. The opportunity was also utilised to provide medical aid to the locals. Attendees expressed appreciation for the Indian Army's efforts to reach out to the locals. A total of 47 individuals were present. They commended the initiative as a valuable confidence-building measure.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 06-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 07-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 02 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HVMs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HVMs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltague between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 08-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY Convoy /LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days. TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS:-

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HVMs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HVM shall be allowed after 1900 hrs . TCU Udhampur shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice- versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HVM other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs . No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffliaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

DIP/J-3116/25

Date: 7-7-25

सत्यमेव जयते  
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (REVENUE), SAMBA

**Subject: Holding of election to the Managing Committee of the Cooperative Societies of District CAD Jammu.**

Registrar Cooperative Societies, J&K Jammu/Srinagar vide Notification No. 30-RCS/SS of 2025 dated 11-06-2025 issued under endorsement No. RCS/SS/elc-28/E-7209469/1112-20 dated 11-06-2025 as fixed 28-07-2025, 29-07-2025, 30-07-2025, 31-07-2025, 01-08-2025 as the dates for holding elections to the Managing Committee of the Primary Cooperatives Societies of District Samba.

Therefore, in pursuance of the power conferred under Section 29 Sub Section 1 of Jammu and Kashmir Cooperatives Societies Act 1989 read with Jammu and Kashmir Cooperatives Societies Rules 2001 amendment vide SRO 236 dated 25-04-2013, 1, Ajay Bharti JKAS, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Samba do hereby appoint following officers as the Returning Officer of the Societies as shown against each for holding the above noted elections as per schedule given below;

Name of Returning Officer	HQ of Returning Officer	Name of Primary Cooperative Societies of Samba District	Date & Time of filing Nomination	Date & Time of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Election
Ms. Varnika Raj, BDO Sumb. 7889969269	BDO office Sumb	The Sumb Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.	07-07-2025 10. AM TO 4 PM.	13-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM	18-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM	28-07-2025 10 AM to 4 PM
Sh. Sh. Kunal Singh Manhas, BDO Nud 7006786736	BDO office Nud	The Dhorah Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.	07-07-2025 10. AM TO 4 PM.	13-07-2025 10.AM to 4 P.M	18-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM.	29-07-2025 10 AM to 4 PM
Sh Saqib Shareef Khan, BDO Samba. 9797541888	BDO office Samba	The Pangdour Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.	07-07-2025 10. AM TO 4 PM.	13-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM	18-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM	30-07-2025 10 AM to 4 PM
		The Rehian Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.	07-07-2025 10. AM TO 4 PM.	13-07-2025 10.AM to 4 P.M	18-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM.	31-07-2025 10 AM to 4 PM
		The Chak Ram Chand Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.	07-07-2025 10. AM TO 4 PM.	13-07-2025 10.AM to 4 P.M	18-07-2025 10.AM to 4 PM	01-08-2025 10 AM to 4 PM

The Returning Officers are further authorized to appoint Presiding Officers/Polling Officers for smooth conduct above note election as per Cooperative Societies Act 1989 and its rules 2001 and to intimate the result to this office.

(Ajay Bharti) JKAS  
Assistant Commissioner (Revenue)  
Samba

Office of the Returning Officer (Block Development Officer Samba)

**FORM B**  
Notice of Election

Election to the Managing Committee of the (Pangdhour Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.)

Notice is hereby given that:

- An election is to be held on 30.07.2025
- No. of vacancies to be filled: 07 (seven)
- Nomination paper may be delivered between the hour of 10 Am to 4 PM on 7.7.2025 by the members of Societies at Society H.Q.
- The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny on 13.07.2025
- Notice of withdrawal of candidate may be delivered by candidate before 18.7.2025
- The general body meeting shall be held on 3-08-2025 at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 AM to 4PM at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 PM to 4 PM then counting of votes and result shall be declared on the same day.

Returning Officer

No: BDO/S/2025-26/48  
04-07-2025

Office of the Returning Officer (Block Development Officer Samba)

**FORM B**  
Notice of Election

Election to the Managing Committee of the (Chak Ram Chand Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.)

Notice is hereby given that:

- An election is to be held on 01.08.2025
- No. of vacancies to be filled: 07 (seven)
- Nomination paper may be delivered between the hour of 10 Am to 4 PM on 7.7.2025 by the members of Societies at Society H.Q.
- The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny on 13.07.2025
- Notice of withdrawal of candidate may be delivered by candidate before 18.7.2025
- The general body meeting shall be held on 5-08-2025 at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 AM to 4PM at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 PM to 4 PM then counting of votes and result shall be declared on the same day.

Returning Officer

No: BDO/S/2025-26/49  
04-07-2025

Office of the Returning Officer (Block Development Officer Samba)

**FORM B**  
Notice of Election

Election to the Managing Committee of the (Rehian Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.)

Notice is hereby given that:

- An election is to be held on 31.07.2025
- No. of vacancies to be filled: 07 (seven)
- Nomination paper may be delivered between the hour of 10 Am to 4 PM on 7.7.2025 by the members of Societies at Society H.Q.
- The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny on 13.07.2025
- Notice of withdrawal of candidate may be delivered by candidate before 18.07.2025
- The general body meeting shall be held on 4-08-2025 at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 AM to 4PM at Society H.Q. In the event of an election being contested, the poll will take place between the hour of 10 PM to 4 PM then counting of votes and result shall be declared on the same day.

Returning Officer

No: BDO/S/2025-26/450  
04-07-2025

DIP/J-3067/25  
Date: 7-7-25

## Valour displayed during Op Sindoor & demonstration of domestic equipment, further increased global demand for our indigenous products: Raksha Mantri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh addressed the Controllers' Conference of the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) in New Delhi on July 07, 2025, emphasising the department's critical role in strengthening the operational readiness and financial agility of the Armed Forces. Referring to the success of Operation Sindoor, he stated that the valour displayed and demonstration of the capability of domestic equipment has further increased the global demand for the indigenous products. "The world is looking at our defence sector with new respect. A single delay or error in financial processes can directly affect operational preparedness," he said. He also called on the DAD to evolve from a 'controller' to a 'facilitator' in sync with increasing participation of the private sector in defence.

Rajnath Singh credited the ongoing transformation in the defence sector to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, under whose guidance the country has moved towards Aatmanirbharta and structural reform in defence planning, finance, and innovation. "Most of the equipment we once imported is now being made in India. Our reforms are succeeding because of the clarity of vision and commitment at the highest level," he added.

Addressing the larger geopolitical context, Raksha Mantri mentioned the rising global military expenditure reaching \$2.7 trillion in 2024, as per Stockholm International

Peace Research Institute and stated that this opens up tremendous opportunities for India's indigenous defence industries. He stressed that with the Prime Minister's focus on 'Aatmanirbharta in Defence', India's industries must be prepared for the global demand shift and play a larger role in exports and innovation. "Our effort is to ensure that decisions are taken swiftly so that we can begin manufacturing larger engines right here in India and that this journey begins with the hands of Indians," he added, reaffirming the government's commitment to building advanced indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities.

Highlighting the increasing strategic and economic significance of the defence sector, Shri Rajnath Singh called for a shift in perception from defence spending as mere expenditure to an economic investment with multiplier impact. "Until recently, defence budgets were not seen as part of the national economy. Today, they are growth drivers," he added. He mentioned that India, along with the rest of the world, is entering a new phase of re-armament, marked by capital-intensive investments in the defence sector. He urged the department to incorporate Defence Economics in their planning and assessments, including social impact analysis of R&D projects and dual-use technologies.

The Raksha Mantri also referred to the recently launched Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a budget of Rs 1 lakh crore, which prioritises defence sector innovation and



procurement of high-end technology. He encouraged the DAD to become active enablers in ensuring smooth implementation and timely funding of such projects, particularly from start-ups, MSMEs, and the private sector. He highlighted the fact, for the first time, the Defence Acquisition Council has approved the acquisition of weapon systems through the capital route, and urged the Department to be prepared for financial activities related to this shift.

Shri Rajnath Singh praised the department's new motto 'Alert, Agile, Adaptive' and noted that these are not mere words, but a reflection of the work culture required in today's rapidly evolving defence environment. He urged officials to undertake internal reform through self-introspection, rather than relying solely on external audits or consultants. "Improvements made through internal evaluation create living organisations. These reforms are more organic, with fewer barriers," he stated.

"Peace time is nothing but an illusion. Even during periods of relative calm, we must prepare for uncertainty. Sudden developments can force

a complete shift in our financial and operational posture. Whether it's stepping up equipment production or adapting financial processes, we must be ready with innovative techniques and responsive systems at all times," Raksha Mantri stated. He urged the DAD to incorporate this mindset into their planning, budgeting and decision-making systems.

Shri Rajnath Singh spoke extensively about the transformation in public procurement through Government e-Marketplace (GeM), which has facilitated transparency and private sector engagement. He noted that the Ministry of Defence has procured goods and services worth over Rs 2 lakh crore through GeM till FY 2024-25, and called upon Integrated Financial Advisors (IFAs) and Competent Financial Authorities (CFAs) to maximise its use to ensure transparency and efficiency.

The Raksha Mantri appreciated the rollout and impact of the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration - Raksha) platform, which has integrated over 32 lakh defence pensioners under a transparent, faceless pension delivery system.

"Crores of rupees are disbursed through SPARSH every month. When I see such systems working for our veterans, it reaffirms that our strength lies not just in budget figures, but in our gratitude towards their sacrifice," he underlined while firmly stating that caring for veterans is a duty, not a favour.

Shri Rajnath Singh also referred to upcoming digital initiatives such as the Comprehensive Pay System and Centralised Database Management System, which will simplify pay & personnel data management and support faster, real-time decision-making across services. He welcomed the department's work on the Vision Document and Roadmap for Defence Finance & Economics, while urging timely implementation and the ability to make course corrections, if required.

Raksha Mantri urged the department to move towards faceless and time-bound payment systems to encourage increased participation from private players in defence manufacturing. "The more efficient and transparent your processes, the greater the confidence in our system," he stated.

Shri Rajnath Singh emphasised that even small errors in the department's processes can have significant consequences. "At the place where you are working, if you make even a small mistake, then the soldiers do not get the necessary resources on time. Due to our negligence, there can be a problem in budget allocation and it directly affects operational readiness," he emphasised.

The Raksha Mantri also congratulated the Defence Secretary &

CGDA for achieving full utilisation of the capital budget in the previous financial year, and expressed confidence that the department would maintain the same fiscal discipline going forward. He stressed that financial planning should focus not only on budget growth, but also on efficiency-led growth, ensuring the right deployment at the right time for the right objective.

"Let us all pledge to remain alert, agile, and adaptive so that our work remains relevant and impactful. Our responsibility is immense, and every decision we make contributes to the larger vision of national security and self-reliance," Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted. He also commended the conference agenda, which includes sessions on Change Management, Budgeting, Internal Audit, Procurement, Industry Partnerships, and Capacity Building.

The key highlights of the event were the release of the Vision Document, Mission Statement, New Motto, second edition of the Market Intelligence Report 2025 and Revised Defence Accounts Code.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr. Samir V Kamat, Financial Adviser (Defence Services) Shri S G Dastidar, and Controller General of Defence Accounts Dr Mayank Sharma were also present on the occasion.

## Indian Army interacts with Gujjar, Bakarwals at Kesri Hill, Rajouri



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI: 07 JUL 2025

Gujjar and Bakarwals are one of the most rustic ethnic groups of the Himalayas and are considered as one of the most historically rich tribes of the region due to their culture and ethnic traditions. These tribes comprise approximately 11% of the total population of Jammu & Kashmir. A large number of Gujjar and Bakarwals follow nomadic lifestyle. Every year these Gujjar and Bakarwals migrate to the higher reaches of Pir Panjal Ranges as part of their customary seasonal migratory practice. In continuation of efforts to maintain connection with these tribes and resolve their issues, Indian Army interacted with the Gujjar and Bakarwals on 07 July 2025 at Kesri Hill village part of Rajouri District. A

total number of 56 Gujjar and Bakarwals attended the event. The interaction was aimed at understanding their problems and issues faced by the community during their migration to higher reaches, their basic requirements pertaining to documentation for migration, awareness about Forest Rights Act of 2006 and education of their children. The locals lauded the efforts of Indian Army for organising such a unique event for Gujjar and Bakarwals during the migratory season and listening to various issues and problems faced by the community. This initiative of Indian Army will go a long way in further strengthening and cementing the already existing bond between the Awam and Army and will benefit the Gujjar and Bakarwal community to a great extent.

## Empowering Excellence: IIM Jammu commences 'Align and Aspire' Training Initiative for Administrative Staff



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 7

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, launched the 'Align and Aspire' Staff Training Programme for its administrative officers and staff, scheduled from 7th to 9th July 2025 at its Jagti Campus. The training inaugural programme was graced (online) by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lamp lighting at Vivekananda Classroom. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the key presence of Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu; Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson Anandam and Media and Publication Division, IIM Jammu; Prof. Ravij Seth, Professor of Practice, IIM Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), IIM Jammu; Shri Shailesh K Lohiya, Librarian, IIM Jammu and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran (Retd.), CAO, IIM Jammu. Faculty, Officers and staff members from various departments of the Institute were also in attendance.

The training programme marks a significant strategic step towards enhancing institutional effectiveness through comprehensive staff development and engagement. It aims to align the administrative workforce with the Institute's vision, mission, and core values, while simultaneously enhancing their professional skills and ser-

vice orientation. The training programme will be conducted in two phases and is a completely residential initiative, allowing the participants to fully immerse themselves in the learning environment and benefit from focused peer interaction and experiential learning.

The key objectives of the Programme include, Aligning staff with IIM Jammu's strategic goals and institutional culture; Familiarizing participants with institutional systems, policies, and digital tools; Enhancing soft skills including communication, teamwork, time management, and customer service; Promoting a proactive, accountable, and collaborative work culture; Instilling a growth mindset and readiness for continuous improvement; Improving internal communication and service delivery mechanisms; Reinforcing a sense of belonging, motivation, and institutional pride and, Facilitating peer learning and cross-functional knowledge-sharing.

The 'Align and Aspire' initiative is a testament to IIM Jammu's unwavering commitment to excellence not only in academics and research, but also in administrative leadership and governance. By fostering professional growth and engagement, the innovative training programme sets the foundation for the institutional pathway ahead, empowering officers and staff to contribute meaningfully to the Institute's evolving vision and goals. The program is coordinated by CAO Office, IIM Jammu.

## Delegation from Shri Kailakh Trust meets Sat Sharma to promote Sanskrit



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 07 JULY 2025:

A delegation from Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust met with the Jammu and Kashmir BJP State President, Mr. Sat Sharma, at his residence today. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the promotion and innovation of Devavani Sanskrit across the region.

On this occasion, Mr. Sat Sharma lauded the efforts of the Trust, stating that Sanskrit is not merely a language but the foundation of Indian culture, knowledge, science, and tradition. He further emphasized that in today's time, spreading Sanskrit among the masses is our cultural responsibility, and such efforts help society reconnect with its roots.

During the meeting,

senior trustee of the Trust, Mr. R. K. Chhibber, shared details of the ongoing initiatives undertaken by the Trust. He informed that the Trust is continuously working across the Union Territory to promote Vedic traditions, Jyotish Shastra (astrology), Sanskrit education, and religious-cultural values. He added that the Trust regularly organizes research seminars, Sanskrit camps, youth workshops, and Devavani promotion programs.

Trust advisor Mr. Pramod Sharma informed that the upcoming Sanskrit Month will soon be inaugurated, during which various programs will be conducted throughout the region. These will include Sanskrit recitation competitions, Sanskrit plays, verse-dialogues, grammar workshops, promotional

campaigns in schools, anti-drug rallies, sessions on cybercrime awareness, and lectures by scholars. He remarked that this month will serve as a powerful medium to connect not just students, but the general public as well, with the sacred language Sanskrit.

Prominent members of the Trust present on this occasion included Dr. Vishva Gupta, Mr. M. L. Verma, Mr. Ravi Gupta, Mr. Mohit Gupta, among other dignitaries.

Through the ongoing efforts of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Devavani Sanskrit is gaining new momentum and public recognition in Jammu and Kashmir, symbolizing a cultural renaissance rooted in Indian heritage.

## 15-Day Youth Development Programme on 'Premier Banker' inaugurates at GCW Udhampur

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JULY 7

A national-level initiative aimed at empowering youth with industry-relevant skills and leadership qualities, a 15-day Youth Development Programme was formally inaugurated by Principal of the college Dr. Nalini Pathania along with Resource Person of the programme, Mr. Satpal Kalsi, representatives from ICT Academy Mr. Lovetesh and Mr. Aijaz at Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur here today.

The programme was organized by the Government College for Women Udhampur in collaboration with ICT Academy and Atos Prayas Foundation.

The programme aims to equip students with the skills, mindset, and confidence required to meet today's competitive job market and to prepare them for leadership roles in various sectors. The training will cover critical areas including communication skills, problem-solving, team building, time management, interview skills, and professional grooming. The programme will continue for the next 15 days, fea-



turing expert sessions, interactive workshops, and hands-on training, aiming to empower the youth with the tools and confidence needed to face real-world challenges.

The inaugural ceremony began with a welcome note by Dr. Indu Khajuria, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Convenor, IQAC. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Nalini Pathania, Principal, GCW Udhampur, who addressed all the participants and also highlighted the importance of such initiatives in bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations. She applauded the efforts of ICT Academy and the college faculty in organising this comprehensive programme.

The Resource person of the programme, Mr. Satpal Kalsi guided the students regarding various

future prospects. Speaking on the occasion, the representatives from ICT Academy Mr. Lovetesh and Mr. Aijaz emphasised on the need for holistic youth development and shared the broader vision of ICT Academy in fostering employability among students across India.

On the occasion, a scintillating cultural programme was also presented by the students from department of Music which was highly applauded by the audiences.

Senior faculty members Dr. Monika Gupta and Dr. Mool Raj were also present during the programme. Prof. Yash Paul from the Department of History briefed the audience about the role of Career Counselling and Guidance in Women Empowerment. The entire event was organised by Prof. Yash Kumar from the Depart-

## DC Srinagar participates in devotional celebration of 127th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Gopinath Ji at Habbakadal



JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7

To commemorate the 127th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Gopinath Ji, a revered saint, traditional celebrations steep in devotion commenced on the evening of July 6, 2025. Deputy Commissioner

(DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today paid a visit to Gopinathji Ashram Kharyar in Habba Kadal area of the district and participated in the program. The event witnessed the presence of hundreds of devotees from various parts of the country, who thronged the Ashram to seek blessings. On the occasion, Ashram was beautifully adorned and the serene atmosphere of Kharyar was filled with the timeless teachings of Bhagwan Gopinath Ji, centered on inner purity, universal love, and divine realization.

## Horticulture Department organizes one-day Capacity Building-cum-Training Programme at Pargwal

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 7

The Department of Horticulture Jammu organised a one-day Capacity Building-cum-Training Programme for farmers, especially targeting the empowerment of women at Pargwal under the chairmanship of Member Legislative Assembly Akhnour, Mohan Lal Bhagat.

The event witnessed the presence of Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Sayed, Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, Rakesh Kotwal, District Level Subject Matter Specialist, Rakesh Bhagat and Horticulture Development Officer Khour Amit Saraf.

The programme drew a large number of farmers from the area, with especially enthusiastic participation from women folk. The strong turnout reflected the keen interest among local farming communities to adopt modern practices and



value addition techniques. An on-spot demonstration session was conducted for the participants on making pickle, jam, squash and other value-added products. Experts explained the processes in detail and answered farmers' queries, encouraging them to adopt such techniques to increase their income and reduce post-harvest losses.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stressed the importance of setting up small-scale fruit processing units in the block, especially for women and unemployed youth. He said such initiatives would not only

make them self-reliant but also generate employment opportunities for other unemployed people in the area. He called upon the youth and women folk of Pargwal to come forward, adopt modern horticulture practices and avail themselves of government support for entrepreneurship development.

Director Horticulture Jammu delivered an in-depth awareness session on various government schemes run by the Department of Horticulture for the welfare of farmers. He highlighted the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme

(HADP), the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes. He urged the participants to take advantage of these schemes for establishing nurseries, protected cultivation structures, micro-irrigation systems and processing units.

CHO also addressed the gathering, specifically encouraging women farmers to actively participate in the department's schemes. He emphasized the role of women in value addition and entrepreneurship, noting that with proper training and support, they

can significantly improve their livelihoods.

As part of the programme's concluding activities, the MLA distributed fruit plants among the participants to promote orchard development in the region. He also ceremoniously handed over the keys of tractors to the beneficiaries under the HADP scheme, marking a significant step towards farm mechanisation in the area.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Horticulture Development Officer, Khour. He expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, officers, and especially the large number of farmers—including many women, for their active participation and assured continued support from the Department of Horticulture to strengthen farmer livelihoods and promote sustainable horticulture practices in Pargwal and surrounding areas.

## Transport Commissioner visits Budgam; inspects ARTO office, transport infrastructure

JI NEWS SERVICE  
BUDGAM, JULY 7

Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, today visited Budgam to undertake a comprehensive inspection of the ARTO office Budgam besides reviewing the status of transport infrastructure in the district.

He was accompanied by Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Qazi Irfan.

Earlier, the Transport Commissioner held an interaction with the transporters and stakeholders at the RTO Office, Bemina, where he listened to their concerns, suggestions and feedback regarding the transport operations, permit issues and

public service delivery. He assured them that all their genuine concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner. He reiterated that the recent directive, permitting only the applicants to visit RTO and ARTO offices in order to further strengthen transparency, shall be implemented in letter and spirit.

During his visit to Budgam, Mahajan assessed the functioning of the ARTO office and interacted with the staff. He emphasized the need for enhanced service delivery, transparency and citizen convenience.

The Transport Commissioner also inspected the proposed site for

the Driving Trial Track at Ompura, aimed at streamlining the driving license testing process and ensuring compliance with the safety and technical standards.

He had a discussion with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, regarding transfer of the proposed site at Ompura for use by the Transport department. He stressed the importance of expediting the handover process and initiating the driving tests at the site once the required infrastructure is in place.

He also reviewed other infrastructural requirements and issued directions for prioritizing the key works.

## DDC Poonch reviews progress of HADP, Agriculture & Allied Sector Schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, JULY 7

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Vikas Kundal today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) and other key schemes related to agriculture and allied sectors in the district. The meeting aimed to foster greater coordination and ensure timely execution of initiatives to benefit farmers and boost agricultural productivity.

During the meeting, officers from the concerned departments presented status reports and outlined the targets set for the current financial year under HADP. They highlighted focused efforts on increasing productivity and enhancing farmer



income through sustainable interventions.

The DDC conducted a detailed review of major schemes including Daksh Kisan, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM-KISAN, issuing clear directions for time-bound implementation. Emphasizing the importance of achieving set targets under Daksh Kisan, the DDC instructed all stakeholders to adhere strictly to the prescribed timelines.

Stressing the need for inter-departmental coordination, field-level moni-

toring and farmer engagement, the DDC urged all departments to work in synergy to ensure comprehensive implementation of agricultural programs across the district.

The DDC also took stock of the vaccination drives being carried out by the Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department, directing officials to expedite the process to ensure livestock health and disease prevention.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Sericulture Officer, Lead Bank Manager, Assistant Director Fisheries, Assistant Floriculture Officer, Area Grading and Marketing Officer and the District Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Poonch.

## DDC Chairman Doda flags off Rudra Ganga Yatra



JI NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, JULY 07

In a vibrant and spiritually uplifting ceremony, the District Development Council Chairman, Dhananter Singh Kotwal today flagged off the Rudra Ganga Yatra from Doda to Chandi Dhar Dassa, amidst religious fervour and enthusiastic participation.

The event witnessed the presence of key dignitaries including Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anil Thakur, Assistant Commis-

sioner Development (ACD) Din Mohammad, and Executive Officer Municipality Yasir Wani. Also present were Dy. SP, President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Zila Pradhan of Sewa Bharti and Zila Pradhan of Sadbhavana along with a large gathering of devotees and locals. The Chairman emphasized the spiritual and cultural significance of the Rudra Ganga Yatra, highlighting how such events foster communal harmony, promote the region's rich traditions and boost spiritual tourism.

## Over Rs.41 crore allocated under DDC, BDC, PRI & Aspirational Grants in Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE  
BANDIPORA, JULY 7

Jammu and Kashmir Government has allocated over Rs. 41 crore for developmental works in Bandipora district under DDC, BDC, PRI, and Aspirational Grants for the financial year 2025-26.

This was given out in a meeting chaired by District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson Ab Gani Bhat on Monday.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairperson DDC Bandipora, Kowsar Shafeeq, all elected DDC members of the district, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri and all the other concerned officers of district administration to discuss the formulation of District Capex Plan for the financial year 2025-26.

The meeting threadbare discussed sector-wise proposals across all three constituencies of the district besides discussing the progress of ongoing developmental works under the 2024-25 Capex Plan, taking stock of their financial and physical status.

On the occasion,



Deputy Commissioner gave a detailed overview of the progress made under the District Capex Plan 2024-25, and also highlighted key focus areas for the District Capex Plan 2025-26.

The meeting was informed that Rs 10 crores have been reserved for works under DDC Grants, Rs 3 crore under BDC Grants, Rs 25 Crore under PRI grants, Rs 2 Crore under Aspirational Block Development scheme and 1.2 Crores under Aspirational Panchayat Development scheme.

Giving details, Deputy Commissioner informed the meeting that 483 works will be carried out in DDC grants including 139 spill over works, 107

works under BDC Grants including 30 Spill over works, 1488 works under PRI Grants including 579 spill over works.

In the regular district budget, it was given out that there are 12 ongoing works in the health sector with a total outlay of 1.86 Cr since last financial year while 8 works are under execution in elementary education infra development with an approved outlay of Rs 2.85 Cr.

The meeting also discussed the liability on account of ongoing works and the availability of funds for new works. Deputy Commissioner informed that Rs 1.04 Cr are available for new works under Aspirational Block Developmental

scheme

While deliberating on the Capex Plan for 2025-26, Chairperson DDC Bandipora emphasized prioritizing projects based on public demand. He stressed the need for effective implementation of schemes at the grassroots level in alignment with the actual needs and aspirations of the people.

He called for enhanced inter-departmental coordination and timely fund release to ensure efficient implementation of government schemes.

Bhat stressed on innovative and result-oriented implementation of various government schemes. He urged all departments to maintain transparency, adhere to timelines, and ensure prioritising public welfare developmental initiatives under the District Capex Plan.

Among others, senior officers from the district administration including CPO, ACD, and Executive Engineers from R&B, PDD, MID, REW divisions besides Block Development Officers were present during the meeting.

## District Treasury Office Kishtwar organizes training programme on SNA-SPARSH

JI NEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, JULY 07

The District Treasury Office Kishtwar successfully organizes a comprehensive training programme on Single Nodal Account Samyochit Pronali Akarit Shigr Hastantaran (SNA-SPARSH) for Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) and Dealing Assistants of the district. The training was specifically designed for officials operating Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The programme aimed to enhance the efficiency of fund management under these schemes and familiarize participants with the SNA-SPARSH system for seamless financial operations.

District Treasury Officer, Shoket Ali Rather led the training session, emphasizing the critical role of SNA-SPARSH in strengthening financial governance.

He also guided the participants about key features of the new pension system, including login procedures, uploading of documents, digital verification and submission of pension cases through the



online platform.

DDO emphasized the importance of speedy and error-free pension case processing and urged all DDOs to ensure full compliance with the new digital procedure.

During the training session about SNA-SPARSH, NIC Resource person Amit Gupta provided a detailed demonstration on bill generation using JKPaySys, covering the process from DDO maker to checker login.

Participants received step-by-step instructions on uploading bills/claims on the portal and submitting them to the treasury for payment.

The training also covered the procedure for fetching budget allocations for respective schemes and bill-making

protocols, adhering to both UT and Centre guidelines.

The programme witnessed active participation from DDOs and Dealing Assistants associated with the district treasury and its subordinate treasuries.

The District Treasury Office remains committed to providing such capacity-building initiatives to ensure efficient financial management and compliance with regulatory requirements.

The training session was attended by DDO's/ Dealing Assistants besides All account's fraternity of district Kishtwar.

Vote of thanks was presented by Assistant Accounts Officer ACD Office Mohd Fareed Shah.

## Special Lok-Adalat on MACT, Matrimonial & Bank Cases on July-26 in Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 7

As per the calendar of activities issued by the J&K Legal Services Authority, a Special Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on 26th July, 2025 at the District Court Complex, Srinagar.

Primary focus of the special Lok Adalat will be on the amicable settlement of Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) cases and Matrimonial cases. In addition to these, Bank-related cases shall also be taken up for settlement on the same day.

All concerned who wish to resolve their MACT, Matrimonial, or Bank-related cases through this Special Lok Adalat are hereby notified to approach the respective courts immediately. This will enable the listing of their cases before the appropriate bench for early and amicable resolution through the Lok Adalat mechanism.