

**DENGUE WARNING SIGNS**

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

**Watch out for dengue warning signs!**

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

- Headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Stomach pain
- Redness on the skin
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Small red spots on the skin
- Severe pain in joints, muscles, or bones
- Severe stomach pain
- Severe headache
- Severe dizziness
- Severe weakness

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

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## RCB end 17-year-long wait to win maiden IPL title

**AGENCIES**  
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 3

After an agonising 18-year wait, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally clinched their maiden IPL title with a thrilling six-run win over Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Tuesday.

The final moments were a rollercoaster of emotions as Josh Hazlewood bowled to Shashank Singh, who smashed a six that hardly mattered for PBKS's cause. The fans erupted, knowing RCB were champions for the very first time in their history – a moment decades in the

making.

Virat Kohli, donning the number 18 jersey in his 18th IPL season, broke down in tears. The seasoned star, who had chased this elusive crown for years, was finally rewarded. Cameras lingered on Kohli and AB de Villiers, the latter finishing his IPL journey without a title, while Kohli stood triumphant.

Earlier in the innings, Shashank Singh had kept Punjab Kings fighting with a flurry of boundaries and sixes – including a majestic loft over long-on off Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and a powerful six off Hazlewood's slower deliveries. But despite his valiant



efforts, it was "too little, too late" for Punjab.

RCB's bowlers, led by Bhuvneshwar and Yash Dayal, picked crucial wickets at key moments. Dayal's slower ball claimed Azmatullah Omarzai's wicket with a smart catch from the substitute fielder Manoj Bhandage, sparking celebrations from the RCB camp. The decisive blow came when Krunal Pandya trapped Josh Inglis with a stunning catch at long-on, breaking the momentum of PBKS's chase.

Krunal was outstanding with both ball and in the field, his clever variations and sharp catching turning

the tide. Nehal Wadhwa and Marcus Stoinis found some rhythm with massive sixes, but wickets kept falling – Nehal Wadhwa caught by Pandya, Stoinis by Dayal – underlining RCB's clinical finish.

The battle had high points for PBKS too, like Priyansh Arya's fearless stroke play, scoring 24 off 19 balls with some aggressive boundaries. But Hazlewood's key wickets, including Arya's dismissal caught by Phil Salt, tilted the scales.

As the clock ticked, the final six from Shashank Singh was a mere consolation.

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**3 govt employees sacked over terror links in J&K**  
JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUN 03 (KNO)

Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday sacked 3 government employees for working for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Hizb-ul-Mujahidin (HM) terror outfits.

An official told the news agency that the three sacked employees, who are in jail, include Malik Ishfaq Naseer, a police constable; Ajaz Ahmed, a teacher in the school education department; and Waseem Ahmad Khan, a Junior Assistant in Government Medical College,

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## PM Modi to inaugurate world's highest rail bridge, train to Kashmir on June 6

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 03 (KNO)

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Katra visit to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge – world's highest railway bridge – and train to Kashmir on Friday (June 6), security has been beefed up across Jammu and Kashmir.

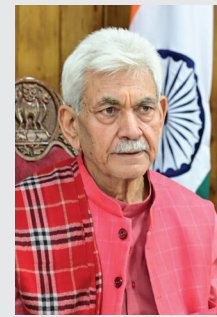
It would be PM Modi's first visit to the region since "Operation Sindoor."

Union Minister Jitendra Singh made the announcement about the inauguration of the bridge by the

**LG chairs preparatory meeting**

Officials informed news agencies that ahead of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit a preparatory meeting of Senior Administrative and Police Officials was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Srinagar, Raj Bhawan.

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Prime Minister on the social media platform X on Tuesday morning. "History in the making... Just 3 days to go! The mighty Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, stands tall in

Jammu and Kashmir. Part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL). Built to withstand nature's toughest tests. PM Sh @narendramodi to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge on 6th June, 2025. A proud symbol of New India's strength and vision!" Dr Singh wrote on X, as per KNO.

Prime Minister Modi will flag off a Vande Bharat train from Katra to north Kashmir's Baramulla and another from Baramulla to Katra on Friday,

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## Large number of devotees attending Kheer Bhawani Mela 'encouraging sign': LG Sinha



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
TULMULLA (GANDERBAL), JUN 03 (KNO)

Terming large number of devotees attending Mela Kheer Bhawani, here

in Central Kashmir an "encouraging sign" Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that it's for the first time since April 22 Pahalgam attack that so many people have

gathered at one place in Kashmir.

After paying obeisance at Kheer Bhawani temple, LG Sinha, as per news agency told reporters

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**J&K incomplete without Kashmiri Pandits: Mehbooba Mufti at Kheer Bhawani temple**  
JI NEWS SERVICE  
GANDERBAL, JUN 03 (KNO)

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir is incomplete without Kashmiri Pandits.

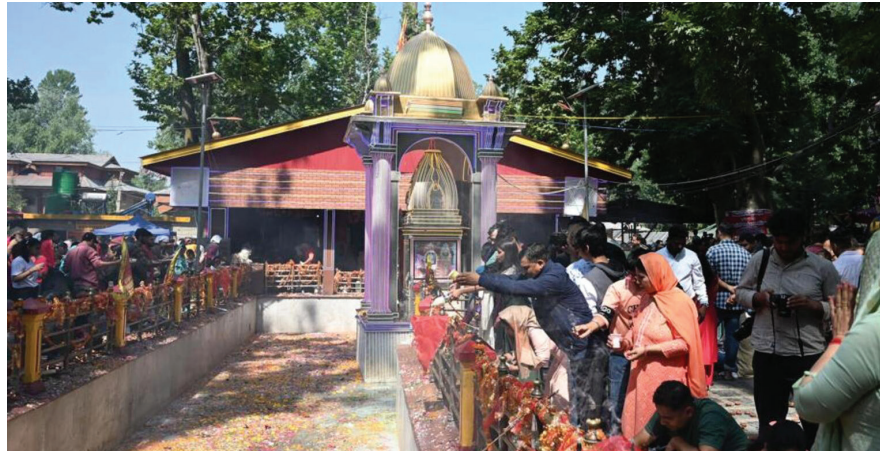
Speaking to reporters at Mata Kheer Bhawani temple in Tulmulla, Mehbooba Mufti, as per news agency said that she came here to welcome the devotees. "J&K is incomplete

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## Mela Kheer Bhawani becomes symbol of Kashmir's shared heritage

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, JUN 03 (KNO)

The annual Kheer Bhawani Mela was celebrated with religious fervour and cultural unity at the historic Mata Ragnya Devi temple in Tulmulla, Ganderbal. Thousands of devotees, primarily from the Kashmiri Pandit community, thronged the temple to offer prayers and perform age-old rituals in a vibrant atmosphere underscored



by communal harmony.

Set amidst towering Chinar trees, the temple saw an emotional homecoming of Kashmiri Pandits from across the country.

According to the news agency, many of them had returned to the valley after decades to participate in the auspicious Jyeshtha Ashtami celebrations, marked by offerings of milk and kheer

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## On traders' invite, LG Sinha visits Lal Chowk, sips tea with shopkeepers



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 03 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited the heart of Srinagar city, Lal Chowk, where he interacted with local shopkeepers and assured redressal of their grievances.

The Lt Governor, who has been on the invitation of the Lal Chowk Traders Association, had tea at a local fabric shop.

Speaking to the news agency, Mohammad Saleem Bhat, General Secretary of the association, said a 14-member delegation from the traders' body welcomed LG Sinha.

"We had met him at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar yesterday and invited him

to visit Lal Chowk. He accepted our invitation and came today," Saleem said.

Bhat said he, along with the association president, Mohammad Iqbal Khan, vice president and other senior members, were present during the interaction with LG.

"We raised key issues related to parking, the court complex and encroachment. The LG patiently listened and assured us that necessary solutions will be taken up promptly," he said.

Bhat said officials, including the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar and

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**Urs of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) observed with religious fervour**  
JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUN 03 (KNO)

The annual Urs of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA), was observed with religious fervour across the Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, with a large gathering of devotees witnessed at the revered shrine of Khanqah-e-Moula in Srinagar and Khanqah Faiz Panah in Tral alike.

Devotees from different parts of the Valley thronged the shrine of Hazrat Ameer Kabir Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA) since morning to

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## President promulgates reservation, domicile regulations for Ladakh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 03 (KNO)

In a significant move, the President of India has promulgated the Union Territory of Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025, to reserve 85 percent jobs in the region.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 in its application to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Under the new provisions, as per news agency, the total percentage of reservations in Ladakh will now be capped at 85%, excluding quotas for

Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

As per understanding reached between Union Government and Leh Apex Body & Kargil Democratic Alliance, 80 percent posts would be reserved for Scheduled Tribes, four percent for residents living near ALC/LoC and one percent for scheduled castes.

The Regulation states that section 5 of Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act shall not apply to Economically Weaker Sections and filling up of vacancies for such sections shall be in such manner as may be prescribed."

Section 5 in J&K Reservation Act deals with filling vacancies in reserved categories during recruitment.

According to the provision applicable to J&K, if a sufficient number of candidates is not available from any reserved category during a recruitment process, the posts shall remain vacant and shall be carried forward to the next recruitment process.

It provides that the reserved vacancies remaining unfilled for a period exceeding three years shall be treated as de-reserved.

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## Hindi, Bhoti, Urdu, Purgi among 5 languages notified as official languages of Ladakh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 03 (KNO)

The Union Government on Tuesday notified English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi as official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The President of India promulgated the Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025 to declare English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi as official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

As per the notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency, English language shall continue to be used for all

the official purposes of the Union territory for which it was being used before the date of commencement of this Regulation.

It also states that the Administrator of UT may take such necessary steps as may be provided by rules to be made by him to strengthen the institutional mechanisms for the promotion and development of other languages in the Union territory and the establishment of the Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

According to the Regulations, the institutional mechanisms shall

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## DC Samba reviews working of Education Department

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma today reviewed the functioning of the education department at a meeting of all Principals, Zonal Education Officers and Headmasters. The meeting was also attended by ACR, Ajay Bharti and Chief Education Officer Kewal Krishan.

The DC reviewed the recently declared results of Class 10th and 12th board examinations. Institutions with outstanding results were appreciated, while those with low performance were directed to identify gaps and take necessary corrective steps. He emphasized the need to focus on academic excellence by engaging students through personal interaction and organizing special



classes to enhance learning outcomes.

Heads of Institutions were instructed to regularly monitor classroom activities and also take classes themselves to maintain academic standards.

The DC laid special emphasis on the personal supervision of ongoing developmental works under UT Capex, District Capex, and Samagra Shiksha to ensure quality and timely execution. Reports regarding these works were directed to be submitted to higher authorities. Further, Cluster Heads and

Zonal Education Officers were instructed to intensify monitoring of schools under their jurisdiction and ensure timely reporting.

Calling education a top priority, the DC urged all education officers to contribute their best efforts towards the holistic development and welfare of students.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by CEO to the Deputy Commissioner for his valuable guidance and commitment to improving the education sector in the district.

## DC Reasi finalizes arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired a review meeting today to finalise preparations for Eid-ul-Azha in the district.

The DC emphasised seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure a safe, clean and hassle-free festival. She urged the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, especially in areas where large congregational prayers are expected.

During the meeting, she directed the Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council to launch special sanitation drives around Mosques, Eidgahs and other public spaces and to ensure timely garbage disposal during the festival.

Stressing the impor-



tance of checking overpricing, sale of substandard food items, the DC urged the Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology Departments to intensify market inspections. She appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to the authorities and celebrate the occasion in a spirit of peace, harmony and brotherhood.

The DC directed SDMs

to convene similar review meetings in their respective jurisdictions to ensure local-level preparedness and coordination.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal; ACR Nitin Verma; Executive Engineer PDD, President and members of Masjid Development Committee Reasi, Sub-Divisional Magistrates and local members from religious organisations.

## Women SHG members imparted Mushroom Cultivation training at Doda



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, JUNE 03

A one-day training program on Mushroom Cultivation was conducted today at Agriculture Complex here under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADDP).

The training witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 50 women members from NRLM-affiliated Self Help Groups from Bhagwah area of District

Doda. The program aimed to empower rural women with technical knowledge and practical skills in mushroom cultivation, enhancing their livelihood opportunities.

Certificates were presented to all participants upon completion of the training. The event was attended by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Mushroom Development Officer and other officers from the Agriculture Department.

## Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan Awareness events held in remote villages of District Ramban

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, JUNE 03

Awareness events under Viksit Kisan Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) were today held here at Panchayat Sangaldan, Dalwah Upper, and Dalwah Lower under the expert guidance of the Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Dr. Vinay Kumar Jandial and Scientist KVK Ramban Dr. Raj Kumar.

The VKSA is a flagship initiative aimed at disseminating information about modern agricultural practices, government schemes, and technological interventions to farmers at the grassroots level. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local farmers, expansion representatives and field officials.

The officials from the Agriculture Depart-



ment provided valuable insights into the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADDP), Soil Health Management, Integrated Pest Management and Organic Farming. Farmers were also guided on various centrally sponsored schemes, including PM-KISAN, KCC (Kisan Credit Card) and Crop Insurance schemes.

Live demonstrations, interactive sessions, and distribution of literature further enhanced the impact of the VKSA event,

making it an enriching experience for all attendees.

The Chief Agriculture Officer emphasized the importance of such outreach programs and reiterated the department's commitment to uplifting rural communities. "Our objective is to ensure that every farmer is aware of the resources available to them and is equipped to make informed decisions for better productivity and sustainability," the CAO stated.

## DHSJ reviews preparedness for handling Dengue, other VBDs

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 03

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar today chaired a reorientation workshop and review meeting to discuss execution of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP).

The meeting was convened by the State Malariologist Dr. D J Raina here in the Conference Hall of Government Provincial Hospital, Gandhi Nagar and attended by Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents from District Hospitals and Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges of Jammu Division, Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Poonam Sethi, State Nodal Officer, National Health Mission, Jammu Dr. Harjeet Rai and Assistant Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Ila Gupta.

At the outset, a powerpoint presentation (PPT) was given by Microbiologist, Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar Dr. Ruchita Mahajan, covering academ-



ic aspects of Dengue and other Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs).

State Malariologist Dr. D J Raina presented a powerpoint presentation (PPT) on current scenario, preparedness measures, besides highlighting the strategies adopted by the Department to control Dengue and other VBDs.

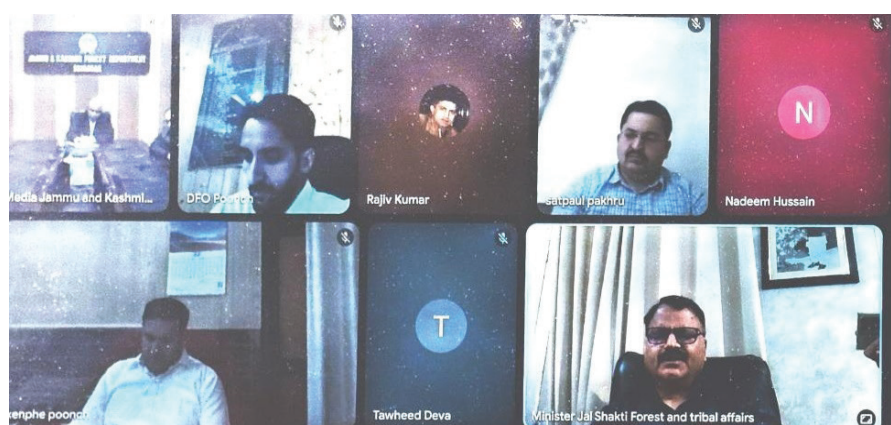
Terming Dengue as a looming threat, the Director Health Services Jammu urged all stakeholders to work together for better disease Management. He

also emphasized on aggressive awareness activities in public.

Several other issues were also discussed including capacity building of the staff, Inter-sectoral coordination among all stakeholders, availability of 104 Helpline, platelets separation facility and designation of beds and wards for patients in case of a possible outbreak.

Dy. Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Dr. Balvinder Singh presented the vote of thanks.

## Rana convenes meeting on convergent issues of Forest, Jal Shakti Deptts



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 03

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today convened a meeting with senior officers to address issues related to environmental conservation, tribal welfare and water resource management.

The meeting was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Chief Wildlife Warden J&K, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti and other officers.

While emphasising on the need for large-scale plantation efforts, particularly in eco-sensitive and deforested zones, Javed Rana directed the Forest Department to chalk out a comprehensive plan for afforestation during

the upcoming monsoon season with extensive community participation.

The Minister instructed the Jal Shakti and Forest departments to launch coordinated soil conservation projects, particularly in watershed and catchment areas, to address the growing concern of soil erosion.

The Minister called for immediate steps to promote sustainable tourism, including development of basic amenities, local stakeholder engagement and preservation of the fragile ecology of the region especially along Mughal Road. He directed the Forest department to coordinate with Tourism department and identify and develop trekking routes with proper signage and safety measures, aiming to boost

eco-tourism and provide livelihood opportunities to local youth.

The Minister also reviewed issues related to the extraction and regulated disposal of fallen timber, instructing the concerned officers to streamline procedures to benefit local communities while ensuring environmental safeguards.

The Minister took serious note of delay in release of pending wages of CAMPA employees, directing concerned authorities to ensure timely disbursement and improve financial management mechanisms. He reiterated the government's commitment to sustainable development, community-led conservation and prompt administrative action to resolve field-level issues.

## DC Reasi flags off Cyclothon to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, JUNE 03

To raise awareness about the perils of drug abuse, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today flagged off a Cyclothon as part of the ongoing "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" campaign. The event, organised by the Social Welfare Department Reasi, saw enthusiastic participation from around 60 cyclists.

The Cyclothon commenced from the DC Office Complex and concluded at Government Degree College (GDC) Reasi, covering a stretch of approximately 3 kilometers. The event formed a key activity under the 26-day anti-drug awareness campaign currently underway in the district.

Addressing the participants, the DC stressed the importance of community-driven efforts to combat substance abuse. "Events like this not only promote a drug-free lifestyle but also encourage physical fitness, mental well-being



and a sense of camaraderie among youth. Such initiatives are essential to divert young minds towards positive pursuits like sports, fitness and social engagement," she said.

She further highlighted the crucial role educational institutions, parents and local communities can play in ensuring that the youth stay on the right path. "Awareness is the first step towards change. By involving the youth in such campaigns, we empower them to be change-makers and

ambassadors of a healthier society," she added.

The Cyclothon concluded on a celebratory note with the top three cyclists being awarded prizes in recognition of their performance and spirit.

The Social Welfare Officer Sachin Sharma expressed gratitude to all the participants and assured that more such awareness and outreach programs would be conducted during the campaign to ensure wider community participation and impact.

## Inter Zonal District Level Judo, Fencing Competition held in Samba



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, JUNE 03

An Inter Zonal District Level Judo and Fencing Competition for Under-14 and Under-17 Girls was successfully conducted today at the Indoor Sports Stadium, Samba.

The event saw spirited participation from all five zones of District Samba, showcasing the enthusiasm and talent of budding athletes in the region.

Organized under the Annual Calendar issued by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K,

the competition provided a dynamic platform to young sportswomen to exhibit their prowess in the disciplines of Judo and Fencing.

The event was held under the kind control of DYSSO Samba, Dharamvir and the overall supervision of ZPEO Samba. A total of 75 players took part in the event, with 52 participating in Fencing and 23 in Judo.

The competition not only promoted sportsmanship and fitness but also encouraged young girls to pursue excellence in sports at higher levels.

## Rajouri sets new benchmark in 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan': Bags 2nd Rank among hilly, northeast districts

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUNE 03

In a remarkable achievement, District Rajouri has secured the 2nd position at the national level in the category of Northeast and Hilly Districts under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) Abhiyan, one of the major constituents of the Government of India's flagship 'Catch the Rain' campaign.

The campaign is spearheaded by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to promote water conservation and rainwater harvesting across the country.

The recognition came as a testament to the tireless efforts of the district administration and the active participation of the local population.

At today's national-level review meeting, Union



Amrit Sarover at Sawani Panchayat Block Rajouri

Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil lauded the outstanding performance of Rajouri and commended the District Administration for its unwavering commitment to the goals of the campaign amidst multiple challenges.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Abhishek Sharma, in his

presentation, highlighted the extensive progress made under the campaign, revealing that over 4214 groundwater recharge and water conservation/harvesting structures have been geo-tagged and uploaded on the JSJB portal. "These include 132 Amrit Sarovars, 894 small ponds, 510 bowlis, 2270

harvesting tanks, and 408 dugwells. This significant achievement has not only bolstered the district's resilience to water scarcity but also earned it a national-level award under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan" he added. What makes this achievement even more commendable is the fact that the district continued

its developmental momentum despite disruptions caused by recent cross-border shelling. Under the close monitoring and guidance of the DDC, all targets under the Abhiyan were met with precision and dedication.

This recognition places Rajouri among the leading districts in India in terms of community-driven water conservation and showcases its emergence as a model under the 'Catch the Rain: Where it Falls, When it Falls' initiative.

It is pertinent to mention that the launch of the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 6, 2024, in Surat, Gujarat, marked a pivotal moment in the nation's efforts to build water-secure and climate-resilient communities.

## District Admin Udhampur organises bicycle rally to mark World Bicycle Day 2025

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 03

To mark World Bicycle Day 2025, District Administration Udhampur in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports, Social Welfare Department and Education Department organized a Bicycle Rally under the aegis of Fit India Movement and Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan.

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai flagged off the rally from the DC Office Complex in presence of Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh.

The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of vari-



ous educational institutions, representatives of local bicycle associations and officials from different departments. Cyclists traversed through prominent locations of the town including Slathia Chowk, Chabutra Bazar, Gole Market and finally culminated at DC Office.

While talking to the

media persons, the DC emphasized the alarming rise in drug abuse among youth and urged students to act as Brand Ambassadors for spreading the message of a drug-free society. She further encouraged the adoption of cycling in daily routine to maintain physical and mental fitness.

## District Industries Centre organizes awareness camp at Banihal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 03

In line with the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, the District Industries Centre (DIC), Ramban, organized an awareness camp today at the Municipal Parking, Banihal, Ramban.

The purpose of the camp was to raise awareness about Strategic Investment Plans (SIP) for Jammu and Kashmir under Raising & Accelerating MSME Performances (RAMP) Programme and several other schemes being implemented by the Industries & Com-

merce Department and District Industries Centre to promote entrepreneurship among local youth.

The event began with a welcome address by Project Manager Kuldeep Singh, who welcomed the participants. In his address, he emphasized the importance of the schemes aimed at encouraging the youth to become job creators rather than job seekers. He invited the entrepreneurs to register their units on portal [www.udyamregistration.gov.in](http://www.udyamregistration.gov.in) to formalize the MSMEs in the District.

The Project Manager sensitized the participants

about procedure and uploading of application forms for availing different schemes, besides the benefits of enrollment with DIC.

The educated unemployed youth were told about the financial assistance, subsidies they can get to start their own ventures under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in manufacturing and service sectors.

Additionally, awareness regarding the PM Vishwakarma scheme was also imparted to the participants during the programme.

## GMHSS Ramban felicitates students with outstanding performances in different fields

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 03

An attractive Prize Distribution Function was held today at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) Ramban to felicitate distinction holders from Classes 9th to 12th. The event was attended by MLA Ramban, Advocate Arjun Singh Raju, as the Chief Guest, along with Guests of Honour, Special Guests, parents, teachers and prominent citizens of the district.

Around 100 students were felicitated with mementoes and medals by the Chief Guest for their academic excellence and exceptional performance in different fields, including their enthusiastic participation in the "Marathon Run Against Drugs", held from the DC Office Ramban to GMHSS Ramban in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Department.

In his inspiring and motivational address, the MLA commended the efforts of the students, teachers, and school administration for fostering a culture of excellence



and social responsibility. He urged the students to continue striving for academic brilliance, while upholding moral values, discipline, and innovative thinking to become responsible and enlightened citizens.

The event also featured an inspiring lecture by the Bharat Physics Yatra team, led by renowned Physicist Munish Gulati, who motivated the students to develop a scientific temperament and aspire for

research in the field of science.

Teachers who have consistently delivered commendable academic results were also honoured at the function, acknowledging their dedication and contributions to shaping young minds.

The School Principal Kewal Krishan Sharma extended heartfelt thanks to all the guests, participants, and the organizing team for hosting the impactful event.

## DC reviews water supply situation in Poonch Town



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal convened a meeting today to review the water supply scenario in the Poonch town in view of the rising demand and current challenges. The meeting was attended by XEN Jal Shakti, AEEs Civil and Mechanical and Junior Engineers from the department.

The DC assessed the overall availability of water, functioning of water installations and supply demand status based on the town's population. Noting the existing shortfall, the Deputy Commissioner directed

the Jal Shakti department to take measures to ensure adequate supply, especially in areas facing shortage.

The DC instructed the department to maintain close coordination with the Power Development Department to avoid any unscheduled power interruptions that may affect water supply. Further, 3-4 generator sets are being arranged and deployed at key pumping stations to maintain continuous operations during scheduled power cuts. The DC emphasized that while scheduled interruptions may occur, there must be no unscheduled disruptions in water supply.

## Mission YUVA Capacity building programme hosted for Yuva Doots at Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUNE 03

A Capacity Building Programme for Yuva Doots of subdivision Rajouri was today held here under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Jhangir Khan.

The Yuva Doots from RDD Blocks of Rajouri, Dhangri, Doongi, Panjgrain, Manjakote and Municipal Committee Rajouri attended the event. The objective was to review the progress under Mission YUVA and strengthen the role of Yuva Doots in promoting entrepreneurship among the youth of the district.

District Statistical and Evaluation Officer (DSEO) Sandeep Sharma, provided a detailed briefing on the aims and objectives of Mission YUVA and emphasized the importance of grassroots-level awareness to ensure the success of the



initiative. Dy. Director, DECC Mohammad Nawaz, conducted a comprehensive session covering the salient features of Mission YUVA, including the process for submitting applications and the use of the official portal. He urged the Yuva Doots to familiarize themselves with the digital interface to better guide prospective beneficiaries.

All members of the BHD (Block Headed Development) teams of Rajouri Subdivision also attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. Nodal Officer of Mis-

sion YUVA for Subdivision Rajouri, Jhangir Khan, directed Yuva Doots to conduct extensive IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) awareness camps in every Panchayat and Municipal Ward. He emphasized the need to identify and motivate potential entrepreneurs and assist them in filing applications under the scheme.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmed commitment by all stakeholders to make Mission YUVA a transformative platform for youth-led development in the district.

## DC Udhampur approves 5 CLU cases



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 03

A meeting of the District Level Committee of Change of Land Use was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai. The Committee reviewed a total of 9 cases submitted by applicants online. After detailed deliberation and scrutiny, 5 cases were approved.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the

need for timely communication of deficiencies to applicants and directed the concerned officers to ensure the prompt issuance of No objection certificates after thorough verification of documents.

The DC further instructed the officers to conduct joint site visits and verify geo-coordinates before granting approvals. Among others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan and other officers attended the meeting.

## One-Day Awareness Workshop on PMFME Scheme organized at Champa Batote

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 03

The Department of Horticulture and Marketing, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today organised a one-day awareness workshop on the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme here at Panchayat Ghar Champa, Block Batote.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of a large number of farmers, SHG members, and officers/officials from the Agriculture, Horticulture, Cooperative Departments, and NRLM. Resource persons from the Horticulture and Marketing Department, including AMO Ramban, AGMO Batote, GMI and District Resource Person (DRP-PMFME) Mudassar Rashid, provided detailed information about the benefits, documentation process, and hand-holding support available under the PMFME scheme.

District Nodal Officer PMFME, Tehsin Iqbal



Chib, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the transformative impact of the scheme, especially among women and unemployed youth, who have leveraged the scheme to become self-reliant entrepreneurs and job providers. He informed that 17 units have been established under PMFME in Ramban, generating employment for over 150 individuals.

He urged the participants to take full advantage of the scheme and become part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative launched by the Prime Minister of India. The workshop also covered key topics such as DPR preparation, FSSAI licensing, Udyam registration and bank loan facilitation.

AGMO Batote Raju Zutshi and other speakers briefed attendees on various technical and financial aspects of the scheme. The PMFME scheme, implemented by the J&K Agriculture Production Department, offers 35% subsidy, easy bank finance, support in documentation, DPR preparation, and comprehensive assistance including branding and marketing of products.

The workshop concluded with a call for all stakeholders to spread awareness and ensure maximum participation to harness the full potential of the PMFME scheme in strengthening the local economy.

## ACF Ramban prohibits sale of unsafe Masala Tikki

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 03

Assistant Commissioner Food Safety (Designated Officer) Ramban has prohibited the sale of Suraj Masala Tikki in the District till further orders.

As per the order Food safety Officer Block Ramban lifted a Sample of the Masala Tikki, which has been declared unsafe by Food Analyst Food Testing Laboratory Jammu.

"Now, in exercise of powers conferred under

section 36(3)(b) and in interest of general public health, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety (Designated Officer) Ramban hereby prohibited the sale of food product under reference in the Ramban District till further orders" the order stated.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## RCB end 17-year-long...

RCB players and fans celebrated long and loud, reveling in the joy of finally ending their IPL title drought. The final scoreboard reflected a hard-fought match, but the story belonged to Kohli and RCB – champions at last.

RCB posted a competitive 190 for 9 in their 20 overs against Punjab Kings, anchored by Kohli's fluent 43 and supported by a series of valuable cameos.

Phil Salt started aggressively, launching Arshdeep Singh for a six and a four in the opening over. However, Kyle Jamieson quickly shifted the momentum by dismissing Salt, who top-edged a slog and was caught brilliantly by Shreyas Iyer at mid-on.

Mayank Agarwal and Kohli steadied the innings, with Kohli playing some exquisite flicks and slog sweeps. Rajat Patidar joined the attack with two towering sixes but fell to a clever slower ball from Jamieson as the innings approached the halfway mark.

Liam Livingstone injected acceleration, scoring a quick 25 off 15 balls, including a brutal six over mid-wicket and a sweep over long-off. Yet, he was dismissed LBW in the 17th over after missing a low full toss.

Jitesh Sharma continued the late surge with 24 off just 10 deliveries, featuring two sixes including a stunning scoop over fine leg, but was bowled by Vijaykumar Vyshak.

Romario Shepherd provided the final flourish with 17 off 9 balls, smacking a six and a four in the 19th over.

Despite conceding 37 runs in his first three overs, Arshdeep Singh bowled an exceptional final over, conceding just 3 runs while taking 3 crucial wickets, finishing with figures of 4-0-30-3. Kyle Jamieson also impressed with 3 for 48, while Azmatullah Omarzai, Yuzvendra Chahal, and Vyshak chipped in with a wicket each.

RCB were 167 for 4 at one point but lost five wickets for 23 runs in the final 21 balls, finishing with a challenging total of 190 for 9.

## PM Modi to inaugurate...

marking the completion of the long-awaited railway project connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country. This initiative, which began 42 years ago, is now nearing its conclusion. Railway authorities are making final preparations for the event.

An official told news agency that the PM will inaugurate the complete stretch of the USBRL. He will flag off the train from Katra to Baramulla in person, and virtually from Baramulla to Katra.

The official said that a formal communication in this regard has been received. The Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban visited Sangaldan Railway Station today to review security arrangements ahead of the section's inauguration.

The train was initially scheduled to be launched on April 19, but inclement weather led to delay. It was later postponed again following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

The two new Vande Bharat Express trains will run in both directions—one from Katra to Srinagar and the other from Srinagar to Katra. Passengers will need to change trains at Katra for onward travel.

## CHENAB BRIDGE CRITICAL PART OF USBRL

The Chenab bridge forms a critical part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project in Jammu and Kashmir.

Located in the challenging terrain of the Himalayas, the bridge spans 1,315 meters across the Chenab River at a staggering height of 359 meters above the riverbed.

Its construction is a significant milestone in connecting the Kashmir Valley to India's broader railway network, enhancing both economic prospects and strategic connectivity in the region.

The project, which was approved in 2002, began construction in 2004 amid formidable challenges including seismic activity in Zone V, extreme weather conditions, and logistical difficulties inherent in the mountainous landscape. Designed by WSP, the bridge's steel-concrete arch structure incorporates 25,000 tons of steel and supports double railway tracks.

It is engineered to endure earthquakes up to magnitude 8, winds reaching speeds of 266 km/h, and even blasts, ensuring long-term durability with an expected lifespan of 120 years.

Completed in August 2022 at a cost of 14.86 billion, the bridge features a main arch that stretches 467 meters. Trial runs were successfully conducted in June 2024, and full commercial operations are anticipated to begin in April 2025.

Once operational, the bridge will enable train travel between Bakal and Kauri in the Reasi district and act as a vital link connecting Katra with Banihal. This connection will eventually allow direct rail services from Katra to Srinagar, with trains able to cross the bridge at speeds up to 100 km/h.

The inauguration had originally been scheduled for April 19, but adverse weather conditions led to a postponement.

## ADMINISTRATION MAKING EXTENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, the administration in Katra is making extensive arrangements, including heightened security across Jammu and Kashmir.

Security has been significantly intensified in Jammu city, with increased vigilance at markets, entry, and exit points. Additional security measures have also been implemented along the Jammu-Srinagar railway line to ensure smooth conduct of the event.

Another senior security official added that extensive security measures are being put in place ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, marking his first trip to Jammu and Kashmir since the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

The USBRL project itself is a massive engineering feat, comprising 927 bridges and 38 tunnels along the Kashmir Valley route.

## RAIL CORRIDOR COMPLETE

Local trains are already operational on the 184-km USBRL stretch between Sangaldan (Ramban) and Baramulla, and on the 25-km section between Udhampur and Katra. The only portion left to be commissioned is the 63-km Katra to Sangaldan section, which will complete the entire rail corridor.

A successful electric train trial was conducted on the Katra-Banihal section on January 4. Over recent

months, the Railways have carried out multiple trials along the route, including on the key Anji Khad and Chenab bridges.

Of the total 272-kilometre USBRL project, 209 kilometres have already been commissioned in phases. The first phase, the 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section, opened in October 2009, followed by the 18-km Banihal-Qazigund section in June 2013, the 25-km Udhampur-Katra section in July 2014, and the 48.1-km Banihal-Sangaldan section in February last year.

The 46-km Sangaldan-Reasi section was completed in June last year. This left only a 17-km stretch between Reasi and Katra, which was completed about three months ago. Since then, various trial runs, including for the Vande Bharat train, have been conducted.

The entire project cost approximately Ra 41,000 crore. In 1983, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone for the Jammu-Udhampur section of the railway line. By 2002, little progress had been made. It was only after the Vajpayee government declared the railway line a national project, fully funded by the central government, that significant work on the project began. KNO

## LG chairs preparatory...

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Anand Jain, ADGP Armed; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Vivek Gupta, IGP Railways; M. Suleman Choudhary, IGP Traffic; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur and senior officials of civil and police administration.

The Lieutenant Governor, according to the officials, discussed various aspects of preparations and appealed to the people to participate in large numbers and make the launch event a memorable one.

## Large number...

that devotees have come here in large numbers and it's an "encouraging sign."

Welcoming the devotees, the LG assured that the administration has put all the arrangements in place for the mela. "The work on yatri niwas is going on," he added.

Regarding the annual Amarnath Yatra scheduled to begin on July 3, LG Sinha confirmed that all preparations for the pilgrimage have been completed. "In terms of security as well, the security arrangements have been done and I appeal to the devotees from across the country to come here and take Baba's blessings," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the devotees and members of Kashmiri Pandit Community and assured them of due consideration and appropriate redressal of the issues highlighted by them.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal; senior officials of the Civil and Police Administration were present on the occasion.

The Kheer Bhawani mela was held at five Ragnya Bhagwati shrines at Tulmulla in Ganderbal, Manzgam and Devsar in Kulgam, Logripora in Anantnag and Tikkar in Kupwara on Tuesday. KNO

## Mela Kheer Bhawani...

to the sacred spring.

"This day is not just about rituals—it's about rekindling old ties and healing wounds through faith and togetherness," said Vijay Kumar, a devotee from Delhi who had returned to attend the festival after many years.

Local Muslims played an active role in organising the festival, setting up stalls for ritual offerings and assisting pilgrims. Their warm participation stood as a powerful symbol of Kashmir's inclusive spirit.

"We wait for this festival each year—not just to earn a livelihood, but to welcome our Pandit brothers and sisters back home," said Abdul Rahim, a local shopkeeper.

For many returning Pandits, the warmth was deeply moving. "I had tears in my eyes seeing Muslim neighbours waiting to welcome us. This is the Kashmir I remember," said Sunita Bhat, who came from Jammu with her family.

The district administration ensured smooth conduct of the event, deploying security forces, arranging medical aid, and maintaining public services. The event saw participation and support from various political and social groups, reflecting a broader message of unity.

Heartfelt greetings poured in from leaders across the region. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha tweeted, "Heartiest greetings to the people, especially Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. May the divine blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to illuminate our paths, ushering in peace, happiness, and prosperity for all."

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir also extended greetings on social media, wishing peace, spiritual strength, and togetherness on the blessed occasion.

As the sacred spring shimmered beneath the ancient temple, devotees departed with renewed hope—a hope for peace, reconciliation, and a return to shared roots.

Apart from LG Sinha, several prominent leaders, including National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah, People's Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti, J&K Congress president Tariq Karra, senior BJP leaders Tarun Chugh, Ashok Koul and Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma paid obeisance at the revered temple. The visit underscored a spirit of unity and reverence at the holy shrine, which saw a large turnout of devotees. KNO

## On traders' invite...

other officers, accompanied LG Sinha during the visit. They also took note of the concerns raised by the traders.

Meanwhile, as part of the visit, the Lieutenant Governor stepped into a fabric shop, 'NK Mehra Fabrics',

located near the popular "Mummy Please" outlet in Lal Chowk. He sipped tea there and assured them of a timely solution to their issues.

The traders' association, in its meeting with LG Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Monday, raised important matters regarding the improvement of civic amenities at Lal Chowk and other issues of the business community.

The LG, as per the statement, assured that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them.

Meanwhile, LG Sinha, after interacting with shopkeepers, visited the Balidan Stambh (Martyrs' Memorial) at Lal Chowk. KNO

## Hindi, Bhoti, Urdu...

make special efforts for the promotion and development of other native languages of Ladakh: Shina (Dardic), Brokskat (Dardic), Balti and Ladakhi.

The President of India has also promulgated Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Amendment) Regulation, 2025 to reserve 1/3rd seats in Hill Councils of both Leh and Kargil for women.

As per amendments carried out in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997, not less than one-third of the total number of seats in the Council shall be reserved for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different territorial constituencies.

The rotation of constituencies reserved for women shall be made on the basis of serial number allotted to each constituency by notification in the official gazette, the notification states. KNO

## President promulgates...

The President of India has also promulgated "The Ladakh Civil Services Decentralisation and Recruitment Regulations- 2025" to define domicile eligible for jobs in the UT.

The Regulations state that it shall apply to all the gazetted and non-gazetted posts borne on the establishment of any department or service of the administration or a company under the control of administration.

As per notification issued by MHA, these Regulations shall be applicable for the purposes of appointment to any post under the Union territory or under a local or other authority (other than cantonment Board) within the Union territory.

The individuals who have resided in the region for at least 15 years or have studied there for a minimum of seven years and appeared for their Class 10 or 12 exams will qualify as domiciles, the Regulations state.

Besides, children of central government officers, officials of public sector undertakings, autonomous body of central Government, public sector banks, officials of central universities and recognized research institution of central government who have served the Union territory of Ladakh for a total period of ten years, will also be eligible for jobs.

The Regulations also state that the spouse of a domicile of Ladakh shall also be deemed a domicile.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has also notified "The Ladakh Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment-Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules, 2025", defining five categories eligible for domicile status in the Union Territory.

Under the new rules, individuals holding a Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) or those eligible for it will qualify as domiciles, along with their children.

Children of Ladakh residents who live outside the region due to employment or business reasons will also be eligible.

According to the Rules, those who have lived in Ladakh for at least 15 years since October 31, 2019, will be granted domicile certificates. Their children would also be extended domicile benefits.

Those who have studied in Ladakh for seven years and appeared for their Class 10 or 12 exams from October 31, 2019, onwards will also qualify.

Besides, children of central government officials who have served in Ladakh for ten years since its formation as a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, will be eligible to apply for jobs in the region. KNO

## 3 govt employees...

Srinagar," it reads.

He said the government employees fired by the Lieutenant Governor were actively working for the terror outfits and helping terrorists to execute terror attacks on security forces and civilians.

"Having a mole and a dangerous terrorist associate in the ranks of police and other government department is a huge threat a continuation of which can be extremely expensive for the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," he said.

Malik Ishaq Naseer was recruited as a constable in J&K Police in 2007. His brother Malik Asif Naseer was a Pakistan-trained terrorist of LeT. He was killed by security forces during an encounter in 2018. Malik, however, continued his terror activities with impunity and being police constable he was able to evade any suspicion, he said.

The official added that Malik's LeT link was exposed in September, 2021 when J&K police was investigating a case related to smuggling of arms and explosives in Jammu region. "Malik's despite being the police constable, who took oath to protect the integrity of India, was helping terror outfit LeT to drop arms, explosives and narcotics. These consignments were guided by GPS technology and dropped at a pre-shared coordinates facilitated by Malik to Pakistani terrorists and his handlers".

He further said that Malik was not only identifying the safe location, sharing the coordinates with LeT handlers in Pakistan but he was also collecting and distributing arms and ammunition to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir region enabling them to carry out terrorist attacks on security forces and civilians.

He said that instead of helping the police department in fighting the terror which he was mandated for, he chose to be a mole and a collaborator and betrayed his oath and uniform.

"Malik's disloyalty towards the nation and depart-

## Charanjit Chargoetra and Sunil Majotra appointed BSP Central State Coordinators



## JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 3

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has made a big change in Jammu and Kashmir and has appointed Charanjit Chargoetra and Sunil Majotra as Central State Coordinators. In the order issued by Bahujan Samaj Party National Supremo Mayawati, both the leaders have been given important responsibilities by the party. Apart from this, the party chief National coordinator Akash Anand and National coordinator Randhir Singh Beniwal and said that the party will move forward with strength due to their decision. On the other hand, on being appointed as Central State Coordinators, Charanjit Chargoetra and Sunil Majotra thanked the national Leadership of the party and said that they will work hard to live up to the responsibility given to them.

of the party National leadership and said that the change made by the party in Jammu and Kashmir will strengthen the party a lot. He thanked party national president Mayawati and chief national coordinator Akash Anand and national coordinator Randhir Singh Beniwal and said that the party will move forward with strength due to their decision. On the other hand, on being appointed as Central State Coordinators, Charanjit Chargoetra and Sunil Majotra thanked the national Leadership of the party and said that they will work hard to live up to the responsibility given to them.

## DC Ramban reviews

## Eid-ul-Azha arrangements

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today chaired a meeting of line departments to review the arrangements being made across the district for the smooth and peaceful celebration of Eid-ul-Azha.

ment by becoming an accomplice and a ring leader of LeT terror outfit has wreaked colossal damage to the department, society and the nation," he said.

The official said that Ajaz Ahmed, teacher in school education department, was working for HM. "He was recruited as a teacher in 2011. He became a trusted terror associate of HM in Poonch region. He was actively helping the terror outfit in smuggling arms, ammunition and narcotics. The terror link with HM was exposed in November 2023 when Police arrested Ajaz and his friend during a routine check".

He added that both were carrying arms, ammunition and posters of HM in Ajaz's Toyota Fortuner. "Further investigation had revealed that consignment was received on the direction of his handler Abid Ramzan Sheikh, an HM's terrorist in PoJK. The consignment was to be delivered to terrorists operating in Kashmir for carrying out attacks on security forces and civilians".

He said that investigation further revealed that Ajaz had been receiving huge consignment of arms & ammunition for past many years and delivering it to terrorists in Kashmir valley. KNO

## J&amp;K incomplete...

without Kashmiri Pandits. The issues pertaining to J&K cannot be resolved through military solutions or with the guns of militants," she said.

She added that a political solution is needed and cannot be possible until the KPs return with dignity and play a role in this regard. KNO

## Urs of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA)...

offer special prayers and seek blessings in Srinagar and Tral.

Emotional scenes were witnessed as people recited verses and prayed in unison. Special arrangements were made by the administration to accommodate the large number of people visiting the shrine.

Speaking to the news agency, Ghulam Qadir, a devotee from Srinagar said, he has been coming here every year. "It gives me peace to offer prayers at this holy place. The spiritual atmosphere cannot be described in words," he said.

Earlier, night-long Shab Khwani (special prayers) were held on Monday at Khanqah Faiz Panah in Tral, Pulwama and Srinagar where a large number of people gathered to pay their respects.

Local cleric while addressing the gathering, spoke about the life and teachings of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) and his significant role in spreading Islam and promoting spirituality, education, and social welfare in Kashmir.

"The message of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) remains relevant even today, compassion, unity, and devotion to Almighty," said a local resident in Srinagar.

Pertinently, the Urs is observed every year in memory of the revered Sufi saint, who is widely credited for laying the foundation of Islam in Kashmir through peaceful preaching and humanitarian work.

Moreover, the security and traffic arrangements were in place to ensure smooth movement of devotees. KNO

## Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan Kishtwar admin plans mega IEC campaign at Devigol-Bunjwah

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of Special 26 day IEC Campaign launched under the aegis of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

At the outset, the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Zubair Ahmed informed the meeting that a calendar of activities has been chalked out to organise sports tournaments, yoga camps, poster-making, street plays, awareness seminars and community engagement activities from June 1 to June 26, 2025.

The DC directed for organizing a mega awareness campaign with sports



and yoga activities at Devigol, Bunjwah with the target to engage 4,000 to 5,000 people.

He further asked for organizing a National-level Mushairara at the District Headquarters on June 26, 2025 (International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking), to raise awareness and promote collective efforts against drug addiction.

The meeting was

attended by PO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Sharma; CEO KDA Kishtwar, Kesar Bhawani; CPO Kishtwar Shahnawaz Bali; ACR Idrees Lone; DSWO Zubair Ahmed besides concerned officers from Police & Civil departments.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to strengthen community-based efforts under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

## DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to review and finalize the arrangements for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha festival.

The meeting was attended by SSP, Additional Deputy Commissioner, President Auqaf-e-Islamia, religious leaders, civil society members and heads of various government departments.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the participants on the arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the festival. He assured that all necessary arrangements related to uninterrupted water and power supply, sanitation, traffic management, medical facilities and fire and emergency services would be put in place. He emphasized that



cleanliness and hygiene in and around Eidgahs and public areas would be ensured. Market checking squads will be activated to regulate prices and prevent arbitrary overcharging of essential commodities.

The SSP informed that elaborate security arrangements would be made

across the district to ensure a peaceful and secure atmosphere during the festivities.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all departments to work in coordination for the smooth and hassle-free celebration of Eid-ul-Azha.

## JKLSA organises One-Day Capacity Building Program on Child Protection, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education at Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUNE 03

The Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), in collaboration with UNICEF and the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Rajouri, under the guidance of its chairman Rajendra Sapru and supervision of Secretary Shama Sharma, organized a one-day capacity-building program on Child Protection and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) at Rajouri.

The program witnessed active participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from the Legal Services Unit for children (LSUC), DLSA Rajouri, police officials, the Social Welfare Department, members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), and the Bar Association.

The inaugural session was graced by several dignitaries, including the Vice-Chancellor of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, Chairman DLSA Rajouri Rajendra Sapru, Secretary DLSA



Rajouri Shama Sharma, Assistant Commissioner revenue Jahangir Khan, Additional S.P Bikram Kumar, Dy. SP Headquarters Satish Kumar, Dy. SP Akshay Khajuria, Dean of Students BGSBU, Joint Registrar Estate, Controller of Examinations BGSBU and Syed Mujtaba, Consultant. The programme was hosted by LADC Soumya Tahir and was attended by all LADCs.

The first technical session was conducted by Syed Mujtaba, Consultant, who delivered an insightful presentation on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE). He emphasized the urgent need for collaborative efforts among child protection stakeholders

to raise awareness and extend outreach in areas vulnerable to such threats. The second session was led by Shoukat Ali, Panel Lawyer, who discussed the Child-Friendly Legal Services Scheme 2024 under the Legal Services Unit for Children.

In the third session, the member of the Child Welfare Committee, Rajouri, Shehzad Ahmed Lone stressed the need for strengthening legal service institutions for children, stressing inter-departmental coordination and community-based interventions.

The program concluded with a panel discussion, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Secretary DLSA Shama Sharma.

## DC Kishtwar reviews execution of development works in Model Panchayats

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, JUNE 03

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a meeting today to assess the implementation of the development plan in Model Panchayats of the district.

The initiative, spearheaded by the DC himself, aims to saturate 140 key developmental indicators in 13 identified Model Panchayats of the District. The goal is to use these Model Panchayats as a framework to replicate the developmental model across all 136 Panchayats of the district.

A detailed presentation of key indicators was given by ACD during the meeting. After a detailed panchayat-wise review, the DDC issued specific directions to officers for timely implementation of various developmental activities.

The BDOs were directed to start construction of Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Ghars in left out Panchayats among 13 Model Panchayats.

For establishment of Panchayat learning centres



in Power Project affected villages, the BDOs were directed to identify land and submit the estimates so that funds are made available under the rehabilitation plan.

The progress of all key indicators including constitution of Self-help groups, implementation of Ladli Beti Scheme, green space expansion through intensive afforestation, renovation and geotagging of traditional and water bodies, construction of houses under PMAY-G, Solarization under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and others were reviewed at the meeting.

The DC directed the stakeholder departments to achieve the saturation of all key indicators, with

efforts directed towards bridging the gaps, if any. He emphasized the officers to take concrete measures to make the panchayats free from polythene and drugs.

The DC reiterated the importance of conducting regular visits by district and sectoral officers to the Model Panchayats to ensure timely execution of the developmental plans. The ACD was directed to furnish the list of District Officers who have not visited the Model Panchayats.

He highlighted the need for collaboration, innovation and collective effort to accelerate progress, ensuring that these Model Panchayats serve as the benchmark for the entire district.

## DM Udhampur issues instructions for renting out property

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 03

District Magistrate Udhampur today issued an order with mandatory instructions for owners on renting out property.

"All landlord(s), owner(s) of properties, attorney holder(s), person(s) in charge of properties in any capacity (hereafter called as owners) located in the jurisdiction of the District shall after the issuance of this order within a week's time submit without fail the detailed particulars of the tenant(s) as per the prescribed Declaration Form to be signed by the

owner and the tenant(s) to the concerned Police Station, either in person or by registered post addressed to the concerned Station House Officer (SHO)" an order issued by the DM reads.

It further stated that "The owners who have already let/sublet/rented out their house(s) or part(s) thereof to any tenant(s) on any date prior to the issuance of this order, shall submit the detailed particulars of the tenant(s) as per the declaration form to the concerned Police Station with immediate effect."

As per the order all arrangements of letting

or sub-letting the property like Paying Guest, tenants etc. shall be covered by this order.

"Owners who have allowed Jhuggies in their lands shall also be required to disclose the details as per the declaration form. Every SHO in Udhampur District shall maintain a separate register for such purpose and complete the process by enlisting tenants, especially outsiders within a period of two weeks" the order reads further.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 223 and other relevant provisions of the law.

## AIIMS Awantipora a flagship project that has potential to transform healthcare landscape of Kashmir: Sakeena Itoo

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
AWANTIPORA, JUNE 03

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction works at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Awantipora.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena took detailed assessment of the pace and quality of the works being carried out at one of Kashmir's most significant healthcare infrastructure projects.

During the inspection, the Minister interacted with engineers and other officers involved in the execution of the project. She expressed concern over reported delays and emphasized the need for expeditious completion of all pending works in strict adherence to the stipulated timeline.

Minister Sakeena reiterated that AIIMS Awantipora is a flagship project that has the potential to transform the healthcare landscape of the region by bring-



ing world-class facilities closer to the doorsteps of people. "This is not just a building, it is a beacon of hope for advanced healthcare in Kashmir and beyond. Any delay in executing this vital project is a delay in delivering essential services to our people," Sakeena stated.

She urged the executing agencies to resolve bottlenecks swiftly and ensure round-the-clock efforts for timely completion of the project. The Minister further

directed the concerned executing agency to submit regular progress reports and ensure the project meets its scheduled deadlines without compromising on quality or safety standards. MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Rajpora, Ghulam Mohi Uddin Mir; Directors of Health, Ayush and family Welfare, officers of executing agency, senior officers of district administration and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

## District Collector Poonch chairs CLU Committee Meeting



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, JUNE 3

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the Change of Land Use (CLU) Committee to review and decide on various applications submitted for land use conversion in the district.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC, ACR, DFO Territorial, Chief Agriculture Officer, OC 79 RCC, XENs of PDD, PWD, and I&FC, Tehsildar Haveli and the District Officer of the Pollution Control Committee Poonch. Numerous applications were exam-

ined in the meeting. Those fulfilling the required formalities were approved, while others were either rejected due to incomplete documentation or reverted for further clarification and compliance.

The District Collector directed revenue officers to closely monitor land-related activities and ensure that no construction takes place without valid CLU permission. He emphasized strict enforcement of land use regulations to promote planned development and uphold legal compliance across the district.

## Shaleen Kabra launches online services for Central Record Rooms Jammu, Srinagar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
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Financial Commissioner Revenue, Shaleen Kabra, today launched online services of Central Record Room Jammu and Kashmir aiming at improving the public access to government programs and enhancing citizen services.

These services have been integrated with the JK Revenue Portal and are part of a broader initiative to streamline government processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles and provide more convenient, efficient access to essential services. These online services included access to important revenue-related documents which are available in the Central Record Rooms of Jammu and Srinagar.

The key benefits for the citizens of this initiative will be greater convenience to access services without needing to visit government offices i.e. Central Record Room Jammu and Srinagar in person. Besides, this



will ensure reduced wait times, improved efficiency by submission of applications easily, faster responses, enhanced transparency and reduced paperwork.

The citizens can avail these services by visiting jkrevue.nic.in via their computers, smart phones or tablets. The Revenue Department has affirmed its commitment to continually expand its digital offerings to meet the evolving needs of the public and further enhance government service delivery.

The launch event was attended by Kanta Devi, Regional Director Survey and Land records Jammu and Dr. Tahir Firdous, Additional Commissioner with Financial Commissioner Revenue J&K.

## Power shutdown

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Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Siot, Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Nowshera, Jaba Deeing Syal, Nonial, Manpur, Chowki-Jangher, Qila, Darhal, Rajpora Laroaka and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 04 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, the Executive Engineer, Elect Division-I, JPDCL Parade Jammu has informed that the power supply to Jammu Old University and Opposite Pahallwan-di-Hatti will remain affected from June 05 to June 20 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to In-Side Park will remain affected from June 08 to June 16 from 8 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Old Mahinder

Ghar will remain affected from June 05 to June 15 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply Near Hans Raj Park will remain affected from June 12 to June 25 from 8 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Patel Bazar will remain affected from June 10 to June 25 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply Pacca Danga will remain affected from June 10 to June 25 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Rehari Chowk-I, Rehari Chowk-II, Rehari Honda Showroom and Rehari Honda Showroom - II will remain affected from June 04 to June 25 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Circuit House and Circuit House-I will remain affected from June 15 to June 30 from 8 am to 3 pm.

## EDITORIAL

## Ripples in J&amp;K's political spectrum

In the political cauldron of Jammu and Kashmir, a sudden stir has reignited speculation: Is something indeed cooking behind the scenes? The recent and rather surprising meeting of the former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha – the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 – has sent ripples across the Union Territory's political spectrum. For five years, Mehbooba Mufti, who once vehemently opposed the Centre's move to revoke J&K's special status, maintained a defiant distance from the corridors of official power. Her meeting with the LG has, therefore, raised more than a few eyebrows. The National Conference (NC), the ruling party turned wary observer, has openly questioned the Peoples Democratic Party's (PDP) sudden change in approach. Is this a genuine outreach for public welfare or the early signs of a political realignment? The PDP has categorically denied any re-engagement with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), yet the timing and manner of this engagement cannot be ignored. The NC's pointed queries – whether back-channel talks are underway and whether the PDP is revisiting its past alliance with the BJP – echo a larger public curiosity. Political memory in J&K is not short: the previous PDP-BJP alliance left a bitter taste and ended in acrimony, resulting in the imposition of Governor's Rule. Any signs of rekindling that association, directly or indirectly, are bound to be met with suspicion. Yet, it is important to ask – must every interaction between opposition leaders and the LG be seen through a conspiratorial lens? Isn't dialogue with constitutional authorities part of any responsible political discourse, particularly when it pertains to public welfare? Mehbooba Mufti reportedly presented a letter highlighting various demands, including those related to the welfare of Kashmiri Pandits. If sincere, this may signal a pivot towards constructive engagement over confrontational politics. However, critics rightly point out that during her own tenure as Chief Minister, such concerns were not adequately prioritized. The NC's Tanvir Sadiq has thrown a gauntlet, asking why such issues were sidelined earlier and what explains the urgency now. Is this a case of too little, too late – or a carefully timed step in a longer political script? Furthermore, the rapid succession of meetings – first with the Apni Party, then the PDP – hints at a broader pattern. Are these isolated meetings or coordinated steps in a wider plan, possibly leading to the much-anticipated restoration of statehood or assembly elections? The BJP has maintained that normalcy is returning to J&K, and such meetings could be part of a campaign to give democratic legitimacy to that claim. Whatever the case may be, the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve transparency. Trust has been a scarce commodity since 2019. For any political party to regain that trust, it must be forthright in its dealings and motivations. Mehbooba Mufti and the PDP owe the public a clear explanation of their current political posture. J&K has suffered enough political uncertainty, and the time for doublespeak is long past. If statehood is to be restored and democracy revived, then let the process be open, inclusive, and above all, honest.

## India as World's 4th Largest Economy

OMKAR DATTATRAY

India has now the distinction of being and becoming the world's fourth largest economy and it is the largest democracy of the world. We should take pride of becoming the fourth largest economy and then we should not be complacent and should not be fatalists but march on the path of becoming the third largest economy in near future. India's robust economy and the re-solve and determination of its political executive and the cooperation of its gigantic population of more than 140 crore have played their pivotal role in attaining the position of fourth world economy and this feat is a feather in the cap of PM Modi and his economic policies and politico-economic vision. It is no ordinary thing that India has achieved the status of fourth largest economy of the world thanks to the vision, determination and leadership of PM Modi and he deserves all appreciation for his pains-taking job of ensuring that India became a fourth largest economy and it is no ordinary matter but is really breathtaking and epoch-making and this will lay the strong foundation for a Viksit Bharat by 2047 and Modi's dream and vision of a developed India will

be realised by 2047. NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subramaniam Stated the other day that India has become the world's fourth largest economy surpassing Japan. He said overall geopolitical and economic environment is favourable to India. India is a USD 4 trillion economy and we must maintain and strengthen our momentum of growth and development so that the goal and vision of developed India becomes a reality by 2047 and for this noble goal, mission and vision our policy makers, planners, economists, trade, industry leaders and political executive all must work in tandem and unison for achieving the goal and vision of Viksit Bharat. Up to year 2024, India was the fifth largest economy in the globe, but now it has gained the status of being the fourth largest economy of the world and it is now ahead of Japan. The three other economies ahead of India are US, China and Germany and it everything goes well, India will be the third largest economy in 2.5 to 3 years. The IFM has said in its World Economic Outlook Report-WEO report re-leased in April had said that India is expected to be the fourth largest economy in the world with a GDP of USD 4.19 trillion in 2025 ahead of Japan.

As per IMF India's per-capita income has doubled from USD 1,438 in 2013-14 to USD 2,880 2025. It also reported that India's growth rate is projected at 6.2 per cent in 2025-26. Thus, India made headlines in 2025 by overtaking Ja-pan to become the world's fourth-largest economy. With GDP of dollar 4.187 trillion and a per-capita GDP of dollar 2,934, India combines rapid economic growth with a massive population. Its expanding service sector, tech industry, and domestic demand are major drivers of the economy. The global economy is totally dependent upon and driven by a handful of dominant players whose influence goes around the world. These top economies highly impact international trade, finance, and policy making, shaping the direction of development across the globe. Based on the latest World Economic Outlook re-port by the International Monetary Fund -IMF the ten largest economies in 2025 have shown evolution and growth. These large economies boast their GDP's in the trillions and account for the majority of global economic output. The US remains firmly in the lead, followed by China, though the gap is gradually decreasing. Meanwhile, India has made headlines

by surpassing Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy, showing exponential growth and expanding influence. These rankings are based on GDP measured in USD using market exchange rates and provide a realistic comparison of economic strength in global terms. The top ten economies of the world are -1-United States,2-China,3-Germany,4-India,5-Japan,6-UK,7-France ,8-Italy,9-Canada and 10-Brazil. A country's economy depends on factors like natural resources, labour force, industrial and agricultural production, infra-structure, trade and government policies. Economic stability also relies on investment, innovation, and political stability. Together these elements influence growth, income levels, employment and overall standard of living for its population. It is only the United States, China and Germany's economies which are larger than India. The IMF in its recent has said that India will re-main the world's fastest growing major economy. The IMF has stated earlier this month in the WEO report that India continues to remain the world's fast-est-growing major economy and the only country expected to clock over 6 per cent growth in the next two years. According to IMF, India's

GDP currently stands at 4.3 trillion dollars. India's GDP was 2.1 trillion in 2015, since then, the country has more than doubled its economy. According to the report, the high rate of growth will see India 's GDP increasing to 5.5 trillion dollars in 2028 overtaking Germany to become the third -largest economy. The IMF has projected a zero growth rate for Germany in 2025 , followed by 0.9 per cent in 2026 as it is expected to be hit the hardest among European countries due to the ongoing global trade war. In short India is projected to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025, surpassing Japan, according to the IMF re-port. This marks milestone, as the country climbs from 10th place in 2014 to 4th in just 11 years—a 105 percent nominal GDP growth during the period, with India becoming a dollar 4 trillion economy. Thus, India has overtaken Japan to become the world's 4th largest economy, with a GDP of dollar 4 trillion. NITI Aayog projects India will become the 3rd largest economy in the next 2-3 years, surpassing Germany.

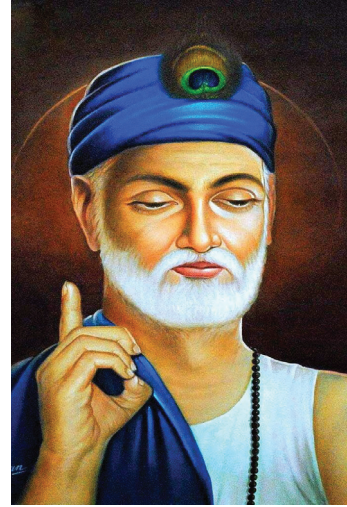
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## Kabir's Timeless Teachings on Time and Life

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Sant Kabir Das, a revered Indian mystic poet, beautifully captures the critical value of time in his timeless doha: "Kal kare so aaj kar, aaj kare so ab; pal mein parlay hoyegi, bahuri karega kab", which translates to "What you plan to do tomorrow, do it today; what you plan today, do it now. The next moment may bring destruction—when will you do it then?" Through these concise yet powerful lines, Kabir gives us a profound life lesson: never delay what must be done, because time is fleeting and uncertain. He emphasizes

the urgency of action, underlining that no one knows what the next moment holds, and delaying meaningful work can result in missed opportunities or even irreversible loss. His message goes far beyond poetic advice; it serves as a practical and philosophical guide for life. Time, he asserts, is more valuable than material wealth or social status, because once it slips away, it can never be regained. This idea encourages us to live mindfully in the present and not fall prey to procrastination, which Kabir sees as a weakness that erodes potential and leads to regret. His teachings apply to every sphere of life be it academics, where students must manage



their time effectively to shape their futures; professional life,

where timely decisions determine success or failure; or even personal and social roles, where prompt action strengthens relationships and resolves conflicts. Spiritually, Kabir's words remind us that life is fragile, and postponing inner growth or devotion could mean missing the opportunity altogether. The concept of "pralay" or doomsday in the doha symbolizes not just a cosmic end but also the sudden end of an individual's life, stressing that essential actions like self-improvement, spiritual practice, or meaningful words could never be put off. In today's modern world, filled with distractions and a tendency to delay important tasks for

later, Kabir's wisdom is more relevant than ever. His message is not simply about time management but about living with awareness, intention, and purpose. By urging us to act in the present, he liberates us from the weight of past regrets and the anxiety of an uncertain future. Kabir teaches that it is only by valuing the now that we can shape a meaningful life, achieve our goals, and find inner peace. His philosophy encourages us to live proactively, not reactively, and to seize the moment before it's gone. Ultimately, the lesson is simple yet profound: time waits for no one, and only those who understand its value can truly make the most of life.

## Moral education in schools for present generation

BY MOOL RAJ

In today's fast-paced world, the younger generation is increasingly becoming aggressive and detached from moral values. The rapid advancement in science and technology, coupled with materialistic pursuits, has overshadowed the essence of humanity and ethical living. This trend calls for an immediate intervention—an essential step that can be taken is the introduction of moral education, counseling, and spiritual teachings in every school to shape responsible, empathetic, and ethical citizens.

Undoubtedly, our children need to become scientists, doctors, engineers, administrators, and other professionals. However, their professional success should not come at the cost of their moral and ethical grounding. Along with academic excellence, they must be nurtured to become compassionate individuals who value relationships, respect their elders, support the underprivileged, and contribute positively to society. A well-rounded education should focus on both intellect and character building to create responsible future citizens who uphold justice, kindness, and integrity.

In the past, schools and homes were the



centers of moral and ethical teachings. These lessons were deeply rooted in the upbringing of children, producing simple, disciplined and God-fearing generations. Such individuals, despite having fewer academic degrees, were humble, responsible, and morally upright. They lived in harmony with nature, respected resources, and upheld communal and familial bonds.

Conversely, today's

generation, though more qualified on paper, often lacks these fundamental human virtues. The growing selfishness, greed, and disregard for environmental conservation are alarming. Educated individuals are seen polluting rivers, lakes, streets, and forests by carelessly discarding garbage, diapers, and litter. The shift from a God-fearing to a materialistic mindset has led society toward moral decay, making it difficult to differentiate between knowledge and

wisdom. If this downward trend continues, we might soon witness a world where moral decadence outweighs intelligence, leading to anarchy and destruction. A society that fails to instill human values in its children is bound to face chaos in the future. The essence of true education lies not only in acquiring knowledge but in cultivating wisdom, ethical decision-making, and respect for life.

To reverse this decline, moral education must be prioritized in both government and private educational institutions. Alongside science, mathematics, and social studies, there must be a dedicated curriculum for ethical, moral and spiritual learning. This education should be emphasized. Children must be taught the importance of caring for and honoring their parents and family members. Encouraging students to engage in acts of kindness and help the underprivileged. Instilling the significance of preserving natural resources and keeping public spaces clean. Emphasizing the value of truthfulness in both personal and professional life. Teaching the importance of patience, humility, and self-restraint in dealing with life's challenges. Introducing teachings that promote inner peace, gratitude, and connection with a higher purpose.

If we fail to address this moral crisis now, we may soon find ourselves incapable of controlling the very generation we have raised. The future of society depends not just on educated individuals but on ethical human beings who possess a conscience.

While the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes innovative strategies and modern pedagogies in

education, technology, and science, it is crucial to also focus on nurturing good and responsible citizens to build a strong, peaceful, and healthy nation.

A concerning number of educated youth have turned to drug addiction and exhibit irresponsible behavior in society, failing to establish careers across various sectors. This trend poses a threat to societal well-being. One contributing factor is the lack of proper counseling and moral education during their schooling years. Integrating comprehensive counseling and moral education into the curriculum is essential to address this issue and guide youth toward positive contributions to society. Therefore, moral education should not just be an additional subject but should be at the core of our educational systems. Let us strive to cultivate generations that excel not only in careers but in character, ensuring that our world remains a heaven of peace, respect, and righteousness. Education should not just create professionals—it must create good human beings first. Let morality and humanity be at the heart of learning, ensuring that we build a world.

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## ADGP Armed visits APC Zewan Srinagar; inaugurates various facilities

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Anand Jain, IPS, ADGP Armed J&K, accompanied by Sh. Junaid Mehmood, IPS, Deputy Inspector General IRP Kashmir and Shri Shahid Mehraj, IPS, Deputy Inspector General Armed Kashmir visited Armed Police Complex Zewan today to review the functioning of various units stationed at the Armed Complex.

The ADGP upon his arrival was accorded a warm welcome by the Officers present there. Sh. Jain took salute at the March Past presented by the various contingents, including the personnel undergoing special refresher courses.

Jain on reaching the Complex, visited the Police Martyr's Memorial Zewan and payed homage to the brave hearts, who sacrificed their precious lives in the line of duty.

On the occasion, various facilities were inaugurated by the ADGP which include, Football Ground, Wet Canteen, Joint Control Room, Kendriya Kalyan Bhandar Canteen, and She Box Women helpline, and other facilities, besides Inspecting Subsidiary Police Hospital Zewan.

A special Darbar was also held on the occasion, during



which the personnel raised service-related issues, and on-the-spot directions were given for redressal. Emphasizing hygiene, the ADGP directed regular cleanliness drives and medical check-ups for all personnel.

Jain conducted a detailed inspection of infrastructure, including administrative blocks, barracks, mess, MT fleet, stores of the units located at the Armed Police Complex. He urged officers to stay vigilant ahead of the

Shri Amaranth Ji Yatra 2025 and stressed adopting the e-Office system to enhance efficiency and reduce paper usage.

Prominent Officers present on the occasion included, Ms. Bisma Qazi, IPS, Commandant Women 2nd Bn. Sh. Shahzad Salara, SSP, Commandant JKAP 9th, Bn. Sh. Arif Amin, SSP, Commandant Border 2nd Bn. Sh. Munir Ahmed SSP APCR Kashmir and other officers.

## Defence Ministry issues advisory on respecting privacy of senior armed forces personnel

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 3 (UNI)

The Defence Ministry on Tuesday issued an advisory asking the media to refrain from excessive coverage of senior armed forces personnel and their families as this could pose security risk.

The Ministry of Defence in a statement appreciated "the continued interest and support of the media in covering the activities, achievements, and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces -the Army, Navy, and Air Force".

"Media engagement plays a critical role in informing the public and fostering a greater understanding of national security matters," the ministry noted,

It said in the light of ongoing operations like Operation Sindoor, senior officers from the Armed Forces have understandably gained public attention due to their leadership roles.

However, the Ministry also noted that the attention has started to go beyond professional

reporting, encroaching into the personal lives of these officers and their families. It said "Media personnel have reportedly approached their residence, attempted to contact family members, and pursued personal coverage unrelated to their official duties".

It said that that these actions are "highly inappropriate" and may "jeopardise the dignity, privacy, and safety of the officers and their families".

Although senior officers hold prominent public positions, their families are private individuals who deserve to be treated with respect and consideration, the ministry said in the advisory.

The Ministry has asked the media to refrain from visiting or attempting to contact the private residences or families of serving or retired Armed Forces personnel for personal stories or interviews, unless expressly invited or cleared through official channels.

The advisory has also

asked to avoid the publication or broadcast of personal details, including residential addresses, photographs of family members, or other non-operational information that is not in the public interest.

It said the media coverage should remain centred on the professional and operational dimensions of Armed Forces activities and leadership, avoiding any speculative or intrusive reporting into their personal lives. It is essential to uphold the boundaries of privacy and maintain operational confidentiality, especially during active missions or times of increased national security, the advisory said.

"The Ministry of Defence reiterates its commitment to transparent and constructive engagement with the media. At the same time, it appeals to all media stakeholders to maintain responsible journalistic standards, respecting the personal space and dignity of those who serve the nation, and their families," it said.

## SSH holds protest against water scarcity in ward-32



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

Members of Shiv Sena Hindustan, led by Jammu Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, staged a strong protest against the PHE Department in Gol Punch Peer, Ward 32, over the acute water scarcity in the area. The protesters raised slogans against the department, demanding immediate attention to their grievances. Despite being a part of the Smart City, Ward 32 faces severe water scarcity, with residents forced to fetch water from distant sources. Sena Hindustan members and local residents protested against the PHE Department's inaction, demanding a solution to the water crisis. The protesters urged the government to provide a reliable water supply to the area, highlighting the

hardships faced by residents, particularly women. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri said that situation in Ward 32 is deplorable. Residents are forced to carry water on their heads from a distance of 1 kilometer. This is unacceptable in a municipal area. We demand that the government take immediate action to provide a reliable water supply to the area. "The government should take immediate action to address the water scarcity in Ward 32. A reliable water supply system should be established to ensure that residents have access to clean drinking water," added Kesri. The protest was attended by State Deputy Chief Balbir Kumar, Ward 32 President Sham Lal and dozens of residents, including Ajay Kumar, Tarun Kumar, Balwant Fauji, Rajesh Kumar and many others.

## Chowdhary Zulfkar demands Fire and Emergency Station at Koteranka

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUNE 3

Former Minister and senior BJP leader Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali has urged the government to establish a fire and emergency station at Koteranka in District Rajouri.

In a press statement issued today, he emphasized that Koteranka, an additional district headquarters with a population of over 1.5 lakh people, faces challenges due to its terrain and topography. The nearest fire and emergency station is 50 km away in Rajouri, and there are no such stations within a 200 km radius,



Romesh Singh of Koteranka and a handicapped individual, have lost everything, causing substantial financial hardship.

He expressed surprise that a fire and emergency station recently opened at Koteranka was subsequently withdrawn by the authorities.

Furthermore, Ali criticized the State National Conference government for failing to fulfill its poll promises, including providing free gas cylinders, enhancing ration, offering free electricity, employment, and restoring the honor and dignity of the people, emphasizing that it is time for introspection.

covering areas such as Reasi, Khawas, Mohre, Chassana, Budhal, Arnas, and Peeri.

Despite the area being densely populated and prone to frequent fire incidents resulting in significant property losses, Ali highlighted that recent sufferers, including

## Director Health Services Jammu chairs review meeting of Dengue, Chikungunya, Malaria

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

A reorientation workshop and review meeting of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) was chaired by Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zafga( on 03.06.2025, organized by State Malariologist at Conference Hall, of Govt. Provincial Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents from District Hospitals and Associated Hospitals of Govt, Medical Colleges of Jammu Division participated in the meeting. The session was also

attended by Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Poonam Sethi, State Nodal Officer, National Health Mission, Jammu Dr. Harjeet Rai and Assistant Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Ila Gupta.



At the outset, a power point presentation (PPT) was presented by Dr. Ruchita Mahajan, Ivirobiologist, Govt. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu covering academic aspects of Dengue and other Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs).

Dr. D J Raina, State Malariologist, J&K, Jammu presented a power point presentation (PPT) on current scenario, preparedness measures and highlighted the strategies adopted by the Department for the control of Dengue and other VBDs.

Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services, Jammu, emphasized that dengue is a looming

threat and all stake holders should come together for better disease Management. He also emphasized about aggressive awareness activities in public.

Various other issues were also discussed like capacity building of the staff, Inter-sectoral coordination with all stake holders, availability of 104 Helpline, platelets separation facility and designation of beds and wards for patients in case of a possible outbreak.

Dr. Balvinder Singh, Dy. Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu presented the vote of thanks.

## MLA Yudhvair flags off Addl Water Tankers to ease water crisis in East Constituency

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

In a major relief to the residents of water-scarce areas in the East Constituency, Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvair Sethi today flagged off seven additional drinking water tankers from the Shitlee Water Supply Station. These water tankers have been pressed into service to ensure uninterrupted supply to areas like Jagti, Bajalta, Peralta, Aithem, Khanna Shargal (Upper and Lower), and other adjoining localities, which have been reeling under acute shortage of drinking water during the ongoing summer spell.

Addressing the media, Yudhvair Sethi said that the step has been taken after receiving multiple representations and appeals from the public facing tremendous hardship due to the irregular water supply. He assured that the BJP is committed to ensuring timely redressal of public grievances and that the current initiative



reflects the party's resolve to serve the people, especially during times of distress.

Sethi emphasized that access to clean drinking water is a fundamental necessity, and every possible measure is being taken to alleviate the suffering of the people. He urged residents to cooperate with the concerned departments and use water judiciously, especially during peak summer months when the demand is at its highest.

He also expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Minister for Jal Shakti, the Commissioner Secretary

Jal Shakti Department Shaleen Kabra, Executive Engineer, AEE, and other officials of the Jal Shakti Department who promptly acted on the matter and extended full cooperation in addressing the issue. Their timely intervention and logistical support have made it possible to start the emergency tanker service in a short span of time.

Sethi reiterated his commitment to continue working tirelessly for the welfare of the people and said that more long-term measures are being discussed to permanently resolve the water supply challenges in the region.

## Operation Jal Rahat II: Assam Rifles continues Relief Efforts in Manipur and Tripura

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 4

In response to the ongoing flood situation under Operation Jal Rahat II, the Assam Rifles, under the aegis of HQ Eastern Command, has continued its relentless humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) efforts across Manipur and Tripura.

A total of 10 columns have been actively deployed by Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) and Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) to conduct rescue, relief, and medical aid operations. One additional column remains on standby at Haflong for rapid deployment if required.



IGAR (South) has positioned eight columns at Porompat, JNIMS, Wankhei, and Wangkhei, rescuing 2,629 civilians, provided medical care to 250 individuals, and distributed food and water.

Simultaneously, IGAR (East) has deployed two columns across Chandrapur, Resham Bagan, Bhutankhal, and Kamranga,

rescuing 200 civilians and provided immediate medical and food supplies.

These timely and coordinated actions by the Assam Rifles reaffirm their motto of being "Friends of the North East", and highlight their enduring commitment to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the civil administration in times of crisis.

## Multi-Speciality Medical Camp held in Border Areas of Nowshera



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
NOWSHERA, JUNE 3

In a remarkable effort to provide quality healthcare to underserved populations, the Indian Army successfully organized a Multi-Speciality Medical Camp in remote border areas of Nowshera on 3rd June 2025. The event aimed to deliver essential medical services to local villagers who often have limited access to specialised healthcare facilities. A team of Army medical officers and specialist doctors offered free consultations and medicines to residents of border villages. Specialities included General Medicine, Surgical, Ortho, ENT, and Dental. The event drew an overwhelming response from the local population.

A total of 160 civilians

benefitted from this camp. Furthermore, 78 local students were given medical check ups and CPR class was conducted for them including teachers. Community leaders expressed heartfelt gratitude for the outreach, calling it a "lifeline" for those with no regular access to healthcare. The initiative was part of the Army's ongoing efforts to foster goodwill and improve the quality of life for border communities.

The beneficiaries reached the medical camp said that we thank the Indian Army, which from time to time organizes such medical camps for the people living in the border areas and checks the health of the people and distributes medicines to them for free. We thank the Indian Army from the bottom of our hearts.

## Sanjay Seth announces Expansion of NCC by Three Lakh Cadets

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 4

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth inaugurated the Special Joint State Representatives and Additional/Deputy Directors General (JSR&A/D) Conference of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in Bhopal on June 03, 2025. He also announced the planned expansion of NCC by Three lakh cadets across the country with several States already extending their concurrence and committing to fast-track the necessary training infrastructure. Addressing the gathering, Shri Sanjay Seth

reaffirmed the NCC's role in nation-building and youth development. He highlighted recent initiatives including the inclusion of Ex-Servicemen as NCC instructors, providing new employment avenues for veterans and lauded the NCC's active involvement in national campaigns such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Naya Savera Scheme, and Nisha Mukti Abhiyan. Raksha Rajya Mantri also congratulated the NCC Mount Everest Expedition team for their successful summit on May 18, 2025, describing it as a powerful example of cadet courage and resilience.

## Congress party held a 'Jai Hind Rally' at Dansal-Nagrota

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NAGROTA DANSAL (JANDHRA),  
JUNE 02

Former MLA and Senior Congress leader Th. Balwan Singh addressed a largely attended "Jai Hind Rally" here today and lauded the role of our armed forces for giving befitting response to Pakistan but questioned the serious security lapse at Bisaran, Pehalgam for which the centre government is answerable to the nation.

The Congress Block Committee led by Th. Romal Singh organized a massive "Jai Hind" rally at Panchayat Dhan near Jindhra, which was presided over by senior Congress leader and former MLA Thakur Balwan Singh. A large number of people from the surrounding areas participated in the rally.

The rally was organised in the honour of armed forces to salute their bravery and discipline.

He said that IAF Chief and CDS has also made serious disclosures besides other important aspects in this regard, need to be discussed and debated in the special parliamentary



session, as demanded by Cong Chief Malickarjun Kharge and LOP Rahul Gandhi.

During the event, locals raised several important civic and developmental issues affecting the region.

Key concerns included the acute shortage of drinking water, inadequate teaching staff in government schools, and serious faculty shortages in higher secondary institutions, particularly in essential subjects like Mathematics, Science, Urdu, Sanskrit, and Computer Science.

People also expressed frustration over the lack of proper link roads, making many areas inaccessible,

and the increasing menace of monkeys, which has caused extensive damage to agricultural crops. Parents shared that children are even afraid to attend school due to the monkey threat.

Unemployment among educated youth was another major issue raised during the event.

While addressing the rally, Thakur Balwan Singh thanked Rahul Gandhi for his recent and timely visit to the war-affected border areas of Poonch. He criticized the BJP-led central government for failing to provide security to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He questioned

why the perpetrators of the Pulwama attack have not been brought to justice and why no accountability has been fixed in the Pahalgam terror incident. He demanded immediate compensation for property damaged in border shelling and called for proper rehabilitation of displaced families in safer areas. He also urged the government to launch special recruitment drives for unemployed youth with priority given to local candidates.

Singh condemned the central government's silence on allowing foreign interference, 57 especially the U.S. role under Donald Trump, in brokering a ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

Prominent Congress leaders who spoke at the rally included Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi, Romal Singh, Block president Madhana Mohan Dubey, Mirza Fareed Beg, Vijay Kumar Bhagat, Janak Singh, Mohan Lal Raina, Dr. Abdul Ghani, Noor Alam, and Som Nath. Later Thakur Balwan Singh also addressed the meeting at Nagrota.

## Movement Kalki appoints Gagandeep Singh as Bishnah Team Incharge

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Today, Movement Kalki officially announced the formation of its new team in the Bishnah region, appointing Gagandeep Singh as the Bishnah Incharge. Along with him, Gurpal Singh, Neetu Sharma, Pawan Lakhotra, Arjun Singh, and Gulshan Kumar have joined the team. These individuals have voluntarily joined Movement Kalki, inspired by its ideology, working style, and commitment to spiritual, social, and cultural upliftment.

Speaking on the occasion, Movement Kalki's Advisor Pritam Sharma stated that the organization has been protesting for over 230 days to demand that Mother Cow (Gau Mata)



be officially recognized as the National Mother of India. He further said that besides this core struggle, Movement Kalki is raising its voice on other critical social issues that affect the oppressed and voiceless sections of society.

"The inclusion of new members has added to the energy and strength of Movement Kalki. I appeal to all sections of society to come forward and work under the banner of Move-

ment Kalki. This organization is for those who think of tomorrow - of a better future, a stronger society," said Sharma.

Deepak Singh, Founder of Movement Kalki, was also present at the event. He emphasized:

"The meaning of a 'movement' is to stand united. We will not tolerate the conspiracies and discrimination that have been inflicted on the people of Jammu. Together, we will

take decisions for a better tomorrow and ensure that our society no longer feels crushed or neglected."

Newly appointed Bishnah Incharge Gagandeep Singh expressed his commitment to serve the organization and the people with full dedication. "We will stand by the people in their pain and struggles, and wherever needed, we will provide help. I assure the organization of my loyalty and will work to expand Movement Kalki's reach in Bishnah," he said.

Also present at the event were Core Committee Member Sanjeev Dubey, National Incharge Mohit Sharma, Board Member Sapna Hindu, Kamal Kishore, and several other members.

## C3 Institute shines again at national level in CBSE board results 2024-25

Rehana Batul (IAS), Director, J&K IMPA & Rural Development, felicitates toppers

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C3 Institute has once again proven its academic excellence as students coached here delivered outstanding performances in the CBSE Board Exams 2024-25.

In recognition of their achievements, Rehana Batul, IAS, Director of the J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development, visited the institute and felicitated the toppers in a special award ceremony.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Mayra Khair, following which awards and certificates were distributed to students who scored above 90% in their Class 12 CBSE Board Exams.

These achievers hailed from reputed schools across Jammu such as DPS, Heritage, Jodhamal, Shaurya International, and KV No. 1, and had received coaching at C3



Institute.

The list of meritorious students includes Aviral (97.4%), Saksham (97.2%), Shrayansh (97%), Aadya (95.8%), Momin (95.6%), Navaj (95.2%), Maanya Kesar (95%), Aayana (95%), Shaurya (94.8%), Nitya (94.8%), Vidhi (94.8%), Rohan Langar (94%), Rinita (92.8%), Mayas (92.5%), Siya (92.4%), Manroy (92.4%), Adit Mittal (92%), Rebecca (91.2%), Divyansh (90.2%), Aarohi (90%), Sach (90%), Aaryan Chandan (90%), Abhigya (90%), and many more.

During the event, Rehana Batul, IAS, not only felicitated the achiev-

ers but also held an inspiring counselling session for the current batch of 2025-26, motivating them to strive for excellence in their academic journey.

She highly appreciated the efforts of Mr. Ashish Maharaj, Chairman of C3 Institute, and Mrs. Bhawana, Managing Director, for their dedicated contribution to the holistic development of students in the fields of Commerce and Humanities.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Navya Khorana from Presentation Convent School, herself a proud student of C3 Institute.

## Indian Army organizes Awareness Lecture on Drug Abuse for Young Generation at Thanamandi and Marha, Rajouri

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Keeping in view of Indian Army's core objective of maintaining cordial relations with local citizens through Awam, Indian Army organised an 'Awareness Lecture on Drug Abuse' for spreading awareness amongst young generation as well as local populace regarding substance/ drug abuse and bad impacts of smoking on health. This lecture helped to promote and spread the knowledge on best practices to boost physical & mental wellbeing amongst local people of all age groups of Hasplot, Thanamandi, Marha and nearby areas.

A total strength of 98 youth and locals (including 18 Gents & 05 children at Hasplot, One Teacher & 30 Students at Thanamandi and 20 Gents, Seven Females & 17 Students at Marha) attended the lecture. During this event, an Indian Army Personnel gave lecture on bad effects of drug abuse/ smoking as



well as briefed the children and youth about drug abuse and smoking which has become a common thing these days and many youths are destroying their lives by getting addicted to drugs and smoking. It leads to addiction and causes behavioural changes. Drug abuse particularly impacts the brain including depression, conducts problems, personality disorders and suicidal thoughts and can

also lead to other health issues such as kidney failure and heart problems.

He also briefed the children about prevention from drug abuse, which is a process that attempts to prevent the onset of drug use or limit the development of problems associated with using drugs. The children were advised to pursue their aim in respective fields & contribute towards envi-

ronment, society and country as a responsible citizen. The officer motivated and assured them of all possible guidance and assistance from Indian Army for their future endeavours. The event also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between Army and the people of this region. It showcased Indian Army's commitment towards service to the nation.

## Indian Army and War Wounded Foundation provide support Disabled Soldiers

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Indian Army keeps a close interaction with ESM through Rallies and various other programmes, where ESM can project their problems. Certain programmes are also planned by NGOs, with specific Welfare activities. One such programme was organized by the Tiger Division at Jammu, in support of Disabled Soldiers. Six Modified scooters were donated by a NGO, War Wounded Foundation (WWF). The programme was conducted on the initiative of Director North Zone, WWF. The War Disabled Soldiers were identified with the help of the Indian Army, after liaison by WWF, six Disabled Soldiers projected demand for Scooters. GOC Tiger Division presented the keys of the Scooters to Disabled Soldiers, in the presence of Brig Harcharan Singh (Retired), in an impressive ceremony.

GOC Tiger Division appreciated the services



and dedication of the soldiers, who were injured in the line of duty. He mentioned that even after retirement, our soldiers are always ready to provide their services for the Nation, as was evident during Operation Sindoor as well. The Army runs various schemes for the welfare of the ESM, and has maintained an efficient system of maintaining liaison with them.

While serving in the army, many soldiers are wounded in war/ during war-like situations. The injury reduces mobility of

the Soldier. To help such Disabled soldiers, WWF provides Mobility equipment and other help to these soldiers. Till date, WWF has helped soldiers from J&K/ Punjab with around 60 Modified Scooters, 5 Auto Rickshaws, two Electric Wheelchairs, Modification to Bathrooms and help for Marriage of their daughters. With this help, injured soldiers can move independently, carry out routine functions and develop self-confidence. WWF will be conducting Rallies in Garhwal and North East part of India in

near future.

Brig Harcharan Singh (Retired) thanked the Indian Army authorities for conducting this noble event, with an aim to help out the ESM. He informed the gathering about welfare schemes being run by WWF, benefiting Disabled soldiers residing in any part of the country. WWF helps Disabled Soldiers, in order to make them Psychologically stronger. The soldiers are also supported to start their own enterprises, with an aim 'To Help Convert the Disability into Ability'.

GOC assured of all support to the ESM and help to WWF, for execution of their noble mission. The country is thankful for the contribution of ESM, who gave their best years of life to serve the country. He appreciated the efforts of WWF to develop a positive attitude in Disabled Soldiers through various welfare schemes, so that they become independent and do not require help from others.

## NC OBC Cell demands interrupted water, power supply

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Chairman of the JKNC OBC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli, Chaired a workers' meeting held at Sunjwan, Jammu.

During the meeting workers raised the burning issues to Chairman OBC Cell about drinking water shortage, electricity cuts, the situation has become all the more critical with mercury breaching 40 degree Celsius.

After listening, the various public grievances were heard patiently. The Chairman assured the attendees that their concerns would be addressed on priority, and necessary steps would be taken to resolve the issues raised. He assured all of them the these genuine demands of the people were personally discussed with our concern cabinet ministers at top priority



basis he said.

Abdul Gani Teli expressed serious con-

cerns over the rising unemployment and the deteriorating economic

situation particularly in Jammu, he said the past ten years have witnessed a sharp increase in joblessness with youth struggling to find employment opportunities, while businesses and industries are facing an unprecedented economic downturn.

Prominent among those present were Nisar Ahmed (Provincial Secretary, OBC Cell), Tarsam Khullar, DD Mehra (DP OBC Cell Jammu), Anayat Ullah (DP OBC Cell Udhampur), Shashi Kumar, Kamal Singh Shahid Mohd, Kuldeep Raj, Parkash Chand, Monu Ram, Karan Kumar, Haider Husain, Ghulam Rasool, Deepak Kumar, Muzamil Malik, and several other dedicated party workers

## MKBMW Society hails successful conclusion of Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela

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Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela Welfare Society convener Kiran Wattal today hailed the congregation of devotees at the Mela Kheer Bhawani in Kashmir in the wake of the Pahalgam attack as a symbol of resilience on successful conclusion of Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela. Wattal expressed satisfaction over successful conclusion of annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela with great fervor and enthusiasm by Kashmiri Pandits and locals of the Kashmir valley. Wattal expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha, CM Omar Administration especially concerned DCs and Div Com Kashmir for best arrangements CAPFs, J&K Police

and local administration on the successful completion of the Kheer Bhawani Mela. Wattal said more than 35000 devotees visited holy shrine in four days mela starting from 31st May 2025 to June 3 2025 aggregately on four days wherein Samiti managed meals tea snacks and lodging arrangements. The society expressed satisfaction with the arrangements, including security, sanitation, and healthcare, and the positive atmosphere created by the event. Wattal said amid tight security arrangements, hundreds of people, mostly Kashmiri Pandits, left for the Valley in a convoy of 60 buses early Sunday from Jammu to take part in the annual fair in Ganderbal district. The mela is a significant religious event for Kashmiri Pandits



and a symbol of communal harmony, showcasing the strong bond between Hindu and Muslim communities in Kashmir. Wattal hailed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha who visited the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple in Tulmulla, Ganderbal, on Tuesday and paid obeisance at the temple and offered prayers for peace, prosperity, happiness, and the well-being of all citizens. During his visit, LG Sinha interacted with devotees and extended his warm greetings, acknowledging the spiritual significance

of the day for the Kashmiri Pandit community and others, who gathered at the temple. Society on the occasion also felicitated and honoured LG Sinha for ensuring smooth conduct of yatra. Wattal said nearly 35000 devotees thronged the shrine to mark the annual celebration, which holds deep cultural and religious importance in Jammu and Kashmir. Reaffirming the cultural and spiritual significance of the Mela Kheer Bhawani, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Wattal said that the centuries-old festival is

an embodiment of India's civilisational heritage and would continue to be celebrated for generations to come, despite attempts by terrorists to create fear. May the divine grace of Maa Kheer Bhawani always be with us." Comprehensive and elaborate arrangements were made by District Administration Ganderbal for the comfortable stay of devotees. District Police Ganderbal, NGOs, Government employees, Political Parties, etc. established their tents and provided refreshments to devotees. District Police Ganderbal had made elaborate security arrangements, CAPF Coys along with J&K Police Manpower. Escort vehicles, ROP, CT QRTs, Law and Order Components, Additional Naka points were part of the overall deployment plan.

## Smile Foundation NGO distributes 200 Kits and Clothes to widows, orphans

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Smile Foundation NGO, a dedicated organization committed to uplifting marginalized communities, successfully distributed 200 kits and clothing items to those in need, particularly focusing on widows and orphans. The event took place on today and was led by Chairperson Masrat Jan and President Sajjad Ahmad Sholla, who addressed media representatives about the foundation's ongoing efforts to support vulnerable populations. During the distribution event, Masrat Jan emphasized the importance of community support and solidarity, stating, "Our mission is to empower those who are often overlooked. Today, we are not just providing essential

items; we are sending a message of hope and compassion to widows and orphans in our community." Sajjad Ahmad Sholla echoed these sentiments, highlighting the foundation's commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of the less fortunate. "Every kit we distribute represents a step towards a brighter future for these individuals. We believe that by providing them with basic necessities, we can help restore their dignity and inspire them to rebuild their lives." The kits included essential items such as food supplies, hygiene prod-

ucts, and warm clothing, all carefully assembled to meet the immediate needs of the recipients. The initiative is part of Smile Foundation's broader mission to address poverty and support vulnerable groups through various outreach programs. The event attracted significant media attention, with representatives from local news outlets covering the impactful work being done by Smile Foundation. The organization encourages community members to get involved and support their initiatives, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness.

## Vedantu Student Daksh Ranks 1 in Karnataka and Secures AIR 15 in JEE Advanced 2025

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JAMMU, JUNE 3

Vedantu, India's leading education platform for JEE preparation, proudly announces the exceptional performance of its students in JEE Advanced 2025. With top ranks and consistent results year after year, this year reaffirms Vedantu's continued success in delivering high-quality, personalised, and outcome-focused education. Among the standout achievers is Daksh Tayalia from Bangalore, who secured All India Rank 15, scoring a perfect 120 in Mathematics, and emerging as the Karnataka State Rank 1. A student of Vedantu's 3-Year Long Term Batch, Daksh's unwavering discipline, commitment, and trust in

the process have been truly inspiring. Also making the Vedantu family proud is Prakhar Singh from Gorakhpur, who secured AIR 92 as part of the Long Term Batch – a remarkable result born from focused effort, resilience, and expert-guided mentorship. These achievements are not isolated. Vedantu students have demonstrated strong, consistent performance, with 8 students ranked within the Top 100, 20 within the Top 500 and 83 within the Top 5,000 – reaffirming the success of Vedantu's personalised, outcome-oriented learning methodology. Vedantu's journey began with a bold vision: to make high-quality, personalised education accessible to every learn-



er online. Over the years, this model has delivered remarkable success and this year is no different. Many of Vedantu's top achievers, including Daksh and Prakhar, come from its Long Term Batches, demonstrating the power of consistent mentorship, focused learning, and student-first academic support. Building on this strong foundation, Vedantu expanded its fully offline Learning Centres (VLCs) across India. These centres combine rigorous academics, structured programs, and deep mentorship in a tech-enabled environment – with the highest personal attention at their core. And in just their first full academic cycle, these VLCs are already delivering impressive results. "Seeing our students succeed at this level is both humbling and energising," said Anand Prakash, Co-founder & Head of Academics at Vedantu. "What makes it even more special is knowing that behind every rank is a story of persistence, belief, and smart, hard work. These outcomes reflect the strength of our model – where personalised support, comprehensive study resources,

and genuine mentorship come together to create real impact. Congratulations to all our students and teachers who made this moment possible." "These results are more than just numbers – they're a reflection of potential unlocked and confidence built over time. Daksh's Karnataka Rank 1 and AIR 15 are standout moments – but so is the quiet determination of every Vedantu student who faced this challenge head-on. We've always believed in delivering the highest personal attention – first online, and now in our Learning Centres. With 35+ VLCs and counting, we're scaling what matters most: belief, mentorship, and learning that lasts. I couldn't be prouder of what our students and teams have achieved."

## DC Jammu reviews Amarnath Yatra preparedness at Yatri Niwas

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Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a high-level review meeting today to assess preparedness for Amarnath Yatra here at Yatri Niwas. The review was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh; Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr Devansh Yadav; Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh; ACR Dr Rajesh Kumar; Tehsildar Param Deep Singh and the officers from police, security agencies and the line departments. Key issues discussed in the meeting included the fast-tracking of X-ray scanning installation, establishment of frisking points, regular maintenance of rooms and public facilities and setting up of permanent security posts. The need for fencing the premises was also highlighted to enhance overall security. The meeting focussed

on improvements on last year's practices and fine-tuning strategies based on past experiences. The Deputy Commissioner emphasised that this year's arrangements must be more robust, with enhanced facilities and better coordination among all departments involved. "Learning from last year's experience, this review will help us improve and anticipate the needs of the pilgrims more effectively," he stated. The Power Development Department was directed to prioritise the installation of lighting fixtures to ensure adequate illumination in the premises. Suggestions from the

security agencies were taken into consideration to strengthen the safety infrastructure. Further, the meeting addressed the operational readiness of ticketing counters, information kiosks and a fully functional Primary Health Centre to provide timely medical aid. The Fire and Emergency Services Department was instructed to conduct fire drills to assess and enhance emergency preparedness. Following the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the Yatri Niwas complex to personally review the arrangements being made on the ground.

## Sadhotra, Gupta pay obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Jagti Nagrota, prays for safe, dignify return of KPs to Valley

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NAGROTA, JUNE 3

Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretary and former minister JKNC, Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), along with senior party colleagues, today visited the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Nagrota and paid obeisance to Goddess Ragnya Devi, the presiding deity of Kashmiri Pandits, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. Both the senior leaders offered prayers at the holy shrine and prayed for lasting peace, prosperity, and communal harmony in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. They extended heartfelt greetings to the Kashmiri Pandit community on this sacred occasion and appreciated their unwavering faith and resilience. During their visit, the senior NC leaders interacted with members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who had gathered to mark the festival. They acknowledged their immense contribution to the cultural and spiritual



heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and assured them of the party's continued support. Both the leaders also fervently prayed for the safe, honourable, and dignified return of the displaced Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland in the Valley, stating that their return is essential for the restoration of Kashmir's pluralistic ethos. They reiterated that the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference,

under the leadership of Omar Abdullah, remains fully committed to ensuring justice, safety, and rehabilitation of the displaced community. They said the party envisions a peaceful Jammu and Kashmir where all communities live in harmony and dignity. "The path to lasting peace lies in inclusive governance and the restoration of the rights and dignity of all communities. Our commitment is unwavering, and our resolve is

strong," they affirmed. Prominent NC leaders accompanying him included: Bimla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik, Laxmi Datta, Satwant Kour Dogra, Abdul Gani Teli, Raghbir Singh Manhas, Naresh Bittu, Vikram Puri, Jatinder Bhat, Ashok Koul, Ashwani Charak, Rakesh Phalwan, Jatinder Bhagat, S. Jatinder Singh Lucky, Sardar Gimmy, Sewak Singh and other party functionaries.

## Gender Sensitisation program organised at Chak Malal

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A Gender Sensitisation and awareness program on government schemes and services was today organised at Chak Malal by the Mission Shakti District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM). The event was specially designed for Women Self-Help Group (SHG) members and adolescent girls, aiming to raise awareness about gender equality, women's rights and the importance of creating a gender-sensitive society. Through interactive sessions and group discussions, the participants were educated on issues such as gender stereotypes, domestic violence, legal rights and the role of women in decision-making, both at home and in the community. Officials from Mission Shakti highlighted the government's ongoing initiatives to empower women and encouraged SHG members to actively participate in awareness campaigns and community development activities. The program received an enthusiastic response from the attendees and reinforced the collective commitment toward building a more inclusive and equitable society.

## Helping needy is the greatest social service: Balbir Ram



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Helping those in need is the greatest service to humanity, said Balbir Ram Rattan, former Vice-Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes Development Corporation. In a meeting with Dr. Ramzan Hussain, Chairman, Anjuman-Ahle-Islam, Balbir appreciated the remarkable efforts of this registered social organization, for consistently working for the underprivileged in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that at a time when economic inequal-

ity is prevalent in society, various organisations have emerged as symbols of compassion and social upliftment. Such organizations have been at the forefront of many humanitarian efforts, especially in providing financial aid during the weddings of poor girls, distributing books and stationery to students who cannot afford them. Balbir Ram Rattan stated that these contributions reflect deep commitment to nurturing the next generation and empowering them through education. There are many organisations which also actively participates in resolving family disputes, helping to

maintain peace and harmony in society. Their work in mediating and resolving domestic issues is commendable and highlights their dedication to holistic social welfare. Reiterating his commitment to serving humanity, Dr. Ramzan Hussain said, "We believe that even a small good deed can ripple out and bring change in society." He added that their aim is to reach every person in need, regardless of religion, caste, or background. Prominent Scheduled Caste social activists Vijay Anand Gill, Hans Raj Loria, and Adarsh Jethiyar, who accompanied Balbir, also praised the work of the organization.

## Central Sanskrit University and IIT Hyderabad sign MoU for the Preservation of Sanskrit Language and Indian Knowledge Traditions

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In a significant step towards bridging India's ancient knowledge systems with modern scientific and technological frameworks, the Central Sanskrit University and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad have signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday. This partnership aims not only to preserve the Sanskrit language but also to integrate it with contemporary fields such as technology, science, and research.

Under the terms of the MoU, both institutions will collaborate on joint research initiatives, academic exchange, technical training, and modern skill

development. This alliance seeks to create a vital link between traditional Indian knowledge and present-day scientific innovation.

The MoU was signed during a formal meeting attended by key dignitaries including Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IIT Hyderabad, Prof. Mohan Raghavan, and Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University. Both institutions discussed a forward-looking action plan which includes Sanskrit-based curriculum development, joint workshops, and collaborative research projects.

Coinciding with this MoU, a 21-day Summer School Program was also launched, offering participants training in a wide range of contempo-

rary subjects. Key areas of training include research enhancement, problem-based learning, technical writing, project-based research, coding and digital media technology, scientific communication, as well as life and leadership skills.

A major focus of the program is personality development and leadership building. Through specialized sessions, participants are being trained in essential life skills such as team building, communication, and time management—preparing them not just as scholars but as future leaders.

This innovative confluence of Sanskrit and technology stands as a testament to the ongoing relevance and utility of India's

ancient languages and intellectual traditions in the modern era. The initiative by a premier technical institute like IIT to explore Sanskrit from a scientific perspective is being hailed as a breakthrough in the education sector.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Varakhedi remarked, "This MoU is a historic step in reviving India's knowledge heritage. We see Sanskrit not merely as a language, but as a carrier of science, philosophy, and culture." Under this collaboration, future initiatives include the development of technical vocabulary in Sanskrit, AI-based analysis of Sanskrit texts, creation of digital learning content, and the organization of cultural and scientific conferences.

## Pandit Bhajan Sopori Day held in New Delhi

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The capital witnessed a historic and emotionally resonant celebration of music on the occasion of Pandit Bhajan Sopori Day, observed on June 2, the Nirvana Divas of the legendary Saint - Music Legend Pandit Bhajan Sopori, revered as the "Saint of Santoor" and the "King of Strings." The event, held at Jhanekar Hall, New Delhi, was marked by Hazri performances of a galaxy of musicians of India, bringing together the rich tapestry of India's musical heritage in a unique gathering featuring just the music fraternity.

The event saw heartfelt performances and offerings by musicians of all age groups like Pandit Ramkumar Mishra, Ustad Akram Khan, Ustad Rafiuddin Sabri, Anand Mishra, Zargam Khan, Rudraksh Srivastav (Tabla Solo), Pt. Chetan Joshi, Anjanaye Joshi, Krishna Prasanna, Raag Yaman (Flute), Vidushi Sudha Raghuraman (Carnatic Vocal), Ustad Murad Ali, Gauri Banerjee (Saranggi), Rajkumar Majumdar (Santoor), Prabhat Kumar (Sardod), S. Shridhar, Shubham Sarkar (Violin), Avinash Kumar, Rindhana Rahasya, Ghulam Hasan, Swati Tiwari, Nitin Sharma, Tanushree Kashyap (Vocal), Vignesh Jairaman (Mridangam), Pandit Shubh Maharaj, Pandit Pradip Sarkar, Sachin Sharma, Sagar Gujrati, Saptak Sharma, Manoj



Shrivastav, Chanchal Singh, Ujjith Uday, Balram Sisodia (Tabla accompaniment), Zakir Dholpuri, Ujjwal Kumar (Harmonium accompaniment), Shambhu Sisodia (Saranggi accompaniment) and many others.

The musical homage lasted over eight hours, an extraordinary and rare occurrence in today's musical landscape especially Delhi NCR. Esteemed artists from across generations and genres participated in this soulful tribute, including stalwarts such as Vidushi Shanno Khurana, Pandit Sajjan Mishra, Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas, Dr. Suneera Kasliwal, Vidushi Sumitra Mahajan, Pandit Rajnish Mishra, Ustad Mohsin Khan, Pandit Ajay P Jha, Ustad Akhtar Hasan, Ustad Asghar Hussain, Guru Pratibha Prahlad, Ragini Mahraj, Shivan Venma, Swaransh Mishra, Adnan Khan, Rishi Shankar Upadhyay, Shubhashish Pakhak, Zuheeb Khan, Parveen Sethi, Aman

Nath, Yesudas BC, Director Doordarshan Sh. Sathish Nambodiripad, Anita Singh, Ranjana Narayan, Sadhna Shrivastav, Shailaja Khanna, Bharti Dhinra, Media personalities and others including members of Sopori family like Dr. Aparna Sopori, Pt. Abhay Rustum Sopori, Sohrab Sopori, Soumil Sopori and Soham Sopori, Ravindra Sharma and Disciples of Sopori Sufiana Gharan of Kashmir, Pandit Bhajan Sopori and Pt. Abhay Rustum Sopori like Usha Kher, Divyansh Srivastava, Anoushka Majumdar, Poushali Dutta, Akash Daniel, Abeer Tikoo, amongst others.

The musical fraternity, deeply moved by the occasion, described it as a rare coming together of senior and young musicians from Delhi and beyond. Pandit Ram Kumar Mishra, the eminent Tabla maestro, remarked, "This is perhaps the first time in over 50-60 years that Delhi NCR has witnessed such a grand music session featuring the entire fraternity, truly a rare

and historic moment in Indian music." Throughout the evening, musicians offered floral and musical tributes, invoking the divine presence of Pandit Bhajan Sopori and recalling his monumental contributions not just to music, but to humanity. Pandit Vijay Shankar Mishra noted, "Pandit Bhajan Sopori ji was not only a musical genius who gave Santoor the stature of a complete Indian classical solo instrument and to have composed over 8,000 to 10,000 songs in various languages, but also a great humanitarian who provided a platform for countless musicians across generations and relentlessly promoted classical, folk, and light music throughout the country." Maestro Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori, son and musical successor of Pt. Bhajan Sopori, expressed his heartfelt gratitude saying that the day has become truly memorable because of every musician and thanked everyone for their presence, their music, and love.

## Subash Shastri demands appointment of 8th Pay Commission and Members

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National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) president, Subash Shastri today urged upon the Prime Minister to immediately appoint Chairman and other members of 8th Pay Commission, constitution of which was approved by the Union Cabinet recently and announcement in this regard should be made at the earliest so that the uncertainty among the employees and pensioners on this vital issue could come to an end.

"Since the due date for implementation of 8th Pay

Commission is 1st January 2026, it is hoped that the Commission will complete its report within the given time frame, so that the benefits of 8th Pay Commission could reach the beneficiaries from January 2026," Shastri added.

Addressing a meeting of NMC workers, Shastri said that notification for the appointment of Chairman and other member of the 8th Pay Commission is need of the hour.

Referring to the 7th Central Pay Commission recommendations implemented in 2016, Shastri highlighted the provision to

merge 50 per cent DA into basic pay or pension once DA crosses 50 per cent.

"With DA now at 55 per cent, we request the Government to merge 50 per cent DA into basic pay or pension," he added.

The NMC leader also demanded 20 per cent interim relief for Centre and State Government employees and pensioners till the implementation of the 8th Pay Commission.

Shastri stressed on the need to immediately restore Old Pension Scheme (OPS) as a confidence building measure because many States have done this. Release of 18 months' pending DA

arrears and regularization of daily wagers who have completed seven years of service in March, 2024 remained other demands, along with the demand of hike in monthly emoluments to Rs 18,000 and enhancement of Medical allowance to Rs. 1000 per month on the pattern of Ladakh beside issuance of order of 2 per cent DA in favour of JKUT employees and pensioners.

Rajan Babu, BS Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ram Singh, Ramesh Sharma, Anil Gupta Vinod Kumar Daljit Singh Chaman Lal, Birbal, and others were also present in the meeting.

## JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PWD(R&B) JMC DIVISION JAMMU

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e-NIT No. PWD(R&B)DIV/JMC/02 of 2025-26 Dated:- 02-06-2025

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, The Executive Engineer, PWD(R&B) Division JMC Jammu invites Percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/ Central Govt. for each of following works are as under:-

Sr. No	Name of work	Advertised Amount (In lacs)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	EMD 2 %	Class of contractor	Time of completion (In Days)
1.	Upgradation of Laneby way of Central Drain and 80mm Paver Tile near H.No 81 Sec-D ward No 74 Jammu	07.38	600.00	2% of advt. cost	"A", "B", "C" & "D"	90DAYS

- Position of AAA : Accorded
- Position of T.S : Sanctioned
- Major Head : OwnResources2025-26
- JMC Division : Ex. Engineer PWD(R&B) JMC DIVISION JAMMU

- The Complete bidding process will be online.
- The bids can be uploaded in electronic format on the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The Bidding documents consists of :-
  - Qualification information;
  - Eligibility criteria;
  - Specifications;
  - Bill of quantities (BoQ);
  - Set of terms and conditions of contract; and other details can be seen/ downloaded from department web site <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule.

S.No	Sequence of Activities	Date and Time
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	02-06-2025
2	Bid submission start date	02-06-2025
3	Bid submission End date	21-06-2025 upto 16:00 Hrs
4	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid (Online)	22-06-2025 at 12:00 Hrs in the Office of Ex. Engineer PWD(R&B) JMC Division Jammu
5	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid (Online)	To be notified after Technical Evaluation is completed.

- Documents required to be uploaded online for Technical Bid:
- (Note: Non-Submission of any of the below mentioned required document's Online shall rendered the bidder as Non-responsive and his financial bid shall be out rightly rejected)
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copy of all the necessary document's mentioned in the e-NIT and S.B.D as a part of Technical Bids:-
- Note: - all the documents Scanned on 100 dpi with black and white options.
- 1. Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to PWD(R&B) Division Jammu Municipal Corporation Jammu/tender fee receipt mentioning the eNIT No. & Serial No. of the work through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>. (Note: The date of challan should must be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date. The Bid fee of old e.NIT of the same work if not opened shall also be considered)
- 2. Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in shape CDR/FDR/BG pledged to PWD(R&B) Division JAMMU Municipal Corporation Jammu, @ 2% of Advertised Cost of Work.
- (Note: The date of issuance of E.M.D (in any of above three forms) should must be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date).
- 3. GSTIN Registration/online latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the preceding Month/quarter to the issued of NIT i.e. if the bidder have opted for QRMP scheme under GST then GSTR-3B for quarter ended January to March 2025 (2024-25) is to be uploaded and if the bidder have not opted for QRMP scheme under GST, then GSTR-3B for the month of April, 2025 is to be uploaded.
- 4. Scanned Copy of PAN Card
- 5. Copy of Renewal Registration certificate of Contractor/ Firm for the current Financial year 2025-26 upto 31st March 2026.
- 6. Scanned Copy of duly filled Annexure "A", "B" & "C"
- 7. Mentioned the Name of Work and NIT NO. And Date of Annexure "A".
- 8. Income Tax Return copy for the Assessment Year 2024-25.
- Note: Non-submission of any of the above documents online shall render the bidder as non-responsive and his financial bid shall not be opened.

No.: PWD(R&B)/JMC/919-928  
Dt: 02-06-2025.

DIP/J-733-P/25  
Date: 3-6-25

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer PWD(R&B)  
JMC Division Jammu



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 24 of 2025-26 Dated 02.06.2025

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1.	Repair/ renovation of lodgement centres.	2.00	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	15 Days	"D-Class"	"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025"
2.	Renovation of passenger sheds and installation of steel chair and canopies	8.00	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	15 Days	"C/D Class"	"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025"

Position of AAA:- Accorded  
Position of T.S:- Accorded  
Position of Funds:- Partially available

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02-06-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 02-06-2025 to 09-06-2025, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	05-06-2025 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur.
4	Bid submission Start Date	03-06-2025 from 900 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	09-06-2025 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	10-06-2025 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur as mentioned in the bid documents. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.

No:-  
Dated:- 02-06-2025

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Udhampur

DIP/J-1746/25  
Date: 3-6-25

## Indian Army distributes Solar Street Lights for Gujjar, Bakarwals at Kulhand, Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA: 03 JUN 2025

In a remarkable gesture of services and solidarity, the Indian Army at Doda, under the noble banner of Operation Sadhbhavana and Operation Roshni, has installed Solar Street Lights in the remote and picturesque villages of Kulhand. This visionary initiative seeks to uplift the lives of the local populace, particularly the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, by addressing the long standing void of basic illumination infrastructure in high altitude and inaccessible areas. The solar lights, a beacon of progress, are not merely functional additions they are symbols of empowerment, safety and hope. The event witnessed the gracious presence of community and local leaders, member of the media and distinguished civil dignitaries, who bore witness to this milestone in grass-roots development. 180 locals including Gujjar & Bakarwals attended



the event. In addition, 11 Media Persons and 09 civil dignitaries also took part in the said event. With steadfast dedication, the Indian Army continues to champion the cause of community upliftment across the region.

The installation of Solar Street Lights is yet another radiant chapter in the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to deliver essential services and foster inclusive growth. It marks a luminous step toward realising the shared aspirations of the people, ensuring that no village remains in the shadows of neglect. By forging a deeper bond between the defenders of the nation and the citizens they serve, this initiative highlights the Indian Army's role not just as

guardians of the border but as torchbearers of social transformation. The response from the local residents was one of heartfelt gratitude and overwhelming joy. For the Gujjars and Bakarwals, long beleaguered by infrastructural neglect, this project brought a renewed sense of dignity and security. The warm glow of solar lights now gracing their villages is more than illumination; it is a harbinger of change, unity, and progress. Inspired by this meaningful gesture, the local communities have expressed their eagerness to collaborate with the Indian Army in further developmental endeavours, united by a shared dream of a brighter, self-reliant future.

## Potholes pose daily threat in Kachi Chawni, locals blame Jal Shakti Department for Negligence

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

Residents and commuters in Jammu's Kachi Chawni area are facing daily hazards due to large potholes and persistent water leakage at a critical road junction. Locals have squarely blamed the Jal Shakti Department for what they describe as persistent negligence and poorly executed repair work that has rendered the busy stretch virtually impassable and dangerously unsafe.

The affected area is part of a key thoroughfare leading towards the Raj Bhawan and Civil Secretariat, two of the most vital administrative hubs of the Union Territory. Despite its strategic importance, the road remains waterlogged, riddled with potholes, and marred by uneven, slushy patches. The situation has grown so dire that two-wheeler riders can often be seen losing control, particularly in the evenings when poor visibility compounds the risk.

"This is not just an inconvenience, it's an everyday danger," said Vijay Kumar Gupta, a local trader. "The Jal Shakti Department keeps dig-



ging and patching without proper oversight, and every time they leave, the road is in a worse condition than before."

"This road has become a trap," said Aryan Sharma, a college student who frequently uses the intersection. "It's slippery, full of hidden ditches, and there's no official present to manage or inspect the situation. Every time I cross, I'm worried something might happen."

According to residents, the leakage is caused by a burst or faulty pipeline, which the Jal Shakti Department has either failed to detect properly or repair effectively. Despite numerous complaints, there has been no long-term solution or adequate follow-up.

"It's shameful that such neglect is occurring in the heart of the city, just minutes away from the Raj Bhawan," said Pawan Verma, a recipient of the Jammu and Kashmir State Award and a National

Fellow of the Ministry of Culture, who resides in nearby Mubarak Mandi. "If this is the standard of accountability in the capital, what can people expect in far-flung or rural areas?"

Local civic bodies, residents, and concerned stakeholders are now demanding urgent remedial action. Their demands include a full and permanent repair of the leaking pipeline, complete resurfacing of the road, and active on-ground monitoring by teams from both the Jal Shakti Department and the Jammu Municipal Corporation. With the monsoon season just around the corner, residents fear the situation could deteriorate rapidly, turning the damaged stretch into a serious public safety hazard. As of now, the intersection continues to pose a significant risk to hundreds of daily commuters, with no official resolution in sight.

## Indian Army organizes Lecture cum Awareness on Drug Abuse for Local Youth at Ukhral, Ramban

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN: 03 JUN 2025

On the occasion of its ongoing community outreach initiatives, the Indian Army organised a Lecture-cum-Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse and Its Prevention at Govt Degree College, Ukhral, reaffirming its steadfast commitment to public welfare and youth empowerment. The campaign aimed to sensitize students and faculty about the grave menace of drug addiction and the collective responsibility of society to combat it. The event saw an encouraging participation of 62 students, 09 teachers and 20 locals, all eager to understand the perils associated with substance abuse and the ways to safeguard themselves and their peers.

The programme was conducted by the Indian

Army's experienced officers and medical professionals, who comprehensively addressed the causes, warning signs, health hazards, and social consequences of drug abuse. Special emphasis was laid on preventive strategies, the role of family and educational institutions, and the importance of early intervention and rehabilitation. The interactive nature of the session allowed students to voice their concerns and clarify doubts during an engaging Q&A segment, reflecting their keen interest and awareness of this critical social issue. The Indian Army has consistently been at the forefront of promoting health, education, and social awareness initiatives in Ukhral and neighbouring areas as part of its unwavering commitment to nation-building and community welfare.

## Terror sympathizers will be uprooted without mercy: Kavinder



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta has strongly supported the decision of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to dismiss three government employees with proven links to terror outfits. He said the bold move reflects the unflinching commitment of Modi government to rid Jammu and Kashmir of the terror ecosystem.

He stated that the dismissal of Malik Ishfaq Naseer, a police constable from Anantnag district; Ajaz Ahmed, a school teacher from Poonch district; and Waseem Ahmad Khan, a junior assistant at the Government Medical College, Srinagar, under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution, is a necessary step to safeguard national security and uphold the sanctity of government institutions.

"These individuals were not just sympathizers but active collaborators with terror outfits like Hizbul Mujahideen

and hostile foreign agencies. Their continued presence in government departments was a threat to national integrity," he asserted.

Commending LG Sinha's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, Kavinder emphasized that the ongoing crackdown is a part of a larger vision under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership to establish enduring peace and development in J&K. He said the Modi-led government is committed to eliminating every element that supports, funds, or facilitates terrorism in any form, and no compromise will be made when it comes to national interest.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that the Modi government has transformed Jammu and Kashmir's security landscape, cutting off financial and logistical support to terror outfits. "The government is determined to ensure peace, stability, and development in J&K. No one will be allowed to disrupt the progress we have achieved," he added.

## Balwant Thakur felicitates Pr Secy Culture, seeks excellence promotion in arts

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU 3RD JUNE, 2025

Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma was felicitated here this evening at Abhinav Theatre Jammu by Natrang Director Padamshiri Balwant Thakur who desired Department of Culture Government of J&K to promote excellence in local Arts in the larger interest of seeking national/international recognition and attention. He further sought J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to devise a vision ensuring strengthening and promoting excellence so the artists of J&K are able to generate demand of their artistic creations at the national and international levels. Referring to the contribution of Natrang in the last 42 years in bringing J&K on the national cultural landscape, he stressed for the strengthening of such initiatives and missions. On this occasion, Principal Secretary Department of Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma also honoured the star studded artists of Natrang Jammu for their mind-blowing acting and excellent technical stage handling of the play 'Sainyan Bhaye Kotwal'. He was joined by Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages Ms. Harvinder Kaur and Additional Secretary Ms. Sonali Arun Gupta.

Speaking on the occasion Brij Mohan Sharma appreciated the magnificent performance of the artists of Natrang and assured all the required help in strengthening such endeavours aimed at producing high qual-



ity art works. He further informed that JAACAL has already started a weekly theatre series and appealed to all to come regularly and support this new theatre initiative of the Department of Culture. Earlier while proudly introducing to the audiences the President and Director of Natrang Padamshiri Balwant Thakur dwelt in detail about the paramount accomplishments of his artists. He informed that Anil Tickoo who played one of the lead roles in the play 'Sainyan Bhaye Kotwal' is the only actor from the UT of Jammu & Kashmir who has been honoured with the highest Indian honour in performing arts i.e., Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Acting in theatre. Fact remains that during the entire post-India Independence period no actor of J&K could ever achieve this rarest National distinction. Sanjeev Gupta who is Masters in Indian Theatre and National Yuva Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee played as Kotwal in 'Saiyan Bhaye Kotwal', Neeraj Kant who holds the credit of highest number of performances in Jammu

& Kashmir is coveted with the Award of National Fellow in theatre played as 'Raja'. The lead actress of the play Meenakshi Bhagat-an accomplished artist has won the National Scholarship in Acting from the Ministry of Culture Government of India played as Maina. Pankaj Sharma is the senior most comedy actor of J&K performed as Havaldaar. Subash, Jamwal-a multifaceted actor has appeared in significant roles in all the movies made in and on J&K performed as Pradhaan. Shivam Singh-a multi talented artist again is the National scholarship holder from Ministry of Culture Government of India played the role of Sakhya. The music director and lead-singer of the play Suraj Singh is the proud State Awardee who also holds the record of having won Mega Award of famous TV singing contest SAARE GAA MAA PAA. The off-stage team was also equally proficient. The Props and sets designer Pawan Verma is a State Awardee in addition to the winner of National fellowship. The stage coordinator Mohd. Yaseen is both a National Scholar and Fellow and the make-up artist was also a National scholarship holder.

This was perhaps the only show of Natrang which featured the most decorated artists and together they vibrated the jam packed Abhinav Theatre with their mesmerizing performances.

## JMC initiates action plan for desilting of nallahs, deep drains ahead of Monsoon

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 3

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has launched a comprehensive desilting action plan to clean stormwater drains and nallahs across all 75 wards in preparation for the upcoming monsoon season. The initiative is aimed at preventing flash floods and waterlogging that typically affect residents during heavy rains. The first phase of the desilting drive began on 15th March 2025 and will continue until 20th June 2025. This timeframe ensures that potential damage from the season's first rainfall is minimized. Special focus is being placed on vulnerable and low-lying areas throughout the Jammu region, which are particularly prone to flooding due to the accumulation of silt and solid waste in nallahs that lack proper design, shape, and slope.

There are over 140 nallahs and 105 deep drains in JMC Zones I, II, and III, requiring regular cleaning throughout the year. These nallahs extend up to 250 kilometers in length, while the deep drains cover an additional 600 kilometers. Localities such as Krishna Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Chand Nagar, Kabir Nagar, Govind Nagar, Vishal Nagar, Kabir Colony, Rajinder Nagar, Canal Road, Subash Nagar,



Rampura, Jeevan Nagar, Akalpur, Jewel Rotary, Nawabad Police Station, Valmiki Nagar, Gandhi Nagar (both lower and upper streams), Professor Chaman Lal Lane (lower and upper streams), 2nd Extension Gandhi Nagar near Arpit Plaza, Sanjay Nagar to Jeevan Nagar pulley, Gangyal Syphon, Channi Rama to JDA Complex in Trikuta Nagar, areas near the Judge House and Sai Palace in Trikuta Nagar, as well as Digiana and Nanak Nagar. Additionally, desilting in the major nallah of Sainik Colony is ongoing at a rapid pace.

Jammu Municipal Corporation remains fully committed to completing all desilting activities well before the onset of monsoon. The Corporation will continue to closely monitor all vulnerable points and maintain a rigorous oversight mechanism to ensure that the city's drainage infrastructure remains functional and effective, safeguarding public life and property from monsoon-related challenges.

Desilting work has already been completed in many key and vulnerable areas, including Paloura Cyphon, AG Office, Shakti Nagar Cyphon, Ambika Vihar in Kabir Colony,

## Div Com Jammu reviews progress of Smart City Projects

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 03

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, who is also Chairman Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the to-date progress of different JSCL development projects being executed

in different parts of the city of temples.

The development projects being implemented in Jammu city include city beautification, smart urban mobility and upgradation of other public facilities.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu,

CEO JSCL, SSP Jammu, Chief Engineers of PWD, JPDCL, I&FC and other concerned.

The Divisional commissioner inquired about the physical and financial progress of each mega project, besides other ongoing works and issued necessary directions.



The Div Com conducted a detailed review of the progress of work on Tawi River Front Development project and channelization of adjoining sewerage drains to Sewerage treatment Plant.

Other major projects reviewed included Waste to Wonder Park,

High Street Development Residency road, Canal road to Talab Tillo street development, Heritage Conservation and Development works, development of Junctions and rotaries, Development of Gummat Bazaar, construction/upgradation of Landoi choi nallah in Nanak Nagar. The Divi-

sional Commissioner emphasized timely project completion, resolving implementation bottlenecks, and improving coordination among departments.

Later, the meeting also discussed arrangements for conducting Tawi Aarti on the left bank of the Tawi river front.

## Sakeena Itoo visits Pampore Constituency; reviews functioning of key health, education facilities

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
PAMPORE, JUNE 03

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an extensive tour of the Pampore Constituency to take stock of functioning of vital public utilities like PHC Kakapora, SDH Pampore and Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore and also review the progress of ongoing developmental projects in the Constituency.

MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Rajpora, Ghulam Mohi Uddin Mir; Directors of Social Welfare, School Education, Health, Colleges, Family Welfare and Ayush, senior officers of district administration and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

During her visit to PHC Kakapora, Minister Sakeena conducted detailed inspection of the infrastructure, staffing and availability of essen-



tial medical services at the hospital. She interacted with the healthcare staff and patients.

At PHC Kakapora, the Minister also reviewed the progress on ongoing works at under-construction building of the Primary Health Centre (PHC). She directed the executing agency to expedite the construction works and ensure timely completion of the facility within stipulated time frame. She also interacted with the general public and listened to their demands and grievances.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to strengthening the health infrastructure

across the Union Territory. She highlighted several welfare initiatives rolled out in recent months, including free bus service for women, enhancement in marriage assistance schemes and provision of free electricity units to AAY families, aimed at providing relief and support to the underprivileged sections of society.

The Minister later visited the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Pampore and inaugurated a Dialysis Unit, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the local populace.

Speaking on the occasion, she emphasized that the facility will greatly benefit patients suffering from chronic kidney ail-

ments, who previously had to travel long distances for dialysis treatment.

At Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore, Minister Sakeena took detailed inspection of the academic and infrastructural facilities of the institution.

On the occasion, Minister Sakeena launched "Shakh-e-Zafran", a biannual newsletter of the college, aimed at documenting academic and extracurricular achievements of college.

Later on, the Minister also convened a high-level meeting with senior officers of district administration.

During the meeting, Minister Sakeena reviewed the progress of flagship programmes and directed officials to ensure effective convergence of schemes, especially those under RDD and social welfare, with allied departments for maximum impact.

She also reviewed the progress of key sectors like Jal Shakti, R&B, Agri-

culture and other departments.

While reviewing the progress of social welfare schemes in the district, Minister Sakeena directed officers to clear all pending applications of old age pension, widow pension and marriage assistance in a time-bound manner.

Stressing on infrastructural and aesthetic improvements, the Minister called for beautification of college premises, timely macadamization of college roads, strengthening of drainage systems, and swift completion of all under-construction projects of college.

While reviewing the arrangements for upcoming Eid-ul-Azha festival, the Minister laid special emphasis on ration distribution, availability of essential medicines and sanitation drives along religious places, urging officials to ensure that all arrangements are in place for smooth celebration of this grand festival.

## One month fruit Value addition training launched for GN Women College students



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 03

The Horticulture Department today launched one month training for students of Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar to acquaint them with fruit value addition skills.

Joint Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed inaugurated the training programme being conducted here at the Fruit Craft Centre, Chand Nagar.

The initiative aims to

upskill the students on the preparation of value-added horticultural products and promote entrepreneurship among the youth.

Addressing the students, the Joint Director highlighted the significance of value addition in horticulture, particularly in reducing post-harvest losses, improving product quality and extending shelf life. He elaborated various schemes and support mechanisms offered by the department to

youth aspiring to venture into food processing and value addition.

He emphasized that certification from the Fruit Craft Centre can empower students to launch their own startups in Food Processing and Product Marketing.

Also present on the occasion were Manager-Chef Sureshta Gour and other staff members of the Fruit Craft Centre, who will be facilitating the training sessions over the coming month.

## DDC reviews Mission YUVA implementation in Samba District

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, JUNE 03

District Development Commissioner Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to assess the working of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and Business Help Desks (BHDs) set up under Mission YUVA - a J&K government's initiative focused on encouraging entrepreneurship by providing financial support, mentorship and resources to aspirants.

The DC asked for launching a sustained Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign with the involvement of Yuva Doots and field functionaries to mobilize potential entrepreneurs and youth to set up small enterprises in rural areas.

## DRSC reviews implementation of Road Safety Plan in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, JUNE 03

The District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) was convened today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by SSP Sandeep Kumar Mehta, ADC Anil Kumar Thakur and ADC Bhaderwah (virtually), SEs of PMGSY, SDMs, ARTO, CMO, CEO, Dy.SP Traffic, EO Municipal Council, engineers from BRO and NHIDCL and representatives from Fire Services, SDRF, and NGOs.

The meeting focused on a comprehensive review of the execution of the road safety plan, progress on previous directives, and the implementation of new measures to enhance road safety across the district.



A range of critical issues were discussed including black spot identification and rectification, installation of crash barriers, proper road signage, enforcement of traffic norms, and inter-departmental coordination.

The DC stressed the urgent need for coordination among NHIDCL, PWD (R&B), PMGSY, and BRO to ensure maintenance and up-gradation of roads in tourist-sensitive areas like Bhaderwah. He designated XEN PWD (R&B) as the nodal officer for overseeing progress

of work on Goha-Marmat road and instructed ADC Bhaderwah to coordinate with BRO for restoration of damaged stretches in the region.

The DC issued specific directions for the installation of speed control measures, rumble strips, retro-reflective signage, crash barriers (especially in rural and accident-prone areas), and proper pedestrian infrastructure. He emphasized timely repair of damaged crash barriers and called for immediate installation of black spot signage by NHIDCL.

Maintenance of vulnerable spots like road stretches at Khellani Nallah, Turangal and Bhagger was also stressed, with special attention on drainage system during the rainy season. The DC directed installation of fixed iron rods to restrict the entry of oversized vehicles over Turangal Bridge. Additionally, enforcement agencies were asked not to allow parking on bridges and to prevent unsafe vehicles from plying on public roads.

The SSP Doda highlighted the need for designating safe vehicle halts in danger zones. He directed Dy.SP Traffic to take measures to prevent wrong parking.

The DC further called for intensifying public awareness campaigns in both urban and rural areas, involving schools, colleges, and civil society organizations.

## Dy CM reviews progress on development works at J&K Resident Commission

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 03

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting regarding working of the Public Works Department (PWD) at the Jammu & Kashmir Resident Commission, New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by Additional Resident Commissioner, Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Executive Engineer (PWD), Manager 5-PRR, Manager CPGH and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Chief Minister took stock of the ongoing development works being undertaken by PWD under the jurisdiction of the Resident Commission.

The concerned officials briefed the Dy CM on the progress achieved both in terms of physical execution and financial performance.

The Dy CM was apprised that the upgradation work



of JK House, Chanakya-puri including creation of new reception area, sitting lounge and upgradation of furnishing items in the rooms has been completed. Besides, the top floor of C Block shall be upgraded with an estimated cost of Rs. 127 lakh and converted into VIP rooms for the senior official use soon, he was informed.

He was further informed that the renovation of J&K guest house in Amritsar by way of construction of

new boundary wall, gate, signage board, creation of ramp, external/internal painting of guest house was completed in the previous financial year. Besides, work on renovation of guest house by way of upgrading the 4 suites including kitchen, staff quarters and premises / lawns shall be taken up in the current financial year.

He was also informed that work for upgradation of HCM residence and LG residence at 5-PR road by

way of painting, polishing, furniture, furnishings, returfing of lawns, parking space for vehicles and other allied works has been completed. Likewise, construction of boundary wall at the land acquired for JK bhawan at Dwarka and Mumbai has also been completed.

The Deputy Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of the department and complimented the team for their dedicated work and effective implementation of infrastructure projects.

Emphasizing the importance of timely execution, he directed the officials to expedite the ongoing works, ensuring that all set targets are met within stipulated timelines.

The Deputy Chief Minister also directed the concerned officials to strictly adhere to norms and specifications in all construction and maintenance activities. He emphasized

the need for regular and meticulous inspections to ensure highest standards of quality in public works.

Additionally, the Dy CM instructed that the hospitality services in all Guest Houses of the J&K Resident Commission be enhanced and consistently maintained to offer guests a refined and welcoming experience, in keeping with the rich tradition of the warmth and hospitality of J&K.

The Deputy Chief Minister exhorted upon the officers and staff of the Resident Commission to act as ambassadors of Jammu & Kashmir, projecting a positive image of the Union Territory. He urged them to spread the message that J&K is a safe, welcoming and vibrant destination. He encouraged all to invite the tourists from across the country and the world to come and experience the beauty and hospitality of Jammu & Kashmir.

## Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

## Tribal Farmer scripts success story through Trout Farming

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Ghulam Mohammad, a tribal farmer from village Pahalgwara -Kishtwar has achieved remarkable success in trout farming.

Taking advantage of the support mechanism under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) with due help from the Fisheries Department, Ghulam Mohammad established a Trout Raceway unit. He got the idea of the project at a departmental awareness program held under "Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan."

"I applied for assistance under HADP and got the unit sanctioned with a 60% subsidy as provided to ST Category beneficiaries" he shared. The unit, costing Rs 5.50 lakh, has not only empowered Ghulam Mohammad but also provided employment to 2 other people.

Ghulam expects to produce 1000 Kg saleable fish in the first crop year, which is bound to boost his eco-



nomics. He plans to establish more such units in the future, leveraging his land and water resources.

He thanked the Fisheries Department Kishtwar for creating a lucrative income and employment

opportunity for people like him.

This success story showcases the impact of government schemes and departmental support in empowering farmers and promoting entrepreneurship.