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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 and continuous fever above 102°F
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or vomit
- Redness on the face

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

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## LG draws a line, says only Police under him, development domain of elected Govt

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, JUN 14

Drawing a line, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that only police come under his control while rest of the departments fall within the domain of the elected government.

Addressing the closing ceremony of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Khudwani in this South Kashmir District, LG Sinha, as per the news agency said that the progress of agriculture sector is must as huge population is dependent on this sector.

Responding to a set of demands from the farming community, including inclusion of horticulture under the Crop Insurance Scheme,



LG Sinha said, "You said, 'LG Sahab, I can give you are the police personnel. Rest – roads, water, power, agriculture – fall under the government's domain. I won't object to any development work initiated by the elected regime.'"

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The remark came in response to a statement of Minister Sakina Itoo. It was received with applause and appreciation for its candidness. "I have no objection if the elected government acts on your pleas. I stand with you." The LG said.

The event marked the conclusion of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, a nationwide initiative aimed at transforming India's agricultural sector.

LG Sinha called the mission a "transformative step toward building a resilient, modern, and

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## LG orders reopening of 16 tourist destinations in J&K



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
PAHALGAM, JUN 14

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday announced reopening of 16 tourist destinations across Jammu Kashmir, which were temporarily closed as precautionary measures after heinous Pahalgam terror attack on tourists on 22nd April.

Of these tourist spots and parks, 8 are in Jammu Division and 8 in Srinagar. Betab valley and Parks in Pahalgam Market, Verinag Garden, Kokernag Garden and Achabal Garden to be reopened from 17th June.

The Lieutenant Governor, according to the news agency said that the other tourist destinations being reopened include Badamwari Park, Duck Park, Taqdeer Park in Srinagar, Sarthal, Dhaggar in Kathua, Devi Pindi, Siyad Baba, Sula Park in Reasi, Guldanda and Jai valley in Doda and Panchari in Udhampur. Reopening will be in phase-wise manner, he added.

Pertinently, the KNO on Thursday had reported the administration is likely to take a final call soon on reopening the tourist destinations that were closed in Kashmir after

the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. Following the Pahalgam terror attack out of 87 tourist destinations the government had ordered closure of 48 places temporarily in April this year.

LG Sinha also met the delegation of Member of Legislative Assembly, DDC Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons, tour and travel operators, Ponywala association and hoteliers' associations at Pahalgam. He assured the delegation that restrictions on other tourist spots will be lifted after thorough security assessment.

The Lieutenant Governor exuded hope that the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra will help in reviving tourism in Kashmir. "I urge people to come forward and make the annual Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrimage successful. This Yatra is not just the responsibility of the administration or security forces, it is the people's Yatra. Everyone should feel proud to contribute to it," he said.

He said the security agencies have prepared a comprehensive security plan and urged the pilgrims to travel in the designated convoy.

The Lieutenant Governor said over the past few years,

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## FM Sitharaman begins Three-day visit to Leh



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
LEH, JUN 14

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman arrived in Leh on Saturday, marking the start of her three-day official visit to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

She was warmly received at Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport by Member of Parliament Haneefa Jan, Chief Secretary Pawan Kotwal, Chief Executive Councillor LAHDC Leh Adv Tashi Gyalson, DGP Dr SD Singh Jamwal, Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala, Deputy Commissioner Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Shruti Arora, along with senior BJP leaders and officials.

During her stay, the Finance Minister, as per the news agency will engage with officials from LAHDC Leh and the UT administration.

She is scheduled to inaugurate multiple developmental

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## LG visits Aadil's family, hands over job letter to his widow

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
PAHALGAM, JUN 14

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday visited the residence of Syed Aadil Hussain, a victim of the tragic April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, and handed over a government job appointment letter to his widow, Gulnaz Akhter.

Syed Aadil Hussain was among 26 civilians—mostly tourists—who lost their lives in April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Aadil, a local resident, was hailed for his selfless efforts to save tourists during the attack. Aadil tried to snatch the rifle of terrorists during the chaos, ultimately sacrificing his



own life in the process. He was also the family's sole breadwinner.

"The whole country is proud of the bravery of Aadil. The Govern-

ment job to martyr Aadil's wife symbolizes our deep gratitude to the brave civilian who sacrificed his life while protecting tourists at Pahalgam on 22nd April," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Speaking to reporters after the visit at Hapatnard, LG Manoj Sinha as per news agency said, "This visit is a solemn commitment. We had assured the family of all possible support, and today's step reflects our efforts to stand by them in this hour of grief."

He emphasized that the government has not only provided financial assistance through the Ministry of Home Affairs and J&K administration but also coordinated with

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## PM to attend G7 Summit in Canada on June 16-17, also visit Cyprus, Croatia

**AGENCIES**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 14

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave here on Sunday on a four-day three-nation visit to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia, primarily to attend the 51st G-7 Summit at Kananaskis in Canada on June 16-17.

This will be Prime Minister Modi's sixth consecutive participation in the G-7 Summit.

On the first leg of his tour, the

Prime Minister will pay an official visit to Cyprus on June 15-16 at the invitation of the President of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides. This will be the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over two decades.

While in Nicosia, the Prime Minister will hold talks with President Christodoulides and address business leaders in Limassol. "The visit will reaffirm the shared commitment of the two countries to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen India's



engagement with the Mediterranean region and the European Union," the

External Affairs Ministry announced here.

On the second leg of his visit, at the invitation of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Modi will travel to Kananaskis on June 16-17 to participate in the G-7 Summit.

At the summit, the Prime Minister will exchange views with leaders of G-7 countries, other invited outreach countries and heads of international organisations on crucial global issues, including energy

security, technology and innovation, particularly the AI-energy nexus and Quantum-related issues, the External Affairs Ministry said.

Prime Minister Modi will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit.

On the final leg of his tour, Modi will undertake an official visit to Croatia on June 18 at the invitation of his Croatian counterpart Andrej Plenković. This will be the first

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## J&K ACB traps cop in bribery case

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau on Saturday trapped one police head constable in a bribery case.

The ACB spokesman said that a complaint was received alleging therein that a public servant, namely Head Constable Roshan Din of Police Station Kathua, who is investigating the case, registered

at Police Station Kathua, demanded illegal gratification from the complainant on account of deleting and removing his name from the list of accused persons in the said case, even though he provided CCTV footage and attendance in the factor on the date of occurrence in order to prove his innocence.

The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 25,000 from the complainant for deleting his

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## DGP reviews Jammu base camp's security ahead of upcoming Amarnath Yatra

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 14

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat visited the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Saturday and chaired a high-level security review meeting ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra scheduled to commence early next



month, officials said.

Senior officers of the CRPF, police and intelligence agencies also attended the meeting and briefed the DGP about the arrangements being put in place for the pilgrims' safety and security, they said.

The officials said that the DGP went around the facility before

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## AAP's Mehraj Malik withdraws support to NC-led government

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 14



In a significant development, Mehraj Malik, the firebrand MLA from Doda and the sole MLA of the Aam Aadmi Party in J&K on Saturday announced withdrawal of

support to NC-led government.

The firebrand legislator took to X, formerly known as Twitter, to announce his withdrawal of support from the ruling National Conference-led coalition.

"I, Mehraj Malik, MLA from Doda, hereby withdraw my support to NC in the government coalition. This decision has been taken in the best interest of my people of Jammu and Kashmir, whose trust and welfare will always be my top priority," the legislator posted, as per news agency.

While Malik's exit does not threaten the government's majority—the ruling coalition still

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## CS bats for seamless synergy for achieving tail end irrigation

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

In a pivotal meeting, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today convened a high-level meeting to assess the proactive measures undertaken by the Jal Shakti Department (JSD) aimed at ensuring comprehensive irrigation coverage for every field across the Union Territory and fortifying defences against the recurring flood threats.

The meeting besides ACS, JSD was attended by Secretary, RDD; CEO, JSCL; Chief Engineers/SEs of t&FC



along with other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the critical need for seamless coordination among the Jal Shakti Department, Agriculture Production Department and the district administrations. This collaborative synergy, he highlighted, is paramount to amplify the impact of flagship schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), ensuring that irrigation facilities translate into tangible benefits for the farmers at the grassroots level.

He further articulated that the efficacy of major and minor irriga-

tion projects must be reinforced by the simultaneous development of their command areas, ensuring that these vital schemes fully achieve their intended purpose.

To facilitate the robust implementation of district irrigation plans, the Chief Secretary strongly encouraged the optimal utilization of relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and other available programs.

Addressing the pressing issue of flood management, Dulloo enjoined upon the concerned authorities to significantly accelerate the

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## DLSA Srinagar observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, Saturday observed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with deep commitment and compassion towards the elderly members of society.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, Department of Social Welfare Srinagar, and Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Headquarters Delhi JK UT (NGO), a day ahead of the globally recognized date of 15th June to accommodate greater participation and ensure timely outreach to senior citizens.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arif, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and under the close supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman,



Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

In his address, Shabir Mujahid, former Director of Doordarshan and member of Ahata Waqar, applauded the collaborative efforts of DLSA Srinagar and other stakeholders. He highlighted the pressing need for such initiatives that address the concerns of senior citizens and promote respect, dignity, and protection for the elderly.

Abdul Gani Parray, Chairman of the Senior Citizen Council, passionately addressed the gathering and urged the community to uphold the values of care and compassion towards elder persons.

Tehsil Social Welfare Officer (South) also spoke on the occasion and elaborated on the various welfare schemes and support systems available for the senior citizen population. Dr. Mushtaq Maqbool,

a noted psychiatrist, sensitively discussed the mental health issues faced by elderly individuals and emphasized the importance of timely psychiatric support and emotional care.

One of the key highlights of the event was the organization of a Free Medical Camp, where elderly participants received general health check-ups, physiotherapy sessions, and medical consultations. This initiative aimed to ensure that the elderly continue to receive accessible and essential healthcare services.

Urba Rashid and Sehar Nazir, Legal Aid Defense Counsels of DLSA Srinagar also addressed the audience, emphasizing the significance of observing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. They raised awareness about the availability of legal aid services for senior citizens and

explained the functioning of the NALSA Helpline 15100, a toll-free number that provides free legal aid assistance across the country.

Other members of Ahata Waqar also expressed their views and shared personal experiences, adding depth and emotion to the overall event.

In addition to this programme, a special awareness programme was also conducted by Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar at Faqir Gujri, Srinagar to sensitize the local community about the issues of elder abuse, rights of senior citizens, and the availability of free legal aid.

Volunteers engaged with the elderly and their families, distributed informational pamphlets, and encouraged them to approach legal services institutions for support whenever needed.

## STD cracks down on defaulting Taxpayers availing fake, ineligible Input tax credit

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

In a major enforcement action against tax evasion, Jammu and Kashmir State Taxes Department (STD) conducted simultaneous search and seizure operations at multiple locations across Jammu division.

During the enforcement actions, the department targeted malpractices like Invoice Trading Without Supply (issuance of invoices without the actual supply of goods or services, falsely inflating transactions to claim ITC), Fake E-Way Bills with No Toll Record Movement (Generation of fraudulent E-Way Bills showing no corresponding vehicle movement on toll records), Fake E-Way Bills Reflecting Movement Outside J&K (Creation of E-Way Bills indicating vehicle movement in other

states, despite no activity within the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir) and Availing Fake Input Tax Credit (Unlawful claims of ITC based on fabricated documents and transactions).

This large-scale crackdown was carried out under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes J&K, P. K. Bhat and supervised by Additional Commissioner Enforcement and Administration Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

Earlier, 13 enforcement teams were deployed across the region to verify business records, scrutinise bill books, assess physical stock positions and detect any discrepancies in compliance with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) law.

This initiative underscores the Department's commitment to fostering a transparent and equi-

table tax ecosystem in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. During the drive on-site verifications, document scrutiny, and cross-referencing with toll and transaction records to detect discrepancies were held.

Speaking on this drive, Commissioner PK Bhat said, "This inspection drive is a proactive step to protect public revenue and ensure fair practices among taxpayers. We are committed to taking stringent action against those found violating tax laws while supporting honest businesses."

The State Taxes Department urges all taxpayers to maintain accurate records and comply with GST norms to avoid penalties and legal action. Citizens and businesses are encouraged to report any suspected tax evasion through the Department's official channels.

## DLSA Bandipora organizes Fire Safety Awareness programme

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BANDIPORA, JUNE 14

To prevent fires and other accidents, protect people and property and ensure a safe environment, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora in coordination with Tehsil Legal Services Committee, Bandipora and in collaboration with Fire and Emergency Services Command Bandipora and District Bar Association Bandipora today organized a comprehensive Fire Safety Awareness Programme at District Court Complex Bandipora.

The awareness programme was held under the supervision of Khalil Ahmad Choudhary, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District and Sessions Judge) Bandipora and guidance of Amandeep Singh, Chairman TLSC (Munsiff/JMIC) Bandipora at the premises of District Court Complex Bandipora.

The programme was attended by Iqbal Ahmad Akhoo, Chief Judicial Magistrate Bandipora; Amandeep Singh, Chairman TLSC (Munsiff/JMIC) Bandipora; Sofi Feroz, President Bar Association along with Executive Body, official from District Court Bandipora, officials from Prosecution Section and DLSA Bandipora besides PLVs from DLSA Bandipora.



The primary objective of the programme was to sensitize the public on the importance of fire safety measures, preventive practices, and appropriate response mechanisms in the event of a fire emergency.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Bandipora highlighted the significance of community awareness in preventing fire-related incidents and minimizing loss of life and property. Undersigned emphasized that fire safety is not just a departmental responsibility but a collective obligation of every citizen.

Ashaq Ahmad Bhat, Officer from Fire and Emergency department Bandipora conducted live demonstrations on the use of fire extinguishers, evacuation techniques, and first response actions

during fire incidents. He also educated the participants about common fire hazards at homes, workplaces, and public spaces, and advised on best practices for maintaining fire safety standards.

The programme also covered legal provisions related to fire safety under various acts and regulations, aiming to make citizens aware of their legal rights and duties concerning safety compliance.

The event concluded with an interactive session where participants raised queries and received expert advice on fire prevention and legal remedies available in case of fire-related damages.

DLSA Bandipora reiterated its commitment to continue organizing such awareness programmes in future to build a safer, well-informed, and legally empowered community.

## MC Baramulla establishes 05 dedicated parking facilities to ease traffic congestion in B'la Town

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JUNE 14

In an effort to address urban traffic congestion and streamline vehicular movement, Municipal Council (MC) Baramulla has developed and macadamised five dedicated parking areas across the town during the year 2024-25.

These facilities have been set up at Parking near Noor-ul-Huda Market, Parking facility in front of Government Women's College, Parking in front of Town Square Shopping Complex, Parking near Irrigation and Flood Control Department and Dedicated Space for Sumos at Azad Gunj, with a combined capacity to accommodate around 650 vehicles, mark a crucial step towards enhancing urban mobility and providing structured parking solutions for both resi-

dents and visitors.

These parking areas open to the public use, have been developed at strategic locations in the town to ease the mounting pressure on existing roads and reduce the practice of haphazard roadside parking.

Moreover, to further address the parking issue, authorities are actively exploring a multi-level car parking project under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. This project is envisioned to accommodate at least 1,500 vehicles in a vertical format, optimizing land use and significantly transforming urban mobility. In parallel, MC authorities are also in the process of identifying land for another ground-level parking facility near Main Chowk, one of the town's busiest junctions, to ensure smoother movement and ease of access.

Deputy Commissioner

(DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, highlighted the development as a well-planned and timely intervention to deal with the town's increasing traffic challenges and noted that the establishment of these dedicated parking zones will go a long way in relieving congestion.

Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Baramulla, Naveed Aijaz Khan, underscored the long-term benefits of the project, pointing out that the newly created parking spaces cater to the growing volume of vehicles in the town while also improving pedestrian safety and overall traffic management.

Meanwhile, administration has appealed to the public to make effective use of these spaces and cooperate in the broader mission of creating a clean, organized and commuter-friendly Baramulla.

## World Blood Donor Day observed at GMC Kathua



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, JUNE 14

To mark World Blood Donor Day, the District Red Cross Society (DRCS), in collaboration with the Blood Transfusion Department of Government Medical College Kathua, organized a Blood Donation Camp.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Vishavjeet Singh inaugurated the camp amid encouraging participation. Over 40 units of blood were donated by volunteers across permissible age groups. The initiative received active support from doctors and paramedi-

cal staff of the Medical College. The NCC cadets from Government Degree College assisted in managing the camp.

Addressing the gathering, the ADC described blood donation as a noble and selfless act that can save countless lives. "Donating blood is one of the most powerful ways to help someone in need. There is no substitute for human blood—it is truly a gift of life," he said.

At the end, appreciation certificates were presented to the volunteer donors by the ADC as a token of gratitude for their life-saving contribution.

## Kashmir Timber Association calls on Forest Minister, suggests regulatory reforms

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

A delegation of Kashmir Timber Association today met Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana and discussed their concerns regarding the timber trade regulations and forest compliance in Kashmir.

The association emphasized the need for uniform policy implementation across Jammu and Kashmir, citing alleged inconsistent practices as a major hindrance to the sector's growth.

Key issues raised included inadequate technical infrastructure at checkpoints, complex licensing procedures, inconsistent E-way bill issuance, and outdated equipment.



The Minister assured the delegation of the government's commitment towards supporting the sector and carefully considering their suggestions to enhance transparency, uniformity and trader-friendliness.

The Minister highlighted the importance of balancing timber supply and forest conservation, enforcing a robust legal framework, monitoring systems and accountability measures to oversee timber trade and prevent

forest damage.

He emphasized the vital role of forests in sustaining livelihoods and assured the delegation of the Government's commitment to creating a conducive environment for the timber trade sector. He said Government is willing to collaborate with the stakeholders to promote the growth and development of the timber trade sector in Jammu and Kashmir while ensuring community-driven forest conservation and management.

## Providing basic amenities at doorsteps is government's top priority: Dy CM

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, JUNE 14

In a significant outreach initiative aimed at addressing the public grievances and ensuring welfare of the citizens in border areas, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today conducted a public darbar at Kalasara, one of the remotest villages of Nowshera division.

During the visit, the local residents apprised the Deputy Chief Minister of various issues mainly pertaining to road connectivity, water scarcity, unscheduled power cuts, healthcare facilities, bunkers, compensation, shortages teachers, veterinary doctor and other developmental issues.

The Deputy Chief Minister issued on the spot directions to the concerned officers for prompt redressal of issues raised by the people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dy CM reiterated the government's resolve to ensure equitable development across all regions, with a special focus on the welfare of border residents. He assured



that concerted efforts are being made to address the challenges faced by the people, improving their living standards.

He reaffirmed the gov-

ernment's commitment to well-being of the border population. He emphasized that providing basic amenities at the doorsteps of the people is among top

priorities of the government. Later, the Deputy Chief Minister paid a surprise visit to Maternity and Child Hospital Nowshera and inspected the progress on development works being executed there.

During the inspection, the Dy CM stressed on timely delivery of the project while maintaining set quality parameters. He said that this project, after completion, will significantly strengthen the maternal and child health services in the area.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by ADC Sunderbani, Ramkesh Sharma; SE PWD (R&B); ACD, Auqil Nuavid; DDE, Mohd Nawaz Choudhary; DMO, Mohd Rafiq besides other district and sectoral officers.

## Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan: IEC activities continue across Kulgam

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KULGAM, JUNE 14

As part of the ongoing efforts under the Nasha Mukt Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA), a series of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are being conducted across the district Kulgam to raise awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free society.

District administration, in collaboration with various departments including the Health, Education, Social Welfare, and Police, has intensified the outreach programmes in schools, colleges, panchayats, and other public spaces.

Activities such as awareness rallies, poster-making competitions, counselling sessions, interactive workshops, and street plays are being carried out as part of the campaign.

These initiatives aim to sensitise the youth, parents, and community members about the dangers of substance abuse and encourage early intervention and community participation in the fight against drug addiction.

## Millet Awareness Campaign under NFSM held at Gulabgarh Padder

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, JUNE 14

A one-day Millet Awareness Campaign was conducted today at Gulabgarh Padder under the National Food Security Mission – Nutri-Cereals (NFSM) initiative. The program was hosted by Department of Agriculture to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets- the most nutritious, climate-resilient, and sustainable crops. The promotional campaign is a Government of India's initiative to promote millets as "Shree Anna."

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 500 local farmers, students, and stakeholders, making it a vibrant and impactful awareness drive. A huge rally of stu-



dents, farmers, and agricultural officials marched together holding placards to raise awareness on millet nutrition, food security, and sustainable agriculture.

The campaign was organized under the leadership of Chief Agricultural Officer Kushal Chandel whose meticulous planning and

coordination ensured its resounding success.

Support poured in from various departments including Education, Horticulture, Fisheries, and Sheep Husbandry, reflecting the interdepartmental commitment toward holistic rural development through millet promotion. During the technical

sessions, Dr. Narinder Paul, Head, KVK Kishtwar, shared detailed insights into the scientific package of practices for major potential millets suited to the region.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Padder Dheeraj Singh also addressed the gathering, emphasizing millet's role in food security and farmer income.

Several officials from the Agriculture Department were present and played key roles in the campaign's successful execution.

The event concluded with informative demonstrations, interactive discussions, and the distribution of educational materials highlighting the health benefits, economic advantages and best practices for millet cultivation.

## Indian Red Cross Society & DHS Shopian observe World Blood Donors Day



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, JUNE 14

In view of World Blood Donors Day, Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Shopian in collaboration with the District Hospital Shopian and Goodluck transport company organized a blood donation camp at District Hospital today.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and to express gratitude to regu-

lar blood donors for their life-saving contributions.

A total of 20 pints of blood were collected during the camp from voluntary donors, reflecting the community's strong commitment to humanitarian service and solidarity.

Medical professionals, volunteers and members of the Red Cross Society were present to support and ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the donation process.

Awareness sessions were

also held to educate the public about the benefits of regular blood donation and how one unit of blood can save multiple lives.

Indian Red Cross Society, Shopian extended gratitude to all the donors, hospital staff and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. The Society reiterates its commitment to promoting voluntary blood donation and ensuring timely availability of safe blood for those in need.

## Power Shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out the work of erection of 13 mtr long ST Poles of 33 KV Budgam SIDCO Tap line for 2x1.6 MVA ESIC Hospital opposite NIFT Ompora SIDCO site, shutdown of 33 KV Budgam SIDCO Tap line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at SIDCO, Railway Station Budgam shall remain off while power supply to Ompora, Housing Colony, NIFT and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 16 June, 2025.

## Mission YUVA Entrepreneurship mela held at Doda

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JUNE 14

The Directorate of Employment Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda on Saturday organised a Mission YUVA Entrepreneurship Mela here in the Community Hall.

The event drew overwhelming participation from hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators and job seekers from across the district. An exhibition of startup models, prototypes and innovative Business ideas presented by young aspirants was the spotlight of the event.

The day-long fair, inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh – as the chief guest. The Mela provided a powerful platform to nearly 500 participants to explore new opportunities, connect with financial institutions and learn from industry experts.

The event was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadrawah Sunil Bhutyal; Additional Commissioner



Revenue Ashraf Pervez; and other government functionaries.

The Deputy Commissioner applauded the creativity, enthusiasm, and forward-thinking exhibited by the young innovator. He described the Mela as much more than just an exhibition – describing it as a gateway to numerous self-employment schemes and incentives available under Mission YUVA, HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Programme), and related initiatives. He encouraged the youth to make the most of these opportuni-

ties and assured them of continued support from the administration.

The DC announced the establishment of a Self-Help Group (SHG) Support Center in Doda town to aid women entrepreneurs in developing their skills and securing financial assistance.

Earlier, Assistant Director District Employment & Counselling Centre Nehal Pandit, in his welcome address, highlighted the progress made in fostering entrepreneurship in the region. He stressed the growing scope of sectors like e-commerce, agri-

tech, and service-oriented enterprises in strengthening the local economy, adding that a strong ecosystem of guidance and financial support is crucial for their sustained growth.

A vibrant cultural program featuring traditional folk dances, skits, and songs by the students and local youth clubs – added color to the day's proceedings.

Interactive sessions with successful entrepreneurs provided valuable guidance and insight to the aspirants, while financial institutions, MSME, agricultural, and skill-development experts were on hand to aid prospective entrepreneurs in navigating registration processes, preparing business plans, and securing funding. Information desks were also set up to enable participants to address their inquiries directly.

Overall, the Mission YUVA Entrepreneurship Mela proved to be a powerful platform to unlock opportunities, foster innovation, and instill confidence among local youth.

## JK CEO's 'Democracy on Wheels' reaches Ganderbal, raising awareness at Entrepreneurship mela

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, JUNE 14

The innovative "Democracy on Wheels" campaign, spearheaded by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu & Kashmir, today reached Ganderbal, as part of its mission to deepen the electoral literacy across the Union Territory. The state-of-the-art IEC Vanity Van was stationed at the bustling Entrepreneurship mela, attracting the students, entrepreneurs and local citizens.

Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal, personally visited the campaign vehicle, engaging with the attendees and underscoring the administration's commitment to participatory democracy. Their presence highlighted the significance of voter awareness as a cornerstone of civic empowerment, especially among the youth and aspiring entrepreneurs.



The IEC Van, equipped with a high-resolution LED screen, interactive kiosks and dynamic audio-visual systems, drew crowds with compelling content viz. documentaries on electoral processes and voter rights; animated videos demystifying registration and ethical voting, also showcasing women's pivotal role in democracy.

Demonstrators from the CEO's Office facilitated lively sessions, addressing the queries on voter enrolment and the importance of informed voting.

Pertinent to mention, this special campaign is being executed under the supervision of SVEEP Nodal Officer, Akhtar Hussain Qazi, and Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

"This mobile initiative bridges the gap between the electoral institutions and the public," stated Mohammad Altaf Ganie. "By integrating voter awareness into events like the Entrepreneurship Mela, we empower young entrepreneurs not just economically, but civically, ensuring their voices shape Jammu & Kashmir's future."

The event reinforced the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative's goal to boost the voter turnout, particularly among first-time voters and underrepresented communities.

Following impactful stops in Jammu, Budgam and Srinagar, Ganderbal marks the latest milestone in the campaign's journey. The "Democracy on Wheels" van continues to redefine electoral literacy, merging technology with grassroots engagement to foster a robust democratic culture.

## Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA held at Kulgam

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KULGAM, JUNE 14

A one-day potential Entrepreneurship Mela was organised on Saturday under the ambitious Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) programme at Mini Secretariat, Kulgam.

Organized by the District Employment and Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kulgam in collaboration with the District Administration, the event focused on the strategic framework of project YUVA, implementation modalities, and the roles and responsibilities of officers involved.

The Mela witnessed wide participation from young potential entrepreneurs, officers from various departments, representatives of financial institutions, and startup mentors.

The event was formally inaugurated by Additional



District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Altaf Ahmad Khan, who in his keynote address emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship for local economic growth and job creation. He stated that Mela marks a declaration that Kulgam's youth are ready to lead their economic destinies.

Officers present included Assistant Commis-

sioner Development, SDM D.H. Pora, GM DIC, Career Counselling Officer, Block Development Officers, CDPOs, Principals of GDCs, and students from different institutions.

Career Counselling Officer, Manzoor Ahmad Rather presented an overview of Mission YUVA.

Subject matter experts and resource persons from the Employment

Department, DIC, Agriculture, JKEDI, and successful local entrepreneurs delivered sessions on startup ideation, credit linkage, business plan development, digital marketing, and scheme implementation.

Renowned poet Bilal Kashmiri presented a nazm on self-employment and dignity of work, reflecting the essence of Mission YUVA.

A symbolic Mission YUVA T-shirt was also launched by the ADDC, representing the energy and identity of aspiring entrepreneurs. Officers, Yuva Doots, and selected beneficiaries received the T-shirts. Various departments including Employment, Industries & Commerce, KVIB, NRLM, Agriculture, Horticulture, ITI,

Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, J&K Bank, and local entrepreneurs had set up stalls to provide on-spot registration, career counselling, and awareness on self-employment schemes.

A plantation drive was held within the Mini Secretariat premises to promote sustainability and green entrepreneurship.

A felicitation ceremony

was also held to honour notable contributions. The award for Best Government Department Stall was given to the District Industries Centre (DIC) for its public engagement and informative presentation.

The event concluded with a Q&A session, where participants interacted with experts and clarified their queries.

## DEO Udhampur briefs Political representatives about pre-Electoral Roll revision activities

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District Election Officer Saloni Rai, today discussed

the preparation and pre-Electoral Roll revision activities with the representatives of the political parties.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on <https://www.ireps.gov.in> against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-09-25-26 Closing Date/Time 08.07.2025 12:30 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like Net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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Contract Type	Works		
Name of Work	(i) Replacement of defective cable, strengthening of existing cable to improve safety and reliability and provision of SSDAC/MSDAC at stations to prevent signal failure due to water logging over Firozpur division. (ii) Provision of duplicate Power Cable for external Supplies from Relay room to relay Hut at LDH,JUC,FZR,SNL & DDL over Firozpur division.		
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### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.-36-2025-26-ADEN-JRC Date: 13.06.2025 Sr.DEN-I/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on [www.ireps.gov.in](https://www.ireps.gov.in) with closing date-07/07/2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.

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## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## LG draws a line...

prosperous agricultural landscape in Jammu and Kashmir."

"Our ultimate goal is to make every farmer in J&K UT a proud stakeholder in India's journey toward becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047. We are committed to build a stronger farm economy, increase rural employment, and enhance farmer incomes," the LG said.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to build a stronger farm economy, increasing rural employment opportunities and enhancing farmer's income.

He called upon the farming community and stakeholders to "walk together towards a future where every field blooms with prosperity, every farmer thrives with dignity, and every village becomes a symbol of development."

"With Sankalp (resolve) comes Shakti (strength), and with Shakti comes Vikas (development)," he added.

LG Sinha said that 70 percent of J&K's population is dependent on agriculture and allied sectors, making agricultural progress central to the Union Territory's growth.

He pointed out notable improvements under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), which has "brought a revolution in agri and allied sectors" including mustard cultivation, trout production, and beekeeping. "The HADP is the first revolutionary program in agriculture in any state or UT in recent times. It is a comprehensive strategy, designed to make J&K UT a robust Rs. 1 trillion agricultural economy by 2030," he said.

Mustard farming, he said provides triple benefits: reducing dependence on imported edible oil, generating fodder, and promoting apiculture through early bee arrival.

He said that there were just three districts that were under Fasal Bhima Yojna when he took over as LG but currently all 20 districts have been covered under it.

On the issue of crop insurance for horticulture, Sinha stated that it was a long-pending demand of the people. "The decision lies with the government, but I urge the concerned minister to pursue it. There will be no opposition from Raj Bhawan," he said.

"I am happy to share that in December 2022, the cold storage capacity in Jammu and Kashmir was 1.40 lakh metric tonnes. By January 2024, it has more than doubled," said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

"Fish production has increased by 33%, significantly boosting trout production. In 2020, the milk processing capacity was 35,000 litres, which has now increased six times. To enhance agricultural trade, 17 mandis have been connected. In a short span, farmers in J&K have achieved trade worth Rs 1,050 crore through this initiative," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor further said that under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, 13 lakh farmer families in J&K are directly receiving Rs 3,674 crore in their bank accounts.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted several targeted initiatives taken by the administration for the upliftment of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and those engaged in agriculture and allied sectors.

He said, the J&K also has a special focus on the development of tribal farming communities, Gujjars, Bakarwals, Paharis, and other STs, who are the custodians of our forests, mountains and traditional wisdom.

"The active participation from every district in Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan reflects our collective commitment to a self-reliant J&K. Let us continue this spirit of progress and partnership to ensure sustainable growth and improved livelihoods for our farming communities," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also lauded the youth of Jammu and Kashmir for actively engaging in agriculture and allied sectors. "Young people are becoming agricultural entrepreneurs and leveraging the benefits of Government of India schemes. They are proving that farming is not only about subsistence but also about innovation and enterprise," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also launched various initiatives and publications of SKUAST Kashmir and handed over sanctioned letters to farmers from tribal communities under different schemes.

He also congratulated the Mountain Research Centre for Field Crops for the development of 20 rice varieties keeping in mind the agro-ecology of Kashmir.

A two-minute silence was observed in the memory of citizens who lost their lives in the Pahalgam Terror Attack.

Javid Ahmad Dar, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Sakina Itoo, Minister for Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Prof Nazir Ah. Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir, VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir, scientists, experts, faculty, students and members from farming community were present.

Mohammad Afzal Parray, Chairman, DDC Kulgam; Members of Legislative Assembly, HoDs, and prominent citizens from all walks of life were also present. KNO

## LG orders reopening...

significant improvements have been made in infrastructure to support the Yatra which include better roads, improved power and telecom connectivity, increased accommodation facilities, and strengthened security systems.

The Lieutenant Governor also visited the Nunwan Base Camp and reviewed the progress of Disaster Management Centre and Yatri Niwas. He also inspected security and other arrangements for Shri Amarnathji pilgrimage beginning 3rd July.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and senior officers of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Armed forces, Civil and Police administration. KNO

## FM Sitharaman begins...

projects and chair a Credit Outreach Program with UTLCB Ladakh, focusing on enhancing credit flow and strengthening financial inclusion in the region.

Sitharaman will also visit key locations including Nyoma, Hanle, and Rezangla in the Changthang region to review ongoing developmental activities and assess local needs.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the historic 17th-century Leh Palace during her stay in Ladakh. Built by the revered King Singe Namgyal, the palace stands atop a steep rocky hill, overlooking the city and reflecting the region's rich cultural heritage.

During her visit to Leh, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met several delegations to discuss regional development and administrative priorities.

She held an interaction with Member of Parliament Haneefa Jan, and later met with a delegation of Executive Councillors from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC Leh), led by its Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, Tashi Gyalson.

The meetings focused on key developmental issues, financial inclusion, and the ongoing efforts to strengthen infrastructure and economic growth in the Union Territory-(KNO)

## LG visits Aadil's family...

several state governments who extended additional help to the bereaved family.

"I visited the home of Aadil, who lost his life in a terrorist attack while saving tourists. Today, his wife has been given a permanent job to honour his sacrifice and ensure the family doesn't face financial hardship," LG Sinha stated.

The Lieutenant Governor personally handed over the government job appointment letter to Gulnaz Akhter, the widow of Syed Aadil Hussain. The job is a permanent government position, Class IV (MTS) in Fisheries Department.

LG Sinha assured full government support to Gulnaz and her children, reiterating that the administration remains committed to supporting the families of terror victims.

"We wanted to come personally and meet the family, offer condolences, and ensure they know they are not alone in this tragedy," he added.

Attack along with the killing of Aadil was widely condemned. The government has already appointed his brother in the Waqf board earlier. KNO

## PM to attend G7...

ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia marking an important milestone in the bilateral relationship.

The Prime Minister will hold bilateral discussions with Plenković and meet the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanović. "The visit to Croatia will also underscore India's commitment to further strengthening its engagement with partners in the European Union," the Ministry said.

The Canada Summit is the 2nd G7 summit to be held in Kananaskis since the G8 summit in 2002 when Russia was part of the Group.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney who will chair the summit, said in a statement ahead of the summit that in 2025 as global challenges intensify, the G7 must meet this moment with purpose and with force.

He said Canada will seek agreements and coordinated action on three core missions:

Protecting our communities and the world-strengthening peace and security, countering foreign interference and transnational crime, and improving joint responses to wildfires.

Building energy security and accelerating the digital transition—fortifying critical mineral supply chains and using artificial intelligence and quantum to unleash economic growth.

Securing the partnerships of the future—catalyzing enormous private investment to build stronger infrastructure, create higher-paying jobs, and open dynamic markets where businesses can compete and succeed.

Other discussions will include a just and lasting peace for Ukraine and other areas of conflict around the world and a forward-looking agenda that engages partners beyond the G7, recognizing that our long-term security and prosperity will depend on building coalitions with reliable partners and common values.

"Canada has what the world wants and the values to which others aspire. The G7 Leaders' Summit in Kananaskis is a moment for Canada to work with reliable partners to meet challenges with unity, purpose, and force. Canada is ready to lead."

Those who will attend the Summit include US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen will also attend.

The special invitees are Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Brazilian President Lula da Silva and Presidents of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, South Korea Lee Jae-myung, South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy and UAE Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

## J&amp;K ACB traps...

name from a case registered at Police Station Kathua. After negotiation, the accused agreed to take a bribe amount of Rs 15,000 from the complainant, he said.

The spokesman added that since the complainant didn't want to pay a bribe, he approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau to take legal action against the accused public servant under the law.

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirmed the demand of a bribe by the public servant, and accordingly, a case was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu, and an investigation was taken up.

During the course of the investigation, he said that a trap team was constituted, and it laid a successful trap and accused the public servant after accepting a bribe amount of Rs 15000 from the complainant, sensing the presence of ACB on the spot, he fled away from the spot and threw the tainted bribe money in the bushes on the NHW near Palli.

The tainted bribe money was recovered from the bushes by independent witnesses and seized in the instant case, he added.

The search was also conducted in the residential house of the accused in presence of a magistrate and independent witnesses, he said. "However, the accused person is still at large, and the investigation of the case is in progress."

## DGP reviews Jammu...

the meeting and also highlighted the synergy between various wings of the police and security forces to ensure a smooth yatra. Jammu food guide

The Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar in the summer capital Jammu serves as the main base camp for the pilgrims coming from across the country before leaving for the Kashmir Valley to pay their obeisance at the 3,880 meter high holy cave shrine of Amarnath.

The 38-day-long yatra is scheduled to start from the twin routes – the traditional 48-kilometre Pahalgam in Anantnag district and the 14-kilometre shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district – on July 3.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from Bhagwati Nagar a day before the start of the yatra.

The officials said that there was also discussion during the meeting regarding the security of the yatra convoys from the Jammu base camp to the valley.

Meanwhile, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sarah Rizvi, convened a meeting with regard to preparation of security arrangements for the yatra as well as present security scenario in the region.

The DIG during the meeting emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to ensure the pilgrims' safety and security, a police spokesman said.

Rizvi highlighted the need for meticulous planning and execution of security measures to address any potential threats and challenges.

It was also discussed that proper liaison be maintained with all the intelligence agencies, army, paramilitary forces and other sister agencies involved in the conduct of the yatra in their respective jurisdiction and share the same on a real time basis, the spokesman said.

The DIG also stressed for ensuring high level of vigilance and preparedness for smooth conduct throughout the duration of the yatra.

The spokesman said that instructions were disseminated among various subordinate officers and concerned authorities to conduct regular briefing, debriefing and mock drills to ensure that all plans are effectively implemented and executed on ground.

## CS bats for seamless...

implementation of flood mitigation projects envisioned under PMDP-II. He advocated a forward-looking approach, stressing the importance of envisaging long-term results for flood protection while executing these crucial projects.

He also impressed upon the Rural Development Department and the Housing & Urban Development Department to perform their paramount duty of protecting the precious water bodies, particularly irrigation canals, from pollution. He called for resolute enforcement measures against the polluters to safeguard these vital lifelines.

The Chief Secretary also took stock of the modernization efforts concerning the Ravi Canal and reviewed the operational efficiency of the prestigious Shahpur Kandi Dam, both critical for welfare of the people of this UT.

Furthermore, Dulloo meticulously reviewed the progress on the Tawi Riverfront Development project. He issued stringent directives to the concerned agencies, emphasizing the imperative to complete the diversion of nullahs and all associated construction and beautification works, including the ongoing electromechanical installations, by the unyielding deadline of September 30, 2025.

Earlier in the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, presented a detailed overview of the department's multifaceted functioning and its commendable achievements in expanding irrigation infrastructure and implementing robust flood mitigation strategies across the UT.

Kabra highlighted several key accomplishments, including successful completion of the Entry and Exit gates of Hokersar Wetland, a project worth Rs 28.45 crore, undertaken as part of PMDP-Phase II. He also revealed that 100 percent expenditure of the available Rs 114.29 crore had been made under PMDP-Phase II (Part A).

Moreover, the ACS revealed about the sanctioning of 12 new NABARD schemes under RIDF XXX, amounting Rs 175.60 crore besides full utilisation of the SNA balance for CSS-FMBAP/PMDP as of March 31, 2025.

Regarding the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Kabra apprised the meeting that schemes like FMBAP, PMDP-II, PMKSY-HKPP and PMKSY-AIBP are currently progressing with a total outlay of approximately Rs 622 crore. He elaborated that the major objectives of PMDP-I have been successfully achieved, with the department now diligently implementing the second phase of this mega program.

The second phase, he explained, encompasses crucial bank protection works for rivers, their tributaries and flood spill channels, along with works for re-sectioning of the Flood Outfall Channel and allied components, cumulatively amounting Rs 1623 crore.

The meeting was further informed about the sophisticated Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) in place, which integrates weather forecasting from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and water level forecasting from the Central Water Commission (CWC). This system is complemented by rainfall information

## Indian Army conducts Chai Pe Charcha with Gujjar, Bakarwals at Mathianigala, Rajouri



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The Indian Army recently organized a "Chai pe Charcha" interactive session with the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities Mathianigala. This initiative aimed to connect with these transient populations and address their problems. The session provided a platform for the communities to discuss their challenges and concerns. The event was attended by 21 villagers from the remote village of Mathianigala, who actively participated in the discussion. The Indian Army guided the community on women empowerment, the importance of education for children, and skill development for better employment opportuni-

ties. The community was assured of all possible help and support.

The Gujjar and Bakarwal communities expressed their gratitude and committed their unwavering support and trust in the Indian Army. The event strengthened the bond between the Indian Army and the communities, promoting peace and harmony in the region. The Indian Army's dedication to promoting the welfare of the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities is truly appreciated, and their efforts are expected to bring positive results in the future. The Indian Army remains committed to supporting and empowering these communities, ensuring their overall development and well-being.

## Indian Army conducts Pre Training for Agniveer Aspirants at Banihal, Ramban

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The Indian Army Conducting pre-training classes for Agniveer, aspirants under the Agnipath scheme commenced today with a solemn and inspiring opening ceremony held at Karawa Camp Banihal. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, training staff, and a large number of enthusiastic candidates who are preparing to serve the nation through this prestigious program. The ceremony began with the warm welcome of the chief guest, Mrs Rubina Ahmed Bhat, ZEP, Banihal whose presence greatly encouraged the candidates. In her address, she emphasized the importance of discipline, integrity and commitment in shaping the future of the youth and building a

strong nation. Delivering the opening address, Officer of Indian Army said, "This training is not just a physical or academic preparation; it is the beginning of a transformation where each one of you will learn what it truly means to wear the identity of an Agniveer. This journey will not only demand your best, but it will also prepare you to serve the country with honor and pride".

The pre-training classes aim to prepare aspiring candidates holistically focusing on physical fitness, mental toughness, academic readiness and values-based orientation. Trainers and coordinators will mentor the candidates in alignment with the Indian Armed Forces' expectations, building a strong foundation for their upcoming selection processes.

from rain gauge sensors, water level data from water level sensors, active monitoring and the timely dissemination of advisories through social, print and electronic media.

Regarding implementation of the PMKSY scheme, it was reported that out of 401 works undertaken, with a potential to irrigate 123,443 hectares of land, approximately 85,637 hectares have already been brought under irrigation through completion of 204 works to date.

Furthermore, the meeting was apprised that 28 newly proposed schemes under PMKSY have been promulgated across the flood control divisions of the UT, slated for completion at an estimated cost of Rs 84 crore.

The detailed discussions also encompassed Capex works (with a budget estimate of Rs 188.77 crore), NABARD-funded projects, works at the revered Holy Cave and the crucial desiltation works of irrigation canals in convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

## AAP's Mehraj...

has backing of 52 MLAs, well above the required number.

However, the real challenge for the government now lies in managing him on floor of the House.

In his fiery speeches in the last assembly session, he repeatedly accused the BJP and PDP of wrecking the state. He was assaulted by BJP MLAs and PDP workers in the House lobby, after he made disparaging remarks against the saffron party and late PDP founder Mufti Mohammed Sayeed. KNO

## GDC Kathua hosts Potential Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA

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KATHUA, JUNE 14

A Potential Entrepreneurship Mela under the flagship initiative of Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) was organized today in the Auditorium of Government Degree College, Kathua, with the objective to promote self-employment and entrepreneurial opportunities among youth.

The programme was held under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Dr Rakesh Minhas, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from aspiring entrepreneurs, beneficiaries, and officials of concerned departments.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner urged the youth to avail the benefits of the



Government schemes being implemented under Mission YUVA. He emphasized the importance of self-employment in shaping a progressive and self-reliant society. He informed the gathering that a dedicated Help Desk has been established in the office of the Assistant Director Employment, along with a YUVA Business helpline 1800-180-4969 to assist information seekers and applicants.

The event featured motivational testimonials

by successful beneficiaries. Neha Choudhary, a professional makeup artist, expressed gratitude to the Government and Employment Department for extending support under Mission YUVA, which enabled her to secure a loan of Rs 20 lakh to set up her beauty parlour. Similarly, Jyoti Sharma from Kharote appreciated the support she received in getting her Tejaswani Scheme loan approved.

An interactive session was also held to familiarize stakeholders with the mission's goal of equipping youth with essential skills and an entrepreneurial mindset to create sustainable livelihood opportunities. The initiative also

encourages innovation and provides handholding support to help young entrepreneurs establish their ventures.

Earlier, Assistant Director Employment Piyusha Khajuria gave a detailed briefing on the objectives of Mission YUVA and the process of the Potential Entrepreneurship Mela. She informed that 150 loan applications have been received so far and are currently being processed for further action.

On the occasion, informational stalls were set up by various departments to showcase schemes related to youth empowerment and entrepreneurship.

The programme was attended by General Manager DIC Mushtaq Choudhary and other concerned officers.

## DC B'la reviews Eco-Sensitive Zone Implementation

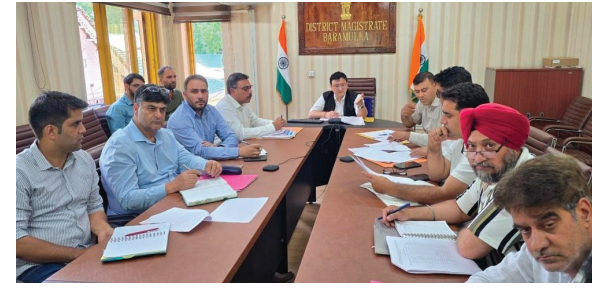
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BARAMULLA, JUNE 14

In order to review the implementation of Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) guidelines around protected wildlife areas in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a comprehensive meeting, here.

The meeting aimed to streamline inter-departmental coordination and ensure timely formulation of the Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) in line with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) directives.

Senior officers from the Forest Department, Wildlife Protection department, Pollution Control Board, Rural Development, and other concerned departments participated in the deliberations. A detailed presentation was shared outlining the classification of activities within the ESZ including those that are permitted, regulated, and prohibited as per national policy.

Speaking on the occasion, DC underscored the importance of balancing



ecological protection with sustainable development. "Our aim is to preserve the biodiversity of Baramulla while ensuring that eco-friendly development is not hindered. Departments must work in close coordination and adhere strictly to the ESZ guidelines," he stated.

The meeting also highlighted the critical need to gather accurate and updated departmental data for the preparation of the Zonal Master Plan. In this regard, DC directed that a circular be issued to all concerned departments, instructing them to submit detailed information related to land use, infrastructure, resource extraction, and ongoing development activities falling within the designated ESZ areas.

Further, DC reviewed

the structure and mandate of the ESZ Monitoring Committee, which is tasked with overseeing the implementation of the guidelines, reviewing proposals, and ensuring compliance with environmental safeguards. The committee includes representatives from government departments, environmental experts, and NGOs.

DC urged all departments to treat the preparation of the Zonal Master Plan as a priority task and ensure timely submission of inputs. He emphasized that proactive engagement, timely coordination, and strict adherence to environmental norms are essential for protecting sensitive ecosystems while aligning with the district's long-term development goals.

## DC Poonch inaugurates training for Master Trainers, Helpdesk Staff on e-Office Rollout up-to Tehsil, Block Level

**JINews SERVICE**  
POONCH, JUNE 14

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today inaugurated a capacity building training programme for Master Trainers and Helpdesk staff to facilitate the rollout of e-Office up to the Tehsil and Block level.

Addressing the participants, the DC said "e-Office is the need of the hour. It brings greater efficiency, transparency and accountability to government functioning and must be implemented in mission mode up to the grassroots level."

The training session was conducted by District Informatics Officer, NIC Parvinder Singh and Ieshan Sharma, ICT Support from JAKEGA. The session covered key components of the e-Office system, including file movement, workflow automation, digital approvals, and system troubleshooting.

A total of 44 employees from different departments attended the training, marking a significant step towards decentralized implementation of the e-Office system across the district.

Parvinder Singh expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic participation and reaffirmed the commitment of NIC to provide continuous technical support during the rollout process.

This training marks a pivotal move toward transforming administrative operations into a more paperless, efficient, and citizen-centric system, in line with the broader objectives of the Digital India initiative.

## DC Bandipora presides over district-level Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA

**JINews SERVICE**  
BANDIPIORA, JUNE 14

In a major initiative to foster youth entrepreneurship and promote self-employment, district administration Bandipora on Saturday organized a district-level potential Entrepreneurship Mela at Government Degree College (GDC) Sumbal under the ambit of Mission YUVA programme.

The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, who inspected stalls set up by various government departments, and interacted with aspiring entrepreneurs and beneficiaries.

The event, aimed at spreading awareness about various government schemes and inspiring youth through successful local entrepreneurial journeys, witnessed enthusiastic participation from budding and aspiring entrepreneurs, students, and faculty members.

In his address, DC said that Mission YUVA is a flagship programme of the government, aimed at identifying, encouraging, and supporting budding entrepreneurs through handholding and financial assistance. "As part of this mission, a survey has been conducted to identify potential entrepreneurs in the district. This mela is an effort to connect them



with support systems so they can transform their ideas into successful ventures," he said.

Addressing the gathering, DC said that "Financial support is critical, and with the right push, our youth can become job providers rather than job seekers. Banks are ready to provide loans, and entrepreneurs will benefit from interest subvention and subsidies. I believe this mela will inspire new entrepreneurs to embrace the idea of self-employment and position our UT of J&K on the industrial map of the country."

During the event, Qadri interacted with unemployed youth and encouraged them to learn from the experiences of successful entrepreneurs who were invited to share their journeys, thereby offering

real-life examples of determination and achievement.

Addressing the gathering, Principal GDC Sumbal, Dr. Shabeena Iqbal Shawl, acknowledged the rising trend of youth embracing entrepreneurship and urged them not to confine their aspirations to government jobs alone, but to actively explore the vast opportunities available in the entrepreneurial landscape.

The mela featured facilitation stalls by departments including Employment, Industries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Handicrafts, Handloom, NRLM, and others. These stalls offered on-the-spot guidance, scheme awareness, and digital registration on

the Mission YUVA app, assisted by designated YUVA Doots.

On the occasion, live demonstrations and interactive sessions provided participants with insights into entrepreneurship fundamentals, financial linkages, market access and digital tools.

The programme concluded with the felicitation of successful entrepreneurs from the district, in a gesture that reflects the core spirit of empowerment and encouragement envisioned under Mission YUVA.

As part of the event, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, accompanied by Assistant Director Fisheries and Fisheries Development Officer Bandipora, flagged-off a van carrying carp fish seed for stocking in various open water bodies across the Sumbal area. This initiative is part of the Department of Fisheries' annual effort to enhance fish production and support the socio-economic upliftment of the Mahigeer (fisherfolk) community.

Among others, the event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl; CAO Bandipora; ALC Bandipora, faculty members and a large gathering of youth and students.

## Arrangements finalised for International Yoga Day celebration in Kathua

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The activity plan for International Day of Yoga was finalized at a meeting of stakeholder departments held today with Additional Deputy Commissioner Vishavjeet Singh in the Chair.

As per the plan, a Mega Yoga Session will be held at Sports Stadium Kathua from 6:00 AM onwards to mark the global celebration of Yoga.

Speaking at the meeting, the ADC directed the Department of AYUSH to depute qualified Yoga instructors for conducting the session. The Health Department was asked to ensure participation of its staff and trainees, along with deployment of ambulances for emergency support.

In terms of logistics and coordination, the Police and PWD Departments were entrusted with the responsibility of security and management of other logistics. The Education institutions were asked



to mobilize students including NSS volunteers and NCC cadets of local schools and Colleges for the event.

The meeting also finalized arrangements for drinking water, power supply and sanitation arrangements. The Information Department was asked for giving wide publicity to the schedule of events.

Representatives from social organizations including Art of Living, Patanjali, Bicycle for

Change, and local Yoga enthusiasts also attended the meeting and assured full cooperation to the district administration in terms of public participation, awareness, and logistical support.

The meeting was attended by CPO Ranjit Thakur, District AYUSH Officer, Chief Education Officer, Executive Engineers, DYSSO, officers from Police, and representatives from Degree Colleges and other institutions were present in the meeting.

## Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2025: Div Com Jammu reviews Yatra arrangements in Samba, Kathua

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SAMBA/KATHUA, JUNE 14

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today conducted an extensive tour of Samba and Kathua districts to inspect and review the arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025.

He was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioners of Kathua and Samba, along with senior officers from police and civil administration.

At Samba, the Div Com assessed civic amenities at key lodgement centres, including Baba Ambedkar Hall, Mount Litera School, Government HSS Jakh, Government GHSS Vijaypur, Municipal Hall Samba,



and prominent spiritual stops such as Chichi Mata Temple and Narsingh Temple.

The Div Com emphasized on 24x7 power supply, clean drinking water, sanitation and toilet facilities, proper illumination, and CCTV surveil-

lance to ensure the safety and comfort of the pilgrims.

Later, the Div Com visited Kathua, where he conducted a detailed inspection of the Lakhanpur Corridor and the Yatri Facilitation Centre. The Div Com directed the Executive

Officer, Municipal Committee Lakhanpur, to intensify cleanliness drives, maintain public sanitation, and install informational signage for the convenience of pilgrims. He also called for timely completion of repair and beautification works at Lakhanpur by June 25, in view of it being the first entry point for pilgrims arriving via road.

It was informed that the district administration has established Six RFID counters, Five-bedded medical Room, Cold drinking water stations, Langar (community kitchen) facilities, Clean toilet blocks and designated rest areas for Yatri along the Lakhanpur Corridor.

The Div Com also reviewed security arrangements, directing the Police

Department to devise a comprehensive security plan. ASP Kathua was instructed to ensure adequate deployment of security personnel at all strategic locations.

Additionally, the Div Com inspected Government Polytechnic College and Town Hall, identified as lodgement centres in case of a Yatra halt, to assess the availability of essential services. He directed the concerned departments to work in close coordination, maintain round-the-clock readiness, and prioritize cleanliness, safety, and timely delivery of services. He also visited the Kathua Waterfront to explore options for beautification and enhancement of public amenities at the site.

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SHOPIAN, JUNE 14

In a proactive move to enhance transparency and ensure effective public service delivery, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta Saturday conducted an extensive visit across several key government offices and healthcare institutions in subdivision Zainapora.

DC visited Tehsil Office Imam Sahib & Hermain, BDO Office Zainapora, PHC DK Pora and PHC Hermain.

During the visit, DC reviewed the functioning of these offices with a focus on healthcare facilities, revenue administration and rural development services.

He closely examined attendance records,



inspected official registers, and interacted with staff to assess on-ground performance. Special attention was given to the availability of health services and the quality of patient care in the Primary Health Centres.

At the revenue offices, DC inspected land records, mutation registers, and overall service responsiveness.

He emphasized the importance of punctuality, accountability and efficient service delivery, directing officers to maintain updated records and remain responsive to the public needs.

DC was accompanied by ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; SDM Zainapora, BDO Zainapora, and other concerned officers.

## EDITORIAL

## Politics of language in J&amp;K

The recent controversy over the mandatory Urdu language test for the recruitment of Naib Tehsildars in Jammu and Kashmir has once again exposed the deep fissures between identity, governance, and politics in the region. The move by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) to require Urdu proficiency for these administrative posts has sparked a fierce political battle, with Kashmir-based parties like the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) rallying in defence of the decision, while the BJP has vehemently opposed it, terming it discriminatory and divisive. At the heart of the issue is not just a language requirement, but a larger contest over cultural continuity versus perceived regional marginalisation. The NC and PDP have made a compelling case grounded in historical and administrative realities. Urdu, they argue, is not merely a language of poetry and culture, but a long-standing administrative pillar of the erstwhile state. From land revenue records and court proceedings to legal communication, Urdu has for over 130 years served as the lingua franca of officialdom in J&K. Its imprint runs deep in governance, and any abrupt departure from it, they warn, would unleash administrative chaos and institutional incoherence. The NC points out that this legacy is rooted not in religious or regional hegemony, but in practicality and historical consensus. The language, once adopted during the reign of the Dogra Maharajas, evolved as a unifying medium across regions and communities. Urdu's defenders also stress its inclusive nature, noting that it belongs to all – regardless of religion, ethnicity, or region. But the BJP has taken an entirely different position. Citing the Union Territory's multilingual character – with Hindi, English, Kashmiri, Dogri, and Urdu as official languages – the party has accused the NC of engineering a biased recruitment policy that disadvantages a significant section of aspirants, particularly those from the Jammu region. The optics of the issue – a 'Kashmir-centric' decision allegedly hurting 'Jammu youth' – plays directly into the BJP's long-standing narrative of regional imbalance and discrimination, and the party has wasted no time in mobilising street protests and seeking intervention from the Lieutenant Governor. There is some merit in the BJP's contention that any official recruitment policy in a multi-lingual UT should not tilt disproportionately in favour of one language, especially if it risks alienating qualified candidates on the basis of linguistic unfamiliarity. However, the party's framing of the issue in communal and divisive terms – as yet another front in its battle against "appeasement politics" – threatens to derail a nuanced debate into a polarising political slugfest. The BJP's characterisation of Urdu as a "communal" or "minority" language is both historically inaccurate and dangerously reductive. Urdu, like Persian in earlier times, came to J&K through the state's institutional frameworks, not through religious imposition. Its presence in the administrative apparatus predates both partition and political partisanship. To communalise a language that continues to underpin a large part of J&K's official functioning is to risk undermining the very foundation of governance. That said, the NC-led government must also take responsibility for the timing and communication of this policy. At a time when the region is still recovering from socio-political disruptions and unemployment is a pressing concern, a move that can be perceived as exclusionary – no matter how justified historically – demands transparent public reasoning and perhaps phased implementation. Stakeholder consultations, transitional support mechanisms, and linguistic training could help bridge the gap rather than widen it. Jammu and Kashmir's diversity is its strength, not a fault line to be exploited. The Urdu test should not become a symbol of exclusion or entitlement. Instead, the administration should strive to create a balanced framework where historical continuity and inclusive opportunity go hand in hand. In a region as sensitive as J&K, language must be a tool of unity – not a trigger for division.

## Aung San Suu Kyi at 80: Forgotten Behind Bars

HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

On June 19, 2025, Aung San Suu Kyi, will complete 80 years of her life and step into the 81st year. She remains in prison. The last one of her sham trials – all widely condemned the world over – which ended on December 30, 2022, sentenced her to seven years in prison. With this, the total number of years to which she was sentenced came to 33, which was subsequently reduced to 27 years. This suggests that Myanmar's ruling junta, which calls itself State Administration Council, wants her to die in prison.

What is striking in this context is the waning interest of the Western democracies in her incarceration and the struggle for democracy in Myanmar. They, doubtless, continue to treat the junta as an outcast and retain the sanctions imposed on it and its leaders. Yet expressions of outrage over her continued imprisonment and the junta's savage military action against civilian populations in the areas controlled by the People's Defence Force (PDF), the armed force of the opposition National Unity Government (NUG), and the ethnic armed organisations (EAOs), which are waging war against it in cooperation with one another, are now fewer and less strident.

This, of course, is a result of the emergence of

new issues like the Ukraine war and Israel's action in Gaza which now occupy centre stage in the general global discourse. Nevertheless, this diversion of global attention helps to reduce the pressure on the junta to restore democracy in the country and conduces to making sure that it will be ousted only if, and when, it is defeated in the civil war now raging in Myanmar.

The opposition forces include, besides the PDF, the Three Brotherhood Alliance (henceforth the Alliance) comprising the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), active in the Kokang Special Region of northern Shan State, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), also active in the Shan State and the Arakan Army (AA), based in the Rakhine State in the country's western part, acting in close cooperation with the PDF and other ethnic armies. They are increasingly gaining the upper hand.

The Sit-Tat (as Myanmar's army is called), has suffered a series of reverses since the Alliance launched its offensive, codenamed Operation 1027, on October 27, 2023. The AA had brought almost the entire Rakhine State under its control by April, 2024. The MNDAA claimed on July 31, 2024, that it had captured Sit-Tat's military base in Lashio, a city in Shan State close to the border with China, and its airport. This

was a major loss for the junta. As Vivek Shankar has pointed out in a piece in The New York Times datelined August 5, 2024, the "city of Lashio and its airport lie on a crucial trade corridor to Yunnan Province in China, which is spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a high-speed rail link and other infrastructure projects on both sides of the border."

The opposition forces now control large swathes of territory along Myanmar's borders and mountainous regions; the military retains control over the major cities and lowlands in the central Irrawaddy Valley.

It is losing even the cities and towns. A report (datelined August 13, 2024) by-lined The Irrawaddy, in the website The Irrawaddy, and carried under the headline "Junta Controls Fewer Than 100 of Myanmar's 350 Towns: NUG," cited the latter's defence minister, U Yee Mon, as saying that only 98 of Myanmar's 350 townships remained under the junta's control. According to the report, the NUG's Defence Ministry divided Myanmar's towns into four categories – 75 completely captured by anti-regime groups, 105 surrounded by anti-regime groups; 75 being fought over, and 98 towns remaining under the regime's control.

According to an article (datelined June 4, 2025) by Banyar Aung, carried in The Irrawaddy, the ethnic

Arakan Army (AA) has notched up major gains since launching its Rakhine offensive in November 2023, seizing control of 14 out of 17 townships in the western state. Of the three townships still under junta control, battles are raging in Sittwe and Kyaukphyu, while Manaung is the only township from where clashes have not been reported.

The AA has also secured the entire stretch bordering India and Bangladesh following its capture of territory along the Naf River including Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Chin State's Paletwa Township. This has led to Bangladesh establishing direct contact with it and India maintaining ties through the Government of Mizoram.

The junta, doubtless, has sought to hit back. In an article (datelined March 19, 2025), appearing under the headline "Mapping the Myanmar Junta's Gains, Losses and Stalemates Since 1027", in The Irrawaddy, Moe Sett Nyen Chan, a military analyst, writes that in 2024, the Sit-Tat, as the junta's army is called, switched to a more dynamic strategy, employing mobile and pro-active defensive tactics and launching counter-offensives across the country, relying heavily on war planes and drones. These tactics, however, have yet to produce meaningful or decisive victories. As stated in the article, the areas reclaimed by the junta collectively account

for less than one per cent of the territory, towns, and camps previously seized by resistance forces. Besides, the regained areas remain under constant threat, encircled by resistance forces.

The article further states that the opposition forces have responded by intensifying guerrilla-style operations involving ambushes, the laying of mines, and repeated attacks on the Sit-Tat's positions. They doubtless have to battle numerous odds. The junta, for example, recaptured most of Loikaw Township in 2024 after Karenni resistance forces withdrew, apparently because of ammunition shortage.

The Sit-Tat, however, is facing serious problems of its own, and is staring at almost certain defeat in the long run. Its morale is very low. Internal discord is growing. Several three-star generals have been removed. Many younger officers are unhappy as they recognise that almost the entire country is against them. According to a piece by Ye Myo Hein (datelined May 4, 2023) featured by the United States Institute of Peace, it was found that the Sit-Tat, whose "headcount," showed a "strength of a total 300,000-400,000 before the coup," currently "had a strength of about 150,000 personnel."

Roughly 70,000 are combat soldiers. At least 21,000 service members have been lost through

casualties, desertion and defection since the coup. The advantage the Sit-Tat has in its possessions of tanks and armoured vehicles, is, to a great extent, neutralised by the fact that these are very difficult to deploy in the densely-forested mountainous areas, marked by deep gorges and steep climbs, which are the strongholds of the opposition.

It has artillery and air support. These, however, do not win wars even when supported by heavily-armed trained troops. Otherwise, the United States would have romped to a victory in Vietnam.

It is a matter of time before the junta is ousted. When that happens, it will be a great vindication of the prolonged struggle Aung San Suu Kyi has waged, at great cost to herself, for freedom and democracy in Myanmar. There is, however, a very serious danger that needs to be talked about. It is of the junta getting her murdered in prison and trying to pass it off as death caused by old age-related natural causes.

If this happens, one of the causes will be the junta's belief that the West has lost interest in Myanmar and will do no more than expressing routine condemnation before passing on to subjects considered more pressing.

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## How India's Rural Revolution Redefined Global Development

BINOD ANAND

Some statistics stop you in your tracks. They don't just tell you a story – they change the very narrative of a nation. One such number is this: India's extreme poverty rate has fallen from 27.1 per cent in 2011-12 to just 5.3 per cent in 2022-23. That means 269 million Indians – nearly the population of an entire continent – have broken free from the clutches of extreme poverty in just over a decade. Behind this staggering statistic lies not just good luck or economic growth, but a quiet revolution led by Prime Minister Modi. Eleven years of determined, ground-level

governance, hard-nosed reforms, and the revival of India's most ignored strength – its cooperative economic framework.

This isn't just a policy shift; it's a transformation of mindset, of machinery, and of the meaning of development itself. For too long, poverty alleviation was viewed as charity or top-down welfare. But under PM Modi's leadership, poverty reduction has become an outcome of empowerment, not entitlement. And the beating heart of this transformation?

The recent World Bank report gives global recognition to this shift, but Indians have been living it daily. It acknowledges what we on the ground

already knew: that this isn't mere statistical luck. It is the result of deliberate structural reforms, institutional innovations, and a relentless push to bring prosperity to the last mile. For the first time, the World Bank is forced to rethink the way poverty is measured and tackled – not with foreign aid or fiscal sops, but through farmer-centric systems, rural institutions, and localised wealth creation.

Let's not forget: this isn't about cities. The most significant poverty reduction has taken place in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh – states that are as rural and agrarian as

they are populous. That's no coincidence. These are also the very states where cooperative movements have taken deep root over the past decade, where PACS are being digitised, where FPOs are thriving, and where rural women lead dairy and seed cooperatives with pride. Over the past eleven years, PM Modi has not just created schemes – he's reformed governance itself. Ministries have become mission-oriented. The Ministry of Cooperation was established not as an afterthought, but as a declaration that India's villages matter. Cooperative societies are no longer marginalised – they are central to our economic planning. With the cre-

ation of three new national-level multistate cooperative institutions for export, seed, and organic produce, the message is loud and clear: Bharat will rise from its grassroots.

And this is no longer an emotional or cultural belief – it is an economic reality. Procurement planning is now integrated with production. Farmers are no longer growing in the dark. They know in advance who will buy their produce, at what price, and when. This pre-season certainty has changed the game. Add to this the rural warehousing revolution, where PACS are being upgraded into service and storage hubs, and you have a system where value doesn't leak

– it stays with the farmer.

This transformation is not just an Indian success story – it is a model that challenges the very foundations of global development thinking. For years, institutions like the World Bank, IBRD, and various climate finance bodies have equated development with billion-dollar urban projects, often disconnected from rural realities. However, India has shown that structural poverty reduction, economic dignity, and climate resilience can go hand in hand when rooted in cooperative – led governance.

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## Is Chirag Paswan emerging as the BJP's CM Face in Bihar?

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Young, dynamic, and often referred to as the "Hanuman of PM Modi," Chirag Paswan seems poised to emerge as the BJP's potential Chief Ministerial face for Bihar. The BJP currently lacks a compelling CM candidate from within its ranks to present to Bihar's electorate. After the demise of Sushil Modi, it has failed to fill the void. The Bihar Assembly elections, covering 245 constituencies with over 7.64 crore registered voters, are expected to be held by November 2025. As the political climate begins to shift, the BJP appears to be preparing to position Chirag Paswan as a serious contender to lead the state.

Nitish Kumar and BJP's

Dilemma

The current Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, popularly known as "Sushasan Babu," has gained a reputation for frequent political realignments. Having shifted alliances between the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the BJP, Nitish's credibility has taken a hit. His past partnerships, especially with Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD and his son Tejashwi Yadav as Deputy CM, followed by a return to the BJP-led NDA, have created a trust deficit both within the electorate and among his allies. Although the BJP has stuck with Nitish Kumar for pragmatic reasons, the party is known to be uncomfortable with his unpredictable political manoeuvres. With Samrat Chaudhary, a senior BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister, lacking the mass

appeal to rival Nitish, the BJP is in urgent need of a charismatic, youth-driven leader who can bridge this gap and Chirag Paswan fits the bill.

Why Chirag Paswan?

Chirag Paswan brings a unique mix of youthful energy, soft-spoken charisma, and a clean image. The son of the late Ram Vilas Paswan, he leads a splinter group of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and has demonstrated unwavering loyalty to Prime Minister Modi. Despite being a Union Cabinet Minister, Chirag is reportedly discontent with his current portfolio – Food Processing Industries, a ministry often considered low in political weight. His preference is clear: to play a larger, more influential role in his home state. According to party

insiders, two primary scenarios are under discussion between the BJP high command and Chirag Paswan:

Full Merger into BJP

Chirag merges his party, LJP (Ram Vilas), into the BJP and is officially declared the party's CM candidate for Bihar. This option would likely offer Chirag greater political stability and authority but requires his total integration into the BJP, which some of his party colleagues may resist.

CM face of the alliance

Chirag contests the elections as an NDA ally, projected as the CM face. However, this route is fraught with challenges – primarily the seat-sharing dilemma. As the dominant partner, the BJP would demand a major

share of constituencies and ministerial portfolios, potentially limiting Chirag's influence in a future coalition Government.

A Calculated Risk or Strategic Shift?

Chirag's potential elevation to the top post could serve multiple purposes for the BJP. It would allow the party to refresh its leadership in Bihar, address the vacuum created by Nitish Kumar's waning influence, and tap into the Dalit vote bank, a demographic traditionally loyal to his father, late Ram Vilas Paswan. While Chirag Paswan has not publicly committed to either path, his growing restlessness within the Union Cabinet and increasing clout in Bihar politics indicate that a shift is imminent. A merger, though complex,

might offer him a long-term political future with deeper roots in Bihar's governance. In the 2020 Bihar elections, LJP managed to win just one seat and its nine candidates were placed second. In the last General elections, Chirag Paswan's LJP got five seats. To sum it up, LJP merger with the BJP could mean a win-win situation for both parties as Chirag's candidates would get a fair share of upper caste votes in the name of the BJP and the BJP could benefit from Chirag's vote bank and the legacy of his father, late Ram Vilas Paswan. As the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections draw closer, the question looms large: Will Chirag Paswan become the face of BJP's new Bihar?

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## Combined Graduation Parade held at Air Force Academy

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The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) was held at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal Hyderabad on 14 Jun 2025, marking successful culmination of the pre-commissioning training of flight cadets of Flying and Ground duty branches of the Indian Air Force (IAF). Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) was the Reviewing Officer (RO) of the parade, who conferred the President's Commission to the graduating Flight Cadets. A total of 254 Flight Cadets graduated today, which included men and women.

The CAS was received by Air Marshal Tejinder Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command and Air Marshal PK Vohra, Commandant, AFA. The RO was presented with General Salute by the parade, followed by an impressive march past.

On this occasion, 09 officers from the Indian

Navy, 07 officers from the Indian Coast Guard, and one trainee from a friendly foreign country, were also awarded 'Wings' on successful completion of flying training. The ceremony was witnessed by dignitaries as well as the proud family members of the graduating officers.

The highlight of the parade was the 'Commissioning Ceremony' in which the graduating cadets were commissioned as Flying Officers by the RO. An Oath was administered to the graduating officers by the Commandant of the Academy, where they pledged to safeguard the sovereignty and honour of the country. The event also included thrilling displays by the Akash Gangateam, the Air Warrior Drill Team, and synchronized aerobatics by the Suryakiran aerobatic team. The graduation parade was interspersed with wellcoordinated and synchronized fly-pasts by trainer aircraft that included the Pilatus PC-7



MkII, Hawk, Kiran Mk-1 and Chetak.

In recognition of their exceptional performance across various training disciplines, the RO felicitated the graduating officers. Flying Officer Rohan Krishnamurti from the Flying branch was awarded the President's Plaque and the Chief of the Air Staff Sword of Honour for standing first in the overall order of merit in the Pilots' course. Flying Officer Nishtha Vaid was awarded the President's Plaque for being first in the overall order of merit in the Ground duty branches.

Addressing the parade, the RO commended the newly commissioned officers for their immaculate turn out, precise drill

movements and adherence to the highest standards of parade.

Congratulating the graduating officers, he said, "When you chose to serve the nation, you opted for a career that is not only demanding, but also among the most rewarding and honourable. As we look to the future, two things are certain – the fast-evolving character of warfare and the increasing relevance of aerospace power."

He further added, "Operation Sindoor stands as a shining testament to the unparalleled professionalism of the Indian Air Force. We have demonstrated our ability to deliver precise and decisive blows to the enemy. As the

future of the Air Force, you must understand that the IAF has always been – and will continue to be – the first responder in times of national crisis."

The CAS underscored the collective responsibility entrusted to the officers, stating, "It is our solemn duty to live up to the trust that every Indian places in the Indian Air Force. Today's ceremony marks the culmination of years of rigorous training and perseverance, but it is only the beginning of your professional journey. You must continuously strive to expand your horizons and discover new capabilities."

He concluded by emphasizing the path ahead, "The battlespace of the future will be increasingly

complex. With the IAF transforming into a true aerospace force, many of you will be at the forefront of India's ventures into space. These challenges will demand total commitment, relentless focus, innovation, and a deep passion for your calling. The uniform you wear is a symbol of national pride – wear it with honour, lead with courage, and always uphold the core values of the Indian Air Force."

The parade culminated with the newly commissioned officers marching out in two columns to the resonant notes of martial marching tunes. The commissioning ceremony remains reminiscent in the life of Air Force officers as they are conferred the President's Commission in the presence of their proud parents and family members. It becomes the most memorable day in their career which marks the beginning of a life filled with honour, pride and dignity in service of the nation.

## Indian Army conducts Military Civil Liaison Conference at Satwari Cantt

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Operation Sindoor saw close coordination and integration between Tiger Division, para military forces and Civil Administration to counter the nefarious design of the adversary. To further enhance this synergy, a Military Civil Liaison Conference (MCLC) was held on 12-13 June 2025 at Satwari Cantt, Jammu. The high-level meeting brought together senior Army officials and representatives from key government departments of Jammu Division to discuss matters of strategic and civic importance.

The conference served as a platform to deliberate on critical issues such as infrastructure development, civic-military synergy in remote areas and the ongoing efforts to support local populations

along border areas.

Addressing the gathering Maj Gen Mukesh Bhanwala, General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division emphasised the importance of seamless collaboration between civil and military agencies. Mr Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu during his address, acknowledged the Indian Army's sustained efforts in humanitarian assistance and infrastructure support across the region. Discussions during the conference also covered the issues of road connectivity in border villages, border area tourism and welfare measures for ex-servicemen and their families.

The conference concluded with a reaffirmed commitment as a 'Whole of Nation Approach' towards peace, development and resilience in Jammu and Kashmir.

## NIA opposes bail relaxation for PDP's Waheed Para

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has strongly opposed a plea filed by MLA and People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Waheed Para seeking relaxation of his bail conditions.

In a detailed objection submitted to the Special NIA Court in Jammu, the anti-terror agency said Para's plea is not maintainable and needs to be dismissed as "intention of the applicant/accused is to flee from the clutches of law."

PDP's Para is leader of the Legislature Party in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. Parra had been jailed for around 19 months under sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in 2020 and was released on bail by the J&K High Court in 2021.

While granting bail, Para was directed not to leave the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir without the prior written permission of the court during the period of bail.

Para, who represents the Pulwama assembly segment, was one of three legislators from the party who won the elections last year.

The MLA had pleaded before the court that he may be allowed to travel

to any part of the country citing his constitutional obligation as a legislator.

"Trial in the instant case is being conducted expeditiously on regular basis. There is a strong apprehension that the applicant/accused would misuse the liberty and may not come back to face the proceedings in relation to chargesheet that has already been filed," the NIA said in its objections.

The NIA said that the investigations have revealed that the accused Parra "entered into the conspiracy with other co-accused for raising funds to procure arms and ammunition for terrorists of the banned terrorist organisation Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba, operating in Kashmir valley."

"Besides, Waheed Para extended financial support to the separatist leaders for furtherance of secessionist activities," the anti terror body told the Court.

"The said bail conditions in no way prevents the accused from discharging his constitutional duties as an elected MLA," NIA said "In the event that his presence is specifically required outside the Union Territory of J&K in furtherance of any constitutional obligation, the court may consider such requests on a case-to-case basis".

## Omar-led Govt committed for revival, boosting Industrial Growth in J&K: Surinder Choudhary

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A mega industrial convention was organised today by Vikram Puri, Chairman of the Trade and Industries Wing, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), to highlight the concerns of the business and industrial community of Jammu region. The event saw participation from a wide cross-section of industrialists and business leaders from across Jammu region, including Digiana, Bari Brahmana, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Ghatti.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, who also holds the portfolios of Industries & Commerce, Roads and Buildings, Labour & Employment, Skilled Development, was the chief guest. The programme was chaired by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC.

During the event, members of various industrial associations namely Ajit Bawa President Kathua Association, Varinder Jain President Gangyal Association, Lalit Mahajan President Bari Brahmana Association, TS Reen Ex Presi-

dent Gangyal Association, Anil Suri Ex President Bari Brahmana, Sunil Verma Industrialist Udhampur, Sanjay Puri, P Mark Industry, Abhi Bansal Saraswati Agro, Anshul Gulati Gulati Oil Mills and Rohit Sehora Association of Industries Samba raised long-standing issues confronting them and also suggested measures overcome the issues.

In his address, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised by the stakeholders. He assured the gathering that the Omar Abdullah-led government is fully committed to the growth and protection of local industries in Jammu and Kashmir. He acknowledged the dismal state of industrial development in the region and said the government would ensure that all due benefits and incentives under their control as UT are released promptly.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated the government's resolve to develop a business-friendly environment and take immediate steps to restore investor confidence, create jobs, and promote both industrial and tourism sectors



in a holistic manner. He further assured that more and more local youths will be absorbed in new Industries establish onwards.

Speaking on the occasion, Rattan Lal Gupta stated that the establishment of a single industrial unit can generate employment for hundreds, yet the region's potential has been ignored. He said due to lack of interest and negligence of previous regime, over 60% industrial units in Jammu and Kashmir are on the verge of closure. He particularly criticised the Central Government for failing to release GST benefits and other financial incentives to local industries, thereby stifling their growth.

Rattan Gupta also questioned the outcome of the Rs 85,000 crore MoU signed by the LG Sinha led administration for industrial development and employment generation. He asked where the promised industries and jobs were and why the benefits were not visible on the ground. He alleged that the recent allotment of industrial land was done in haphazardly manner and ignored local entrepreneurs. He further blamed the previous BJP-led government for failing to develop Jammu's tourism sector, citing the neglect of tourist destinations such as Patnitop, Mansar, Porthu Beach in Kathua.

The Provincial Presi-

dent also expressed concern that the Kashmir Rail Connectivity would also pose a threat to Jammu's industrial economy if local industries are not protected and incentivised. He appealed to the central government to announce a special, comprehensive package for new Industries and also industrial revival package for Jammu to safeguard the region's economy.

Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu expressed concern over the lack of commercial infrastructure in Jammu, noting that no new commercial market has been developed in the last 28 years except for Bahu Plaza. He criticised the Smart City initiative,

alleging that its funds are being wasted on renovation of already developed areas instead of creating new commercial hubs that could help boost trade and employment. He also urged the Govt to develop the pilgrimage sites falling in Jammu division.

Prominent among those who were present in the mega event included: Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary, Bimla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, D.S Chouhan President Legal Cell, S. Tejinder Singh Provincial President YNC Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Vijay Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Dilshad Malik, Rita Gupta Vice Presidents Central Zone, Ashwani Abrol, Arun Deep Singh Senior Vice President Trade and Industry Cell, Rajesh Chaddha Vice President Trade and Industry Cell, Gurdeep Singh Wazir Secretary Trade and Industry Cell, Karan Mahajan Joint Secretary Trade and Industry Cell and others.

## RED DROP under aegis of Kashmir Concern celebrates World Blood Donors Day

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

RED DROP, a dedicated unit of blood donors under the aegis of Kashmir Concern, proudly celebrated World Blood Donors Day on June 14, 2025, in Srinagar, reaffirming its commitment to promoting voluntary blood donation and saving lives across the Kashmir Valley. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, blood donors, volunteers, and media persons, who collectively highlighted the critical importance of blood donation in addressing healthcare challenges. The Chief Guest, Honorable MLA Hazratbal, Jenab Salman Ali Sagar, delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the lifesaving impact of voluntary blood donation. He urged



the youth and citizens to come forward and contribute to this noble cause,

stating, "Blood donation is an act of humanity that strengthens our commu-

nity and saves countless lives." His words resonated with the audience, inspiring a renewed sense of responsibility toward this humanitarian effort. Dr. Touseef Ahmed Bhatt, Chairman of Kashmir Concern, spoke passionately about the organization's mission to bridge the gap between blood donors and those in need. He highlighted the significance of World Blood Donors Day in raising awareness and honoring the selfless contributions of donors. "Every drop of blood donated is a gift of life. We are committed to fostering a culture of voluntary blood donation in Kashmir," he remarked. The Guest of Honour, Shri Vijay Kumar Bidhuri (IAS), commended the efforts of RED DROP and Kashmir Concern in pro-

moting blood donation initiatives. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts between government, civil society, and organizations to ensure a steady supply of safe blood for patients in need. Distinguished guests present included Jenab Manzoor Wangnoo, Chairman of Nigeen Lake Conservation Organisation (NLCO), Jenab Javeed Tenga, President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Adv. Sajad Ahmad Mir, Jenab G.N. Var, Jenab Sheikh Rashid Peer, and Jenab Imtiyaz, who all lauded the initiative and pledged their support for the cause. A special highlight of the event was the felicitation of Shabir Husain Khan, fondly known as the "Blood Man of Kashmir," who has donated 174 pints of blood over 41

years, making him India's most prolific blood donor. Bilkees Ara, recognized as the "Blood Woman of Kashmir," was also honored for her remarkable contributions to blood donation. Alongside them, numerous volunteers and media persons from across Kashmir were acknowledged for their unwavering support in spreading awareness and facilitating blood donation drives. The event concluded with a call to action, urging citizens to join the RED DROP initiative and contribute to building a robust blood donation network in the region. RED DROP and Kashmir Concern expressed their gratitude to all participants, donors, and supporters for making the event a resounding success.

## Ashok Koul addressed professional meets in Char-i-shareef and Palpora

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, SRINAGAR, JUNE 19

Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul, addressed professional meets as part of the ongoing nationwide campaign 'Viksit Bharat Ka Amritkaal - Sewa, Sushasan, Gareeb Kalyan Ke 11 Saal', in Charar-i-Sharif, Budgam and Palpora, Srinagar, emphasizing the achievements of the Modi-led government over the last 11 years.

The events were organized by BJP leaders Zahid Jan and Ghulam Nabi Palpori to mark more than a decade of good governance, welfare-driven policies, and inclusive development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Prominent BJP leaders including Budgam Dis-

trict President Hakeem Ruhullah Ghazi, Senior Leader Ashok Bhat, Bhat Imtiyaz, Asif Khan, and Riyaz Wani were also present and actively engaged with professionals from various fields.

While addressing the meets, Ashok Koul highlighted the pro-poor and pro-development schemes launched during the past decade, asserting that these initiatives have directly empowered the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable populations across the country. From Jan Dhan Yojana and Ujjwala Yojana to Ayushman Bharat and PM Awas Yojana, he said, the Modi government has established a citizen-first approach that focuses on transparency, accountability, and last-mile delivery.

## Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA organised at Zainapora Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, JUNE 14

A vibrant Entrepreneurship Mela under the flagship Mission YUVA initiative was organized today in Zainapora subdivision of the Shopian district by the Department of Employment, Shopian.

The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta as the chief guest. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 250 young and aspiring entrepreneurs from various parts of the district.

Several departments promoting self-employment schemes including Agriculture, Horticulture, Handicrafts & Handloom, Animal Husbandry, NRLM and others had set up informative stalls which were inspected by the DC and scores of people.

Participants were briefed in detail about the benefits, eligibility criteria and modalities of various self-employment schemes. A live demonstration of the Mission YUVA mobile application



and online portal was also conducted, enabling participants to gain hands-on experience in accessing scheme-related services.

DC urged youth to register under Mission YUVA and actively avail the benefits of the programme, and also assured full administrative support to the aspiring entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey.

As part of the mela, successful entrepreneurs from diverse sectors shared their inspiring success stories and challenges faced during their entrepreneurial journey.

Towards the conclusion of the event, three notable entrepreneurs were felicitated by the

Deputy Commissioner with Mission YUVA mementos in recognition of their achievements. NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission) stall was awarded the Best Stall Award, based on stall quality, information delivery, and participant engagement.

A dedicated Help Desk for Mission YUVA was also set up at the venue to acquaint participants about the initiative, assist in registrations, and guide them through the use of the app and portal.

ADC, Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; SDM Zainapora, Bilal Ahmad; AD Employment and other officers also attended the event.

## Int'l Year of Cooperatives celebrated at Warwan with Solar Empowerment Drive



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KISHITWAR, JUNE 14

The AR Office Warwan, in collaboration with the Warwan Wonders Tourism Development Cooperative Ltd, on Saturday commemorated the International Year of Cooperatives with Solar Empowerment Drive—a landmark initiative towards sustainable development.

As part of the celebrations, solar lights, solar tool kits, and solar plates were distributed free of cost among 350 local households.

The event was graced by Member Legislative Assembly Inderwal Pyare Lal Sharma as the Chief Guest, alongside SDM Dr. Mohammad Ashraf, Block Development Officer, Tehsildar and other officials of local administration.

The MLA commended the expected impact of the initiative on improving quality of life in the remote valley.

A special highlight of the event was felicitation of seven women solar engineers—trained under a joint program of The Warwan Wonders Cooperative, Rajasthan-based NGO Bindi International and Kashmir-based NGO Sky Trust—by the MLA for their outstanding contribution.

Their training and participation marked a significant step forward in women-led rural innovation and employment.

The MLA lauded the cooperative's vision and efforts in tackling local unemployment while promoting sustainable energy practices.

The event was held under the guidance of Deputy Registrar Cooperative Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal.

## Orientation programme for SAATHI members held at District Court Shopian



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, JUNE 14

District legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian conducted a meeting-cum-orientation session for the SAATHI unit committee members of District Shopian today at ADR Centre District Court Shopian.

The meeting aimed to discuss and finalize the implementation strategy for the SAATHI campaign, which focuses on identifying and rehabilitating destitute children in the district.

Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary, Chairperson DLSA Shopian chaired the meeting, which was held under the supervision of Mudasar Farooq, Secretary/Sub Judge, DLSA, (Chairperson SAATHI Unit Committee) Shopian.

Various stakeholders including SAATHI committee members of district Shopian attended the meeting.

Chairperson of the District SAATHI Unit conducted the orientation and training session of the District SAATHI Unit Members.

The session focused on orienting committee members on their roles and responsibilities, training them on conducting surveys and identification processes for destitute children, and outlining next steps for the campaign's successful execution.

Through this initiative, DLSA Shopian aims to identify and rehabilitate destitute children, ensuring their access to education, healthcare, and social welfare schemes.

SAATHI campaign is a significant step towards creating a protective and nurturing environment for vulnerable children in district Shopian.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to work together in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign and making a meaningful difference in the lives of destitute children.

The meeting emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination and community participation in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign.

## DC Baramulla reviews progress of works under 'Catch the Rain'

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JUNE 14

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a review meeting at his office chamber to assess the progress of various works being carried out under the 'Catch the Rain' campaign, implemented through the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP).

The meeting reviewed key interventions including the construction of water harvesting tanks,

gabion structures, irrigation khuls, plantations, and strengthening of Nallah bunds. Officials were directed to accelerate the pace of these activities to ensure their timely completion.

Stressing on the importance of inter-departmental synergy, DC called for effective convergence with MGNREGA, along with active involvement from the Agriculture and Horticulture departments to enhance the programme's overall impact.

DC further instructed all concerned departments to increase the scale of activities under the campaign and ensure that all progress is regularly uploaded on the designated portal for effective monitoring and transparency.

He emphasized that the campaign plays a crucial role in water conservation and improving irrigation infrastructure, particularly in water-scarce regions of the district.

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, JUNE 14

A vibrant Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA was today organized here at Christ School Degwar to encourage youth to avail opportunities under MSME sector.

The event drew a significant number of aspiring entrepreneurs, particularly from Degwar Panchayat, showcasing the region's enthusiasm for economic self-reliance. The Mela served as a platform to disseminate information and operational guidelines about the components of the Mission YUVA schemes tailored to inspire and equip young individuals with entrepreneurial skills.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, lending gravitas to the event. His presence underscored the administration's commitment to promote entrepreneurship as a catalyst for



economic growth. The program saw active participation from the members of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and Business Help Desks including the Chief Agriculture Officer, Nodal Officer JKEDI, IPO DIC and LDM, besides other district officers, reinforcing the collaborative effort to uplift the youth.

The highlight of the Mela was the departmental stalls showcasing schemes and initiatives designed to support budding entrepreneurs. The participating youth get deep insights into the gov-

ernment-backed opportunities, sparking interest and dialogue.

The event also celebrated the success stories of entrepreneurs who got support from NRLM (UMED) and the PMEGP scheme. They shared their journey, inspiring the attendees with their achievement. A dedicated help desk facilitated on-spot registrations under the YUVA scheme. The overwhelming turnout reflected the urgency and aspiration among the youth to seize these opportunities.

## Mission YUVA: Entrepreneurship mela held at Udhampur to empower local youth

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 14

To promote self-employment and entrepreneurship among the youth, the District Employment and Counseling Centre, in collaboration with District Administration Udhampur organized a one-day Potential entrepreneurship-cum-awareness mela under Mission YUVA, here today.

The initiative aimed to inform and motivate local youth to explore and avail the self-employment opportunities offered through different government-sponsored entrepreneurship development programs.

At the outset, Assistant Director Employment Priyanka Gupta delivered a detailed briefing on the Mission YUVA, highlighting its objectives, features and the support mechanism available for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The event was attended by DDC Chairperson Lal Chand, Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, Deputy Commissioner



Saloni Rai, Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh and other officers.

A large number of aspiring youth and locals attended the mela reflecting the rising interest in entrepreneurship among the masses.

Addressing the participants, the DCC chairman and MLAs appreciated the enthusiasm of the youth and underscored the significance of such awareness events. They reiterated that Mission YUVA is a transformative initiative aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial skills, creating meaningful employment

opportunities, and fostering self-reliance among the younger generation.

The experts from the stakeholder departments said that the primary aim of the mela was to sensitize youth, aspiring entrepreneurs and stakeholders about the Mission YUVA schemes, including the registration process and key benefits.

Some entrepreneurs shared their success stories and highlighted the tangible impact of the government initiatives on the ground, inspiring others to follow the path of self-employment.

## DC Poonch reviews preparations for 'International Yoga Day 2025'

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, JUNE 14

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Vikas Kundal reviewed the preparations for the upcoming celebration of 'International Yoga Day' at a meeting convened today with the officers of stakeholder departments.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for close coordination among the stakeholders to ensure a seamless celebration. He urged all concerned departments to complete the necessary arrangements well in advance for the mega yoga session.

The DC further informed that similar yoga events will also be organized in Surankote and Mendhar Subdivisions. He directed SDMs of Surankote and Mendhar to ensure fool-



proof arrangements in their respective jurisdictions for the day.

The meeting was attended by senior officials including ADDC Pankaj Magotra, ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, DFO, PO

Poshan, SE PWD (R&B), ACD, ACP, DIO (NIC), CEO, CMO, EXEN PWD (R&B)/JPDCL/Jal Shakti, AD FCS & CA, CEO MC, along with other concerned officers and officials.

## Transport Commissioner visits Pahalgam ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
PAHALGAM, JUNE 14

In view of the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today visited Pahalgam to review the transport arrangements besides interacting with the drivers and stakeholders at various taxi stands.

He was accompanied by the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir besides others.

During the interaction with the local taxi operators and union representatives, the Transport Commissioner emphasised the crucial role of transport community in ensuring a safe, smooth and welcoming experience for the pilgrims and tourists.

"Drivers are the first point of contact for the visitors and serve as our true ambassadors. In the current scenario, their role becomes even more vital in building confidence and trust among the yatis and tourists

alike," stated the Transport Commissioner.

The Transport Commissioner urged the drivers to drive responsibly, strictly follow the traffic and safety regulations and adhere to the fares prescribed by the department. He informed that the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) along with his team shall be stationed at Pahalgam throughout the Yatra period to ensure that these directions are followed in letter and spirit.

The RTO Kashmir exhorted upon the drivers to remain alert, courteous and fully compliant with the safety protocols throughout the Yatra period. He also appreciated their cooperation in maintaining discipline and order on the roads.

The officials assured that the Transport Department stands in full support of the transport fraternity and will extend all necessary assistance to facilitate seamless operations during the Yatra.

## World Blood Donor Day celebrated at Dte Health Services, Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

World Blood Donor Day was celebrated in Directorate of Health Services Jammu on 14.6.25 under the leadership of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, A Nukkad Natak regarding awareness for donating blood was organized by Assistant Director HEB Dr. Simmi Verma in collaboration with Joint Director Information Mr. Deepak Dubey, whose selfless act of kindness by sending the Nukkad Natak team was much appreciable. The Natak was well appreciated by all present. A Pledge taking ceremony led by Director Health Services along with Deputy Director Schemes Dr. Poonam Sethi, DD Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma and offi-



cers/officials of Directorate and adjoining offices was taken on this occasion. Blood grouping of Directorate and adjoining offices was also undertaken by team from Govt. Hospital Sarwal. The team was deployed by Medical Superintendent Govt. Hospital Sarwal Dr. Sunil Kailu. Speaking on the occasion DHS emphasized that World Blood Donor Day, is celebrated annually on

14th June to honor and thank those people who donate their blood voluntarily to give others the gift of life, adding that the day reaffirms the importance of blood donation in saving the lives of people who are in dire need of blood. The theme for this year "Give blood, give hope: Together we save lives" reflects how each donation gives someone a renewed chance at life. It also reminds us that ensur-

ing a steady blood supply requires collective effort from individuals, communities and healthcare systems.

A blood donation camp was also organized on occasion of World Blood Donor Day at SDH Parole, where in blood collection and transportation vehicle was deployed from Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

The event was accomplished with unwavering support from team of Health Education Bureau.

The Day was also observed in health institutions of all Districts and Blocks of Jammu Division with active participation of Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents and Block Medical Officers along with Officers & Officials of respective Districts and Blocks.

## Indian Army, SHD Kupwara celebrate Blood Donors Day at Pathahirri

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KUPWARA, JUN 14

In a heartfelt initiative to celebrate World Blood Donors Day the Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers in collaboration with Sub District Hospital Kupwara, organized a Blood Donation Camp to promote the spirit of humanity and support critical healthcare needs in the region. The event, held on 14 June 2025 at Pathahirri Garrison underscored the power of collective action, with every drop of donated blood carrying the potential to save precious lives.

The blood donation drive saw enthusiastic participation from Indian Army personnel, local civilians, and healthcare workers, reflecting a unified commitment to serving the community.



Army's Medical team alongwith staff from SDH Kupwara echoed this sen-

timent, noting that voluntary blood donations are vital for maintaining a

steady supply for patients in need.

The collaboration between the Indian Army and Sub District Hospital Kupwara highlights a long-standing tradition of community welfare efforts in the region. Similar camps have been organized in the past, fostering a sense of solidarity and encouraging more individuals to step forward as donors.

As the day concluded, Commanding Officer Kupwara Terriers along with civil doctors and other staff expressed gratitude to all donors and reaffirmed their commitment to hosting more such events in the future. The blood collected will be used to support patients across Kupwara and beyond, ensuring that this act of generosity reverberates through countless lives.

## ICG, Navy & IAF execute High-Risk Operation to Stabilise Fire-Hit Singaporean Vessel Off Kochi

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

In a major development in the firefighting and salvage operation of Singaporean Vessel MV Wan Hai 503, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), along with the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, successfully transferred the tow of the distressed container vessel to the ocean-going tug Offshore Warrior on June 13, 2025. The ICG had been holding the vessel away from the Kerala coast for several days, but sudden deterioration in weather conditions and strong westerly winds caused it to dangerously drift toward the shoreline. Despite adverse weather that restricted aerial operations and delayed salvage crew boarding, a Navy Sea King helicopter launched from Kochi on June 13 success-



fully winched salvage team members onto the vessel under extremely challenging conditions. The team

then managed to connect a 600-metre tow rope to Offshore Warrior approximately 20 nautical miles

off the coast of Kochi. The vessel is now being towed westward at a speed of 1.8 knots and is nearly 35 nautical miles offshore. Three ICG Offshore Patrol Vessels are continuing to escort the container ship and sustain firefighting operations. At present, only thick smoke and a few isolated hotspots remain onboard, a testament to the ICG's effective firefighting efforts that have helped avert a major environmental disaster. The ICG is closely coordinating with the Directorate General of Shipping to ensure the vessel remains at least 50 nautical miles from the Indian coastline until its fate is determined by the owners, in accordance with international norms. The situation is expected to further stabilise with the anticipated arrival of additional firefighting tugs.

## Indian Army conducts Medical, Veterinary Camp for Gujjar, Bakkarwals at Agri

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, JUNE 14

In a noble gesture under Operation Sadbhavana, the Indian Army conducted a comprehensive Medical and Veterinary Camp at Gei, Doda on 14 Jun 2025. The initiative was aimed at addressing the pressing healthcare and veterinary needs of the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities residing in the remote and rugged terrains of Dessa area at Gotul, which is hours way from the nearest road link and, where access to medical infrastructure remains limited due to poor road connectivity, water scarcity and developmental constraints.

The camp was spearheaded by dedicated Army Medical Officers along with esteemed



doctors and Veterinary professionals from the Government hospitals. A range of medical services including general health screening, pediatric care, women's health consultations and medicine distribution were rendered to the locals. Special attention was given to mothers and children, with free

medical aid provided to ensure their well-being.

Simultaneously, a veterinary drive was conducted to cater to the livestock of the nomadic Gujjars and Bakkarwals-an integral part of their livelihood. Numerous animals including cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, and buffaloes were examined

and treated by skilled veterinary personnel. A total of 192 patients including 140 males, 38 females and 14 children were provided medical care by the doctors. Total 88 animals including cows, sheep, mules & goats were screened and provided free medical treatment. 02 x Doctors from Govt Medical College and 05 x staff including Veterinary Doctors from District Sheep and Animal Husbandry department, Doda also took part in the said event.

The heartfelt gratitude expressed by the local populace stood as a testament to the Indian Army's unwavering dedication to serving those in the farthest corners of the nation. This holistic medical outreach not only brought healing and care but also streng-

## Lieutenant General Lasantha Rodrigo RSP, CTF-NDY, PSC IG, Commander of Sri Lanka Army, RO Passing Out Parade at Indian Military Academy

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SATURDAY, 14 JUN 2025

156th Passing Out Parade of IMA, Dehradun was held on 14 Jun 2025 (Saturday). The Parade was reviewed by Lieutenant General Lasantha Rodrigo RSP, CTF-NDU, PSC, IG, The Commander of The Army, Sri Lanka. He congratulated the Officer Cadets on successful completion of their training at IMA. He also, complimented the Instructors and Officer Cadets for the excellent parade, immaculate turnout and precision during parade reflecting their hard work and training. This visit showcases the strong and deep-rooted historical, military ties and will further strengthen the bond between the two Armies.

This Day and Date of 14 Jun 2025 will go down in the history of IMA as another landmark milestone, where a total of 451 Officer Cadets of 156 Regular Course, 45 Technical Entry Scheme and 139 Technical Graduate Course, Special Commissioned Officers (SCO-54) including 32 Officer Cadets from Nine Friendly Foreign Countries successfully passed out from the portals of Indian Military Academy.

played inspiring enthusiasm and zeal, and put up an excellent show, marching with perfection to Military tunes of 'Sare Jahan Se Achha' and 'Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja' with pride and élan reflecting in each step. They knew that their parents and loved ones were witnessing each step with great pride and affection including those watching the live coverage on all media platforms across the globe.

While addressing the passing out course the Reviewing Officer Lieutenant General BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo said that, I am deeply honoured and moved to the point of tears to stand before you as the first IMA alumnus to return as the Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and review this parade. Looking at your faces, I see my younger self. This place doesn't just train officers; it forges bonds that last a lifetime. He thanked General Upendra Dwivedi and the Indian Army for the kind invitation.

As he looked upon the proud faces gathered before him and recalled the day he himself had marched onto the same hallowed ground, wide eyed and full of purpose. He reflected on how his journey, like that of the officer cadets present, had



begun with a simple haircut in the barber chair of the Indian Military Academy.

He reminded the officer cadets that today, they were not just wearing a rank but they were embracing a way of life. Being an officer is all about earning the quiet respect of those they lead. Respect isn't granted with a commission, it's earned daily through conduct, character, and choices.

Quoting the IMA Credo, the General Officer highlighted the three unshakable responsibilities that every officer must uphold. First, to the Nation - Second, to the their Soldiers and Third, to the Families of our brave hearts.

He underscored the core values of a soldier's character by focusing on discipline, integrity, loyalty, and honour. Discipline, he said, is about self-mastery; integrity is doing right when unseen; loyalty extends beyond rank, and honour is the sacred trust the uniform represents - one to be guarded with utmost pride.

The General Officer reminded the officer cadets that they now belong to an unbroken chain of patriots and warriors, urging them to wear the uniform not just with pride, but with purpose. Congratulating the award winners, he praised their exceptional effort and encouraged others to keep striving. He also acknowledged the foreign officer cadets, calling them ambassadors

of IMA's values like discipline, integrity, loyalty, honour, and brotherhood - that transcend borders.

The Chief of Sri Lanka Army said the Academy has not only shaped soldiers but future guardians of the nation. As their real journey begins, he urged them to lead with wisdom, fight for what's right, and carry the hopes of a billion with pride.

In his closing remarks, the General Officer urged the officer cadets to go forth and write their own chapter in the legacy of the Indian Military Academy. Congratulating them on a remarkable parade, he reminded them of the lifelong brotherhood they now belong to and left them with Field Marshal Manekshaw's timeless words: "Be truthful, be honest, be fearless."

The Reviewing Officer presented the following awards:-  
• The coveted award of the Sword of Honour was presented to Academy Cadet Adjutant Anni Nehra.  
• Gold Medal for the Officer Cadet standing First in the Order of Merit was presented to Academy Under Officer Ronit Ranjan Nayak.  
• Silver Medal for the Officer Cadet standing Second in the Order of

Merit was presented to Academy Cadet Adjutant Anni Nehra.

• Bronze Medal for the Officer Cadet standing Third in the Order of Merit was presented to Battalion Under Officer Anurag Verma.  
• Silver Medal for the Officer Cadet standing First in the Order of Merit from Technical Graduate Course was presented to Sergeant Akash Bhadouriya.

• Silver Medal for the Officer Cadet standing First in the Order of Merit from Technical Entry Scheme (TES-45) was presented to Wing Cadet Quarter Master Kapil.  
• Medal for the Officer Cadet standing First in the Order of Merit from Foreign Country was presented to Foreign Officer Cadet Nishan Balami (Nepal).  
• Chief of Army Staff Banner was awarded to Keren Company for standing Overall First amongst 12 companies for the Spring Term 2025.  
The Reviewing Officer, exhorted all to dedicate themselves to the service of the nation. He said, "You are just a step away from the historic and magnificent moment of your commissioning into the most elite forces".

## Civil Defence Jammu conducts 05 Days CD Training Program



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

05 days Civil Defence training programme conducted at NCC Training Academy Nagrota, concluded today. The training programme was under the supervision of Dy. SP. Zia -Ul- Haq, Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu in which 250 NCC CADETS attended the workshop. The participants were acquainted with the knowledge as to how to enhance public preparedness and response capabilities during emergencies. This included educating participants on basic first aid, fire-fighting techniques, CPR, and other vital emergency response methods, with a focus on safety measures during events like airstrikes and natural/ manmade disaster.

The program also aimed to foster a more resilient and informed community by training individuals to effectively respond during any calamity.

On the occasion, a demonstration on first aid fire fighting including improvised emergency rescue methods during disaster was presented by the Civil Defence team. Col. Munish Jasrotia, Commanding Officer 2JK NNC appreciated and thanked to Civil Defence team for organizing such important training programme.

Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Sh. R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Professor Suman Bala ANO NCC Training camp and other staff of the NCC, Camp Nagrota also present on the occasion.

## Yudhvir kickstarts blacktopping of road work from Amar Singh Club to Bhagwati Nagar

**Says Modi Govt working tirelessly to improve facilities linked with religious tourism, public convenience**

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, today kickstarted the much-awaited road development work from Amar Singh Club to Bhagwati Nagar, in the vicinity of the Amarnath Yatra Base Camp. The blacktopping work with an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakhs, launched in the presence of Chief Engineer Rajesh Gupta, Executive Engineer Atul Gupta, and AEE Naveen Kumar, marks a significant step



towards improving civic infrastructure in this crucial stretch of the city. Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Amarnath Yatra holds immense religious and cultural significance, attracting lakhs of devotees from across the country every year. "Ensuring smooth and safe access

to the Yatra Base Camp is our utmost priority. This road development project not only fulfills the long-pending demands of the local residents but also guarantees better connectivity and infrastructure for the devotees of Baba Barfani," he said, adding that the Modi Government is working

tirelessly to improve facilities linked with religious tourism and overall public convenience. The MLA further emphasized that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Government has ensured that development reaches every corner of Jammu

and Kashmir, especially in areas connected to religious tourism. He added that the Modi Government is committed to the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', and this road development project is a testimony to the Centre's focus on providing top-notch facilities to both residents and yatriks alike.

Prominent BJP leaders who were present on the occasion included Sh. Parmod Kapahi, Sh. Raman Sharma, Sh. Suresh Salgotra, Sh. Rajnath Bhat, Sh. Kumar Kant Sharma, Sh. Satish Nargotra, Sh. Janak Raj Verma, Sh. Subash Sharma, Sh. Rakesh Mahajan, Sh. Sanjay Gupta, Sh. Kuldeep Kapoor, Sh. Prasul Dhar, Smt. Anita Sharma, Sh. Tek Chand Thakur, Sh. Ramesh Saini, and Rajinder Tiku.

## Braveheart Adil's job letter prepared by elected govt: NC

J I NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 14

Hours after J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, handed over an appointment letter to Syed Adil Hussain's

wife on compassionate grounds, the ruling National Conference said the order was already prepared by the Fisheries department under the elected government. Adil, was the only Kash-

miri among the 26 people killed in the deadly terror attack at Baisaran in Pahalgam on April 22. He was shot while courageously attempting to stop the terrorists from targeting tourists.

### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DIVISION-01 JAMMU

**Fresh eNIT No. 06 of 2025-26 Dated: 13.06.2025. (2nd call)**  
**e-Auction of Shops JMC Assets**

For and on behalf of Worthy Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, The Executive Engineer Division No. 1 of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) issued tender documents for the e-auction of Municipal shops for leasing out of shops located in the JMC Asset at Shopping Complex at Shaheedi Chowk (Jogi Gate), Ward No. 06. These documents are available on the Jammu and Kashmir eProcurement System.

**To access the tender documents:**

1. Visit the Jammu and Kashmir eProcurement System available at <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
2. Navigate to the 'Latest Active Tenders' section.
3. Look for the tender titled 'e-Auction of Shops at JMC Assets Shopping Complex, Shaheedi-Chowk (Jogi Gate), Ward No. 06'.
4. Click on the tender title to view detailed information and download the associated documents.
5. The Highest Quoted amount shall be the successful bidder. Ensure you review all eligibility criteria, submission deadlines, and other pertinent details outlined in the tender documents.

**Shopping complex at Shaheedi Chowk (Jogi Gate) ward No. 06**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Floor	Area in sqft	Minimum Reserved Bid in Rs.	EMD FDR/CDR (In Lacs)	Bid Fee (In Rs.)	Lease time
1.	Shop No. 1	G.Floor	378.93	2647682	3.00	2000.00	10 Years as per section 157 of Jammu Municipal Corp. JMC Act which may be further extended as per mutual consent of lessee and JMC.
2.	Shop No. 2	G.Floor	123.75	864673.4	pledged to Chief Accounts Officer, JMC	pledged to Chief Accounts Officer, JMC	
3.	Shop No. 3	G.Floor	123.75	864673.4			
4.	Shop No. 5	G.Floor	250.31	1748981			
5.	Shop No. 6	G.Floor	250.31	1748981			
6.	Shop No. 1	1ST Floor	378.93	2584640			
7.	Shop No. 2	1ST Floor	123.75	844085.1			
8.	Shop No. 3	1ST Floor	123.75	844085.1			
9.	Shop No. 4	1ST Floor	250.31	1707337			
10.	Shop No. 5	1ST Floor	250.31	1707337			
11.	Shop No. 6	1ST Floor	250.31	1707337			

- The monthly rent shall be charged @ Rs.15/Sft per month.
- The monthly rent shall be revised @ Minimum 15% after every 3 year by JMC.
- The EMD shall be returned to unsuccessful bidder within a month of finance bid opening.
- The bidder can either opt for all the shops or for any one of them. The CDR & Bid fee shall remain same for all. However the Min. reserve bid amount shall be deposited by the highest bidder as per the selected shop as per the above table.
- The applicant must be a citizen of India.
- The applicant must have attained the age of 18 years on the last date of submission of the Application form and be legally competent to enter into a contract
- Applicants are advised to keep scanned copy of Photograph, Aadhar Card, PAN Card, signatures and cancelled cheque or passbook before starting the online application.
- The Application Form should be filled up online and the applicant should verify his/her details care-fully before submitting application on auction website. Mere online submission of data will not be treated as an application and shall be liable to be rejected out rightly.
- Step by step procedure for filling the form also available on the website
- The Complete bidding process will be online.

S.No.	Online Sequence of Activities	Date and Time
1.	Bid submission Start date	14.06.2025.
2.	Pre bid meeting	28.05.2025 AT 1400 Hrs.
3.	Bid submission End date	09.07.2025 AT 1600 Hrs.
4.	Date and time of opening of Bid(Online)	12.12.2025 AT 1400 Hrs.

NO:JMC/DIV-I/T/275-84  
Dated:- 1306.2025.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
JMC Division-I  
Jammu Municipal Corporation

DIP/J-827-P/25  
Date: 14-6-25

## Govt of India should organize official events to commemorate 650th Birth Anniversary of Guru Ravidass

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

A delegation of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation (BRHF), led by its President Om Prakash Bagha, met Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan and urged that the Government of India to officially commemorate the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidass.

The delegation included Rajesh Bagha, President of the Indian Chapter, and Balbir Ram Rattan, General Secretary, Indian Chapter, who submitted a memorandum to the Minister. The memorandum stated that BRHF, a global, non-political, and social organization, works to promote the teachings and legacy of Guru Ravidass at both national and



international levels. The memorandum presented several key suggestions and demands to the central government. The main demand was to form a National Committee under the aegis of the Government of India to coordinate year-long official celebrations as part of the Guru Ravidass 650th Birth Anniversary commemorations. The organization also offered

its full support and suggested holding events not just in India but abroad as well. It was further proposed that the Ministry of External Affairs should direct Indian embassies and consulates worldwide to organize events to mark the occasion. The delegation also put forward the following demands: The area associated

with Guru Ravidass Ji's historical visit to Tughlaqabad be renamed "Begumpura". Jahapanah Park in Tughlaqabad should be renamed "Guru Ravidass Vatika". Adampur Airport in Punjab should be named after Guru Ravidass Ji, as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during election campaigning. A two-minute silence

## Dr. R K Uppal receives TAOI's Prestigious Peacock Award

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

TAOI has honoured Dr. Rajinder K u m a r Uppal, Principal of Guru G o b i n d Singh College of Management and Technology, Gid-darbaha, with the Peacock Award for his exceptional contributions to education, research, and social betterment. A renowned academic and thought leader, Dr. Uppal has significantly influenced Indian banking, e-governance, and rural development through his research. Beyond academia, he has actively worked to uplift marginalized communities. The award recognizes his visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to transforming education and society. Dr. Uppal expressed his gratitude to the jury for this honour.



## BJP pays heartfelt tribute to victims of Ahmedabad Air Tragedy

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, 14 JUNE 2025:

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir organized a Shradhanjali Sabha at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar,

to pay heartfelt tributes to the victims of the tragic air accident that occurred in Ahmedabad. Led by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, the event witnessed the presence of several senior party functionar-

ies, including General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, along with other senior leaders, who gathered to express their solidarity with the

bereaved families. BJP leaders also paid floral tributes on the portrait of Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani, who was amongst the persons who lost their lives in the tragedy. A two-minute silence

was observed as a mark of respect for the departed souls. Leaders and participants offered floral tributes, praying for peace to the departed and strength to the families affected by the tragedy.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE HORTICULTURE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY OFFICER  
Gole Pulli Talab-Tillo, Jammu (E-mail Id:-hipojam@gmail.com)  
Advisory for Fruit Growers:**

### Measures to Protect Orchards During Heat Wave Conditions

In view of the prevailing heat wave conditions, fruit growers of the Jammu Division are advised to adopt the following cultural and protective measures for safeguarding their fruit plants and ensuring better orchard management:

1. Timely Harvesting: Harvest mature fruits promptly and store them in shaded, well-ventilated areas to protect them from heat and humidity-related damage.
2. Minimize Stressful Operations: Avoid heavy weeding, pruning, and pesticide spraying during peak heat wave periods to reduce additional stress on the plants.
3. Scheduled Irrigation: Irrigate orchards lightly during early morning or late evening hours to minimize water loss due to high evaporation and to help maintain plant turgidity.
4. Nutrient Management: Foliar application of multi-nutrients—particularly those containing Calcium and Boron—is recommended to prevent sunburn, nutrient deficiency symptoms, and other physiological disorders.
5. Mulching: Apply mulch around the base of trees using local grasses or black alkathene sheets to retain soil moisture and reduce soil temperature.
6. Shade Protection: Use shade nets or straw coverings to protect nursery stock and young/vulnerable fruit plants from direct sun exposure.
7. Trunk Protection: Apply a whitewash mixture (hydrated lime + copper sulphate + water) to tree trunks to protect them from sunburn and related heat injuries.

Fruit growers are urged to follow these measures diligently to mitigate the adverse effects of extreme temperatures on their orchards and to maintain plant health and productivity.

Sd/-  
Horticulture Information &  
Publication Officer, Jammu

DIP/J-2182/25  
Date: 14-6-25

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR (JAL SHAKTI) IRRIGATION DIVISION UDHAMPUR

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### CORREGENDUM

Due to poor response in below mentioned Enit's which is due on 13-06-2025 is hereby further extended for 2nd time as under:-

S.No.	Name of work	Ref. to Enit No.	Tender ref. No.	Date of submission upto	Date of opening
01	Restoration of various protection works in river Tawi different nallahs to protect the agriculture land residential houses in Tehsil Ramnagar	enit1 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	2025_ IFC_277654_1	19-06-2025 upto 05 P.M	20-06-2025 at 1.30 P.M
02	Improvement of Irrigation system of various khuls in Irrigation Sub Division Ud-hampur	enit03 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	2025_ IFC_277649_1	19-06-2025 upto 05 P.M	20-06-2025 at 1.30 P.M
03	improvement of Irrigation system of various khuls in Irrigation Sub Division Thathi	enit04 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	2025_ IFC_277659_1	19-06-2025 upto 05 P.M	20-06-2025 at 1.30 P.M
04	Improvement of Investigation system of various khuls in Irrigation Sub Division Ramnagar	enit05 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	2025_ IFC_277660_1	19-06-2025 upto 05 P.M	20-06-2025 at 1.30 P.M
05	Improvement of Investigation system of various khuls in Irrigation Sub Division Dud/ enit07 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	enit07 of 2025-26 Dt24-05-2025	2025_ IFC_277665_1	19-06-2025 upto 05 P.M	20-06-2025 at 1.30 P.M

No. IDU/-1431-70 -  
Dated-13-06-2025

DIP/J-2130/25  
Date: 14-6-25

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Irrigation Division  
Udhampur

## Remote Village Youth from Chamb Commissioned as Flying Officer in Indian Air Force

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 14 JUN 2025

In a moment of immense pride for the region and the nation, Flying Officer Pranav Uppal, a native of a remote village near the Line of Control in Chamb, Jammu & Kashmir, has been commissioned into the Indian Air Force. His commissioning marks the culmination of a remarkable journey defined by perseverance, discipline, and a deep commitment to serve the nation.

Coming from a humble background with no family history in the armed forces, Flying Officer Uppal's interest in the military was sparked during visits to his elder brother at Sainik School. Inspired by the military environment and values he witnessed there, he joined Sainik School in



Class 6, overcoming significant financial and logistical challenges.

Driven by an unwavering determination, he cleared the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) examination on his first attempt. At NDA, he stood out for his academic excellence and all-round performance, which continued during

his training at the Air Force Academy (AFA). He was awarded 'Best in Aerobatics' during Stage-I flying and had the rare honour of flying with the Commanding Officer of the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT). He also held the distinguished appointment of Squadron Cadet Captain, reflecting his leadership potential and

respect among peers.

Flying Officer Uppal's journey from a border village to the skies of the Indian Air Force is a testament to what grit, focus, and patriotism can achieve. His success story is expected to inspire countless young aspirants, especially from rural and underrepresented regions of the country.

## Ved Parkash Sharma praises Modi's 11-year rule for transformative governance, unprecedented devp

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

As the BJP-led NDA government under the leadership of prime Minister Narendra Modi, completed 11 years in office and first year of its term on Monday last, Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha President Ved Parkash Sharma described the period as one of transformative governance, national pride, and unprecedented development.

Interacting with media persons here, Sharma said that in the 11 years of Narendra Modi's leadership, there has been remarkable progress across various sectors. Law and order have significantly improved, with a complete halt to bomb blasts within the country and end of insurgency in the Northeast. Every time terrorists attempted an attack, they were met with strong response including surgical strikes and missile operation that a clear



message.

Reflecting on the journey since 2014, Sharma praised the government handling of national security and internal peace.

Speaking on the occasion Former Dy Commissioner B.S. Jamwal, NMC President Subash Shastri DBPS Chairman Advocate P.C. Sharma, and Bawa Bhair devasthan Trust General secretary Ramesh Sharma lauded the government's commitment to clean and effective governance.

"The third time of the Modi government, marked by integrity, faith, and justice, is our view, a continuation of a successful journey of good governance, they added. "In the last 11 years, the

whole world bows before India. Just look at how global leaders speak with Modi, there's no comparison anymore. Take Pakistan, for example

It is not making any move. The entire world now sees it as a terrorist country, and PM does not tolerate terrorism. That his firm stance, they asserted. They hailed PM Modi tenure as historic unmatched. Eleven years is a historic milestone, and such a period has never witnessed in post-Independence India. Economically, India has risen to become the fourth-largest economy in the world, they said.

They added, it has been a very positive. The Country has witnessed unprec-

edented development and recently, when Pakistan showed aggression, it was given strong and fitting response

Development has truly taken place.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks over a decade at the helm, leaders from across parties acknowledge the transformational journey India has undergone, from national security to economic resurgence and global diplomacy with the spirit of service at its core, they said.

N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Advocate Chandar Mohan Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, M.L. Padha, Barita Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, K.L. Sharma, Ritiz Khajuria, Davinder Sharma, Sanjiv Kerni, Kuldeep Shukla, Shiv Ram Sharma, Prem Balotra, Sat pal Sharma, Satyaanand

Sharma Gurdas Sharma, Mahesh Sharma, Yash Paul Khajuria and other's were also present in the conference.

## Birth Anniversary of Brigadier Rajinder Singh Ji commemorated

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

A floral tribute ceremony was held on Friday at Rajinder Singh Park, Canal Road Jammu, to commemorate the 126th birth anniversary of Brigadier Rajinder Singh, hailed as the 'Saviour of Kashmir'. The event witnessed the participation of former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta along with senior BJP leaders including Pramod Kapahi and others who gathered to honour the legacy of the brave soldier.

The programme was organized by Senior BJP Leaders Sh. Karan Singh, Kuldeep Kandhari, Rajinder Tickoo and Manav Mahajan in which senior leaders Parmod Kapahi, Arun Prabhat, Anju Dogra, Parveen Arora, Dilbahadur Singh, and Anu Rajesh Gupta were present. The event was also graced by several prominent local BJP leaders including Dinesh Gupta, Balwant Singh, Sucha Singh, Keshav Chopra, Anil Angral, Dr.



Surjeet Singh, Subash Raina, Vishal Gupta, Chaman Angral, Adarsh Jathier, Rajeev Sethi, Jasmeeth Singh, Rahul Pradhan, Bhupesh Singh, Jialal, and Karan Sharma. The Canal Bazar Association President Sh. Vishal Gupta was also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta said Brigadier Rajinder Singh's courage and sacrifice played a decisive role in saving Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 when Pakistani forces, disguised as tribal raiders, launched an attack to capture the region. He said that Brigadier Singh's story should

be taught in schools so that future generations understand the valor and sacrifices of true national heroes.

Kavinder Gupta further stated that Brigadier Rajinder Singh's legacy is not just a chapter in military history but a symbol of unwavering patriotism and duty. He said that remembering such national heroes is essential in today's times to instill a sense of pride and sacrifice among the youth.

The former Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that it is the responsibility of every citizen, especially the younger generation, to draw inspiration from

such gallant figures and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress.

Brigadier Rajinder Singh, born on June 14, 1899, was the Chief of Staff in the army of Maharaja Hari Singh. When Pakistan launched its attack on October 22, 1947, Brigadier Singh led a contingent of just 100 soldiers and confronted nearly 5,000 enemy troops in the Uri sector of Baramulla. In a fierce five-day battle, he destroyed key bridges to halt the enemy's advance and continued fighting till his last breath. On October 26, 1947, he laid down his life along with many of his comrades in defense of the motherland.

Pramod Kapahi paid rich tributes and said that Brigadier Rajinder Singh's unmatched bravery and strategic foresight made him an icon for the Indian Army's infantry forces in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the soldier's actions delayed the enemy long enough for the Indian Army to reach Kashmir and safeguard it from falling into enemy hands.

## Empowering differently-abled individual's collective responsibility: Jasrotia

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, JUNE 14

The District Administration Kathua, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department and ALIMCO, organized a distribution ceremony for prosthetic aids. MLA Jasrotia, Rajiv Jasrotia, Vinod Kumar Shinda, Vishal Verma, Raju, Niteshwar Andotra, Ajay Kumar, Devinder Singh Sunny, Chaggar Singh and other prominent workers.

MLA Rajiv Jasrotia speaking on the occasion emphasized the importance of providing support to differently-abled individuals and ensuring their inclusion in society. The distribution ceremony marked a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities in Kathua district. The sentiment emphasizes the importance of collective responsibility in empowering differently-abled individuals. By working together, government and non-government entities



can create a more inclusive environment that enables people with disabilities to lead dignified lives and contribute to the nation's growth, added Jasrotia.

Jasrotia observed that empowering differently-abled individuals is a shared responsibility that requires the involvement of both government and non-government entities. The government's commitment is vital to uplifting differently-abled individuals by taking such initiatives more and framing policies aimed at promoting their welfare and inclusion. By providing opportunities and support, differently-abled individuals can contribute to making India a developed nation by 2047. Jasrotia highlighted the importance of inclusiv-

ity and equal opportunities for all, regardless of abilities. He said efforts are being made to facilitate specially abled persons by promoting their physical, social, psychological rehabilitation.

Jasrotia appreciated the joint efforts of the Social Welfare Department, Kathua and ALIMCO for organizing the camps in peripheral areas of the district. He appealed to the people to avail the scheme which is launched to help needy disabled persons by providing durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern standard aids and appliances. He also appealed to people to turn up at the venues where prosthetic aid will be distributed on scheduled date and time. He said prosthetic aid and appliances will promote physical social, psychological rehabilitation of persons with disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential.

## Vibodh calls for united effort toward Viksit Bharat by 2047

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing a spirited gathering at the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha in Chohala Mandal, Suchetgarh reaffirmed the collective national commitment to building a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047.

Calling upon the people to contribute actively to this transformative journey, Vibodh said, "The vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not merely a dream—it is a historic mission. We are not just witnesses to change; we are participants in shaping a new India. Let us unite with renewed resolve and dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation with mission of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Highlighting the transformation India has undergone over the past 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gupta said, "India has witnessed an era of decisive, transparent, and inclusive governance since 2014. The Modi government has brought economic



discipline, encouraged public participation, and replaced the politics of division and corruption with a politics of development and unity."

Vibodh further highlighted key historic reforms and initiatives that have redefined India's development trajectory. These included the abrogation of Article 370, which fully integrated Jammu and Kashmir into the constitutional framework of India, and the conduct of democratic elections in the UT with unprecedented voter turnout. He highlighted the abolition of triple talaq, which ensured justice and dignity for Muslim women, the enactment of the Women's Reservation Act, and the Digital India revolution, which has empowered citizens

across the socio-economic spectrum. Vibodh also lauded India's technological achievements, citing the success of the Gaganyaan mission as a symbol of the country's scientific and strategic advancement. He praised infrastructure development initiatives such as the rollout of Vande Bharat trains, which have improved connectivity. He stressed that under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership, these historic steps are not isolated achievements—they are part of a clear roadmap toward a strong, self-reliant, and developed India.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Professor Garu Ram credited Prime Minister Modi for transforming India's political culture and ushering in a

governance model rooted in accountability, performance, and national pride. He noted that the post-2014 period has seen a decisive shift from a mindset of helplessness to one of hope. "Today, the youth of India dream bigger because they believe in a government that delivers, empowers, and inspires confidence on the global stage," he said.

District President Rinku Choudhary, in his address, highlighted the visible impact of central government schemes at the grassroots level. He said that development has reached the doorstep of every household in the form of roads, electricity, clean water, and digital services. Rinku reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to bringing the message of Viksit Bharat to every citizen.

On this occasion, Prabhari Rajinder Singh read aloud the Viksit Bharat Sankalp, a solemn pledge committing all present to work tirelessly toward building a strong, modern, and developed India.

Mandal President Suraj Singh, Mandal President Devi Datta and Event Coordinator Natha Ram also spoke on the occasion.

## Congress workers donate blood on World Blood Donation Day

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

Several young workers of the Congress party today participated in the blood donation on the occasion of world blood donation day, today.

Several Young Turks of the Congress party donated blood in the blood donations camp organised by Amar Ujala newspaper at GMC hospital, Jammu. Accompanied by a team of Congress leaders under the leadership of JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Mr Ravinder Sharma Ex- MLC donated

blood on the initiative of #Amar Ujala newspaper, to create awareness and contribute to the cause of saving humanity.

Those who accompanied Sanjeev Panda, Virinder Singh Manhas, Vijay Shastri, Latish Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Sohith Sharma, Janak Mehra, Shakti Singh, Dinesh Kumar & Sohan Bhagat.

Amar Ujala bureau Chief Smt. Rolly Khanna and the staff of Amarujala News Paper were present on the occasion.



Speaking to reporters, Mr Ravinder Sharma said that blood donation is the biggest cause of the society and service of humanity. Youth & every healthy person within age limit should be aware and educated about donation

of blood which is good for own health also.

He said such camps create awareness among General Masses but more awareness campaigns should be launched to educate people especially younger generation.

Large number of people from far flung villages and victims of accidents need blood in emergency, so such blood donations help them, urging young people to donate blood quite often as per norms.

World Blood Donor Day

# DHSJ, Information Department collaborate to promote volunteer spirit, honour donors

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 14

The Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, in collaboration with the Department of Information and Public Relations, Jammu, organised a series of awareness events to commemorate World Blood Donor Day. The event was organized to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and to honor the selfless contribution of blood donors in saving lives.

This year's theme, "Give Blood, Give Hope - Together We Save Lives," emphasized the vital role blood donors play in offering hope and a second chance at life to those in need.

As part of the celebrations, a street play (Nukkad Natak) was presented by the artists of the Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations, Jammu, focusing on the significance and need



for regular blood donation. The play effectively conveyed the message about myths and facts surrounding blood donation and encouraged citizens to participate actively in this life-saving act.

Blood grouping of officers and officials of Directorate and adjoining offices was also undertaken by

team deployed by Medical Superintendent Government Hospital, Sarwal.

On the occasion, a pledge, led by Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul hamid Zargar, was taken by all present to donate blood voluntarily and regularly. The pledge reaffirmed the collective commitment of the com-

munity to promote a culture of regular blood donation for the betterment of society.

Speaking at the event, the Director appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Department of Information and Public Relations and praised the Cultural Unit's impactful performance in spreading social awareness through creative expression. He also lauded the blood donors, calling them "real-life heroes" who bring hope to countless families.

The event witnessed participation from health-care workers, officials, students, and members of the general public, all united in their resolve to support the noble cause of voluntary blood donation.

The programme was conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

# Potential Entrepreneurship Mela held at Reasi under Mission Yuva

J I NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, JUNE 14

The District Administration Reasi, under leadership of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik and in collaboration with the District Employment and Counseling Centre today organized a one-day Potential Entrepreneurship Mela under the flagship Mission Yuva initiative. The event aimed to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship among the youth of the district. Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev Singh Samyal was the chief guest.

At outset, Assistant Director Employment Anni Vaid gave a brief overview of Mission Yuva, stating that the initiative is designed to promote entrepreneurship, facilitate access to government schemes and create sustainable liveli-



hood opportunities for the unemployed youth.

Stalls were set up by various departments and financial institutions to offer on-the-spot guidance on schemes related to entrepreneurship, skill development, self-employment opportunities and loan disbursement processes.

The ADC inspected the stalls and interacted with officials to assess the dissemination of information regarding subsidy schemes and the registration and loan sanction status for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The successful entrepreneurs from the district also shared their experiences and success stories,

inspiring others to pursue self-employment ventures. In recognition of their achievements, awards were presented to the outstanding entrepreneurs.

The ADC highlighted that Mission Yuva is a vital government initiative to empower young people at the grassroots level. He informed that 'Yuva Doots' have been deployed in every Panchayat and Municipal Ward to guide and assist the youth in availing the benefits of schemes. He also encouraged the participants to download the Mission Yuva App for detailed information and noted that once registered, applicants will be verified within 15 days.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation from potential entrepreneurs identified during the baseline survey of Mission YUVA, along with Yuva Doots and others.

# DC Ramban chairs introductory meeting Emphasizes Public-Centric Governance, timeline target achievement

J I NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, JUNE 14

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired an introductory meeting with District and Sectoral Officers in the Conference Hall, Maitra.

The meeting marked his first formal interaction with the administrative machinery of the district after taking over as DC Ramban. He stressed on evolving a result-oriented, inclusive, and responsive governance model to ensure holistic development and efficient public service delivery.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather; SDM Gool Intiaz Ahmed; SDM Ramsoo Mazahir Husain Shah; SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb; GM DIC Ravinder Anand; CMO Kamal Je Zadu; Executive Engineers from PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDCL; REW and all other district officers.



The Deputy Commissioner outlined a comprehensive model of governance centered on accountability, transparency, and public participation. He asked the officers to prioritize field-level implementation of government schemes and flagship programs, ensuring that benefits percolate down to the grassroots level.

Emphasizing the importance of a coordinated administrative approach, he urged all departments to work in synergy, remove procedural bottlenecks, and expedite development works across sectors including infrastructure,

health, education, and rural development.

While taking a firsthand appraisal from officers regarding the implementation of major schemes and projects of their respective departments, the DC emphasized that visible results must be reflected through time-bound project execution, responsive grievance redressal, and improved citizen interface in government offices.

The DC further directed the officers to adopt a compassionate and respectful approach towards the public, ensuring that citizens visiting government offices are treated with dignity and their concerns

addressed promptly. He also called for strict adherence to administrative discipline and encouraged innovative practices for improving service delivery mechanism.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed all departments to ensure that arrangements for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra are completed well before June 25, 2025, as per the plans and instructions issued by the District Administration. He emphasized timely execution and close coordination among departments to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the Yatra.

# World Blood Donor Day observed across district Doda

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DODA, JUNE 14

District Doda commemorated World Blood Donor Day with great fervour and active public participation. To mark the occasion, a blood donation camp was organized here at Blood Centre, Government Medical College (GMC).

The event was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh and the supervision of the GMC Principal Dr. Rakesh Bahl and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Om Kumar.

At the Blood Centre, the camp was formally inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ashraf Parvez. The event witnessed an encouraging turnout of voluntary donors.

Prominent attendees included Dr. Tanveer Ahmed (MS AH GMC), Dr. Sumat-ul-Khushid (HOD Pathology), Dr. Mehwish Sheikh, Rishi Kumar



Pandita (Red Cross Nodal Officer), Manohar Singh (Senior Lab Technician), and the dedicated Blood Centre staff who ensured the smooth execution of the camp.

In addition to the donation drive, awareness programmes were held at various health centres across the district. Health professionals interacted

with the public to highlight the significance of voluntary blood donation, its life-saving potential, and the health benefits of regular blood donation.

At SDH Baderwah, 10 donors including CRPF personnel donated blood, showcasing their devotion towards the humanitarian cause.

# Potential Entrepreneurship Mela held at KVK Samba under Mission YUVA

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SAMBA, JUNE 14

To promote self-employment opportunities and nurture the spirit of entrepreneurship among youth, a Potential Entrepreneurship Mela was organized today at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Samba under the ambitious Mission YUVA initiative. The event was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner Champa Devi Thakur, as the Chief Guest.

The mela witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 200 young and aspiring entrepreneurs from across the district.

The line departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Handloom, Handicrafts, NRLM, and others showcased their self-employment schemes through informative stalls set up at the venue.

# Potential Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA held at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JUNE 14

A one-day 'Potential Entrepreneurship Mela' under the Mission YUVA Program was organized today at the Assembly Hall of Government Higher Secondary School Sarthal, Block Trigam.

The event was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pawan Kotwal as the Chief Guest.

The mela witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 120 young and aspiring entrepreneurs from different parts of the district. Key government departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Handloom, Handicraft, Animal Husbandry, JK Bank among others showcased their self-employment schemes by setting up stalls and interacted with the youth.

Assistant Director Employment Shafqat Ali Keen briefed the partici-



pants about the Mission YUVA scheme, encouraging them to register and benefit from the opportunities offered. He emphasized the government's commitment to empowering youth through entrepreneurship and financial support.

District Nodal Officer JKEDI also addressed the gathering, highlighting the objectives of Mission YUVA and the role of entrepreneurship in shaping a self-reliant economy.

The Assistant Director Handicrafts/Handloom motivated the youth to avail the government-sponsored self-employment programs including Mission YUVA.

Successful local entrepreneurs also shared their personal experiences, including the challenges they faced and how government schemes helped them establish sustainable ventures. Their stories inspired the attendees and provided real-life insights

into the entrepreneurial journey.

A dedicated Mission YUVA Help Desk was set up by the Employment Department to guide aspiring entrepreneurs about the filing of application by using the Mission YUVA mobile app and portal.

The ADC urged the potential entrepreneurs to come forward and take full advantage of the Mission YUVA scheme to become job creators instead of job seekers.

# JKEDI trains 87 aspirants under RAMP scheme at Jammu, Poonch, Kathua

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JAMMU, JUNE 14

The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Saturday successfully concluded three Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programs (ESDPs) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme. The initiative, funded by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, is being implemented in the Union Territory by the Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

These training programs conducted in district Jammu, Poonch and Kathua aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and enhancing the capabilities of aspiring entrepreneurs across the region.

Launched in the third week of May 2025, the four-week-long ESDPs trained a total of 87 aspiring entrepreneurs, including 42 women. Each program involved 104 hours of intensive training, blending classroom instruction, expert sessions, field visits, and practical workshops.

At Jammu, 28 partici-

pants including 20 women completed the training, while in Poonch 29 aspirants including nine females were trained during the ESDPs. Thirty candidates including 13 women were trained under ESDP at Government ITI Kathua.

Designed by domain experts, the curriculum focused on building core entrepreneurial competencies. Key modules included business planning, marketing strategies, digital enablement, financial literacy, legal compliance, innovation, and leadership. Participants also benefited

from mentorship, real-world case studies, and visits to successful business ventures in their respective districts.

Valedictory sessions were held at each district to mark the successful culmination of the training programs. JKEDI faculty and officials played a central role in training delivery and coordination, while subject experts from the Labour and Employment Department and respective District Industries Centres contributed valuable sector-specific insights, enriching the learning experience.