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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°C
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhoea
- 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 Sinha lauds NCC cadets from J&K, says their heroic efforts won many hearts during 'Operation Sindoor'

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 27 (KNO)

Lauding the exceptional accomplishments of NCC (National Cadet Corps) cadets from Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said their heroic efforts during 'Operation Sindoor' won many hearts. Interacting with NCC cadets at the special national integration camp here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency said, "The role of NCC is far beyond conventional mili-



tary training."

In a resounding tribute to the determination and patriotism of J&K youth, LG Sinha said, "Their service has brought immense pride not only to the region but to the entire nation."

Referring to outstanding performances of the NCC cadets, LG Sinha said, "Over the past few years, NCC cadets from J&K and Ladakh have reached remarkable milestones. Among the standout achievers, Ekta Kumari from Jammu etched her name in history by leading

the National Cadet Corps (NCC) parade on the occasion of Republic Day at the prestigious Kartavya Path in New Delhi, becoming a symbol of discipline, leadership, and girl empowerment. Similarly, from the heights of national honor to the peaks of the world, daughter of Ladakh, Abida Afreen, created history by scaling Mount Everest, displaying grit, resilience, and the spirit of adventure nurtured by NCC."

"The role of NCC is far beyond conventional military training,"

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## CM Omar calls for collective efforts to restore J&K as India's premier tourist destination



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 27 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday said that it is the collective duty of the government and tourism stakeholders to

restore Jammu and Kashmir's position as the country's pre-eminent tourist destination and ensure it remains so.

The Chief Minister was addressing the 'Jammu and Kashmir Tourism

Revival Dialogue' organized jointly by FICCI and the Department of Tourism, J&K and the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar.

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## India rejects Arbitration Court ruling on J&K hydroelectric projects

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 27 (KNO)

Rejecting the ruling by a Court of Arbitration that issued a "supplemental award" regarding the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects in Jammu and Kashmir, India on Friday said that the tribunal has no legal authority to intervene.

Both the hydel projects, according to the news agency are situated on tributaries of the Indus river system and have been a longstanding point of contention between India and Pakistan.

The Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs (MEA) stated that the tribunal has no legal authority and that its establishment was inconsistent with the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) signed in 1960.

The MEA said the ruling referred to as a "supplemental award" relates to questions of jurisdiction over the two hydroelectric projects. "India maintains that the tribunal was set up in violation of the treaty and that any findings or awards made by it are not valid," the MEA said.

It said that India does not recognise the legitimacy of the tribunal or

any outcomes from its proceedings.

In a statement issued by the MEA, India accused Pakistan of misusing international mechanisms to raise objections that are political in nature.

It described the arbitration process as being initiated unilaterally by Pakistan and as lacking any binding foundation in treaty law.

India also pointed to recent security developments, including a terrorist attack in Pahalgam in April, as part of its reasoning for suspending its treaty obligations.

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## GOC 16 Corps lauds troops for their sustained, aggressive counter-terrorism operations

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 27 (KNO)

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the White Knight Corps (16 Corps), Lieutenant General P K Mishra on Friday commended the troops for their sustained and aggressive counter-terrorism operations in Poonch and Rajouri districts.

According to the details available with the news agency, ahead of forthcoming Amarnath Yatra, slated to commence on July 3, GOC Mishra visited Rajouri and Poonch today and reviewed operational preparedness in these frontier areas.

An official while sharing the details said that the GOC visited the headquarters of the Coun-



ter Insurgency Force (Romeo) in Rajouri and praised the troops for their professionalism, grit, and dedication in maintaining a high state of readiness to dominate the operational environment

and counter potential threats. The General Officer Commanding assessed the operational readiness of the Romeo Force, which is responsible for guarding the LoC and conducting counter-insurgen-

cy operations in the hinterland. He emphasized the need for seamless domination of the operational environment, leveraging advanced surveillance infrastructure, rapid response capabilities, and close coordination with paramilitary forces and Jammu and Kashmir Police.

**AMARNATH YATRA SECURITY**

With the Amarnath Yatra 2025 approaching, Lieutenant General Mishra, according to KNO, emphasized the importance of robust security measures to ensure the safety of pilgrims traveling to the holy cave shrine in south Kashmir.

The Romeo Force, operating under the White Knight Corps as part of Operation Rakshak,

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## CS assesses progress on highway projects across JK

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 24

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting regarding progress on various National Highway projects being executed across J&K.

Those who attended the meeting included Principal Secretary, APD; Commissioner Secretary, Forests; Secretary, PWD; CE, R&B (Central Kashmir); CE, R&B (Jammu); CE, Beacon; PD, NHAI; Rep-



resentatives from NHIDCL and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioners participated in the meeting virtually.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the DCs to look into the land acquisition and mining issues to ensure that these do not

hinder the pace of work anywhere. He enjoined upon the concerned agencies to move their resources in terms of machinery

and manpower to ensure that all projects progress at a suitable pace to see their deadlines are met without any fail.

The meeting highlighted significant advancements in critical infrastructure projects managed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under Project

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## Operation BIHALI enters second day, Army commander commends troops for neutralising JeM terrorist

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 27 (KNO)

The anti-terror operation BIHALI, which resulted in the killing of a Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist in the forested region of Basantgarh, Udhampur district, has entered its second day. Security forces have intensified their search and cordon efforts to apprehend or eliminate remain-

ing terrorists believed to be hiding in the area.

Launched after specific intelligence inputs, the operation targeted a group of four JeM terrorists under surveillance for over a year. The ongoing operation aims to neutralise the remaining three terrorists, who are believed to be trapped within the dense forested

terrain.

As reported by the news agency, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, Army Commander of the Northern Command, commended the #WhiteKnightCorps for their swift and precise action. He said, "The professionalism and coordination displayed by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police

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## Glaciers worldwide lose 32.5 MWE thickness in 74 years

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 27 (KNO)

A report compiled by World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has revealed that the glaciers globally have lost a significant amount of ice in the past over seven decades.

The WMO report accessed by the news agency states the glaciers monitored by World Glacier Monitoring Service (WGMS) are losing sheer at a rapid pace.

The figures reveal that the value has reduced to +5.392 in 1950 to -27.123

in 2024. "The shift from +5.392 to -27.123 Meters Water Equivalent (MWE) indicates that the glaciers worldwide have lost about 32.5 MWE thickness on average during the last 74 years," the report states.

As per the WGMS, the period 2022 to 2024 represents the most negative three-year glaciers mass balance on record. "Since 2022, the value of glaciers has shifted from -24.794 to -27.123 in 2024," the report reveals.

This net loss of glacier mass is a clear sign that glaciers are melting significantly globally.



The loss of glaciers, according to the experts,

is the outcome of climate change, particularly global warming, which

increases melting and reduces snowfall accumulation.

The major impact due to the melting of glaciers will be water scarcity in the near future.

Pertinently, KNO has already reported that the melting of glaciers has gained pace in Jammu & Kashmir with the experts asserting that the region has lost nearly "30 percent of glaciers in the past 60 years and warned that 70 percent of them will recede by the end of this century if the prevailing pace continues."

Earlier this year, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor of IUST

and Head of the National Cryosphere Lab, University of Kashmir in an event organized by the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Glacial Studies, University of Kashmir, titled & "Himalayan Cryosphere: Major Research Gaps and Shaping the Roadmap Ahead", highlighted the alarming loss of approximately 30% of glacial mass over the past six decades and the significant decline in streamflow since the 1990s.

Prof. Romshoo stated, "The melting of glaciers under a changing climate is not only a scientific challenge but also a pressing policy issue that affects water availability, energy generation, and food production in South Asia. It is imperative that researchers, governments, and stakeholders work together to address these challenges."

However, the experts stated that becoming carbon neutral was the only solution to preserve glaciers.

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## Labour Commissioner reviews Labour Law implementation at Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

In a significant move to bolster the enforcement of labour laws in the Union Territory, Labour Commissioner, Jammu and Kashmir, S. Charandeep Singh, today undertook an official visit to Shopian district, where he chaired a comprehensive review meeting with the district administration and executive agencies.

The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat Shopian and witnessed participation from Dr. Nasir Ahmad, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, along with Executive Engineers, Block Development Officers (BDOs), and Senior Officers from the Works and Labour Departments.

The primary agenda



of the meeting was to strengthen inter-departmental coordination to ensure strict compliance with labour laws across all sectors.

Labour Commissioner laid particular emphasis on the mandatory registration of Executive Engineers as Principal Employers under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

He also directed officers to ensure that all contractors engaged in government and private works are duly registered with the Labour department. This, he said, is essential to safeguarding

the rights of workers particularly regarding timely payment of wages, occupational safety and health standards, and overall worker welfare.

Later in the day, Labour Commissioner visited various project sites in the district. At Allowpora Shopian, he inspected the under-construction bridge and a construction site for migrants.

During these visits, he interacted with workers and project management, seeking first hand feedback on critical issues like wage disbursement, workplace safety, health provisions,

transit accommodation for migrant workers, and awareness of the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Welfare Act.

Continuing his visit, Labour Commissioner also inspected the Mega Cold Storage Projects at Fruit Mandi Aglar, Shopian. Here, he underscored the importance of strict adherence to all labour laws, particularly in large-scale and labour-intensive infrastructure projects. He also examined on-site health facilities and reiterated that worker welfare must remain a top priority.

The visit highlighted the administration's commitment to improving labour conditions and ensuring that development goes hand-in-hand with dignity, safety, and legal protection for all workers.

## Dharti Aabha Abhiyan conducted at tribal village Ringzabal in Sukhnag

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BUDGAM, JUNE 27

Dharti Aaba Abhiyan was conducted today at Village Ringzabal, a notified tribal village in Block Sukhnag, with a strong message of inclusive development, awareness, and administrative outreach.

The day witnessed the culmination of efforts by 17 line departments towards achieving 100% saturation of key government schemes in tribal areas.

Nodal Officer for the programme, Hilal Arafat lauded the cooperation between departments and the active engagement of the local tribal population.

In their address, officials from various line departments emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring last-mile delivery



of services and highlighted the importance of such campaigns in building trust and transparency between the administration and tribal communities.

Throughout the day, Gram Sabha sessions remained the focal point of the campaign, with departmental representatives addressing scheme-related queries, clarifying eligibility criteria, and assisting in on-spot registrations for a wide array of welfare initiatives including PMAY-G (Housing), KCC (Kisan Credit Card),

PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat), Swadesh Darshan Guest House registration, HADP (Agriculture schemes), JJM - FHTC (Tap water connections).

The day's proceedings also included field visits by officials to monitor progress on scheme implementation and identify areas requiring special focus. A display of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials ensured that information was made accessible in local dialects and in simplified form.

As part of cultural engagement, tribal students and artists performed local Gojri and Pahari songs, reiterating the theme of preserving one's ethnic identity while embracing development. The local community expressed heartfelt appreciation for this platform that brought various welfare departments to their doorstep.

Local panchayat head expressed gratitude to the district administration, all participating departments, and especially to the Rural Development department for the programme, for selecting Ringzabal as a host village for this important initiative. She also urged for such participatory campaigns to be held more frequently in remote tribal areas.

## Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Abhiyan celebrates tribal unity and cultural diversity at Nilgrath Ganderbal

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
GANDERBAL, JUNE 27

In a spirited celebration of unity in diversity, a dynamic and culturally rich IEC camp was organized today at Nilgrath, Block Gund, under the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Abhiyan.

The event emerged as a symbol of tribal solidarity, social empowerment, and the linguistic diversity that defines district Ganderbal.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation from members of the Gujjar, Bakerwal, Shina, Balti, and Dard communities, reflecting the district's vibrant multilingual and multicultural society.

From traditional attire and dialects to folk songs and community narratives, the camp transformed into a living mosaic of tribal identity



and heritage.

Senior officials and resource persons from various line departments including Health, Education, Social Welfare, ICDS, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Rural Development took part in the outreach. They delivered targeted awareness on welfare schemes viz. PM-JANMAN, PM-JAY SEHAT, Mission Shakti, PMAY-G, livelihood programs under NRLM, and scholarship initiatives tailored for Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries. The resource

persons passionately articulated the objectives of the Dharti Aaba Abhiyan aiming at holistic tribal development, improved service delivery, and socio-economic inclusion.

Special focus was given to enabling tribal youth and women thorough access to education, health care, digital services, and entrepreneurship.

Participants expressed deep appreciation to the Government of India and the district administration Ganderbal for bringing governance to their

doorsteps.

Many community representatives called for more frequent camps to ensure regular engagement, policy awareness, and participatory development.

The camp concluded with renewed commitment from both officials and citizens to carry forward the spirit of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Abhiyan fostering inclusion, dignity, and development for all tribal communities, while safeguarding their languages, customs, and collective identity.

## DC Srinagar inspects different offices in DC Office Complex

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

In order to take stock of functioning & infrastructure of various sections of DC office complex, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Friday inspected various sections and sub-offices of DC office, Srinagar.

The visit focused on taking stock of available facilities, existing infrastructure and the existing need to enhance administrative efficiency by upgrading infrastructure, streamlining record rooms, IT infrastructure, as well as ensuring adequate amenities and accessibility to the public.

DC inspected the offices of Additional District Development Commissioner, Additional Deputy Com-



missioners, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Nazool, SDM East, Tehsil Office South, besides other subordinate Offices.

During the visit, DC interacted with the officers and other officials and emphasized the paramount importance of transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public ser-

vice delivery. He stressed the need for adopting best work ethics and urged the staff to work with a proactive approach while addressing public issues and grievances.

Labroo stressed the significance of maintaining cleanliness, organized office spaces and adhering to established protocols.

While inspecting the Revenue Record room, DC

emphasized proper maintenance of the records in an organized manner and its simultaneous digitisation. He also stressed on ensuring better facilities for the people visiting the DC office Complex and laid stress on creating a comfortable and welcoming space for visitors to access services and address their grievances.

DC also stressed the importance of creating a user-friendly environment within the office, particularly for those seeking assistance or redressal of issues.

During the visit, DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioners, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz and Aadil Fareed; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar; Tehsildar South and other concerned.

## Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025

### Div Com, IGP Jammu interact with Civil Society Jammu, seek cooperation for smooth pilgrimage

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Bhim Sen Tuti, today held a meeting with prominent members of the civil society of Jammu to discuss the arrangements and seek their cooperation for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, starting on July 2, 2025 from Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting attended by senior officials from Civil and Police administration and representatives of religious organizations transporters, Taxi Union, Traders, Bazaar associations, hoteliers, Sabhas was briefed about the elaborate arrangements and preparations made by the administration for the annual pilgrimage. The civil society members gave their valuable insights and suggestions for a spiritually rich experience to the Yatri.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the religious, spiritual, cultural and economic significance of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025 and



emphasized on the crucial role of all the stakeholders in ensuring a smooth and hassle free yatra experience to the pilgrims.

The Div Com informed the meeting that elaborate arrangements have been made at Bhagwati Nagar yatra camp for the comfortable stay of pilgrims. "With adequate water, power supply, the Niwas has AC halls, Hangers for shade, community Langer, sanitation and modern washroom facilities. Similar arrangements have also been made at lodgment centres across the districts en-route the yatra right from Lakanpur in Kathua to Lambar, Banihal in Ramban," the Div Com said.

The Civil Society members assured full cooperation to the administration from their end to make the yatra successful and memorable for the local and non local pilgrims.

Stress was laid on giving wide publicity to Tawi Arti being organized during the yatra period, besides nearby sites and Tourist places for the information of the pilgrims arriving from different parts of the nation and the world.

The Div Com said that the pilgrims will be given full information by the Tourism department at their help desks established at RFID centres in Jammu and Lakanpur.

The civil society members gave numerous suggestions to make the yatra pleasant and hassle free including enhanced arrangements in view of monsoon, regulation of fares of three wheelers and cabs, encroachment free public spaces, erecting banners with information about the tourist spots and uninterrupted power and water supply in areas with hotels where Yatri's will stay.

Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti, while interacting with the Civil Society members, informed them about the elaborate security arrangements made with additional deployment of paramilitary forces creating a multi-tier security grid.

Emphasis was laid on adherence to the cutoff timings by the yatri's and traveling only with the official yatra convoys. The IGP Jammu assured that local tourists will not be affected during the Yatra.

The Divisional Commissioner expressed gratitude to the civil society members for their cooperation and assistance to administration. He assured that their valuable suggestions shall be incorporated for ensuring best Yatra experience for pilgrims.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police also addressed a

press conference. They briefed the members of media fraternity about the foolproof and elaborate arrangements made by the administration for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025

The Divisional Commissioner informed that online registration with e-KYC from the website of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and from different Bank Branches across the nation has already been started by SASB, while the offline registration shall begin on 1 July, 2025 in Jammu.

He said elaborate arrangements have been put in place in Bhagwati Nagar Yatra camp, where the Yatri's will arrive a day before leaving in convoys for Baltal and Pahalgam Yatra base camps.

"A total of 141 lodgment centres have been established in Jammu Division with adequate civic amenities and security arrangements, while 52 langers and 60 RFID centres will function in Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Udhampur and Ramban Districts and five Registration centres with a token centre at Saraswati Dham are being made functional in Jammu," he added.

## DDC Chairman flags off Annual Chandi Mata Yatra from Cheka Gurakha to Dudu Basantgarh



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BHADERWAL, JUNE 27

District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Doda Dhananther Singh Kotwal today flagged off the annual Chandi Mata Yatra from Cheka Gurakha to the revered shrine of Chandi Mata located at Dudu Basantgarh. The yatra marks a significant spiritual journey undertaken by hundreds of devotees each year to seek blessings and participate in the sacred tradition.

The flag-off ceremony witnessed the participation of a large number of enthusiastic pilgrims, local residents and com-

munity leaders. The air was filled with chants of devotion as devotees, dressed in traditional attire, began their journey amid spiritual fervor. The shrine of Chandi Mata at Dudu Basantgarh is considered a powerful centre of faith and devotion, attracting pilgrims from various parts of the district and neighboring regions.

While addressing the gathering, the DDC Chairman emphasized the spiritual, cultural and unifying significance of the yatra. He praised the role of local administration, police and volunteers in ensuring smooth arrange-

ments and security during the pilgrimage. He urged the pilgrims to uphold cleanliness, maintain discipline and support the spirit of harmony during the journey.

The Chandi Mata Yatra is not only a religious event but also an occasion that showcases the rich cultural heritage of the region. It strengthens communal bonds and brings together people from different walks of life in a shared expression of faith and devotion. The DDC Chairman extended his heartfelt wishes for a safe, peaceful and spiritually fulfilling yatra to all the participants.

## MD KPDCL reviews progress of power arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025 at Baltal

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, JUNE 26

Managing Director (MD) Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Mahmood Ahmad Shah accompanied by the Chief Engineer (Distribution) KPDCL, Er. Aqiba; Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Ganderbal, Er. Arshad Hussain Reshi, conducted an extensive review of the ongoing works and preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 at Baltal.

During the on-ground review, MD took detailed stock of the power infrastructure being put in place and issued clear directives to field officers to maintain uninterrupted free (24x7) power supply throughout the Yatra period.

Superintending Engineer apprised that all requisite arrangements have been put in place for the Yatra, which is scheduled to commence on 3rd July 2025. He briefed the MD on the illumination arrangements made along the Yatra Track and various locations at Baltal, Domail, Ranga-Morh, Y-Junction,



Baltal - Domail Road, Govt and Security Tents/Huts, Shrine Board offices, Langers, tented additional accommodations including the deployment of DG sets and portable Gensets of varying capacities.

MD also inspected the recently commissioned underground electrical infrastructure for restoration of Grid connectivity from Rayil Pathri Km 5.00 upto Holy Cave including installation of DTs and

developed infrastructural facilities and CRPF Camp at Baltal & installation of solar street lights at various locations including installation of 7 Mtr long Octagonal Lighting Poles at Pony Stand for additional Lighting Arrangements.

He appreciated the dedication and professionalism of the engineers and field staff working tirelessly, often in challenging terrain and adverse weather conditions, to ensure seamless power arrangements for the Yatra. He emphasized that no stone must be left unturned in delivering efficient services to the pilgrims and assured that the management will remain fully supportive and responsive to the needs of the teams on the ground.

"This sacred Yatra is a matter of collective responsibility. KPDCL will ensure that the power supply framework remains resilient, responsive, and fully equipped to serve the thousands of pilgrims undertaking the holy journey," MD stated, while reiterating his commitment to provide all necessary institutional support to field units.

## Chairperson DDC Ganderbal inspects developmental works in Lar-B Constituency

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, JUNE 27

Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq carried out an extensive field visit across various areas of the Lar-B Territorial Constituency in Ganderbal to review the progress of ongoing development projects and to listen to public grievances on the ground.

She was accompanied by officers and officials from different government departments.

The visit was aimed at identifying gaps in infrastructure, understanding public service issues firsthand, and ensuring faster resolution through coordinated efforts among departments.

DDC Chairperson inspected the road infrastructure, health sector, food and supplies center, sanitation, canal, and tourism development and other major sectors.

During the visit, Chairperson first inspected the road adjacent to Jamia Ahle Hadith Masjid, where locals demanded the construction of a road link



from the bypass to Diwan Bagh. As sufficient land is reportedly available, she directed the RDD and R&B department to take up the matter for necessary action.

Inspecting the graveyard at Astan Sayyid Yaqub Qasim, she noted that the protective grill fencing was damaged and required urgent repairs. She assigned the responsibility to the Block Development Officer (BDO) Lar to take up the matter promptly.

Sanitation issues near the Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Lar were also brought to her notice. BDO Lar was directed to immediately get the area cleaned and ensure long-term maintenance.

While inspecting the Primary Health Centre

an adequate water supply and directed immediate steps to ensure water availability.

At Chanthan, canal-related issues were reviewed, and appropriate directions were issued to address them.

At Chak Vatal Bagh Bridge, land was identified for the development of a new park to promote community welfare and boost local tourism.

While visiting Waheepora Water Pump Station, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti was instructed to restore the canal and restart the water pump at the earliest for the benefit of locals.

Interacting with the officials, DDC Chairperson assured the departments that the Council would explore the possibility of extending financial support to ensure the timely execution of essential development works.

She reiterated the administration's commitment to grassroots-level development and urged all departments to work in close coordination to bring visible change on the ground.

## DC Bandipora inaugurates multi-use USG machine at District Hospital

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JUNE 27

In a significant boost to public healthcare services, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday inaugurated a state-of-the-art multi-use Ultrasonography (USG) machine at the District Hospital Bandipora.

The advanced USG machine is equipped with all necessary probes to facilitate a wide range of diagnostic scans including Echocardiography, Transvaginal Sonography (TVS), Infant USG, and Color Doppler studies. This move is expected to greatly ease the burden on patients, many of whom previously had to rely on private clinics for such essential diagnostics.



Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized the administration's commitment to improving access to advanced medical facilities in rural and urban healthcare centers alike. He appreciated the hospital authorities for their continuous efforts to expand critical care services and urged them to ensure optimal utilization of the newly added facility.

Medical Superintendent DH Bandipora, expressed gratitude for

the support from district administration. He stated, "This multi-purpose USG machine is a valuable addition that will enhance our early diagnostic capabilities, which is crucial for timely treatment and better patient outcomes."

Among others, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Maqbool Lone; Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Bandipora, doctors, paramedics, and technical staff, were present during the inauguration.

## Aspirational Block Programme Mankote rises to top position in Jammu Division, 9th Spot at National level

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, JUNE 27

Block Mankote has achieved a significant milestone by securing No. 1 rank in Jammu Division and an impressive 9th rank at the national level under the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) rankings released by NITI Aayog for Quarter 4 of 2024.

This remarkable progress has been made possible under the visionary leadership and active supervision of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal. The Block, which was ranked 348th in Quarter 2 of 2024, rose to 99th rank in Quarter 3 and has now climbed to 9th rank, marking one of the fastest improvements recorded nationwide.

Officials attributed the success to the dedicated efforts of all line departments, coordinated implementation by the Block Development Officer Mankote, and continuous technical support by Aspirational Block Programme Fellow who has been actively engaged in monitoring key indicators and driving development interventions.

Significant contributions were also made by the Assistant Commissioner Development and the District Statistical and Evaluation Officer, Poonch, who are the designated Nodal Officers for the Aspirational Block Programme in the district. Their close coordination, regular reviews, and guidance have played a crucial

role in achieving this landmark performance.

District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal commended the team's commitment and hard work, stating that this achievement reflects the collective resolve to improve core sectors such as health, education, agriculture and infrastructure. He emphasised the importance of sustaining this momentum to further enhance the quality of life for the residents of Block Mankote.

The District Administration has reiterated its commitment to providing all necessary support and resources to ensure that Block Mankote continues to set new benchmarks in development and good governance.

## Dharti Aaba outreach campaign reaches remote Shagan Panchayat in Khari

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

A comprehensive awareness and benefit saturation camp under the "Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Abhiyan" was convened today at Panchayat Ghar Shagan- a remote tribal area of Block Khari.

The event witnessed active participation from key officials including CDPO Banihal Sid-dharth Dubey, Block Development Officer Khari Urfan Khan and other district and block-level officers.

Government Departments such as Health, AYUSH, Animal Husbandry, Revenue and Women & Child Development (ICDS) offered array of services to the tribal populace. They were acquainted with preventive healthcare, livestock health, financial aid, pensions, credit linked schemes of agriculture and allied sectors and critical schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

Farmers received valuable guidance on soil health, organic farming, and modern agricultural methods from the Agriculture and Horticulture departments. The BDO briefed attendees on MGNREGA, rural development projects and self-employment opportunities.

## DC inspects progress of Multi Storey Car Parking Project at Doda



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JUNE 27

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh conducted a thorough inspection of the under-construction Multi Storey Car Parking Facility in Doda town- a major infrastructure initiative aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving parking management in the urban center of the district.

During the visit, the DC Doda reviewed the pace and quality of ongoing civil works being executed under the supervision of the Public Works Department (R&B). He directed the executing

agency to strictly adhere to the set timelines and maintain the highest quality standards.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur, Tehsildar, Executive Officer Municipal Council and officials from PWD (R&B) accompanied the DC. The team assessed the technical and structural aspects of the project, including challenges related to material supply, site drainage and alignment with the approved Detailed Project Report (DPR). While issuing on-spot instructions, the DC emphasized the importance of incorporating an effective rainwater drain-

age system, ensuring construction site safety and creating integrated entry and exit points for both vehicles and pedestrians. He further instructed the Municipal Council to begin preparations for a comprehensive traffic management plan to be implemented upon project completion, with the goal of optimizing the facility's use. Highlighting the significance of the project, the DC reiterated that the multi storey parking facility is expected to ease congestion, particularly in Bus Stand, Hospital Road, and Market areas, where haphazard parking remains a persistent issue.

## MVD Ramban conducts Road Safety and Enforcement Drive



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

The Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Ramban conducted a massive road safety and enforcement drive in Sub-Division Gool to curb traffic violations and ensure road safety. The drive was carried out by the enforcement team from MVD led by Inspector Darpan Sharma.

During the checking, the team inspected a large number of vehicles at various points. As many as 12 vehicles were seized and 25 vehicles were challaned for violating different provisions of

the Motor Vehicles Act. The major violations detected during the drive included vehicles operating without valid permits, overloading of goods and passengers, driving without valid fitness certificates, riding without helmets and driving vehicles without valid insurance documents.

The MVD officials warned the transport operators against such violations as the same not only endanger the lives of drivers and passengers but also pose serious risks to other road users. They further emphasized that the enforcement drives

will continue in the coming days across the district to ensure that traffic rules are strictly followed.

The department has urged all vehicle owners, drivers, and commuters to adhere to traffic laws, maintain valid documents, avoid overloading and always wear helmets while riding two-wheelers. Strict legal action will be taken against violators as part of the administration's commitment to ensuring public safety and reducing road accidents.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system**  
Sr. Divisional Material Manager, NRly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
1.	94255453	PROCUREMENT OF ARTHROSCOPY SYSTEM	01 Set	29.07.2025

NOTE-Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.  
Tender Notice No. 08/2023-24 Date: 26.06.2025 1932/2025

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-AUCTION NOTICE**  
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:

<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-PRK25-12	<b>Auction Start:</b> 07/07/2025 at 11:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of Parking lot on contract at Kapurthala and DAV College Jalandhar Hall Railway Station.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-OH25-14	<b>Auction Start:</b> 08/07/2025 at 11:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement rights through: 1) Exterior of Overhead of Water Tanks at Sahnewal, Amritsar & Jalandhar City Railway Station. 2) Static media at Level crossings adjoining Verka, Jaintipura, Batala, Bhagawala & Patti Railway Station. 3) Static media at Goraya & Lohian Khas Railway Station. 4) Static media/overhead of water tank at Makhu & Nakodar Railway Station.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-CTG25-20	<b>Auction Start:</b> 10/07/2025 at 11:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of Catering stalls on contract at Khem Karan, Muktsar, Tarn Taran, Kartarpur, RCF Kapurthala Halt & Kotkapura Railway Stations.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-PnU25-11	<b>Auction Start:</b> 10/07/2025 at 12:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of contract for operation & maintenance of Pay & Use Toilets at Phillaur, Batala, Amritsar (Gole Bagh Side) & Muktsar Railway Stations.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-CTG25-21	<b>Auction Start:</b> 11/07/2025 at 11:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of Catering stalls on contract at Sahnewal, Nawan Shahar Doaba, Nakodar, Verka, Jagraon, Firozpur City, Sultanpur Lodhi, Phagwara & Fazilka Railway Stations.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-MPS25-8	<b>Auction Start:</b> 11/07/2025 at 12:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of multi-purpose stalls on contract at Jalandhar City & Ludhiana Railway Stations.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-MMS25-1	<b>Auction Start:</b> 11/07/2025 at 12:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of advertisement rights through patches on headrest and front and back of food trays of seats of coaches of Vande Bharat Train No.22488/87.	
<b>Catalogue No.:</b> EAFZR-MIS25-11	<b>Auction Start:</b> 12/07/2025 at 11:30 hours
<b>Name of work:</b> 1) Allotment of contract for provision, operation and maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine with advertisement rights on body of machine at Railway station Firozpur Cantt. 2) Allotment of contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Faridkot, Phillaur, Firozpur Cantt. & Amritsar & Phagwara.	

For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in  
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## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## LG Sinha lauds...

said LG Sinha. "It provides a vibrant platform for youth to grow into disciplined, responsible, and committed citizens. The cadets are trained not just to serve in uniform, but to serve society at large," LG Sinha said as per KNO.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the recent heroic efforts of NCC cadets during Operation Sindoor, launched in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack. "Our NCC cadets rose to the occasion during difficult times. Beyond their selfless service in relief camps across border districts, they also proactively organized blood donation drives," he said. "Through these commendable deeds, they have unequivocally elevated the prestige of NCC."

LG Sinha praised the cadets for their spirit of volunteerism and social responsibility. "Every NCC cadet is a torchbearer of unity, discipline, and national integration. Their consistent contributions in times of both peace and crisis reflect the deep-rooted values of the organization," he said.

"National Cadet Corps shapes young minds and proudly serves society and the nation. NCC cadets have displayed courage and novel approach to challenges to societal progress. Priceless values like discipline, team work, leadership and dedication have helped the NCC cadets to build a better future," the Lieutenant Governor said.

LG Sinha said that the NCC is one of the largest and most dynamic youth organizations in the country. "The NCC has preserved and promoted nation's cultural values and traditions. I see the talented young men and women of the NCC as the custodians of India's ancient civilization. Also, the NCC cadets from across the country, participating in this Special National Integration Camp, will become brand ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to inculcate the spirit of 'Nation First' and motivate people to discharge their duties towards the nation.

"Youth are our hope for a brighter future. Youth are the most valuable assets for any region and government. Youth are the true catalysts of change in society. Youth must imbibe the profound values of the NCC - discipline, unity, leadership, and selfless service and work collectively to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the message should also be conveyed through the Special National Integration Camp that the participation of the youth in the planning and development process at the grassroots level should be ensured so that socio-economic development can be fully realized.

"The NCC should be seen as a bridge between the administration and youth aspirations. By leveraging the NCC's network and connect, we can ensure the active participation of youth in various nation-building activities," he added.

LG Sinha said that Bharat is moving towards becoming 'Viksit Bharat' and the youth are the ones who have to take the country to new heights. "The NCC cadets who are part of this camp need to become brand ambassadors and take a pledge that they will live and die for their nation."

On the occasion, NCC cadets delivered captivating performances that vividly showcased India's rich and diverse cultures. As many as 340 cadets and NCC officers from all over the country are participating in the camp.

GOC 15 Corps, Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava; Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education Department, Shantmanu; Additional Director General, NCC Directorate J&K and Ladakh, Maj Gen Anupinder Bevlji; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Bidhuri; Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, Sarmad Hafeez; Officers of NCC Directorates, NCC cadets from across the country were present.

Padma Shri Farooq Ahmed Mir; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and senior officers of Civil Administration, Police and Security Forces were also present on the occasion. KNO

## CM Omar calls for...

"It is binding on us that we do everything in our power to ensure that Jammu and Kashmir goes back to its position as the pre-eminent tourist destination in the country and then stays there," the Chief Minister said in his address, highlighting that the government is working on new initiatives focused primarily on improving the overall tourist experience.

Reflecting on the recent challenges, the Chief Minister recounted the sharp contrast between the optimism of April 21 and the downturn of April 22, referring to a sudden drop in tourist footfall following the unfortunate incident. "From flying over Dal Lake and seeing hundreds of shikaras to seeing none just days later—it was a brutal reminder that the past can intrude into our present and, God forbid, our future," he said.

He acknowledged the volatility that tourism in J&K has witnessed over the decades and emphasized the importance of resilience. "Unlike most other places where tourism planning can be done for years ahead, here we plan week to week. But still—we plan, and we persist," he said.

He expressed gratitude to FICCI and the larger tourism fraternity for standing by Jammu & Kashmir in both good and challenging times. The event was attended by Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLAs Farooq Ahmad Shah, Salman Sagar, Altaf Ahmad Kaloo, Tanvir Sadiq, Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal, FICCI past president Jyotsna Suri, Head of FICCI J&K Chapter Mushtaq Burza, and a host of film producers, MICE organizers, wedding planners, golfers, and stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality sector.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah outlined efforts to broaden the tourism footprint in the region. "We are working on a project called SPREAD, aimed at developing nine new tourist destinations in both Kashmir and Jammu, with expected support from multilateral funding agencies," he said.

The Chief Minister also emphasized the diversity of tourism opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. "We

can't confine ourselves to three or four destinations. Jammu offers pilgrimage and border tourism. Kashmir offers scenic, cultural and adventure tourism. Together, we can build a more holistic tourism ecosystem."

Discussing connectivity, the CM noted the transformative impact of railway infrastructure: "Traveling by train through tunnels and the world's highest rail bridge into the valley is a breathtaking experience. We may not yet have a direct Delhi-Srinagar line, but that day isn't far."

He also underscored the government's commitment to infrastructure development and niche tourism sectors. "We are close to completing a world-class conference facility in Gulmarg to supplement venues like SKICC. Areas like MICE tourism, golf, film and destination weddings are vital components of our future strategy."

The Chief Minister urged the tourism fraternity to be active partners. "We value your support, suggestions, and most importantly—your criticism when needed. Together, we can build a resilient and vibrant tourism sector that not only brings visitors but makes them want to return."

On the occasion, the Chief Minister launched a book 'Golfing in Paradise' authored by Atul Dir, celebrating Jammu & Kashmir's growing appeal as a premier golf tourism destination.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani also spoke on the occasion and said J&K had emerged as a tourism hub much before other states in India and now we need to develop whole range of niche tourism activities in J&K such as adventure tourism, leisure tourism MICE tourism alongwith promoting Kashmir as an affordable and wonderful wedding destination. KNO

## India rejects Arbitration...

Following the attack, which resulted in multiple casualties, India announced it would temporarily place the treaty in abeyance.

The MEA said this decision was taken under international law and reflects India's position on national sovereignty and security.

India reiterated that it is not bound by any decisions from a tribunal it considers unlawfully constituted. It also stated that it expects Pakistan to address concerns related to cross-border activity rather than attempting to seek outcomes through disputed legal forums.

The MEA said that India would continue to assert its rights under international law and uphold its position regarding the development of hydroelectric infrastructure within its territory. KNO

## GOC 16 Corps lauds troops...

has been tasked with securing key areas along the yatra routes, particularly in the sensitive Poonch and Rajouri sectors, which spread through Line of Control and connecting Kashmir with Pir Panchal range.

The visit also focused on reinforcing security along the LoC in the Rajouri-Poonch sector, a region known for its strategic importance and vulnerability to infiltration.

Lt Gen Mishra lauded the troops for their relentless vigilance and high morale in challenging conditions, urging them to maintain the highest standards of professionalism.

"The Romeo Force's aggressive counter-terrorism operations and steadfast commitment to security are pivotal in ensuring peace in this sensitive region," he stated.

The GOC's review included briefings on current operational modalities, logistical support, and communication systems. KNO

## CS assesses progress...

Sampark and Beacon and the Public Works Department (PWD) Kashmir.

Key NHAI projects reviewed in the meeting included the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway and Jammu Ring Road tunnels, with the latter slated for completion by March 31, 2026. The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway projects, including the Marog-Digdol tunnel, Digdol-Khuni Nallah section and Makarkot-Sherbibi viaducts, were also assessed.

Besides, the progress on Srinagar Ring Road (Phase-I) was said to be physically completed by 71.50% with an anticipated completion by November 30, 2025. While the work on its Phase-II from Sumbal to Wayul is also apace which is likely to see completion by December, 2026.

The recently awarded projects comprising Srinagar Ring Road Phase-IIA from Manigam to Pandach, Service Road for Domel-Udhampur section of NH-44 were said to be taken up for execution soon. Under the projects executed by NHIDCL, various packages of Jammu-Akhnoor Road (NH-144A) likely to be completed by December 2025 in all respects.

The meeting also discussed the progress on Zojila Tunnel (NH-1 - 30.826 km) and it was informed that 63.87% of the work has been completed, rest of the project is expected to be completed by February 2028.

Projects of BRO under Project Sampark that came under review in the meeting included widening of Akhnoor-Poonch (NH-144A) highway re-sectioned into 8 packages with end date of completion set as January 2026.

Similarly, the reviewed BRO projects under Beacon included different sections of NH-1 Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri Road, expected to be completed by November 2026.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed PWD projects including Pulwama Bypass, Kulgam Bypass, Shopian Bypass on NH and Service Road along NH-44 (Srinagar Bypass).

The meeting also assessed progress on action plan for 19 new projects with a total length of 296 km, to be executed with an estimated cost of Rs 10,637 crore. The notable projects included 4-lane flyover from Lal Chowk to Parimpora Junction, construction of 4-lane Pantha Chowk Flyover on NH-44, construction of 4-lane Magam Flyover on NH-701A, Panjtarni Tunnel, construction of Pir Ki Gali tunnel and construction of Sadhna tunnel etc.

## LEAD &amp; IIM-Jammu organized food safety training program for SHGs



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JAMMU, JUNE 27

LEAD - LJK Economic Growth And Development Dialogue, in collaboration with IIM Jammu through its DST iTBI (IIMJ-FEISD), recently organized a one-day training workshop under the Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) program at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra. The workshop was attended by nearly 50 participants, including members of various Self-Help Groups and local street food vendors.

The objective of the workshop was to promote better hygiene practices, ensure food safety, and build awareness among grassroots entrepreneurs involved in food preparation and distribution. The session focused on practical aspects of kitchen safety and maintaining cleanliness standards, which are crucial for both public health and improving the quality of local food-based businesses.

K.K. Sharma, Board Member, LEAD (Former Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu) shared insights into the food industry and the challenges posed by adulteration, highlighting the long-term significance of

quality in establishing a trusted brand. He reiterated LEAD's commitment to work closely with SHGs to increase income levels and build sustainable, community-based livelihood projects.

Pankaj Sharma, Deputy CEO, SMVDSB, appreciated the efforts of LEAD and IIM Jammu for organizing such a meaningful and relevant training program. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in enhancing the capacities of local entrepreneurs.

The training was conducted by Vinay K Stephen, a certified expert with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), who brings over 25 years of experience in the field. Ms. Pushpita Rana (Manager -FICSI), Dr. Vivek Sharma (Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu), Rakesh Wazir and Virender Kesar, office bearers of PHDCCI and Katra Hotel Association were also present on the occasion.

LEAD added to its chapter under the able guidance of LEAD Convener, Harinder Gupta. This workshop marks an important step towards capacity building at the grassroots level towards formation of community enterprises in Katra.

## Operation BIHALI...

in Operation BIHALI exemplify our unwavering commitment to ensuring a terror-free Jammu and Kashmir. The Northern Command remains dedicated to safeguarding the region and maintaining peace."

The operation was launched early on June 26 when a joint search team, led by Army Para Commandos, established contact with terrorists near Karoor Nallah in the Bihali area of Basantgarh. Despite adverse weather conditions, including rain and dense fog, security forces engaged the terrorists, resulting in the elimination of one JeM terrorist, reportedly a top commander codenamed "Maulvi". This terrorist had infiltrated Indian territory in April 2024 and was allegedly orchestrating terror activities in the region.

Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, provided an update: "The search operation to track down the remaining three JeM terrorists is ongoing, aided by drones and sniffer dogs. Reinforcements have been deployed to strengthen the cordon, and despite poor visibility due to fog, our forces are working relentlessly. We expect clarity as weather conditions improve."

On Thursday, the Army's White Knight Corps shared an update on X (formerly Twitter), saying, "Op BIHALI Update: In the ongoing joint operation by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in Basantgarh, one terrorist has been neutralized so far. The operation continues."

Security measures across the Union Territory have been heightened, with 180 companies of Central police forces deployed to ensure the safety of Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrims, scheduled to commence from July 3. KNO

## Glaciers worldwide lose...

"There are 18000 glaciers in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, but all of them are melting. The glaciers are melting in the entire Himalaya including J&K. In the past couple of years, the melting of glaciers has increased," the experts said.

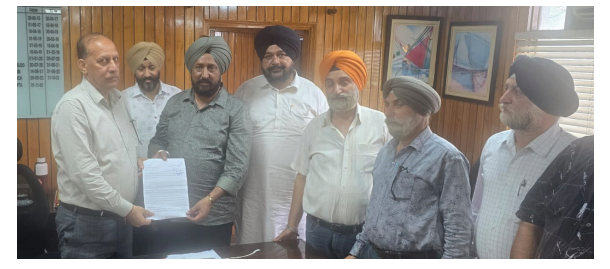
The melting of snowfall has increased as the temperature remains usually high, especially in the months of February, March.

Notably, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) confirmed that 2024 was the warmest year on record, based on six international datasets. The past ten years have all been in the Top Ten, in an extraordinary streak of record-breaking temperatures.

The experts have stated that with the increasing temperatures, the glaciers have been melting at a rapid pace and similarly, J&K too is losing 18-20 meters of a glacier every year.

"Until and unless we become carbon neutral, nobody can stop the melting of glaciers. The carbon emission is increasing, global emission is also high and in future it will be increased as per the study, but becoming carbon neutral only could help in stopping the melting of glaciers," the experts said. KNO

## Tony urges swift bottleneck fixes, pothole repairs on Amarnath Yatra Route, envisions Yatris as Tourism Ambassadors



JINNEWSERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, met Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), and expressed serious concern over the poor condition of roads across Jammu, particularly in rural and border areas.

Tony specifically flagged the deplorable state of roads in Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar, highlighting the danger posed by widespread potholes, especially to two-wheeler riders. He urged the department to address the issue before the onset of monsoon, warning that continued neglect could lead to severe accidents.

With the Amarnath Yatra set to begin shortly, Tony said the influx of pilgrims offers a unique opportunity. "These Yatris are not just devotees but also potential tourism ambassadors. If they are met with good roads and clean surroundings, they will return with a positive impression of Jammu & Kashmir, boosting its image and tourism prospects," he emphasized. Poor infrastructure, on the other hand, could tarnish the region's reputation, he cautioned.

Responding to Tony's

concerns, the Chief Engineer directed XEn Rahat Gupta, AEE Vikram Singh, and other officials to start urgent repair works. He stressed that potholes must be filled on priority, particularly in areas vulnerable to heavy rainfall.

"If not repaired in time, these potholes will become death traps—especially with the Meteorological Department predicting heavy rains," Tony warned.

Reiterating the need for safe and reliable infrastructure, he added, "People of Jammu cannot be made to suffer due to official apathy. Swift and efficient action is the need of the hour."

The Chief Engineer assured that repair work would begin immediately, with special focus on Gurtek Bahadur Nagar and adjoining areas.

The deputation accompanying Tony included Capt. Ghar Singh, Ajit Singh, S. Harvinder Singh, S. Harpal Singh, S. Parminder Singh, Adeep Singh, Mr. Jagdev Singh, Rissam Medicos, Utsav General Store, S. Inderjeet Singh, S. Ajeet Singh (Retd. S.E.), S. Joginder Singh, Surjeet Singh, Ajit Singh (President, Gurdwara), Jangjeet Singh, Manjeet Singh, and S. Dilbagh Singh.

## Vikram Randhawa holds Public Darbar at BJP headquarters



JINNEWSERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Senior BJP leader and MLA from Bahu Assembly Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, held a Public Darbar at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to address the public grievances.

The Public Darbar witnessed participation from a large number of deputations representing areas including Nanak Nagar, Bhore Camp, Chinore, Gangyal, Adarsh Enclave, Gangyal Garden, Trikuta Nagar, Deep Nagar, Karan Bagh, Extension Trikuta Nagar, Bandhurakh, and Ekta Vihar. Residents raised issues related to the Revenue Department, leaking PHE pipelines, water scarcity, urgent need for upgradation of lanes and drains, frequent power cuts, transformer replacement, installation of electric poles and lights, clearance of clogged drains, and reconstruction of damaged public infrastructure.

Ch. Randhawa gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured them of swift redressal.

He promptly conveyed several of the grievances to the concerned department officials and pressed for early resolution. In many cases, he also issued written instructions on the spot to initiate necessary action.

Speaking on the occasion, Ch. Vikram Randhawa said, "The Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to ensuring the equitable development of all regions of Jammu & Kashmir. As a representative of the Bahu Assembly Constituency, I consider it my foremost duty to remain accessible to the people and ensure their problems are addressed without delay." He further added, "Public grievance redressal is an essential pillar of good governance. I will continue to work with utmost dedication to resolve all pending civic issues in my constituency and across Jammu."

The event was coordinated by Er. T.K. Sharma, Co-convener of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP, who facilitated smooth interaction between the public and the party leadership.

## DLSA Anantnag organizes awareness programme on NALSA scheme 2015

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, JUNE 27

In a significant step towards empowering the tribal communities and safeguarding their constitutional rights, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Anantnag, in collaboration with the Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Vailoo, organised a one-day Tribal Rights Awareness Programme today at Middle School Bidhard.

The central theme of the programme was the 'Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights Scheme 2015,' and aimed at enlightening the tribal populace about their legal rights and available protections.

The event was graced by

Fauzia Paul, Sub-Judge and Secretary, DLSA Anantnag, as the chief guest, and Shafeeq Ahmad Malik, Sub-Judge and Chairman TLSC Vailoo, as the guest of honour.

Secretary DLSA Anantnag apprised the tribal community about their special rights and the legal protections available to them.

Deputy LADC Anantnag, Abid Rasool Padder; Assistant LADC Anantnag, Jasra Ayoub and Panel Lawyer TLSC Vailoo, Advocate Nazir Ahmad Padder provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of legal rights and remedies available to tribal communities.

Speakers elaborated on the provisions of the

Tribal Rights scheme 2015, emphasizing legal safeguards against exploitation, protection of land rights, access to education, healthcare, and livelihood schemes tailored for Scheduled Tribes. They also highlighted the role of Legal Services Authorities in ensuring free legal aid and justice to the marginalized sections of society.

Interactive sessions and open discussions allowed the participants to voice their concerns, seek clarifications, and understand the legal mechanisms available for the protection of their rights.

A large number of tribal community members, students, teachers, and locals participated in the event with great enthusiasm.

## Awareness/ Saturation camps held under Dharti Aaba Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in ST Villages of Kulgam

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, JUNE 27

As part of the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a series of awareness cum saturation camps were held in tribal villages including Avil and other Scheduled Tribe (ST) dominated areas of the district.

The camps aimed to raise awareness among tribal populations about various government welfare schemes, and ensure

on-spot registration and enrollment of eligible beneficiaries under flagship programmes.

Departments including Social Welfare, Health, Education, ICDS, Agriculture, and Rural Development actively participated in the initiative.

Special focus was laid on saturation of schemes including PMJAY-SEHAT, PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, pension schemes, and other welfare initiatives. Citi-

zens were also sensitized about the rights and entitlements available to them under various tribal welfare legislations and schemes.

Officials facilitated on-the-spot documentation, verification, and registration processes to ensure maximum coverage and benefit delivery at the grassroots level.

IEC materials were also distributed for wider dissemination of information.

## Orientation Programme on SNA-SPARSH Model held at Ramban



**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

The District Treasury Office Ramban, under the directions of the Finance Department J&K and the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, convened the first phase of the Orientation Programme on the Single Nodal Account - Samyochit Pronali Aakakrit Shigr Hastantaran (SNA-SPARSH) model for efficient management of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

The programme, attended by Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) associated with the District Treasury, aimed at familiarizing the participating officers with the SNA-SPARSH system for seamless financial operations.

The session began with a comprehensive introduction to the model by Additional Treasury Officer Lokesh Shan, who highlighted the role of SNA-SPARSH in strengthening financial governance at the grassroots level.

The SNA-SPARSH model integrates critical financial platforms, including JKBEAMS, PFMS and e-Kuber of RBI, facilitating real-time fund transfers directly from the Central and State Consolidated Funds to the implementing agencies.

This reform is part of a broader financial transformation under the Finance Department, complementing systems like BEAMS, JKPAYSys and TreasuryNet, which aim to ensure timely, transparent and efficient release of funds to beneficiaries.

The Additional Treasury Officer emphasized the significance of adopting the SNA-SPARSH system to improve financial discipline, accountability and effective utilization of public funds. He reiterated that the system would minimize procedural delays and ensure faster delivery of funds to the intended beneficiaries.

NIC Support Person Parkash Singh provided crucial technical assistance for successful conduct of the programme.

## MLA Lolab reviews RDSS works in Kupwara Package



**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

In order to assess the progress of works under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the Lolab Constituency (Kupwara Package), a review meeting was convened today at the Corporate Headquarters of Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), here.

The meeting was chaired by Qaiser Jamshaid Lone, Member J&K Legislative Assembly (Lolab Constituency).

Managing Director KPDC, Mahmood Ahmad Shah was also present in the meeting.

Among others, Superintending Engineer, Project Circle South, Er. M Husain; Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle Sopore, Er. Dalbir Singh; Executive Engineer, ED Kupwara, Er. Mohammad Amin Shah; representative, PIA - NTPC and authorized representative, M/s Vikran Engineering & Exim Pvt. Ltd. attended the meeting.

The deliberations were aimed at undertaking a comprehensive appraisal of the physical and financial status of various sanctioned works being executed under the centrally sponsored RDSS in the Lolab region.

At the outset, MLA emphasized the instrumental role played by elected representatives in

furthering infrastructure development, particularly in the power sector.

A consolidated overview of the project components, execution timelines, and bottlenecks was presented to the chair.

MLA, while acknowledging the ongoing efforts, underscored the need for immediate prioritization of critical works and sought strict adherence to stipulated timelines.

The Turnkey Contractor assured timely compliance and reaffirmed its commitment to expedite execution as per the mutually agreed milestones.

MLA further impressed upon the corporation the imperative of initiating requisite measures to ensure the provisioning of enhanced and uninterrupted power supply to the residents of the area. In this regard, he underscored the critical need for maintaining an adequate buffer stock of Distribution Transformers (DTs) across multiple capacities along with sufficient reserves of transformer oil, to facilitate timely response in the event of any emergent contingencies or unforeseen transformer outages.

Moreover, he laid particular emphasis on the augmentation of the existing Receiving Station infrastructure, including the revamping of the ageing 33kV Old Kupwara line, which continues to be a

constraint on load-bearing capacity.

He also reiterated the strategic importance of expediting the establishment of the proposed Grid Station at Waheedpora, Sopore, which is envisioned to significantly bolster the transmission infrastructure and address the long-standing reliability and load management issues across the region.

To address field-level challenges, particularly with respect to Right of Way (RoW) constraints and local impediments, it was resolved that a joint site inspection involving the MLA, KPDC officials, PIA representatives, and TKC shall be conducted on 1st July 2025 at Lolab. This coordinated exercise is intended to fast-track execution through proactive site-level resolution and stakeholder collaboration.

In a significant development, the meeting also resolved to launch a Solar Rooftop (SRT) Promotion and Registration Campaign under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna. The campaign shall be ceremonially flagged-off with the inaugural registration for installation of rooftop solar plants. This pioneering gesture is envisioned to stimulate mass awareness and adoption of decentralized clean energy solutions among domestic consumers in the region.

## DM Ramban bans swimming, bathing, fishing & roaming near River Chenab, Nallahs for public safety

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

District Magistrate Mohammad Alyas Khan, exercising powers under Section 163 of the BNSS, has issued an order imposing a complete ban on swimming, bathing, fishing and roaming near River Chenab and other water bodies across Ramban district to prevent mishaps and ensure public safety.

"It has been observed that during the summer

season people especially youth and children frequently engage in Bathing, Fishing & Roaming unnecessarily near the banks of River Chenab and various other Nallahs across the district Ramban, which have proven extremely dangerous due to sudden surges in water levels, slippery terrains and strong undercurrents. Past incidents have tragically resulted in the loss of precious human lives. The District Administration urges the citizens to

cooperate and stay away from riverbanks and Nallahs, especially during the monsoon season to safeguard their lives and the lives of others" the order stated.

"The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, along with all concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrates, SDPOs, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, SHOs and Incharge Police Posts shall ensure strict implementation of the order in their respective jurisdictions."

## NCORD Committee meeting

## Doda admin reviews action plan to intensify Drug control efforts

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JUNE 27

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh today chaired the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) meeting here in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The meeting reviewed the ongoing drug control measures and chalk out a coordinated strategy to eradicate drug abuse and trafficking in the district.

The discussions centered on the assessment of drug prevalence, identification of hotspots of drug abuse and cultivation and an analysis of emerging trends in the district. The Committee also reviewed the action taken against the prevalence of contraband crops, whether in wild or agricultural lands. The status of PIT/NDPS cases and the implementation of the IEC campaign were also reviewed.

Further, the functioning of the Addiction Treatment Facility at GMC Doda and the Drug Counselling Centre at DPL Doda was evaluated. The meeting emphasized the importance of engaging religious leaders, NGOs and civil society in the campaign against



drug abuse. The issue of controlling the misuse of prescription drugs was also addressed, with directions for 100% CCTV installation and computer-based billing systems at medical shops. Special focus was laid on achieving the "Nasha Mukh Panchayat" targets to make the entire district drug-free.

The meeting was attended by ADC Anil Kumar Thakur, ACD Din Mohammad Afaqi, ASP, CMO, District Social Welfare Officer, Principal GDC and officials from the departments of Health, Agriculture, Education, Social Welfare, Youth Services & Sports and Drug Control.

A virtual interaction was also held with Additional Deputy Commissioners, Sub Divisional Magistrates, Block Development Officers and other concerned stakeholders. They briefed the Deputy Commissioner on awareness drives, de-addic-

## DEO Reasi convenes interactive session with media persons, influencers to amplify voter awareness



**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, JUNE 27

District Election Officer (DEO) Nidhi Malik today convened an interactive session with media representatives, Election Icons, and social media influencers of district Reasi to promote greater voter awareness and strengthen democratic engagement in the region. The event highlighted the pivotal role of media and digital platforms in disseminating accurate electoral information and encouraging public participation.

During the session, DEO Nidhi Malik acknowledged the influential role of media professionals and digital content creators in shaping public opinion and urged them to further amplify voter-centric messaging. She emphasized the importance of

the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme in fostering inclusive, informed and active citizen engagement in the electoral process.

DEO Reasi Ms. Malik also encouraged the Election Icons of Reasi to continue inspiring the electorate through their impactful messages, underlining their potential to drive higher voter turnout. She shared key initiatives launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and called upon participants to aid in their wider circulation, ensuring these initiatives reach every corner of society.

On the occasion, DD News Jammu presented a Coffee Table Book showcasing various SVEEP initiatives undertaken during the 2024 Assembly Elections in Reasi district.

## District Capex Budget 2025-26 proposals discussed at Udhampur

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 27

To chalk out a comprehensive strategy for the formulation of the District Capex Budget for the financial year 2025-26, District Development Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai chaired a meeting of officers of line departments held in the Mini Conference Hall, DC

Office Complex. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Iqbal, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Block Development Officers, senior district and sectoral officers from different departments.

Detailed deliberations were held on sector-wise planning at Panchayat, Block and District levels.



Key focus areas included Rural Connectivity, Rural Infrastructure, Public Health Engineering, Irriga-

tion and Water Conservation, Agriculture, Power, Health and Education. Emphasis was also laid on harnessing area-specific potential and promoting employment generation.

While addressing the officers, the DDC emphasized the need to ensure developmental priorities while formulating plan proposals. She instructed the concerned to ensure

that all proposals are scrutinized and approved through the Gram Sabha before being projected in the final plan. The DDC further directed officers to work towards improving key indicators under the Sustainable Development goals through efficient planning and implementation and prepare realistic, need-based and inclusive development plans.

## EDITORIAL

## Powerful political signal!

In a significant and much-needed shift in approach, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has brought political unity to the forefront by involving leaders from across party lines in the preparations for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to commence on July 3. This is not just a logistical development—it's a powerful political signal. For the first time in years, a wide spectrum of political voices has been taken on board to deliberate on the arrangements of a pilgrimage that is not only spiritually vital but also deeply symbolic for Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting of political leaders convened at Raj Bhavan is especially commendable given the backdrop: a chilling terrorist attack in Pahalgam that has cast a shadow over the region and triggered a noticeable drop—over 10 percent—in this year's pilgrim registrations. The fear generated by such violence is real. But equally real is the determination of both the administration and the people of Jammu and Kashmir to reclaim the narrative of peace, hospitality, and spiritual harmony. By bringing leaders including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Deputy CM Surinder Kumar Choudhary, and representatives from the BJP, Congress, CPI(M), Apni Party, and PDF to the same table, LG administration has demonstrated statesmanship. This inclusivity sends a strong message: the safety and sanctity of the Amarnath Yatra is a collective responsibility that transcends political affiliations. Equally reassuring are the comprehensive security measures outlined by the LG. The implementation of a three-tier security grid, enhanced deployment of police and paramilitary forces, area domination exercises, and full verification of service providers reflect a serious commitment to safeguarding lives. The suggestion for pilgrims to travel with the convoy from Bhagwati Nagar rather than independently is another practical measure that balances freedom with prudence. But beyond the layers of security lies a deeper message—the reaffirmation of Kashmir's tradition of hospitality. CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami's reminder of the local people's role in supporting the yatra year after year highlights a truth often overlooked in national narratives. Despite political turmoil, the people of the Valley have consistently embraced the pilgrimage with open arms, often placing the needs of pilgrims above their own. Congress has rightly pointed out, the involvement of civilians and restoration of normal public movement during the yatra is essential not only for security but also for healing. It will help dispel the aura of fear and restore faith in Kashmir as a land not just of conflict, but of culture, spirituality, and compassion. In an era where communal divisions are often exploited for political gain, the collective commitment to the Amarnath Yatra underscores a different vision for Jammu and Kashmir—one rooted in pluralism, mutual respect, and shared responsibility. It is this spirit that must guide the future. If the resolve shown in Raj Bhavan translates effectively on the ground, this year's Amarnath Yatra could mark more than a religious journey—it could be a step toward a more unified, secure, and hopeful Jammu and Kashmir.

## Rate cuts to reforms: Fiscal policy must power India's growth engine

KAJLEEN KAUR

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) statement on June 6 announced a reduction in the Repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.50 per cent, cumulatively cutting the repo rate by 100 basis points since February.

It also surprised the economy by reducing the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 100 basis points to 3 per cent. This expansionary monetary policy (MP) move is expected to boost economic activity, as banks can borrow more and lend it to consumers and investors at lower interest rates. Following this, four public sector banks have already reduced the repo-related lending rates. The reduction in CRR further supports the lending spree, as it would release Rs 2.5 lakh crore, giving banks further

impetus to lend.

MP could choose to be accommodative, as the inflation rate has been at a comfortable target level of an average of 4 per cent, and the outlook for the year is being further revised downwards to 3.7 per cent.

Hence, inflation is not a major concern for now, but growth remains below expectation, with the projected growth for 2025-26 being 6.5 per cent, the same as the actual real growth in 2024-25.

With enough leverage provided to support growth, MPC has announced a reversal to a neutral stance for the future, and the economy cannot expect further cuts in the interest rate easily. With this future course of action of MP, they have set the ball rolling for fiscal policy (FP) measures to take the onus of stimulat-

ing growth.

The Government will now have to proactively take measures to ensure optimistic consumer, investor and producer confidence, the lifelines of a resilient economy. With the uncertainties looming due to expected tariff impositions from the US and subsequent trade wars, the Government has to be vigilant of even the smallest aberrations from the norm. On the revenue front, the Government had already reformed the income tax rate structure in this year's Union Budget, with tax exemptions, to boost consumption.

Additionally, there is an expectation of rationalisation and restructuring of the complex GST framework soon. The four-tier slab structure needs to be streamlined and simplified, which will help to

incentivise consumption and production.

Further, the Government has planned its capital expenditure policy to lift the business mood. It has already front-loaded the capital expenditure in the current financial year, spending Rs 1,59,790 crore in April, an increase of 61 per cent spent in the corresponding month of the previous year. The cost of Government borrowing, according to the RBI, has decreased over the years, releasing liquidity, which, if provided as loans to the states, with assured productive expenditure, can encourage consumption, and investment, and strengthen the macro-economy.

On the global front, India is gaining strength, as global investors are shifting their manufacturing base to India, due to production link incen-

tives, strong global supply chains, easing of business policies, low labour cost, and high demand, to name a few.

Further, the IMF World Economic Outlook (April 2025) shows India acquiring the status of the fourth-largest economy in the world, surpassing Japan in terms of nominal GDP as reported by BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief, Niti Aayog.

Analysts, however, caution that this does not guarantee the improvement in the internal socio-economic issues such as poverty, health, education, large income inequalities, etc. With a neutral MP stance for the future, now the Government needs to play its cards well amidst the domestic and global uncertainties for a better-performing economy.

Conclusion

## Karakoram anomaly: Relook Indus Water Treaty

BK SINGH

Islamabad's preference for terror on India's civilian and armed forces using ISI-trained terrorists, as compared to the belief in conventional warfare has misfired after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22nd, where 26 civilians, mostly tourists including a Nepalese national lost their lives. Immediately after the attack India expelled Pakistani nationals, reduced its diplomatic presence and kept the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) in abeyance. In response to the April 22nd attack, India launched Operation Sindoor in the wee hours of May 7th, and hit and decimated terrorist infrastructures at nine locations – five in PoK and four in Pakistan's Punjab province including Muridke and Bahawalpur, the headquarters of two major terrorist organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba or Jaish-e-Mohammed.

The operation also resulted in the killing of more than a hundred terrorists in these camps. Pakistan's response using Turkey and Chinese-made weapons was foiled and in four days of conflict, considerable damage was inflicted on Pakistan's eleven airbases and air defence system. Even after the ceasefire was announced at 5.35 pm on May 10th, IWT continued to be kept under abeyance. Two countries have fought several wars and India has faced many ter-

rorist attacks orchestrated by our neighbour, but it is for the first time since 1960 that IWT has been suspended. A permanent cost has been inflicted on Pakistan for the misadventure. In recent years India has been seeking bilateral modification of IWT. The treaty signed in 1960 divides six rivers of the basin between the two. Indus, Jhelum and Chenab are the western rivers allocated to Pakistan, while Ravi, Beas and Sutlej are the eastern rivers allocated to India. Further, the treaty allocated 80 per cent of water for Pakistan and only 20 per cent for the upper riparian state, India. No other water treaty in the world has ignored an upper riparian state like this and has been the most generous treaty favouring the lower riparian state. The treaty also did not take into account global warming, climate change issues and environmental impact assessment, as brought out in the departmentally related Standing Committee report 2021.

While the treaty was operational, Pakistan has continuously objected to India's hydroelectric projects. In recent years, the objections to the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects are for anyone to take note of. With such baseless objections, Pakistan moved International Court of Justice, Hague, which is quite irksome and hampers our growth. Further, it is challenging for the

union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to progress economically. Reports have substantiated that UT suffered hundreds of millions of rupees annually due to IWT. Sixty-five years into the treaty, climate change has altered the scenario considerably. The glaciers located on the eastern side that feed water to Sutlej, Beas and Ravi rivers are at relatively lower altitudes as compared to the glaciers in the Karakoram mountain ranges that feed water to western rivers namely Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. The glaciers at lower altitudes are losing mass at a higher rate and are retreating faster.

In higher Karakoram mountain ranges, glaciers are not losing masses, and are relatively stable. In the scientific community, it is called the 'Karakoram anomaly'. From the depleted glacier mass there has been a considerable reduction in the flow of water in the eastern rivers namely Sutlej, Beas and Ravi. This has impacted water availability for irrigation and power generation in the Indian states of Punjab and Rajasthan, as well as in the UT of J&K. Thus, despite IWT allocated 20 per cent water share for India, we got only 5 per cent. 'Karakoram anomaly' is termed as the stability or the anomalous growth of glaciers in central Karakoram, in contrast to the retreat of glaciers in other nearby mountainous ranges of the Hima-

layas and other ranges of the World. Studies have highlighted the role of temperature in establishing and sustaining the anomaly over the years. Western disturbances are the primary feeder of the snowfall for the region in winter. It has also been found in the study that 53 per cent of precipitation and 65 per cent of snowfall in the region is powered by western disturbances. This has resulted in an increase of precipitation intensity in the Karakoram ranges by 10 per cent in the last two decades. This explains the role of Western disturbances in sustaining the anomaly. In other words, the flow of water in western rivers namely the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab is sustainable and may increase by 10 per cent, while that in eastern rivers Ravi, Beas and Sutlej shows a depleting trend. Given scientific findings, IWT must change. Post Pahalgam, PM Modi has reiterated that the treaty will remain suspended till our neighbour stops supporting terrorism in all forms and manifestations.

Especially given the 'Karakoram anomaly' owing to climate change, IWT in its present form cannot be revived, even if Pakistan supports terrorism. PM Modi has directed officials to expedite the planning and execution of projects on the Chenab, Jhelum and Indus rivers. The central Government has also committed to

fast-track environmental clearances of all pending and proposed projects in the Indus River basin in J&K to utilise the maximum amount of water from the river system. Canals on Chenab are also being planned to be extended to cover more areas for irrigation. Uri Stage II, Kirthal-II and Sawalkot projects are for the generation of power and also for irrigating agricultural fields, and are already listed for single window clearance. The work on the Tulbul navigation barrage in the Wullar Lake in north Kashmir, essential for providing navigation in the Jhelum river, was suspended in the 1980s, under pressure from Pakistan, but can now be revived. After keeping IWT in abeyance, India released water from the Baglihar and Salal dams for the de-siltation of reservoirs. This caused swelling of the Chenab River and flooding in Pakistan. After completion of de-siltation, the gates are closed, disrupting the agriculture sowing/paddy transplant in Pakistan's Punjab and Sindh.

Even India is not obliged to share rainfall data now. Pakistan has come up with another bluff, saying that China in a similar way can stop Brahmaputra water, where India is the lower riparian state. China can never punish us in that way. The Brahmaputra originates in the Angsi glacier in Tibet and flows through China as Yarlung

The MPC's expansionary measures, including rate cuts and CRR reduction, aim to revive growth amidst subdued inflation. With monetary policy turning neutral, the spotlight shifts to fiscal policy. The Government must now drive momentum through tax reforms, GST rationalisation, and increased capital spending. Despite global headwinds, India's rising global stature and investor interest offer optimism. However, sustained progress depends on addressing domestic socio-economic disparities while navigating uncertain global tides with prudent fiscal strategies.

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Conclusion

## Telangana's fight against child labour

SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

While this is good news for all the vulnerable children rescued from exploitative work, their lives will still be in limbo in the absence of appropriate rehabilitation. This crucial task may be an easier one for Telangana as it already has a successful rehabilitation roadmap, thanks to MV Foundation, the Hyderabad-based, not-for-profit, which has managed to withdraw over one million children from work.

By mainstreaming them into formal schools, MVF has also made 1500 villages child-labour-free. This is no mean achievement. The cornerstone of their success has been their belief that any child out of school should be considered a child labourer and that school and education were the only options for eliminating child labour. The model adopted to reach this goal is simple. First, a survey of all children out of school is conducted in each of the intervention villages. Villagers

were often taken aback to see a sari-clad lady outside their homes asking about their children. But Shantha Sinha, founder trustee MVF and Magsaysay awardee for her work to eliminate child labour, had no compunctions in sitting on the floor of their homes to persuade them to send their children to school. This personalised approach helped in facilitating permission for their children to attend residential bridge course camps (RBC).

These provide short-

term intensive education programmes to help children who had dropped out of school to work or those who had never been to school, fill their knowledge gaps. Then they are mainstreamed into government schools. Establishing Child Rights Protection forums comprising the community, parents, local panchayat members and school teachers, ensures children enrolled stay in school. Had it not been for this house-to-house survey, 11-year-old Amritha would have continued to

work with her family as agricultural labourers.

She was reconciled to going to sleep most of the nights on an empty stomach. But her life changed when MVF came to her village to spread awareness about education. They motivated her parents to send her to the RBC. When it became known that Amritha had gone to the camp, five other children, who heard about the life-changing experience, also joined her there. One of them was working at a roadside eatery and

afraid that he wouldn't be allowed to join the RBC, ran away without informing his employer. He walked 10 km to catch a train to the MVF camp. The MVF approach has given hundreds of children a chance at second childhood by fostering a sense of community ownership to ensure the elimination of child labour. This has provided support for a large number of such children to go beyond primary schooling. Many of them have achieved their dream of becoming doctors, law-

yers, engineers and media personalities. Equally vulnerable to exploitation are those reported missing as they too are at risk of being trapped in working in dangerous trades.

Over 11,400 children were reported as missing in 2024-25, according to India Child Protection, a voluntary organisation, that prepared the report on child labour rescues in conjunction with Just Rights for Children, a civil society network of over 250 organisations working in coordination with

law enforcement agencies to combat child labour and trafficking. Although a large number of these missing children have been found, they face similar challenges of rehabilitation. Adapting the community-based, child-protection approach to mainstream them back to school could be life-changing for all these children.

(The author is a journalist writing on development and gender. Views are personal)

## Dr. Jitendra Singh underscores importance of reminding youth about emergency to safeguard Democracy

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 27 JUNE 2025:

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy, and Space, addressed a press conference at the BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

He was accompanied by Sat Sharma (CA), President of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, and MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa. The press meet was convened to mark the remembrance of the Emergency period imposed in 1975 and to highlight its significance in contemporary India.

In his opening remarks, Sat Sharma described the Emergency imposed by the Congress government from 1975 to 1977 as a "black dot" on Indian democracy. He noted that the BJP has been observing this period as "Black Day" on June 25, 26, and 27 to raise awareness among the public, especially the younger generation, about the horrors and authoritarianism that gripped the nation during that time. He said that remembering this dark chapter is essential to preventing its recurrence in the future. Welcoming the senior party leaders, he invited Dr. Jitendra Singh to shed light on the subject in more depth.

While addressing the press, Dr. Jitendra Singh

emphasized that although the Emergency period is one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic journey, it is crucial to remember it repeatedly to ensure that the generations to come are aware of its consequences and remain vigilant against any such recurrence. He said that during those years, from 1975 to 1977, countless individuals experienced state-sponsored atrocities as many were jailed without trial, subjected to brutal lathi charges, placed under house arrest, or forced to go underground. There were also large-scale forced sterilizations, which further intensified the public trauma. The Emergency was not merely a suspension of political rights but a wholesale assault on civil liberties and human dignity.

Dr. Singh highlighted how that oppressive era also gave rise to strong leaders and new ideas. He mentioned that Jayaprakash Narayan, a senior freedom fighter, emerged during this period as a savior of democracy. He narrated how Nanaji Deshmukh even risked his own life to save JP, stating that the country needed Jayaprakash Narayan more than himself. Leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Arun Jaitley, and Chandrashekar gained prominence during this period, having shown resilience and leadership in the face of adversity. Dr. Singh also recalled how several of his seniors were imprisoned during Emergency and how the media was not allowed



to function freely. He mentioned that journalists were arrested merely for publishing truthful reports, and the press functioned under constant fear and censorship.

He went further to state that the Emergency was not a sudden aberration but rather the cumulative result of the Congress Party's ideological foundation. Tracing it back to its origin, he said that the Congress Party was founded on 28 December 1885 by A.O. Hume, a retired British civil servant, whose intention was to create a controlled political platform in India rather than a movement born out of nationalistic zeal. Dr. Singh pointed out that Congress never had the intention to sacrifice for or genuinely serve the nation. He accused the party of being rooted in nepotism, authoritarianism, and opportunism, always placing its own interests above that of the country. He argued that while Congress often claims to have fought for India's independence, it did not demand complete

independence until 1930. Until then, the party was satisfied with the idea of "home rule," which meant that India would still be governed by officers under the British.

He recalled how Congress condemned nationalist revolutionaries like Madan Lal Dhingra, who assassinated William Curzon in London and was later executed. Dhingra's sacrifice was never honored by the Congress, and no senior Congress leader even visited him, except Veer Savarkar. Dr. Singh said it was unfortunate that the Congress today refuses to recognize Savarkar as a freedom fighter. He also recounted how when Gandhiji appealed for Jawaharlal Nehru to be elected as Congress President, and although Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel received more votes, it was Nehru who was selected, showing how democratic norms were overruled within the party itself. He cited Dr. Rajendra Prasad's words, who had lamented that Gandhiji had once again sacrificed a trusted and deserving lieutenant for

the sake of a more glamorous Nehru.

Dr. Singh pointed out that after the execution of Bhagat Singh, the definition of "political prisoner" was reframed, and while true revolutionaries were either executed or tortured before it, Nehru spent his time in jail under privileged conditions, writing letters and enjoying literary freedom.

Dr. Jitendra also shared with the audience the sequence of events that led to the declaration of Emergency: the 1974 student movement, Congress's defeat in the Gujarat elections, and the historic Allahabad High Court verdict of 1975 that invalidated Indira Gandhi's election. He noted that this verdict gave momentum to the JP Movement. In response, Congress brought in the 38th Constitutional Amendment to protect itself and later introduced the even more draconian 42nd and 43rd Amendments. These amendments extended the tenure of Parliament and state Assemblies from five to six years in an effort

to postpone elections and avoid certain defeat.

Focusing on the implications for Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Singh said that Sheikh Abdullah took this opportunity to extend the J&K Assembly's term from five to six years in line with the central change. However, even after three years, when the rest of the nation reverted to a five-year term, the change was never undone in Jammu & Kashmir. These, he stated, were double grave constitutional violations and the lasting legacies of that period that remained until article 370 was abrogated.

Dr. Jitendra Singh concluded with a stern warning that although the Emergency period is long over, the mindset and ideology that enabled it still exist and continue to pose a threat. He cautioned that the same perverted mentality, one that suppresses truth, flaunts the Constitution with hypocrisy, underplays inconvenient facts, and exaggerates convenient half-truths, remains alive. To ensure that democracy continues to grow and that India moves forward as a "Viksit Bharat," he emphasized the importance of not allowing future generations to forget this bitter truth. He ended with a poignant reminder: "Don't whitewash the stigma, lest we forget."

Later, the senior BJP leaders also planted saplings at JDA park, Trikuta Nagar, under the party's ongoing Abhiyan to support the afforestation measures.

## Indian Army distributes Ration Kits in Collaboration with Amazon India Community Engagement Team



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NOWSHERA, JUNE 27

As part of the run-up to the Jhangar Day celebrations, the Indian Army's Jhangar Battalion, in collaboration with the Amazon India Community Engagement Team, organized a humanitarian outreach event focused on supporting families affected during Operation Sindoor. In a heartwarming display of solidarity, Ration Kits were distributed to families from Jhangar, Sariya, Makri, and Sher villages, who had endured hardships during Operation Sindoor. The initiative was aimed at assisting these families in their recovery and reaffirming the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the border population. A formal distribution event was conducted at the Usman Memorial & Community Learning Centre, where selected families from Jhangar and Sariya were invited and personally handed over the Ration Kits. The remaining families received their

kits through coordinated efforts in their respective villages. This collaborative initiative showcased the Indian Army's continued dedication not just to the nation's security but also to the upliftment of the communities it protects. Through such consistent engagements, the Army remains a pillar of support and reassurance for the border population, fostering a deep sense of trust and belonging. Amazon India, through its Community Engagement Team, played a crucial role in this effort, demonstrating its steadfast commitment to inclusive development and social responsibility. Their support in reaching out to the underserved highlights the powerful impact of public-private partnerships in nation-building and humanitarian outreach. The event was deeply appreciated by the local populace, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to both the Indian Army and Amazon India for their compassion and timely support.

## DLIC approves 29 cases under Mission YUVA in Ganderbal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, JUNE 27

The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatinder Kishore, in the VC Room of the DC Office Ganderbal.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held regarding the applications received under the scheme. The committee deliberated upon the cases submitted through the Skill and Business Development Unit (SBDU) and, after thorough scrutiny and evaluation, approved 29 cases unanimously for financial and institutional support under the Mission YUVA initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the significance of Mission YUVA in empowering the youth through skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, and self-employment opportunities. He stressed the need for robust post-approval support and follow-up to ensure the sustainable



success of the approved units.

DC also directed the concerned departments to expedite the process of sanctioning, disbursing benefits, and extending all necessary handholding support to the beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Chief Planning Officer, Syed Shah Nawaz Khan; Lead District Manager; Nodal Officer JKEDI and other concerned.

## Bandipora secures 2nd Rank in North Zone under Aspirational Block Programme of Govt of India

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JUNE 27

In a significant milestone for grassroots development, District Bandipora has secured the 2nd rank in the North Zone under the prestigious Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) of NITI Aayog, Government of India.

This recognition reflects the district's effective governance, sustained developmental progress, and commitment to inclusive growth.

Under this nationwide programme, Tulail Block of Bandipora was selected by the Government of India as the focal block for targeted interventions. Since its inclusion, focused efforts across key sectors such as health, education, agriculture, financial inclusion, and basic infrastructure have yielded measurable improvements.

The achievement has been made possible under the mentorship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, whose leadership and coordination have driven impactful results on the ground.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said, "We are

working with a clear mission to bring Bandipora to the number one position, ensuring 100% saturation under every development indicator."

This recognition not only brings immense pride to the district but also makes Bandipora eligible for an award incentive of Rs.2.5 crore, which will be utilized to further strengthen development interventions, bridge service delivery gaps, and improve the quality of life for residents, particularly in aspirational and underserved blocks.

DC extended his gratitude to all departments, field functionaries, and community stakeholders whose collective efforts made this success possible. The recognition is not just a mark of past achievement but a motivation to continue driving holistic and inclusive progress in every corner of Bandipora.

Aspirational Block Programme aims to improve governance and service delivery across key indicators such as Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Services, Basic Infrastructure, and Social Development.

## Power Shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out the works of erection of 13 mtr long ST Poles on 33 KV Budgam Kremshore and Budgam Ichgam line, shutdown of several 33KV lines shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations falling under these lines shall remain off while power supply to numerous areas will be affected.

In this connection, shutdown of 33KV Budgam-Kremshore line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Kremshore, Khansahib, Raithan, Brenwar shall remain off while power supply to Old Kremshore, Arigam, Nunner, Shamsabad, Dreygam, Arampora, Shinipora, Yaikha, essential, Khansahib, Raithan, Bugroo, Brenwar and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 28 June & 01 July, 2025.

Also, the shutdown of 33KV HMT Budgam Ichgam line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Ichgam, Choom, Kanir, Hanjura shall remain off while power supply to Barwah, Ichgam, Ichkoot, Choon, Bubagh, Razvain, Kanir, Hushur, Wagam, Zuhama, Hanjoora, Dadaopora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 28 June & 01 July, 2025.

Besides to carry out the Branch cutting of trees coming in the alignment of lines, the shutdown of 33KV Sheerl Sultanpora line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Sultanpora shall remain off while power supply to Sultanpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 01 July, 2025.

In this connection, shutdown of 33KV Sheerl Gantamulla line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Gantamulla shall remain off while power supply to Gantamulla, Kitchama and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 01 July, 2025.

## ADC Bandipora visits Imambaras, reviews arrangements



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JUNE 26

To assess the preparations for the ongoing holy month of Muharram, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zafar Husson Shawl, today conducted an extensive tour of various Imambaras in the Sumbal subdivision of Bandipora.

During the visit, ADC reviewed the essential arrangements for the smooth conduct of congregations and mourning processions throughout Muharram-ul-Haram. He engaged with the Imambara Intizamia Committees, inquiring about the facilities available to

them. ADC directed the concerned officers to ensure continuous supply of water and electricity during the holy days. Additionally, Municipal Committees were directed to maintain cleanliness in and around the worship places where large gatherings are expected.

On the occasion, SDM Sumbal assured that there would be regular visits to the Imambaras in their jurisdictions to guarantee that necessary facilities are provided to the community.

ADC was accompanied by Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal, and several senior officers.

## IEC campaign under Dharti Aaba Abhiyan witnesses vibrant community participation across Anantnag

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, JUNE 27

Intensive Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gramin Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) con-

tinued today across district Anantnag, reaffirming the mission of holistic tribal empowerment and inclusive rural development.

Extensive awareness and benefit saturation camps were held at mul-

multiple locations across the district, drawing enthusiastic participation from residents.

As part of this nationwide initiative, the campaign is being systematically implemented across 33 Panchayats of Anant-

nag to ensure saturation of all flagship government schemes and services.

Various initiatives were taken under the Abhiyan, such as awareness sessions on DAJGUA objectives and impact, distribution of IEC mate-

rials by various departments, informative stalls by government departments showcasing welfare schemes, awareness drives on PMAY surveys and, scheme briefings by departments including Agriculture, Horti-

culture, Health, ICDS, Social Welfare, Revenue, Sheep Husbandry, among others.

The camps also facilitated interactive sessions between officials and community members, enabling real-time griev-

ance redressal, identification of service delivery gaps, and fostering meaningful public engagement.

Citizens appreciated the government's commitment to grassroots empowerment and pledged their active sup-

port and cooperation throughout the campaign period. The campaign is being closely monitored by the District Development Commissioner Anantnag, with regular reviews to ensure effective implementation.

## Bhalla leads outreach meet with OBC, SC & ST communities, vows fight for justice and representation

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

As part of a major public outreach initiative, Congress Working President Shri Raman Bhalla recently held an important meeting with representatives from the OBC, SC, and ST communities of the Jammu region. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the long-standing issues faced by these marginalized communities and to initiate concrete steps toward their resolution.

During the discussion, Bhalla ji attentively listened to the concerns raised by the delegates, which primarily included the lack of political representation and the loss of traditional livelihoods. Responding to their grievances, Bhalla ji assured them that the Congress party stands firmly with every oppressed and underrepresented section and will fight with full strength for their rights,



dignity, and justice.

He reiterated the Congress Party's national demand for a caste-based census, stating that true representation, participation, and equality cannot be achieved without first understanding the actual social structure. "Unless every community is counted correctly, they cannot claim their rightful share," he stated.

Bhalla ji emphasized that the hardworking and skilled people of Jammu & Kashmir deserve equal opportunities, recognition, and justice—and the

Congress is committed to making that a reality.

Present in the meeting were senior leaders and community representatives including Madan Lal Chalotra, Shamshar Bhagal, Amit Mehra, Dewan Chand, Prem Sagar Tornil, H. L. Chalotra, Ram Lal Sagotra, Mangal Ram, Deep Kumar, Dinesh Kumar, Master Pars Ram, Kundan Lal, and others. They assured Bhalla ji that in the coming days, large numbers of people from the OBC, SC, and ST communities would be joining the Congress Party. It was

also proposed that these new joinings be held on a large public platform to send a strong message of inclusion and empowerment.

The leaders also pledged to strengthen the role of senior leader Tariq Hameed Karra in the coming days. The meeting concluded with a unified resolution that the Congress Party will rise together and lead Jammu and Kashmir to a new era of social justice, equality, and democratic participation.

## Keshav Chopra releases Devotional Bhajan "Jai Baba Pargo Sidh Ji"

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Social Activist and Chairman of the Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, today releases a new Devotional Bhajan "Jai Baba Pargo Sidh Ji". The bhajan, dedicated to the revered saint Baba Pargo Sidh Ji, aims to spread a message of faith, devotion, and spiritual solace. The release event took place here in Jammu.

The Bhajan was released under the banner of the YouTube Channel "Maa Bawe Wali Records." The lyrics of the Bhajan was given by Madan Jalandhari, Music by Dr V Kaith and Video was Directed by K K Malhotra, The Bhajan was Sung by Singer Sonu Heer and Projected By Sahil Mahajan.

Speaking during the



launch Keshav Chopra emphasized the importance of devotional music in fostering peace and unity in society. "It is with immense pleasure and humility that we present 'Jai Baba Pargo Sidh Ji' to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," said Keshav Chopra. "This bhajan is a heartfelt offering to the divine, intended to inspire devotion and provide comfort to all who

listen. Baba Pargo Sidh Ji's teachings of compassion and righteousness are more relevant than ever, and we hope this bhajan serves as a reminder of his profound legacy." Samvedna Society continues its commitment to promoting cultural and spiritual values through various initiatives, and this bhajan is another step in that direction.

Sahil Mahajan While

Speaking said that the bhajan features soul-stirring vocals and traditional melodies, designed to create an immersive spiritual experience for listeners. It is expected to resonate deeply with devotees and enthusiasts of devotional music alike.

Vikas Kumar, Sourav Gupta, Raman Vaid, Shikhar Abrol and others were also Present.

## Hakeem Yaseen seeks urgent medical care for ailing detainees Dr. Fayaz and Shabir Shah

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) President and former Minister Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen on Friday appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir administration to ensure immediate medical attention for incarcerated political leaders Dr. Abdul Hameed Fayaz and Shabir Ahmad Shah, both of whom are reportedly in deteriorating health.

Expressing deep concern, Hakeem Yaseen said that Dr. Fayaz, the former Ameer-e-Jamaat currently lodged in Srinagar Central Jail, is unwell and in urgent need of medical care. Similarly, Shabir Shah, who is under detention outside Jammu and Kashmir, is also reported to be suffering

from serious health issues without adequate medical facilities.

"This is a matter of human dignity and constitutional rights. Denying medical treatment to those in custody is not only unethical but a grave violation of human rights," Yaseen said. He added that access to healthcare is a basic right guaranteed under law, and the state must not compromise on this, regardless of a person's political background. "This is not about ideology; it is about humanity. The government must rise above politics and respond with compassion."

Calling on the Lieutenant Governor's administration and concerned agencies to intervene immediately, Hakeem Yaseen stressed

that any delay in medical attention could have life-threatening consequences. "The health condition of both Dr. Fayaz and Shabir Shah deserves urgent attention. They must be shifted to appropriate medical facilities for thorough examination and treatment without delay," he urged.

Yaseen also appealed to civil society, human rights organizations, and religious bodies to raise their voice for the humane treatment of all detainees, especially those facing health complications.

"A society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable—even those behind bars. Let the message go out that we remain committed to justice, dignity, and humanity," Yaseen concluded.

## Police seizes 09 vehicles involved in illegal mining and transportation of mineral in Handwara

JINNEWS SERVICE  
HANDWARA, JUNE 27

In a significant action against illegal mining, Police in Handwara seized 09 tractors from various locations across Police District Handwara for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals.

Acting on specific inputs, police teams from different police stations launched coordinated enforcement drives. During the operations, the vehicles were found transporting minerals without valid documentation, in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016. Legal proceedings have been initiated against the violators as per the relevant provisions of law.

## CM Omar calls on Dr. Karan Singh, discusses current situation in J&K

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, today called on Dr. Karan Singh, a distinguished nonagenarian leader and former Sadr-e-Riyasat of the state, at Karan Mahal, Srinagar.

In the meeting, Yuvraj Vikramaditya Singh was also present.

During the meeting, the two leaders held a detailed discussion on the prevailing political and developmental situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah apprised Dr. Karan Singh of the various initiatives being undertaken by the government to ensure peace, stability, and inclusive development in all regions of the Union Territory.

Dr. Karan Singh, who has played a pivotal role in shaping the political history of Jammu and Kashmir, shared his valuable insights and emphasized the importance of dialogue, reconciliation, and responsive governance in addressing the aspirations of the people. He also stressed the need to preserve the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the region while advancing economic and social progress.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and reflected a shared commitment to the welfare and progress of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Run Up Event for Jhangar Day: Ration Kit Distribution in Collaboration with Amazon India

JINNEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, 27 JUN 2025

In a heartwarming initiative leading up to Jhangar Day, Jhangar Battalion, in collaboration with Amazon India's Community Engagement Team, successfully conducted a Ration Kit Distribution drive on 27th June 2025. The drive aimed to support and uplift the families from border villages that were severely impacted during Operation Sindoor. A total of 1300 ration kits were distributed as part of the initiative, ensuring that the families in need received essential supplies to ease their daily challenges. The formal event took place at the Usman Memorial & Community Learning Centre,



where selected families were invited to collect their kits. The remaining kits were carefully distributed to beneficiaries in their respective villages to ensure widespread reach. This event marks a significant step in the recovery and rehabilitation of families affected by the operation, reinforcing the commitment to their well-being and upliftment. The collaborative efforts of

the Jhangar Battalion and Amazon India Community Engagement Team further demonstrate the power of community support and resilience in overcoming adversity. The Ration Kit Distribution drive stands as a testament to the ongoing efforts to support our nation's heroes and their families, ensuring that their sacrifices are honoured and their needs are met.

## Raksha Mantri meets Russian Defence Minister on the margins of SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Raksha Mantri meets Russian Defence Minister on the margins of SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China. Key takeaways include supply of S-400 systems, Su30 MKI upgrades & procurement of critical military hardware in expeditious timeframes.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with the Russian Defence Minister Mr Andrey Belousov on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China on June 26, 2025. The two Ministers held in-depth discussions on a range of subjects covering current geopolitical situations, cross-border terrorism and Indo-Russian defence cooperation. The Russian Defence Minister highlighted the long-standing Indo-Russian relations



which have stood the test of time and expressed solidarity with India on the horrendous and cowardly terrorist act of 22nd April in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. It was one of the most important recent meetings between the leaders of the two nations, being held in the backdrop of Operation Sindoor and the consequent necessity of augmenting defence

production, especially in critical items such as air defence, air-to-air missiles, modern capabilities, and upgrades of air platforms. Supply of S-400 systems, Su-30 MKI upgrades, and procurement of critical military hardware in expeditious timeframes were some of the key takeaways of the meeting.

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

Delhivery, India's largest fully integrated logistics service provider, today announced the expansion of its Chandigarh Gateway Hub. The facility, spread across 2.35 lakh sq.ft will accelerate the region's economic growth and create thousands of direct and indirect work opportunities. It will also empower thousands of businesses in the region, enabling them with access to nationwide markets through improved inventory storage and order fulfillment capabilities.

"Chandigarh and its surrounding region remain a core market for us. This expansion directly addresses the needs of local businesses, enabling them to deliver products faster to customers nationwide. Beyond facilitating commerce, the expansion will drive growth in supporting sectors like packaging, transportation, and local last-mile logistics, creating jobs within the community. As we approach the festive season, this facility will elevate customer experience by enabling fast and precise services," said Dingtang Tikhak, Senior



Vice President, Regional Hub Operations, Delhivery.

With the new infrastructure, Delhivery now offers 30% more storage capacity to meet the requirements of the region's needs and incorporates automation to handle shipment volumes with efficiency. This includes a Hub Conveyor Solution with a 4,000 throughput per hour capacity that helps sort both incoming and outgoing shipments. The hub also includes a Cross Belt Sorter (CBS) with a 12,000 throughput per hour capacity for rapid and precise shipment processing. Together, these technologies reduce turnaround time

and increase the overall efficiency of the supply chain and can be valuable during peak demand periods like the upcoming festive season.

Delhivery's expansion in Chandigarh is also a step forward in empowering local entrepreneurs and businesses. With the layout offering 3,000+ bin locations and the ability to hold more than 46,000 inventory bags, businesses in the region can prepare themselves for the festive season and store goods locally and ship them nationwide with ease, expanding their reach and improving delivery time.

Delhivery's commitment to environmental responsibility has always

been in focus in its operations. The facility features 350KW rooftop solar panels that can reduce energy consumption and aims to reduce reliance on conventional energy sources and lower the facility's carbon footprint. A 1,000L wastewater storage and reuse system has also been installed that allows for the conservation of water by utilizing it for cleaning purposes within the hub, reducing reliance on fresh water sources. The transparent fiber roofing has been installed to allow natural light, cutting down the need for artificial lighting during the day and further reducing energy needs.

## Taj, Saroori, Farooq Mir join Congress, express their apologies for leaving Congress

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27, 2025

AICC General Secretary Dr Sayeed Nasser Hussain, JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra and AICC General Secretary & CLP Leader G.A Mir today welcomed Senior Leaders & Former Cabinet Ministers Taj Mohi U Din & G.M Saroori besides DDC Vice Chairman (Kupwara) Haji Farooq Mir Lolabi into Congress Party and congratulated them for rejoining Congress.

The Senior Congress leadership expressed great satisfaction over their rejoining. The leaders hoped that their rejoining will further strengthen Congress.

On this occasion, Dr. Sayeed Nasser Hussain told the media that many individuals who have



either left Congress or joined other parties are in touch with JKPC President, CLP Leader and him (Hussain). They will soon be joining after following proper procedure.

Taj Mohi U Din and G.M.Saroori have won many elections on Congress tickets and served J&K in the capacity of Cabinet Ministers, while Haji Farooq Mir contested Lok Sabha Elections from

Baramulla Lok Sabha Segment unsuccessfully, while he is still DDC Vice Chairman Hussain told the media persons.

Former Cabinet Ministers who were in Congress Party for decades accepted that defecting from Congress was a big mistake on their part and accepted the fact that their decision was absolutely wrong, which they should not have taken. They

expressed their apologies for leaving Congress.

They also expressed full faith under the Leadership of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, LOP Rahul Gandhi, AICC Gen Secretary Dr.Syed Naseer Hussain, JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra, CLP Leader G.A. Mir and hailed their leadership qualities. They vowed to work harder to further strengthen Congress in Jammu and

Kashmir.

AICC Secretaries Manoj Yadav, Deviya Maderna, Shah Nawaz Choudhary, former PCC President Peerzada Mohd Sayeed, Ex. MP. Ch. Lal Singh, Legislators Nizam Ud Din Bhat, Irfan Hafeez Lone, Ex. Legislator Haji Abdul Rashid Dar, PCC Treasurer Rajnish Sharma, Surinder Singh Channi, Mahila President Shameema Raina, IYC Secretary Ajaz Chowdhary, Ex. MLA Gh. Raza, Abdul Gani Khan, Nissar Ahmad Mando, GSO Abid Imityaz Bhat, Shaheena Neda, Irfan Naqib, Mohd Iqbal Mir, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Dr. Audil Farooq Mir (Lasjan), Suhail Bukhari, Arshid Tantray, Umer Jaan, Tanveer Hussain Khan and other senior leaders were present on this occasion & welcomed the rejoining of veteran leaders.

## Indian Army conducts Medical Patrol for Gujjar, Bakkarwal at Sial Sui Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUNE 27

Indian Army extended healthcare services to the remote parts of Rajouri district by mobile medical patrol in the village of Malgujra to address medical problems of the locals as well as Gujjar and Bakkarwals in the area. The inhabitants of the area are often cut off from mainstream healthcare facilities due to their isolated geographic location and challenging terrain, benefitted immensely from this initiative which contributed to the overall well-being of the locals who often suffer due to disparities in healthcare leading to higher morbidity and mortality rates. The



mobile medical patrol, equipped with essential medical supplies and services, reached these areas to provide healthcare with compassion for Local villagers as well as Gujjar and Bakkarwals.

The primary objective was to provide on-the-spot medical care & check-ups, which included basic health check-ups, treatment of common ailments and distribution

of necessary medicines. The team emphasised on preventive healthcare by offering immunizations and disseminating information about hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention. The response from the local population has been overwhelmingly positive. The local population expressed deep gratitude for the Indian Army's initiative, which brings much-needed medical services directly to their doorsteps with special focus on women healthcare. Beyond the immediate medical benefits, the mobile medical patrol played a crucial role in building and strengthening the relationship between the Indian and the local communities.

## PIB Jammu organizes media workshop in Kishtwar; sensitizes journalists about unverified content through digital media

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, MAY 27

Press Information Bureau, Jammu under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organised a Rural Media Workshop "Vartalap" in District Kishtwar on Friday on the theme of 11 years of governance. The workshop highlighted the achievements of the government during the period.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma; Director Press Information Bureau Jammu, Neha Jalali, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pawan Kotwal; and other senior officers of the district administration were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner

emphasized the importance of coordination with the media for highlighting the initiatives and other public welfare programs of the government. He added that the media is an important pillar of democracy which brings to the notice of the administration any shortcomings in the implementation of the government schemes and assessment of work done at the ground level.

Director Press Information Bureau Jammu touched upon misinformation, disinformation and propaganda and urged the media to counter these malpractices. She said that fake news is the main concern in today's world and media has an important role to provide the public with truthful and credible information. The director



spoke in detail about the fact checking mechanism run by PIB, and requested the media persons to use the service to bust fake news.

Additional Deputy Commissioner in his address highlighted the role of PIB in disseminating information to the print and electronic media on government policies, programs

and achievements. Additionally, he underscored the significance of media in generating awareness about various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including public debates, discussions and ushering accountability in bureaucracy. He added that government has introduced electronic file system (e-office) for greater trans-

parency, and steps are being taken to take it to the block level.

Other senior officers of the district administration also spoke on the occasion. Chief Education Officer Kishtwar, Masood Hussain Qazi presented the salient features of the National Education Policy 2020. He said the department is focussed on inculcation of moral values in children and imparting vocational training to the youth in line with the roadmap laid down in the policy.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kishtwar, Koushal Chandel highlighted the initiatives taken for enhancing food security, water harvesting, organic farming and empowering marginal farmers. He said that drone technology is being

harnessed and real time monitoring and geotagging of agricultural land is also undertaken for better management and monitoring of agriculture initiatives.

Horticulture Development Officer Kishtwar, Raja Aadil Sheikh; Field Officer, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Shah Mohammad; District Information Officer, Kuldeep Kumar also addressed the gathering. Media and Communication Officer PIB Jammu Muzafar Wani spoke on the role of media in responsible journalism with evolving technology. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Media and Communication Officer, PIB Jammu, Zakir Nazeer.

Over 50 district media persons participated in

the workshop. Vartalap is a medium to set up bridge between government and media in order to reach out to the people at grassroots. The media fraternity appreciated and thanked PIB for organising the workshop in the remote area of Jammu division. On the demand by media persons for Press Club in Kishtwar, the Deputy Commissioner assured that the matter will be taken in best possible way.

During the media interaction the journalists brought to the notice of the district administration difficulties being faced by them. The district administration offered suggestions for better coordination between media and the government for sharing information in a seamless manner.

## Samsung to launch New Foldables on July 9 in New York

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

For years, Samsung has designed its devices around what people truly need, such as better performance, sharper cameras and smarter ways to stay connected. And, with Galaxy AI, it goes beyond what devices can do – it's about how people interact with them. As AI rapidly becomes the new user interface, it's redefining our relationship with technology. No longer just a collection of apps and tools, the smartphone is evolving into a smart companion that understands user intent and responds in real time. This transformation moves us from reaction to anticipation – where, as AI becomes the UI, intent becomes instant.

## Balwant Thakur meets Governor Himachal, seeks cultural collaboration

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHIMLA, JUNE 27

Renowned theatre personality, cultural visionary, and former cultural diplomat of India, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, called on the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, today at the historic Raj Bhawan, Shimla. This significant meeting formed a part of Thakur's ongoing cultural outreach in Himachal Pradesh aimed at building new constituencies for theatre, arts, and creative collaboration.

Balwant Thakur, currently touring Himachal Pradesh, is on a purposeful mission to revitalize the cultural ecosystem of the region. His engagements include dialogues with artists, cultural practitioners, educational institutions, and administrative authorities. The crux of his mission is to forge sustainable cultural exchanges and professional collaborations, thereby transforming the local arts landscape into a vibrant, future-ready space for creative excellence.

During the detailed discussion with the Hon'ble Governor, Thakur presented a visionary roadmap for cultural development, shaped by his decades-



long experience in Indian and global arts. Having worked intensively in Himachal Pradesh in the past, particularly in theatre and traditional folk performances, Thakur stressed that Himachal's cultural legacy needs a renewed strategic direction.

He observed that while the region is culturally rich—with a vibrant talent pool and deep-rooted traditions—it has remained relatively underexposed on national and international platforms. "The need of the hour," he emphasized, "is to enable Himachali artists to step into larger creative circuits, while simultaneously facilitating the entry of distinguished productions and cultural icons into Himachal's cultural domain." According to Thakur, such dual engagement would not only inspire local practitioners

to raise their benchmarks but would also integrate Himachal more closely into the national cultural framework.

A strong advocate for cultural tourism, Balwant Thakur highlighted the potential of iconic heritage sites like the 138-year-old Gaiety Theatre in Shimla, which he described as a rare architectural and historical treasure. He proposed that with professional theatre production models, marketing strategies, and performance residencies, the Gaiety Theatre could be developed into an international hub for the performing arts, attracting creators, audiences, and tourists alike.

The discussion also touched upon the shared cultural heritage between Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Thakur spoke about the cultural continuity of the Himalayan belt, particularly in terms of folklore, spiritual traditions, transhumant lifestyles, and artistic expressions tied to nature. He cited examples such as the internationally celebrated miniature painting traditions of Jammu and Kangra, and proposed initiatives that can bridge these regions culturally, strengthening bonds through curated festivals,

artist residencies, and thematic exhibitions.

A strong proponent of cultural education, Thakur emphasized the critical role of policy in shaping the future of Indian arts. He urged the Himachal Government to expedite the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, particularly its provisions that promote integration of Indian languages, cultural values, and heritage into mainstream education. This, he said, will not only nurture culturally rooted future generations but will also generate new opportunities for local artists and educators.

He also recommended setting up district-level cultural development councils, mobile theatre units, and youth-driven creative festivals in collaboration with educational institutions, which would ensure grassroots engagement with the arts and also create employment avenues through the creative economy.

In concluding the meeting, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla appreciated Balwant Thakur's visionary approach and assured him of all support in exploring pathways that can enrich the cultural fabric of Himachal Pradesh.

## MLA Sham Lal Sharma Initiates Rs 3.78 Crore Sewerage Projects to Strengthen Civic Sanitation in Jammu North

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

In a major push to upgrade urban infrastructure and improve sanitation, comprehensive sewerage and drainage development works have commenced in the Jammu North constituency under the leadership of Sh. Sham Lal Sharma, Hon'ble MLA Jammu North. The projects aim to provide long-term solutions to wastewater disposal, rainwater channeling, and public health protection.

The two projects, sanctioned under the Jammu Municipal Corporation and executed by the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), cover Ward No. 37 (Janipur Colony, Shivpuri) and Ward No. 59 (Top Paloura, Mandlik Nagar), with a combined investment of 3.78 crore—1.96 crore allocated for Ward 37 and 1.82 crore for Ward 59.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Sham Lal Sharma said, "These projects are a critical intervention in addressing the sanitation and infrastructure issues faced by the people of Janipur and Top Paloura. The commencement of these



works will lead to better civic services, enhance quality of life, and ensure a cleaner, safer environment for the residents."

Shri Sharma highlighted the importance of timely preparedness. "We are actively strengthening the Environmental Sanitation and Control (ESC) mechanism to prevent stagnation of waste and rainwater. Dedicated field teams have been deployed for pre-monsoon inspections, cleaning operations, and rapid response in case of local flooding or sewer overflow," he stated.

Focusing on public health, Sham Lal Sharma emphasized that improved sewerage and drainage systems will significantly reduce the risk of waterborne diseases such as typhoid, cholera, and

hepatitis. "Our goal is not limited to infrastructure development, but extends to building a healthier and more hygienic society," he said.

Further, Shri Sham Lal Sharma appealed to the public to act as responsible custodians of public assets, including government buildings, schools, parks, electric infrastructure, and other civic utilities. He remarked, "These public properties belong to all of us. Their care and protection are essential if we are to realize the dream of Viksit Bharat @2047—a developed and self-reliant India powered by active citizen engagement." He emphasized that this national vision is being personally guided and monitored by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Nar-

endra Modi, whose unwavering commitment to cleanliness and nation-building continues to inspire millions across the country.

He also called upon citizens to actively participate in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, stating, "Cleanliness cannot be achieved by the government alone. Every citizen must

take ownership of their surroundings. I urge all residents to become Brand Ambassadors of Swachhta, adopt clean habits, and contribute to the shared vision of a clean and dignified city."

The commencement event was attended by former Councillors Smt. Sunita Gupta, Sh. Ashok Singh Manhas, Sh. Uttam Singh Chib, BJP District General Secretary Sh. Ravish Magi, Mandal Presidents Sh. Sahil Gupta (Janipur) and Sh. Pankaj Pada (Muthi Paloura), former Mandal President Sh. Suresh Khajuria, Sh. Manohar Lal Babbar, Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sh. Joginder Singh Chib, Executive Engineer UEED Sh. Ashwani Khajuria, AEE Sh. Sunil Thapa, and other senior officials.

## Dr. Jitendra, Sat Sharma address Youth Parliament organized by BJP Yuva Morcha and Mahila Morcha to commemorate 50 years of Emergency

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, 27 JUNE 2025:

BJP Yuva Morcha (BJYM) and Mahila Morcha of BJP, Jammu & Kashmir jointly organized a youth Parliament at Satyam Resorts, Jammu, which was inaugurated by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS in PMO, was the key speaker in the youth Parliament, which was organized on the theme of remembering the Black Days of Emergency in India on its 50th Anniversary.

Sat Sharma (CA), President of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, BJP Vice-President & MLA Yudhvir Sethi, and MLAs Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, & Shagun Parihar, former Minister Priya Sethi, BJP Vice-President Aseem Gupta, former MLA Neelam Langeh, former VC Rashpaul Verma, former Dy Mayor



Baldev Singh Billawaria, Munish Sharma, Prabhari BJYM, senior leader Rajeev Charak, BJYM National Media Incharge & BJYM J&K Prabhari S. Amandeep Singh besides Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra, BJYM President Arun Prabhath Singh, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, district President Naresh Singh.

Sat Sharma said the Youth Parliament aimed to awaken the conscience of young Indians by educating them about one of the darkest chapters of the country's democratic journey. "Fifty years ago,

the foundation of democracy was shaken when the Emergency was imposed. Thousands of political workers, journalists, and common citizens were imprisoned. This Youth Parliament is our effort to remind the youth that democracy must be defended by every generation. The sacrifices made by those who resisted the Emergency should never be forgotten," he said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed the gathering of youth with an insightful and hard-hitting speech, recalling the trauma and tyranny of the Emergency

period. "The Emergency of 1975 was not just a political mishap but a blatant attack on India's democratic soul. People were jailed without trials, newspapers were silenced, and basic freedoms were suspended. It was a period of dictatorship under the garb of democracy. The Congress indulged in dynastic politics and centralized all powers around one family. It is because of the vision and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that India today stands firmly against any such authoritarian tendencies. The youth must

remain vigilant to ensure that such dark times never return," he said.

Later, the best speakers in the Youth Parliament were felicitated by Dr. Jitendra Singh during the event.

The veterans, who bore the burnt of Emergency were also felicitated for their sacrifices and the atrocities they faced at that time.

Vote of thanks was given by Arun Prabhath.

Proceedings were conducted by Priyanka Gupta.

The programme was supported by JK network.

## Raksha Mantri meets his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of SCO Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao

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Shri Rajnath Singh stresses on maintaining peace & tranquility along the Indo-China border and solving issues through a structured roadmap of permanent engagement & de-escalation

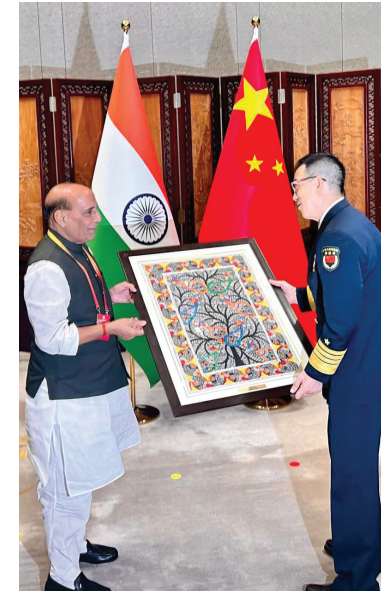
Bats for a permanent solution of border demarcation by rejuvenating the established mechanism

Need to create good neighbourly conditions to achieve best mutual benefits and cooperate for stability in Asia & the world: RM

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart Admiral Dong Jun on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, China on June 26, 2025. The two Ministers held in-depth discussions on the need to maintain peace and tranquility along the Indo-China border.

Raksha Mantri acknowledged the work being undertaken by both sides to bring back semblance of normalcy in the bilateral relations. He highlighted

the necessity of solving the complex issues through a structured roadmap of permanent engagement and de-escalation.



called for bridging the trust deficit created after 2020 Border standoff, by taking action on ground.

The two Ministers agreed to continue consultations at various levels to achieve progress on issues related to disengagement, de-escalation, border management and eventual de-limitation through existing mechanisms.

Raksha Mantri highlighted the important milestone of reaching 75 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. He also appreciated the resumption of Kailash Manasarovar yatra after a gap of five years.

Shri Rajnath Singh also stressed on border demarcation by rejuvenating the established mechanism on the issue.

He emphasised the need to create good neighbourly conditions to achieve best mutual benefits as well as to cooperate for stability in Asia and the world. He also

briefed his counterpart on the heinous terrorist attack carried out against innocent civilians in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, 2025, and India's Operation Sindoor aimed at dismantling the terrorist networks in Pakistan.

### OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, DODA

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#### Invitation of Expression of Interest

**Subject: Temporary Engagement of Chartered Accountant for DPR formulation under Mission YUVA for a period of 03 Months**

Expression of interest (EOI) are invited from eligible and experienced Chartered Accountant(CA) with expertise in formulation of Detailed Project Report DPRs for temporary engagement under Mission YUVA for a period of 03 Months who shall assist the SBDU team at the District Level in formulation of DPRs/Quotation performa under Mission YUVA. The CA so engaged shall be paid emolument of Rs 40,000 per month .

#### Eligibility

1. Must be a qualified Chartered Accountant with valid registration of ICAI
2. Must have experience in DPR preparation and shall work in close coordination of SBDU teams at the district level

#### Terms and conditions

1. Ensure the DPR meets the eligibility and feasibility standards as per scheme guidelines of Mission YUVA.
2. Ensure Zero pendency in DPR/Quotation performa preparation for applications submitted to SBDUs.
3. Complete atleast 10 DPRs/Quotation performas per day to meet the targets
4. Prepare all documents in consultation with SBDU/BHD officials, training them simultaneously in DPR formulation.
5. Ensure effective use of DPR Generator Manual/ AI-based DPR tools and Mission YUVA portal/DPR repository on Mission YUVA App/ Portal for sustainable implementation.
6. Build capacity of SBDU/BHD officials by familiarizing them with DPR tools and formats over the engagement period.
7. The applicant shall submit an affidavit to the undersigned that he will perform his services for the entire duration of the term.
8. In the event of failure to perform the duties properly, as per the agreed scope and quality standards within the stipulated time period or if the delivered DPRs are found to be materially deficient or incomplete, the undersigned shall have the right to terminate the engagement immediately without any prior notice.

#### Selection Procedure

The selection shall be made on the basis of qualification and experience. A duly constituted selection committee shall evaluate all eligible applicants

#### How to Apply :

Interested candidate are required to submit their detailed resume/ CV along with self attested copies of qualification, registrations, registration and experience certificates along with other supporting documents in a sealed envelope in the Office of the District Employment and Counselling Centre Doda within three days from the publication of the notice.

**For further details contact: deccdoda@gmail.com**

Note The engagement shall be purely temporary in nature and shall not confer any right for permanent absorption in the Govt Services

Sd/-  
Deputy Commissioner  
Doda  
No: DECC/D/2025-26/152  
Date : 26-06-2025  
DIP/J-2717/25  
Date: 27-6-25

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 06 of 2025-26 Dated 25-06-2025

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	Macadamization of Panthal Jhajjar road Km 11th to onwards under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	19.60	600/-	39200/-	30 Days	A,B,C / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26
2	Macadamization of Railway Station to SMVDU road under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	38.33	600/-	76660/-	30 Days	A,B / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26
3	Macadamization of Arli Paroh road km 1st RD 0/900 to onwards under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	19.87	600/-	39740/-	30 Days	A,B,C / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26
4	Macadamization of Bhagatha to Manoon road under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	18.85	600/-	37700/-	30 Days	A,B,C / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26
5	Macadamization of Chak Bhagatha to SC Mohalla under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	15.00	600/-	30000/-	30 Days	A,B,C,D / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26
6	Macadamization of Moori to Shamshan Ghat Road under City & Town Plan 2025-26.	4.98	600/-	9960/-	30 Days	A, D / Hot Mix Plant Holder	City & Town Plan 2025-26

Position of AAA:-

Accorded

Position of T.S :-

Accorded

Position of funds :-

Approved Plan 2025-26

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

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	25-06-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 25-06-2025 to 03-07-2025, 1700 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	25-06-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	03-07-2025 up to 1700 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	04-07-2025 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra .
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

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

No:- 1039-44

Dated:- 25-06-2025

DIP/J-2739/25  
Date: 27-6-25

Er. Neeraj Gupta  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Katra

## PhonePe and HDFC Bank partner to launch co-branded credit card

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

PhonePe and HDFC Bank today announced the launch of the 'PhonePe HDFC Bank Co-branded Credit Card', marking PhonePe's foray into the co-branded card segment. In partnership with HDFC Bank, this new line of co-branded RuPay Credit Cards is designed to meet the evolving financial needs of the Indian consumer by offering benefits on UPI spends especially on the PhonePe Platform.

This strategic partnership between HDFC Bank and PhonePe leverages their respective banking and fintech strengths to make credit

cards accessible and user-friendly. Available in 'Ultimo' and 'UNO' variants, these cards offer rewards on popular spending categories like recharge, bill payments, travel, online shopping, groceries, and cabs. Additionally, the cards integrate seamlessly with UPI, allowing users to pay for their everyday spends via credit card while enjoying the rewards offered on the cards via the extensive merchant network enabled on UPI QRs.

Speaking on the launch, Sonika Chandra, Chief Business Officer, Consumer Payments at PhonePe said, "We are excited about our first co-branded credit card launch in partnership

with HDFC Bank. This launch underscores our commitment to providing innovative financial solutions to our wide set of user base. This card is positioned to offer PhonePe customers value on their regular spends, by giving them 10% reward points across select categories like bill payments, recharges, and travel bookings. Additionally, consumers can use this card seamlessly across millions of UPI merchants. We are confident that our strategic partnership with HDFC Bank, coupled with the benefits that this card offers will redefine the credit card experience for millions of Indians." Parag Rao, Country Head - Payments, Liabil-

ity Products, Consumer Finance & Marketing, HDFC Bank, said, "As India's leading card issuer, it is our constant endeavour to create impactful, tailored offerings for our customers, and expand access to credit in meaningful ways. Our partnership with PhonePe allows us to tap into a segment of digitally native consumers, making credit cards more rewarding and widely usable, especially via UPI—an interface that has become central to India's digital payments ecosystem. With this co-branded card, users get the best of both worlds with our trusted credit card platform and PhonePe's customer-centric digital experience."

## NIT Srinagar, SKIMS ink MoU to develop AI tools for early disease detection and treatment

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura. The collaboration aims to foster joint research in machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance diagnostics, treatment planning, and clinical decision-making.

This MoU marks a strategic convergence of engineering and medical sciences, with both institutions working to create a structured and ethical framework for AI applications in healthcare. It also outlines several key areas of cooperation that will pave the way for data-driven medical innovations in the region.

The MoU was signed by Director SKIMS Soura, Prof. (Dr.) M. Ashraf Ganie, Ex-officio Secretary to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Registrar NIT Srinagar Prof. Atikur Rehman and Registrar SKIMS, Mr. Mohammad Aslam.

The MoU was signed in the presence of representatives from both institutions. NIT Srinagar was represented by HOD ECE, NIT, Dr. Gausia Qazi, Dr. G. R. Beigh (Associate Dean R & C, NIT); Dr. Yusra Bandy (Project Supervisor, NIT), and AR (Director's Office & Legal, NIT), Mohamad Hazik.

While SKIMS was represented by Director SKIMS Soura, Prof. (Dr.) M. Ashraf Ganie, HOD Nephrology SKIMS, Prof. (Dr.) Muzaffar Maqsood Wani, Registrar SKIMS, Mr. Mohammad Aslam, Dr. Aafia Rashid (Scientist SKIMS).

In his message, Director of NIT Srinagar, Prof.



Binod Kumar Kanaujia, said that this MoU marks a milestone in bringing together two premier institutions to work at the intersection of health and technology.

"With the advancement of AI and machine learning, we now have the tools to revolutionize the way healthcare is delivered. This partnership will empower our students to build impactful solutions rooted in real-world medical challenges," he added.

On the occasion, Director of SKIMS and EOSG, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, said that this partnership with NIT Srinagar will open up new avenues for data-driven and evidence-based medicine.

"By combining clinical expertise with technological innovation, we hope to accelerate the development of diagnostic tools and improve patient care, particularly for diseases common in our Kashmir region. This is a significant leap toward personalized and predictive healthcare," he said.

"We have a lot of data, and we want to use that real data for the benefit of our society. The MoU would focus on broader areas including genomics, telemedicine, bioinformatics, and public health analytics, enabling deeper integration of technology into medical science," he added.

Dr. Gausia Qazi, HoD ECE NIT Srinagar, said that this MoU is a crucial step

toward bridging the gap between healthcare and advanced engineering.

"Our department is committed to leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning to address real-world medical challenges. We look forward to contributing cutting-edge solutions that can support doctors, improve diagnostics, and ultimately enhance patient care," she said.

Meanwhile, Kamran Ali Hussain, an outgoing 8th-semester student from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at NIT Srinagar, delivered an impressive presentation on his project titled "AI-Driven Web Platform for Early Detection of PCOS Risk Assessment Among Women in Kashmir" during the MoU event.

The project demonstrated practical applications of machine learning for the early detection of PCOD in women and was widely acclaimed for its innovation and relevance.

Director SKIMS and EOSG, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, lauded the efforts of the project team and assured full support from SKIMS for such student-led initiatives in the future.

As per the MoU, SKIMS will provide ethically approved, anonymized clinical data to NIT Srinagar for research purposes. This data will be used solely to develop predictive analytics models aimed at identifying pat-

terns and early warning signs of medical conditions.

NIT Srinagar will develop advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze the shared medical datasets. The primary objective is to improve clinical decision-making, enable early diagnosis, and create personalized treatment models. The research will also contribute to better resource optimization in healthcare settings.

Both institutions will actively engage in publishing research findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presenting them at national and international conferences.

The interdisciplinary nature of this collaboration will ensure that both engineering and medical perspectives are reflected in the research outcomes, fostering an environment of mutual learning and innovation.

This MoU also aims to develop a scalable model for applying AI and machine learning across various medical disciplines at SKIMS and NIT Srinagar, while building a collaborative knowledge base to support future healthcare innovations.

It also aims to foster an environment of continuous innovation in healthcare practices and research that benefits patient care and the healthcare community.

## MLA Bishnah conducts Janta Darbaar in Arnia, addresses public issues

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ARNIA, JUNE 27

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah constituency, today held a productive Janta Darbaar at the Dak Bunglow in Arnia. The event saw a significant turnout of local residents, eager to voice their concerns and seek redressal for various issues affecting their daily lives.



Dr. Bhagat patiently listened to the grievances of the general public, reaffirming his commitment to accessible and responsive governance.

The Janta Darbaar, a direct outreach initiative, served as a crucial platform for the community to interact directly with their elected representative. Residents highlighted a diverse range of issues, including concerns related to infrastructure development, road connectivity, power supply, and public amenities. Many also raised specific problems pertaining to their individ-

ual households and localities, seeking the MLA's intervention for prompt resolution.

In a proactive move to address a pressing concern, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat also made a significant announcement regarding the provision of drinking water at the Public Health Centre (PHC) Arnia, the MLA assured the public that necessary steps would be taken to ensure a consistent and adequate supply, thereby improving the overall functioning of the PHC and the well-being of patients and staff. This initiative was met with widespread appreciation from

the attendees.

The event was well-attended by a host of prominent personalities from the area, including several Ex-Sarpanches and Ex-Panches, who lent their support and contributed to the dialogue. Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit and community engagement fostered by such public interaction programmes.

Dr. Bhagat reiterated his dedication to addressing public issues at the grassroots level. He assured the assembled citizens that all genuine grievances would be meticulously documented and taken up

with the relevant departments for swift action. He emphasized that such Janta Darbaars are integral to bridging the gap between the administration and the populace, ensuring that the voice of every citizen is heard and their problems are addressed in a time-bound manner.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhagat underlined the importance of direct public interaction in understanding the pulse of the constituency and formulating policies that truly cater to the needs of the people. He called upon the community to continue participating actively in such initiatives, asserting that their feedback is invaluable in shaping a more efficient and accountable administration. The MLA concluded by thanking the public for their overwhelming response and assured them of his continued efforts towards the holistic development of the Bishnah constituency.

## Sat, Kavinder hold meeting in Srinagar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 27

A high-level and result-oriented meeting was convened today in Srinagar under the leadership of BJP State President Shri Sat Sharma Ji and Former Deputy Chief Minister Shri Kavinder Gupta Ji. The meeting marked a significant step toward reinforcing the party's presence and influence in Jammu and Kashmir and deliberated on various issues critical to the socio-political landscape of the Union Territory.

During the discussions, the senior BJP leaders reviewed the current organizational structure and stressed the need to strengthen the BJP at the grassroots level.

A major highlight of the meeting was the detailed review of preparations for the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Sat Sharma, in his address, emphasized intensifying public outreach initiatives to build stronger connections with citizens and ensure that the vision of the party reaches every household across the region.

The BJP State President also called for coordinated



efforts to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage, including robust arrangements for security, accommodation, healthcare, and overall facilitation for the pilgrims. He also stressed the importance of cooperation between government agencies, local stakeholders, and the general public to make the Yatra a safe and spiritually fulfilling experience.

Kavinder Gupta reaffirmed the Bharatiya Janata Party's unwavering

commitment to the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing that the region's progress remains a top priority for the party. He stated that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, unprecedented strides have been made in strengthening infrastructure, boosting employment opportunities, empowering youth, and improving public service delivery.

The former Deputy

Chief Minister also underlined that peace, prosperity, and inclusive growth are not mere slogans but the core objectives of BJP's governance model. He assured that every effort will be made to uplift all sections of society and foster lasting harmony in the Union Territory.

The meeting concluded on a positive and determined note, reflecting a shared vision for efficient governance and long-term progress for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

## FICCI FLO, ICAI host MSME Day Mahotsav to empower small businesses

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 27

The FICCI FLO, Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), successfully organized the MSME Day Mahotsav today at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, Jammu. The event aimed to celebrate and empower the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector – the backbone of India's economic growth.

The event was graced by Shri Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs; Transport; Science & Technology; Information Technology; Youth Services & Sports; and ARI & Trainings Departments, as the Chief Guest.

Guests of Honour included Mr. Naser Ali, Joint Director (Jammu), Industries & Commerce Department.

Special Guests present were Sh. Veenu Ji Koul, IEDS, Assistant Director, MSME Jammu, and Mr. Ashutosh Abrol, JKAS, Accounts Officer at the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Jammu.



In his welcome address, CA Sourav Pargal, Chairman of the J&K Branch of ICAI, emphasized the pivotal role MSMEs play in shaping the nation's economy and generating employment at the grassroots level. He highlighted that Chartered Accountants, with their financial expertise and advisory skills, are natural partners in guiding MSMEs toward structured growth and compliance.

In his keynote address, the Minister Satish Sharma commended FICCI FLO JKL and ICAI for their proactive role in engaging with the MSME sector and emphasized the government's unwavering support for entrepreneurship, digital innovation, and self-reliance. He stressed the need for synergy between policymakers, professionals, and

MSMEs to build a robust ecosystem for sustainable economic development, particularly in emerging regions like Jammu & Kashmir.

Mrs. Varsha Bansal, Senior Vice Chairperson of FICCI FLO (JKL Chapter), highlighted the vital role women entrepreneurs play in driving inclusive economic growth. She encouraged greater participation of women in MSME ventures and called for collective efforts to ensure access to finance and mentorship for aspiring businesswomen.

The proceedings were seamlessly moderated by CA Jatin Malhotra, Secretary of the Branch.

The event featured expert knowledge sessions, including an insightful talk by CA Vishal Thappa, MSME Consultant, on emerging

opportunities, access to finance, and the strategic role Chartered Accountants can play in supporting MSMEs.

Veenu Ji Koul also addressed the gathering, offering a detailed overview of central government schemes for MSME development and their regional implementation.

A key highlight of the Mahotsav was the exhibition zone, which featured stalls from the MSME Department, District Industries Centre (DIC), ICICI Bank, and incubation centres at IIT and IIM Jammu. These stalls provided information on schemes, incentives, and services available for MSMEs, enabling attendees to engage directly with institutional representatives and gain practical insights into business support.

## DC reviews status of essential services in Ramban AHD Jammu concludes awareness campaign in remote areas of Ramban district

JI NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning of Jal Shakti, JPDCL, Municipal Committees (MCs), with a focus on ensuring timely and quality service delivery to the public.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Shaheeb Ahmed Rather; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, AEEs of JPDCL, EO MC Ramban, EO MC Banihal and representatives from RDSS.

Discussing the disruption of services due to recent flash floods, the DC directed the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti to resolve the water supply-related issues immediately. He instructed the department to undertake regular cleaning of water storage tanks to ensure



the supply of clean and safe drinking water.

The meeting was informed that 93 water supply schemes have been sanctioned under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) for Ramban district, of which 28 have been completed, while the remaining are at different stages of completion. The DC directed the officers to complete the

rest of schemes on mission mode.

Reviewing the functioning of the JPDCL, the DC directed the Executive Engineer to ensure that damaged transformers are replaced within the set timeline. He further directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply to Hospitals, Pumping stations and other impor-

tant installations of public interests. The DC also emphasized the need to expedite the installation of smart meters across the district to ensure regulated and proper power supply.

Reviewing the implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for an

aggressive public awareness campaign to educate residents about the benefits, subsidies and key features of the scheme. He directed the stakeholders to achieve the targets in this regard.

Assessing the functioning of Municipal bodies, the DC directed MC authorities to accelerate work on the Multi-storey Bus Stand and other ongoing building projects in Ramban for their timely completion.

Inquiring about the implementation of PMAY-U housing scheme, the DC asked Municipal authorities to encourage the beneficiaries to complete construction of their houses.

Additionally, the civic bodies were directed to ensure proper cleanliness and sanitation, especially in view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

## AHD Jammu concludes awareness campaign in remote areas of Ramban district

JI NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, JUNE 27

Extension and Publicity Wing of the Animal Husbandry department, Jammu successfully concluded two-day extensive awareness campaign launched in the hilly and far-flung areas of Ramban district.

Awareness camps were organized in Gool and Sanasar areas which witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 300 farmers including women farmers.

Free of cost medicines including dewormers and vitamin/mineral supplements were distributed among the local livestock rearers. Extension Officer Dr. Mohammad Sajjad explained in detail the benefits of different schemes



viz. Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS), Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP) etc. He urged the farmers to come forward and avail benefits in the form of unprecedented incentives and subsidies available for dairy, poultry and feed-fodder units.

The awareness camp was followed by an interactive session where farmers got an opportunity to clear

their doubts regarding livestock nutrition, health and management, an initiative hugely appreciated by the farmers present. Further keeping in sync with the ongoing National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), farmers were advised to get their livestock vaccinated against the highly contagious viral disease, which results in huge economic losses for the dairy farmers.

## MP Jugal Kishore chairs DISHA meeting at Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, JUNE 27

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma today reviewed the implementation and progress of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) in Samba district at a meeting of District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) held here in the Conference Hall, District Administrative Complex, Nandani Hills.

The meeting was attended by DDC Chairperson Keshav Dutt Sharma, MLA Ramgarh Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Vijaypur Chander Prakash Ganga, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma, nominated DISHA Committee members and senior district and sectoral officers representing key developmental departments.

At the outset, the

Deputy Commissioner gave an exhaustive Power-Point presentation outlining the physical and financial progress made under the flagship schemes and major developmental initiatives undertaken across the district.

MP Jugal Kishore reviewed progress of key infrastructural works including the Samba to Sumb and Mansar Mod to Mansar Roads. The MP emphasized that the installation of permanent signboards on PMGSY and rural roads, as well as the laying of the foundation stone for the Samba Flyover must be executed on priority to enhance transparency, civic awareness and public accountability.

The Committee headed by the MP, also deliberated on the repair of the road opposite Chichi Mata Mandir and the beautification and development



of Jakh Pond, where a footpath, safety grill and drawing wall have been constructed to enhance public convenience and security.

Calling for a strict check on illegal mining activities in the district, the MP directed the District Mining Officer to intensify field-level monitoring and ensure robust enforcement measures to curb unregulated and environmentally harmful mining practices.

MP Jugal Kishore also lauded the commendable efforts of Samba Police in

their ongoing crackdown on drug trafficking, terming it a significant and necessary stride toward building a drug-free and secure society.

While reviewing the performance of Agriculture and allied departments, the MP underscored the importance of targeted implementation of schemes and subsidies, directing to ensure that only genuine and eligible beneficiaries avail the benefits. He instructed the department to conduct stringent verification before the disbursement

of any assistance.

Reiterating the Government of India's development vision, Jugal Kishore Sharma emphasized the need for interdepartmental synergy and coordination with public representatives to eliminate bottlenecks and accelerate the pace of development, particularly in border and rural areas. He further directed concerned officers to fast-track works under PM Awas Yojana 2.0 and strategic road development, with strict adherence to stipulated timelines.

Responding to various concerns raised by elected representatives, the MP sought a comprehensive Action Taken Report (ATR), particularly on pending issues related to irregular water supply and service delivery gaps.

He reiterated that transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric governance are the guiding principles of the present dispensation and called for leveraging modern digital tools to ensure universal coverage and saturation of government welfare schemes.

The meeting concluded with the Deputy Commissioner presenting the Action Taken Report on the key issues flagged during the previous DISHA meeting, thereby reaffirming the district administration's commitment to accountable, responsive and time-bound governance.

## Awareness camp on PMFME scheme held at Moshwara Keller



JI NEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, JUNE 27

Continuing its outreach programme towards awareness about Prime Ministers Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme in district Shopian, department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Area marketing Office/DNO PMFME Shopian today organized fourth awareness programme on PMFME scheme at Moshwara Keller.

Potential individual entrepreneurs particularly members from FPOs and individuals of the block participated in the event. Officers/officials from Area Marketing office and

line departments viz Agriculture and Horticulture Production departments attended the programme.

GMI Shopian addressed the gathering and presented an in-depth insight and potential scope of the scheme in the district particularly in Keller Block. Officers from line departments and KVK Shopian also deliberated on benefits of availing the scheme and also help the farmer community to curb post harvest losses in Horticulture and Agriculture sectors. Expressing the desire, some potential entrepreneurs were registered on spot. GMI Shopian shared the entire registration and documentation process with the participants.

## DAJGUA: Distt admin Pulwama conducts mega Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp at Machama Tral

JI NEWS SERVICE  
PULWAMA, JUNE 27

Continuing its campaign under the nationwide flagship initiative Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), district administration Pulwama today organized a mega tribal outreach camp at Machama Tral.

The camp marked a significant step towards realising the vision of last-mile delivery of welfare services through a whole-of-government approach as envisioned by the Abhiyan, bringing together various Govt. departments such as Health, Education, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Forest, Fisheries, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, and others under one umbrella.

On the occasion, each department had set up their dedicated stall focusing on achieving saturation in various government schemes such as PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana,



PM Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Aadhaar enrolment, Ayushman Bharat card registration, Kisan Credit Card issuance, and the distribution of domicile and caste certificates.

The event was attended by Member of Legislative Assembly Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik, and DDC Member Tral, Dr. Harbaksh Singh. They interacted with the tribal community, listened to their concerns, and acknowledged

the importance of direct engagement in bridging service gaps.

MLA Tral also inspected the stalls set up by various line departments and reviewed their progress. While addressing the gathering, he emphasised the importance of achieving full coverage of all government schemes and welfare programmes in tribal areas, and instructed officials to ensure that benefits are delivered timely and effectively to all eligible beneficiaries.

A special health camp

was also set up by the Health department. The camp offered sickle cell screening, active case finding for tuberculosis, and general health consultations. These efforts aimed at early detection, community awareness, and reducing health vulnerabilities in tribal populations.

To support digital inclusion, a Common Services Centre (CSC) was established by the District CSC Coordinator that provided assistance with digital document uploads, scheme applications, Aadhaar updates, and support for scholarship and certificate services.

The camp witnessed a strong turnout from the local tribal community, including men, women, elderly, and youth. These camps aligned with national objectives serve as single-window platforms for the seamless delivery of entitlements, helping bridge service gaps and promote inclusive development in remote tribal areas.

## Mega Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan Outreach Programme held at CSC Dhar Ghaddian



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As part of the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a comprehensive outreach programme was organized today at Tribal Village Dhar Ghaddian, Block Sewna, aimed at the holistic development and empowerment of the tribal community.

The event witnessed the participation of DDC member Subash Chander, BDO Sewna, CDPO Chenani, and other officials, along with a large number of local residents. PO Poshan and Nodal Officer for Tribal Affairs, Subhash Chan-

der Dogra, graced the occasion and inspected departmental stalls showcasing the benefits of various flagship government schemes.

A sensitization-cum-grievance redressal session was also conducted, during which tribal residents projected demands seeking basic amenities, infrastructure, and access to welfare schemes. Several grievances were addressed on the spot by officials present.

A health camp was organized offering free medical check-ups and consultations, making a wide range of healthcare services accessible to the local population.

## HP&M Department organises workshop on PMFME scheme at Dharmara- Udhampur

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A block level workshop on Prime Minister Formalization of Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme was organised today at Thanua Dharmara in Udhampur district.

The scheme promotes Local for Vocal with an emphasis on local population, local manufacturing, local markets and the local supply chains.

The workshop was organized by the Department of Horticulture, Planning and Marketing department in collaboration with the District Administration.

The participants were provided information on different aspects of the scheme, including eligibility criteria, process of filing application and the financial assistance provided to the aspirants. "The scheme envisages a back-ended subsidy of 35% on cost of machinery with

complete hand holding by the department for preparation of the DPR, processing of loan application in bank, packaging, branding and marketing of the products" they were informed. The event aimed to empower local food processors, farmers, rural women and un-employed youth by enhancing their income through the PMFME scheme.

The workshop was attended by Area Marketing Officer Anuj Verma; AGMO Kamal Kishore; AEO Rajender Parshad; HDO Dheeraj Kumar; Chief Manager from J&K Bank Zonal Office Udhampur Sanjay Gupta; Manager J&K Bank Jaganu Madhavi Mahajan; Business Counsellor Saksham Kumar; Prakash Chand from Sahara Jagrati Manch, prominent PMFME beneficiary Rohit Salaria who threw light on different features of the PMFME scheme.