

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

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

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

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

- Severe and continuous abdominal pain
- Persistent vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in vomit, stool or stool
- Redness

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

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Amit Shah introduces e-Zero FIR initiative to nab any criminal promptly

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SRINAGAR, MAY 19 (KNO)

The Cybercrime Coordination Centre of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Monday introduced the new e-Zero FIR initiative to nab any criminal with unprecedented speed.

After launching the pilot project Union Home Minister Amit Shah, according to the news agency wrote on X: "The MHA's Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) introduced the new e-Zero FIR initiative to nab any criminal with unprecedented speed."

"Launched as a pilot project for Delhi, the new system will automatically convert cyber financial crimes filed at NCRP or 1930 to FIRs, initially above



the threshold limit of Rs 10 lakh," he wrote, adding,

"The new system, will drive investigations swiftly cracking down on cybercriminals, will soon be extended to the entire nation. The Modi government

is bolstering the cybersecurity grid to build a cyber-secure Bharat."

Meanwhile, the Union Home Minister also launched the revamped OCI portal for Indian-origin people, offering improved functionality, enhanced security, and a user-friendly experience.

The Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) scheme was introduced in 2005. It provides for registration as OCI all Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) who were citizens of India on January 26, 1950, or thereafter or were eligible to become citizens on January 26, 1950, or their descendants.

'Operation Sindoor'

Army Chief praises troops for vigilant actions, neutralisation of enemy drone incursions

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19 (KNO)

Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday praised the troops for their vigilant actions, including the successful neutralisation of enemy drone incursions, which effectively prevented any misadventure by the adversary.

According to the details available with the news agency, the Army Chief visited Longewala in the forward areas of the Konark Corps in the desert sector and lauded the valour and courage of armed forces during 'Operation Sindoor.'



During his interaction with soldiers of the Konark Corps, the Army Chief exhorted a spirited "Shabash!", acknowledging their valour, unwavering commitment, and determination in defending the International Boundary.

General Dwivedi also commended the commanders and units for their professionalism, high morale, and integrated execution of operational plans.

The Army Chief conveyed his and the nation's admiration to the soldiers for their unrelenting service in defence of national objectives. KNO

Lt Governor Reconstitutes Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19 (KNO)

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has reconstituted the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) and nominated nine eminent luminaries, from various walks of life, as members for three years. A notification approving the

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2 terrorist associates arrested with arms, ammunition in Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MAY 19 (KNO)

Security forces on Monday arrested two terrorist associates in DK Pora area of South Kashmir's

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SIA files chargesheet in Surankote temple grenade attack

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir has filed a chargesheet in connection with the grenade attack on a temple in Surankote that occurred on November 15, 2023. The chargesheet has been filed against

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CM Omar reviews reorganisation proposals of Housing & Urban Development Department

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a meeting to review proposals for the reorganisation of departments and agencies under the Housing & Urban Development Department (HUDD), emphasising the need to strengthen institutional capacity to ensure effective implementation and long-term sustainability. The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary H&UDD Mandeep Kaur, Commissioners of the Srinagar and Jammu Municipal Corporations, Director General (Codes), Vice Chairpersons of the Srinagar Development Authority and Lakes Conservation & Management Authority and other senior officials.



At the outset, Commissioner Secretary H&UDD presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed departmental reorganisation, aimed at restructuring various constituent bodies of the department to enhance operational efficiency, clarify roles and responsibilities and improve service delivery across Jammu and Kashmir.

She informed the meeting that the proposals, which have received financial concurrence, seek to optimise human resource deployment, increase efficiency, and strengthen urban governance mechanisms in Jammu & Kashmir.

Among the key proposals, the restructuring of the J&K Housing Board seeks to address the current staff imbalance—

where over 50% of employees are Class IV—by rationalising and creating posts to improve technical capacity and overall functionality.

The reorganisation of the Lakes Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA) involves the re-designation of scientific and technical posts to align with Pollution

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LG Reconstitutes Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19 (KNO)

The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has reconstituted the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and nominated nine distinguished personalities, from various walks of life, as members for three years.

A notification approving the reconstitution of the board was issued by the

Lieutenant Governor, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

The nine members include Sudha Murty, Mahamandaleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Dr Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Baleshwar Rai, IAS (Retd.), Gunjan Rana, Dr. K.K. Talwar, Kulbhushan Ahuja, Lalit Bhasin and Suresh Kumar Sharma. KNO

LoP Sunil Sharma continues to visit shelling affected village in Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19 (KNO)

Leader of Opposition and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Sunil Sharma on Monday continued to visit the shelling affected areas in Rajouri district to assess the damage and interacted with the affected villagers.

According to the news agency, LoP Sharma in a post on a social networking site has



stated that he visited Chatyari (Chingus) village in Rajouri district.

He was accompanied by the BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr Narinder Singh, J&K BJP Vice President and MLA Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and MLA Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania and District President Dev Raj Sharma.

"LoP J&K Assembly Sh. Sunil Sharma, BJP National

Secretary and MLA Dr Narinder Singh, J&K BJP Vice President and MLA Sh. Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and MLA Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania, District President Sh. Dev Raj Sharma visited Village Chatyari (Chingus) in Rajouri District to hear the concerns of residents affected by unprovoked shelling from Pakistan," the post reads.

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IAS playing vital role in strengthening India's federal governance: Dr Jitendra Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19 (KNO)

Union Minister of State (independent charge) Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday said that the Indian Administrative Service is playing a vital role in strengthening India's federal governance.

Speaking at the launch ceremony of the electronic Civil List, 2025 in the form of an e-book - a digital compendium of serving IAS officers across the country, Dr Singh, according to the news agency said, "The IAS continues to attract some of the finest minds in the country and plays a vital role



in strengthening India's federal governance."

Dr Singh said the e-book marks a significant milestone as it's the 70th edition of the

Civil List and the fifth to be presented in a fully digital format.

He highlighted the Civil List as an important tool for transparency, offering a structured

view of the country's administrative leadership.

Dr Singh proposed AI based options like AI based search option into the e-Civil List. "This enhancement can allow domain-specific searches to help identify suitable officers for mission mode and other targeted government projects, while ensuring that access to such features remains appropriately restricted," he said.

The Minister also stressed the importance of regularly updating the digital list to maintain its relevance and utility. The e-book, published by the Department of

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1.4 lakh foreigners among 9.2 million tourists visited Kashmir in 6 years, reveals RTI

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19 (KNO)

The Kashmir Valley has witnessed an unprecedented revival in tourism, recording over 9.2 million visitors since 2019, including more than 1.4 lakh foreign tourists, according to official figures from the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department.

Data accessed through a Right to Information (RTI) query filed by activist MM Shuja and accessed by the

news agency reveals a sharp growth trajectory following the COVID-19 pandemic slump. Tourist footfall plummeted in 2020 to just over 41,000 due to global travel restrictions. However, the sector rebounded significantly, with nearly 30 lakh tourists visiting in 2024 alone – the highest in five years.

From 5.65 lakh visitors in 2019 to nearly 3 million in 2024, domestic tourism has remained the backbone of this resurgence. Foreign

tourist numbers, although comparatively smaller, have steadily increased, reflecting growing international interest in the region.

Officials attribute the surge to improved infrastructure, strategic promotional events such as the G-20 Tourism Working Group Meeting in May 2023, and the J&K Tourism Development Conclave in June 2024. These events, costing over Rs 1.45 crore combined, aimed to

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DDC Udhampur reviews execution of works across key sectors

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 19

Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur Lal Chand, today chaired the meeting of District Development Council in presence of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai to discuss modalities for fast pacing development works across different sectors in the district.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairperson DDC, Juhli Manhas Pathania, Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Iqbal; Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Dr. Ashwani Hansa and other senior district officers.



A threadbare discussion was held on a wide range of developmental issues and schemes which includes provision of electricity poles in underserved areas, repair of hand pumps and installation of solar lights, construction of footbridges, early completion of the pending playground project, ensuring quality of ongoing construction works, addressing the

shortage of drinking water in different areas etc.

During the meeting, the DDC Chairperson appreciated the efforts of the District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner being made for the effective implementation of government schemes and flagship programmes on the ground. He also sought the continued cooperation of the administration in

addressing public grievances and emphasized the importance of setting clear timelines for resolving public issues.

The Deputy Commissioner thanked the DDC members and all participants for their valuable inputs. She assured the Council that all concerns raised during the meeting were duly noted and would be redressed on a priority basis.

DC visits GDC Kulgam, reviews infra development works

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 19

To assess the progress of various ongoing developmental works aimed at strengthening the educational infrastructure in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today visited Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam.

During the visit, DC reviewed the construction work on the Additional Lecture Block, being executed at a cost of Rs. 4.79 crore, and the Auditorium Hall, being developed at a cost of Rs. 4 crore besides other ongoing developmental projects.

He directed the Executive Engineer of R&B to accelerate the pace of work and ensure timely completion of these projects, with a focus on maintaining



quality standards to provide the best possible facilities to the students.

Khan emphasized the importance of timely completion of infrastructure projects to enhance the academic environment

and support holistic development in the college.

DC was accompanied by ADC Kulgam Viqar Ahmad Giri, ACR, Executive Engineer R&B, Tehsildar Kulgam and other concerned officers.

United Against Drugs: Social Welfare, YSS lead NMBA Campaign across Kishtwar Panchayats

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 19

In a significant move to combat drug abuse, the District Social Welfare and District Youth Services & Sports Departments, organized an extensive awareness campaign under the "Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan" (NMBA) across several of this mountainous district.

With the slogan "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life," the campaign reached out to panchayats of Lohidar A, Lohidar B, Gar Thalarn, Patnazi B, Lower Palmar C, as well as GHSS Thumb Ishtyari Paddar, GHSS Sounder, and MS Sounder Dachhan.

A range of impactful activities marked the campaign, including awareness rallies, motivational talks,



poster and banner exhibitions, student-led skits, and interactive community sessions.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, local youth clubs, PRI members, and civil society representatives.

Officials underscored

the pivotal role of education and sports in steering youth away from harmful habits. Representatives from the Social Welfare Department discussed various government schemes, helplines, and rehabilitation services available under NMBA, while Youth Services & Sports officials

highlighted the availability of district-wide sports and talent development initiatives designed to engage and inspire local youth.

The campaign culminated in a collective pledge by all attendees to foster a drug-free society and champion the NMBA message within their communities.

Sakeena Itoo visits Madri Meherban Welfare Institute Srinagar, reviews its functioning

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Madri Meherban Welfare Institute Miskeen Bagh and reviewed the functioning of the institution.

Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director Finance Social Welfare department, District Social Welfare officer Srinagar and other senior officers of the department accompanied the Minister during the visit.

On the occasion, the trustees and staff of the institute briefed the Minister about the services being provided by the institute to orphans, Tribal students, economically disadvantaged children, destitute women and other needy people.

Engaging with the trustees, staff and beneficiaries of the institute on the occasion, the Minister highlighted that this



centre has been serving as a vital support centre from last many decades to people in need.

Appreciating the selfless efforts of the institute, the Minister highlighted the commitment of Omar Abdullah led Government towards inclusive growth and upliftment of underprivileged communities. "Institutions like Madri Meherban embody the spirit of compassion and resilience. Government is firm to support such institutions so that no

underprivileged individual is left behind," Sakeena stated.

The Minister further highlighted that the Government is committed towards strengthening grassroots welfare infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir for the welfare of common masses.

She assured the institute of full support of Government in addressing operational challenges, adding that the genuine issues and concerns faced by the institute will be addressed promptly.

Javed Rana flags off Wildlife Rescue Vehicle Fleet at Jammu to combat human-wildlife conflict



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

In a significant step towards enhancing the wildlife conflict mitigation measures, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, today flagged off a fleet of 10 specialised Wildlife Rescue Vehicles.

The newly procured vehicles aim to strengthen mobility of the established Wildlife Control Rooms across the Union Territory. These will also ensure swift response in handling incidents of human-wildlife conflict, particularly in vulnerable and high-risk areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Javed Rana emphasized the urgent need to address the growing threat of wildlife conflict, which poses serious social, economic and safety challenges. He asked the department to make every possible effort to protect human life and property while maintaining the ecological balance. He said that multiple steps are being taken at various

levels to create awareness among the locals about animal behaviour and the protective measures they could adopt to reduce the man-animal conflict.

"Wildlife Rescue Vehicle Fleet is expected to significantly reduce response time and enhance the department's ability to respond effectively to conflict situations, thereby safeguarding both," maintained the Minister.

Rana further highlighted the urgent need to balance conservation and development while ensuring coexistence. "We have to find sustainable solutions that protect both. While human lives must be safeguarded, the survival of wildlife is equally important," he said.

Rana asked the wildlife department for adoption of best practices from other parts of the country that have successfully managed human-wildlife conflicts.

Rana also appreciated the forest department in managing human-wildlife interactions effectively despite the challenges faced by the officials on ground.

DC Poonch holds interaction with Media Fraternity, Assures redressal of genuine demands



J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 19

In a significant outreach effort, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal today held an interaction with the media fraternity here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office.

The meeting was organized to strengthen coordination between the district administration and the media. The Deputy Commissioner was warmly welcomed by the District Information Officer, who also expressed gratitude to the media for their continued support and constructive engagement.

During the meeting, media representatives highlighted various issues related to their professional environment and

working conditions. Journalists raised demands for the establishment of a Press Club and provision of safety kits, to which the Deputy Commissioner assured a positive response and necessary follow up. He gave a patient and empathetic hearing to all concerns and assured that genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound and appropriate manner. He emphasized the importance of responsible journalism and committed to maintaining open communication channels between the administration and the press. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) and Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) also participated in the meeting.

Dy CM meets delegations



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

Several delegations and individuals today called on Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, at Civil Secretariat Srinagar and projected their issues and demands.

A delegation of people from Seer, Jagir and other villages led by MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar, called on the Dy CM and raised the issue of illegal sand mining in Sopore.

The Dy CM assured them of firm and immediate measures to address the issue.

A delegation of J&K Contractor Coordination Committee also met the Dy CM and apprised him of various issues and difficulties faced by them.

Another delegation of

Assistant Engineers from PWD (R&B) department also put forward their issues regarding seniority list and promotion pending since long.

Meanwhile, several individuals met the Dy CM and apprised him of various issues being faced by them, mainly pertaining to roads, water scarcity, irregular power supply, transfers and road connectivity.

The Dy CM gave a patient hearing to the individuals and assured that all their genuine issues would be looked into for redress on priority.

While highlighting several initiatives meant for welfare and development of common masses, the Dy CM emphasised seamless service delivery to the general public across all government offices.

ADC Handwara pays surprise visit to NTPHC Chogal



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 19

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi today paid a surprise visit to NTPHC Chogal in sub division Handwara to take stock of the functioning of healthcare services provided to the people.

During the visit, ADC inspected various sections of the NTPHC including OPD, IPD, Pharmacy, Emergency, Gynea, X-Ray and other wards to get first

Police busts immoral trafficking racket in Baramulla

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 19

In a significant operation, Police have successfully busted an immoral trafficking racket operating in the Barzulla Kunzer area of Baramulla district. Acting on specific and credible intelligence, the police conducted a swift and well-coordinated raid leading to the arrest of four individuals, including a woman, involved in immoral trafficking activities.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ab Ahad Waza son of Ab Khaliq Waza resident of Utikoo Sheikhpora, Mohd Abdullah Waza son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Waza resident of Barzulla Kunzer, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Rasool Bhat resident of Bamroda, presently residing at Utikoo and one lady (name withheld).

A case vide FIR No. 37/2025 has been registered at Police Station Kunzer under relevant sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (PITA). Further investigation is underway to identify and dismantle any larger network linked to this operation.

Police reiterates its commitment to maintaining law and order and taking strict action against all forms of social evils. Citizens are urged to stay vigilant and report any such illegal activities to the nearest police station for prompt action.

Power Shutdown

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL, in order to facilitate laying of HT AB Cable, shutdown of 33KV Badampora Kurhama-Dab (Tap line) shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Dab shall remain off while power supply to Dab, Batpora, Rabitar and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 20 & 22 May, 2025.

DC Reasi reviews readiness for Outreach Camps in 44 Tribal Villages

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired a comprehensive review meeting today to assess preparedness for a district-wide outreach campaign covering all 44 tribal villages under the union government's flagship— Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) programmes. The initiative, part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh celebrations, aims to deliver individual entitlements and raise awareness among the tribal people about key government welfare schemes.

As part of the Dharti Aaba Abhiyan campaign, Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camps will be organized from June 15 to June 30, 2025. These camps are designed to ensure saturation of welfare schemes at the grassroots level by facilitating doorstep delivery of essential services to tribal communities in the remote and underserved areas of District Reasi.

The DC also reviewed the ground-truthing status of all 44 tribal villages, conducted block-wise by Gram Sabhas through Block Development Officers (BDOs), based on 25 key indicators – including the availability of pucca houses, piped chlorinated



water, electricity, schools, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and Community Health Centres (CHCs), among others.

The ground-truthing exercise, conducted through Gram Sabhas, focused on identifying both fulfilled and pending gaps. The DC added that insights from this assessment will inform the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and enhance service delivery during the campaign.

During the meeting, DC Reasi emphasized that village-level and cluster-level targeted service delivery camps will focus on services such as Aadhaar enrollment, ration card issuance, Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) health coverage, caste certificate issuance, PM-KISAN registration, and Jan Dhan account facilitation, among others. The objective is to ensure that every eligible tribal individual and family receives the benefits of these schemes without delay or exclusion.

To ensure effective

implementation, the DC directed all BDOs and line departments to conduct thorough awareness campaigns in each tribal village. These efforts will support the targeted delivery of entitlements and strengthen monitoring mechanisms. She also instructed district officers to ensure active participation of their staff in upcoming block-level committee meetings and service delivery camps for better coordination and execution. The campaign will involve active participation from Common Service Centres (CSCs), frontline workers, and departmental teams to ensure seamless service delivery. Emphasis will be placed on inter-departmental convergence and last-mile delivery, ensuring no eligible beneficiary is left behind. ADDC Sukhdev Singh, CPO Narinder Kumar, PO ICDS Rakesh Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, DSWO, CEO, CMO, DIO, CAO, and other district and sectoral officers were present during the meeting.

DC Kishtwar assesses ground impact of governance interventions across different sectors

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today reviewed the progress made in meeting the District Good Governance Index (DGGI) indicators till March 2025.

The meeting assessed the impact of the governance interventions across all sectors based on the predefined parameters of the DGGI.

The DC conducted a comprehensive review covering sector-specific performance in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Employment, Education, Health, Rural Development, Public Infrastructure, Jal Shakti, Banks and other departments.

The DC asked the departments to focus on improving their performance and issued a string of directions. He asked for increasing poultry produc-



tion through counseling and support, expanding KCC coverage, enhancing food grain production, boosting the growth of major horticulture produce, promoting crop insurance, and supporting MSME units, among others. The DC further directed efforts to improve gender parity and retention rates of students at the secondary school level, with the support of Village Level Committee members and the Education Department, through the organization of awareness camps across all villages in the district.

Additionally, he instructed the RDD, Revenue, and other concerned depart-

ments to identify land for the construction of Anganwadi Centers, aiming to shift them from private accommodations to government-owned buildings on a large scale.

He further urged officers to analyze past indices to identify gaps and formulate strategies to bridge them, in order to achieve the desired outcomes.

The meeting was attended by CEO KDA/ACD Kaiser Bhawani, DSEO Akhil Thakur, EO MC Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, AD Handicrafts Pardeep Shan, CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, CHO Sajid Mustafa, DSHO, Dy. CEO, Executive Engineer PMGSY and other sectoral officers.

Pulwama continues its IEC campaign under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, MAY 19

As part of the ongoing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign under the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, District Administration Pulwama today organised a series of impactful awareness programmes across all blocks of the district.

The events witnessed active participation from officials of key departments including Health, Education, Social Welfare, Rural Development and Police while representatives from Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Panchayat representatives, civil society members, students and youth also attended the event enthusiastically.

During these programmes, resource persons sensitised the public, particularly youth, about the devastating effects of drug abuse on individuals, families, and communities. Special emphasis was laid on preventive education, early signs of addiction, role of families in providing emotional support and the availability



of rehabilitation services within the district.

Participants were also encouraged to act as ambassadors of change within their villages, promoting a drug-free lifestyle and spreading awareness among peers.

To strengthen the outreach, a wide range of IEC materials including posters, pamphlets, and booklets were also distributed among the attendees. The distribution of these informative materials aimed to ensure that the anti-drug message reaches every household and community in the district.

Besides, a collective pledge was also taken by participants, affirming their commitment to fostering a drug-free environment in their respective localities.

The IEC campaign under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan will continue with similar activities planned across both rural and urban areas and educational institutes in the coming weeks, with the aim of ensuring that every household is made aware of the menace and that affected individuals are guided towards timely help and rehabilitation.

DC Kupwara reviews arrangements for Kheer Bhawani Mela

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrangements for celebration of annual Kheer Bhawani Mela at Tikker Kupwara.

A threadbare discussion was held on availability of power and water supply, health care facilities, security and sanitation, essential commodities and other arrangements to ensure smooth celebration of the Mela Kheer Bhawani by the devotees.

DC directed the concerned departments for making necessary arrangements for uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, transport, security, ration, medical facilities, sanitation in and around the temple and other arrangements.

Municipal Committee Kupwara was directed to ensure proper sanitation within the premises as



well as approaching road stretch of the temple at Tikker.

FCS&CA was directed to ensure availability of all essential commodities for the devotees at the venue.

DC directed the officers to ensure that all requisite arrangements are put in place well in advance for the devotees who are visiting to pay obeisance, and to work in close coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the mela.

ADC was designated as

Nodal Officer for ensuring the arrangements at the venue and shall liaise with the concerned Ashtapan Committee.

He was also directed to visit the Temple along with concerned officers for inspection of the arrangements made there.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad; Tehsildar Kupwara, besides, Engineers from PDD, PHE and R&B.

Inter-School Zonal Level Tournaments

Around 700 Boys, Girls participate in athletics, other competitions across Doda Zones on Day 4

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 19

The fourth day of inter School zonal level tournament witnessed Taekwondo, Chess, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Yoga, Badminton and Carrom competitions with the participation of U14 and U17 Boys & Girls from across five educational zones of District Doda.

Around 700 enthusiastic Boys and Girls participated

in the tournament organised under the directions of Director General YSS Rajinder Singh Tara and supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Pritam Singh. The ZPEOs of Doda, Bhagwah, Thathri, Ghat and Gundana also attended the event along with the staff of the Youth Services and Sports Department.

This initiative aims to channel the energy of

youth into positive and productive pursuits, helping them grow as responsible, healthy, and confident individuals.

Tournament is being supported by all Physical Education Masters (PEM), Physical Education Teachers (PET), Rehbar-e-Khel (REK), and National Youth Corps (NYC) members, who have collectively contributed to the event's success.

DC Bandipora visits fire-affected families in Sumbal, hands-over Relief Cheques

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Monday visited the families and traders affected by the recent devastating fire in Sumbal, which caused extensive damage to commercial structures and residential houses.

During the visit, DC handed over relief cheques to the affected families as an immediate financial assistance measure aimed at helping the victims meet their urgent needs. DC was accompanied by Sub Divisional Magistrate Sumbal and other concerned officers.



He conducted an on-ground assessment of the damage and interacted with the victims and expressed solidarity with the affected families.

Qadri said that detailed damage assessment is underway, and further

compensation and rehabilitation measures will follow.

He instructed the Revenue officials to expedite the damage assessment process to facilitate timely disbursement of additional compensation wherever applicable.

DIPR hosts Symposium on "Nasha Mukht Bharat"



J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 19

To spread awareness among the youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote the message of a "Nasha Mukht Bharat" (Drug-Free India), a symposium competition was organized today by the Cultural Unit, Department of Information & Public Relations, Jammu at Aryan Oriental Convent Higher Secondary School (AOC HSS), Udhampur.

A total of 14 students participated in the event, delivering powerful speeches that highlighted the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of leading a healthy, productive life. The competition served as a vibrant platform to engage the students in a meaningful dialogue on substance abuse and the role of youth in building a drug-free society.

The officials from the Department of Information sensitized the students on the growing threat of drug addiction and emphasized the importance of awareness, education, and community support in combating the issue.

The Chairman of the School, Upkar Singh lauded the Information Department for organizing such a thought-provoking and socially relevant program and appreciated the active participation of the students. He emphasized that such initiatives play a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens.

The first prize was bagged by Naman, second prize by Panthveer third prize by Akshita & consolation prizes were given to Akshra and Janvi.

The performances were judged by a panel comprising Vicky Sharma, Renuka Bala, and Pushpinder Singh.

The event was attended by Principal Kiran Bala, staff members, officials from the Information Department, and a large number of enthusiastic students, who appreciated the initiative and pledged to contribute to the mission of a Nasha Mukht Bharat.

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

Shutdown for various 33KV lines scheduled on May 20th cancelled

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

The office of Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCI informed that the shutdown for 33 kV GIS Tengpora Grid Exhibition Tapline (Allochibagh bund Portion), 33 KV GIS Tengpora KP Bagh Line and 33 KV TRC Rajbagh Line/ KP Bagh Rajbagh line (Sr. No. 07, 08 & 09) on 20th of May 2025, stands cancelled.

Also, the shutdown approved for 33 kV Pampore Badambagh Line (Sr. No. 14) on 20th of May 2025 may also be treated as cancelled in order to facilitate smooth operation of PHE WSS Tangnar affected due to outage of power supply during the intervening night of 18th & 19th of May 2025 due to gusty winds.

DC Poonch appreciates District Hospital Staff for dedicated services

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today visited the District Hospital Poonch, where he commended the efforts of doctors, paramedics, and the entire hospital staff for their proactive and dedicated service amid the challenging times. He was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) and Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR).

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with medical officers, nurses, technicians, and ambulance drivers, acknowledging their tireless work and commitment towards patient care. He lauded the hospital staff for maintaining standards of responsiveness and professionalism, especially under pressure. During the visit, the hospital staff assured the Deputy Commissioner that they are fully prepared and committed to working tirelessly to meet any emergency situation. He assured the administration's continued support in strengthening healthcare services in the district.

Later, Vikas Kundal visited Muhallah Dungus, where he met with the grieving family of a 10 year old boy who lost his life due to cross border shelling.

Expressing deep condolences, the Deputy Commissioner assured the family of every possible support from the district administration.

Shivakumar vows solution as rains flood Bengaluru

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, MAY 19

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday assured Bengalureans of his government's commitment to long-term, sustainable solutions to the city's recurring rain-related woes, as heavy downpour triggered widespread flooding in several areas, including Sai Layout.

"Let us be clear: the issues we face today are not new. They have been ignored for years, across governments and administrations. The only difference now is we are working to solve them," Shivakumar said in a post on social media platform X, expressing deep concern over the havoc caused by the rains.

He said he has been in continuous touch with officials and is closely monitoring the situation. "I will be visiting the BBMP War Room and flood-affected areas personally to take stock on ground," he added.

The Deputy CM's remarks came as nearly 40 mm of rainfall over 24 hours brought life to



a standstill in parts of the city. Sai Layout was among the worst hit, with residents reporting inundated homes, submerged vehicles, and damaged belongings. Many blamed clogged drains and civic negligence, saying their complaints had gone unheeded for years.

BBMP chief commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, who visited Sai Layout and other flooded zones using a tractor, said widening a blocked railway vent and building a temporary sump were among the corrective steps under consideration.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded 10.3 mm of rainfall till Monday morning

and warned of stronger spells expected on May 23, with wind speeds of up to 50 kmph. A yellow alert remains in place for Bengaluru and 22 other districts until May 22, with isolated thunderstorms and cloudy skies forecast through May 25.

Meanwhile, strong winds uprooted trees in several neighbourhoods, disrupting traffic and prompting the Bengaluru Traffic Police to issue advisories.

"To my fellow Bengalureans - I am one among you. I understand your concerns, I share your frustration, and I assure you of my commitment to resolve them. I stand with you," Shivakumar said.

Five killed as car falls off bridge on Mumbai-Goa highway

AGENCIES
RATNAGIRI (MAHARASHTRA), MAY 19

A car carrying seven people plunged nearly 100 feet from a bridge into the Jagbudi river on the Mumbai-Goa Highway near Bhanne Naka in Ratnagiri district early Monday morning, killing five people.

The victims were travelling from Mira Road in Mumbai to Devrukh when the tragedy struck around 5:30 am. According to reports, the vehicle veered off the bridge near Khed and fell into the river. Five passengers died on the spot, while two others, including the driver, sustained serious injuries.

The deceased have been identified as Medha Parmesh Paradkar, Sarabh Parmesh Paradkar, Mitali Vivek More, Nihar Vivek More and Shreyas Rajendra Sawant. The victims belonged to two families - the Paradkars, residents of Nalasopara, and the Mores, from Mira-Bhayander.

Visuals from the site showed the mangled remains of the car being pulled from the river using a crane. The roof of the vehicle was completely crushed. Local residents, police personnel, and the highway police rushed to the site upon receiving information.

The injured - Parmesh Paradkar and Vivek More - were initially taken to a hospital in Kalambani. Paradkar was later shifted to Ratnagiri District Government Hospital, while More was also moved to another facility for advanced treatment. Their condition is reported to be critical.

Rescue efforts were supported by locals and officials, including former Khed mayor Vaibhav Khedekar. All the occupants were pulled out of the submerged vehicle before it was lifted from the riverbed.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the accident.

Biden diagnosed with 'aggressive' prostate cancer

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, MAY 19

Former US President Joe Biden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer that has spread to his bones, an official said.

Biden, who left office in January, was diagnosed on Friday after he saw a doctor last week for urinary symptoms, a statement from his office said on Sunday.

The cancer is a more aggressive form of the disease, characterised by a Gleason score of 9 out of 10. This means his illness is classified as "high-grade" and the cancer cells could spread quickly, according to Cancer Research UK.

Biden and his family are said to be reviewing treatment options. His office added that the cancer was hormone-sensitive, meaning it could likely be managed.

"On Friday, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, characterised by a Gleason score of 9 (Grade Group 5) with metastasis to the bone, BBC reported.

"While this represents a more aggressive form of the disease, the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive which allows for effective management."

After news broke of his diagnosis, the former president received support from both sides of the aisle.

President Donald Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social that he and First Lady Melania Trump were "saddened to hear about Joe Biden's recent medical diagnosis."

"We extend our warmest and best wishes to Jill and the family," he said, referring to former First Lady Jill Biden. "We wish Joe a fast and successful recovery."

Former Vice-President

Modi wishes 'quick and full recovery' of Biden

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday wished quick and full recovery to former US President Joe Biden who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

PM Modi posted on X and said, "Deeply concerned to hear about Joe Biden's health. Extend our best wishes to him for a quick and full recovery. Our thoughts are with Dr Jill Biden and the family."

Joe Biden has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer that has spread to his bones.

According to the statement, "he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, characterised by a Gleason score of 9 (Grade Group 5) with metastasis to the bone."

The 82-year-old Biden and his family are currently consulting with doctors to determine the best course of action.

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Biden, then the Democratic nominee vying for re-election, faced mounting criticism of his poor performance in a June televised debate against Republican nominee and current president Donald Trump. He was replaced as the Democratic candidate by his vice-president, Kamala Harris.

Kamala Harris, who served under Biden, wrote on X that she and her husband Doug Emhoff are keeping the Biden family in their prayers.

"Joe is a fighter - and I know he will face this challenge with the same strength, resilience, and optimism that have always defined his life and leadership," Harris said.

In a post on X, Barack Obama - who served as president from 2009 to 2017 with Joe Biden as his deputy - said that he and his wife Michelle were "thinking of the entire Biden family".

"Nobody has done more to find breakthrough treat-

ments for cancer in all its forms than Joe, and I am certain he will fight this challenge with his trademark resolve and grace. We pray for a fast and full recovery," Obama said. In 2016, Obama tasked Biden with leading a "cancer moonshot" government-wide research programme.

The news comes nearly a year after the former president was forced to drop out of the 2024 US presidential election over concerns about his health and age. He is the oldest person to have held the office in US history.

Biden, then the Democratic nominee vying for

Trinamool declines participation in govt's anti-terror outreach abroad

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, MAY 19

The Trinamool Congress (TMC), led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has informed the Centre of its decision to withdraw its MP from the seven all-party delegations scheduled to visit multiple countries as part of India's global outreach following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

Sources said the Trinamool Congress has

instructed Lok Sabha MP Yusuf Pathan, the sole representative from the party among the 51 political leaders, parliamentarians, and former ministers selected for the delegations, to withdraw from participation.

However, the decision was conveyed to the central government by Trinamool Congress without any official explanation. The TMC has confirmed that neither Pathan nor any of its other lawmakers will take part in the diplomatic missions.

Party insiders said the decision stems from dissatisfaction with the government's selection process, which they claim was carried out without consulting the TMC leadership. The Union government had nominated Pathan after TMC's Lok Sabha floor leader, Sudip Bandhyopadhyay, cited health issues and expressed inability to join. Pathan, who received a call from Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Saturday

night, said he would consult his party before making a decision; he was later contacted by the External Affairs Ministry for his passport details.

Pathan was among the nine members of a delegation led by JDU MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, which will travel to Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Singapore. The delegation is scheduled to depart on May 21.

The other members in this team are Aparajita

Sarangi (BJP), Brij Lal (BJP), John Brittas (CPI-M), Pradan Barua (BJP), Hemang Joshi (BJP), former minister Khurshid and former diplomat Mohan Kumar.

Trinamool Congress is the third political party after Shiv Sena (Uddhav) and Congress that openly criticised the Central government's plan to send a delegation to 31 countries and the European Union to assert India's firm stance against terrorism in light of Operation Sindoor.

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CM Omar reviews...

Control Committee standards, along with rationalisation of administrative roles. This is expected to enhance scientific capabilities and eliminate redundancy.

For the Town Planning Organisation (TPO), the focus is on strengthening town planning functions to meet the growing demands of modern urban development. The restructuring includes creation of specialised units, establishment of policy cells, and realignment of field offices for better coordination and project execution, the meeting was informed.

The Architects Organisation, established in 1971 and responsible for high-value infrastructure projects across J&K, will also undergo structural changes to revitalise its functioning and align with present-day infrastructural needs.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), which has seen a significant expansion in functions following the 74th Constitutional Amendment, currently faces manpower and budgetary constraints. The proposed reorganisation aims to redefine its administrative setup for better efficiency and service delivery.

In the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for Jammu and Kashmir, the proposed restructuring addresses staffing gaps, administrative overlaps, and urban sanitation issues. The proposals discussed place particular emphasis on the creation of posts relating to environmental protection and rationalisation of enforcement and revenue staff.

Jammu Development Authority (JDA) has already received approval from its Board for its restructuring proposal, which has been forwarded to the Administrative Department for further consideration.

Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) shall see a detailed comparative restructuring of both gazetted and non-gazetted posts to enhance project execution capabilities and improve policy implementation across expanding urban areas.

The meeting was also told about the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED) reorganisation which focuses on strengthening technical manpower and introducing reforms to improve scientific waste management, drainage, and sanitation systems.

The meeting also reviewed the newly framed recruitment rules of the Jammu Municipal Corporation, formulated in light of the reorganisation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the implementation of these proposals would significantly enhance the operational capabilities of the Housing and Urban Development Department, generate substantial financial savings, and streamline urban governance across Jammu and Kashmir.

He affirmed that the reforms are aligned with the

broader vision of sustainable urban development, transparency and administrative efficiency—(KNO)

India supports peace...

Pertinently, seven multi-party delegations tasked with briefing various countries on Pakistan sponsored cross-border terrorism will leave for their destinations from May 21 and the assignment is likely to end in the first week of June.

The seven delegations with 59 members, including eight veteran diplomats, are headed to 32 countries and the European Union. KNO

LoP Sunil Sharma...

Meanwhile, the Leader of Opposition further visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri and met the people who were injured in Pakistan shelling.

Sharma inquired about their health, well-being and the care they were receiving. Besides, he assured them of all possible support.

"Visited the Government Medical College (GMC) in #Rajouri, met with patients who got injured due to shelling by Pakistan. Inquired about their health, well-being, and the care they were receiving, and wished them a speedy. Assured them of all possible support," Sharma wrote on X.

Pertinently, Sharma has been visiting the shelling affected villages for the last three consecutive days and interacting with the affected families. Several houses were damaged due to shelling by Pakistan while many people also lost their lives as well. KNO

IAS playing vital role in...

Personnel and Training (DoPT), as per KNO, contains comprehensive details of IAS officers—including their name, batch, cadre, present posting, pay level, educational qualifications, and retirement dates—as updated on January 1, 2025. It also provides cadre-wise strength, the number of officers retiring over the next five years, and appointment data from 1969 onwards.

For the first time, officers' photographs have been included in the digital document. Designed as a searchable PDF with embedded hyperlinks, the e-book offers a user-friendly interface that enables instant access to information. "The Civil List is an important resource not just for administrators and decision-makers but also for the general public," Dr Singh said, adding that the move reflects the Centre's larger push for digital governance.

The Minister described the initiative as part of the Government of India's Digital India mission, aimed at modernizing systems and improving citizen-centric ser-

vices. By discontinuing the printing of hard copies, the department is also saving on government expenditure and contributing to eco-friendly governance practices.

He congratulated the Secretary and the entire DoPT team for their successful effort in bringing out this digital initiative.

The DoPT, as the cadre-controlling authority of IAS officers, compiles the Civil List annually using inputs from central records and state cadres. The 2025 edition reflects a total authorized cadre strength of 6,877 officers, with 5,577 officers in active service across 25 state cadres.

The launch event was attended by several senior dignitaries, including Director General of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) Mr. S.N. Tripathi, Director and Chairperson of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Sriram Taranikanti, IAS, and Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Rachna Shah, along with other senior officials.

The e-book Civil List, 2025 is now available to the public on the DoPT website at <https://dopt.gov.in>. KNO

1.4 lakh foreigners...

showcase Kashmir as a premier global destination.

Between 2019 and 2024, the Kashmir Valley witnessed a significant rise in tourism, with a total of over 92 lakh visitors, including 1.4 lakh foreign tourists. Tourist numbers dipped sharply in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, recording just over 41,000 visitors. However, the region saw a strong recovery, with tourist arrivals rising to over 6.65 lakh in 2021, 23.1 lakh in 2022, 27.1 lakh in 2023, and nearly 29.9 lakh in 2024. The highest domestic footfall was recorded in 2024 with over 29.4 lakh Indian tourists, while foreign arrivals peaked the same year at 43,654.

Additionally, revenue from outsourcing 60 tourist assets under the "as is where is" model touched Rs 619.26 lakh since 2019 - with annual earnings nearly tripling from Rs 70.57 lakh in 2019-20 to Rs 192.96 lakh in 2023-24.

Tourist data is primarily collected through manual entries at Srinagar Airport and highway checkpoints by the Tourist Police, underscoring efforts to maintain real-time statistics.

This remarkable revival positions Kashmir as a key player in India's tourism landscape, signalling optimism for continued growth and global recognition—(KNO)

Lt Governor Reconstitutes...

reconstitution of SASB and nomination of members was issued by the Lieutenant Governor, who is also the

Chairman of the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board.

The nine members include Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Prof. Kailash Mehra Sadhu, K.K.Sharma, K.N.Rai, Mukesh Garg, Dr. Shailesh Raina, Dr. Simridhi Bindroo, Suresh Haware and Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri. KNO

2 terrorist...

Shopian district. An official told the news agency, that two terrorist associates were arrested in a joint operation by Army's 34RR, Shopian Police and CRPF 178 Battalion at a naka in DK Pora area.

He said that two pistols, four grenades and other incriminating materials were recovered from them.

Meanwhile police have registered a case in this regard while further investigation has been taken up. KNO

SIA files chargesheet...

two individuals namely Abdul Aziz, son of Late Abdul Rehman, resident of Hari Safeda, Surankote, District Poonch, and Nazir Ahmed alias Naziroo alias Ali Khan, son of Late Khurshid Ahmed, a Pakistan-based terrorist who also hails from Hari Safeda, Surankote.

Investigations have revealed that Abdul Aziz carried out the grenade attack on instructions received from Nazir Ahmed, who is currently operating from Pakistan. Nazir Ahmed had exfiltrated to Pakistan in 2001, where he joined the proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and later became associated with the Jammu Kashmir Gaznavi Force (JKGF).

Towards the end of 2022, Nazir Ahmed re-established contact with Abdul Aziz, his relative, through encrypted messaging applications using Pakistan-based numbers. During this time, he radicalized and recruited Aziz into HM/JKGF, instructing him to carry out grenade attacks in District Poonch to further the terror outfit's agenda and ideology.

Nazir Ahmed not only indoctrinated and recruited Abdul Aziz but also supplied him with hand grenades and detailed instructions for the execution of the attack through encrypted communication channels.

The investigation reveals a wider conspiracy by the Pakistan-sponsored Hizbul Mujahideen to destabilize the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The act aimed to spread terror, incite communal violence, and undermine public peace by creating fear among the common people.

The filing of the chargesheet underscores the SIA's unwavering resolve to dismantle terror networks and safeguard the peace and security of Jammu and Kashmir.

KU extends last date for admission to 05 year integrated UG-PG & 04 year B. Tech programmes till May 26

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

The University of Kashmir (KU) has extended the last date for submission of online application forms for various Undergraduate and UG-PG Integrated Programmes. The extension has been granted in view of requests received from several aspirants who could not apply within the earlier notified schedule due to various reasons.

As per the revised notification, candidates can now submit their online applications till 26-05-2025.

The admission deadline has been extended for the following programmes: 5-Year Integrated UG-PG Programmes in BA-LLB (Honors), Data Science & Artificial Intelligence,



BSc-MSc Electronics, BSc-MSc Physics, BSc-MSc Energy Studies, BA-MA Arabic, BSc-MSc Botany; 4-Year Undergraduate Programme through Design Your Own Degree (DYD) mode; 4-Year B.Tech Programmes; 4-Year BPA and B. Music Programmes under Music and Fine Arts; 4-Year B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering with specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security (IoT, Zakura

Campus); and 4-Year B.Tech in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (North Campus, Baramulla).

The University has advised all interested candidates to make use of this final opportunity and complete their online application process by the extended date. For detailed information and updates, applicants are requested to visit the University's official website.

DC Poonch reviews functioning of Social Welfare Department

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to take a comprehensive review of the working of the Social Welfare Department.

He assessed the implementation of different welfare schemes in the district. He stressed the importance of delivering the benefits of government schemes to the last eligible beneficiary and ensuring full transparency in operations.

Stress was laid on effective implementation of all social welfare schemes, with a special focus on achieving saturation in pension coverage across all eligible categories, including old age, widow, and disability pensions. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that no eligible beneficiary should be left out and instructed the department to expedite the process of identifying and enrolling pending cases.

To strengthen outreach and improve public awareness, the Deputy Commissioner also directed the department to organise camps at the village level. These camps will serve as a platform for on the spot registration, grievance redressal, and dissemination of information regarding welfare schemes and entitlements.

Underlining the need for eradication of substance



abuse, the Deputy Commissioner called for proactive collaboration with all stakeholders to contribute to the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (Drug-Free India Campaign). He directed the Social Welfare Department to intensify awareness activities, especially targeting vulnerable groups and youth, and to work closely with educational institutions and Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Special attention was also given to the rehabilitation and monitoring of rescued children, particularly those previously involved in child labour. The Deputy Commissioner instructed that such children must be regularly enrolled in schools and their atten-

dance and progress monitored to ensure they do not return to exploitative conditions. He emphasized the importance of continuous follow up and coordination with child protection services, schools, and local bodies to safeguard their rights and future.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the district administration's commitment to strengthening the social safety net and ensuring that the welfare mechanisms reach the most marginalized sections of society. He called upon the officers to work with dedication, compassion, and accountability to translate welfare objectives into visible outcomes on the ground.

DC Budgam assesses progress on construction of 125-bedded New Distt Hospital, 100-bedded Cr. Care Unit

JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo, today visited the construction site of the 125-bedded District Hospital and the 100-bedded Critical Care Unit at Reshipora Budgam to review the ongoing progress of the work.

During the inspection, DC reviewed various components of the under-construction health infrastructure and took stock of the pace and quality of the work. He expressed satisfaction over the acceleration in construction activities and appreciated the coordinated efforts of all concerned departments and agencies involved in the execution of these important projects.

He also took overview of the significant progress made on-site. The plinth beam, ground floor column, and ground floor slab have all been completed. Additionally, the



first floor column and slab, along with the second floor column, have also been completed. Work on the formwork and reinforcing slab is currently in progress. The overall physical progress of the work now has substantial progress.

DC reiterated the importance of timely completion of both the district hospital and the critical care unit, noting that these projects are vital for strengthening the healthcare infrastructure of Budgam.

He emphasized that the administration is committed to providing quality healthcare facilities to the residents and that regular monitoring and multi-departmental coordination are being ensured to

address any issues in real time and to maintain the momentum of progress.

He stated that both projects are progressing on schedule and that all departments involved are working in a focused manner to ensure early completion. Upon completion, these facilities will play a crucial role in delivering advanced medical care, including specialized and critical services, to the people of Budgam.

DC was accompanied by the Chief Planning Officer Budgam, Chief Medical Officer Budgam, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Budgam, SE & Executive Engineers of R&B, AEEs, and representatives of the executing agencies.

DC Srinagar launches Constituency Development Information System 'e-Nigrani' App



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

With an aim to improve transparency, efficiency and accountability in the allocation and implementation of development funds, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Monday launched a Constituency Development Information System, 'e-Nigrani' an application/system for managing and tracking development projects within the Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District.

The App was launched in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; District Informatics Officer, Syed Mujaddid; Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers of R&B, SMC, PHE and other departments.

On the occasion, DC said that the system would be a significant step towards

improving transparency, efficiency and accountability in the allocation and implementation of development funds with public scrutiny of development activities.

Dr Bilal remarked that the 'e-Nigrani App' will establish better coordination between Government officials and Legislatures for efficient execution of development works. He said the Legislatures can monitor ongoing development works in the areas of their respective Assembly Constituencies.

DC added that the system would collect and store data on various aspects of development projects, including project details, funding sources, implementation agencies, timelines, and progress reports besides enabling real-time monitoring of project progress, and timely identification of bottlenecks and issues, if any.

Youth sporting spirit soars in B'la: Inter-Zonal/ Inter School Competitions engage 300 students

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 19

Youth Services and Sports, District Baramulla, today successfully organised the Inter-Zonal District Level Chess Competition for All Age Groups (AAG) under 14, 17, and 19 boys and girls at two separate venues.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from student players across 18 zones of the district.

The Boys' Chess Competition was held at High School Khawaja Bagh. In the under-14 category, 34 students participated, while the under-17 category saw participation from 32 students, and the under-19 category included 8 students from various higher secondary schools.

Simultaneously, the Girls' Chess Competition was conducted at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Baramulla. A total of 36 students competed in the under-14 category, 35 students in the under-17 category, and 2 students participated in the under-19 category.

In addition to the chess event, several inter-school zonal level badminton com-



petitions were also held today. YSS Zone Rohama organised the Under-14 Girls Badminton Competition at HS Tragpora, with 42 students from different schools participating. YSS Zone Dangiwa conducted Under-14 and Under-17 Boys Badminton Competitions at HSS Dangiwa, which saw participation from 50 students in the under-14 category and 21 in the under-17 category.

Meanwhile, YSS Zone Singpora Kalan organised the Under-14 and Under-17 Boys Badminton Competitions at HS Delina, attracting 75 players from various government and private institutions. In the

Under-14 Singles category, Munawar from DPS Delina emerged victorious, while in the Under-17 category, Saqib Mohammad from HSS Delina clinched the title. In Doubles, Mohammad Fahiq and Mohammad Saman from DPS Delina won the Under-14 category, and Sahil Manzoor and Kabir Khurshid from HSS Delina bagged the Under-17 title.

DYSSO Baramulla commended the participation and sportsmanship of all students and reiterated the department's commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting physical education and sports culture across the district.

Power Shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

According to the Chief Engineer, J&KPTCL, in order to carry out augmentation works at GSS Magam, wherein temporary shifting of 33 KV Kongambara and Magam feeders is to be carried out for sparing of bay for 80 MVA Power Transformer and dismantling/ laying/ stringing of conductor, shutdown of 33KV Kongambara Feeder and 33KV Magam Feeder shall be observed due to which power supply to Kunzer, Khore, Aora, Kralweth, Mangalore, Ahmadpora, Hardabagar, Loolpora, Dhobiwan, Magam, Mazhama, Aripathan, Bamrooda, Badran, Kanihama, Warihama and adjoining areas will be affected from 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM on 20 May, 2025.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kthua has informed that the power supply to Kathua town, Hatlimorh, Kalibari, Ludanchack, Janglote, Patel Nagar, Sawan Chack, Shastri Nagar, Chack Pratap, PHE installations and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 20 from 6 am to 11 am.

SBI RSETI hosts 31-Day Tailoring Training for women at village Haldanu- Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 19

The SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban has organised a 31-day skill development programme on "Tailor - Women's Garments" here at Haldanu village, Block Batote.

The course will cover all key aspects of tailoring women's garments, including stitching, measurements, machine handling, and finishing. The initiative aims to promote sustainable livelihood options and economic empowerment for rural women in Ramban. The programme was formally launched by Director, SBI RSETI



Ramban S. Harvinder Singh, in the presence of local dignitaries, community members, and enthusiastic women participants.

The event witnessed strong community support and participation.

In his address, the Director emphasized the role of

skill-based training in fostering self-reliance among women. He encouraged the trainees to utilize the opportunity to gain practical skills and become financially independent.

He also briefed the participants about the government schemes like the MUDRA Loan Scheme, PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY. He elaborated on their benefits, eligibility, and how these schemes could support their entrepreneurial journeys. The Director shared inspiring success stories of past trainees who now run their own tailoring units. He urged the women to stay committed and assured them of guidance throughout the training.

DC Srinagar conducts whirlwind tour of city areas, assesses situation arisen due to gusty winds

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud Din Bhat, Monday morning undertook whirlwind tour of various City areas to assess situation arisen of strong gusty winds that wreaked havoc during intervening night of May 18 and 19, 2025.

DC was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur and other concerned Officers of District Administration Srinagar.

The DC visited Power Grid Station at Bemina and assessed the situation and ongoing electricity restoration efforts under-



taken by KPDCL.

On the occasion, DC was given a detailed appraisal of the restoration works and was assured that power supply across Srinagar will be achieved at the earliest.

DC directed the KPDCL authorities to expedite restoration works to ensure complete restoration of electricity to Srinagar.

DC also visited various City areas including

Soura, Noorbagh, Karan Nagar, Safakadal, Bemina and other adjoining areas and took on the site assessment of the damages caused due to widespread gusty winds.

DC passed the directions for mobilizing official machinery to assess the losses caused due to the gusty winds. He also emphasized on active coordination between District Administration and other agencies to address the situation and restore normal functioning of any affected area.

EDITORIAL

Ladakh's fragile tourism economy

The breathtaking landscapes of Ladakh, once teeming with international backpackers, adventure seekers, and domestic tourists in search of peace, are now eerily quiet. Being hailed as the "Land of High Passes" and the crown jewel of Indian tourism, Ladakh's economy—heavily reliant on seasonal tourism—is now in crisis. The recent escalation in hostilities between India and Pakistan, triggered by the horrific Pahalgam killings, has cast a long, dark shadow over the region's fragile tourism-dependent economy. Tourist footfall has plummeted, flight operations are inconsistent, and international travelers, once the lifeblood of Leh's hospitality industry, are now steering clear. This is not just a seasonal dip—it is an existential threat for thousands of Ladakhi families who survive on earnings from hotel stays, guided tours, road transport, and souvenir sales. Tourist arrivals have declined by over 70% at the height of what should be the peak season. For an economy that comes alive for only a few precious months each year, this is a devastating blow. Hotel occupancy in Leh has dropped to a mere 10-15%, and nearly all bookings for the current month have been cancelled. Many of these establishments were built on loans, and the inability to meet repayment obligations now looms large over small business owners. While domestic travelers may return once normalcy resumes, the loss of international tourism—which traditionally brings higher revenues and longer stays—is far more concerning. Perceptions of insecurity, no matter how localized the violence, have a way of spreading across borders. For tourists planning long-distance trips, even a whiff of instability can derail plans. The response from local tourism stakeholders has been commendable. The All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association's decision to offer complimentary stays to stranded travelers, and the subsidized transport arranged by ALTOA for those opting to exit by road, show a commitment to hospitality even amid adversity. But good intentions are no substitute for policy support. Ladakh's plight must serve as a wake-up call to both the Union Government and the broader national tourism policy apparatus. This is not just a seasonal slump—it's a structural collapse. Immediate financial relief for affected businesses, low-interest loan restructuring, and a robust promotional campaign once tensions ease, are all urgently needed. Moreover, the situation demands a rethinking of how regions like Ladakh—where peace is precarious and the economy is seasonal—can build resilience. Tourism will always be a pillar, but it cannot be the only one. Diversification, perhaps through sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and artisanal exports, needs long-term investment. Ladakh, with its stunning terrain and unmatched spiritual aura, has always drawn those in search of something deeper. But its people cannot survive on beauty alone. What they need now is solidarity, support, and swift action. If we wish to preserve Ladakh—not just as a tourist destination but as a thriving, dignified home for its residents—we must treat its crisis not as a footnote to border tension, but as a central issue of national economic importance.

The Modi Doctrine: India's historic shift from restraint to retaliation

KSTOMAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's doctrine will be etched in history as a transformative policy that decisively redefined India's approach to Pakistan's terror-driven provocations. For decades, cross-border terrorism was treated with diplomatic exchanges and measured responses. But under Modi's leadership, India has declared that terror attacks will henceforth be regarded as acts of war—meriting the severest punishment, including cross-border strikes and direct retaliation against both terrorists and their patrons.

An in-depth analysis of Modi's speech exhibits that his doctrine is not mere rhetoric—it has been enforced with unmistakable resolve. The obliteration of nine terror camps and the destruction of eleven Pakistani air bases by India stand as irrefutable evidence of this new policy. The message is unequivocal: extremists, whether sheltered by rogue regimes or operating independently, will be treated as state actors, and both will face retribution.

Modi has also used this doctrine to convey a broader global message—Pakistan's terror agenda is not just India's problem. The prime minister has highlighted that Islamabad's terror network has targeted Western powers as well. The tragic 9/11 attacks on the United States and the deadly London Tube bombings have direct links to terrorists trained in Pakistan. In Modi's view, the state and terror are intertwined in Pakistan, making the country complicit in its proxies' actions.

India's resolute response during Operation Sindoor, a high-stakes military offensive,

has further cemented this policy. The doctrine is clear—Pakistan will face identical, severe consequences if it continues to harbour terrorists or allows its territory to serve as a breeding ground for extremism.

Modi's doctrine is a multifaceted strategy with significant diplomatic, military, and strategic implications. His speech has been widely recognised as a statement of India's future policy, echoing the American operation that eliminated Osama bin Laden on Pakistani soil and Israel's retaliatory strikes against Hamas following the murder of innocent civilians. Prime Minister Modi's stance has thus placed India in the league of proactive, decisive nations that prioritise their security and sovereignty without succumbing to diplomatic dithering or strategic ambiguity.

Modi's doctrine on terrorism has redefined India's strategic response to Pakistan's persistent cross-border terror, establishing a historic precedent where acts of terror are equated to acts of war. This transformative policy shift has not only fortified India's defence posture but has also sent an unequivocal global message—India will retaliate decisively against terrorism, even if it means crossing the Line of Control (LoC).

The Modi Doctrine will be remembered for ending the decades-old ambiguity over India's response to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. By categorically treating terror attacks as acts of war, the doctrine authorises the Indian armed forces to launch punitive strikes, including cross-LoC operations, against terror camps and their patrons. This paradigm shift has brought an end to the era

of 'restraint' in the face of terror provocations, ushering in a new era of active deterrence.

The 2016 surgical strikes following the Uri attack and the 2019 Balakot airstrikes after the Pulwama incident are vivid examples of this proactive policy. These actions shattered the myth that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal would prevent India from striking back. India's response has forced global powers to re-evaluate their approach to state-sponsored terrorism. It has positioned India as a nation unwilling to bow before terror blackmail, marking a strategic elevation.

Under this doctrine, the long-held diplomatic approach of maintaining simultaneous dialogue, trade, and counter-terrorism efforts has been discarded. Modi has clearly asserted that terror, talks, and trade cannot coexist—a principle that has recalibrated India's diplomatic engagements with Pakistan and beyond. Diplomatic isolation, suspension of bilateral dialogues, and cutting off trade relations have been part of India's calibrated response.

India's firm stance has also been reflected in its ability to rally international support against Pakistan's terror infrastructure, a feat that was previously difficult due to diplomatic hesitations. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF)'s grey-listing of Pakistan was significantly influenced by India's persistent diplomatic efforts and now it will be renewed by providing concrete evidences of terror camps and patronage by Pakistan executive and military.

Another cornerstone of the Modi Doctrine is the obliteration of the nuclear threat myth propagated by Pakistan.

Islamabad's habitual nuclear blackmail has been rendered ineffective, as India has demonstrated its resolve to retaliate decisively without being deterred by the nuclear bogey. Surgical strikes and Balakot airstrikes are living testimony to this changed approach.

By openly rejecting the fear of nuclear

escalation, India has signalled its confidence in its strategic capabilities and its willingness to call out Pakistan's nuclear bluff. This approach has fundamentally altered the deterrence dynamics in South Asia, reassuring Indian citizens while unsettling adversaries.

India's willingness to cross the LoC to eliminate terror camps has not only safeguarded its security but has also sent a powerful global message.

It has demonstrated that nations have the sovereign right to strike at the roots of terror if left with no other option, a principle resonating well with other countries like America, Israel etc. facing similar threats.

This doctrine is not merely India's security strategy—it has set a global precedent, encouraging other nations to adopt a proactive stance against cross-border terrorism. Countries like France, Israel, and the United States have echoed India's position in their counter-terror operations.

The doctrine is underpinned by the superiority of India's Indigenous and Russian S-400 integrated missile defence systems and American weapons over the Chinese weapon and radar systems deployed by Pakistan.

This technological edge has significantly enhanced India's strategic confidence in dealing

with cross-border threats. India's procurement of Rafale fighter jets, induction of advanced missile systems, and modernisation of its armed forces have reinforced this doctrine, ensuring that any retaliatory strike is backed by technological superiority. These advancements serve as both a deterrent and a force multiplier.

Domestically, the Modi Doctrine's success is expected to boost the BJP's prospects in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and the upcoming Bihar polls. The firm stance against terror is likely to consolidate nationalist sentiments like the 2019 surgical strikes after the Pulwama attack, a critical factor in electoral dynamics.

The Modi government's decisive actions have been used effectively in electoral campaigns, projecting Modi as a strong leader capable of safeguarding India's sovereignty. Opposition parties may struggle again to counter this narrative, often appearing defensive on national security issues.

Global Implications and Strategic Legacy

The Modi Doctrine has transformed India from a reactive state to a proactive power willing to defend its sovereignty by all means necessary.

It has cemented India's image as a nation that not only possesses the military capability but also the political will to protect its interests. This doctrine has been studied by global think tanks, with many nations acknowledging its relevance in their own security strategies.

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Misinformation: The new frontline in geopolitics

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As digital content becomes ammunition, the world faces a critical challenge: to restore information. No longer confined to diplomacy or defense strategy, today's power struggles are fought in the realm of perception—through deepfakes and manipulated media.

In today's war-torn world, images and videos don't just go viral, they explode. Like digital bombs, they scatter shards of truth, half-truths, and outright falsehoods across borders, screens, and minds. We are living in an age where one deepfake can shatter diplomatic trust, one AI-generated image can incite unrest, and one viral headline can sabotage years of negotiation. When misinformation and fake news enter this roster of weaponry, the tragedy is compounded. What could have been a moment of resilience turns into a spectacle of doubt and chaos.

The recent escalations in the Indian subcontinent stand as a burning example of this. As tensions rose, misinformation surged; fabricated visuals, misattributed videos, and misleading narratives flooded social media. But what stood out was the Indian government's prompt and proactive response: deploying fact-check units, engaging official handles, and taking down false content in real-time. It wasn't just governance; it was communication warfare.

Strategic communication in today's geopolitical space has become a battlefield of contending ideas, contrasting perceptions, diverse strategies and complex narratives.

In 2025, the framework of the geopolitical landscape has been affected by the geostrategic communication architecture. The entire ecosystem has become a "Bitter Platform of pulls and pressure" a "Tug of War" and "Slanging Match" being played out on different media formats by stakeholders whose image is at stake. The moot question is whether geostrategic communication requires overriding restraints to focus on limits of misuse of content through deepfakes, AI-generated images, falsehood promotion and trigger-generated perception and response.

Recent events have shown that the geopolitical space is on a "24x7 Communication Alert". The buzz thereby generated has influenced the contours of the core diplomatic interface and messaging structure. It has also sent warning signals that wrap around "Communication Disorder", misinformation and hyped ecosystem content. The entire communication operation is not a messaging tool, rather it is being positioned as a strategic weapon to misguide and negatively align thereby disturbing the "Information Equilibrium and Discourse".

In the good old days, geopolitics was dominated by conventional

tools and channels of dissemination, bilateral interface and personal diplomacy interference to counter negative narratives, perceptions and sentiments. Today, the conventional wisdom has been overtaken by "Communication Strikes" which thrive on utilising the space to destabilise, manipulate and churn unwanted crises, narratives and unending falsehoods in an era of instant communication. Policy-makers and strategists grapple with the matrix of complex "Communication Intersections" where ground rules are not constant and thrive on fakery and "Communication Escalation" points. Any crisis that impacts geopolitics today thrives on communication disorder, imbalance and asymmetry.

The lack of understanding to dissect the negative content amongst the audiences leads to being prey to biased hostile reporting. This has been one of the biggest obstacles to transparency in communicating the right message through the appropriate medium.

Fact-checking units have become the new normal of the global order. Image depiction and messaging consistency within the diplomatic landscape have suffered pitfalls due to a lack of reciprocity in outlining events, issues and themes.

The Indian subcontinent witnessed this firsthand. As tension escalated, certain media outlets and social platforms were flooded with images and

videos purportedly from conflict zones. Many of these were from unrelated incidents or were digitally manipulated to incite public panic. However, Indian authorities acted swiftly: real-time fact-checking, dissemination of verified updates, and coordinated efforts with social media platforms helped curb the impact. The government of India's Fact Check Unit PIB, under the aegis of the I&B Ministry, played a critical role in stalling the flow of disinformation that flooded the social media space in the recent events of neighbourhood tension.

The result? Temporary restoration of the information order in a region otherwise on the brink of digital chaos. The need for a new global information order is acute and arises on account of the gaps and fissures that appear in the messaging and perception terrain.

Due to the deep impact of social media, every medium and tool within the geostrategic space is suffering from "Asymmetrical Dynamics". Dynamics related to information overload, overhype infodemics, lack of credibility and the growing role and interplay of non-state elements in the ecosystem.

The need today is to use communication not as an adjunct to a strategy and policy, but rather utilise the platform to build trust, confidence, self-belief and transparency and "Positioning Communication Perspective". The problem is that the institutional structures that govern

the ecosystem thrive on the "Imbalances Related to Resources, Reach, Accountability and Non-Regulation" of the mediums. It is no rocket science when one notices the biased projection of the Western media on issues that create ripples in the image, perception and narratives. These structures do not facilitate a fair discourse of narratives rather they suffer from communication distortion due to their mantra of knee-jerk communication.

Globally, geostrategic practitioners have suffered the menace of fact-checking, to ensure fairness and ethics in information management. This unwanted phenomenon has also thrived due to the lack of "Media literacy" and awareness amongst people, and the inability to critically understand and evaluate content.

This phenomenon is one of the biggest push factors ailing the current global information order and has led to distortion and lack of understanding of key issues dominating the media space.

In the current global order, geostrategic considerations are certainly playing out in the public domain, rather than in hush-hush corridors of power. Policymakers face the challenge of gestures, curated visuals, amplified images, and digital tools. Invasion that erases trust, cohesion and transparency in the information ecosystem.

Geostrategy, today requires a holistic narrative-building exer-

cise wherein traditional and new media formats weave together a predictable and comprehensive narrative. It is a critical factor that must be to weave and check the role and responsibility of AI.

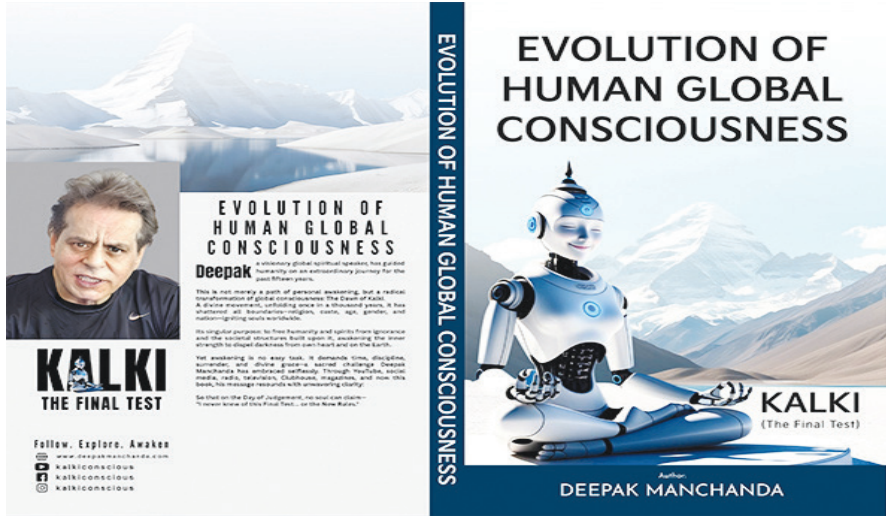
Technology-driven communication, that does not obliterate transparency and ethics in the domain of strategic messaging. Global consensus should not fall prey to the wonder tools and algorithms of AI as it would expose the inbuilt fragility of communication through modern tools techniques and content.

What the world needs now is a globally accepted fact-checking protocol; a cooperative network of governments, tech platforms, and neutral watchdogs committed to immediate and effective debunking of misinformation.

It must be matched with international investments in media literacy initiatives and cross-border transparency frameworks. In these volatile times, when geopolitics is dictated by optics and perception, the cost of unchecked misinformation is far too high. Strategic communication must be wielded not as a megaphone for chaos, but as a lighthouse of clarity and trust because the war for truth is no less important than the war for peace.

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Authored by 'son of the soil'; "KALKI: The Final Test" launches today



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Charlotte (USA), May 19: A new book poised to spark profound introspection, "Evolution of Human Global Consciousness - KALKI: The Final Test" written by spiritual teacher and futurist Deepak Manchanda, a proud son of the soil from Jammu, officially launched today. The book introduces a compelling perspective: Earth is not merely a planet but a critical testing ground for the evolution of souls, where individuals face a hidden spiritual examination determining their ultimate fate.

Manchanda, whose insights on the Bhagavad Gita have resonated with over 55 million viewers worldwide, and who hails from the Jammu region, states, "We are not humans seeking spirit. We are spirits being tested in human form. Pass, and merge with the Divine. Fail, and return. But what if this is the final test—our last chance?" This central premise forms the core of "KALKI," which delves into a global Kundalini awakening and its potential to reprogram human consciousness in the digital age.

In a unique approach, Manchanda has also pioneered the integration of artificial intelligence into spiritual guidance, training a ChatGPT model named Sakha (Sanskrit for "friend") to disseminate ancient wisdom. This human-AI collaboration aims to amplify the book's message and provide practical tools for spiritual seekers navigating a world filled with distractions. These tools include techniques for awakening Kundalini energy, balancing energy centers, and overcoming ego-driven barriers.

"KALKI: The Final Test" offers readers original, experience-based practices such as the Bhum Bhum Mantra for Third Eye activation, the 9-Pin Bowling Technique for mental stillness, the Mirror as Star Gate for connecting with the Higher Self, and Pyramid and Satellite Postures for energy center activation.

Drawing from a diverse range of spiritual traditions and incorporating elements of quantum science, the book explores how modern systems can impact consciousness

and outlines three critical spiritual debts every soul must address: Vishnu Debt (material and karmic obligations), Brahma Debt (sharing knowledge and creativity), and Shiv Debt (transmitting spiritual truths). Manchanda posits that final judgment is based on inner purity, transcending rituals and karmic balance.

Authored by Deepak Manchanda, a spiritual futurist with a background in IT and deep roots in Jammu, "Evolution of Human Global Consciousness - KALKI: The Final Test" is now available in Paperback, Hardcover, and eBook formats. Readers can find the book from today on major online platforms including: Amazon, Kindle, Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, Barnes & Noble, IngramSpark partner stores, and Draft2Digital partner stores. "KALKI: The Final Test" invites readers to consider a new understanding of their existence and embrace the journey of spiritual evolution, guided by the wisdom of a son of Jammu.

India will not tolerate terrorism in any form: Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU, MAY 19

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, today led a grand Tiranga Rally in the historic Bahu Fort area of Jammu to honour the valour and commitment of the Indian Armed Forces following the successful execution of Operation Sindoor on Pakistani soil.

The rally, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of party workers and local residents, was organised as a tribute to the Armed Forces' resolute and timely action in response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed innocent lives and was yet another grim reminder of Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross-border terrorism.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta hailed the courage and professionalism of the Indian forces, stating that Operation Sindoor has sent a strong and clear message to enemies of the nation. "The sacrifice of our citizens will not go in



vain. India will not tolerate terrorism in any form, and our Armed Forces have once again proved that they are capable of defending the nation's honour with unmatched bravery," he said.

The senior BJP leader further added that such rallies are not just symbolic, but a powerful way to show solidarity with the soldiers and express the nation's gratitude.

The Tiranga Rally began with the chanting of patriotic slogans and concluded with the unfurling of the National Flag amidst a chorus of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram".

Prominent among those who participated in the rally included Mandal President Surjeet Singh Sonu, Ex-Corporator Sharda Devi, District Secretary Sunny Gangothra, Ajay Sharma, Mohinder Sharma, Gulshan Sharma, Farman, Rakesh Kumar, Sajjan Gupta, Vivek Patyal, Yash Pal Chouhan, Nitish Thapa, Bharti Kumari, Vijay Kumar, Hans Raj, Daljeet Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Harshmeet, Liaqat Ali, and many others.

BJP leadership led by Sat Sharma visits shelling-affected areas in Nowshera

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NOWSHERA, 19 MAY 2025.

J&K BJP senior leadership led by its President Sat Sharma visited the villages Kangri, Seri, Kalsian, Jhanger, Lam and Ghai Charyalla and inspected the damages caused by Pakistan's shelling in of Nowshera Assembly and interacted with the local people.

Former J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, party General Secretary and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Thakur Randhir Singh, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, District President Pritam Sharma, District Prabhari Sanjay Kumar Baru, DDCs Rajinder Sharma, and Sangita Sharma, Sukhdev Singh, Vikram Sharma and other senior leaders of the party were present.

During a public darbar held at Kalsian, the leaders listened to grievances of the affected residents and assured them of full support.

Sat Sharma, while interacting with the media and the locals, said that the civilian areas have borne the brunt of the inappropriate military offence by Pakistan. He said that Pakistan, instead of acting on its terror camps, chose to wage a mini-war like situation, but failed to pursue the offence for a long period due to the bravery of our soldiers. He also said that Pakistan will not be able to forget the action it witnessed in 90 hours



for the next 90 years. During the time of trouble, he lauded the unity shown by the people to support the nation's cause, irrespective of their faiths/ religions. He also lauded the all-party delegation being sent by India to different nations to single out Pakistan on the issue of Terrorism.

"BJP raised the issue of 'community and individual Bunkers' with the Home Ministry and the action has already begun on the issue. The party is also committed to all the development related issues in the area particularly building, upgrading and metaling of the roads", said Sat Sharma, while assuring the people of time-bound relief and long-term security measures.

Ravinder Raina reiterated the BJP's commitment to work for the welfare of the people. He said that for the BJP, the nation is always the first and the party will take all the steps needed to secure its borders from external and internal threats. He also

stressed on the BJP cadre's commitment to the development of the area.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal praised the local masses for holding their ground during the time of Pakistan's aggression. He said that the bravery of the people gives direct power and boosts the morale of a soldier. He further asked them to hail the security forces for their bravery and sacrifices.

Thakur Randhir Singh said that the BJP family stands with the people in every problem. He said that BJP is the party of the people who came into existence to serve the masses and the nation and the party cadre is sincerely serving the masses in this hour.

Mohan Lal Bhagat said that the inappropriate aggressive behaviour by Pakistan backfired and taught a good lesson. Pakistan was given a befitting reply by our brave Indian Forces, who have, since centuries, written a saga of sacrifices and bravery, said Mohan Lal.

Indian Army provides Emergency Medical Aid to Local Civilian in Remote Region Dhakikot, Rajouri



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On 19 May 2025 at approximately 1645 hours, a local civilian sustained a crush injury to his abdomen after a heavy stone (weighing around 45-50 kg) accidentally fell on him while he was engaged in house construction. The injured individual was brought to the Regimental Aid Post (RAP) of Indian Army by local residents during an ongoing operation in the area. The Regimental Medical Officer (RMO) promptly administered emergency

first aid, including pain management and supportive care. After stabilization, the individual was referred to Government Hospital, Kotranka for further evaluation, including X-ray and ultrasound, to rule out any internal injuries or complications. The individual's vital parameters were found to be within normal limits, and his condition was reported as stable. The swift and professional response by the Army medical team highlights its continued commitment to the welfare and well-being of the local populace.

JCDA gets National Level Award at Delhi

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JAMMU, MAY 19

Jammu Computer Dealer Association (JCDA) a representative body of the IT fraternity from Jammu province has received The Best Regional ICT Association of 2024 award at the 17th NCN Innovative Product awards 2024 at Delhi.

JCDA was given the award at NCN-ICT India Partner Summit 2025 held at Delhi in which the awards for the preceding year were given to the IT Brands and ICT Associations. This was the seventeenth edition of the prestigious award ceremony that is held annually. The ceremony was attended by IT fraternity from across the country and all the state level associations were present on the occasion. The awardees were



selected through online voting and also through editorial jury to make it a fair process of selection.

The Best Regional ICT Association of 2024 award was given to Jammu Computer Dealer Association (Regd.) for being a very active association. It is pertinent to mention here that JCDA organized one

of its kinds IT-EXPO in Jammu in 2024 wherein more than 40 national and international brands participated. It was a great opportunity for the retail as well as institutional buyers in J&K to get exposure to the latest technologies in ICT sector. JCDA has been instrumental in social as well as sports

Arvind holds public outreach in ward-39, resolves key civic issues on spot

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JAMMU, MAY 19

In a significant effort to strengthen the bond between governance and the grassroots, Senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Shri Arvind Gupta, today conducted a public outreach program in Ward No. 39, where he directly interacted with local residents and attentively listened to their grievances.

During the interaction, residents raised pressing issues related to water scarcity, electricity supply, and civic concerns.

Arvind Gupta immediately took up the matter with the concerned departments. As a result of his intervention, water supply and electricity issues were promptly resolved on the spot, providing much-needed relief to the residents.



The MLA said, "The Modi Government at the Centre is committed to the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vish-

was, Sabka Prayas' and is ensuring that basic amenities like water, electricity, and sanitation reach every household without delay.

Today's outreach is a testament to the BJP's dedication to responsive and accountable governance."

He further assured that all remaining civic issues in the area will be addressed in a phased manner and that he remains accessible to the people for redressal of their concerns. The MLA emphasized the BJP's commitment to development and inclusive growth in Jammu West. The meeting

highlighted the BJP's ongoing mission to ensure that the voice of every citizen is heard and acted upon, reinforcing its image as a people-centric and development-driven party.

Senior BJP leaders including Parbhat Singh Jamwal, Ravi Kant, Mandal President Kushant Prapajati, Karan Sharma, Mohit Vaid, and other party workers participated in the outreach program.

Langeh leads Tiranga Rally in Ramban to honour Indian Armed Forces



JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 19

The BJP unit of Ramban, under the leadership of senior party leader and former MLA Neelam Langeh, today conducted a Tiranga Rally in Ramban to pay tribute to the Indian Armed Forces for their successful execution of Operation Sindoor in Pakistan—a strong and befitting response to the tragic Pahalgam terror killings. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from district office bearers, Mandal Presidents, party workers, and prominent citizens of Ramban. Participants marched through key areas of the town waving the Tiranga, raising slogans in praise of the Armed Forces, and demonstrating unity and patriotism.

This symbolic rally was part of a broader initiative planned across strategic locations in Ramban district to express deep respect and gratitude for the bravery, sacrifice, and dedication of the Indian security forces in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and peace. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Langeh said

that the rally was a collective tribute to the courage of the armed forces and a way to strengthen the spirit of national pride among the people. He lauded the seamless coordination and disciplined participation of BJP karyakartas and office bearers, which made the rally a resounding success.

The former MLA lauded the Indian security forces for delivering a befitting and bold response to Pakistan through Operation Sindoor, carried out deep inside enemy territory.

Neelam Langeh said this decisive action has sent a clear message that India will not tolerate any form of provocation or terrorism. He praised the bravery and precision of the armed forces, calling their strike a moment of national pride. He also issued a stern warning to Pakistan, stating that the rogue nation must immediately stop sponsoring cross-border terrorism or be prepared to face even stronger retaliation in the future.

The Tiranga Rally concluded with patriotic slogans and a reaffirmation of unwavering support for the Indian Armed Forces.

Hakeem urges centre, seeks urgent relief package for devastated orchardists, families

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SRINAGAR, MAY 19

In the wake of the catastrophic windstorm that ravaged large parts of the Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former minister Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen has issued a fervent appeal to the government to declare the calamity a National Disaster, citing unprecedented damage to both livelihoods and lives.

Terming the situation as "an economic and humanitarian catastrophe of grave proportions," Yaseen said over 80 percent of apple orchards—the backbone of Kashmir's rural economy—stand destroyed, with thousands of families staring at financial ruin.

"This is not merely a weather event—it is a disaster of national scale. Traditional survey methods will only deepen despair. The government must act swiftly, decisively, and compassionately," he said in an urgent statement on Monday.

Yaseen stressed that this is the time to abandon red-tape and inertia. "This devastation demands fast-track assessments, direct compensation, and a comprehensive special relief package. Growers have lost hope. Their saplings, their trees, their years of labor—all lie shattered. If this is not declared a national disaster, what is?" he asked. The former minister also highlighted the plight of ordinary families, stating that hundreds of residential houses across the Valley have suffered serious structural damage. From flying roof

tops to shattered windows and collapsed hoardings, entire neighborhoods have been left exposed to the elements. "People are homeless, helpless, and hopeless. The state must not look away. Compensation must be provided immediately and without bureaucratic delays," Yaseen demanded.

He urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally



approach Union Home Minister Amit Shah and present a joint memorandum urging the Centre to declare the event a National Disaster under the Disaster Management Act. "This is not a political moment—it is a moment of truth for governance. The people of Kashmir need united leadership, not procedural apathy."

Yaseen also pointed to the crippling impact on tourism, saying the sector—already struggling—has now been dealt another blow as the storm uprooted infrastructure and discouraged visitors. "Kashmir cannot afford silence from Delhi. We need solidarity, not sympathy," he said.

Hakeem said that in Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, and other districts, tin sheets, debris,

and hoardings turned deadly, injuring many and damaging vehicles and homes. Apple nurseries in Pulwama's Karewa belt, orchards in Tangmarg and Baramulla, and public infrastructure in Kupwara, Ganderbal, and Bandipora have suffered massive losses.

"The power grid has been crippled, with dozens of transformers and electric poles destroyed, while water supply systems have collapsed in multiple areas due to damaged pumping stations and filtration plants," he said. Yaseen said this is a test of leadership, Kashmir bleeds today—its orchards, its homes, its children. The government must rise to the occasion. Anything less than a national-level response will be an unforgivable betrayal, he added.

Shiv Sena demands special relief, rehabilitation package, restoration of statehood

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JAMMU, MAY 19

Operation Sindoor has achieved its goal with almost complete success. Now the Indo-Pak borders are calm and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is rapidly becoming normal, for the promotion of which an all-party delegation should be sent to Jammu and Kashmir, which gives the message of 'All is Well' so that the economy of Jammu and Kashmir, affected after the Pahalgam attack, returns back on track quickly, stated by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena UBT Jammu and Kashmir unit.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state



chief Manish Sahni said that the economy of Jammu and Kashmir, based on tourism business, has been affected by Pakistan-sponsored terrorism for the last 37 years, the situation had completely collapsed after the Pahalgam attack. Sahni said that the situation is fast getting back to normal. He said that April to August is the peak season for tourism business in Kashmir. The Holy Shri Amarnath Yatra is also going to start from 3rd July. He appeals to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to send an all-party delegation to Jammu and Kashmir to give the message of normalcy. Along with this, he demands the announcement of relief and rehabilitation package for those affected by the cross-border firing and restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Sahni said that a memorandum has also been sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi through the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir regarding the above demands. On this occasion Sr vice president Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kumar were also present.

Inter-Zone District Level Tournament continues in Kathua

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KATHUA, MAY 19

The department of youth services and Sports Kathua conducted inter zone district level competitions for U14 years girls in the discipline of kabaddi, kho-kho, Volleyball, Badminton, T T and chess at Naaz Ground Billawar and cricket U17 boys at Sports Stadium Hiranagar. At Naaz Ground Billawar girls of U14 years category showcased their talents in different events. A great enthusiasm was seen among the young players who displayed their talents in different events. A total of 197 girls from Upper six zones: Mahanpur, Basohli, Bani, Malhar, Billawar and Bhaddu of district Kathua today took part in these events.



While at Sports Stadium Hiranagar cricket matches for U17 years boys were organized. In today's match zone kathua outplayed zone Hiranagar by defeating it by 75 runs. Earlier zone kathua won the toss and elected to bat first. Kathua team scored 133 runs in for the loss of

3 wickets. Hiranagar were all mere at 59.

On the other hand at Billawar today's results are as:

1 Kho-Kho
Zone Billawar Vs Bhaddu

Zone Bhaddu won the match by 2 pts.
2: Kabaddi

Bani Vs Billawar
Bani won by 2 points
3: Volleyball
Zone Malhar Vs Billawar

Billawar defeated Malhar by 2-0 sets
4: Badminton
Basohli Vs Billawar

Billawar won the match by 2-0 sets.

BJP leadership led by Sunil Sharma visits heavy shelling affected area in Rajouri

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RAJOURI, 19 MAY 2025:

A BJP delegation comprising Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma, BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr Narinder Singh, J&K BJP Vice President and MLA Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, MLA Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania and District President Dev Raj Sharma visited the villages of Chatyar, Pathan Mohra, Dhangri, Ghambir and Gunni in Rajouri District and interacted with residents affected by heavy shelling from Pakistan.

Senior leaders interacted with the locals, to know their issues and assure them of the relief and rehabilitation measures. BJP leadership also met the administration including the DC, and DIG to discuss the prevailing situation and the steps undertaken for the relief and rehabilitation of the affected people.

Senior leaders also visited the Government



Medical College (GMC) in Rajouri. They met with patients who were injured due to shelling by Pakistan, inquired about their health and well-being, reviewed the medical care being provided, and wished them a speedy recovery. They also assured the injured individuals of all possible support.

Speaking to the media and the people, Sunil Sharma said that India, for the first time in recent history, has responded with unprecedented fierceness against Pakistan's terror operations. He highlighted India's multi-pronged

response, including targeting terror infrastructure across the border, applying diplomatic pressure, imposing economic constraints, and suspending the Indus Water Treaty. Sharma also condemned certain political persons who support a soft approach toward Pakistan.

Dr. Narinder Singh said that while the Indian military kept a high level of professionalism and restraint to successfully target only the terrorist infrastructures, Pakistan ashamed humanity by openly supporting terrorists. He said that India is moving forward with the

mission to become a world superpower and current conflict has established India's might. The public welfare policies while strengthening the nation militarily and economically has shown the on-ground results, he said.

Sham Lal Sharma reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to the people and assured that the party is actively following up with the administration to expedite relief operations. While assuring them full help by the BJP cadre along with the government, he appealed to the citizens to stay united.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta lauded the all-party delegation initiative and said that the united opposition along with the whole nation is supporting the strict stance taken by the government against the terrorism and Pakistan.

RS Pathania called on people to act as responsible citizens by strengthening the society in this challenging time, showing vigilance, patience, and compassion.

Kavinder calls for immediate action to identify, expose Pakistani Spies operating in India



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta has strongly advocated for a nationwide crackdown on individuals residing in India who are allegedly working as spies for Pakistan. His statement comes in the wake of the arrest of Haryana-based travel vlogger Jyoti Malhotra, who has been arrested of sharing sensitive information with Pakistani operatives.

Speaking after the meeting held at Party Head-

quarters in Jammu, the BJP stalwart emphasized that national security must remain the topmost priority and that such betrayals cannot and should not be tolerated under any circumstances.

"The recent arrest of a travel vlogger involved in espionage for Pakistan is a grim reminder that the enemy is not always across the border – sometimes they are living among us. This is the right time to identify, expose, and punish such elements who are compromising the integrity and sovereignty of our nation," he said.

Kavinder further called on intelligence agencies to intensify surveillance and verification mechanisms to root out individuals engaged in anti-national activities.

These are not just isolated incidents. There is a pattern that needs urgent attention. Those who misuse their profession, freedom, or platforms to serve enemy interests must face the strictest punishment," he said.

The former deputy Chief Minister also urged citizens to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to law enforce-

ment agencies, asserting that national interest must always come before individual motives or affiliations.

Among those who were present in the meeting included Sanjita Dogra, President Mahila Morcha, Veenu Khanna, Baldev Singh Billawria, Ved Sharma, Perduman Singh, Kulbhushan Mohtra, Bawa Sharma, Satish Shastri, Suman Raina, Usha Rajput, Rekha Mahajan, Prerna Nanda, Malti Sharma and Sunita Raina.

Arun Gupta elected as President of Arya Samaj, Dayanand Marg, City Chowk

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JAMMU, MAY 19

Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg, City Chowk, Jammu witnessed a spiritually uplifting and significant day as it conducted its elections in a solemn atmosphere, beginning with Sandhya, Hawan, and devotional bhajans. In a unanimous decision reflecting unity and collective trust, Arun Kumar Gupta was elected as President and was vested with the authority to form his own cabinet.

The election proceedings were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Kulbushan Mahotra, Senior Vice President, ensuring transparency and discipline throughout. Sh. Balwan Singh, General Secretary, presented detailed updates on the developmental initiatives at Bathera and Bathera School, including enhancements in rental income that will support ongoing projects. Sh. Ashok Chaturvedi,



Manager of Arya Kanya Vidyalaya, Kachi Chawani, highlighted the school's progress and its mission of

empowering young girls through value-based education.

Following his elec-

tion, Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta announced his cabinet, appointing Dr. Kulbushan Mahotra as Senior Vice President, Sh. Diwakar Chauhan as Vice President, Sh. Balwan Singh as General Secretary, Pt. Mukesh Shastri as Treasurer, and Sh. Ashok Chaturvedi as Manager of Arya Kanya Vidyalaya. In his vote of thanks, Sh. Gupta expressed deep gratitude for the trust placed in him by the members and pledged to uphold the values of Arya Samaj with integrity and devotion, working collectively to achieve the goals set forth. The event concluded with the distribution of Rishi Langer, marking the close of a meaningful and harmonious gathering.

Birla Open Minds International School Jammu honours Academic Excellence

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Birla Open Minds International School, Jammu, hosted a grand Felicitation Ceremony today, to honour and celebrate the achievements of its academic toppers.

The event was a proud moment for the school as students, parents, and faculty gathered to acknowledge the hard work and excellence demonstrated by the meritorious students.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome speech extending heartfelt greetings to the Chairperson, Dr. Panna Manhas Choudhary, Principal Ms. Aparana Kohli, esteemed parents, and the academic toppers. This was followed by the felicitation of the Chairperson for her unwavering support and visionary leadership. The lighting of the

ceremonial lamp marked the traditional beginning of the event, symbolizing the light of knowledge and wisdom.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the felicitation of the toppers, where students who had excelled in their academics were honoured with certificates and tokens of appreciation. Their dedication, perseverance, and pursuit of excellence were applauded by all present. Chairperson Dr. Panna Manhas Choudhary, in her inspiring address, lauded the efforts of the students and acknowledged the pivotal role played by parents and educators in their journey. She said, "Today is not just a celebration of academic brilliance, but a testimony to the commitment, discipline, and determination shown by our young achievers. Let this success be a stepping stone towards even

greater accomplishments. Always remember, true success is defined by how well you use your knowledge to serve others and make a positive impact on the world." Principal Ms. Aparana Kohli addressed the gathering, congratulating the students on their success and encouraging them to continue striving for excellence in all their future endeavours. She also appreciated the support of parents and teachers in nurturing the talents of the students.

This year's overall school topper for class XII in Medical stream are Riddhiman Sharma scoring 95%, Vaibhav Choudhary scoring 94.4%, Raghvi Singh scoring 92.2%, Angel Sharma scoring 92% and Avni Sajgotra scoring 91.8%. Vridhi Mahajan brought laurels in Non-Medical stream scoring 93%. Riya Sharma scoring



92% is the topper in Commerce. Toppers in Humanities are Mohd. Tasin Khan scoring 92.4% and Diksha Kumari scoring 91.4% reflecting the school's unwavering commitment to academic brilliance. The school also celebrates the achievements of its subject toppers who scored more than 90%, whose hard work and dedication have earned them top scores: English: Gurnoor Kaur Johar, Avni

Sajgotra, Marvee Balgotra, Iqra Choudhary, Riddhiman Sharma, Menal Kour, Vridhi Mahajan, Debanjali Rudra, Arushi Gehlot, Ishmeet Kour, Riya Sharma, Mohd. Tasin Khan, Diksha Kumari, Vaibhav Choudhary, Saket Goja, Ayush Kak. Biology: Gurnoor Kaur Johar, Avni Sajgotra, Angel Sharma, Iqra Choudhary, Riddhiman Sharma, Raghvi Singh, Vridhi Mahajan, Omehra-ul-Mehfooz, Anum

Choudhary, Ishmeet Kaur, Vardaan Verma, Soham Sachin, Qamer-ul-Nisa, Vaibhav Choudhary, Aryavansh Saraf. Chemistry: Gurnoor Kaur Johar, Avni Sajgotra, Angel Sharma, Riddhiman Sharma, Raghvi Singh, Menal Kour, Vridhi Mahajan, Ishmeet Kaur, Vaibhav Choudhary, Aryavansh Saraf. Physics: Angel Sharma, Riddhiman Sharma, Vridhi Mahajan, Soham Sachin, Vaibhav Choudhary. Physical Edu-

cation: Gurnoor Kaur Johar, Avni Sajgotra, Angel Sharma, Iqra Choudhary, Riddhiman Sharma, Raghvi Singh, Mishael Sheikh, Debanjali Rudra, Omehra-ul Mehfooz, Vaishnavi Gupta, Pranav Abrol, Ayesha Kainaat, Ishmeet Kaur, Mohd. Tasin Khan, Vaibhav Choudhary. Mathematics: Soham Sachin, Vridhi Mahajan. Economics: Riya Sharma. Business Studies: Riya Sharma. Psychology: Menal Kour, Mohd. Tasin Khan. Political Science: Arihant Sharma, Mohd. Mufaid, Mohd. Tasin Khan, Diksha Kumari. History: Shariq Hussain, Diksha Kumari. Painting: Vardaan Verma, Tanmayata Sharma, Ishita Sharma, Mahi Gupta Topping the charts in class X is Vishwaraj Parmar with an exceptional 92.8%, closely followed by Samrat Choudhary at 92% and Masooma Munshi at 90.8%. These

remarkable achievements reflect academic excellence and the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders. Here is a list of our proud achievers: Vishwaraj Parmar - 92.8%, Samrat Choudhary - 92%, Masooma Munshi - 90.8%, Mitali Choudhary - 89.6%, Mani - 88.8%, Tofia Mush-taq - 88.8%, Jenil Suthar - 88.6%, Mohd Burhan - 87.2%, Soha Saheer Tak - 86.6%, Drishti - 86%, Divya Thakur - 84.6%, Japjot Singh - 84%, Rayhaan Ahmed - 83.8%, Harsimran Kour - 83.8%, Mohit Chalotra - 83.6%, Lakshay Singh Charak - 82.8%, Aradhya Gandotra - 82.4% event concluded with a joyous cake-cutting ceremony, celebrating the collective achievement of the school community and marking the culmination of a memorable occasion.

Jammu Police booked hardcore criminal of Bishnah area under PSA

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Acting tough against criminals Jammu Police today on 19.05.2025 booked the notorious criminal from Bishnah area under PSA and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur.

The notorious criminal namely Vishal Sharma @ Shooter S/o Bishan Dass R/o Khojipur Bishnah has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu. The booked hard-core criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

It is pertinent to mention here that multiple FIR's are already registered against the above mentioned criminal in Jammu, Kathua and Samba District.

The above said notorious criminal has remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Hon'ble Courts and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier under stringent PSA was recommended against the subject, upon which, the District Magistrate Jammu, after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrant against him.

COAS lauds troops for vigilant defence along Western Front

JINNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 19 MAY 2025

General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), today visited Laungewala in the forward areas of the Konark Corps in the desert sector to congratulate the troops for their exemplary role during Operation SINDOOR and to review the joint actions undertaken in coordination with the Indian Air Force and the Border Security Force. The desert stretches from Jaisalmer to the Kutch region witnessed a swift and coordinated operational response from the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and BSF. These joint actions not only blunted enemy intent but also established a new normal in maintaining operational dominance along the western front. As part of Operation SINDOOR, the Indian Army undertook rapid deployment of surveillance assets and air defence systems, in close coordination with the IAF and BSF. The calibrated positioning of weapon systems and other operational enablers, aligned



with civil administration support, ensured effective area domination and neutralisation of potential threats.

During his interaction with soldiers of the Konark Corps, the Army Chief exhorted a spirited "Shabash!", acknowledging their valour, unwavering commitment, and dogged determination in defending the International Boundary. He praised the troops for their vigilant actions, including the successful neutralisation of enemy drone incursions, which effectively prevented any misadventure by the adversary in the desert theatre.

General Dwivedi also commended the commanders and units for

their professionalism, high morale, and integrated execution of operational plans. He highlighted the Army's tradition of honour and its unflinching readiness to meet future challenges with decisive force, reaffirming the Indian Army's commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and ensuring high operational preparedness amidst a dynamic security environment.

Appreciating the fortitude of men and women serving in the harsh desert terrain amid peak summer conditions, the Army Chief conveyed his and the Nation's admiration for their unrelenting service in defence of national objectives.

Samsung 'Galaxy Empowered' launches Immersive Programme for Bhutan's Teaching Community

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19, 2025:

Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is welcoming passionate educators from remote corners of Bhutan into its growing community, 'Galaxy empowered', a one-of-a-kind community-led programme designed to transform education by empowering teachers, principals, and administrators in the education sector.

'Galaxy empowered', which aims to prepare teachers for the classrooms of tomorrow through recurring on-ground and online learning events, was launched in India in December 2024. Now, through immersive workshops and collaborative learning, Bhutanese teachers are also part of the movement that is redefining classrooms with technology and innovation.

Samsung organised a 'Galaxy empowered' immersion programme for these educators, many of whom serve in remote and underserved communities in Bhutan, at its Executive Business Centre (EBC) in Gurugram. During the immersion programme, teachers gained hands-

on experience with the Galaxy ecosystem, including Galaxy smartphones, Galaxy Books, Tablets, flipboards, and displays.

In addition, they were introduced to Samsung's latest innovations in education, including Galaxy devices and Galaxy AI applications tailored for modern, inclusive teaching. This was facilitated in partnership with the Teacher and Educational Leadership Division (TELD), Department of School Education, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Bhutan.

"I had never used an interactive whiteboard before. Seeing it in action gave me so many ideas for making lessons more engaging for my students," said Khandu, teacher at Wangdue Primary School.

The Immersion Programme at Samsung Regional Headquarter witnessed the participation of educators from various schools across Bhutan, including Khandothang Primary School (Samtse), Pelrithang Higher Secondary School (Gelephu, Sarpang), Lobesa Lower Secondary School (Punakha Dzongkhag), Yoechen Central School (Pema Gatshel),

Phuentsholing Primary School (Phuentsholing Thromde), and Chhukha Dzongkhag, among others.

"The technology we saw today showed how classrooms can become more exciting and student-friendly. I am thinking about how we can try small changes in our own schools," said Ghana Shyam Dhungana, Academic Head at Pelrithang Higher Secondary School (Gelephu, Sarpang).

As a global leader in technology, Samsung is dedicated to transforming the future of education by developing future-ready classrooms that empower teachers to integrate the latest technology and modern teaching methodologies. Through initiatives such as 'Galaxy empowered', Samsung not only supports educators but also helps schools emerge as leaders in educational innovation.

"At Samsung, we understand that empowering a teacher is about inspiring a transformation that turns classrooms into vibrant spaces of curiosity, creativity, and connection. Through 'Galaxy empowered', we aim to ignite a spark

that shapes the minds of future generations. We are proud to see this programme expand its reach beyond India, evolving into a global platform for learning and collaboration," said a Samsung India spokesperson.

The 'Galaxy Empowered' programme is offered free of charge to both teachers and schools, ensuring that valuable resources for educational advancement are accessible without financial constraints. It offers no-cost online training, self-paced courses on the Galaxy empowered site, and physical boot camps.

"This visit reminded me that technology is not only for big cities. With the right support, even remote schools can benefit from these innovations," said Pema Dorji, Officiating Principal at Jigmeling Primary School (Tang, Bumthang).

In India, under the umbrella of 'Galaxy empowered', over 4,800 teachers from more than 250 schools have been awarded certificates since December 2024. The programme aims to empower 20,000 teachers across 600 schools of India by 2025.

Gaurav meets J&K Bank CMD, seeks urgent financial relief for industrialists, traders

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 19

Gaurav Gupta, Spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, and former Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, today called on Shri Amitava Chatterjee, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of J&K Bank, at the bank's Corporate Headquarters in Srinagar.

During the meeting, Gaurav Gupta submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting the alarming slowdown in commercial activity across the region due to the prevailing critical situation. He apprised the Bank's MD of the financial distress faced by industrialists and traders, citing factors such as large-scale labour migration, supply chain disruptions, and a steep decline in market demand that have collectively destabilized businesses and threatened

employment across various sectors.

In the memorandum, the BJP Spokesperson strongly appealed for the initiation of Working Capital Demand Loans (WC DL) on concessional terms, modeled on the COVID-19 relief framework. He emphasized that such support would provide urgent liquidity to viable yet distressed units, helping them stay afloat and avoid slipping into non-performing assets (NPAs).

Gaurav Gupta also suggested that the Bank consider measures such as interest subvention, moratorium on existing loans, and other need-based financial solutions to ease the burden on the business community. He stressed that a timely and focused financial response was essential to stabilize local markets, retain jobs,



and boost confidence among entrepreneurs and traders.

Gupta acknowledged the pivotal role of J&K Bank in supporting the region's economy and expressed faith in the leadership of Shri Chatterjee to guide the bank's response during this difficult period.

Responding to the appeal, the Bank MD & CEO assured Gaurav

Gupta that J&K Bank is actively working on appropriate relief measures. He stated that the COVID-19 pandemic served as a life lesson in preparing for unforeseen challenges and reiterated the Bank's commitment to standing firmly with the business community of Jammu & Kashmir. He further assured that the Bank will take adequate steps, including interest subvention, temporary moratoriums, and customized financial packages, to support businesses impacted by the ongoing economic stress.

Gaurav Gupta thanked the MD & CEO of the Bank for his patient hearing and proactive approach, expressing hope that concrete relief measures would be announced soon to safeguard the interests of the business sector across Jammu & Kashmir.

CU Jammu organizes Tiranga Rally to celebrate Spirit of Patriotism

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

In a vibrant celebration of patriotism and national pride, the Office of the Dean Students' Welfare, in collaboration with the Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, organized a vibrant Tiranga Rally in the campus. The event was held under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who led the rally with great enthusiasm. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and administrative staff, who marched proudly with the Indian tricolour in hand from the university premises to its main gate and echoed the collective zeal and commitment of the university community towards the nation.



The Rally marked by chants of nationalistic slogans and a display of collective pride, aimed to reinforce the values of unity, diversity, and constitutional ethos. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain led the procession and addressed the participants, stressing the importance of foster-

ing patriotism and social responsibility among the youth. He applauded the university community for their active involvement and highlighted the role of educational institutions in shaping conscientious citizens. Prof. Jain said that "Such initiatives inspire us to uphold the dignity of our nation and strengthen

the bonds of harmony". The event concluded with a pledge to promote India's rich cultural heritage and democratic ideals.

The rally was organized as part of the university's ongoing efforts to instill national pride and encourage civic engagement among students and staff.

DDC Member Vidhya Motton inaugurates Marble work at Community Hall in RS Pura

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RS PURA, MAY 19

The Community Hall near Shiv Mandir, Railway Line, Keshav Nagar, Bagga Marh, RS Pura, was graced with the inauguration of marble works, a significant enhancement to the facility. The ceremony was performed by esteemed DDC Member Smt. Vidhya Motton, in the presence of notable dignitaries including newly elected Bar Association RS Pura Munsiff President Adv Deepak Sharma. The marble work is estimated to cost around Rs 4 lacs, reflecting a substantial investment in community infrastructure. The marble works at the Community Hall will enhance the aesthetic appeal and functionality of the space, providing a better environment for community gatherings and events. The initiative reflects the commitment to improving community infrastructure



and providing better facilities for residents. The presence of esteemed dignitaries underscores the importance of this development for the local community.

The locals have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the DDC member for the inauguration of marble works at the Community Hall. They believe that this initiative will be a huge favor to the community, providing a well-maintained space for various celebrations and events. The upgraded Community Hall will offer a better environ-

ment for managing different celebrations and events. The improved facility will be beneficial for the locals, allowing them to utilize the space for various purposes. The locals appreciate the DDC member's efforts in enhancing community infrastructure, reflecting a positive impact on the community's quality of life.

Motton speaking on the occasion said that continuance development in rural areas reflects the Indian government's commitment to bridging the gap between rural and urban areas. Accord-

ing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government aims to empower rural India by transforming villages into vibrant centers of growth and opportunity. Key initiatives include providing tap water, toilets, and housing to rural households, added Motton.

DDC Member further said that connecting villages to highways, expressways, and railways, and promoting digital infrastructure like Common Service Centers and UPI. Over 94% of rural households now have access to telephones or mobile phones and banking services. Initiatives like Lakhpati Didis and self-help groups are empowering women in rural areas. The government aims to make 3 crore women Lakhpati Didis. The government's goal is to make India a developed nation by 2047, with a focus on rural development and inclusive growth, added Motton.

Indian Army organizes Quami Ekta Meet for Local Population at Chilli, Kishtwar

JINews SERVICE
KISHTWAR: 19 MAY 2025

In continuation of its endeavour to promote peace and tranquillity in the region and to evolve an environment of brotherhood and harmony amongst the local population, a Quami Ekta Meet was organised by the Indian Army on 18 May 2025 at Chilli Army Camp. The event was graced by an approximate gathering of 115 prominent personalities from the nearby villages. During the course of interaction, initiatives being undertaken for development of the region and subsequently the problems being faced by the local populace were discussed. The aim of this meet was to engage with the local communities in a positive manner thereby

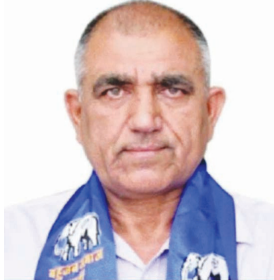


defeating the nefarious design of adversaries. The local leaders themselves brought out the need and importance of harmony in the region which is a clear sign of the bonhomie present in Chilli region. The Indian Army exhorted upon the religious preachers to work towards maintaining peace in the region and promised full support in fulfilling their local requirements. The meet was well received and the local leaders greatly appreciated and applauded the support provided by the Indian Army in all spheres. It is part of an endeavour by Indian Army to win hearts and minds of the local populace in the region and promote harmony and integration.

Darshan Rana requests for facilitation of seasonal migration of Bakarwal community

JINews SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Darshan Rana, State President of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Jammu & Kashmir, has issued an urgent appeal to the Lieutenant Governor's administration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, requesting immediate action to facilitate the seasonal migration of the Bakarwal tribal community along with their livestock. As one of the oldest nomadic communities in the region, the Bakarwals undertake annual migration with their herds across mountainous terrains, and any delay or disruption in their traditional movement schedule can severely impact their livelihood and the health of their animals. Due to current administrative delays, lack of logistical arrangements, and absence of adequate ground-level coordination, the Bakarwals are facing hardships in proceeding with their seasonal journey, which has traditionally been smooth and well-supported in earlier



years. The migration is not just a routine event but a vital part of the socio-economic and cultural fabric of the Bakarwal community, and it requires timely governmental intervention to ensure the availability of transportation facilities, veterinary support, proper grazing route access, and basic amenities such as food, water, and shelter along the migration routes. Mr. Rana emphasized that the delay in making these arrangements not only causes suffering to thousands of tribal families but also jeopardizes the well-being of the livestock they depend on for their sustenance. He reminded the administration that tribal communities like the Bakarwals are integral to the heritage of Jammu & Kashmir and that supporting

them during their seasonal transitions is both a constitutional obligation and a moral responsibility. The current situation, marked by poor coordination and lack of preparedness, reflects a serious lapse in governance and threatens to erode the trust between the tribal population and the state machinery. Mr. Rana called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to immediately deploy special teams, in coordination with the district administrations, to assess the situation on the ground and take action without any further delay. He also demanded the setting up of temporary checkpoints with medical care for livestock, mobile veterinary units, and supply chains for essentials to assist the migrating families. The BSP leadership has assured the Bakarwal community that their concerns are being taken up with the highest authorities and reaffirmed the party's unwavering commitment to social justice, equality, and tribal welfare. Mr. Rana also warned that if adequate steps are not

taken within the coming days, the BSP would be compelled to raise this issue at a broader level through peaceful democratic means to ensure justice is delivered. The plight of the Bakarwals should not be ignored, especially when they are in need of urgent assistance, and Darshan Rana has reiterated that his party stands with them in this hour of difficulty and will continue to work toward safeguarding their rights and dignity at every level of governance. For further information and statements, the media is requested to contact the office of Darshan Rana, State President, BSP J&K.

Annual Training Camp- for cadets of Kashmir region kicks off at NTA Nagrota

JINews SERVICE
NAGROTA: 19 MAY 2025

The NCC Camp is marked by enthusiasm, discipline, & a healthy & balanced mix of physical & intellectual activities.

The day began with PT, yoga, firing practice, & the obstacle course, setting a high-energy tone.

Camp Commandant Col Saurabh Saxena motivated the cadets with his opening address to perform well, followed by rigorous drill classes.

Lt Col Manpal Singh Dhanoa conducted informative sessions on the Service Selection Board (SSB), enhancing cadets' awareness of prepara-



tion required to join the defense services as an Officer.

A special session on health and hygiene by Dr. Samridhi, from Primary Health Centre Nagrota

emphasized wellness & preventive care.

The day successfully integrated physical fitness with knowledge-based learning, reinforcing values of leadership,

teamwork, discipline, & national pride. The camp continues to nurture the holistic development of future citizens as leaders of the nation.

Langar is a noble mean of serving humanity: Balbir Ram

JINews SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secretary of Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth, General Secretary of the Indian branch of British Ravidassia Heritage Foundation, and member of the Begumpura Vishwa Mahasabha, along with prominent social worker and businessman of Jammu, Prem Gupta, served langar (free community meal) to over 300 people today in the Bakshi Nagar area of Jammu. This langar has been organized daily for the past three months by Prem Gupta using his personal resources.



Indian saints. He said that such initiatives promote love, brotherhood, and harmony in society and are a powerful step in the fight against hunger.

This langar symbolizes true service to humanity and serves as a medium to unite people from all sections of society.

Balbir Ram Rattan added that such efforts bring positive change in society and inspire others to engage in selfless service.

On this occasion, Prem Gupta said that this service is a duty for me, and not an

act of charity or favour. As long as it is possible, I will continue this langar in the same way. Serving humanity is the greatest task, and it gives me inner peace. He also mentioned that other people of society should come forward to engage in such selfless acts of service so that we can build a strong, harmonious, and cooperative society. He further said that information about this langar should reach the poor and needy so that as many people as possible can benefit from it.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT-No.:-04 of 2025-26 Dated:-16-05-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Chatroo invites tenders by percentage base on e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. (U.T)/CPWD and Railways for the following work.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost(In Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of document	Time of completion (in days)	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
01	Boundary Wall at Primary School Chapoo Mohalla Zone Inderwal District Kishtwar..	PWD(R&B) Division Chatroo	07.37	14740.00	600.00	60 days	06-06-2025	A,B,C&D

Position of AAA:- Accorded

Position of T.S :- Accorded

Position of Funds:- Available

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Operation Olivia: ICG protects over 6.98 lakh Olive Ridley Turtles along the Odisha Coastline

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In a major boost to marine conservation, the Indian Coast Guard's (ICG) annual mission 'Operation Olivia' helped protect a record of over 6.98 lakh Olive Ridley turtles nested at the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha during February 2025. Conducted annually from November to May, Operation Olivia is an important initiative of the ICG aimed at ensuring safe nesting grounds for Olive Ridley turtles particularly at Gahirmatha Beach and surrounding coastal areas of Odisha, which see the arrival of over eight lakh turtles each year. The record mass nesting at the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha stands as a testament to the ICG's sustained efforts in safeguarding the endangered species through rigorous patrolling, aerial surveillance, and community engagement.

Since the inception of Operation Olivia, ICG has carried out over 5,387 surface patrol sorties & 1,768 aerial surveillance missions, significantly reducing threats such as illegal fishing and habitat disruption. During this period, 366 boats involved in ille-



gal fishing were detained, reaffirming the ICG's strong enforcement role in protecting marine life. Apart from surveillance, ICG has actively worked with local fishing communities

by promoting the use of Turtle Excluder Devices and partnering with NGOs through formal MoUs to support sustainable fishing practices and conservation education.

Parvinder Happy leads Patriotic Tiranga Rally in Ward-58, lauds Indian Army's Bravery against Pakistan

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JAMMU, MAY 19:

In a stirring display of patriotism and unity, Parvinder Singh Happy led a vibrant Tiranga Rally in Ward No. 58 on Monday, drawing participation from local residents, youth, and community leaders. The rally, marked by the enthusiastic waving of the Indian tricolour and chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," served not only as a symbol of national pride but also as a powerful statement of solidarity with the Indian armed forces.

Parvinder Singh Happy, a prominent socio-political activist in the region, used the occasion to highlight the unparalleled bravery and commitment of the Indian Army, especially in its continued defence of the nation along the borders with Pakistan. Addressing the gathering, he said, "Our soldiers are the real heroes who stand tall on the frontlines, defending the integrity and sovereignty of our country day



and night. We owe them not just our respect, but our constant support."

The rally assumed added significance in the current geopolitical climate, as tensions along the Line of Control (LoC) and cross-border skirmishes remain a challenge to regional peace. Parvinder Singh Happy emphasized that while peace is always preferred, India must never compromise on its security or honour. He credited the Indian Army for maintaining a strong deterrent against Pakistan's provocative actions and cross-border terrorism.

Community members

joined in large numbers, reflecting the growing civic awareness and pride among citizens in celebrating national values and supporting the armed forces. Many youth participants said the rally inspired them to learn more about India's military history and the sacrifices made by jawans over the decades.

The Tiranga Rally, while primarily a civilian initiative, also indirectly supported government efforts to promote national unity and counter narratives that question the role or necessity of India's defence preparedness.

VOI honors Dr. Rohit Koul with prestigious "Community Impact Award 2025"

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 19

Voice of India Foundation (VOI) is privileged to announce Dr. Rohit Koul, the distinguished Director and CEO of People's Hut Foundation, as the recipient of the esteemed Community Impact Award 2025. The award was presented by Mr. Ranjit Roy, Director of Voice of India Foundation, at a ceremony held in West Bengal.

This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Koul's exceptional dedication, visionary leadership, and profound positive impact on communities through the tireless work of People's Hut Foundation. Under Dr. Koul's guidance, People's Hut Foundation has been instrumental in providing vital healthcare services, spearheading impactful



social initiatives, offering crucial support during crises to numerous underserved populations.

Mr. Ranjit Roy, Director of Voice of India Foundation, lauded Dr. Koul's unwavering commitment and the tangible difference People's Hut Foundation has made under his direction. "It's the sheer Dedication and determination of people like him who are changemakers and contribute to society in a true sense," Mr. Ranjit Roy added while praising Dr. Koul's work and the impact of People's Hut Foundation's

work during the award ceremony.

Dr. Koul while attending the ceremony virtually, in his acceptance speech, expressed his gratitude for the recognition and dedicated the award to the entire team of People's Hut Foundation, acknowledging their tireless efforts and shared commitment to serving humanity. He also reiterated the foundation's ongoing mission and vision of empowering communities. The "Community Impact Award 2025" by Voice of India Foundation stands as a testament to Dr. Rohit Koul's exemplary leadership and the significant contributions of People's Hut Foundation in creating positive and sustainable change within communities. This recognition will undoubtedly serve as further inspiration for their continued impactful work.

Aam Aadmi Party solves water shortage problem in Khanpur, Nagrota

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 19

Aam Aadmi Party solved the water problem in Khanpur of Nagrota. Team Xen reached the spot and assured that everything will be fine in three days. At the same time, three tankers were called and water was given to the people.

Yasir and Kapoor said under the direction of Maharaj Malik that if anyone faces any problem in Nagrota assembly, we will get those problems solved.

Under the leadership of Kapoor, party leaders and people raised slogans against the PHE department.

Jammu. People are facing severe shortage of drinking water in Khanpur area located on Jammu Udhampur National Highway of Nagrota assembly constituency. Regarding this problem of the people, under the leadership of senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party Amit Kapoor, party workers and lead-



ers along with common people protested strongly against the PHE department and the minister.

Amit Kapoor, who is also the in-charge of Nagrota assembly, is on a tour of the area these days with other members of his team. During this, when he visited Khanpur area, people told him that they are facing acute shortage of drinking water and PHE department officials are not ready to solve their problem.

During the tour, he was accompanied by party leaders Engineer Harpreet Singh, Yasir Mattoo, Gurmeet Singh Baghi, Suresh Bhagat, Aslam Kohli, Gulzar Ahmed, Dr. Thapa, Amrik

Singh Sasan, Virji Kachru, Mohammad Shakeel, Harbhajan Singh, Goldy Singh, NP Singh, Amrik Singh, Sandy and others. During this, many delegations of people met him and raised the problems they are facing.

While addressing the protesters, Amit Kapoor warned the PHE department officials that if this problem of the people is not solved soon, then he will start a big movement against it. He also told that tomorrow the party's state president and Doda MLA Mehraj Malik will address a press conference in Khanpur. He will raise many important issues during this time.

Goonj Sewa Samiti extends financial aid to families affected by Pakistani Shelling in Pargwal area



JI NEWS SERVICE

AKHNOOR, MAY 19

Under Project Bharat Mata, the NGO Goonj Sewa Samiti extended financial aid and relief materials to families affected by recent Pakistani shelling in the border region of Pargwal, under the Akhnoor constituency.

Led by Retired Major Khushboo Patani, the initiative focused on helping families whose homes were severely damaged, livestock lost, or resources destroyed. One family's

entire mud house and stored grains were reduced to ashes during the shelling, for which special support was provided.

Volunteers including Vinkal Sharma, Atul Sudan, Pawan Manhas, Utam Singh, Sushil Sharma, Vishal, Surjeet Singh, Ganesh Lal, Satpal Sharma, and Banarsi Lal personally visited the affected families, assessed the damages, and ensured the timely distribution of ration kits and financial aid.

Vinkal Sharma stated,

"While the government is doing its part, we too bear a responsibility to support our fellow citizens during such challenging times. This effort is a small tribute to Bharat Mata from fellow Indians."

Local residents expressed deep gratitude towards the Goonj team, noting that the NGO was the first to step in with help even before official aid arrived, setting an inspiring example of humanity and solidarity.

Indian Army conducts Lecture on Child Health Awareness for Local Communities at Satharban, Poonch



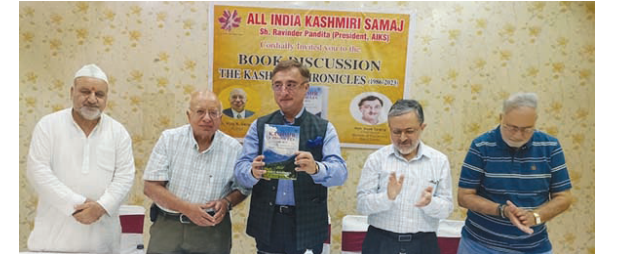
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The Indian Army has been playing a vital role not only in ensuring national security but also in contributing to the welfare and development of local communities, especially in remote and sensitive regions like Jammu and Kashmir. As part of its ongoing outreach and civic action programs, the Indian Army has conducted a lecture on child health. The event took place in Satharban of Poonch district. The Indian Army organized a child health awareness lecture aimed at educating children and their families about proper nutrition, hygiene practices, and preventive healthcare measures. Indian Army emphasized the importance of maintaining good health and

the role of a balanced diet in a child's physical and mental development. Special focus was given to the inclusion of millets in daily meals. The lecture was attended by local residents, including a large number of children. Locals were happy with the Indian Army's initiative for educating them about the child health and appreciated the efforts about teaching them about living a healthy lifestyle. Such initiatives highlight the Indian Army's commitment to winning hearts and minds by supporting the overall development of communities in conflict-prone and remote areas. By bridging the gap in healthcare accessibility, especially for children, the Indian Army continues to foster trust, goodwill, and a sense of security among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

AIKS organizes Book Discussion in New Delhi



JI NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 19

A Book discussion on a book titled "The Kashmir Chronicles" authored by Dr. Vijay Sazawal was organised by All India Kashmiri Samaj (AIKS) in Samavaj Hall, Greater Kailash, New Delhi yesterday. The function was presided over by Sh. Vivek Tankha MP and the review was presented by Ashok Manwati.

Earlier the book was released at a function in Constitution Club New Delhi by MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh. Ravinder Pandita, President AIKS, after welcoming the Chief Guest, delivered the keynote address and emphasised the need for the role of Civil societies in Kash-

mir. Sh. Vivek Tankha while endorsing abrogation of Art. 370 said that he would determine complete peace in the valley only when Kashmiri Pandits return to their homeland. Sh. Vivek Tankha the only KP origin MP in Parliament had earlier moved a 3 day motion on resettlement Bill 2023 in Rajya Sabha and recently raised the issue of return of Kashmiri Pandits and reopening of Sharda Peeth on the lines of Kartarpur corridor during a zero hour in last Parliament session. The event was anchored by Sudhir Shah, Treasurer of AIKS. Prominent members of AIKS Vijay Kashkari Sr VP, M K Pajan VP, Arun Shali and Sanjay Sapru of AIKS.

Indian Army conducts Medical Patrol at Gunda, Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI: 19 MAY 2025

Indian Army conducted "Medical Patrol" at Muthal, Gunda on 18 May 2025. In its constant endeavour to understand and touch the basic needs of people in the remote areas of Rajouri especially the Gujjar and Bakkarwals which lack such amenities, Indian Army has initiated the conduct of Medical Patrols where in the troops while ensuring safety and security of the local Populace are helping them with their basic medical needs. Indian



Army conducted medical patrol in the remote villages of Gunda which has a considerable population of Gujjar and Bakkarwals, which benefited

15 females, 14 males and 12 children. They expressed great satisfaction and gratitude towards the Indian Army for the assistance provided.

SSH pays tribute to Martyr Sunil Kumar



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 19

Members of Shiv Sena Hindustan under the leadership of J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri, visited the bereaved family of Late Sunil Kumar, a brave soldier who sacrificed his life in the India-Pakistan war, at Tareva village in Arnia block. The family informed that Sunil Kumar's brothers are also serving in the Indian Army, and their father is retired army personnel. The entire family has been dedicated to serving the nation, and Sunil Kumar made the ultimate sacrifice in this service. Members of Shiv Sena Hindustan participated in

Sunil Kumar's last rites, including Kirya Karam and Kirtan, and prayed for the peace of his divine soul. Kesri on the occasion demanded that the government establish a memorial or park in the village with a playground in the martyr's honor, ensuring that his sacrifice is remembered for generations to come. The visit reflected Shiv Sena Hindustan's solidarity with the martyr's family and its commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who serve the nation. The event was attended by State Vice President Balvir Kumar, Arnia President Balwant Fouji, Vaishno Devi, Muskan Devi, Geeta Devi.

DC reviews civic amenities, address public grievances at Omarah Morh, Kotli Pain- Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today conducted an extensive visit to Omarah Morh, T-Morh, Kotli Pain and adjoining areas to review the status of civic amenities and address public grievances.

During the visit to Omarah Morh, local residents demanded improvement of lanes and cleaning of drainage system to prevent water logging.

Responding to demands, the EO Municipality was directed to conduct a special sanitation drive in the area. These include thorough drain cleaning, intensified sanitation efforts, and fogging operations to improve hygiene



and prevent vector-borne diseases.

Emphasizing the importance of proactive civic management, the DC instructed the concerned officers to take immediate measures to decongest and clear all choked drains in the vicinity to ensure smooth water flow and avoid waterlogging during rains.

Later, the DC visited Kotli Pain, where she interacted with the local

residents. The public highlighted their long-pending demand for the construction of a road and a bridge over the local nallah, which would provide critical connectivity and ease daily commuting challenges.

While responding to the demands, the DC assured the residents that their grievances would be taken up with the concerned departments and resolved at the earliest possible time.

DC Rajouri assesses requirement of bunkers in shelling-affected, vulnerable areas

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 19

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the status of panchayats affected by recent cross-border shelling and assess the requirements for the construction of bunkers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the panchayats impacted by the recent shelling incidents. He inquired about the number of affected and vulnerable panchayats. Special focus was laid on assessing the estimated requirement for the construction of both individual and community border bunkers to ensure the safety and security of residents in vulnerable areas.



The concerned officers provided the chair with updated data and shared inputs on the field situa-

tion. The DC emphasized the need for timely planning and coordination among departments to

expedite the preparation of proposals for bunker construction and ensure comprehensive protection measures for the residents.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to complete the assessment at the earliest and submit detailed proposals for necessary action.

The meeting was attended by the CPO Maqsood Ahmed; ACR Mohammad Jhangir Khan; ACP Sheraz Chowhan; ACD Auqil Nuvaid; DSEO Sandeep Sharma; EXEN PWD (R&B), Sardar Khan and BDOs. The ADCs concerned and Tehsildars also attended the meeting through online mode.

ECI begins training programme for BLO Supervisors from Jharkhand

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 19

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Shri Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated a two-day capacity-building programme for frontline election functionaries from Jharkhand at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi today. The participants, numbering 402, include DEOs, EROs, BLOs and BLO Supervisors. Over the past three months, ECI has trained over 3000 such participants from across the country at IIIDEM. In his inaugural address, CEC Gyanesh Kumar commended the exemplary hard work and dedication demonstrated by the participants at the grassroots level in Jharkhand during enrolment of electors. CEC also exhorted the participants, who will be familiarised with the provisions of first and second appeals under Sections 24(a) and 24(b) of RP Act 1950 to make the electors aware of these provisions.

DDC, MD JJM review Jal Jeevan Mission implementation in Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 19

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, along with Mission Director (MD), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Khurshid Ahmad Shah, today jointly chaired a review meeting to assess the progress and implementation status of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir, Superintendent Engineer PHE HYD Circle Anantnag/Kulgam, ACD, Technical Advisor Kashmir JJM- JK, Executive Engineers of PHE Division Kulgam/Qazigund, PHE-Mechanical and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Both the officers were apprised about the present position of projects through a powerpoint presentation.

As per the figures, the

district consists of 61,122 rural households out of which 53,871 households have been provided with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) till date. 143 civil schemes and 16 mechanical schemes are in the scope of execution under JJM out of which 108 and 7 respectively have been commissioned. 259 works have been executed comprising of one Dug well, 4 Bore wells, 18 Rapid Sand Filtration Plants (RSFPs), 131 Pipe Networks, 15 Slow Sand Filtration Plants (SSFPs) and 92 General Service Reservoirs' (GSRs).

District Development Commissioner and Mission Director JJM impressed upon all the officers of Jal Shakti Department to take responsibility of the execution of works under JJM and work with utmost dedication and sincerity, and provide FHTCs to the



remaining 7251 households. They stressed upon the officers to gear up the execution of works without further delay so that the remaining people of the district are facilitated with the piped drinking water.

District Development Commissioner & MD fixed timelines on execution of different works and directed the concerned officers to ensure completion of these works within the

given timelines. They also took a detailed review of various other schemes sponsored under JKIDFC and NABARD, besides reviewing the Mechanical schemes.

The chair was also informed that 42 villages in the district have been certified as Har Ghar Jal (HGJ) villages. MD directed the Executive Engineers to certify all HGJ reported villages as per the guidelines of National Jal Jeevan Mis-

ion, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

Further Executive Engineer water quality was directed to expedite the water testing of samples in all schools, Anganwadi centres and in individual households. It was also emphasized that at least 5 women among the Pani samiti members in each village be trained for water quality testing.

Chief Chemist was directed to regularly monitor the water quality testing as per the revised protocol review of various other schemes sponsored under JKIDFC and NABARD, besides reviewing the Mechanical schemes.

The Mission Director later took an extensive tour of the district and inspected the Water supply schemes Yaroo, Watigam, Chadmullah, Jaibal, Mirhama, Langam and Tragbal.

Process initiated to streamline house construction permissions in Doda Town

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 19

In view of the increasing number of requests from stakeholders for residential construction permissions within the municipal limits of Doda town, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, today chaired a meeting in his office chamber.

The meeting aimed to streamline the process for granting construction permissions and to ensure adherence to the provisions outlined in the Housing and Urban Development Act.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ani Kumar Thakur; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas; Executive Engineers from PW(R&B), JPDCL Division, Jal Shakti (PHE); and the Executive



Officer of the Municipal Council Doda.

Officials were asked to present their inputs and assist in identifying genuine applicants who have fulfilled all required formalities, with the objective of facilitating provisional construction approvals within a regulated framework.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure the submission of affidavits by the stakeholders and emphasized the need to fulfill all norms

while avoiding any violations during house construction. Key discussions focused on standardizing the verification process, improving transparency in granting permissions, and enhancing inter-departmental coordination to avoid procedural delays. Emphasis was placed on curbing unauthorized constructions and promoting planned urban development in line with infrastructure capacity, public safety, and environmental guidelines.

DDC Vice Chairperson Udhampur meets Public Delegations

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 19

Vice Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Udhampur Juhi Manhas Pathania today visited Government Higher Secondary School, Tikri where she met with students, staff, and local residents to assess public grievances firsthand.

The visit was followed by a review meeting at her office, attended by public delegations, PRIs, and senior officers from key departments. The meeting served as a platform for civic representatives to voice pressing concerns, particularly those exacerbated by the ongoing heatwave, and for the administration to reaffirm its commitment to proactive and responsive governance.

Delegations from across the district presented detailed memoranda seeking augmentation of water supply, adequate electricity supply, meeting of infrastructure gaps and better health care facilities to cope with health vulnerabilities due to extreme weather conditions.

Notably, DDC Member from Latti-Marothi Pinki



Devi, also took the opportunity to highlight the longstanding demand for a public bus service between Udhampur and Panchoud (Chappar). She stressed that lack of reliable transport is severely affecting students, patients, and daily commuters in the area. The Vice Chairperson attentively engaged with each delegation, acknowledging the urgency of their concerns and issuing firm directives for immediate redressal.

She emphasized that essential services must not falter under seasonal pressure, and directed officers to adopt a zero-delay approach in providing relief to the affected population. "We cannot allow the public to suffer due to administrative inertia. Departments must respond with speed, seriousness, and sensitivity," she asserted.

she stated.

A key agenda of the meeting was an in-depth review of the Jal Jeevan Mission, the national flagship programme aimed at providing assured tap water supply to every rural household. The Vice Chairperson instructed concerned departments to mobilize resources, eliminate delays, and ensure last-mile delivery with urgency. She also called for immediate operationalization of incomplete water supply schemes and the deployment of tankers or temporary water points wherever necessary.

"The Jal Jeevan Mission is not a formality—it is a foundational right of every household, especially at a time when access to clean drinking water can mean the difference between well-being and hardship," she asserted.

The Vice Chairperson further instructed all departments—including Public Health Engineering, Rural Development, Power Development, and Health—to remain in active field mode, conduct doorstep inspections, and report weekly progress directly to her office. She also directed that helplines be made functional 24/7 and that grievances be resolved within strict timelines.

Reiterating her vision of citizen-first governance, she added: "Our administration will be judged not by files moved but by relief delivered. The people must feel the presence of the government in every village and ward."

The meeting concluded with a unanimous resolve to convert the challenges of the season into an opportunity for improved service delivery, deeper public engagement, and accelerated development outcomes.

The Vice Chairperson also expressed gratitude to the delegations for articulating public concerns constructively and assured them that each issue raised would be monitored to closure.

Javid Dar attends virtual meeting for Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR MAY 19

Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department, Panchayati Raj, Cooperative, and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, participated in a virtual meeting from Civil Secretariat Srinagar today.

The meeting focused on preparations for the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan.

The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan aims to promote agricultural development and empower farmers. It also envisages creating awareness among the farmers about modern technology and new seed varieties.

The meeting discussed various strategies to achieve the set goals under the Abhiyan.

The meeting was organised by the Krishi Bhawan Dehli, under the Chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan. He addressed all the State and UT Agriculture Ministers to discuss the preparedness roadmap of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan which will be conducted from May 29 to June 12, 2025.



Highlighting broad contours of the 15 day campaign, Chouhan said that under the campaign, each district across the country will be covered reaching out to maximum farmers. He stressed on improving the agricultural extension services to boost the productivity and production

of all major crops. It was informed that 2000 teams of agricultural scientists, officials and progressive farmers will be formed so that the farmers get benefit of all the schemes of agricultural department at their doorstep. The Abhiyan would facilitate seed distribution

among the farmers besides ensuring registration of left out farmers under different schemes.

Javid Dar briefed that the J&K Agriculture Department has already organised awareness camps in all 20 districts having 1200 locations at UT as well as Panchayat level. Besides, about 25 lakh farmers have been registered with the departmental portal so that they get benefits of the schemes being run by the Central government.

Javid Dar said that Omar Abdullah government committed to fulfil the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to double the income of the farmers communities. He assured that the J&K Agriculture Production Department shall take all necessary measures to ensure successful implementation of this ambitious Abhiyan.