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

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

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

- Severe and continuous headache
- Joint pain
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool
- Redness in eyes

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

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‘Operation Sindoor’ exposed bonding between terrorists and Pak Army: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI, MAY 23 (KNO)

Asserting that actions of the neighbouring country have confirmed that terrorism in India is Pakistan-sponsored, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that “Operation Sindoor” tore apart the veil and exposed the bonding between terrorists and Pakistan Army.

Addressing BSF investiture ceremony Shah, according to the news agency said, “When we launched an attack on terrorist sites in Pakistan, the Pakistan army retaliated. The officers of the Pakistan army attended the funeral of the terrorists.”

The Union Home Minister said, “Pakistan proved



that it sponsors terrorism by considering the attack on the terrorists as an attack on itself and dared to target our country’s civilians and military institutions. India’s air defence system is remarkable, and Pakistan’s attacks could not harm us.”

He said what Pakistan had always denied has

now been fully exposed to the world after “Operation Sindoor.” “Its actions have confirmed that terrorism in India is Pakistan-sponsored.”

“Through Operation Sindoor, bonding between Pakistan and terrorism has been exposed to the entire world. When terrorist bases in Pakistan were

attacked, the Pakistani army responded, and the world witnessed senior Pakistani army officers attending the funerals of the killed terrorists,” the Home Minister.

Shah said that “Operation Sindoor” was the most precise and successful response in the history of countering ter-

rorist attacks on our soil. “Today, experts worldwide are praising the bravery, lethal capabilities, and restraint of our soldiers,” he added.

INDIA’S RESPONSE TO TERROR UNIQUE

The Union Home Minister said, “When Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister in 2014, the first major terrorist attack on our soldiers occurred in Uri, and for the first time, we conducted a surgical strike, penetrating into the terrorist hideouts and giving a befitting response.”

He said, “We believed the response will put an end to the terror activities, but it didn’t, and another terrorist attack took

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Jaishankar accuses West of backing military regime, undermining democracy in Pakistan

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NEW DELHI, MAY 23 (KNO)

Accusing the West of backing military regime - and undermining democracy in Pakistan for the past eight decades, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said that recent skirmishes between India and Pakistan were not over Kashmir but in retaliation to a terrorist attack.

In an interview to an international newspaper, Jaishankar, according to the news agency, took a dig at the West’s backing of Pakistan over the past decades: “Our borders have been violated by Pakistan in Kashmir ever since our independence in 1947. And what have we seen in



the eight decades since then? That large, democratic Europe, to use your own term, has stood side by side with military dictatorships in the region.”

“No one has supported the military regime - and undermined democracy in Pakistan in so many ways - as much as the West,” he added.

Talking about the recent clashes between India and Pakistan, Jaishankar said, “It wasn’t a conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. It was over a terrorist attack.”

He was referring to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists

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Committed to ‘people-centric’ governance: CM Omar Abdullah

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday reiterated his commitment to establishing a responsive and people-centric government.

According to the news agency, Omar met with various delegations at the Raabita office in Srinagar.

Following these meetings, the Office of the Chief Minister, J&K, posted on X (formerly Twitter), stating, “Met various delegations at the Raabita office today. Grateful for the continued engagement and feedback from citizens across the region. We remain committed to listening, resolving issues, and building a responsive and people-centric Government.”

During the interactions, a group of students raised important concerns regarding the SPS Library. The post read, “Glad to meet a group of students at my Raabita office today



who raised important issues concerning the SPS Library. Libraries are vital to a learning society—we are committed to making them more modern and student-friendly. All genuine concerns will be looked into.”

Omar also met with a delegation of specially-abled persons. The statement mentioned, “Their resilience and determination are deeply inspiring. We are committed to building a more inclusive and accessible society where everyone has equal

opportunity to live a dignified life.”

The Chief Minister also thanked the Trinamool Congress for reaching out to people in the shelling-affected areas.

Reacting to questions about the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi’s visit to Poonch, Omar said, “It is good to see leaders visiting the shelling-affected people. I am thankful to the Trinamool Congress for initiating the visit. The delegation of five

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J&K administration amends Prison Manual -2022

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In a significant move, the administration of Jammu & Kashmir has amended the Union Territory’s Prison Manual-2022 to prohibit the caste-based segregation in jails and defined criteria for declaring a person as “habitual offender”.

According to amendments carried out by LG-led administration in the Prison Manual, it shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination/ classification /segregation of prisoners based on the basis of their caste.

“It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination of prisoners in allotment of any duty/ work in prisons on the basis of their caste,” reads the amendments, as per news agency.

As per the amendments, the provisions of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act- 2013 shall have

a binding effect even in Prisons and correctional institutions.

“Manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer and septic tank inside a prison shall not be permitted,” the amendments state.

The government has also redefined the term “habitual offender” in its Prison Manual, 2022.

According to the amendments, a habitual offender is someone who, within a continuous five-year period, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment more than twice for crimes committed on different occasions and not part of the same transaction.

“Habitual offender means a person who during any continuous period of five years, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment on more than two occasions on account of any one or more of the offences committed on different occasions and not

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ECI to provide Mobile Deposit Facility for voters at polling stations

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Several voters who go to cast their votes take their phones inside polling booths by concealing the device in their clothes due to the absence of a facility to deposit it.

In another move, seeking to rationalise poll day management, the Election Commission (EC) decided to allow parties and candidates to set up booths to distribute unofficial voter identification slips at 100 metres from the polling station entrance.

Till now, the limit was 200 metres from the “polling location”.

These two key reforms will first be implemented in Bihar, where assembly polls will be held later this year.

Recognising the increasing coverage and usage of mobile phones in urban and rural areas and the challenges faced not only by the voters at large but also senior citizens, women and persons with disabilities in managing mobile phones on polling day, the commission has decided to allow a mobile

deposit facility just outside the polling stations, the EC said.

“Only mobile phones shall be allowed within 100 metres of the polling station and that too in switched-off mode. Very simple pigeonhole boxes or jute bags shall be provided near the entrance door of the polling station where the voters would be required to deposit their mobile phones. Mobile phones shall not be allowed to be carried inside the polling station,” the poll authority said.

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Rahul Gandhi to visit Poonch today

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 23 (KNO)

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is scheduled to undertake a day-long visit to Poonch tomorrow (May 24) to meet the families of those killed and injured in the recent shelling by Pakistan.

JKPCC chief while speaking to the news agency said that the visit aims to express solidarity with the grief-stricken families and inspect the extent of property damage in the affected areas.

Karra said the visit was



infrastructure.

“The primary purpose is to share the pain of those who have lost their loved ones and visit the damaged establishments. This is a visit of empathy and solidarity,” Karra said.

Karra also flagged issues faced by border residents, including inadequate bunkers and insufficient medical facilities. “After a detailed tour of Poonch and Rajouri, I addressed a press conference in Jammu highlighting these issues. Many of the bunkers constructed in the previous

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Intense heatwave sweeps Kashmir, Srinagar sizzles at 33.2 degrees Celsius

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23 (KNO)

The intense heatwave continued across Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, with all the stations

across the valley recording above normal temperatures.

According to the details shared by the Meteorological (MeT) Department with the news agency, Srinagar, the

summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a maximum temperature of 33.2 degrees Celsius, which was 7.8 degrees Celsius above normal.

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Land record digitisation; a challenging yet crucial task: Chief Secretary

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chairing a meeting held to assess the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), urged the Revenue Department to tackle the massive digitisation task head-on and work towards completing it within the stipulated timeframe.

The meeting besides Financial Commissioner,



Revenue (FCR) was attended by Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, Revenue and Director, Land Records.

The Chief Secretary

reviewed the progress on all the

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River Transport in J&K to be a reality soon

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a high-level meeting to explore the introduction of Inland Water Transport (IWT) across the major river systems in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides the Chairperson, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) the meeting was attended by ACS, Jal Shakti Department;

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Secretary Transport, Secretary PWD, and other senior officers from J&K administration.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the immense potential of river transport in the Union Territory, not only as an ecologically sustainable mode of travel but also as a complementary alternative to road connectivity.

He stated that the river systems in J&K—most notably Jhelum, Chenab, and Ravi—link several districts, thereby presenting a unique opportunity to develop a cost-effective, less congested, and environment-friendly transportation network.

Seeking technical and infrastructural support from IWAI, Dulloo urged the Authority to extend their assistance to

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LG pays tribute to Army soldier killed in Kishtwar gunfight

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid heartfelt tributes to Army Braveheart Sep Gaykar Sandip Pandurang, who attained martyrdom during an anti-terror operation in Kishtwar.

“Salute to the indomitable courage of braveheart Sep Gaykar Sandip Pandurang, who made the supreme sacrifice for

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Healthcare infrastructure across J&K to witness major upgradations soon: Sakeena Itoo

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KOKERNAG (ANANTNAG), MAY 23

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an extensive tour of Kokernag Constituency during which she reviewed functioning as well as status of infrastructure of various healthcare facilities and educational institutions in the area.

MLA Kokernag, Choudhary Zafar Ali Khatana; MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie; Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Director Colleges J&K, Director Family Welfare & Immunization, Director Health Services Kashmir, Director AYUSH J&K, ADC Anantnag, Pro-



gramme Officer ICDS Anantnag, SDM Kokernag and other senior officers from Health, Social Welfare, and Education departments accompanied the Minister. During the visit, Minister Sakeena inspected Sub-District hospital Kokernag, PHC Larnoo, PHC Gadole, PHC Wandvelgam, GDC Larnoo and took first hand appraisal of the functioning of these healthcare facilities and educational institutions.

At SDH Kokernag, Minister Sakeena took detailed round of the hospital and

assessed the facilities available for the general public. She inspected various departments, interacted with staff and patients and took feedback from them about the services available at the facility.

While interacting with the public on the occasion, Minister Sakeena assured them that under Omar Abdullah led Government, major upgradations will be done in the healthcare infrastructure of Jammu and Kashmir soon. She further assured them that significant upgrades



like establishment of an oxygen plant, blood bank and dialysis facilities, will be done at SDH Kokernag in coming months to improve medical services and ensure accessibility of better healthcare facilities to local population within their vicinities.

While visiting PHC Larnoo, PHC Gadole and PHC Wandvelgam, Minister Sakeena minutely evaluated the healthcare facilities at these locations. She interacted with local health workers and discussed strategies with them and

accompanying officers to improve healthcare accessibility and quality in these areas. Later, the Minister also inspected the Government Degree College (GDC) Larnoo and took comprehensive assessment of college's infrastructure, faculty strength as well as status of educational facilities available for students. She took detailed round of the college campus and also interacted with faculty as well as students and took feedback from them about the quality education being imparted at the

college.

During this extensive tour, Minister Sakeena also interacted with public delegations and individuals at various locations.

While interacting with them, She reiterated the government's commitment towards strengthening of healthcare and educational infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir. "Accessibility to quality healthcare services and quality education for our people is prime motto of Omar Abdullah led Government", Sakeena stated.

The Minister assured the public that their concerns raised during this tour would be addressed promptly to ensure the better welfare, well-being and progress of the people across Kokernag constituency.

Gender Sensitization Camps held in Jammu District by Mission Shakti, JKRLM

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JAMMU, MAY 23

In a continued effort to promote gender equality, awareness camps on gender sensitization were organized today by Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), in collaboration with Mission Shakti (District Hub for Empowerment of Women) Social Welfare Department across the areas of Mathwar, Chatha, and Mandal in Jammu District.

During the sessions, officials from Mission Shakti engaged with local women and girls, highlighting the importance of gender equality and challenging long-held stereotypes.

The participants were encouraged to break free from traditional roles and embrace opportunities in all fields. Also detailed information was provided regarding all the women centric schemes and services by the officials of Mission Shakti DHEW Jammu.

"Girls and young women are capable of achieving anything. There are no jobs or roles meant exclusively for men," said a Mission Shakti official during the camp.

The initiative aimed to empower women at the grassroots level and reinforce the message that every individual deserves equal opportunities regardless of gender.

YSS Ang. hosts sports events to advocate drug-free life as a priority for students

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ANANTNAG, MAY 23

Reaffirming its commitment to fostering physical fitness, mental well-being, and a drug-free lifestyle among the youth, Youth Services & Sports (YSS), Anantnag, launched a vibrant series of inter-zonal and zonal-level sports events across the district.

These events are aimed to promote athletic excellence besides reinforce the message of a healthy and substance-free life among students.

The sports activities commenced with the successful conduct of the district level inter-zonal Badminton competitions for U-14 and U-17 girls, held at SRJ HSS Khanabal. The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from young athletes across various zones



of the district.

In the U-14 Girls category, Saniya Jan and Muntaza Rafiq of zone Qazigund, along with Seerat Ashraf and Ifra Jan of zone Dooru delivered exceptional performances, showcasing

promising talent and sportsmanship.

Simultaneously, zone Bijbehara concluded its inter-school zonal level Football tournament for U-14 Girls at PM Shri MS Puzalpora. The event saw

the participation of 112 spirited female students from different educational institutions. In a riveting final match, HS G.B Khalil emerged as the champion, while PM Shri MS Puzalpora and MS Laribal secured the runner-up and third-place positions respectively, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for football among young girls in the region.

In a unique initiative, zone Dooru conducted inter-school Yoga competitions for U-14 and U-17 boys and girls at MS Chakpath on May 21, 2025. The event commenced with all participants taking an anti-drug pledge, emphasizing the importance of leading a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. A total of 173 students, comprising 95 boys and 78 girls, participated in the yoga competitions.

DC Shopian conducts extensive visit of sub-division Zainapora

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SHOPIAN, MAY 23

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta conducted an extensive tour of Zainapora on Friday to take firsthand appraisal of civic amenities, market regulation and ongoing developmental activities in the area.

During the visit, DC carried out a thorough inspection of the Zainapora main market, interacting with shopkeepers, traders and the general public.

The visit focused on monitoring the availability of essential commodities, quality control, adherence to government-notified price lists and sanitation standards in the market.

On-spot directions were issued to the SDM Zainapora and concerned officers to maintain cleanliness and ensure strict compliance with market regulations to safeguard consumer interests.

Later, DC visited a prominent high-density apple orchard at Wandina Zainapora where he



reviewed the implementation of modern horticultural practices under the high-density plantation scheme being promoted by the government to boost the region's apple production and improve growers' income.

While interacting with orchardists and field officers from the Horticulture Department, DC emphasized the importance of adopting scientific techniques, including integrated pest management, efficient irrigation systems and timely nutrient application.

DC also visited Govern-

ment Higher Secondary School, Zainapora and Indoor Stadium Zainapora and took stock of the educational and sports facilities being provided to the school children and stressed for providing best education to them.

DC also took stock of grievances and demands projected by the locals, and directed the concerned departments to resolve genuine issues in a time-bound manner.

DC was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, SDM, Zainapora, Ex. Engineer R&B and other concerned officers.

DUDA hosts special event on Women for Trees Campaign' Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

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UDHAMPUR, MAY 23

District Urban Development Agency Udhampur-Reasi, in collaboration with Municipal Council Udhampur, organized a special event on the theme 'Women for Trees Campaign' Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam under the AMRUT Mitra-NULM initiative. Project Officer District Urban Development Agency Udhampur/Reasi, Jaffar Abass Batt, felicitated the Self-Help Groups members. He highlighted the significance of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign in promoting environmental sustainability, emphasizing the importance of planting trees in their mothers' names for a greener tomorrow.

The event successfully raised awareness about the importance of green spaces, fostering a sense of community and environmental stewardship. By empowering women as climate champions, the initiative demonstrated the impact of collaborative efforts between DUDA and MC Udhampur in creating a sustainable future.

2 yr electrician course for youth of Project-Affected Families inaugurated at ITI Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, MAY 23

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan today inaugurated the first batch of the Electrician Training Course for the youth of project affected area.

Organised under the ongoing Skill Development Training Program, the initiative caters to members of households impacted by the hydroelectric projects including Rattle HEP, Pakal Dul HEP, Kiru HEP, Kwar, and others. The inaugural session was held here at the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), where a batch of 20 youth from project-affected families were enrolled for free two-year-long Electrician Training Course.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged all project-affected families to enroll in the Skill Development Training Program. He also informed that interested individuals can pursue skill development courses across India through support from the district administration.

The DC advised the trainees to engage sincerely and diligently with



the course. He also highlighted the opportunities under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Scheme, pointing out that trained electricians are in demand under this scheme, and that the current batch may benefit by associating with the vendors of the said scheme in the district, as vendors have apprised about the shortage of trained electricians.

Furthermore, he mentioned that the trainees will be given exposure visits both within and outside the district for on-the-job training across India.

It is pertinent to mention that the Skill Development Program launched by the Power Projects Authorities of the District and District Administration provides comprehen-

sive support including free meals, accommodation, stipends, field exposure visits, and toolkits upon successful completion of training.

DC Kishtwar reaffirmed the administration's commitment to ensuring sustainable livelihoods for affected families, highlighting it as a key priority for both the Government and project authorities.

It is pertinent to mention that 20 Candidates have already Started Plumbing Training Course in ITI under the Ongoing Skill Development Program.

The event was attended by Principal ITI Kishtwar, Anoop Sharma, representatives from power projects, and other concerned staff.

3-Day Women for trees campaign concludes

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JAMMU, MAY 23

The three day 'Women for Trees' campaign, organized by Mission Directorate AMRUT and NULM J&K under AMRUT MITRA 2.0 concluded today. During the campaign 523 women members of 76 SHGs formed under NULM visited 51 sites of water bodies and parks and planted trees. The organisers have set a target of planting around 2621 trees during June to August 2025 under the aegis of Ek Ped Maa ke Naam. The Mission Directors Vikas Sharma, Special Secretary to Government H&UDD/ MD AMRUT J&K and Mridhu Slathia Additional Secretary to Government H&UDD / MD NULM J&K pioneered the event under the esteemed leadership of Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, Housing & Urban Development Department Mandeep Kour. J&K Nodal Officers Parvaiz Naik, (CEO JUDA) and Zahida Mir, (CEO UDAK) put in all efforts for the success of the Mission mode Campaign with the marvelous support from Urban Local Bodies of Jammu & Kashmir, DUDAs, City Nodal Officers of NULM and AMRUT. Er. Mavi Kapoor, Mission Manager coordinated the whole event for J&K.

Mission Director HADP conducts day-long tour of Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, MAY 23

Sandeep Kumar, Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), today conducted an extensive tour of district baramulla.

He was accompanied by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Mohammad Alyas Khateeb; Director Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Dr. Parwinder Singh Sudan; Director Sheep Husbandry Kashmir, Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Shah; Joint Director(ext), Project Coordinator Mushroom and officers and officials of agriculture and allied departments.

During the visit Mission Director HADP inspected the Oil Extraction mill (with filter press) at Matipora, Integrated Mushroom Unit at Johama, Vegetable farmers field at Palhallan Pattan, DCTC public sector at Baramulla and other infrastructures created under HADP.

While interacting with the officers and the beneficiaries, Mission Direc-



tor highlighted that the HADP is a comprehensive programme focusing on various aspects of Agriculture Development including horticulture, Crop Production and Livestock Husbandry. He said that HADP is a comprehensive initiative aimed at transforming the Agricultural landscape of Jammu and Kashmir including Kashmir division.

He expressed keen interest in the functioning of different units and commended the department and the beneficiaries for their commendable efforts and emphasized the potential impact in such initiatives in boosting rural livelihood and strengthening the socio-economic status of the

farming community. During the visit Director Agriculture Kashmir briefed the Mission Director regarding various farmer friendly initiatives under HADP and other farmer friendly schemes being taken up by the department for revival of the agriculture sector.

Mission Director also underscored the significance of integrated poultry farming during a visit to the newly established Composite Broiler Farmcum-Hatchery and Feed Mill in Binner, Baramulla.

He highlighted the transformative potential of such initiatives in enhancing rural livelihoods and bolstering the poultry sector across the valley.

Power shutdown by JKPTCL

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23

According to the Chief Engineer, JKPTCL, in order to carry out maintenance of main and Reserve Bus Bars and to rectify the DC circuit malfunctioning of protection system in the 475 MVA, 220/132 KV Grid Substation Mirbazar, being carried out by JKPTCL, Kmr as part of readiness measures for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, shutdown of 475MVA GSS Mirbazaar shall be observed due to which power supply to 132 KV GSS Mattan, Lisser, Wanpoh, Kulgam, Shopian and AIS Lassipora will be affected from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 28 May, 2025.

Also in this connection, shutdown of 220kV New Wanpoh ckt 1st and ckt 2nd shall be observed due to which power supply to District Anantnag, District Kulgam, District Shopian and District Pulwama (Partly) shall remain affected will be affected from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 28 May, 2025.

DC Budgam flags-off Refrigerated Vans of fresh peas to Chandigarh



JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, MAY 23

In order to boost supply chain of vegetable movement from District Budgam to Chandigarh, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo Friday flagged-off refrigerated vans carrying 90 quintals of fresh peas in presence of senior officials and local farmers.

The initiative was organized by district administration Budgam in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Budgam and AF Multi-Cooperative Society (FPO) Budgam, under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), a government measure designed to support timely and cost-effective transportation of perishable agricultural produce.

On the occasion, DC said that this is not just a transportation initiative; it is a step towards empowering our farmers by providing them direct access

to markets. He said the use of departmental refrigerated vans ensures that the quality and freshness of the produce is preserved during transit, helping to secure fair market prices for the farming community.

He further said the Market Intervention Scheme is a crucial platform to reduce wastage, ensure better returns, and create sustainable market linkages for our high-quality produce.

DC said Agriculture department Budgam and AF Cooperative (FPO) Budgam played a pivotal role in mobilizing and organizing the produce for dispatch. The coordination between the agriculture department and the farmer producer organization highlights a growing synergy aimed at strengthening the region's agricultural economy.

Labroo emphasised the district administration's resolve in enhancing agri-

cultural infrastructure and supporting farmers' livelihoods.

Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Naseer Ahamd said that by facilitating access to national markets, our aim is to turn Budgam into a hub of agri-export. This initiative under the Market Intervention Scheme not only ensures fair pricing but also boosts confidence among our farming community.

Speaking on the occasion, one of the farmers expressed appreciation for the initiative, stating, "Such initiatives are expected to enhance farmer incomes, reduce post-harvest losses, and foster a robust agricultural marketing framework in the region. They also encourage increased agricultural productivity and help us become more self-reliant by giving us direct access to bigger markets, reducing our dependence on middlemen, and ensuring that our hard work is fairly rewarded."

Palli PACS launches Co-operative Crumbs Bakery-n-Café to Promote Employment, Self-Reliance

JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MAY 23

The Palli Primary Agriculture Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. (PACS) today inaugurated its latest initiative – Co-operative Crumbs Bakery-n-Café – on Bishnah Road, Palli.

The venture aims to generate employment and foster self-reliance among cooperative members.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by MLA Vijaypur Chander Prakash Ganga as the Chief Guest. The event also witnessed the presence of the Joint Registrar Audit Jammu, Deputy Registrars of Samba and Jammu, Assistant Registrars from Samba, Jammu, and Kathua, along with several District Officers from Samba, including the District Animal Husbandry Officer and the District Development Manager,



NABARD.

During the event, the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Samba briefed the guests on the functioning and achievements of Palli PACS. Guests were taken on a tour of the Sahkar Mandap, a dedicated cooperative display centre showcasing locally made products such as pickles and handcrafted suits produced by Sahkar Saheli, a women-led cooperative initiative.

In a brief interaction with the media, the MLA

praised the initiative, describing it as a model of self-sustained growth aligned with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He lauded the role of cooperatives in generating local employment opportunities, especially for women and youth.

This initiative comes in the backdrop of the 2025 International Year of Cooperatives, reaffirming the spirit of unity and mutual support in building a more inclusive and resilient society.

Strict measures introduced to streamline vehicular traffic in Bheaderwah Town



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA MAY 23

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bheaderwah Sunil Bhutyal chaired a meeting to discuss measures to streamline traffic and decongest the town. The meeting was held under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh.

The meeting was attended by SDPO, Tehsildar, ARTO, DTI, EO MC Bheaderwah, Naib Tehsildars, SHO, and stakeholders from the transport and business communities.

Major decisions included the stern relocation of all buses and E-Rickshaws

from Seri Bazar and Pasri Adda to the New Bus Stand, implementation of a Rotational Parking system and the identification of designated auto stands. The E-Rickshaw Association was directed to submit vehicle details to facilitate regulated rotation.

Directions were also issued to curb encroachments, identify parking zones, and ensure strict action against wrong parking along the Seri Bazar-Saringal Road. The ARTO was asked to issue a formal notification, and conduct awareness drives to promote adherence to traffic rules.

Trainee Orientation Program held at Galharbhara -Project Affected Site KIRU-HEPP



JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 23

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom organized a Trainee Orientation Program today at Bagana, a Project Affected Site of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEPP).

During the program, the Assistant Director, Handicrafts and Handloom,

Pardeep Shan briefed the trainees about the upcoming Training Center for Cutting and Tailoring and Crochet work at Galharbhara under the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) plan.

To facilitate participation, the department provided doorstep delivery of

application forms, eliminating the need for the women to visit the DC office.

The department's efforts aim to cover more trainees under the Skill Development Plan (R&R) of HEPP, empowering women and dependent family members through Training in home-based livelihood and micro-entrepreneurial skills, Enabling local income generation, Developing new and innovative designs, Expanding product range, Enhancing market competitiveness etc. The program was attended by Kuldeep Shan, AHTO Handicrafts, Wheat Straw Craft Instructor besides other Staff.

GDC Kathua Cadet Mohit Knathia scales Mount Everest

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 23

In a momentous achievement that has brought pride to the Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua and the 4 J&K NCC Battalion, Cadet Mohit Knathia has successfully scaled Mount Everest, the world's highest peak at 8,848.86 meters. He reached the summit on May 18, 2025, as a member of the prestigious National Cadet Corps (NCC) Everest Expedition 2025.

Cadet Knathia, representing GDC Kathua, was one of only ten cadets selected from across the nation through an intensive selection process. His remarkable endurance, commitment, and rigorous training earned him the distinction of being the sole representative from Jammu & Kashmir on this historic mission.

The expedition was officially flagged off by the



third successful Everest summit by an NCC team, following similar triumphs in 2013 and 2016.

The College Principal Prof. Seema Mir expressed immense pride in Mohit's accomplishment, stating, "Cadet Mohit Knathia has become a beacon of inspiration for youth of Jammu & Kashmir. His perseverance and spirit reflect the core values of the NCC and our institution." She also commended Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, Associate NCC Officer at GDC Kathua, for his unwavering guidance and mentorship that significantly contributed to this success.

The college also extended sincere gratitude to Col. Kuldeep Kachroo and Subedar Shyam Chand, Training JCO of the 4 J&K NCC Battalion, for their instrumental role in shaping Cadet Mohit's journey through their intensive training and support.

Raksha Mantri, Rajnath Singh, on April 3, 2025. Prior to the ascent, the team underwent exhaustive training, including a preparatory climb of Mount Abi Gamin and a winter camp at the Siachen Base Camp, under the expert guidance of the Army Mountaineering Institute.

Braving extreme conditions and treacherous terrain, Cadet Mohit Knathia reached the summit and proudly unfurled the National Flag alongside the NCC Flag, embodying the spirit of courage, discipline, and patriotism. This marks

Drug Free J&K initiative Distt admin Srinagar organizes awareness programme at GGHS Sonwar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 23

Aiming to eradicate drugs from society, District Administration Srinagar today organized an anti-drugs awareness programme at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHS), Sonwar to sensitize students about the dangers of drug abuse.

The awareness programme was held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat under ongoing Drug Free Jammu & Kashmir initiative to raise awareness

about the illicit impacts of the drugs on the individuals, their families and the society.

During the programme, talented artists of Kashmir Kala Manch, from Cultural Unit Kashmir, DIPR, staged a hard-hitting and thought-provoking skit portraying the devastating impact of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society at large.

Through powerful performances and a compelling narrative skit, emotional, social and psychological trauma caused by substance abuse was effectively conveyed to the

audiences. The presentation struck a deep chord with the audience and was met with resounding applause and appreciation for its meaningful message and artistic excellence.

On the occasion, speakers highlighted the importance of collective community responsibility in addressing the growing challenge of substance abuse. They urged the youth to channel their energy into constructive and developmental pursuits. School staff and students also took part in the anti drugs awareness programme and pledged to become active change-makers and advocates for a drug-free society within their own communities.

The event saw active participation from officials representing the departments of education, health, excise, social welfare and other concerned.

DIPR Cultural Unit conducts 'Say No to Drugs' campaign at GGHS Agore



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

The Cultural Unit of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu today conducted a Cultural Awareness Programme titled 'Nasha Mukta Bharat' (Say No to Drugs) at Govt. Girls High School Agore, Jammu.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness concerning the negative effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free community. Artists from the Cultural Unit, Jammu enthralled the audience with thematic songs, successfully showcasing the effects of drug addiction on

individuals, families, and society in general.

The event was attended by both school staff and students. The School Headmaster Prem Chand shared his thoughts on the topic, emphasizing its importance to the audience. He praised the Department of Information and Public Relations for arranging such a significant programme aimed at raising awareness.

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

140 students participate in Inter-School Zonal Cricket Tournament at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 23

The Department of Youth Services and Sports, under the leadership of District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Jaffer Haider Sheikh, successfully conducted an Inter-School Zonal Level Cricket Tournament at Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar.

The event featured Under-14 and Under-17

Girls (Zone Kishtwar) and Under-14 Boys (Zone Nagensi), drawing vibrant participation from over 140 young athletes.

The tournament witnessed an impressive display of cricketing skills, discipline, and teamwork. Over 70 girls competed in the U/14 and U/17 categories, showcasing determination and sportsmanship that won the admiration of spectators and educa-

tors alike. Simultaneously, Zone Nagensi's U/14 Boys competition featured intense matches with remarkable individual performances and close finishes.

Held at the Historic Chowgan Ground, the event underscored the district's growing enthusiasm for school-level sports and provided a robust platform for nurturing young talent.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
TENDER NOTICE				
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system				
Sr. Divisional Material Manager, NRI, Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-				
Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
01	94255272	TRACK GUIDE for BWTB type wagons As per RDSO Drg No. WDD0009-S-73, item No.2	650 NOS	29.05.2025
NOTE- Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. No. 01/2025-26 Date: 09.05.2025				
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The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division.				
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Catalogue No.:	EAZR-MIS25-9	Auction Start:	09/06/2025 at 11:30 hours	
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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

'Operation Sindoor' exposed...

place in Pulwama on our soldiers. This time, the Indian forces responded decisively with an airstrike, once again destroying terrorist bases."

Shah said, "The situation deteriorated further in Pahalgam, where Pakistan-sponsored terrorists brutally killed innocent tourists in front of their wives and families after questioning their religion. At that time, Prime Minister Modi declared that this terrorist attack would receive a fitting response, and Operation Sindoor was that appropriate response. Today, the entire world is praising the bravery and lethal capabilities of our armed forces."

The Union Home Minister said that while responses to terrorist attacks have been given in many parts of the world, the response India has given is unique. "After the attack in Pahalgam, we launched Operation Sindoor and, within minutes, destroyed nine terrorist bases, two of which were headquarters of terrorist organizations."

INDIAN ARMED FORCES SHOWCASED THEIR LETHAL CAPABILITIES

He emphasized that the Indian forces initially neither attacked Pakistan's military establishments nor their airbases, but only demolished the terrorist hideouts responsible for heinous crimes on our soil.

Shah said that we believed this would suffice, as our attack was solely against the terrorists. "When the Pakistani army attempted to attack on our civilians and military institutions, the Indian armed forces responded decisively by attacking their airbase, showcasing our lethal capabilities and proving their air defence system ineffective. Even during that time, we did not attack any civilian locations in Pakistan."

Shah, as per KNO, said that the entire nation is proud of Army and BSF border guards. "The BSF has demonstrated, by responding to bullets with bullets at the border, that as long as the BSF is present, the Pakistani army cannot advance even an inch."

He said, "Operation Sindoor has also effectively showcased the success of self-reliant India in defence production. In the coming days, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, this campaign will gain further momentum, and we will move toward greater self-reliance."

He noted that during Operation Sindoor, BSF personnel Mohammad Imtiyaz Ahmad and Deepak Chingakhm made the supreme sacrifice while protecting the motherland, and their names will forever be etched in golden letters in the history of the nation's defence.

OPERATION SINDOOR REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION OF PM MODI'S FIRM POLITICAL WILL

The Union Home Minister said, "Operation Sindoor is a remarkable demonstration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's firm political will, precise intelligence inputs from agencies, and the lethal capabilities of our forces. For decades, our country has faced Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, and over the years, Pakistan carried out multiple terrorist attacks, but they were never adequately responded to."

BSF'S CONTRIBUTION EXCEPTIONAL

He said, "The BSF secures India's over 15,000-kilometer-long and most challenging border. Over the past five years, the BSF has made efforts to find numerous technological solutions. In areas where fencing is not possible, the BSF has experimentally implemented global technological solutions for border security."

He added that BSF personnel have also developed several in-house solutions, and these technological advancements for securing geographically challenging borders will help keep the country safe in the coming days. "In Operation Sindoor, BSF and Army set an unparalleled example of bravery before the world," he said.

Shah said that since BSF's inception on December 1, 1965, with 2.75 lakh personnel, has established itself as the foremost among all border security forces worldwide by forming water, land, and air security units, performing its role exceptionally well.

He noted that the nation has always honored the bravery of BSF personnel, with 1 Padma Vibhushan, 2 Padma Bhushan, 7 Padma Shri, 1 Mahavir Chakra, 6 Kirti Chakras, 13 Shaurya Chakras, 56 Army Medals, and 1,246 Police Medals for Gallantry awarded to BSF personnel.

Shah said this reflects the extraordinary dedication of a force that receives such numerous accolades. He added that over the past five years, the BSF has strengthened the fight against narcotics by seizing approximately 1.1 lakh kilograms of drugs. He also noted that by eliminating over 78 Naxalites in the past five years, the BSF has significantly contributed to the success of anti-Naxal operations.

Shah said that the journey of the BSF demonstrates how an organization that began with limited resources in challenging circumstances has emerged as the world's largest and most prestigious border security force.

He said that BSF is the finest example of how patriotism can overcome all difficulties to achieve global excellence. He highlighted that the patriotism and dedication shown by BSF personnel in adverse conditions—be it temperatures above 45 degrees or extremely low, dense jungles, rugged mountains, or coastal areas—have earned the BSF the honour of being the first line of defence.

Shah added that a decision was made in the country to assign one force to secure each border, and based on the BSF's capability, it was entrusted with the responsibility of securing two of the most challenging borders, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Remembering the contributions of K.F. Rustamji, who played a pivotal role in raising the BSF, Union Home Minister said that after the 1965 war, a need was felt for a force that could secure the borders even during peacetime, leading to the inception of the BSF, with Rustamji becoming its first Director General.

He stated that the bravery and contributions of BSF personnel in the 1971 war, which was imposed on India, will never be forgotten by the nation, nor should Bangladesh ever forget it.

Shah emphasized that the BSF played a significant role in the creation of Bangladesh and set an exemplary standard of bravery by standing shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces in fighting against injustice.

The Union Home Minister said that alongside border

security, the BSF has actively participated and achieved results in internal security, disaster management, and anti-terrorism operations.

He noted that whether it is elections, the COVID-19 pandemic, sports events, or combating terrorism and Naxalism, the BSF has performed its duties exceptionally well on every front where it has been deployed.

The Union Home Minister said that the PM Modi led government, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and the entire nation stand behind the bravery of BSF personnel firmly. He emphasized that the country trusts and honors the BSF personnel. KNO

Jaishankar accuses...

dead.

Pertinently, Jaishankar on Thursday had said, "We have had to deal with difficult neighbours—China and Pakistan. We have faced continuous terrorism from across the border. The world is only now experiencing a reality we've long endured."

"India has always approached its regional challenges with a sense of realism. It has been a harsh and nasty world for us. Europeans were insulated for decades. But today, the global community is going through its own reality check," he had said. KNO

Committed to...

members reached the affected families in Poonch and Rajouri by road."

He added, "It feels like some people are standing with us during this difficult time." KNO

J&K administration...

constituting parts of same transaction, such sentence not having been reversed in appeal or review," reads the amendments.

However, any time spent in prison under sentence or detention does not count within the five-year period.

"Provided that in computing the period of five years referred to above, any period spent in jail, either under sentence of imprisonment or under detention shall not be taken into account," reads the amendments—(KNO)

ECI to provide...

However, it said, certain polling stations could be exempt from this provision based on adverse local circumstances by the returning officer.

Rule 49M of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, which ensures secrecy of voting within the polling station, will continue to be strictly enforced, it underlined.

The EC said that in a move aimed at improving election day facilitation, it rationalised the permissible norms for canvassing in line with the electoral laws to 100 metres from the entrance of the polling station.

However, electioneering will not be allowed within a 100-metre radius around the polling station on the day of polling.

"Therefore, the booths set up by the candidates on poll day for issuing unofficial identity slips to electors, in case the electors are not carrying their official Voter Information Slips (VIS) issued by the commission, can now be set up just beyond 100 metres of any polling station," it said.

One "polling location", such as a school, can have multiple polling stations.

Rahul Gandhi...

administration lack structural integrity and are unfit for use, some without even a proper top cover," he said.

Earlier, Member of Parliament and senior Congress leader, Jairam Ramesh in a post on X, as per KNO, confirmed the visit of Rahul Gandhi to Poonch on May 24 to express solidarity with the bereaved families.

"The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Shri Rahul Gandhi, will visit Poonch tomorrow, i.e., 24 May, where he will meet the grieving families of those killed in recent Pakistani shelling," Jairam Ramesh posted on X.

Ramesh in the post added, "Earlier, on 25 April, he visited Srinagar, where he met people injured in the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam and other related parties. He also met the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister."

Pertinently, nearly 20 innocent people were killed while several houses were also destroyed in the border areas due to the shelling by Pakistan after the successful conduct of 'Operation Sindoor', which was launched by the Indian armed forces to avenge the killing of 26 innocent civilians in Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, 2025. KNO

Intense heatwave...

The details reveal that Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, has recorded a day temperature of 32.5 degrees Celsius while Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded 32.4 degrees Celsius.

In Pahalgam, a famous tourist resort, the mercury settled at 28.8 degrees Celsius while Kokernag recorded 31.5 degrees Celsius. Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, has recorded a maximum temperature of 24.0 degrees Celsius.

Further, the Jammu division witnessed a slight improvement on Friday with Jammu City recording a day temperature of 38.2 degrees Celsius.

Banihal, Batote, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 29.2, 27.7, 35.2 and 31.4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Meanwhile, Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has predicted an isolated heat wave in J&K, saying that generally hot & dry weather is expected with the possibility of a brief spell of light rain at isolated places mainly towards late afternoon till May 26.

Ahmad said that from May 27 to 31, the weather would remain generally hot & dry with the possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershower at scattered places.

The MeT in its advisory said that a rise in maximum temperature by 1-2 degrees Celsius is expected with the possibility of a heatwave at scattered places of Kashmir division till May 23 and fall by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius

thereafter.

A rise in maximum temperature is expected by 2-3 degrees Celsius, with the possibility of a heatwave over Jammu division till May 26. "Possibility of thunder, gusty winds at isolated places towards late afternoon can't be ruled out," according to the advisory. KNO

Land record digitisation...

components including the digitisation of Jamabandis, vectorization/digitisation of cadastral maps, modernisation of record rooms, scanning of past records and updation of the pending backlog mutations.

Dulloo emphasised upon the department to enhance the capacity of the additional staff provided to them. He asked for ensuring the records are entered correctly without any error. He maintained that the primary objective of this programme is to provide efficient system to the citizens and once completed people should have no grievances about the accuracy of records.

FCR ACS, Shaleen Kabra, threw light on different accomplishments achieved, so far. He maintained that most of the prerequisite ground work had already been done to take up the remaining work of modernisation in a mission mode. He made out that at the end of the programme there would be real time updation of records besides paperless registrations would also be a reality across the districts of the UT.

Secretary Revenue, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, while informing the meeting about the progress made, so far, revealed that NIC-JK developed software for digital entry, mutation and real-time updates of Jamabandis has been successfully customised.

He further gave out that the pilot projects in Khairi Dadyal (Nagrota Tehsil) and Chak Wahab Din (Suchetgarh Tehsil) have demonstrated proof-of-concept. To accelerate digitization, each district will deploy 100 Master Trainers with 43 already trained, he added.

It was also revealed that the key initiatives included integration with the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS), public access to real-time auto-updated Records of Rights (RoR) and infrastructure support from JaKEGA for training and hosting.

To ensure spatial accuracy, it was apprised that a high-resolution mapping is underway, with a Virtual Control Points Library being developed for geospatial referencing. Additionally, significant progress included BISAG-facilitated map returns, mother map finalisation, mobile app development for sub-parcel updates and integration with satellite imagery targeted to be accomplished within the next 12 months.

Since 2019, property registration has transitioned to a fully online model via NGDRS. The process now supports paperless deed creation using the "My Deed" editor, PAN verification, Digi Locker and citizen feedback via the RAS platform. All 86 Sub-Registrar Offices have been equipped with CCTV systems to ensure complete transparency. A Model Deed is under final vetting to enable end-to-end digital operations in near future.

While legacy document digitization is ongoing and being uploaded on the LRIS portal, physical infrastructure for 207 Modern Record Rooms (MRRs) awaits funding clearance. Once completed, these facilities will offer compact storage, operational efficiency and digital access systems in all the tehsil headquarters of the UT.

To streamline the citizen verification, Aadhaar linkage with land records is being executed thereby generating separate ULPINs for different land patches found under public and private use. It was further informed that the land parcels already supported with corresponding Aadhar numbers by virtue of integration with PM-KISAN data will be prioritised. The rest of the beneficiaries were said to be enrolled during Farmer Registry camps held across the villages later.

Moreover, it was given out that all the 881 Revenue Courts are now digitized and integrated into the JK Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (JKRCCMS). The citizens can conveniently access the case details, interim orders and final decisions online at https://rcms.jk.gov.in. It was added that the final uploading of legacy cases is also underway.

Atal Dulloo highlighted the pivotal role of digital integration, accurate geo-referencing and citizen empowerment in land administration reforms. He emphasized continued inter-departmental coordination and institutional support to realize a transparent, accessible and efficient land governance system for the overall development across different sectors including social, agricultural and industrial sectors across the UT.

River Transport in...

UT for making inland water transport a reality at the earliest. He called for collaborative development of the necessary infrastructure, including terminals and electric cruise operations, in coordination with the Tourism, Transport, and PWD departments.

During the meeting, IWAI representatives presented findings from their preliminary surveys, which had been conducted to assess the feasibility of river stretches for water transport. The surveys identified viable segments on the Jhelum, Chenab, and Ravi rivers for potential IWT operations.

It was also highlighted that the development of inland water transport aligns with the Government of India's national policy of promoting river transport for its comfort, efficiency, and pollution-free nature. Plans were discussed to procure electric-powered cruise vessels with a capacity of up to 20 passengers, which would operate between designated terminals on these rivers.

The Chief Secretary reiterated the government's commitment to fast-tracking this sustainable transport model, particularly given its tourism potential and its utility in connecting the underserved areas. He directed the concerned departments to prepare a coordinated roadmap with defined timelines for its implementation in a shortest possible time.

LG pays tribute to Army...

the nation during the anti-terror operation in Kishtwar. The grateful nation will forever be indebted to his valour and unwavering commitment to duty. We stand united in solidarity with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief," the Lieutenant Governor said. KNO

70th Golden Year Closing Ceremony of BMS will be held in Delhi



JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 22

Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh has completed its 70 years. On this occasion, various programs like youth conference, women conference, etc. were being organized across the country for almost a year. Now the closing ceremony is being organized at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi on 23 July. Yesterday, on 22 July, in the meeting of Prachar Toli, National Organizational Secretary B Surendran, Regional Organizational Secretary Anupam ji and State General Secretary Dr. Deependra Chahar were present in the meeting with journalists and social media workers. Meeting started by Regional Organization Secretary Anupam ji, who gave information about the upcoming program and the program being held throughout the year. Later, National Organization Secretary B Surendran ji said that the golden program was started on completion of 70 years from where Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh started in Bhopal in 1955. In this journey of 70 years, we have become the number one trade union from a union with zero members in the country. Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh works keeping in mind human, social and national interest. He told that in 1974, we have introduced it for the first time by forming a union of domestic workers. He told that today there are more than 6200 unions and more than 2 crore members. Publicity head Sarvesh Mishra, National General Secretary of Working Journalists of India Narendra Bhandari, National President (working) Sanjay Upadhyay, Senior Vice President Sanjay Saxena, Senior Journalist Shivaji Sarkar, Narendra Dhawan, Sandeep Sharma, Ish Mallik, Photo Journalist Jagjit Singh, Sudhir Saluja, Diwakar Kundu, Sanjeev Chauhan, Pramod Goswami, Amrit etc. were present in this meeting.

Yudhvir, Surinder Bhagat hold public darbar at BJP HQs



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 23 MAY 2025.

Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President of J&K BJP and MLA from Jammu East, and Surinder Bhagat, MLA from Marh, held a public darbar at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The event witnessed participation of many deputations from Jammu and its surrounding areas to voice their concerns and seek redressal of long-pending civic and administrative issues.

The darbar served as a platform for direct communication between the people and the BJP leadership.

Deputations from Jhiri, Dub Ditta, New Plot, Amphalla, Tok Ploura, Kachi Chawni, Janipur, Maheshpura, Bohri, Panjirthri, Trikuta Nagar and others presented the issues related to the repair and reconstruction of damaged lanes and drains, installation and proper functioning of street lighting systems, and improvements in the supply of clean drinking water.

Matters related to the Revenue Department, such as land mutation delays and property disputes, were also brought to the fore. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding the poor implementation of welfare schemes in certain underserved areas and the pressing need for better road connectivity and healthcare facilities.

Yudhvir Sethi and Surinder Bhagat listened patiently to the deputations. In many cases, the

leaders responded on the spot by contacting concerned departmental officers, issuing written directives, and instructing immediate action. Several grievances were resolved during the course of the event itself, reinforcing public confidence in responsive governance. Yudhvir Sethi, while listening to the grievances, emphasized the BJP's people-centric approach and its commitment to transparent governance. "The public darbar is not merely a formality. It is a testament to our resolve to remain connected with the people we serve. Our goal is to offer real solutions, not just assurances," he said. He added that the BJP believes in meaningful action over rhetoric and that every issue raised by the people would be taken seriously. Sethi further noted that regular public interactions are essential in identifying ground-level issues that often go unnoticed in formal bureaucratic processes. "These darbars provide us with first-hand insights into the daily struggles of our citizens. They enable us to take corrective measures quickly and efficiently," he stated. Surinder Bhagat, while interacting with the public, underscored the role of elected representatives as facilitators of change. "We are not here just to legislate but also to ensure that governance reaches every doorstep. Public darbars like this empower citizens to directly communicate with their leaders without intermediaries, creating a culture of accountability and inclusion," he said.

DC Bandipora conducts extensive tour of Sumbal sub-division

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 23

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday conducted an extensive tour of the Sumbal sub-division to assess the status of irrigation infrastructure ahead of the upcoming agricultural season.

During the visit, DC inspected several irrigation canals and lift irrigation schemes across key areas including Pahalyari, Zajyari, Galibal, Hakabara, Paribal, Markundal, Wangipora Khurwan, Shadipora, Naribal Ganastan, Boon, Shahgund and other adjoining areas.

Qadri interacted with the officials from the Irrigation & Flood Control department and Mechanical Irrigation division to understand ground-level challenges, identify existing issues, and discuss strategies for improving water management.

Reviewing the functionality of pump stations and



distribution networks, DC emphasized regular monitoring and prompt grievance redressal, ensuring timely support to the farmers.

Highlighting the critical role of irrigation in agricultural sustainability, DC urged officers to ensure equitable access to irrigation facilities for all farmers to support their livelihoods and enhanced crop productivity.

While reviewing the functionality of pump sta-

tions at Markundal, Paribal, and Ganastan, Qadri observed certain technical issues hindering optimal performance and directed the concerned departments to immediately initiate repair and maintenance work to ensure uninterrupted irrigation to the agricultural fields.

During the field visit, DC was accompanied by officers from the I&FC department, Mechanical Irrigation, and other concerned departments.

Awareness program on POSH Act held at South Campus of Kashmir University

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MAY 23

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Anantnag conducted an awareness program on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (POSH Act) at Kashmir University South Campus.

The keynote speaker for the event was Fozia Paul, Secretary DLSA. She discussed in detail the legal framework surrounding the POSH Act and highlighted the need for creating a safe and inclusive work environment. She also discussed the role of institutions in upholding the dignity and rights of individuals at the workplace.

The event aimed to educate participants about the importance of constituting Internal Complaints Committees (POSH cells) on campuses, and the proper procedures for reporting



and addressing complaints of workplace harassment.

Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Mohammad Aleem served as the resource person and provided insights into working of free legal aid services under Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Program witnessed active participation from students, faculty mem-

bers, and administrative staff, reflecting the growing awareness and commitment to ensuring a harassment-free workplace.

The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants clarified their doubts and shared their views on fostering a respectful work culture.

Girls shine in Taekwondo, Volleyball & Kho-Kho competitions across Baramulla



JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 23

In a spirited continuation of the inter-zonal district level Taekwondo championship hosted at Subhana Stadium, Sopore, Youth Services and Sports, Baramulla, today successfully conducted the girls' competitions across the Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 categories.

A total of 30 enthusiastic girls showcased their

martial arts prowess- 07 in the Under-14 category, 16 in Under-17, and 07 in Under-19. Their energy, discipline, and sportsmanship reflected the department's vision to uplift and empower young female athletes across the district. The event comes a day after the successful culmination of the boys' Taekwondo bouts, adding further vibrance to the ongoing district-level championship.

District Level Committee reviews provision of civic amenities in Doda Hostels

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 23

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee on Hostel Inspection here in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The meeting was convened to review the inspection and overall functioning of hostels across the District Doda, with a focus on ensuring effective management, safety, hygiene, and the welfare of students residing in these facilities, in alignment with government norms and expectations.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur; District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Qazi; District Education Planning Officer Anis Ahmed; Assistant Director FCS & CA, Accounts Officer SSP office, Food Safety Officer and wardens of G&B Hostel (Girls), G&B Hostel (Boys), Hostel GHSS Doda, Parisha (Nari Niketan), and Palash (Bal Ashram).

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the need for regular and surprise inspections of hostels to monitor food qual-



ity, sanitation standards, safety protocols, and the overall living conditions of students. He directed the concerned officers to submit detailed inspection reports and take immediate corrective measures wherever necessary. Special focus was laid on ensuring the psychological well-being of hostel residents and the availability of proper grievance redressal mechanisms.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed officers to coordinate closely with hostel wardens to streamline the supply of essential commodities, maintain infrastructure, and ensure timely health check-ups for inmates. He stressed that hostels should function as safe, supportive, and development-friendly environments for the children and youth of the district.

The DC reviewed the work rosters of all perma-

nent and temporary hostel employees, as well as the accommodation facilities. He also reviewed staff positions in hostels across the district and issued necessary directions to utilise their services for the betterment of hostel inmates. He directed that routine medical check-ups for all hostel boys and girls be ensured.

Further, the DC instructed for installation of CCTV cameras and fire extinguishers in all hostels for better supervision and fire safety. The criteria for the admission to the Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostels was also discussed, and emphasis was placed on providing quality education to the students residing in these hostels.

DC Doda directed the ADC to ensure regular inspections of hostels focusing on education, food, and health parameters. He also reviewed

the purchasing process for hostel items and instructed that items be procured through GeM under proper formalities.

Additionally, the DC directed the District Social Welfare Officer to initiate work on the construction of a new hostel building to increase accommodation capacity.

Stakeholders of hostel supervision raised several issues and grievances during the meeting, and the Deputy Commissioner assured them that all concerns would be addressed and resolved promptly.

The DC also instructed concerned officials to maintain proper records of accounts, health, and education indicators to ensure efficient hostel functioning. He further urged the introduction of regular health and yoga activities in hostels to improve student well-being.

Moreover, DC Doda called for the appointment of a counselor for hostel students and directed that extracurricular activities such as cultural programs and painting competitions be organized regularly to foster a holistic learning environment.

DC Rajouri conducts Surprise inspection of Urban Health Training Centre, Tehsil Office

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 23

To strengthen public services delivery and reinforce accountability in the district administration, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today conducted surprise inspections of the Urban Health Training Centre located at Town Hall and the Tehsil Office.

During his visit to the Urban Health Training Centre, the Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive review of the functioning of the facility and assessed the quality of services being provided to the public. Expressing concern



over punctuality and the standard of service delivery, he directed the staff to maintain strict discipline and ensure that patients receive timely and quality healthcare.

Emphasizing the need to bolster healthcare services at the grassroots level, he

stated, "We are here to serve the people. Every official must remember that our prime responsibility is to ensure public welfare through responsive and transparent administration."

As an immediate impact of the visit, two intern

doctors were deployed at the Urban Health Training Centre on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner to strengthen the healthcare delivery mechanism and ensure adequate medical support for visiting patients.

Later in the day, the Deputy Commissioner also visited the Tehsil Office Rajouri to assess the functioning of various sections. Interacting with the officials, he underscored the importance of dedication, efficiency, and the timely redressal of public grievances. He urged the staff to adopt a proactive approach and work with sincerity and commitment.

CII delegation calls on Dy CM

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 23

A three member delegation of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) today called on Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, at Civil Secretariat Srinagar.

The delegation was led by Dr M.A Alim, Chairman CII J&K Council, who was accompanied by Iqram Ali Shafiee Vice Chairman CII J&K and Khurshid Dar, Head CII J&K.

During the deliberations, Dr Alim appreciated the performance of different departments under the guidance of Deputy Chief



Minister.

Dr Alim raised several issues including the need for infrastructure upgradation at industrial estates of Srinagar and Industrial Estate Khangrail Jammu.

The delegation offered to set up two Skill Centers one each at Jammu and Srinagar under the aegis of

Skill Development Department. They also proposed free training at CII member premises to students of ITIs and Polytechnics.

The DyCM patiently heard the issues of CII delegation and assured all possible support from government to redress their concerns.

Director RDD reviews progress of Rural Development works, schemes in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 23

Director Rural Development Department Jammu Mohammad Mumtaz Ali convened a review meeting to assess the status and implementation of the RDD schemes in Poonch during his tour to the border District.

The meeting was attended by Block Development Officers and functionaries of Rural Engineering Wing.

The meeting was informed that 97% PMAY-(G)/AavssPlus houses have been completed and work on remaining is in progress. It was further informed that only 17 cases are pending for first installment for which directions were issued to obtain the relevant documents and resolve the issue, if any, within a week's time to dispose of the cases.

Instructions were issued for preparation of Annual Action Plan under UT Capex after ascertaining the feasibility /estimation of each work strictly as per the instructions passed by the higher authorities and submit the same by May 24- 2025 (Saturday) positively.

Dy CM pays surprise visit to govt offices at Sanat Ghar Bemina

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 23

In a bid to enhance the public convenience and ensure efficient service delivery, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, paid a surprise visit to various government offices at Sanat Ghar Bemina, Srinagar.

The Dy CM visited the offices of Director Industries Kashmir, MD JK Minerals, MD SICOP/SIDCO, MD Handloom Development Corporation, KVIB, Office of TPO. He reviewed the functioning of these offices and asked the officers to ensure that the public receives hassle-free services.

During the visit, the Dy CM emphasised the importance of maintain-



ing cleanliness, ensuring quick disposal of public grievances and enforcing punctuality in government offices.

The Dy CM held a detailed discussion with the officials regarding steps to streamline the functioning of their respective departments. He emphasised the need for prompt service delivery, better management

of public inflow and improved infrastructure, especially considering the ongoing summer heat.

He also stressed that benefits of all government schemes should reach the last person in line in real-time. He directed for conducting awareness programs to educate the general public about the government schemes.

The Dy CM cautioned

that no lackadaisical approach would be tolerated, underscoring the administration's commitment to transparency and accountability. He directed that all the HoDs should be stationed in Srinagar stating "it is essential that citizens do not have to wait unnecessarily and services are provided strictly according to the scheduled time frame".

Reiterating commitment of the government towards citizens satisfaction, the Dy CM emphasised that every citizen should receive government services in a prompt, corruption-free and transparent manner.

Pertinently, the Dy CM conducted similar surprise visit to Udhog Bhawan in Jammu.

DECC organises one day Job fair at Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 23

District Employment & Counselling Centre organized a one-day job fair in its office premises here today.

Different companies viz M/S Shri Ram General Insurance, M/S Vijay Builders, M/S Pukhraj Health Care, M/S Universal Sompo General Insurance Co Ltd., M/S J&T International Pvt. Ltd, L.I.C, SBI Life M/S Rajshree Motors, Phone-Pe, M/S Kalka Ventures participated, offer-



ing a common platform to job seekers and job providers.

More than 300 unemployed youth from different corners of Udhampur participated in the job fair.

Assistant Director Employment Priyanka Gupta impressed upon the

youth to avail the opportunity of job fair & reap the benefit of MISSION YUVA self-employment scheme run by the Employment Department. The officials also carried out on the spot registration of unemployed youth on Mission YUVA App.

EDITORIAL

Justice still eludes Pahalgam massacre victims

One month has passed since the serene Baisaran meadows of Pahalgam turned into a site of unspeakable horror. At least 25 innocent tourists and a brave local ponywallah lost their lives in a cold-blooded terrorist attack that shook not only the Kashmir Valley but the conscience of the entire nation. And yet, the masterminds of this barbarity remain free, their identities known, but their whereabouts shrouded in the shadows of a still-elusive justice. In the immediate aftermath of the April 22 massacre, the state responded with the urgency and severity such an atrocity demands. Massive crackdowns were launched across Kashmir, with elite units of the Indian security establishment deployed to smoke out the perpetrators. Several high-profile terrorists were neutralized in subsequent operations, and over 100 suspects have been interrogated by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is leading the probe. Yet, despite these sweeping efforts, the actual assailants – including the named suspects Adil Hussain Thoker, and Pakistani nationals Ali Bhai (aka Talha Bhai) and Hashim Musa (aka Suleiman) – continue to evade capture. This glaring gap in the operation raises uncomfortable questions about the effectiveness of our intelligence apparatus and the mechanisms in place to prevent such attackers from simply disappearing after wreaking havoc. The NIA's release of sketches, analysis of mobile dump data, interrogation of service providers in the area, and the announcement of a Rs 20 lakh reward are all steps in the right direction. But they remain cold comfort for the families of the slain, who continue to wait for closure. Each day that passes without justice not only deepens their grief but also sends a disturbing message – that terrorists can strike at the heart of civilian life and still manage to disappear into the terrain. Moreover, reports of widespread detentions, including the re-arrest of individuals who had previously served sentences for militancy, have sparked concerns about due process and the possibility of alienating more youth in a region already grappling with years of unrest. While a strong security response is warranted, it must not cross the line into indiscriminate action. The balance between firm counter-terror operations and safeguarding civil liberties is delicate, but crucial. The attack's religious undertone – victims reportedly being asked to recite the "kalma" before being executed – adds another sinister layer. Such actions aim to tear at the social fabric of our diverse society. The response to this must be both security-based and moral. We must resist any attempt to communalize the tragedy, and instead, reaffirm our collective commitment to secularism and unity. The government must now double down on intelligence-driven operations, strengthen community outreach in the valley to encourage public cooperation, and ensure that every available technological and human resource is leveraged to bring the perpetrators to justice. A failure to do so not only risks emboldening those who seek to destabilize the region through terror, but also weakens public faith in the state's ability to protect its people and uphold the rule of law. A month has passed, but justice must not be a casualty of time. The victims of Pahalgam – mothers, fathers, children, and the man who tried to shield them – deserve more than our sorrow. They deserve justice, swiftly and unequivocally delivered.

India's suspension of Indus Waters Treaty: A legally justified response to terrorism

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As a counter-measure to the devastating terrorist attack in Pahalgam which claimed 26 lives including 25 Indians and one Nepali national, India's Cabinet Committee on Security announced on April 23, 2025, that "The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960 between India and Pakistan will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism." While Pakistan has termed this suspension as an "act of war," India's position rests on solid legal foundations within international law, particularly given the doctrine of *rebus sic stantibus* (fundamental change of circumstances). This piece examines the legal validity of India's decision and reaches the view that India's denouncing the IWT aligns with established principles of international law. The Indus Waters Treaty, signed in 1960 under World Bank mediation, considered a rare success in India-Pakistan diplomacy, surviving multiple wars and persistent tensions, is more in favour of Pakistan.

The treaty divided the six rivers of the Indus system between the two nations: India received rights over the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, and

Sutlej), while Pakistan gained control over the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab). In this arrangement, India received approximately 30 per cent of the total water carried by the rivers, while Pakistan received 70 per cent. The lopsided nature of the treaty is reflected as it allowed India limited use of western rivers for non-consumptive purposes such as power generation and irrigation under strict regulations, leaving the huge remainder in favour of Pakistan. Remarkably, the IWT has endured for over 65 years despite intermittent tensions between the two nations, a testament to its robust framework but more reflective of India's resilience in not scrapping it for humanitarian considerations.

Numerous occasions arose in the past when India could have reconsidered the continuation of the treaty, however, it observed restraint perhaps in the hope of not undermining the prospects of friendliness with Pakistan in future. Unilateral denunciation of IWT by India may be seen as an act of reprisal against the Pahalgam attack, but it is also a reflection of changing realities that now challenge its continued application in its current form. Though the IWT framework has no exit clause or specified



duration, and conventionally, any modification of its terms would require consent from both parties, however, international law provides mechanisms for treaty suspension/termination under certain circumstances, which India has now invoked. India's suspension of the IWT finds legal validity in the doctrine of *rebus sic stantibus*, codified in Article 62 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT), 1969.

Although India is not a signatory to the VCLT, the principle is widely recognised as part of customary international law, making it applicable regardless of ratification status. Moreover, the VCLT does not provide all the circumstances under which a treaty could be suspended/terminated eg, aggression, fomenting civil strife and sponsoring terrorism in the territory of a treaty

party, that could justify the validity of Indian stand under customary international law.

Moreover, a fundamental change in circumstances can be invoked u/a 62 as ground for treaty termination or suspension when: "(a) the existence of those circumstances constituted an essential basis of the consent of the parties to be bound by the treaty; and (b) the effect of the change is radically to transform the extent of obligations still to be performed under the treaty". Importantly, paragraph 3 of Article 62 explicitly mentions that a party may invoke fundamental change as grounds for "suspending the operation of the treaty", which is precisely what India has done-not terminating the treaty but holding it in abeyance.

In addition, the doctrine of *rebus sic stantibus* provides an escape from

the principle of *pacta sunt servanda* (agreements must be kept), embodied in Art 26 of the VCLT, which requires that "every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith". The key element here is "good faith" a condition that India argues Pakistan has violated through its continued support for cross-border terrorism, further justifying the Indian stand.

For invocation of *rebus sic stantibus* to be valid, it must be demonstrated that a fundamental change in circumstances has occurred since 1960 that was not foreseen by the parties, constituted an essential basis for consent to the treaty, and radically transforms the extent of obligations under the treaty. India's stand on IWT satisfies these requirements on multiple grounds taken up hereinafter.

When the IWT was signed in 1960, the nature and scale of cross-border terrorism that India has faced over decades from Pakistan did not exist. The treaty was negotiated with the assumption of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect for sovereignty, however, the persistent support for terrorism directed against India fundamentally alters the context in which the treaty operates, violating the good faith principle

that underlies all treaty obligations.

India's suspension of the IWT is not a permanent termination but a conditional abeyance "until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism." This formulation leaves room for the treaty's revival under changed circumstances if Pakistan takes verifiable steps to address India's security concerns.

By framing the suspension as conditional rather than permanent, India has demonstrated restraint and left open pathways for resolution. India's action may well establish an important precedent in international hydro-diplomacy as it sends a clear message that water-sharing agreements cannot be isolated from broader bilateral relations, especially when those relations are marred by security threats. The ball now rests in Pakistan's court and by addressing India's concerns regarding cross-border terrorism, Pakistan can create conditions for the treaty's revival. Until then, India's suspension stands as a legally defensible response to fundamentally changed circumstances in a volatile region.

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Debunking the 'India alone' narrative of Operation Sindoor

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A closer examination of international responses, diplomatic statements, and geopolitical alignments reveals a very different reality. Far from being diplomatically abandoned, India received strong global backing, especially in its fight against cross-border terrorism

In the wake of the heinous Pahalgam terror attack and India's swift, precise military response through Operation Sindoor, a digital narrative began trending: #IndiaAlone. It wasn't just an organic social media wave-it was a carefully constructed piece of cognitive warfare, seeded by Pakistani-aligned media outlets and amplified by Chinese and Turkish media ecosystems. The message was simple but potent: India, in taking decisive action against cross-border terrorism, had allegedly isolated itself diplomatically.

Yet a closer examination of international responses, diplomatic statements, and geopolitical alignments reveals a very different reality. Far from being diplomatically abandoned, India received strong global backing, especially in its fight against cross-border terrorism. This makes it imperative to unpack, challenge, and dismantle the 'India Alone' narrative-point by point.

Origin of 'IndiaAlone' Hashtag?

The narrative's roots can be traced directly to Pakistan's strategic propaganda machinery. Following the 22 April terror attack in Pahalgam, Pakistan not only dismissed responsibility but rapidly launched an influence campaign, extending from the Indus Waters Treaty controversy to misinformation around Operation Sindoor.

By early May, former Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto issued dire warnings after India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty. Around 4 May, Radio Pakistan actively pushed this emerging narrative, predicting India's diplomatic fallout. Soon after, during the peak of Operation

Sindoor (9-10 May), Pakistani media outlets and social platforms began asserting-not just predicting-India's isolation.

An analysis of X (formerly Twitter) posts from 11-12 May revealed the majority of users tweeting with the #IndiaAlone tag were based in Pakistan, or were part of overseas anti-India groups-especially Pakistani diaspora in London and Khalistani elements in Canada. A key component of their strategy was to attempt sectarian division, particularly by portraying Sikh sentiments as separate from broader Indian national interests.

Media Collusion and International Amplification

Pakistan's narrative-building extended into international journalism. Several journalists of Pakistani origin working for global outlets like CNN, Bloomberg, Reuters, and the New York Times produced stories that either questioned India's military response or subtly downplayed the terror aspect of the Pahalgam attacks.

On 14 May, Disinfo Lab published findings that a significant number of stories minimising the terror dimension or questioning India's legitimacy came from writers with known affiliations to Pakistan. The intent was clear: reframe the aggressor as the victim, and the victim as the provocateur.

This was not a solo act by Pakistan. China, Turkey, and Qatar-often at geopolitical odds with India-joined in. Chinese-language platforms on Baidu, and Turkish state media like TRT World and Anadolu Agency, consistently pushed the "India Isolated" theme. Interestingly, this wasn't the first time such a narrative was deployed-it had circulated within Chinese media ecosystems even before 31 March 2025, well before the launch of Operation Sindoor.

China's motivations are rooted in hard strategic interests. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) runs through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir-an area of deep concern to India.

With this route providing access to the Indian Ocean and serving as a lifeline to China's

Xinjiang region, any Indian military action threatens Chinese stakes directly. Further, with the Trump administration easing tariffs on China, Beijing no longer feels the same diplomatic need to appease New Delhi-a factor that explains its open backing of Pakistan.

The Real Global Response: Far from Isolation

Despite the online cacophony, the actual diplomatic response from around the world was overwhelmingly supportive of India. Contrary to what the narrative suggested, key global powers acknowledged India's right to respond decisively to terrorism:

a) United States: Condemned the Pahalgam attack, expressed condolences, and affirmed India's right to self-defence.

b) United Kingdom: Foreign Secretary David Lammy and former PM Rishi Sunak offered unequivocal support.

c) France: Expressed "unwavering solidarity" with India.

d) Russia: Urged restraint, but recognised the legitimacy of India's response.

e) Israel: Applauded India's anti-terror response and supported its sovereignty. Furthermore, countries across Asia, Europe, the Gulf, and even Palestine extended support.

Nations such as Japan, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, and Australia condemned the terror attack and upheld India's sovereign right to respond.

A report by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) found that 123 nations issued independent statements backing India, with no major power opposing Operation Sindoor. If anything, this showed a global diplomatic convergence, not isolation.

China, Turkey, and Azerbaijan

Only three nations-China, Turkey, and Azerbaijan-openly backed Pakistan after its failed retaliation attempts. These alignments are neither new nor surprising. China and Pakistan call themselves "all-weather allies," though the relationship is transactional-based on military cooperation and Chinese investment.

With Chinese-made weapons now facing their first real combat test in the India-Pakistan theatre, Beijing had a vested interest in managing perception. Any indication that Indian, French, or Russian systems outperformed Chinese hardware would damage China's arms export credibility.

Turkey's motivations are rooted in its neo-Ottoman ambitions. President Erdogan aspires to a leadership role in the global Islamic community, positioning Ankara as a challenger to Saudi Arabia's dominance. Turkey's support for Pakistan is part of this strategy, also reflected in its support for Azerbaijan in its conflict with Armenia-where India sided with Armenia.

The Russia Factor

Critics noted that Russia's muted stance reflected a shift away from its historical closeness with India. However, such a reading is simplistic.

India continues to rely on Russia for defence technology-from S-400 missile systems to the BrahMos missile programme. During the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India resisted Western pressure to condemn Moscow, maintaining a nuanced stance rooted in strategic autonomy.

One reason for Russia's measured tone could be the involvement of the Trump administration in ceasefire negotiations. With Trump's unpredictability in foreign policy, Moscow may have preferred to observe and wait. This does not amount to strategic drift, but rather, realpolitik diplomacy in action.

growing U.S.-India strategic partnership forged over the past two decades.

India's Communication Strategy

One of the standout aspects of Operation Sindoor was India's internal narrative management. The Ministry of Defence and the Press Information Bureau provided timely, fact-based updates, helping shape domestic understanding. India's Ambassador to the U.S. and High Commissioner to the U.K. actively engaged with international stakeholders.

Further, the All-Party Delegation, split into seven outreach groups, worked to disseminate India's perspective globally-an effective initiative that should be institutionalised.

Still, more is needed. Information statecraft must become a national priority. As India rises on the world stage, it must build systems that can counter disinformation in real-time, especially in a digital landscape where perception often precedes truth.

Conclusion

The 'India Alone' narrative is not just a falsehood-it is a strategic attempt to weaken India's diplomatic muscle through cognitive warfare. It was seeded, amplified, and repeated by known actors with clear motives: Pakistan, China, Turkey, and their associated media arms. But facts tell a different story. India is not alone-not diplomatically, not strategically, and certainly not morally. The world is watching, and most of it is watching with India, not against it.

In the modern age, the battles of narratives are as vital as battles on the ground. India's success in Operation Sindoor extended beyond military strikes-it lay equally in countering misinformation and affirming its global voice. The next step is to institutionalise this capability and ensure that India's story is told loud, clear, and globally by India itself.

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India pharma market sees 7.4 pc growth in April over surge in chronic therapies

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NEW DELHI

Indian pharma market (IPM) has seen a 7.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth in April due to a surge in chronic therapies, according to a report.

The monthly report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services showed that the IPM's growth in April 2024 was 9 per cent. In March 2025 it was 9.3 per cent.

The growth was driven by strong outperformance in cardiac, central Nervous System (CNS), and respiratory therapies.

Notably, respiratory therapies saw a revival in YoY growth in April. Acute therapy growth stood at 6 per cent in April (vs. 6 per cent in April 2024 and 8 per cent in March 2025) owing to seasonality.

IPM growth was also led by price (4.3 per cent), new launches (2.3 per cent), and volume growth (1.3 per cent).

Further, the report said



that therapies like cardiac (11.3 per cent), gastro (9.4 per cent), antineoplast -- also known as anticancer drugs or chemotherapy drugs -- (12.6 per cent), and urology (13.1 per cent) led YoY growth on a moving annual turnover (MAT) basis. On the MAT basis, the industry reported 7.9 per cent growth YoY.

Chronic therapies witnessed 9 per cent YoY growth, while acute therapies displayed 6 per cent YoY growth in April. The

acute segment's share in overall IPM stood at 61 per cent for MAT April, with YoY growth of 7.9 per cent.

The report noted that domestic companies outperformed multinationals in April. As of April, Indian pharma companies hold a majority share of 83 per cent in IPM, while the remaining is held by multinational pharma companies (MNCs). In March, Indian companies grew 7.4 per cent, while MNCs grew 7.4 per cent YoY.

Similarly, a recent report, by rating agency India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), showed that IPM continued its growth in April with 7.8 per cent YoY in revenue.

The report showed that the growth was driven by the price hikes taken by companies with volume growing 1.3 per cent YoY. Almost all major chronic therapies also showed positive value and volume growth.

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Study claims online plant-based diet programme can help manage diabetes

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NEW DELHI

A structured online nutrition programme may address India's diabetes epidemic by removing key barriers to dietary adherence, according to a study, led by an Indian-origin researcher.

The study, led by the US-based Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), showed that participants who followed a physician-led, plant-based nutrition programme experienced measurable improvements in health. This included reduced medication use, body weight, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels.

The findings offer potential insights for India, where diabetes currently affects more than 101 million adults, with an additional 136 million in the prediabetes stage, said the team in the paper, published in the American Journal of Lifestyle Medi-



cine. "India's diabetes crisis requires solutions that work within our healthcare realities," said lead author Dr. Vanita Rahman, internal medicine physician with PCRM.

"While we've long known that dietary changes can effectively manage diabetes, implementation has been challenging due

to limited consultation time, inconsistent follow-up, and accessibility barriers -- particularly in tier-2 and tier-3 cities," Rahman added. Buy vitamins and supplements

The study addressed common challenges Indian patients face when attempting lifestyle modifications such as accessibility; structured support;

practical implementation; and consistent follow-up.

The 12-week programme enrolled 76 adults with type 2 diabetes. Among the 58 participants who completed the programme 22 per cent of participants reduced diabetes medication dosages; average weight decreased by 3.7 kilograms (approximately 8 pounds); HbA1C (a measure of blood sugar control) decreased by 0.6 per cent.

Further, the total and LDL cholesterol levels decreased by 15 and 12 mg/dL, respectively, among participants not taking lipid-lowering medications. "These results are especially relevant in the Indian context, where vegetarian and plant-forward dietary habits are already part of cultural norms. With simple adaptations to lower fat content and focus on whole foods, these interventions can be easily incorporated within Indian households," Rahman said.

No difference in how autistic and non-autistic people communicate: Study

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NEW DELHI

A new study on Wednesday said that there is no significant difference in the effectiveness of how autistic and non-autistic people communicate, thus challenging the stereotype that autistic people struggle to connect with others.

Social difficulties often faced by autistic people are more about differences in how autistic and non-autistic people communicate, rather than a lack of social ability in autistic individuals.

Autism is a lifelong neurodivergence and disability, and influences how people experience and interact with the world.

The study, led by experts from the University of Edinburgh and published in Nature Human Behaviour, tested how effectively information was passed between 311



autistic and non-autistic people.

Participants were tested in groups where everyone was autistic, everyone was non-autistic, or a combination of both. The first person in the group heard a story from the researcher, then passed it along to the next person. Each person had to remember and repeat the story, and the last person in the chain recalled the story aloud.

According to the study, the amount of information passed on at each point in the chain was scored to discern how effective participants were at sharing the story. Researchers found there were no differences between autistic, non-autistic, and mixed groups.

Researchers found that non-autistic people preferred interacting with others like themselves,

and autistic people preferred learning from fellow autistic individuals. This is likely down to the different ways that autistic and non-autistic people communicate, experts say.

Dr Catherine Crompton, Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, said "Autism has often been associated with social impairments, both colloquially and in clinical criteria. Researchers have spent a lot of time trying to 'fix' autistic communication, but this study shows that despite autistic and non-autistic people communicating differently, it is just as successful".

With opportunities for autistic people often limited by misconceptions and misunderstandings, this new research could lead the way to bridging the communication gap and create more inclusive spaces for all, Crompton added.

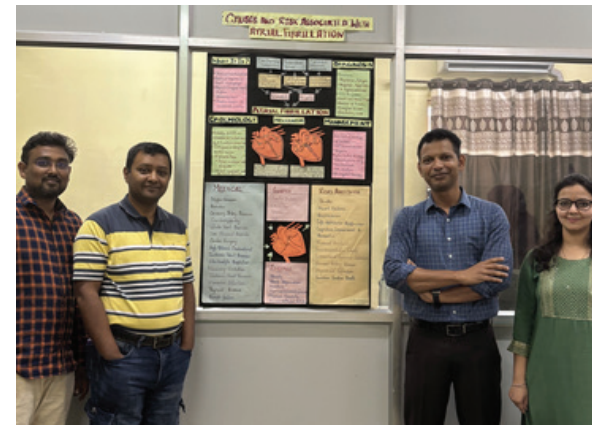
NIT Rourkela's new ECG lead system to boost diagnosis of abnormal heart rhythms

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NEW DELHI

Researchers at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela have developed an effective upgrade to Electrocardiography (ECG) to identify abnormal heart rhythms that can lead to serious conditions such as atrial fibrillation which can further lead to stroke.

ECG is one of the most commonly used techniques to monitor heart activity.

The novel lead placement system called the Atrial Lead System (ALS) helps in easily detecting subtle electrical signals from the upper chambers of the heart, which are often too indistinct to be seen clearly in regular ECGs. These signals play a key role in identifying abnormal heart rhythms -- responsible for a large number of cardiac-related deaths around the world. Irregular heart rhythms



in the heart's upper chambers, known as atrial arrhythmias, are among the most common, especially in patients who have been hospitalised. Identifying these arrhythmias in the early stages can help doctors begin timely treatment and prevent complications.

An ECG records the electrical activity of the heart using electrodes placed on the body. In an ECG, doctors check the 'P-wave', which reflects the electrical activity in

the upper chambers of the heart. However, P-waves are often small and easily lost in background noise making it difficult to detect atrial arrhythmias.

The ALS uses a modified arrangement to improve how electrical activity from the atria is recorded. By strengthening these signals, especially the P-wave, the system helps improve the accuracy of arrhythmia detection, both by doctors and by computer-based diagnostic tools.

"We introduced novel electrode placements that significantly increased the visibility of atrial activity on ECG readings. The improved signal clarity allows for quicker analysis and better clinical decision-making," said Dr. J. Sivaraman, Research lead, and Assistant Professor at the the Department of Biotechnology and Medical Engineering, at NIT Rourkela

Importantly, the new system requires no change to the ECG machine itself. The innovation lies entirely in the way the leads are placed, which means the upgrade can be easily adopted in both public and private healthcare settings without additional cost.

The findings are published in international journals including Biomedical Signal Processing and Control, Medical Hypotheses, and Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine.

'Inclusive India Summit' to promote digital accessibility for persons with disabilities

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NEW DELHI

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) is slated to organise the 'Inclusive India Summit' on the occasion of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on May 15, it was announced on Wednesday.

The 'Inclusive India Summit' is not only an initiative to bring inclusivity to the forefront but also a significant step toward making the digital world accessible to all.

GAAD is dedicated to raising awareness around digital access and inclusion for persons with disabilities across the globe. This day is observed annually on the third Thursday of May.

During the event, 'Mission Accessibility' will release its annual Accessibility Report Card, which presents the current status of accessibility across the country. Additionally, an



AI-enabled chatbot will be announced to assist with departmental schemes.

The event is being conducted in partnership with SBI Foundation and the National Association for the Blind (NAB), New Delhi, besides collaboration with the Association of People with Disability (APD) and Mission Accessibility (Dhananjay Sanjoga Foundation), the Ministry of Social Justice and

Empowerment said in a statement.

"The objective is to promote inclusive development and digital accessibility in the country, while strengthening collaboration between the government, industry, academia, civil society, and the Divyang community to ensure equal opportunities and accessible environments for persons with disabilities," said the ministry.

Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD, would preside over the event as the Chief Guest. A key highlight of the summit will be a panel discussion on digital accessibility, where experts will discuss practical measures to make technologies and products more inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities.

On this occasion, DEPwD will sign Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several organisations including I for Humanity Foundation, Nipman Foundation, Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC), and RampMyCity Foundation.

The event will also feature the presentation of a draft curriculum aimed at integrating digital accessibility guidelines into computer science and design courses. This curriculum has been developed through a national consultative process led by APD, according to the ministry.

India's bioeconomy aims to reach \$300 billion by 2030: Dr Jitendra Singh

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NEW DELHI

India's bioeconomy has seen an exponential rise under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government -- from \$10 billion in 2014 to \$165.7 billion in 2024 -- and aims to reach \$300 billion by 2030, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said on Wednesday.

India is at the right time and in the right place, with a highly enabling political ecosystem to lead the next global biotechnology revolution, he said while addressing the "International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology's (ICGEB) board meeting of governors here. Dr Singh described India as the emerging global biotech destination and said that this is the most appropriate venue for such deliberations at a time when India has much to contribute to the world community.



On the occasion, the minister dedicated India's first-of-its-kind public funded DST-ICGEB 'Biofoundry'. ICGEB has 69 member countries and plays a key role in biotechnology-led sustainable global development through research, training, and technology transfer.

Dr Singh highlighted India's remarkable progress in the biotechnology

sector. He noted that India now ranks 12th globally in biotechnology and holds the third position in the Asia-Pacific region. The country has emerged as the largest vaccine producer in the world and is home to the third largest startup ecosystem globally.

A testament to this growth is the exponential rise in biotech startups, which have surged from

just 50 in 2014 to over 10,000 in 2024.

Recalling the success of Mission COVID Suraksha, Dr Singh noted the development of the world's first DNA-based vaccine. He proudly stated that India gifted these vaccines to the world under the Vaccine Maitri initiative, showcasing its commitment to global health equity.

Dr Singh also mentioned the development of India's 1st indigenous generation antibiotic for monotherapy in bacterial pneumonia Nafithromycin, backed in part by DBT-BIRAC. He also cited the creation of diagnostic kits for Dengue and HIV.

Emphasising the national importance of biomanufacturing, he lauded the BioE3 Policy, approved by the Union Cabinet in August 2024, as a game-changing step to build a resilient ecosystem for bio-based products and promote high-performance biomanufacturing.

ASN School, BVP jointly organize 'Anemia Mukh Bharat' Free Medical Camp

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

A.S.N. Hr. Sec. School, Channi Himmat, Jammu in collaboration with Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Shivalik Branch, Channi Himmat today organized Free Medical Camp under the national initiative "Anemia Mukh Bharat" for girl child and female staff of the school. The event was graced by Smt. Sunita Gupta, State President BVP, as the Guest of Honour while Mr. Ritesh Kapoor, Director ASN School, presided over the function.

Mr. Ashok Khajuria, President BVP Shivalik Branch, conducted the proceedings, and Mr. Kapoor extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. The medical camp was led by renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. Amritpal Singh (Orth-Ist Clinic, Airport



Road) and his associate, who examined students, staff members, and BVP members. Blood samples were collected to assess anemia, and individual reports will be provided by Dr. Singh at a later date. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ritesh Kapoor appreciated the proactive steps taken by Bharat Vikas Parishad to prioritize the health and well-being of our girl children. This free medical camp is a commendable initiative

that will not only provide essential healthcare services but also raise awareness about the importance of health and hygiene. Mr. Kapoor added that the medical camp is part of school's commitment to promoting health and well-being in the community. By providing access to quality healthcare, we aim to empower individuals to take charge of their health and lead healthier lives. He said by focusing on physical and mental

health, these Medical Camps help girls develop healthy habits and build confidence. The event featured a motivational poem by Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and President, Vichar Kranti Manch International. His poem emphasized the importance of eliminating anemia and highlighted the condition's harmful impact on health. Dr. Jain also lauded Mr. Kapoor's commitment to social, health-oriented, and educational initiatives.

Distinguished guests included Arun Sharma (National Council Member), Vijay Sharma, Rajesh Gupta, Ashok

Gupta, H.C. Vaid, Gurmeet Singh, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Rakesh Mishra, Vivek Mahajan, Sunita Mahajan, Aarti Sharma, Rajkumari, Anju Bansal, Vandna Maini, and others. A special musical performance by Anju Bansal added a melodious touch for the children. As part of the health drive, BVP distributed (jaggery) and (roasted gram) to students and staff—natural sources of iron and protein—to promote nutritional awareness and fight anemia.

Anemia is a condition in which the body lacks enough healthy red blood cells or hemoglobin, leading to reduced oxygen supply to organs. The most common type is iron-deficiency anemia, caused by insufficient iron intake or absorption. H.C. Vaid delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of all involved.

Inter-Zone District Level Competitions in different games concludes at Billawar



JNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 23

Department of youth services and Sports Kathua successfully completed the Inter Zone district level competitions for U17 and U14 years boys and girls.

The tournament which was declared open by worthy deputy commissioner Kathua Sh Rakesh Minhas IAS on 6th May concluded here today. The tournament was conducted at different venues. Six teams of upper zones (Bani, Basohli, Mahanpur, Malhar, Billawar and Bhaddu) were put in pool A. Similarly teams of lower area (Kathua, Barnoti, Lakhnapur, Marheen, Sallan and Hiranagar) were put in pool B. The

winner teams of both the pools competed with each other at Naaz Ground Billawar today where winners were decided today's results are: Volleyball U14 boys kathua defeated zone Bani by 2-1 sets. U17 boys kathua defeated Bani by 2-0 sets while in girls section Zone Sallan and zone Bani won their matches in U14 and U17 category respectively.. Kho-Kho

U14 boys Basohli won its match from Hiranagar by a margin of 1 point. And Bani won its match from kathua by 9 points. In girls kho-kho.

In kabaddi zone Marheen won its match from zone Mahanpur by 2 points of U14 boys and in U17 category boys zone Mahanpur won its match from zone Hiranagar by 9 points.

DYSSO Kathua Sh Sunil Singh Sambyal distributed the trophy to the winners and runner team he congratulated the winner teams and appreciated the runner up teams for their efforts. He also appreciated all the field staff with whose efforts the tournament became successful. All these events were conducted under the leadership of worthy Director General Youth Services and Sports Sh Rajinder Singh Tara Singh JKAS and able guidance of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Sh Ved Prakash JKAS and Overall supervision of youth services and Sports officer Kathua Sh Sunil Singh Sambyal.

JKRCEEA urges immediate Restoration of Reservation in Promotion in J&K UT in light of court orders

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

The Jammu & Kashmir Reserved Categories Employees Empowerment Association (JKRCEEA) strongly appeals to the administration of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to immediately restore reservation in promotion for reserved category employees, as mandated by various constitutional amendments, Supreme Court judgments, J&K High Court, CAT Jammu as well as Srinagar bench orders and statutory laws.

While addressing media in Jammu, Legal Advisor JKRCEEA Shashi Bhushan Thappa, Advocate Anwar choudhary, Advocate Parvez Ahmed Choudhary and Advocate Mohd Akram Choudhary said, In 2015, the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of J&K struck down reservation in promotion under the Reservation Act 2004 and Rules 2005 in the Ashok

Kumar Sharma & Others vs State of J&K case. This judgment was stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in multiple tagged Special Leave Petitions (SLPs), including those filed by Mohammad Hanief Lone, Gagan Jyoti, judiciary officers, and engineers in Nasib Singh vs State of J&K SLP. The Supreme Court allowed promotions for reserved category employees, subject to eligibility and availability of vacancies.

Despite clear legal backing, certain officers in the Law and General Administration Departments misled the Executive Heads, resulting in the non-restoration of promotion reservations. In 2019, the President of India extended the 77th Constitutional Amendment to J&K through a Presidential Order, rendering the High Court's 2015 judgment infructuous. Post the abrogation of Article 370 and enactment of the J&K Reorganization Act 2019,



the Reservation Act 2004 remained fully applicable to the UT, yet reservation in promotion remained withheld.

Further, GAD Circular No. 10-JK(GAD) of 2021 introduced an illogical policy on reserved slots that was challenged and quashed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal benches in Jammu and Srinagar. The Hon'ble High Court of J&K and Ladakh, in Mohammad Jamal Sheikh & King Kumar vs J&K UT (judgment dated 06-03-2025), also directed the government to promote reserved category employees on their respective slots based on quantifiable data and barred further promotions unless

this is ensured. In spite of filling vacant reserved category slots, Govt. is making placement/incharge promotions to deprive the reserved categories employees from promotions.

Adding to this, the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment in Jarnail Singh & Others vs Lachmi Narain Gupta & Others (28-01-2022) restored reservation in promotion nationwide, directing all governments to collect quantifiable data and implement reservation accordingly. Following this, most states and UTs complied—except J&K, which continues to deny promotions under the false pretext of pending litigation.

JKRCEEA calls for accountability against those officers in GAD and Law Department responsible for misleading the administration and causing injustice to lakhs of SC/ST/OBC employees, who comprise nearly 50% of J&K's government workforce. Departments issuing "look-after" and "staff gap" promotions are in direct contempt of the High Court's rulings and must immediately cease such practices.

We urge His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister (when appointed), Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Chief Secretary, and all MLAs from reserved categories to intervene decisively. It is imperative that reservation in promotion be restored immediately in compliance with constitutional, legal, and judicial mandates to uphold the rights of marginalized communities in the Union Territory.

Buck International School, Panjnara celebrates Student Success

JNEWS SERVICE
KALAKOTE, MAY 23

Innovative Approach Yields Remarkable Results Buck International School Panjnara continues to shine with its unique and innovative educational approach, inspiring students to surpass their limits and achieve greatness.

Abhimani Singh's Outstanding Achievement

We are thrilled to announce that our student, Abhimani Singh, son of Rashpal Singh from Panhar, has made us immensely proud by qualifying for the written test of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test for Class VI. This remarkable accomplishment highlights the dedication and talent of our students.

Unbreakable Bond with Students and Parents

At Buck International School, our relationship with students and parents goes beyond words. This strong connection fosters an environment of trust, support, and shared success, driving our students to excel on all platforms.



Committed to Community Progress

Our school remains steadfast in its commitment to the progress of our area. With your continued support, we aim to create more success stories like Abhimani's, making every parent proud and setting new benchmarks for excellence.

A Call for Greater Achievements

While we deeply appreciate the unwavering support from our community, we are determined to achieve even more outstanding results for our students. Let's work together to create more shining examples and elevate the aspirations of every child in our region. Join us in celebrating this milestone and striving for a brighter future!

MLA Marh supports education for underprivileged children

JNEWS SERVICE
MARH, MAY 23

In a significant social initiative, MLA Marh Surinder Kumar, in collaboration with "Widow & Orphans NGO," facilitated the scholarship form-filling process for approximately 100 needy children in Marh Assembly constituency. Selected children will receive a monthly assistance of Rs 1900 to support their education. Scholarship will provide financial assistance and ensure access to education for underprivileged children. This initiative reflects the commitment to serving the needy sections of society. The event was attended by Special Guests Junain Ahmed, NGO Coordinator, NGO Members, Shakti Sharma, Social Worker. This noble initiative will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the lives of these children, empowering them through education.

MLA Marh Surinder



Kumar emphasized that education is a fundamental right of every child. He stressed that ensuring access to education for all children is crucial to realizing India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, a prime dream of the PM Modi government. The MLA urged society and affluent individuals to come forward and support this cause, ensuring that no child is deprived of education due to economic constraints. This collective effort can empower underprivileged children and pave the way for a brighter future.

The MLA expressed heartfelt appreciation for NGOs dedicated to promoting education, particularly "Widow and Orphans NGO." He acknowledged their commendable work in empowering young minds through education, which enables them to distinguish right from wrong and make informed choices. The MLA emphasized that education is a powerful tool for shaping young minds and helping them navigate life's challenges. By supporting educational initiatives, we can foster a more informed, compassionate, and responsible society.

Govt. Degree College, Marheen organizes Cleanliness Drive



JNEWS SERVICE
MARHEEN, MAY 23

The NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Marheen organized a Cleanliness Drive today under the patronage of the esteemed Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. The initiative aimed to promote hygiene, sanitation, and environmental responsibility among students.

During the drive, NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning the college premises and surrounding areas. They also took a pledge to promote

composting for effective waste management. A large number of students joined the drive, reflecting their commitment towards a cleaner and greener environment.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme Officer. Faculty members including Dr. Balbinder Singh, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Munisha, Prof. Manu, Prof. Diksha, Prof. Naresh Kumari, Prof. Suman, Dr. Meenu Sharma and others were present on the occasion to support the initiative.

Labour Commissioner cancels registration of 447 Trade Unions for non-compliance

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

In a significant administrative development aimed at reinforcing compliance with statutory labour laws, Labour Commissioner and Registrar of Trade Unions of Jammu & Kashmir, Charandeep Singh, has ordered cancellation of registration for 447 trade unions and associations across the Union Territory.

This action has been taken following their persistent failure to submit mandatory annual returns as prescribed under the Trade Unions Act, 1926.

Under Section 28 of the Act, every registered trade union must file an audited annual statement detailing its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities. Despite repeated notices and availability of a streamlined digital submission system introduced under the UT's "Ease of Doing Business" reforms, these unions failed to comply with some having remained inactive for more than a decade.

"This action has been taken under Section 10(b) of the Trade Unions Act, after due process and sufficient notice," stated Charandeep Singh. "Non-filing of annual returns con-

stitutes a serious statutory breach and is indicative of either prolonged inactivity or cessation of operations. We are committed to ensuring that only active and accountable unions continue to be recognized in Jammu & Kashmir."

This landmark decision is a step towards establishing a robust and responsible framework for trade unionism that genuinely safeguards the interests of workers and enhances the credibility of organised labour representation.

These cancellations are subject to the outcome of any pending writ petitions before the competent courts of law.

Gole, Talab Tillo delegation meets Tejinder Aman, raises alarm over power, water crisis

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Today a delegation of residents from New Gole, Talab Tillo, Jammu area met Tejinder Pal Singh Aman, Provincial President of Youth National Conference, and apprised him of the acute problems being faced by the people due to unscheduled power cuts and irregular water supply amid the soaring temperatures.

The delegation, expressed serious concern over the deteriorating condition of basic amenities in their locality. They said that despite the rise in mercury, the administration has failed to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply, forcing residents to suffer in silence.

Tejinder Pal Singh Aman gave a patient hear-



ing to the delegation and assured them that their grievances would be taken up with the concerned authorities at the earliest. He lambasted the administration for its apathetic approach and failure to respond to the needs of the people.

He said that the present government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is fully committed to public welfare and is continuously working to strengthen basic infrastructure and streamline

essential services. "The issues raised by the people are genuine and deserve immediate attention. Under the leadership of Omar Abdullah, our government remains focused on delivering good governance and ensuring that no citizen is left to suffer," Aman stated.

The Provincial President YNC reiterated that the National Conference stands firmly with the people and will continue to raise their concerns at every appropriate plat-

form. Aman also urged the concerned departments to act swiftly to restore regular power and water supply in the affected area of Gole, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Sahil Kerni District President Jammu Urban YNC urged party Youth workers to remain in close contact with the people and work tirelessly to mitigate their problems. He emphasized that the Omar Abdullah government has always prioritized the welfare of the common people.

Among those who were present included:- Gursaran Singh, Naresh Kumar, Basharat Hussain, Sourav Sharma, Rahul Kumar, Vinay Chouhan, Vicky Kumar, Fared Khan, Manu Sharma, Yashir Ashan, Amit Sharma, Maryed Ud Din Naik, Mohit Gupta and others.

Dharmarth Trust holds condolence meeting, mourns untimely demise of Dr. Pardeep Trehan



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust today mourned the untimely demise of Dr. Pardeep Trehan, husband of Rajkumari Dr. Jyotsana Singh and son-in-law of Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Trehan passed away in New Delhi after a brief illness.

Dr. P.S. Pathania, President of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, who is currently in

Srinagar, expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Dr. Trehan. In his message, Dr. Pathania remembered him as a gracious individual and extended his sympathies to the bereaved family, praying for strength and fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

In this regard, a condolence meeting was held at the Trust's Central Office in Jammu under the chairmanship of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, IPS (Retd.), Secretary of the Dharmarth Trust. Trust

employees and officials gathered to express their grief and stand in solidarity with the bereaved family.

As a mark of respect, a two-minute silence was observed in memory of the departed soul. The atmosphere was one of deep sorrow, with heartfelt prayers offered for his eternal peace.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma recalled the noble virtues of Dr. Trehan, describing him as a dis-

tinguished personality known for his humility, intellect, and dignified presence. He expressed profound grief on behalf of the entire Dharmarth Trust and conveyed heartfelt condolences to Rajkumari Dr. Jyotsana Singh, Dr. Karan Singh, Hon'ble Chairman Trustee, and the other Trustees during this hour of immense personal loss. The Dharmarth Trust stands united with the family and prays for the departed soul to attain Moksha.

BJP leaders visit shelling-affected areas in Uri, Baramulla district

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, 23 MAY 2025:

A high-level BJP delegation led by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) visited the shelling-affected areas of Uri in Baramulla District to assess the damage caused by unprovoked shelling from Pakistan and to stand in solidarity with the affected residents.

The delegation comprised Leader of Opposition in the J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma, BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, J&K BJP General Secretary and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania, District President Baramulla Ghulam Hussain Dar, Prabhari MM War and National Executive Member Mohammad Anwar Khan.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma condemned the inappropriate aggression by Pakistan. "The attacks are a blatant act of military aggression against innocent civilians. The BJP stands united with the people of Uri, and the party assures strong diplomatic and military responses to ensure their safety," he said, while interacting with local resi-



dents and media. Sunil Sharma disapproved administrative delays in relief and rehabilitation efforts. "There is an urgent need for coordinated action from the administration. Our border residents must not be left to suffer in silence. Relief measures must be fast-tracked," he emphasized.

Dr. Narinder Singh reiterated BJP's 'Nation First' ideology and stated that the New India has both the capacity and the will to act decisively against any threat. He also assured the public that the BJP leadership is closely monitoring the situation.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal highlighted the recent success of Operation Sindoor, noting it as a significant step in enhancing regional secu-

ridty. "Operation Sindoor has reaffirmed our forces' capabilities in neutralizing threats and maintaining peace. Our leadership remains committed to strengthening border security and ensuring that such incidents are met with firm response," he said.

Adv. RS Pathania assured locals of their continued support on the behalf of the BJP family and stressed that the BJP continues to be on the frontlines, not only in governance but also in service to the nation's citizens at times of need.

Senior BJP leadership also assured to take up their concerns and issues to the Union Government for comprehensive relief, rehabilitation, and enhanced border infrastructure.

Indian Army organizes Pre-Course Yoga Day Camp at Dehri Masjid School in Haribudha

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POONCH, 23 MAY 2025

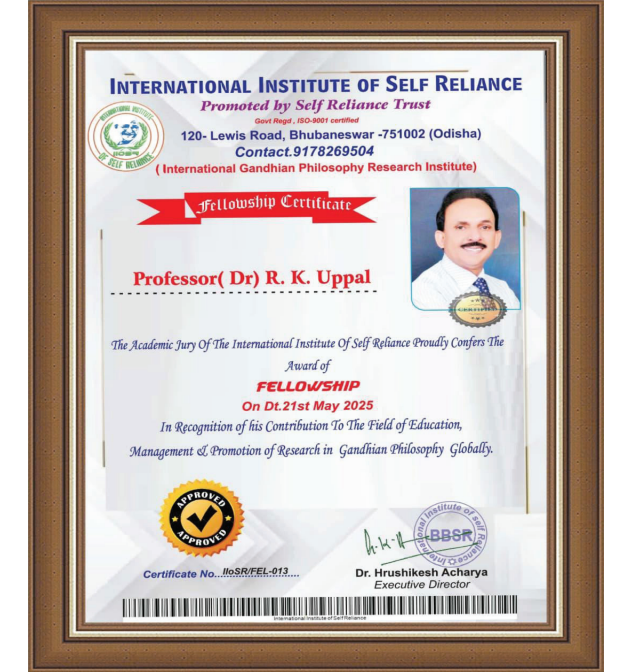
Indian Army organized a Pre-Course Yoga Day Camp at Dehri Masjid School in Haribudha, showcasing its commitment to promoting physical well-being, mental discipline, and community engagement. The camp was conducted as a preparatory event ahead of International Yoga Day, observed annually on June 21st. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and local residents, who gathered to learn and practice various yoga asanas and breathing techniques under the guidance of trained Army personnel. This initiative aimed to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga in daily life, particularly its role in enhancing concentration, flexibility, and inner peace. The event also served as a platform to foster harmony and cooperation between the Indian Army and the local community, strengthening bonds of mutual trust and respect. A representative of the Indian Army highlighted the importance



of a healthy lifestyle and encouraged young minds to incorporate yoga into their daily routines for long-term physical and mental fitness. In addition to yoga demonstrations, the camp featured informative sessions on stress management, holistic health, and the historical significance of yoga in Indian culture. The setting of Dehri Masjid School added a symbolic layer of inclusivity and unity,

reflecting the Army's dedication to secularism and communal harmony. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity, praising the Army's efforts to engage with youth and promote positive values. Overall, the Pre-Course Yoga Day Camp was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the attendees and setting the tone for a vibrant celebration of International Yoga Day.

Dr. Uppal conferred Gandhian Fellowship Award – 2025 by Int'l Institute of Self-Reliance



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Conferred by the International Institute of Self-Reliance in recognition of his unwavering commitment to the principles of Mahatma Gandhi—self-reliance, social upliftment, rural development, and educational empowerment—Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal has been honored with the Gandhian Fellowship Award - 2025 by the International Institute of Self-Reliance. This prestigious fellow-

ship celebrates Dr. Uppal's lifelong dedication to promoting economic independence among rural communities through innovative banking reforms and his exemplary work in aligning education with grassroots realities. His scholarship has not only enriched academic discourse but also driven practical transformation in the lives of the underprivileged, reflecting Gandhiji's ideals in both spirit and action. Dr. Uppal thanked Dr. Acharya ji for his continue support.

A Young Officer's Supreme Sacrifice: Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari lays down his Life Saving a Comrade in Sikkim

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI: 23 MAY 2025

In an extraordinary display of courage, leadership, and comradeship, Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari of SIKKIM SCOUTS of Indian Army made the ultimate sacrifice while saving a fellow soldier during an operational task in North Sikkim on 22 May 2025.

The 23-year-old officer, commissioned less than six months ago on 14 December 2024, was leading a Route Opening Patrol towards a Tactical Operating Base (TOB) in Sikkim - a key post being prepared for future deployment. Around 11:00 AM, Agniveer Stephan Subba - a member of the patrol - lost footing while crossing a log bridge and was



swept away by the powerful mountain stream. Demonstrating remarkable presence of mind, selfless leadership, and unwavering commitment to his team, Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari instinctively leapt into the treacherous waters to save the Agniveer, without a moment's hesitation. Another soldier Naik Pukar Katel also followed

immediately in support. Together, they managed to rescue the drowning Agniveer. However, Lieutenant Tiwari was tragically swept away by the forceful current. Despite desperate efforts by his patrol, his body was recovered 800 metres downstream by 11:30 AM. Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari's heroic action is a shining example of the

Indian Army's core values—selfless service, integrity, leadership by example, and the unbreakable bond between officers and men, which transcends rank and is nurtured in both war and peace.

At just 23 years of age, Lieutenant Tiwari embodied the finest traditions of the Indian Army - placing the life of a comrade above his own, leading from the front, and upholding the highest standards of military ethics and valour. The officer is survived by his parents and a sister.

The Indian Army mourns the loss of a braveheart and a leader, who despite his tender age and brief service, leaves behind a legacy of courage and camaraderie that will inspire generations of soldiers to come.

Kavinder slams NC Govt over unscheduled power cuts; demands regular power supply

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta has come down heavily on the National Conference (NC)-led Government for its failure to ensure uninterrupted power supply in Jammu & Kashmir, especially at a time when the region is reeling under intense heatwave conditions.

Reacting strongly after meeting multiple deputations from various localities, the BJP stalwart expressed grave concern over the deteriorating power situation across the Union Territory. "Despite residents paying hefty power bills regularly, the NC Government and its Power Development Department have failed miserably in providing basic amenities like elec-



tricity and water," he said. The senior BJP leader highlighted that frequent power cuts - caused primarily by transformer failures and overloading - have made the lives of common people miserable. Urban areas are enduring up to four hours of load-shedding daily, while rural areas suffer through six to eight hours of power outages, he pointed out.

"The failure of the power department to maintain infrastructure during peak summer months shows sheer neg-

ligence and lack of planning. Transformer breakdowns have become a routine affair. What is even more distressing is that the irregular power supply is directly affecting water distribution as well, compounding the public's hardships," he added.

Kavinder criticized the NC Government for levying high electricity charges without fulfilling its responsibility of ensuring continuous supply. "It is unacceptable that people who pay their dues on time are forced to suffer in this manner. The Govern-

ment must answer for this mismanagement," he said. The former Deputy Chief Minister asked the administration to immediately ramp up efforts to replace faulty transformers, upgrade infrastructure, and deploy additional resources to restore reliable power and water supply. He also called upon the Lt. Governor and the concerned authorities to take serious note of the issue and direct immediate action to bring relief to the people.

"The NC Government has failed to live up to the expectations of the people. Unscheduled and prolonged power cuts during a heatwave show their insensitivity towards public suffering. BJP stands firmly with the people of J&K and will continue to raise their voice against such administrative failures," he added.

CBC Jammu organizes Workshop to Promote Rajbhasha

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu today organized a day-long workshop which was aimed at promotion of Rajbhasha within the office and its Field units. The workshop titled 'National Language Hindi- Challenges and Scope' was organized under the chairmanship of Sh. Ghulam Abbas, Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh in the presence of Ms. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director, CBC, J&K, Ladakh, Sh. Ashwani Kumar Gupta, Sr. Accounts Officer, Sh. O.P. Maurya, Administrative Officer, CBC, J&K, heads of CBC Field Offices Kathua, Doda and Poonch and other staff members of CBC R.O. Jammu.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Parshotam Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Jammu said Hindi is the language of the masses since time immemorial. He said Hindi speakers should take pride of the language, which is full of richness. He enlightened the participants about the development, scope, relevance and Acts for the promotion of the Hindi Language. He also highlighted the challenges faced in making the language more popular after globalization. He informed the participants that soft-

ware programmes are now available for working in Hindi as well as translation of content from any language into Rajbhasha. In his address, Ghulam Abbas, Director CBC said that working in Hindi language should make one feel proud. He encouraged the officers and officials of CBC J&K to do official correspondence in Hindi language as much as possible. The workshop commenced with the welcome address by Ms. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director. She familiarised the participants with the working

and organizational setup of CBC. Sh. O.P. Maurya, Administrative Officer also addressed the gathering. He highlighted the work done and achievements of CBC Staff related to Hindi training. He also informed about the incentives available for those who get training in Hindi. The workshop concluded with the Vote of Thanks presented by Sh. Ashwani Kumar Gupta, Sr. Accounts officer. Sh. Rajesh Sharma and Sh. Kudeep Mina also spoke during the workshop.

GDCW Kathua organizes Motivational Function to promote sports among students

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 23

The Student Welfare Committee of Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua, organised a special function aimed at promoting awareness among students regarding the importance of sports in overall personality development. The event was held under the supervision of the college Principal, Dr. Savi Behl, who encouraged students to actively participate in co-curricular activities. She emphasized that holistic personality development is incomplete without involvement in such activities and highlighted the role of sports in building physical and emotional strength.



Dr. Rachna, Dean Student Welfare (DSW), stressed that education must focus on the all-round development of students. "For physical growth, we must step beyond the classroom and onto the playground," she said. The program also witnessed the presence of Mrs. Itika from the Social Welfare Department, who distributed sports kits to students. She underscored

the need to engage youth in sports to steer them away from drugs and towards a healthier lifestyle. The event was also graced by Dr. Seema Jolly, Head of the Department of Home Science, Prof. Sachinjeet Singh, Prof. Surbhi Gupta, and Mr. Jamwal, Physical Director, who supported the initiative and interacted with the students.

DC Doda reviews functioning of ANMT School

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 23

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh conducted a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery Training (ANMT) School at meeting held today in the mini conference hall DC office complex.

The review meeting was held to assess the status of the institution and to ensure better training facilities for nursing students.

Key issues discussed during the meeting included the infrastructure status of the ANMT School, staff position, and the ongoing development of the Nursing College. The DC instructed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to depute doctors as guest lecturers to support academic activities.

Later, the DC visited to the ANMT School campus and interacted with the students to understand their concerns and needs. The interaction focused on improving the learning environment and addressing any gaps in academic support and facilities.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Medical Officer, Deputy CMO, Chief Accounts Officer GMC Doda, Medical Superintendent, Epidemiologist, Principal of the ANMT School, and the Assistant Director Planning GMC Doda, among others.

The DC emphasized coordinated efforts among all departments to ensure quality training and overall improvement in healthcare education in the district.

Yudhvir inaugurates devp work in Bhim Basti

Reiterates his vision for overall devp of Jammu-East AC

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi today kickstarted the development work of a lane and drain at Bhim Basti Ward No. 8, reaffirming his commitment to infrastructure upgradation and civic betterment in the region.



The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of AEE JMC Sahil Arora, JE JMC Rakesh; several prominent BJP leaders and local dignitaries, including Raman Sharma, Spokesman Swati Sharma, Mandal President East; Dr. Akshay, Ex-Corporator, Suresh Sargotra, Govinda and Ashok ji, OBC leader Morcha.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi reiterated the Bharatiya Janata Party's unwavering commitment to grassroots development and delivering basic civic ameni-

ties to every household. He emphasized that the inauguration of the lane and drain work in Ward No. 8 is a step in the right direction and aligns with the BJP's broader vision of inclusive and holistic development across all wards of the East Constituency.

The MLA noted that every such project is undertaken with the intent to uplift the quality of life for the common citizens and to bridge the infrastructural gaps that have existed for years. "Our aim is not just to lay concrete

and build structures, but to create an environment where residents can live with dignity, with access to clean surroundings and reliable connectivity," he said, adding that sanitation and safe pathways are the foundation of a healthy community, and these remain a top priority for his development agenda.

The local residents expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of the MLA and BJP team for addressing long-standing civic issues in the area.

COAS General Upendra Dwivedi presents 'Badge of Sacrifice' and 'Certificate of honour' to 'Next of Kins' of Fallen Soldiers

J1 NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI: 23 MAY 2025

In a solemn and emotionally charged ceremony held at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt today, the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi, presented the 'Badge of Sacrifice' and the 'Certificate of Honour' to the 'Next of Kins' of Indian Army personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The presentation took place a day after the formal Defence Investiture Ceremony, which was conducted at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on May 22.

The awards - a deeply symbolic tribute to valour and supreme sacrifice - were conferred to honour Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, and Other Ranks who were killed in enemy and terrorist action while serving the nation.

Instituted in July 1999, the Badge of Sacrifice and Certificate of Honour have



since been bestowed upon families of bravehearts from conflicts dating back to 1947. The first official presentation was held on Vijay Diwas, December 16, 1999, marking a significant milestone in the Army's continued commitment to remembering its bravehearts.

The 'Badge of Sacrifice', a 24-carat gold-plated insignia, is individually engraved with the Army number, rank, and name of the soldier. On the reverse, the Indian Army insignia

is inscribed, symbolising eternal remembrance. The 'Certificate of Honour' is equally distinguished - crafted on permanent-finish 24-carat gold foil and set within a gold-plated frame. Designed by the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans of Indian Army, these honours reflect both the aesthetic dignity and enduring respect the Army holds for its fallen heroes.

The families, many overcome with emotion, accepted the awards with

quiet pride. Their presence served as a poignant reminder of the human cost of national security and the strength that sustains those left behind.

The COAS presented the 'Badge of Sacrifice' and 'Certificate of Honour' to 'Next of Kins' of following bravehearts: -

- Colonel Manpreet Singh
- Major Aashish Dhonchak
- Captain Deepak Singh
- Havildar Rohit Kumar
- Naik Dilwar Khan
- Rifleman Ravi Kumar
- Sepoy Pradeep Singh
- DSP Himayun Muzammil Bhat
- OEM GDE-1 Vijayan Kutty G (Border Road Organisation)

The Indian Army continues to uphold its deep-rooted traditions of honour, duty, and sacrifice, ensuring that every fallen soldier is remembered with dignity and reverence.

Indian Army Officer Major Rohit Kadian shines at World Masters Games in Taiwan



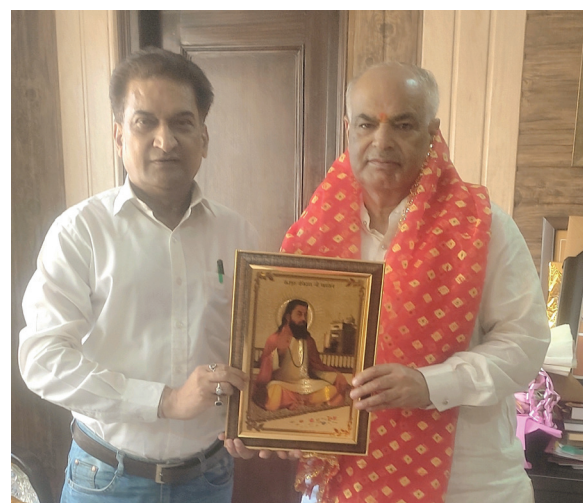
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NEW DELHI: 23 MAY 2025

Major Rohit Kadian of the Indian Army has brought immense pride to the nation with a stellar performance at the 11th World Masters Games being held in Taiwan from May 17 to 30, 2025. Competing against elite international athletes and former Olympians, Major Kadian showcased grit, determination, and world-class athleticism, making a

mark on the global stage. A distinguished officer and a dedicated sportsman, Major Kadian delivered an inspiring medal-winning run: Gold Medal - 1500m Race (40-45 age category) - earning the title of World Champion Silver Medals - 800m and 5000m races Bronze Medal - 400m race His remarkable four-medal haul underlines not

only his personal excellence but also the spirit of resilience and discipline that defines the Indian Army. Major Kadian's achievements resonate as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring athletes and servicemen across the nation. The Indian Army continues to nurture sporting talent among its ranks, and Major Kadian's feat reaffirms its commitment to excellence - on and off the field.

On Ashok Koul's birthday, Balbir Ram presents portrait of Guru Ravidass



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secretary of the Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth and General Secretary of the Indian branch of British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation, extended greetings to Ashok Koul, the Organizational General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, on the occasion of his 69th birthday.

On this occasion, Balbir presented him a portrait of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidass Ji and wished him good health and a

long life. Balbir Ram Rattan said that Ashok Koul ji has been selflessly serving society and the organization for decades. His life is a source of inspiration for all those who wish to dedicate their lives to the service of the nation and its people.

"I extend my heartfelt birthday wishes to him and pray to God for his good health and ever-growing success," he said.

He added that the portrait of Guru Ravidass ji is not just a gift but a spiritual inspiration that will continue to guide us on

the path of social service. He further said, "Our society needs experienced and dedicated persons like Ashok Koul Ji, and I hope he will continue to guide the organization and society."

Power shutdown

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Potha, Lassana, Chattral, Mankote, Hari Marhote, JWG, Mankote, Reasi, Mahadev, Bidda, Katra back, Bidda, DC Office Reasi, Dharan, Dhakikot, Thakrakot and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 25 from 8 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Sarthal, Kuntwara, Trigam and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 24 from 9 am to 4 pm.

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Dated: 22-05-2025

CANCELLATION

Subject: Cancellation of tender for the works namely:

1. Maintenance/Repair works including Petty works to be executed at site as per the necessity/demands/ emergent nature for up keeping including Khour Branch, Qutab Nizam and Biaspur Minors of D-11 of MRC.
2. Maintenance/Repair works including Petty works to be executed at site as per the necessity/demands/ emergent nature for up keeping D-12 of MRC including its minors.

Reference: This office e-NIT No. 02 of 04/2025-26 issued vide No. JID/II/2025-26/274-310 dated 25-04-2025 (Work figuring at S.No. 5&6).

This is for the information of all the intending bidders the above-mentioned works are hereby cancelled due to nil response received from the contractors and the same shall be put to fresh tender shortly.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division No. II
Jammu

DIP/J-1420/25
Date: 23-5-25

Hindi teaching course exams for ministerial staff held successfully at NIT Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 23

The Prabodh, Praveen, and Parangat course examinations under the Central Hindi Teaching Scheme were successfully conducted at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar. For the second consecutive year, NIT Srinagar was selected as the examination centre for the Kashmir division.

The three-day exams were held on campus and saw enthusiastic participation from over 50 aspirants, including ministerial staff from NIT Srinagar, the Central University of Kashmir, the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), and the Accountant General (AG)'s office.

The examinations were smoothly administered under the supervision of Assistant Registrar (S&P, T&P, Member of Rajbhasha Cell), Mohammad Iqbal Dar, who served as the superintendent.

"It was an honour to host the Hindi teaching course exams for the second consecutive year at NIT Srinagar. We are grateful to

the Ministry for selecting our institute once again for this responsibility. We are proud to contribute to the promotion and implementation of the Rajbhasha language as part of the Government of India's linguistic initiatives," he said.

Mr. Dar also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia and Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman for their unwavering support and guidance, which ensured the seamless conduct of the examinations.

Hindi Officer Dr. R. P. Shukla (Asst. Prof. CED) said the active participation of ministerial staff in exams reflects the institute's continued commitment to promoting the use of Hindi in official work. He appreciated the enthusiasm of the staff and encouraged more employees to take advantage of the scheme in the upcoming sessions.

Hindi Anuvadak Dr. Sabzar Gani served as the supervisor and invigilator for the examination process. He was ably assisted by Mr. Naresh Kumar and Mr. Suhail Ahmad, who

together ensured the administrative aspects were handled efficiently.

"The successful conduct of the Prabodh, Praveen, and Parangat exams at NIT Srinagar reflects the institute's commitment to supporting national linguistic programs and fostering an inclusive multilingual work culture," Dr Sabzar said.

Following the written exams, viva-voce sessions were held for all three levels, conducted by a panel of subject experts. The oral assessments were carried out in a professional and structured manner, marking the successful completion of the Hindi proficiency certification process.

The aspirants lauded NIT Srinagar for the smooth arrangements and hospitable environment provided during the examination period.

They said that the Institute has once again proven its capability as a reliable venue for hosting these prestigious exams, having been selected for the second year in a row under the Central Hindi Teaching Scheme.

Ramesh Gupta pays Obesciance, Abhishek Ceremony at Tirupathi Balaji Temple, Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Today Ramesh Gupta Md Public Colour Lab Jammu , RC Subramaniyam Supperident Balaji Temple Jammu , Sai Krishna Temple inspector ,Today paid obseciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tirupati. He prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of abhishek of Lord Venkateshwar is performed.

Ramesh Gupta expressed happiness over the temple said that it is a feeling of pleasure and proud that the Tirupati Balaji temple is established here for the people of Jammu. With this temple we are able to witness the culture of south India and this feeling is heavenly. He appealed people to visit the temple and pay obe-



sance here. He Said the dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism

He Said overwhelmed to share with you all my divine experience at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple which is famous as Tirupati Balaji Temple located amid the scenic Shivalik forests in Majeen, situated in Jammu. I am requesting all Devotee,s who are unable to visit Andhra Pradesh, can come here and offer prayers to the Lord Venkateswara

Swamy and seek blessings On this occasion Rc Subramaniyam Supperident Balaji Temple also appealed transport commissioner to start the bus service for the temple so that devotees can come easily to the temple. He also emphasize to start the Bharat darshan bus service here so that tourists also came to know about the temple.

Other present in this occasion Pandit Amit shukhla , Ramesh Bahu , ravi teejha , and Mohit Sharma

Pakistan's persistent aggression unacceptable, soldier martyrdom intolerable: Shiv Sena

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

It is futile to expect morality from Pakistan, insolence continues unabated from across the border, martyrdom of Indian soldiers should not be tolerated, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.

In a press release issued from the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pakistan insolence continues. After the pause on Operation Sindoor, Indian soldiers killed 6 terrorists in Kellar, Shopian and Tral in Kashmir. Indian soldiers have had to make the supreme sac-



rific in the encounter in Kishtwar, Jammu for the last 2 days.

Sahni said that martyrdom of soldiers should not be tolerated.

Sahni said that Pakistan is not going to stop its insolence. On Wednesday, by refusing to allow an Indigo flight to land in difficult times, Pakistan has proved that it is futile to expect any kind of morality from Pakistan.

Ramakrishna Mission holds free health checkup camp



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre in Udhewala, Jammu, organized a one-day free health camp here today.

The health camp provided a comprehensive range of free medical services, including consultations with Allopathy Physicians Dr. R.D. Wazir, Dr. B.D. Sharma, Dr. Shakti Kumar, Gynaecologist Dr. Manjula Sharma, Dental Surgeons Dr. Umesh Padha, Dr. Tanu, Ophthalmologist Dr. Shekhar Sharma, Dermatologist Dr. Suby Kakkar, Dr. Meenakshi Jamwal Physiotherapist.

In addition to the free consultations, the camp offered check-ups for blood sugar, HbA1c, and blood pressure at no cost. A Full Body Check-up covering 66 parameters, including CBC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests, and thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), Vitamin D was available for a nominal fee of Rs. 1200, a

substantial discount from the usual price of Rs. 2300.

A total 256 of patients benefited from the expertise of 9 doctors at this camp. Besides this 45 HbA1c, Sugar, 56 Uric Acid, 70 Haemoglobin & Body Mass Index tests were done for free of cost.

This camp was a part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to all.

Swami Yajnadharananda Ji, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship.

For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda.

Politics over patriotism and nation's unity won't be tolerated: NC to BJP

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), today accused the BJP of using Operation Sindoor for political mileage and dividing people on communal lines to serve their vested interests.

In a press statement issued here today, the senior NC leader strongly criticised the irrelevant unwarranted and misleading statement made by BJP leader and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma to distort facts and malign the National Conference's unmatched legacy of standing by the nation and the people of Jammu and Kashmir in times of crisis.

"BJP's leader's remarks are not only factually incorrect but reflect a dangerous mindset aimed at dividing the people of J&K who supported for the first time against the terrorists at a time when national unity is most crucial. The National Conference has always stood with the nation and the people—during tragedy, during conflict, and post Operation Sindoor," he said.

After the Pahalgam tragedy, the senior NC leader reminded, it was the National Conference and its leadership immediately extended its full support to the Central Government, urging for a strong and decisive response to terrorism. "We not only voiced our support but went a step further by passing a resolution in the J&K Assembly, expressing solidarity with the Centre's counter-terrorism efforts. That is the mark of true statesmanship and responsibility,"

he said.

He also highlighted that the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah led from the front, calling an All-Party Meeting following the terror attack in Pahalgam, where representatives of all major political parties including BJP participated and appreciated Omar's mature leadership and inclusive approach. "It was a moment of unity that brought every political party on the same page in the interest of our people and nation," he noted.

The NC Provincial President underscored that during the tense period following the Pahalgam incident and the Indo-Pak conflict, the entire NC cadre - from the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ministers to local party workers - were actively present on the ground, working day and night to support affected civilians.

"Our MLA from Pahalgam, Altaf Ahmad Kaloo, was among the first to reach out to the victims and their families, offering every possible form of assistance. Likewise, NC MLA's across Jammu and Kashmir stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the people. The Poonch was most affected town where 13 people died and more than 50 were injured in cross border shelling, NC MLA Poonch Ajaz Jan along with his team of workers served the affected people 24x7.

Rattan Lal Gupta came down heavily on the BJP for using national security and tragedies as political tools. "Instead of appreciating unity in crisis, BJP chooses to exploit these moments to score political points. At a time when the entire country stands

united against terrorism, the BJP is still indulging in divisive rhetoric based on malicious thinking." Mr Gupta asked the BJP to clarify their stand on the issue of derogatory remarks made by Madhya Pradesh Cabinet Minister Vijay Shah against Brave Col Sofiya Quersh which have been condemned all over the nation but the BJP remain mum on this crucial issue even Honble Supreme Court of India snubbed the Minister, that showed how much respect the BJP is giving to the Armed forces.

The senior NC Leader also questioned the BJP's complete silence on the attacks on J&K students and traders outside the Union Territory amid the Indo-Pak conflict. "Not a single BJP leader had the courage or conviction to speak out when our students and traders were being targeted in other states. Where was Mr. Sharma's concern then?" he asked.

He said, "We deeply respect the sacrifices of our armed forces and their strategic victories, including Operation Sindoor. But patriotism is not measured by press statements. It is lived through action—and the NC has proven its commitment time and again, in words and in deeds."

The Provincial President reaffirmed the party's dedication to national unity and the well-being of every citizen of J&K. "The National Conference has never and will never compromise on its core values—peace, unity, and dignity of our people within the framework of the Indian Constitution. We urge the BJP to stop politicising national security and instead join hands in serving the people sincerely."

Tony urges CM Omar for Zero Tolerance in recruitment scams

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

Senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, today welcomed the firm directives issued by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for ensuring a transparent, time-bound, and fair recruitment process. He said the move has rekindled hope among thousands of qualified youth in the Union Territory, who had lost faith in the system due to the rampant recruitment scams and paper leak controversies that marred the previous BJP regime.

"Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's commitment to transparent governance and institutional accountability is a breath of fresh air. The introduction of CCTV surveillance for all



future examinations is a commendable step that will deter malpractice and restore trust in the system," Tony said in a statement issued here today.

However, the Congress leader emphasized the need to go beyond procedural reforms. "While transparency is essential, fixing accountability is equally critical. There must be strict penalties

for any official involved in paper leaks or manipulation, including immediate termination of service and potential criminal proceedings," Tony asserted.

Referring to the delays in Class IV recruitment, Tony urged the government to implement fast-track mechanisms and clear all procedural bottlenecks. "Youth in Jammu and Kashmir cannot afford to wait indefinitely. Every delay is a lost opportunity for an aspiring candidate," he said.

Tony also backed CM Omar Abdullah's direction to strengthen JKSSB's legal and administrative framework, improve infrastructure, and ensure efficient functioning of the recruitment body. "Such structural reforms are crucial to prevent the recurrence of past recruitment scams, and to instill faith among job seekers," he added.

Congress echoing anti-India narrative: Vibodh

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta launched a blistering attack on the Congress leadership, accusing them of deliberately weakening India's national security and aligning themselves with an anti-India narrative. Addressing a massive crowd at the conclusion of a Tiranga Rally held in Dassal, Vibodh condemned the Congress party's repeated attempts to demoralize the armed and security forces.

Vibodh was especially critical of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's recent remarks on Operation Sindoor, in which Kharge reportedly described the mission as a "small war." Responding sharply, Vibodh said, "Kharge's comment is not just shameful—it is an unforgivable insult to the unparalleled bravery and sacrifice of the Indian Army. This is a direct affront to our soldiers who risk their lives daily to protect the nation."

Vibodh asserted that the Congress party must issue a public apology to the armed forces and the people of India. "The least Congress can do now is apologise for their disgraceful comments. Their words have hurt the morale of our troops and the sentiment of every patriotic Indian."

Vibodh further stated that Congress has time and again demonstrated its discomfort with India's rising global stature under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, and accused them of parroting the lines of India's adversaries. "By questioning the credibility of the Indian armed forces and belittling their operations, the Congress party has revealed its true colours. It has become a party that stands with propaganda, not patriotism," he added.

The rally was also addressed by senior BJP leaders including Dinesh Sharma, Bharat Bhushan Vaid, Raja Rattan Singh, Pushpinder Gupta, Kewal Sharma, Shekha Bali, Mamta Dutt, Arti Sharma.

DG Floriculture, Parks & Gardens visits Reasi District

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 23

Director General, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Jammu Vivek Sharma conducted an official visit to Reasi District today.

During the visit, the Director General inspected the ongoing departmental works, with a special focus on the upgrade project of Shalimar Park, Katra. She directed the executing agencies to ensure high-quality standards in all developmental works.

Ms. Sharma also visited Kindroria Park (Katra), Zanana Park (Reasi), and Kalika Temple Park (Reasi).

At each location, she emphasized the importance of cleanliness and proper maintenance of the parks and gardens in the district. Furthermore, the Director General asked the department to plan a comprehensive plantation drive for monsoon season and formulate a plan for the mechanisation of park maintenance operations.

SIA raids 18 locations across Jammu province in major anti-terror operation

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23, 2025.

In a significant operation targeting the terror ecosystem in Jammu province, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out coordinated raids at 18 locations across four districts, resulting in the recovery of substantial incriminating material.

The meticulously planned raids were executed simultaneously by specialized SIA teams, supported by local police and magistrates, as part of the agency's ongoing campaign to dismantle sleeper cells and disrupt terror networks in the region.

Of the 18 locations raided, twelve were in Surankote subdivision and three in Haveli tehsil

of Poonch district. Additional operations were carried out at one location each in Rajouri town (Rajouri district), Ramnagar (Udhampur district), and Ramban.

A considerable quantity of incriminating material has been seized, which has been secured in accordance with established legal protocols. The material is currently under detailed scrutiny, and further investigation is underway. Several suspects have been summoned to join the investigation at SIA Jammu.

These actions follow the development of actionable intelligence and inputs gathered during the SIA's sustained efforts to uncover and neutralize terror-support structures operating covertly within Jammu province.

DDC Reasi reviews Maternal Health Services, Pushes for 100% institutional deliveries

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 23

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi, Nidhi Malik today reviewed the maternal and child healthcare services here at a meeting.

The meeting focused on the provisions in place for facilitating institutional deliveries and the management of potential high-risk pregnancies in the district.

The DDC emphasized the urgent need to eliminate home deliveries in the district and directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to ensure that all pregnant women are motivated and counseled for institutional deliveries. She asked for bringing down high-risk pregnancies to minimum and making special medical care arrangements for



such cases.

The CMO was asked to submit detailed reports on the availability of ambulances at sub-centers and to identify locations where additional support is required. She also sought a list of priority works needed at these healthcare facilities to improve service delivery.

The DDC asked for mobilizing the ASHA workers to work more proactively for tracking

the pregnant women to ensure timely and safe institutional deliveries. She further directed that any cases of home delivery be documented with valid reasons and reviewed monthly. She added that strict action would be taken against individuals who misguide pregnant women and deter them from seeking institutional care.

The DDC also directed that any staff shortage

at Primary Health Centers (PHCs) be addressed immediately through internal deputation. "All challenges must be resolved promptly, and healthcare delivery must be carried out with 100% commitment," she asserted.

The meeting was attended by CMO Dr. Ashraf Kohli, Deputy CMO Dr. Mohd Yousaf, BMOs, ZMOs, DPMU members, and other health officials.

ICR-ER team visits District Emergency Operation Centre, Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR MAY 23

To assess the operational readiness and effectiveness of the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) in managing disasters/emergency situations including natural disasters and other calamities, a team from Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER), Ministry of Home Affairs Disaster Management Division, today visited the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) in Srinagar.

The team was comprised of Bharat Singh Rawat and Davinder Mishra accompanied by CEO/ERO/Nodal Officer of the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC),

Chief Executive Officer of the District Disaster Management Authority



(DDMA), Srinagar, Aadil Fareed and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mir Imtiaz-ul-Aziz were present on the occasion.

During the visit, the team had a detailed assessment of the facilities at the District Emergency Operation Centre Srinagar, instrumental in coordinating responses during critical incidents. Notably, the DEOC served as a focal response centre during the Pahalgam incident, where over 4,300 calls were received and managed effi-

ciently, demonstrating the centre's capacity to handle the large scale emergencies.

On the occasion, the team was provided a comprehensive presentation on functioning of the Decision Support System (DSS) during disaster situations by the Consultant DDMA Srinagar. He highlighted the importance of real-time data integration and analysis in enhancing the decision-making processes during emergencies. He also briefed about the significance of updating the Indian Disaster Resource

Network (IDRN), a national electronic inventory that catalogs equipment, human resources and critical supplies for emergency response. It was informed that the regular updates to IDRN are crucial for maintaining preparedness and ensuring effective resource mobilization during disasters.

The visiting team commended the efforts of the DDMA Srinagar and other stakeholders in strengthening the emergency response framework in the region. The members of the team reiterated the commitment of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Emergency Operations Centre to provide continued support and resources, enhancing the capabilities of the District Emergency Operation Centres across Jammu and Kashmir.

Army, local admin organise medical camp at Village Dhanna Dhanu- Chowki Chaura



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 23

A medical camp was organised today at Village Dhanna Dhanu in Block-Chowki Chaura, Akhnoor jointly by Indian Army, specifically, Chenab Rangers and the local Sub Divisional Administration.

The camp was inaugurated in the presence of SDM Ankush Hans, Tehsil-

dar Pramod Kumar, Panchayat Secretary Dhanna Jalara, Mandeep Chib, ex-Panchs and Lambardars of nearby villages and spirited local villagers.

The aim of the medical camp was to provide health care facilities to people residing in far flung villages of the hilly parts of Akhnoor Sub District.

A joint Medical team of

Indian Army and Government Hospital, Chowki Chaura comprising 4 doctors including a lady doctor and one pharmacist and four nursing assistants extended their services for betterment of the local population.

Apart from the medical consultation, free life-saving medicines were also provided to the patients at the camp. The camp received an overwhelming response from the nearby local villages to include senior citizens, ladies and children who benefited from the medical camp.

District JKRLM, SWD organise Gender Sensitization Workshop across 17 blocks of Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA MAY 23

The Department of Rural Development (RDD), under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department organised a one-day gender sensitization workshop across all 17 Community Development (CD) Blocks of Doda district today.

The event was held under the guidance of District Social Welfare Officer, Tariq Parvez Qazi, with the support of field teams from Social Welfare, Mission Shakti, District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), and the One Stop Center.

The workshops aimed to enhance awareness among rural women and women Self-Help Group (SHG) members, especially those



engaged under the UMEED initiative, about gender equity and social empowerment.

Key objectives of the program included promoting understanding of gender beyond biological differences, challenging traditional roles and stereotypes, and fostering a more inclusive and respectful society. Special emphasis was laid on breaking myths related to menstruation, early marriage, caregiving roles and domestic violence.

Interactive sessions were conducted by gender experts who educated participants about government schemes and welfare entitlements available for women in Jammu & Kashmir. They were acquainted with State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS), Tejaswini - Women Entrepreneurship Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana

Yojana (PMMVY), Women Helpline (181), Child Helpline (1098), Ladli Beti Scheme, Poshan Abhiyaan and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). The experts also encouraged women to take leadership roles within their communities and become agents of change.

As part of the awareness campaign, career guidance booklets were distributed under the banner of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' initiative to promote girl child education and rights. The program served as a participatory platform for rural women to engage, learn, and become more informed citizens, thereby fostering a stronger and gender-equitable rural society.

Shree Machail Yatra-2025: GREF starts road resurfacing work in Padder to facilitate devotees

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHITWAR, MAY 23

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Paddar, Dr. Amit Kumar inspected the Bitumen laying/Resurfacing work being carried out by the GREF agency.

The work is underway from Lidrari to Laie Point in the Padder Subdivision, aiming to facilitate the upcoming Shree Machail Yatra and Mindal Yatra, as well as to improve connectivity for local commuters.

SDM Paddar emphasized the importance of this project in ensuring a smooth and safe journey for both pilgrims and residents. He also commended the GREF agency for its efforts in executing this vital infrastructure development.

DLSA Ramban launches orientation on NALSA's 'SAATHI' Campaign to support destitute children

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 23

The District Legal Services Authority Ramban today organized an 'Orientation cum Introduction' session on the newly launched National Legal Services Authority's national campaign SAATHI to provide legal identity and access to social welfare for destitute children.

The campaign aims to bridge the gap in accessing essential government benefits, education, and healthcare for children who lack Aadhaar cards.

The session was aimed to explore the possibilities for effective collaboration of the district judiciary with the stakeholder departments of the district administration to identify and assist the destitute children which are defined in the scheme as: Children under the age of 18 who are without family support, guardianship, or a stable source of shelter, protection, and care—including but not limited to children living on streets, in slums, or railway stations, orphans living/not living



in child care institutions, abandoned children or those rescued from trafficking, begging, child labor, children residing in informal shelters or unregistered child care homes Missing children recovered and not restored to family.

The session was held under the guidance of DLSA Secretary Priyanka Mahajan, who also serves as the Chairperson of the SAATHI district committee. The orientation session was attended by a number of officers/officials of the district administration including Tehsildars of all tehsils, Chief Medical Officer, Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers etc.

The program was also attended by the representatives of the district women and child develop-

ment unit and Child Care Institutions.

In her address, the Secretary highlighted the importance and significance of this campaign which is primarily aimed at providing legal identity and facilitates social welfare access to destitute children. Many such children, living on streets or in care homes, lack Aadhaar — a crucial gateway to availing government benefits, education, healthcare, and protection under various child welfare laws.

The campaign aims to bridge this gap through survey, Aadhaar registration, and legal assistance, in a mission-mode approach led by District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs).

Accelerate execution of works to ensure smooth conduct of SANJY-2025: Div Com to officers

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SRINAGAR, MAY 23

To establish intricate & enhanced framework for the seamless and peaceful conduct of the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2025, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, convened a meeting of officials on Friday to review the progress of works being carried out by various departments at base camps and enroute to the holy Cave.

Chairing the meeting, Div Com instructed officials to execute the necessary developmental works effectively and ensure their completion within the designated timeframe.

He also called for the enhancement of base camp capacities to withstand weather-related emergencies.

Also, Div Com urged the Labour and Animal Husbandry departments to expedite the registration of service providers and ponies to meet the target before the commencement of Yatra.

He also asked for the installation of signages at



key locations to give yatrins an insight regarding the availability of facilities.

Regarding registration of yatrins at various places, Div Com directed for the establishment of RFID counters at the Nowgam and Anantnag railway stations in addition to other locations.

He further directed the BRO to ensure that the routes leading to the holy cave are free of potholes.

During the meeting,

Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar, Anantnag, Budgam, Ganderbal and Bandipora, besides officers of various departments including KPDC, FCS&CA, PHE, R&B, SMC, Health, Tourism, Sonmarg Development Authority, Pahalgam Development Authority briefed the meeting regarding the ongoing works & plans to facilitate the pilgrims of Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2025.

DC Ramban reviews Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani arrangements



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RAMBAN, MAY 23

To ensure a smooth and spiritually enriching experience for devotees traveling through District Ramban to pay obeisance at Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, today chaired a detailed review meeting with officers of concerned departments.

Among those present in the meeting were Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rafter; ACD Shrinath Suman; ACP Ashfaq Ahmed; Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Executive Engineer PWD Ramban, and CEO Municipal Council Ramban and various senior officers.

Underscoring the importance of meticulous planning, the Deputy Commissioner directed officers to put in place

robust arrangements at designated langar sites and other key locations. He emphasized the need to provide comprehensive facilities to pilgrims and ensure their comfort and safety throughout the Yatra.

The review covered key aspects including provision of sanitation, drinking water, electricity, food services (langars), toilets and parking at Langer sites. The DC instructed officials to ensure security arrangements are in place and to deploy fire tenders at critical points. Effective inter-departmental coordination during the Yatra was stressed.

The Health Department was directed to deploy skilled medical teams and keep ambulances on standby at important locations to deal with any medical emergencies. Officers briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the ongoing preparations.