

## Nasha Mukt J&K: IEC Campaign against Drug Abuse kicks off in Ganderbal

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
GANDERBAL, APR 4:

District Administration Ganderbal today launched the Information Education and Communication campaign against drug abuse under Nasha Mukt Jammu and Kashmir, with a mega awareness event held at the Auditorium Hall of Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS), Ganderbal. The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, as the chief guest. Among other dignitaries present were Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Faheem Bihari, District Social Welfare Officer, Deputy CEO, and a large gathering of locals and students.

The objective of the program was to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and promote healthy living, and engage youth in community building.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted the grave threat posed by drug abuse, particularly to the youth and their families.



Highlighting the ill effects of drug abuse, the DC said that the drugs destroy lives and once someone falls into the trap, it becomes very difficult to come out.

He emphasized that the campaign

isn't just about warnings or statistics, it's about building a compassionate society that treats addiction as a health crisis rather than a moral failure.

Emphasizing the importance of

empathy and support, he said that we must change our mindset towards addicts and need to stand beside those who are suffering and help them rehabilitate.

He maintained that the district

administration is committed to making Ganderbal drug-free and our collective efforts should ensure this message reaches every nook and corner of the district.

The ADC, while addressing the gathering, pointed out that students, especially those in vulnerable age groups are most at risk. He called for collective vigilance, urging parents and teachers to recognize the subtle signs and take preventive steps before it's too late.

The ADC implored students to act as ambassadors of the campaign and appealed to them to become our mouthpieces and share this awareness with your families and friends.

Resource persons from Education, Social Welfare and Health at the event also delivered informative sessions, educating the audience about the ill effects of drug abuse and sharing practical preventive measures.

The campaign aims to spread awareness, encourage rehabilitation, and mobilize community support to eliminate the menace of drugs from Ganderbal district.

## District admin B'la bids farewell to outgoing ADC, welcomes new officers

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
BARAMULLA, APR 4:

The District Administration Baramulla organized a farewell function at Dak Bungalow Baramulla to honor the outgoing Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina and to welcome the newly appointed ADC, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi, and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gulmarg, Mir Jaleel Ahmed.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, presided over the event and lauded the service of Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina, acknowledging his dedication, efficiency, and commitment to public welfare. He highlighted Dr. Raina's instrumental role

in ensuring smooth governance, timely execution of development projects, and effective public grievance redressal. The DC also praised Dr. Raina's contribution to revenue administration, particularly in land acquisition cases, dispute resolution, and strengthening revenue records. Additionally, his efforts in overseeing election-related duties, ensuring smooth conduct of polling, and maintaining coordination with various departments were appreciated. The DC expressed gratitude for Dr. Raina's contributions and wished him success in his future endeavors.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Sopore S.A. Raina, newly appointed ADC Syed

Altaf Hussain Musvi, Joint Director Planning Javed Ahmad, and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Arshad Ahmad Khan, Dy SP HQ Baramulla, Altaf Ahmad Khan also lauded the dedicated services of Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina. They commended his professionalism, administrative acumen, and people-centric approach, highlighting his pivotal role in addressing public grievances, handling revenue matters efficiently, and ensuring seamless coordination between departments.

As a mark of appreciation, mementos were presented to both the outgoing and incoming officers by the district officers and officials.

## Bandipora admin holds training prog for coordinators for IEC campaign against drug abuse

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
BANDIPORA, APR 4:

The District Administration Bandipora on Friday organized a training programme for coordinators designated for the IEC Campaign against drug abuse.

The programme, presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Hussain Shavl, was aimed at equipping coordinators with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively implement the campaign at the grassroot level.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC emphasized the significance of the IEC campaign in curbing drug menace and its adverse effects on society. He urged all stakeholders to work with dedication and

enthusiasm to ensure the campaign's success in a mission mode.

ADC Zaffar Hussain Shavl called for collective efforts to safeguard the youth and the community from the ill effects of drugs and stressed the importance of early intervention and prevention strategies to ensure a drug-free society.

He also stressed the importance of using a strategic communication approach to reach vulnerable sections of society.

District Information Officer (DIO), Aadil Manzoor Wani, who is also District Level Coordinator for the IEC Campaign, elaborated on the vital role of coordinators in executing awareness initiatives.

He highlighted the activi-

ties planned under the campaign, stressing the importance of community participation and outreach in spreading awareness.

He urged coordinators to actively involve youth at panchayat level to amplify the message against drug abuse.

On the occasion, resource person from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) Sheikh Aubaid ur Rehman briefed the participants on the use of an Android application specifically designed for uploading and monitoring IEC campaign activities, ensuring seamless reporting and transparency.

Among others the training programme was attended by designated coordinators from various departments and other concerned.

## Centre should give time limit for granting statehood: Satish Sharma



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
JAMMU, APR 4:

Central government should set time limit for making Jammu and Kashmir a state again so that the democratically elected government in Jammu and Kashmir can work

in the interest of the people. This demand was made by former Chairman of Jammu Municipal Corporation and General Secretary of State Congress Committee Satish Sharma after a meeting with Congress leaders. He said that

after Jammu and Kashmir was made a Union Territory on 5 August 2019, there has been a continuous increase in unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir. The central government is imposing its desired decisions on the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that due to the pressure of the Supreme Court, the central government conducted assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and only then the people got their representatives but due to being a Union Territory, neither the elected representatives of the people nor the government is able to take any major decisions.

## JU organizes Dogri musical event for children of Surabhi Nursery School and Day Care Centre

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
JAMMU, APR 4:

In a vibrant celebration of language, culture, and wellness, the Department of Home Science organized a Dogri musical event for the children of Surabhi Nursery School and Day Care Centre. The event was thoughtfully curated to instill a love for the mother tongue, Dogri, among young learners, while also harnessing the therapeutic power of music to nurture emotional well-being. The musical session showcased a special performance by Sh. Surabhi Sharma, a renowned Dogri singer recognized by All India Radio (AIR) and a popular figure on YouTube. His melodious renditions captivated the young audience, making the experience both entertaining and enriching.

Adding to the charm of the event, several parents of the children also stepped forward to perform, expressing their enthusiasm for the initiative



and contributing to the joyful, community-oriented spirit of the occasion. Their participation underscored the vital role of collaboration between educators and families in cultivating cultural identity from an early age. Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the significance of early exposure to cultural heritage and the therapeutic benefits of music in a child's developmental journey. Senior faculty members from the Department of Home Science,

including Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Shashi Manhas, and Prof. Samridhi Arora, graced the occasion and lauded the initiative as an impactful blend of cultural education and emotional enrichment for children.

The event was efficiently coordinated by the dedicated faculty members of Surabhi Nursery School—Ms. Mamta Singh, Ms. Puja Saraf, Ms. Seema Sharma, and Ms. Kanika Gupta—whose efforts ensured its smooth and successful execution.

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### Omar Abdullah govt...

matter. Mufti accused Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led government of "surrendering" before New Delhi.

"People thought when the new government comes, it would protect their rights. Unfortunately, it has been six months, but it has not talked about the plight of youths in jails, the termination of our employees, the issues of daily wagers, or unemployment. The government has shown cowardice in everything," Mufti told reporters here. Referring to Abdullah's remarks that his government does not want a confrontation with the Centre, the PDP president said the NC dispensation is "afraid" to even talk about the issues for which people voted it to power.

"When they came (to power), they said they do not want a confrontation with the Central government. Nobody wants a confrontation with Delhi. But you have already surrendered. You are afraid to even talk about the issues for which people voted for you," she added. Mufti said when employees from the department headed by the chief minister were terminated, he did not say anything. "But today, for the transfer of patwaris (revenue officials), the MLAs of a party and its allies got together," she said, in reference to the meeting of the legislators of NC and its allies in the backdrop of the recent transfers ordered by Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha.

"Did the people of Jammu and Kashmir vote this party for these issues? What is the big issue? The transfer of patwaris? Or that our youths are rotting in jails? Or that there are raids everyday? Or that Jamia Masjid is closed despite the situation improving? We do not talk about the real problems, but about who will transfer the patwaris? Who will transfer village-level workers? I think this is very bad," she said. Mufti said the current Jammu and Kashmir government is "responsible" for this because as soon as it was formed, it surrendered saying it does not want a confrontation with Delhi.

"Who is asking them to fight?" she asked. Mufti said the National Conference does not want to talk about or take a stand on issues that matter. "Leave aside Article 370, they do not talk about other problems faced by the people either. They ask why the L-G transferred the patwaris, and why can't we do it? I think this is not good for a government that has received such a huge mandate ... or to call such a big meeting on such small issues. I think this is a joke with the mandate that people have given him," she said. On the passage of the Waqf

Amendment Bill in Parliament, the PDP chief said it amounts to "robbery." "It is very wrong, it should not have happened. This is an institution of minorities and Muslims, and to bulldoze it like this and pass it in Parliament amounts to robbery," she said.

### Rs 6,166 cr spent...

Cities Mission (SCM). According to the ministry, Srinagar and Jammu were selected under the SCM. As of March 4, 2025, Jammu has completed 118 out of 127 projects, utilizing Rs 2,779 crore, while 9 projects worth Rs 190 crore remain under implementation. In Srinagar, 147 projects have been completed out of 161, with an expenditure of Rs 3,387 crore, leaving 14 projects worth Rs 240 crore ongoing. For Ladakh, no city has been selected under the SCM, as per the government's response. The minister further said that nationwide, 7,504 projects amounting to Rs 1,50,306 crore have been completed under the SCM, with 559 projects worth Rs 14,239 crore still ongoing. However, the government does not plan to expand the mission or undertake additional Smart City projects beyond the 100 cities originally selected, the minister added.

### J&K Govt, BISAG-N...

BISAG-N, Dr. Vinay Thakur, who presented an overview of potential technological interventions, ongoing national projects and the institutional framework being followed in other states.

The proposed structure of the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in J&K was discussed in detail, aligning with the Government of India's vision under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and its flagship India AI Mission, which promotes AI and digital innovation across governance sectors. The Chief Secretary emphasized that J&K must emerge as a national example in applying Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Cloud Computing and GIS-based decision making in governance. He called upon the departments to identify priority areas that could benefit from BISAG-N's expertise. He directed for preparing a formal proposal for submission to MeitY at the earliest. He also suggested for exploring collaboration with IIT Jammu for capacity building and knowledge partnership.

Speaking on the occasion, T P Singh, Director General, BISAG-N, highlighted the need for outcome-driven implementation with clear, measurable timelines. He further empha-

sized the importance of engaging the local youth in development and implementation to ensure sustainability and skill development in the region. Special DG, BISAG-N, Dr. Vinay Thakur, spoke on BISAG-N's national level initiatives and offered support to Jammu and Kashmir in designing bespoke applications based on departmental requirements.

A potential Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the UT Government and BISAG-N was also discussed, with the Chief Secretary directing that all modalities be finalised at the earliest to kick-start the implementation. The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education and Financial Commissioner, Shantmanu; Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner Revenue, Shaleen Kabra; Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad; Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh Dattatraya Vaidya; Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology Department, Saurabh Bhagat; Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, M. Raju; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism Department, Yasha Mudgal; Director, Industries & Commerce, Arun Kumar Manhas; Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Sanna Khan and other senior officers of the administration.

The Chief Secretary expressed gratitude to BISAG-N for its support and affirmed that this collaboration would serve as a transformative leap towards digital governance and technology-led growth in Jammu and Kashmir. Administrative Secretaries and senior officers of various departments presented comprehensive inputs on potential areas of collaboration. These included digitisation, automation and real-time updation of land records and records of rights in the Revenue & Land Records department.

In Tourism, they discussed real-time tourist facilitation, analytics for tourism augmentation and smart management of tourist flows. The Power Development Department could benefit from monitoring power purchases and reducing transmission and distribution losses using predictive analytics. For Industries & Commerce, early warning systems for MSMEs in distress and improving service delivery frameworks were proposed. The GST and the Finance department could utilise AI-based anomaly detection systems to identify and prevent tax fraud. In Jal Shakti & Irrigation, flood monitoring, water resource mapping and irrigation network optimisation through satellite imagery and AI models was considered.

## Power Shutdown

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
SRINAGAR, APR 4:

According to Chief Engineer, KPDC, in view of dismantling of old / spared poles under stabilization of 33 KV Landloora line emanating from Grid Station GIS Laspipora, the power supply to receiving stations including Landloora, Moman (pertains to STD-Bijbehara) and feeding areas Landloora, Mantribugh, Chakoora, Hermain, Hajipora, Frisal, Watchi and Moomin shall remain affected on April 08 & 10 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

## DC reviews functioning of Revenue Department in Poonch

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
POONCH, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Revenue Department in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Mendhar Imran Kataria; SDM Surankote Farooq Khan, along with Tehsildars, the Account Officer, and other concerned officials. The meeting discussed the ongoing endeavors in digitizing and georeferencing of revenue records. The urgency of completing the digitization process, and retrieval of encroached state land were emphasized throughout the discussions. The current sanction Strength and Vacancy Positions, essential revenue documents such as Khewats, Khatas, and Khasras were also discussed. The Deputy Commissioner specifically highlighted the need for timely verification and digitization of revenue records, directing all officials to ensure the provision of online services to the public within a stipulated time frame. He also mandated the demolition of illegal encroachments along NH144, reinforcing the government's commitment to maintaining public land integrity. Additionally, the meeting reviewed the Capex Budget for 2024-25, focusing on the status of construction projects and the completion of the remaining land passbook issuance process.

This proactive approach aims to bolster the efficiency of the Revenue Department and enhance service delivery to the citizens of Poonch.

## DC directs maintenance, beautification of Shopian Public Park

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
SHOPIAN, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today visited a recreational Park at Shopian town to review the available facilities, assess its maintenance besides review security and sanitation measures. The visit aimed to take stock of the management of park in order to promote its recreational purpose for the residents of the district. During the visit, DC inspected various attractions and directed concerned authorities of Revenue, Police, MC Shopian and Floriculture departments for argumentation of amenities & beautification of park. He also directed them for installation of CCTVs and street lights around the park. DC emphasized the need for developing the recreational area to boost its leisure options for residents especially children. ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, ACR, Shakoora Ahmad Dar, ASP, Showkat Wani, District Floriculture Officer and other district officers were accompanying him.

## SHEW Shopian holds awareness camp at Mugmarg Zainapora

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
SHOPIAN, APR 4:

Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, (SHEW) Shopian today organized an awareness programme at AWC Mugmarg, Zainapora Shopian. The event was aimed at educating women about various welfare schemes, helpline numbers and other initiatives of women upliftment available in the district. Officials provided detailed insights into a range of welfare initiatives, including those focused on women's education, skill development, financial independence, health, and entrepreneurship. Speaking at the event, officials from Sankalp Hub emphasized the importance of empowering women with knowledge and resources. Participants were also encouraged to engage with ongoing skill development programmes and entrepreneurial ventures supported by various departments in the district.

## Five JK startups...

This participation facilitated by JKEDI under J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, highlights the growing startup ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir and the government's commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth. The platform provided these startups with an opportunity to network with investors, industry leaders, and other ecosystem enablers, helping them scale their ventures to new heights. Speaking about the participation, Secretary Industries & Commerce Department with additional charge of Director JKEDI, Khalid Jahangir emphasized that the presence of J&K-based startups at Startup Mahakumbh 2.0 underscored the commitment of JKEDI in nurturing the entrepreneurial talent and creating an enabling ecosystem. "We are proud of our startups for showcasing their innovations at this prestigious platform," he said. Startup Mahakumbh 2.0, known as the largest confluence of startups, investors, and policymakers in India, serves as a catalyst for emerging businesses by providing them with visibility, networking opportunities, and access to market linkages. The participation of J&K startups reaffirms the Union Territory's focus on building a vibrant and sustainable startup ecosystem.

## Over 10 kanals...

"The attached properties have been recorded in revenue records, and notices were served prohibiting their sale or transfer. The attachment was processed in the presence of an executive magistrate, ensuring full compliance with legal procedures," the official said. He said police, in collaboration with other agencies, remain resolute in their mission to take a stringent measures against individuals and entities involved in activities threatening the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

## NC focused on...

stand, appointed your own Advocate General, nominated five MLAs, and never compromised on (Article) 370 resolution (for restoration of statehood), transfers would have been on your platter," Para said. "You refused to stand for July 13 (the Martyr's Day holiday, which was scrapped in 2019), and the Waqf Bill was just empty rhetoric. Now, the same cabinet that justified the same bureaucrats in a month-long assembly session is complaining about them?" the PDP leader added.