

Executive Committee CAMPA formulates Annual Plan of Operations for 2025-26

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JAMMU, APR 4: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, J&K Forest Department, Suresh Kumar Gupta, today chaired the 36th meeting of the Executive Committee of J&K to review implementation of Annual Plan of Operations for 2024-25 and formulate and consider the APOs for 2025-26 under CAMPA scheme.

PCCF & HoFF, Suresh Kumar Gupta elucidated the contribution of CAMPA in achieving the target of planting 150 lakh saplings under the programme "EK ped maa ke naam" during 2024-25. He further highlighted various ongoing works like stabilization of slopes along highways and building of infrastructure for frontline staff. He also referred to the works being undertaken for protection of forest lands



through installation of boundary pillars and fencing of vulnerable forests.

Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, T Rabi Kumar, made a brief presentation highlighting the progress on implementation of the approved Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) 2024-25, covering actions taken on the decisions of the EC in its last meeting and proposed APOs

for the next financial year 2025-26.

Regarding next year's APOs, a total of about 4500 ha area has been proposed to be afforested with planting of about 40 lakh saplings including beating up of causalities through assisted natural and artificial regeneration. A special emphasis is being given for soil and moisture conservation meas-

ures including construction of DRSM, crates and water harvesting structures in the APOs. Planting of local species and a mix of indigenous fodder species has been proposed to augment the fodder supply.

The Wildlife Protection Department has proposed a number of protection and conservation measures. These included improvement

of wildlife habitat, soil and water conservation works, management of protected areas, creation and maintenance of animal rescue centres, eco-development activities and development of wildlife related infrastructure. The APOs also included construction and maintenance of official accommodation for frontline staff like Guard huts, Block Office and Range Office.

After detailed discussion on all aspects of the proposals, the Executive Committee considered the proposed Annual Plan of Operations for FY 2025-26 with an outlay of about Rs. 157 crore. The EC recommended the proposal for approval of the Steering Committee for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for final approval.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inaugurates Almond Bloom Festival-2025 at Badamwari



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SRINAGAR, APR 4: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday inaugurated the Almond Bloom Festival-2025 at Badamwari (Almond Alcove) in Srinagar's historic old city, heralding the arrival of spring in Kashmir.

"With blossoms in full glory, their fragrance fills every corner, marking the

arrival of spring in Kashmir. This festival is not just a celebration of nature's beauty but also an effort to boost tourism and promote our cultural heritage," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said.

The event was organized by the Tourism Department in collaboration with the Floriculture Department and witnessed participation from

top officials, artists and a large number of visitors, including students and tourists.

Minister of Transport Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zaidal Tanvir Sadiq, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Director Floriculture, Director Tourism, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

The highlight of the festival was a grand cultural and musical show, featuring mesmerizing performances by renowned Kashmiri artists. Their soulful music captivated the audience, adding to the charm of the event. The festival also included traditional folk performances, handicraft exhibitions and stalls showcasing Kashmiri handicrafts giving visitors a taste of the Valley's rich cultural heritage.

'Katcha Houses to become a Relic of past': VC DDC Udhampur hails transformative impact of PMAY



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UDHAMPUR, APR 4: Vice Chairperson District Development Council Juhi Manhas Pathania today hailed highly transformative impact of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme in ameliorating the socio-economic condition of poor, saying Katcha Houses will soon become a relic of past.

While touring the length

and breadth of District Udhampur, Juhi emphasized that the Union Government is working on a mission mode to ensure that no one lives in a katcha house.

Juhi called upon Rural Development staff and ground-level workers to maximize geotagging of houses in their respective areas. She also urged officials to ensure a hassle-free geotagging process for bene-

ficiaries. She reaffirmed that PMAY remains a top priority of the Centre, highlighting its role in transforming rural housing.

Additionally, she raised awareness about the PM Surya Ghar Bijli Yojana, a revolutionary scheme aimed at providing clean, renewable, and affordable electricity to households. "Under this initiative, households will be equipped with solar rooftop panels, enabling them to generate their own electricity and reduce dependence on conventional energy sources," she said and informed "The government is offering subsidized rates and financial assistance to encourage the adoption of solar energy. This scheme will not only help in reducing electricity bills but also contribute to environmental sustainability by promoting the use of green energy."

Satish Sharma declares open "All India University Powerlifting Championship" Over 1200 athletes from 150 Universities participating

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SRINAGAR, APR 4:

Minister for Food Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science and Technology, ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, today declared open the "All India University Powerlifting Championship 2025" at University of Kashmir.

The event is being organised by the University of Kashmir in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities. More than 1200 best athletes from around 150 Universities from across India are participating in the tournament.

Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir Professor Nilofer Khan presided over the event, while VC CUK Professor Ravinder Nath, VC IUST, Professor Shakeel A. Romshoo and VC CUK Professor Mohammad Mubeen were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister asserted that this championship will set a new benchmark in promoting inclusivity, equality and sports excellence in J&K. He exhorted that presence of so many athletes reflects the growing enthusiasm, commitment and discipline of our youth towards fitness and competitive sports.

The Minister emphasized that Powerlifting is not just a physical test, but, a symbol of inner resilience, mental grit and determination. "It



teaches us that even the heaviest challenges can be lifted with consistent efforts and perseverance", he added.

The Minister said that the government believes in transformative power of sports in shaping character, instilling discipline and fostering excellence. He reiterated that J&K has witnessed a huge resurgence in sports in recent past and the government under the leadership of Chief Minister is committed to strengthen the sports ecosystem by providing facilities at grassroots level to elite level training so that our youth can shine on global platforms.

The Minister said that initiatives like Khelo India, Fit India Movement, National School Games and University level championships are paving the way for stronger, healthier and more confident India.

Satish Sharma added that in this era of technology and digital transformation, sports play a vital role in keeping us physically and mentally strong and also keep our youth away from various social ills. The Minister commended the University of Kashmir for organising this grand event. He said that hosting national level championships is not only a matter of pride but also a testament to the University's determination in promoting youth engagement, sportsmanship and national integrity.

THE HEART FOUNDATION

Invitation for the HEART FOUNDATION AWARDS 2025

For J&K, Ladakh

Applications are invited in the below mentioned categories for recognition of outstanding contribution in the fields of medicine, healthcare, education and sports. All citizens with residence in the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are eligible for awards. Applicants can either self apply or be recommended by prominent personalities in their respective fields.

Applicants can apply in the following categories:

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Outstanding Performance in Medical Stream (+2)

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Outstanding Contribution in the field of Education (School)

Best Postgraduate (MD, MS)

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Best Contribution in the field of Social Service

Only online applications will be accepted and they should be submitted to heartfoundation23@gmail.com on or before 10th April, 2025 by 12 pm

Applications will be scrutinized by a high-level Jury-cum-Awards Committee constituted specifically for this purpose.

The Jury-cum-Awards Committee has the mandate to consider any eligible person for award

(even if he or she has not applied) with outstanding credentials.

The award ceremony is slated to be held on the 26th April, 2025 at 7 pm at Hotel Radisson Blu, Jammu.

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