

SCERT hosts seminal workshop and training, Oasis Jyotirdhar Movement phase-3

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In a significant stride towards educational rejuvenation, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office, Jammu, hosted a seminal Workshop and Training, Oasis Jyotirdhar Movement phase-3 for Heads of Institutions in Partnership with Department of School Education and SCERT Jammu and Kashmir. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the worthy Chief Guest, Shri. Shantmanu (IAS),Financial Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department and Director SCERT, Jammu and Kashmir who led the proceedings of the program and commended the ongoing educational innovations within the region.

The program commenced with the formal reception of the Chief Guest, followed by the inauguration of an exhibition showcasing a diverse array of curriculum enrichment tools including academic documents, books, and educational aids developed by SCERT Jammu Division. It served as a visual narrative of the institution's academic journey. The solemnity of the



occasion was further enhanced with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT, extended a warm and respectful welcome to the worthy Chief Guest, distinguished dignitaries, esteemed resource persons and participants. She highlighted the vision behind the Oasis Jyotirdhar initiative and underscored the importance of collaborative learning, innovation in teaching practices, and the development of inclusive academic resources to ensure quality education for all. The event witnessed the release of two strategic blueprints- The Syllabus cum Academic Planner 2025-26

and the BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) Vision Document, both poised to strengthen pedagogical practices and infrastructure-based learning in schools. The Academic Planner was meticulously developed through collaborative efforts of members of Assessment Cell including Mr Ranjeet Singh Manhas (Head, Assessment Cell SCERTJ&K), Mr Rakesh Chobber (Head,Assessment Cell, SCERT Jammu Division), Dr. Nazneen Mehraj and Dr.Saima Qadir from SCERT Kashmir Division. Whereas, Ms Manisha Chun and Mr.Parshotam Singh, Academic Officers, SCERT Jammu Division contributed

significantly to the development of the vision document “BaLA”. An incisive overview of the workshop was presented by Ms. Tina Vasudeva Chief Coordinator Oasis Movement, who elucidated the key themes, participatory engagement and expected outcomes of the program. In the feedback session, valuable insights and reflections on the learning experiences and effectiveness of the workshop modules was provided by Mr.Anwar Khan, Principal, GHSS Sawjian Poonch and Mrs.Kiran Bhadwal, Principal, GHSS Camp Nagrota Jammu. Mehul Panchal, Project Lead, Oasis Movement, addressed the gathering and

articulated the importance of pedagogical agility, design thinking in education and the cultivation of learning ecosystem, appreciating the commitment of the SCERT in encouraging continued innovation in the educational sector. In his address, worthy Chief Guest, applauded the vision of the proactive endeavours of SCERT in advancing educational innovation and excellence. He encouraged all stakeholders to remain cognizant of evolving pedagogies and adapt to the dynamic educational landscape through continuous reflection and innovation. The overall coordination of the event was efficiently handled by Mr.Sunil Sharma, while Mr. Vivek Jandiwal served as technical coordinator, ably supported by a diligent team including Dr. Sandeep Singh, Mr.Sanjay Kumar, Ms Pooja Sharma, Ms Poonam Sharma, Ms Rukhsana Gulbadan, Mr.Ashok Sharma, and Mr. Rohit Sharma.Ms. Manisha Chun, Associate Coordinator, adeptly compered the proceedings of the whole programme with finesse and a formal vote of thanks was presented by Mr Vinod Kumar Bhat, Head, Academic Unit.

Arvind meets Commissioner Secretary HUDD, stresses for community-centric development in Toph Sherkhania

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Senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta today met with Ms. Mandep Kaur, IAS, Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Housing & Urban Development Department and highlighted the pressing need for community infrastructure in Toph Sherkhania area of Jammu. During the meeting, Arvind Gupta drew attention to a vacant land parcel adjacent to the Electric Sub-Station in Toph Sherkhania, currently owned by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA). Highlighting the dense population and growing urban needs of the locality, Gupta requested that the land be utilized for the benefit of residents through the development of key community facilities. He proposed a multipurpose hall for community events, indoor gaming zones for youth, a library and reading room for students, and a welfare club for senior citizens to promote

engagement and well-being. He emphasized that such initiatives would significantly contribute to the social, educational, and recreational fabric of the region, fostering a strong sense of community and improving the overall quality of life.The MLA appreciated the government's ongoing efforts under the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF), particularly the recent Rs. 3500 lakh proposal by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) which includes vital works such as construction of drains and deep drains in Ward No. 32 (Rs. 2000 lakh) and a multi-level car parking facility at SMGS Hospital, Shalamar, Jammu (Rs. 1500 lakh). He stressed that while such infrastructure investments are crucial, parallel attention must be given to localized community development to ensure inclusive urban growth.

Arvind Gupta urged the Commissioner Secretary to direct concerned departments

to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed community facilities and initiate necessary steps for early execution. He expressed optimism that the administration would consider the request positively and work collaboratively to deliver meaningful solutions to the residents of Jammu West.The MLA reiterated his commitment to ensuring holistic development in his constituency and thanked the Commissioner Secretary for her patient hearing and proactive approach.

The Commissioner Secretary gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by MLA Arvind Gupta and assured that the matter would be examined on priority. She acknowledged the significance of developing inclusive community spaces in urban areas like Toph Sherkhania and assured that necessary directions would be issued to the concerned officers for assessing feasibility and preparing a detailed project report.

Pawan Sharma appeals central, state govts to ensure safety of J&K students studying across country

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Pawan Sharma, BJP Senior leader and former state secretary J&K, while expressing his anguish over the brutal killing of innocent tourists by terrorists in Pahalgam, Kashmir, said that the barbaric incident is a stark reminder of the challenges our nation faces from anti-national elements. I strongly condemn this act of terrorism and assure the nation that the Modi government will take all necessary steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Sharma emphasized that the government is committed to taking stringent action against those who carried out this heinous incident and those

who supported them. We will not tolerate any form of terrorism or anti-national activity in our country. Our security forces are working tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and we will continue to support them in their efforts.

Sharma further stated that as a nation, we are angry and outraged by this incident, but it is essential that we maintain peace and harmony. I appeal to the central and state govts to take responsibility for ensuring that students, employees, and businessmen from Jammu and Kashmir across the country do not face any kind of problem. We must stand united against terrorism and work towards building a

strong and prosperous India.

Sharma said that, in this hour of grief and anger, it is crucial that we remain calm and composed. We must not let terrorism divide us or undermine our national unity. I urge all citizens to cooperate with the authorities and support our security forces in their efforts to combat terrorism.Pawan Sharma assured the nation that the Modi government is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all citizens. We will not rest until we bring the perpetrators of this heinous incident to justice. I would also like to appeal to all citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

World Malaria Day 2025 observed across District Doda

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DODA, APR 25:

World Malaria Day 2025 was observed with great enthusiasm across District Doda by the Health Department under this year's theme, “Malaria ends with us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite.” The observance was held under the guidance of Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, and State Malariologist J&K, Dr. D. J. Raina. The main event was organized by the District Malaria Unit Doda at Government ANMT School Doda, where Chief Medical Officer Doda, Dr. Om Kumar, graced the occasion as the chief guest.The event was attended by Smt. Vidya Kotwal, Principal of Government ANMT School Doda; Umar Anayat, District Epidemiologist; Mohd Shafi

Attu, and Malaria Staff members including Mr. Basharat Ahmed Mir, Liaqat Ali Zargar, Mohd Akbar Dev, and Rajinder Parshad. Faculty members Ms. Naveeda Anjum and Ms. Saima Kousar, along with a large number of students, also participated in the programme. The programme began with a welcome address by Faizan A. Trambo, Incharge Media Desk of the Health Department, who also elaborated on the significance of World Malaria Day and the global initiatives aimed at eliminating this preventable disease.Dr. Om Kumar, CMO Doda, in his address, educated the participants about malaria, its symptoms, transmission methods, and emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, timely treatment, and preventive measures such as using mosquito nets and maintaining

hygiene. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material on malaria prevention was distributed among the students and other attendees by the Malaria Unit staff.Besides the main event in Doda, similar awareness programmes were organized across other blocks of the district, including Assar, Gandoh, and Bhaderwah, under the supervision of respective Block Medical Officers. Health professionals in these areas also conducted educational sessions on malaria awareness, prevention, and control.The day served as a vital platform to reaffirm the Health Department's commitment toward a malaria-free future and to strengthen community participation in the fight against malaria.

Police attaches property worth lacs of a terror handler based in Pakistan in Handwara

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Police in Handwara after obtaining attachment order passed by Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court Handwara attached property measuring 13 Marlas worth lacs belonging to terror handler based in Pakistan namely Habibullah Ganie son of Ab Rehman Ganie resident of Palpora Qaziabad.The action was taken under sections of 88 CrPc (83 central) & is linked with case FIR No. 73/2011 U/S 2/3 EIMCO Act, 121-A RPC of Police Station Kralgund.The property was identified belonging to absconders during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Police. The operation reaffirms the commitment of Police to combat the terror activities.

Police organizes awareness programmes on new criminal laws in Budgam

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Police in Budgam under the supervision of SSP Budgam, Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS organized awareness programmes at Waterhail, Khansahib and Chadoora to educate the general public of the concerned areas about the new criminal laws (BNS, BNSS & BSA).The main event was chaired by SDPO Khansahib Shri Mohammad Anzar Shah-JKPS at Police Post Waterhail. The programme was attended by respectable citizens, community representatives, members of Traders federations, Awqaf committee members besides Police officials of the units were also present on the occasion. Also, awareness programme was organised at Khansahib wherein SI Aijaz Ahmad and SI Vissah Kachroo familiarized general public about enactment of NCLs, ensuring awareness and compliance with the updated legal framework. Similarly, at Chadoora the event was chaired by PSI Suhail Ahmad at Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Chadoora. The programme was attended by teaching staff and students of the institution.Police officers on these occasions explained key aspects of New Criminal Laws, highlighting the replacement of IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act with new criminal laws. The participants also got familiarized that new criminal laws are victim centric and aim to ensure speedy Justice for victims and swift punishment for offenders. They also shed light on the provision for registering Zero FIRs and e-FIRs. The new laws also incorporate modern investigation techniques, utilizing technology to enhance the justice system.Participants actively engaged in discussions, asking questions, and seeking clarifications on the new legal provisions.

JKNPP (Bhim) condemns CM for exclusion from All Party Meet held on April 24

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The Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim) has strongly condemned the deliberate exclusion of the party from the All Party Meet convened by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir on April 24, 2025.In a formal communication addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah, Party President Vilakshan Singh expressed deep disappointment and concern over what he termed a “calculated affront” to the voice of the Dogras and a blatant act of discrimination against the Jammu region. “The exclusion of our party is not a mere procedural oversight—it is a reflection of the persistent and systemic bias shown by Kashmir-centric political forces against parties representing the aspirations of the Jammu region,” said Singh.He further highlighted that the J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim) is the only political outfit that has contested elections from all five parliamentary constituencies of Jammu & Kashmir, thereby representing a truly inclusive and pan-territorial voice. Singh emphasized that the Panthers Party Bhim has consistently championed the rights of the poor, the downtrodden, and the Dogra community, and that such exclusion is a manifestation of the National Conference-led government's unwillingness to engage with dissenting yet democratic voices.

One dead, another injured in Udhampur road accident

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UDHAMPUR, APR 25:

One person died and another sustained critical injuries after a truck (trola) skidded off the road near Bani Nala Mode area along National Highway 44 in Udhampur on Friday. According to officials the vehicle bearing registration number PB03BK2041 veered off the road under unclear circumstances.One of the occupants died on the spot, while the critically injured person was shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) Udhampur for treatment.Police have taken cognizance of the incident and an investigation is underway to determine the cause of the accident.

BJP holds Hawan, Shradhanjali Sabha for martyrs of ‘Pahalgam terror attack’

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir organized a ceremonial Hawan followed by a tribute ceremony (Shradhanjali Sabha) at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to pay tribute to the martyrs of Pahalgam Terrorist Attack.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP, Dr. Nirmal Singh, and Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CMs, Sham Lal Sharma and Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-Presidents & MLAs, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Th. Randhir Singh, and Surinder Bhagat, MLAs, Priya Sethi, former Minister, and other senior leaders of BJP paid floral tributes on the occasion.

BJP leaders performed the Hawan with customary rituals to pray for the Moksha to heavenly bound souls, then paid floral tributes and later concluded with a two-minutes silence praying for the departed souls.The BJP leadership conveyed profound condolences to the families of the martyrs and called upon all sections of society to collectively strive for enduring peace and justice.

Sat Sharma, while paying tributes to martyrs of the Pahalgam targeted Terrorist attack, said that the whole nation is anguished over this unwarranted martyrdom of these unsuspecting victims. He said that certain vested interests are working to disturb the ongoing peace, progress and communal harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. He emphasized that no religion preaches hatred among fellow humans and the heinous acts of terrorism have to be condemned by all. Sharma quoted the local Kashmiri business owners, who were left high and dry



after this terrorist attack. Earlier, they were appreciating the tremendous increase in their income and overall improvement in the socio-economic status of common Kashmiri after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A.

He also mentioned that the PM Narendra Modi and HM Amit Shah are concerned over the safety of the citizens and are determined to retaliate strongly. Focusing on the commitment of the Modi government, he said that all the culprits of the Pahalgam Terrorist attack would be taught a lesson of lifetime.

Ashok Koul, while paying tributes, said that the tragic incident shook the whole world. He said that the union home minister personally supervised the evacuation, medical treatment and the security measures after he immediately flew to Kashmir. He expressed his concern on the targeted killing of innocent citizens by terrorists in a communal manner. He also blamed MP Aga Syed Ruhullah, for instigating the local sentiments by articulating that tourism is invading the culture of Kashmir. Lauding the anti-terrorism protests in Kashmir, he said that these protests (if held a few decades back) could have prevented the present turmoil in Kashmir. Dr. Nirmal Singh expressed confidence in the Modi government and

stressed on the common stand by all the political parties against the terrorism. Kavinder Gupta articulated that this tragedy would never be forgotten and this incident will give a new direction to the fight against the terrorism.All other speakers underscored the imperative of fostering national unity, strengthening security, and adopting a resolute approach toward combating terrorism, to ensure that such heinous acts are never repeated.

Aseem Gupta, Anuradha Charak, Rajinder Sharma, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Nareesh Singh Jasrotia, S. Varinderjit Singh, Veenu Khanna, Ayodhya Gupta, Rakesh Mahajan, Suraj Singh, Suresh Sharma, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Dr. Shehnaz Ganai, Tilak Raj Gupta, Munish Khajuria, Rajni Sethi, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Adv. Ankur Sharma, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Ankit Gupta, Rajiv Charak, Sanjita Dogra, Puneet Mahajan, Parmod Kapahi, Vinay Gupta, Ved Sharma, Sanjay Baru, Rekha Mahajan, Sunil Prajapati, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Ajay Vaid, Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, TK Sharma, Shailja Gupta, Ritika Trehan, and others also paid Shradhanjali to the martyrs after participating in the Hawan.Adv. Rajesh Gupta conducted the proceedings of the Shradhanjali programme.

Shrine Board holds joint security review - AI based ICCC at Katra to be operationalised in May

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KATRA, APR 25:

To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage, Chief Executive Officer, Anshul Garg today presided over a joint security review meeting with security agencies and other stakeholders at Central Office, Katra.The meeting was attended by Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SSP, Reasi; Commandant, CRPF; Jt. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SP, Katra; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Katra; Tehsildar, SMVDSB and officers from Army, intelligence agencies and Shrine Board.

The CEO stressed that the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) coming up at Katra must be operationalized by the first week of May to ensure pilgrim safety and facilitate smooth yatra regulation. He emphasized the importance of adhering to the timeline, highlighting that a robust security grid across all key sectors of the shrine relies on the timely activation of the ICCC as this center will enable real-time monitoring, swift response to emergencies and effective coordination among security agencies through a network of 700 CCTV cameras with features

like gesture recognition, face recognition, PTZ and such others as per operational requirements. The CEO urged all concerned quarters to strictly follow the deadline to ensure a safe and secure yatra. Intelligence sharing and coordination among security agencies also remained key focus areas. The meeting highlighted the need for seamless communication and data exchange to prevent security breaches. Strategies to verify the credentials of Pithoo and Ponywallas to prevent impersonation and ensure their legitimate involvement were also discussed to ensure a secure pilgrimage experience.

The meeting also explored deployment of additional security personnel, area domination and the use of drones and other advanced technologies to monitor the Shrine and surrounding areas. The latest advancements in security scenarios including AI-powered surveillance systems and data analytics were also discussed. The meeting emphasized the importance of staying ahead of potential security threats by adopting cutting-edge technologies and best practices.

The CEO reiterated the importance of effectively utilizing advanced security equipments crucial for main-

taining robust security measures provided to security agencies as per the Hon'ble Chairman's (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) directives to ensure a safe environment for pilgrims. These equipments include X-Ray Baggage Scanners, Door Frame Metal Detectors, Hand-Held Metal Detectors and Under Vehicle Search Mirrors recently procured and installed by the Board in the Shrine area.

Geo-fencing technology to enhance security in the Shrine area was also discussed for optimizing resources and improving shrine management.The CEO emphasized that security agencies must maintain zero tolerance and not allow any relaxation or leniency in security checks at all points, ensuring strict adherence to protocols to guarantee the safety and security of pilgrims visiting the Shrine. It was informed by SSP Reasi that FIRs have been registered against unauthorized personnel caught plying as service providers on the track and continuous inspections are underway.The meeting also thoroughly discussed the peripheral security of Katra town, focusing on strategies to strengthen surveillance, improve intelligence gathering and implement effective access control to ensure a secure environment for pilgrims.

Sacrifice of Syed Adil Hussain Shah sets narrative of J&K in right direction: Khatana

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Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, Senior BJP Leader and Member of the Rajya Sabha, today paid tribute to the heroism of Syed Adil Hussain Shah and other brave citizens whose selfless actions saved innocent tourists during the recent Pahalgam attack.Khatana began his day with heartfelt prayers at a BJP-organized congregation in Srinagar, solemnly remembering those who lost their lives in the cowardly assault on tourists in Pahalgam. He then participated in an all-party meeting at the SKICC to foster unity and resolve among J&K's political leadership.

Early this morning, Khatana visited the family of martyr Syed Adil Hussain Shah at their home in Poni Bala, offering his deepest condolences and assuring them that the people of Jammu & Kashmir stand united in honoring his sacrifice. Shah's courageous intervention not only saved lives but also sent a powerful mes-

sage of solidarity across the region.“I salute the bravery of Adil Hussain Shah and all those ordinary citizens who rose to protect innocent lives,” said Khatana. “Their actions have set our community on the right path—one of courage, communal harmony, and unwavering resilience against terror.” Later, Khatana called on the family of the late Lt. Aga Syed Baker al-Movieisi, a respected religious leader who passed away recently, to convey his sympathies and support during their time of grief. He also engaged with numerous deputations throughout the day, listening to their concerns and reaffirming his commitment to ensuring peace and security for all residents. Khatana extended his gratitude to every citizen of Jammu & Kashmir for “standing as a rock against terrorism” and lauded the exemplary courage shown by ordinary men and women. He urged that those found responsible for the Pahalgam attack be dealt with “the full severity of the law,” emphasizing that justice must be swift and exemplary.