

BJP provides platform for women to voice their concerns: Sanjita



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BJP State General Secretary and Headquarters Incharge Sanjita Dogra, along with former Akhnoor District Development Council (DDC) member Sharda Bhau, organized a public darbar exclusively for women at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu. They listened to the grievances of women and assured them of all possible assistance in resolving their issues. Many problems have already been resolved, while others are in the process of being addressed. Under the BJP's outreach programme, Sanjita Dogra meets people, particularly women, every Tuesday at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan. The initiative has received an encouraging response, with a large number of women regularly visiting the BJP headquarters to present their concerns and seek guidance on various social and public welfare-related matters.

While interacting with the women, Sanjita Dogra said

that the BJP provides an effective platform for women to directly place their issues and concerns before the party leadership. She noted that many women hesitate to approach government offices or are unaware of the appropriate channels through which they can seek assistance. Such public outreach programmes give them an opportunity to express their concerns with confidence.

Sanjita Dogra said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is fully committed to the welfare, dignity and empowerment of women. She added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several welfare schemes and initiatives have been launched to strengthen the social and economic status of women and ensure their active participation in nation-building.

These efforts have opened new opportunities for women in various spheres of life.

She further stated that the BJP believes in maintaining direct communication with the public and ensuring solutions to their problems by lis-

tening to their concerns. She assured that every genuine issue brought before her would be taken up with the concerned departments for prompt redressal.

Sharda Bhau also interacted with the women and encouraged them to actively participate in social and developmental activities. She said that women are an important force in society and their voices must be heard in matters related to public welfare and development. During the public darbar, women raised issues related to basic amenities, pensions, welfare schemes, education, health-care services and other day-to-day concerns. Sanjita Dogra patiently listened to all the grievances and assured necessary follow-up action. The women present on the occasion appreciated the initiative and expressed satisfaction at getting an opportunity to interact directly with BJP leaders. They said that the outreach programme is proving to be a meaningful platform for raising their concerns and facilitating their resolution.

Sikhs seek immediate implementation of NCM Act in J&K; raise multiple community demands



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Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, along with various Sikh organizations in the Union Territory, has made a humble appeal to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah, and the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, urging immediate implementation of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992 in Jammu & Kashmir without further delay.

Addressing a press conference, Darbinder Singh, President, Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, along with representatives of Bhai Kanhaiya Nishkam Sewa Society, J&K Sikh Naujwan Sabha, Istri Akali Dal J&K, Youth Akali Dal J&K and various Gurudwara committees, expressed concern over what they described as an inordinate delay in extending the provisions of the NCM Act to the Union Territory.

They stated that the Act has already been made applicable to the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh under Schedule V of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, and notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice after receiving Presidential assent on 9 August 2019. Despite this, they alleged that minori-

ties, particularly Sikhs and other small communities, are being deprived of the benefits of centrally sponsored welfare schemes.

The speakers recalled that during the earlier constitutional arrangement, minority communities were unable to fully access such benefits under Article 370. They said that even after the abrogation of Article 370 and reorganisation of the erstwhile State, several central laws and schemes have been extended to the UTs, but the NCM Act remains effectively unimplemented on the ground.

Describing the situation as "unjust," they said Sikh and other minority communities in J&K continue to feel deprived of political representation and socio-economic opportunities. They claimed that the Sikh community, being a microscopic minority scattered across the region, remains largely unrepresented in legislative and democratic structures, leading to a sense of alienation. The leaders also appealed to the Government of India to address the long-pending issue of rehabilitation of 1947 refugees from Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir and to release the promised financial assistance of ₹30 lakh per family without further delay. Mohinder

Singh, Chief Organizer of Bhai Kanhaiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and former member of DGPC Jammu, also urged the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure due recognition of the Punjabi language in Jammu & Kashmir. He demanded that Punjab be granted official status at par with Hindi, Urdu, Kashmiri, Dogri and English, citing the significant Punjabi-speaking population in the region.

He further stated that despite earlier government orders, including Cabinet Order dated 20-03-2001 and Government Order No. EDU/NC/SC/309 dated 27-11-2008, Punjabi has not been given adequate institutional support, including appointment of teachers against sanctioned posts.

Several Sikh leaders and representatives present on the occasion included Rajinder Singh, Ravinder Singh Sarpanch, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Kuldeep Kaur, Charanjeet Singh (Retd. SDM), Prof. Youdhvir Singh, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Manmohan Singh, Jagmohan Singh, Paramjeet Singh (ex-AISSF), Kuldeep Singh Malik, Rasbir Singh, Paramjeet Singh Raina and others.

Utkarsh-2026 NCC Cadets of 8 J&K Girls Bn PSPS GCW host farewell ceremony

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The cadets of 8 J&K Girls Bn NCC, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu, celebrated Utkarsh-2026 with a splendid farewell, bidding adieu to their outgoing seniors while gearing up to shoulder new responsibilities. The day began with a ceremonial welcome for Maj Praveen, Administrative Officer, 8 J&K Girls Bn NCC Jammu, and Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the College, followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp and a soulful rendition of the Ganesh Vandana, setting a formal and auspicious tone for the occasion. The

event was witnessed by the faculty members of the college and cadets from other colleges. In a vibrant display of talent and enthusiasm, the cadets delivered heart-warming performances that showcased their skills and dedication. The ceremony also featured the felicitation of TSC (Thal Sainik Camp 2025), RDC (Republic Day Camp 2025), YEP (Youth Exchange Programme 2025), and IDSSC 2025 holders among the senior cadets. These accolades served as a source of inspiration for the junior cadets, motivating them to follow in the footsteps of their accomplished predecessors. As a gesture of appreciation, souvenirs were presented to Maj Praveen and Dr.

Kulvinder Kour for their gracious presence and unwavering support. Their presence and encouragement significantly boosted the morale of the cadets and ANOs Lt. Suman Bala and Lt. Rukhsana Kousar, reinforcing the unit's ethos of camaraderie and dedication.

The programme culminated in an inspiring address by the Principal of the College, who emphasized the importance of discipline, perseverance, and leadership, leaving a lasting impression on the young cadets. Utkarsh-2026 was not just a farewell; it was a celebration of achievements, a recognition of potential, and a pledge to uphold the legacy of 8 J&K Girls Bn NCC Jammu.

SKOCH Awards reflect new era of digital governance in J&K: Adv Devraj Sharma

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Senior BJP leader and former Sarpanch Adv. Devraj Sharma has hailed the Jammu and Kashmir Housing and Urban

Development Department (H&UDD) for securing the prestigious SKOCH Gold and Silver National Awards for its innovative digital governance initiatives, describing the achievement as a testament to the rapid transformation taking place in Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a statement issued here, Sharma said that the national recognition accorded to the Automated Building Permission System (ABPS) and the J&K Gati Shakti GIS Asset Mapping System reflects the Union Territory's growing stature as a model of transparent, technology-driven and citizen-centric governance. He said the awards are not merely accolades for a department but represent a larger shift towards modern governance, efficient public service delivery and digital empowerment of citizens.

According to Sharma, these initiatives will have far-reaching implications for urban development, infrastructure planning, investment promotion and administrative efficiency across Jammu and Kashmir. "The SKOCH Awards are among the most respected recognitions in the field of governance and public administration. Jammu and Kashmir receiving two such national awards demonstrates that the UT is steadily emerging as a frontrunner in adopting innovative digital solutions for public welfare," Sharma remarked.

Highlighting the significance of the Automated Building Permission System, Sharma said that the technology-driven platform has brought unprecedented transparency and accountability in the process of granting building permissions. By reducing human intervention and introducing automated scrutiny through Auto DCR and GIS-based verification, the system has minimized delays, curbed discretionary practices and improved ease of doing business for citizens, architects, builders and investors.

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attract investments in the housing sector and contribute significantly to economic growth and employment generation. Speaking about the J&K Gati Shakti GIS Asset Mapping System, Sharma said the platform would prove instrumental in ensuring scientific urban planning and efficient utilization of public resources. The digital mapping of infrastructure assets will enable authorities to identify developmental gaps, avoid duplication of projects, improve inter-departmental coordination and ensure optimum use of public funds.

"The future of governance lies in data-driven decision-making. The GIS-based asset mapping system will empower administrators to make informed decisions based on

real-time information, resulting in better infrastructure planning and improved service delivery for the people," he said. Sharma further noted that the recognition validates the visionary leadership of Commissioner Secretary H&UDD Mandeep Kaur and the dedicated efforts of officers, technical teams and Urban Local Bodies involved in implementing these transformative projects.

He said the achievement aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' and reflects the success of the Digital India initiative in reaching every corner of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Discussing the way forward, Sharma stressed the need to further expand digital governance initiatives across various sectors such as revenue, rural development, municipal services, public grievance redressal, health-care and education. He advocated greater integration of Artificial Intelligence, GIS technology and real-time monitoring systems to enhance administrative efficiency and public accounta-

bility. The senior BJP leader also called for extensive awareness campaigns and capacity-building programmes to ensure that citizens, especially those in semi-urban and rural areas, can fully benefit from the digital services being introduced by the government.

"Technology should not remain confined to government offices. Its true success lies in making governance more accessible, transparent and responsive for every citizen. These award-winning initiatives should serve as a catalyst for broader digital transformation across Jammu and Kashmir," Sharma said.

Adv. Devraj Sharma expressed confidence that with continued focus on innovation, transparency and public participation, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a benchmark for smart governance and sustainable urban development in the country. He congratulated the Housing and Urban Development Department and all stakeholders associated with the projects for bringing national recognition to the Union Territory and setting new standards in public service delivery.

J&K Govt appoints Nodal Officers for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026

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JAMMU, JUN 23:

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has appointed two senior IAS officers as Nodal Officers for ensuring smooth conduct and coordinated arrangements for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026. As per Government Order No. 1108-JK(GAD) of 2026 dated June 22, 2026, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, has been designated as Nodal Officer for the Pahalgam Axis. Similarly, Rahul Yadav, IAS, Managing Director, JKPCDC and holding additional charge of JKPCCL, has been appointed as Nodal Officer for the Baltal Axis. Both officers have been directed to closely monitor arrangements and maintain coordination with all concerned departments and agencies involved in the Yatra. They shall also regularly liaise with the Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB). The appointments aim to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and ensure seamless arrangements relating to logistics, infrastructure, security, public services and safety for the annual pilgrimage expected to witness participation of lakhs of devotees. The order was issued by M. Raju, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, under the directions of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kathua Police foils bovine smuggling bid, rescues 12 bovines at Nagri

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KATHUA, JUN 23:

J&K Police Kathua foiled a bovine smuggling attempt and rescued 12 bovines during a naka checking operation at Saipur in the Nagri area of Kathua district. The operation was conducted under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Mohita Sharma (IPS). A police team led by the Incharge Police Post Nagri intercepted a suspicious truck bearing registration number PB08BZ-9667 during routine checking. The vehicle, driven by Shoaib Ali, a resident of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, was travelling from Punjab towards Jammu and Kashmir. Upon inspection, police found 12 bovines loaded in the vehicle under inhumane conditions. The bovines were rescued, the driver was arrested and the truck seized. A case under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act has been registered at Police Station Kathua. Further investigation is in progress. Police reiterated its commitment to curbing bovine smuggling and urged citizens to report such activities through Police Helpline 112 or 9858034100.

Doda Police arrests drug peddler, recovers 85 grams of charas

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DODA, JUN 23:

Continuing its anti-drug campaign under the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, Doda Police arrested a drug peddler and recovered 85 grams of charas-like substance from his possession. A police team from Police Post Pul Doda, led by the Incharge Police Post Pul Doda and working under the supervision of the SHO Police Station Doda, was conducting routine checking and patrolling at Chinar Morh, Pul Doda, when a suspect was intercepted. The accused was identified as Nimpal Kumar, son of Govind Singh, a resident of Sewat, Tehsil Marmat, District Doda. During his search, police recovered 85 grams of charas-like substance. The accused was immediately arrested and a case under the NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Doda. Police said further investigation is underway to identify the source of the narcotics and ascertain any forward or backward linkages in the drug network.

Doda Police seizes Dumper carrying mining material without valid documents

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DODA, JUN 23:

As part of its ongoing campaign against illegal mining activities, Doda Police seized a dumper transporting mining material without valid documents during naka checking at Karara in Thathri subdivision. A police team from Police Post Karara intercepted a dumper bearing registration number JK02CD-0127 at Karara Naka and found it loaded with mining material (dust). During verification, the driver failed to produce a valid e-Challan or Form-F, which is mandatory for lawful transportation of mining material. The vehicle was being driven by Pishore Lal, son of Mahar Chand, a resident of Parri, Karara, Premnagar, District Doda. The dumper was seized and the District Mineral Officer (DMO), Doda, was informed for further legal action as per mining regulations. Doda Police stated that it remains committed to curbing illegal mining activities and ensuring strict compliance with laws aimed at protecting natural resources and maintaining transparency in mineral extraction and transportation.

Kathua Police busts major drug network; one more peddler arrested, heroin recovered

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KATHUA, JUN 23:

Continuing its relentless campaign against drug trafficking, J&K Police Kathua has busted a major narcotics network by arresting another drug peddler linked to an ongoing NDPS case and recovering approximately seven grams of heroin-like substance (chitta) from his possession. The action was carried out under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua, Mohita Sharma (IPS). The latest arrest is part of a wider investigation that has already led to the seizure of approximately 369 grams of heroin-like narcotics and ₹1 lakh in cash. Police said that the case originated on October 20, 2025, when a naka was established by Police Station Lakhapur near Lakhapur. During checking, police intercepted two persons, Hanief Shah of Bhamberwan, Marheen, and Hasan Din of Pansar,

Marheen, presently residing in Tarn Taran, Punjab, who were travelling on a motorcycle. During the search, police recovered approximately 300 grams of heroin-like contraband, one Android mobile phone and vehicle keys. Both accused were arrested and a case under the NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Lakhapur.

Subsequent investigation led to the identification of Gulzar Ahmed alias Dau, who had been evading arrest for nearly seven months. He was later apprehended from Punjab by a police team led by DySP DAR Kathua. Around 11 grams of heroin-like substance were recovered from his possession.

Acting on disclosures made by Gulzar Ahmed, the police conducted a raid on May 12, 2026, at Government Primary School, Spral Pain, Marheen, in the presence of an Executive Magistrate. During the raid,

51 grams of heroin-like substance and ₹1 lakh cash were recovered. Investigators were informed that the contraband and cash allegedly belonged to Gulzar Ahmed's brother, Farman Ali.

During further investigation, police arrested Farman Ali, son of Ashiq Ali, a resident of Spral Pain, Marheen, who had also been evading arrest despite repeated raids. Approximately seven grams of heroin-like substance were recovered from his possession. Police said that four drug peddlers have so far been arrested in the case and efforts are underway to identify and apprehend other members of the network, including both forward and backward linkages. Kathua Police has appealed to the public to share information regarding drug-related activities by contacting Police Helpline 112 or 9858034100, assuring complete confidentiality of informants.

Yuva Bhagat Sabha announces new committee for community welfare

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A press conference of Yuva Bhagat Sabha, Sub-District R.S. Pura, Jammu, was held at Gandhi Nagar on Sunday under the chairmanship of senior community leader D.K. Bhagat. The conference witnessed the announcement of a newly constituted committee aimed at strengthening community outreach and addressing the concerns of the Biradari community.

During the meeting, the organization announced its new office bearers. Dev Raj Bhagat was appointed as President, while Santosh Bhagat was named Working President. Dinesh Kumar Bhagat will serve as Vice President, Romi Bhagat as General Secretary, Inder Bhagat as Secretary, and Narinder Bhagat as State Secretary.

Addressing the gathering, the leaders emphasized the need for collective efforts to



address the challenges being faced by the Biradari community. They stated that the newly formed committee would work dedicatedly to safeguard the interests of the community and ensure that issues affecting the people are resolved in a timely and effective manner.

The office bearers assured that members of the Yuva Mandal and Mahila Shakti can approach the committee with any concerns, suggestions, or grievances related to Baladhari activities and community welfare. The commit-

tee pledged to remain accessible to the people and work as a bridge between the community and concerned authorities wherever necessary. The newly elected members expressed gratitude for the trust reposed in them and vowed to serve with dedication, transparency, and commitment. The Yuva Bhagat Sabha reaffirmed its resolve to stand with the people, promote unity, and work tirelessly for the welfare, upliftment, and overall development of the Biradari community across the region.

GDC Ramgarh organizes online screening of NMBA film under Sadhna Saptah

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RAMGARH, JUN 23:

Government Degree College, Ramgarh, organized an online screening of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) film on 23rd June 2026 as part of the ongoing NMBA Sadhna Saptah activities. The programme was coordinated by Mrs. Sandeep Kumari and Mr. Ashok Kumar, under the able guidance of the Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff members.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Mrs. Sandeep Kumari, who highlighted the importance of collective

efforts in spreading awareness against substance abuse. Following this, the NMBA film was screened, which provided valuable insights into the harmful effects of drugs and the necessity of adopting a healthy lifestyle.

On the occasion, the Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol, appreciated the efforts of the coordinators and emphasized that such awareness programmes, conducted under the NMBA Sadhna Saptah, are vital in shaping a responsible and conscious society. She reiterated that the active participation of students and staff reflects the institution's commitment to social responsibility, national welfare, and the larger vision of

a drug-free India. Students actively engaged in the session and shared their perspectives on how awareness can be effectively created among peers, families, and society at large. They emphasized that youth-driven initiatives, peer discussions, and community outreach are powerful tools to strengthen the vision of a Nasha Mukta Bharat.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Ashok Kumar, who acknowledged the contributions of the organizing faculty, the active involvement of students, and the support of the college administration in making the event successful.