Sakeena Itoo conducts surprise inspection of GMC Anantnag

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
ANANTNAG, NOV 9:

Minister for Health and Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo today evening conducted surprise inspection of Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag to take first-hand stock of healthcare facilities, patient-care arrangements and the overall functioning of the institution.

During the inspection, the Minister visited various sections and departments of the hospital and took detailed feedback from doctors, paramedical staff and other officials regarding the availability of medical facilities, diagnostic services, essential medicines and the delivery of healthcare services.

She also interacted with patients and their attendants to ascertain the quality of treatment being provided to them and listened to their concerns and grievances.



Stresses on quality healthcare, better patient care
Also interacts with patients, attendants

Emphasising that patient welfare must remain the foremost priority of every healthcare institution, Sakeena Itoo said that hospitals are meant to serve people with compassion, dedication and a strong sense of responsibility.

"Healthcare is not merely about infrastructure and medical equipment, it is equally about the quality of care, compassion and dignity with which patients are treated", the Minister said.

She stressed upon the hospital administration to ensure that all available facilities are optimally utilised and that no patient is made to suffer due to avoidable administrative delays or lack of coordination.

The Minister also underscored the importance of maintaining high standards of cleanliness and sanitation across hospital premises, ensuring uninterrupted availability of essential medicines and strengthening emergency response mechanisms.

"Public healthcare institutions carry a huge responsibility towards society. There can be no compromise on patient care, hygiene, punctuality and accountability. Every doctor, paramedic and employee must perform their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication", she maintained.

The Minister directed the hospital administration to remain responsive to the needs of patients and their attendants and ensure that grievances brought to their notice are addressed promptly.

Reiterating the Government's commitment to strengthening the healthcare delivery system across Jammu and Kashmir, the Minister said that special attention is being accorded to upgrading medical infrastructure, improving institutional capacities and enhancing the quality of healthcare services, particularly in public medical institutions serving far-flung and rural areas.

"The objective is to make our public hospitals more accessible, efficient and patient-friendly. We will continue to review their functioning and take necessary measures to improve service delivery. The people must experience tangible improvements in the healthcare facilities available to them", she added.

The Minister reiterated that accountability, transparency and dedication would remain the guiding principles for improving the public healthcare system and directed the hospital administration to work towards ensuring better healthcare outcomes for the people.

60 Fire incidents reported across Jammu province in 24 Hours; 35 in Jammu District alone

Fire Services respond with extensive Deployment of Resources

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JAMMU, NOV 9:

Fire and Emergency Services, Jammu and Kashmir responded to an exceptionally high number of fire incidents during the last 24 hours, with 60 incidents reported across Jammu Province, including 35 in Jammu district alone.

Particularly, 16 fire incidents were reported in Jammu district within a span of approximately five hours, from 07:00 PM onwards on 08 November 2026, including multiple major fire emergencies at different locations. These incidents required simultaneous deployment of firefighting resources and extensive mobilization of departmental manpower and equipment, placing considerable demands on the Department's operational capacity during the Diwali festive period.

In view of Diwali, Fire and Emergency Services had made advance deployment of fire tenders at strategic locations across Jammu district, including Gole Market, Gandhi Nagar and Gangyal, to ensure prompt response to any emergency. Besides these deployments, regular Fire Stations also remained operational and responded to the reported incidents.

At 8:37 PM, a fire was reported in a five-storeyed residential-cum-commercial building at Pahari Mohalla. Four fire tenders from Gandhi Nagar Fire Station and two from City Fire Station were immediately mobilised. The tenders from City Fire Station reached the site at 8:44 PM. Additional resources were subsequently deployed, taking the total number of fire tenders engaged at the site to seven. The fire was brought under control in approximately 45 minutes, followed by cooling operations.

Another major fire was reported at a warehouse-cum-shopping premises at 9:18 PM. The premises contained grocery and ration items, including cooking oil and ghee. A total of 18 fire tenders from different Fire Stations and strategically deployed locations were mobilised. The fire tenders stationed at Gole Market, Gandhi Nagar and Gangyal were also pressed into service. CCTV footage from the Smart City camera installed at Asian Hotel Crossing shows fire tenders proceeding towards the site at 9:38 PM.

Additional three fire tenders reached the site within approximately ten minutes thereafter.

The fire was brought under control within approximately one and a half hours, after which cooling operations were undertaken to ensure that there was no further spread or recurrence. Approximately seven shops sustained fire damage, while a large number of adjoining shops were saved. The operation was carried out with the assistance of Police, SDRF and the District Administration.

At 10:28 PM, another fire incident was reported at Garden Estate, involving a marriage tent. Four fire tenders from the nearest available locations were immediately mobilised and reached the site within approximately seven to eight minutes. An additional fire tender from Bari Brahmana Fire Station was also dispatched as reinforcement. The fire was brought under control in approximately half an hour, followed by cooling operations.

Subsequently, at 11:40 PM, a fire broke out on the third floor of Janta Medical Store, Shalimar, situated in a four-storeyed building. Fire tenders from City Fire Station, along with additional firefighting units from other locations, were mobilised to tackle the incident. The first fire tender reached the site at 11:46 PM, followed by other units, taking the total deployment to five fire tenders. The fire was brought under control in approximately half an hour, followed by cooling operations.

Despite the unusually high number of fire incidents and multiple major emergencies occurring within a short span of time, Fire and Emergency Services responded promptly and attended all reported emergencies. The coordinated efforts of Fire and Emergency Services, Police, SDRF and the District Administration helped bring the fires under control and prevent their further spread.

Clarification regarding reports on social media: Certain social media posts alleged that Fire and Emergency Services took approximately one and a half hours to reach the warehouse fire incident.

The allegation has been examined against the available official deployment records and CCTV footage. The emergency call was received at 9:18 PM, while CCTV footage at Asian Hotel Crossing shows fire tenders proceeding towards the site at 9:38 PM.

Additional three fire tenders reached the site approximately within ten minutes thereafter. These records do not substantiate the allegation of a one-and-a-half-hour delay in the arrival of Fire and Emergency Services.

Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026: Various Activities organised across Bandipora

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
BANDIPORA, NOV 9:

As part of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026, various awareness and educational activities were organised across District Bandipora to highlight tribal heritage, rights and welfare initiatives. On the occasion, a Special Gram Sabha was convened at Aragam Gojerpati for identification and prioritisation of works under VB-GRAMG. Awareness regarding the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, was also imparted to the participants. A painting event was organised at Government Degree College Tulail, providing students an opportunity to express their creativity and showcase themes related to tribal heritage and culture. Similarly, a painting competition was organised at Gujjar and Bakarwal Boys Hostel Bandipora, encouraging students to highlight the rich traditions, identity and contributions of tribal communities.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department Bandipora organised an awareness programme under Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada at Binlipora Aloosa, sensitising the tribal community about various agricultural schemes and government initiatives aimed at their welfare and development.

ADC Bandipora reviews Arrangements for Finance Accounts Assistant Examination

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
BANDIPORA, NOV 9:

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl, today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review and finalise arrangements for the smooth, transparent and fair conduct of the OMR-based examination for the post of Finance Accounts Assistant (FAA), scheduled to be held on November 15, 2026. During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the preparedness of 18 examination centres across the district, including deployment of invigilators, security arrangements, establishment and security of strong rooms, and collection, transportation and distribution of examination-related material. On the occasion, the ADC stressed that all concerned officers must ensure the discharge of their assigned roles and responsibilities with utmost diligence, leaving no scope for negligence. The ADC directed the concerned departments to ensure foolproof arrangements for the safe conduct of examination, while the ARTO was asked to keep adequate transportation arrangements ready. He also called for deployment of flying squads, videography of all essential examination-related activities and close monitoring of the centres to ensure transparency and accountability. The ADC further emphasised that candidates belonging to far-flung areas should plan their travel in advance and reach their respective examination centres two days prior to the examination to avoid any inconvenience. He directed all departments to maintain close coordination and ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well before the examination date. Among others, the meeting was attended by the Principal, Degree College Bandipora/Sumbal; Chief Education Officer, Bandipora; Deputy Superintendent of Police, DAR Bandipora; Executive Engineers of R&B, PDD and Jal Shakti departments; District Treasury Officer; Assistant Regional Transport Officer; and District Information Officer, Bandipora.

District Admin Pulwama commences awareness sessions on Financial Literacy, Cyber Security, PO Programme at GDC Pampore

Similar sessions planned across all colleges of district

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
PULWAMA, NOV 9:

District Administration Pulwama commenced the series of awareness sessions on Financial Literacy, Cyber Security Awareness and the Probationary Officers (PO) Programme.

The first session was held today at Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore in collaboration with ICICI Bank.

The session focused on enhancing students' understanding of financial literacy, safe banking practices and the importance of securing digital financial transactions. It also sensitized participants to various forms of cyber fraud and the precautionary measures required to protect themselves against online financial scams. An important component of the programme was an introduction to the Probationary Officers (PO) Programme, offering students insights into career prospects in the banking sector, professional requirements and opportunities for pursuing a career in banking. The interactive session provided a valuable platform for students to broaden their practical knowledge, develop financial awareness and understand the importance of digital responsibility.

DLSA Srinagar celebrates Legal Services Day at ADR Centre, Concludes Legal Services Week



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, NOV 9:

Under the directions of Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman DLSA (Principal District Sessions Judge), Srinagar and overall supervision of Secretary DLSA, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, organized week long celebration through PLVs at their respective Free Legal Aid Clinics and Legal Literacy Clubs, culminating with the concluding ceremony on the eve of Legal Services Day at the ADR Centre, Srinagar.

The concluding ceremony was attended by Secretary DLSA Srinagar, staff members and Para legal Volunteers (PLVs) of DLSA Srinagar.

The concluding ceremony was inaugurated by Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman DLSA Srinagar, who delivered the special address, interacted with the PLVs and highlighted their significance in the discharge of legal services duties, with emphasis on the importance of free legal aid and the vital role played by Legal Services Institutions in ensuring access to justice for all.

The Chairman also sensitized the participants about various modes of dispute resolution, including pre-litigation services, mediation, conciliation, and arbitration.

The week long celebrations included organization of awareness programmes at Free Legal Aid Clinics and Legal Literacy Clubs, with the aim of sensitizing the general public about the legal aid services available to them through the distribution of pamphlets highlighting Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

DC Ganderbal chairs review meeting for upcoming JKSSB Examination

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
GANDERBAL, NOV 9:

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, today chaired a review meeting in the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat Complex, Ganderbal, to ensure the smooth, transparent, and successful conduct of the upcoming JKSSB OMR-based written examination for the post of Accounts Assistant (Finance Department), scheduled for November 15, 2026. The meeting was attended by the ADC Ganderbal, Dr. Syed Faheem A. Bihaqi, representatives from the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), Centre Superintendents, Observers, and appointed Magistrates.

During the meeting, the ADC Ganderbal briefed the DC in detail on the administrative, operational, and security arrangements put in place. He outlined the specific roles, duties, and responsibilities assigned to Magistrates, Observers, and Centre Superintendents to maintain absolute integrity throughout the examination process. As part of the proceedings, specialized training was also organized for Centre Superintendents, conducted by Principal Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Kangan.

Addressing the officers, the DC emphasized that although conducting such examinations is a regular administrative function, it remains an event of significant importance. She directed all deployed personnel to execute all guidelines and examination protocols in letter and spirit.

The DC stressed the importance of maintaining a supportive, compassionate, and considerate approach toward candidates appearing for the exam, ensuring they face no unnecessary hassle or discomfort at the examination venues.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrated with enthusiasm at Block Sukhnag Budgam



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
BUDGAM, NOV 9:

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm and public participation at Ringzabal, Block Sukhnag, with the objective of honouring the rich heritage, culture and contributions of tribal communities while creating awareness about various government welfare schemes and initiatives.

The programme witnessed the presence of several senior officers and dignitaries, including Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Budgam, Javaid Ahmad; Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Khansahib, Jahangir Ahmad Giri; and Project Officer ICDS Budgam, Samar Naik, besides various departmental heads and officials from different government departments.

During the programme, officers and representatives from various departments interacted with the general public and provided detailed information about different government-sponsored schemes, welfare initiatives and development programmes available for the benefit of the people. They also highlighted the eligibility criteria, benefits and procedures for availing these schemes, encouraging people to take maximum advantage of the opportunities provided by the government.

A large number of people from Ringzabal and adjoining areas participated in the programme, with particularly encouraging participation from members of the tribal community.

The event served as an important platform for strengthening public awareness, promoting government-public interaction and ensuring that the benefits of various welfare schemes reach deserving and eligible beneficiaries, especially those belonging to tribal and other underserved communities.

The celebration reaffirmed the importance of inclusive development, community participation and the preservation of the rich cultural heritage and identity of tribal communities.

Building Centre Srinagar organises Two-Day Training Programme on Cost-Effective, Eco-Friendly Construction Technologies

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, NOV 9:

A two-day training programme-cum-workshop on Cost-Effective, Eco-Friendly and Innovative Construction Technologies and Materials was organised at Building Centre Srinagar, functioning under the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The programme witnessed the participation of around 50 final-year Civil Engineering students from various technical institutions, providing them an opportunity to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical applications in the construction sector.

The primary objective of the training programme was to disseminate information about various low-cost, sustainable and innovative construction techniques developed by Building Centre Srinagar, while familiarising the participants with their practical applications and benefits.

During the workshop, demonstrations were conducted on low-cost housing technologies and alternative construction materials. The participants were also introduced to modular construction practices, standardisation techniques, and the development of testing and quality-control facilities to ensure the durability and reliability of construction materials.

Emphasis was laid on technology transfer and promoting the adoption of cost-effective and eco-friendly construction practices by taking innovations from the laboratory to the field, thereby encouraging future engineering professionals and construction stakeholders to adopt sustainable building solutions.

On the occasion, Project Manager, Building Centre Srinagar, Masroor Ahmad Shah, briefed the participants about the various benefits, structural viability and practical applications of cost-effective and eco-friendly construction materials.

In addition to technical briefings, detailed presentations on specialised structural aspects and hands-on practical sessions were conducted to provide students with comprehensive exposure to sustainable and hazard-resistant construction methodologies.

DLSA Pulwama concludes week long Awareness Drive to promote access to Justice for all

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
PULWAMA, NOV 9:



The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Pulwama, in collaboration with all the Tehsil Legal Services Committees of the district, today concluded a week-long awareness programme organised in connection with the observance of Legal Services Day, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring access to justice for all.

The awareness programme was organised from November 4 to November 9, 2026, under the chairmanship of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Pulwama, Malik Shabir Ahmad, and under the supervision of Secretary, DLSA Pulwama, Mudasar Farooq.

During the week-long observance, a series of awareness programmes, legal literacy camps, door-to-door campaigns and interactive sessions were conducted at various locations across the district, including KCEF Law College, Government Degree College Pulwama, Higher Secondary Schools and Special Jail Correctional Home, Pulwama.

Resource persons, including Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), elaborated on the role, mandate and functioning of various Legal Services Institutions, including the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), J&K Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority and Tehsil Legal Services Committees.

The participants were sensitised about various legal services and welfare schemes, including Free Legal Aid, Lok Adalats, Victim Compensation Scheme and legal assistance available to women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, prisoners and other marginalised sections of society. Awareness was also imparted about various NALSA initiatives relating to Child-Friendly Legal Services, Legal Services to Victims of Drug Abuse, Mental Health and Cyber Safety.

Special emphasis was laid on the rights of women and children, the protection of undertrial prisoners, the procedure for availing free legal aid and the importance of amicable settlement of disputes through Lok Adalats and Mediation. Participants were also informed about the toll-free legal aid helpline number 15100.

A large number of students, teachers, Para Legal Volunteers and members of the general public participated in the programmes with great enthusiasm and actively engaged in the awareness activities.