

## Dy CM conducts public outreach camp at Chowkian, Kalsian Panchayats

**RAJOURI, MAY 01:** As part of the government's ongoing commitment to grassroots governance and responsive administration, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today conducted a public outreach camp at Panchayat Chowkian and Panchayat Kalsian in Nowshera division.

The outreach programme aimed to foster direct communication with the people and resolve their issues promptly.

During the interactive session, the locals raised several concerns including the need for macadamization of roads, staff shortage in government institutions, inadequate healthcare infrastructure, water scarcity and establishment of a Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Panchayat Chowkian.

Other highlighted issues included the need for additional border bunkers and Anganwadi centres, repair



of dilapidated Government Middle School (GMS) Chowkian, low voltage problem and upgradation of GMS Jhanghar and GMS Sarya.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the public that their genuine issues would be addressed in a time bound manner. He directed the concerned

departments to initiate prompt redressal measures. While reviewing implementation of Jal Jeevan

Mission (JJM), the Dy CM expressed concern over the slow pace of work. He instructed the officers to expedite project completion so that the benefits reach the people at the earliest.

Regarding the electricity issues, he directed the Power Development Department to take necessary corrective steps to

ensure uninterrupted power supply.

On the occasion, the Dy CM also distributed labour

cards among the eligible beneficiaries, reaffirming the government's commitment to welfare and inclusivity.

ADC Nowshera, PO ICDS, Executive Engineers PDD Rajouri, PWD (R&B) Rajouri, PMGSY Rajouri and REW, ACP, CAHO, ALC, AD FCS&CA were present in the camp.

## Chief Justice administers oath to newly appointed Judges

**JAMMU, MAY 01:** Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, today administered the oath

Kazmi, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani while Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul,

Department of Justice, the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the

India, Jammu as well as Srinagar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Senior Advocates, President Bar Association,



of office to the two newly appointed Judges; Justice Sanjay Parihar and Justice Shahzad Azeem as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room here.

The oath ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria

Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal participated virtually from Srinagar Wing of the High Court.

The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by M.K. Sharma, Registrar General (Officiating) of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who read the contents of the notification received from the Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice,



Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the oath of office to the two newly appointed Judges.

The ceremony was also attended by the Former Chief Justices/Formers Judges of the High Court, Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Deputy Solicitor General of

Jammu & Members of Bar, Officers from Civil and Police Administration and Officers & Officials of the Registry.

With the elevation of two Officers from Higher Judicial Services as Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, the strength of Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 15 Judges including Chief Justice.

## One-Month Internship Programme for Central University Students Concludes at DIPR J&K



**JAMMU, MAY 01 :** The one-month internship programme organized for students of the Central University concluded today at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Jammu and Kashmir.

In a brief meaningful

ceremony, Director Information, Nitish Rajora, felicitated the interns and acknowledged their enthusiasm, dedication, and active participation throughout the duration of the programme.

The internship aimed to provide hands-on exposure

to media operations, public relations, and the communication framework of the government. The students were engaged in various aspects of media management, content creation, enabling them to gain valuable practical experience.

Director Information

Nitish Rajora, while addressing the interns, encouraged them to continue exploring the dynamic field of media and communication and appreciated their commitment to learning. He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in bridging the gap between academia and practical work environments.

The students expressed gratitude to the Directorate for providing them with this enriching learning opportunity and shared their positive experiences during the internship.

The DIPR reiterated its commitment to promoting youth engagement and skill development through such educational collaborations in the future.

## Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025 DC reviews arrangements, progress of infrastructure projects

**KISHTWAR, MAY 01 :** To ensure seamless arrangements for the Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a comprehensive review meeting today to assess the progress of developmental works and logistics in the region. The DC took stock of ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing facilities for pilgrims. Key focus areas included the

completion of Yatri Bhawan by the first week of June, renovation of sanitary complexes, development of the area surrounding the Bhawan, and ensuring uninterrupted power and water supply during the Yatra. Special emphasis was placed on boarding and lodging arrangements, security preparedness, road and bridge development from Gulabgarh to Machail, and strengthening telecom connectivity. Directions

were issued to all concerned officers to expedite the work and maintain quality standards. The DC also instructed the SDM Paddar to launch an awareness campaign for hotel and paying guest operators, encouraging them to maintain cleanliness and offer modern amenities to visiting pilgrims. Anticipating a significant increase in footfall, the DC emphasized that over 10 lakh pilgrims are expected this year, a sharp

rise from the 3 lakh pilgrims recorded last year. He emphasized the importance of publicity and coordinated planning in achieving this milestone and highlighted the launch of a comprehensive promotion strategy to boost awareness about the sacred Yatra.

Earlier in the day, the DC directed the OG GREF to improve road conditions on the Kishtwar-Paddar stretch to facilitate smooth vehicular movement.

## Satish Sharma extends greetings on Labour Day; reaffirms commitment to workers' welfare

**JAMMU, MAY 1 :** Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Sports, Satish Sharma, has extended heartfelt greetings to the workers across the nation, acknowledging their vital contributions to India's growth and progress.

Speaking at a function organized to celebrate the Labour Day at Jammu, the Minister emphasized the

significance of the occasion stating, "Labour Day is a reminder that the strength of our nation lies in the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of its people. Our workers, across all sectors, are the backbone of our economy and the drivers of our progress."

The Minister reaffirmed the government's unwaver-

ing commitment towards ensuring fair wages, safe and dignified working conditions and greater access to social security for all the workers.

Satish Sharma also highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the government to promote skill development, generate employment opportunities and introduce labour

reforms aimed at empowering the youth and protecting the rights of workers.

As we mark this important day, he said, "let us recognize the dignity of labour in every form and renew our pledge to build a future where every worker is respected, supported and given equal opportunity to thrive."

## DC Poonch reviews Livelihood Generation Activities under NRLM

**POONCH, MAY 01 :** Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today reviewed National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) activities in the district, focusing on strategies to enhance rural income through Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The meeting included a detailed analysis of both physical and financial progress

across blocks, emphasizing the formation and strengthening of SHGs, enhancing SHG-Bank linkages, promoting financial inclusion, and advancing various livelihood initiatives. The District Nodal Officer NRLM informed that currently there are 4,568 SHGs with 33,321 active members in the district, alongside 338 Village

Organizations and 29 cluster-level federations, reflecting significant community engagement. The discussion underscored the need for a robust income generation roadmap, particularly through empowering women via SHGs and micro-credit schemes. The DC urged officials to accelerate the formation of additional SHGs to meet current

financial year targets and stressed the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to diversify livelihood activities, fostering overall rural development. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, District Nodal Officer NRLM, Block Programme Managers, and other relevant officials.

## Drug awareness campaigns organised across Jammu district under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

**JAMMU, MAY 01 :** A series of drug awareness programmes were today organised across various Government Higher Secondary Schools in District Jammu as part of the ongoing Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. The aim of these programmes was to educate students and the society about the harmful effects of substance abuse and to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

At Government Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat, the event was held in the presence of Member Legislative Assembly, Choudhary Vikram

Randhawa, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

In his address, the MLA



stressed the importance of raising awareness among youth to curb the menace of drug addiction. Health experts from the Department of Health

Services, along with senior officials from the Police and Social Welfare

Departments, sensitised the students about the psychological and physical consequences of drug abuse.

Similar awareness events were held at GHSS

Bishnah, GHSS Kathar, GHSS Salehar, PM Shri GHSS Sohal and other institutions, witnessing active participation of students, teachers, SMDC members, parents and local stakeholders.

Activities such as Nukkad Natak, poem recitations in Dogri, motivational talks and awareness lectures were organised to engage participants and spread the message effectively.

The programmes concluded with an anti-drug pledge, wherein all attendees resolved to work towards a drug-free society.

## Shantmanu releases Vandana Sharma's Book "Therapeutic Thoughts"

**JAMMU, MAY 01:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education, Shantmanu, today released the English translation of "Therapeutic Thoughts", a profound rendering of

Professor Vandana Sharma and Dr. Shachi Sood. The translation has been skillfully accomplished by

The book release event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), drawing a galaxy of writers, intellectuals and academicians from across the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Shantmanu remarked, "a book deepens your roots and broadens your horizon." He appreciated the

lucid and meaningful translation work, emphasizing that such books must find a place in every academic



institution's library. He also recited a few poems of his own in Hindi. He appreciated the author and the translator for writing and translating a purposeful book.

In her welcome address, Harvinder Kaur, Secretary, JKAACL, noted that the content of the book is both distinct and inspirational.

She highlighted its relevance for the younger generation, stating, "The book inspires us to live a bal-

anced life."

Professor Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, praised the translators for their sensitive rendition, stating, "They have translated the book into sense, not just into sentences."

Santosh Sangra, the original author, read the

selected excerpts from Vichar Oshdi, reflecting on themes of female empowerment and liberation.

Professor Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages, Central University of Jammu, in her translator's address, described translation as a bridge between cultures. She added that her effort was not just to translate but to "transcreate," ensuring the spirit of the original resonates with today's readers, especially the youth.

Professor Gitanjali Rana, Principal, GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, presented a thoughtful review of the translated work. Among the audience, Dr. Avirinder Amar, Former Additional Secretary, JKAACL, spoke on the pivotal role of women as the foundation of the family.

## Labour Day Celebrated in Jammu with 'Run for Health and Safety of Workers'; Industrial Outreach

**JAMMU, MAY 01 :** The Labour Department Jammu today organized a 'Run for Health and Safety of Workers' to mark International Labour Day (May Day). The run was flagged off at 6:00 AM by Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh here from Shram Bhawan, Railway Road.

The run followed a designated route via War Memorial, Railway Station, opposite Ladakh House, J&K Bank Zonal Office link lane, Divisional Commissioner Office Jammu, and culminated at the Office of the Labour Commissioner J&K. The event aimed to promote awareness about the importance of health, safety, and dignity of workers across sectors.

A large number of participants, including officials of the Labour Department from Jammu District, employees of J&K Employees State Insurance Society (JKESIS), Provident Fund Organisation, labourers and individuals from various

walks of life joined the run in solidarity with the labour class.

Notable officers who participated in the event included Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu Veenkashi Koul; Chief Accounts Officer, JKESIS Nimisha Anand; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Central Roopali Gandotra and Assistant Labour Commissioner Rupali Jasrotia, among other functionaries and staff.

The civil administration, J&K Police, Health Department, Municipal Corporation, Security personnel, and Traffic Police extended full cooperation, ensuring the run was conducted smoothly and successfully. The Labour Commissioner expressed gratitude to all departments for their unwavering support in making the event a success.

All participants were given certificates for their enthusiastic participation. In a special gesture, several labourers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation in recognition



of their invaluable contribution to nation-building.

Adding to the spirit of the event, a 'Wall of Gratitude' was installed at Shram Bhawan, where participants penned down messages and signed in solidarity with the labour force, reaffirming their commitment to upholding the rights and welfare of workers.

Later in the day, a programme was also held at Industrial Estates, Gangyal, where Labour Day was celebrated in the presence of various stakeholders. The Association of Industries, Gangyal, actively partici-

pated in the event, with its President Varinder Jain and his team joining the celebrations. The focus remained on worker welfare, safety awareness, and collaborative efforts for improving industrial labour conditions. Officers of the Labour Department and representatives from industrial units engaged with workers, highlighting ongoing government schemes and initiatives for their benefit. This meaningful initiative reinforced the message that the health, safety, and dignity of workers must remain a shared priority for all stakeholders in society.

## Sakeena inaugurates Shaheed Wali Mohammad Itoo Memorial SDH building at D.H. Pora, NTPHC at Ahmadabad Kulgam

**KULGAM, MAY 01 :** In a boost to rural healthcare infrastructure, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today inaugurated the Shaheed Wali Mohammad Itoo Memorial Sub-District Hospital (SDH) building at D.H. Pora and the newly constructed New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) building at Ahmadabad Kulgam.

Fulfilling a long pending demand of the local population, these healthcare facilities are poised to enhance the medical care services in this rural belt of the district.

The Sub-District Hospital, a project of Rs 11 crore, has been constructed by the Police Housing Corporation and is expected to cater to a large popula-

tion, thereby improving access to quality healthcare.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, Sakeena reaffirmed the govern-

ment's commitment

services for all. She stated that the Omar Abdullah led government remains dedicated to public welfare and numerous ini-



tiatives have been undertaken in recent months to uplift the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She also instructed the authorities to accommodate 30 bed

Ayush facility in the hospital.

Locals expressed their appreciation for the government's proactive steps in addressing crucial healthcare needs of the area.

Later in the day, the Minister visited the Martyr Sabzar Ahmad Shah Memorial Girls High School at Ahmadabad, Kulgam.

Interacting with students and staff on the occasion, Sakeena highlighted the government's focus on providing quality education in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

Director School Education, Kashmir Director Health, Director Coordination New GMCs, Director ICDS and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.