

# Chief Minister Omar listens to people's grievances



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today met several delegations and emphasized his government's commitment to addressing the challenges faced by various sectors of society.

The Chief Minister stated this during his public outreach programme at Raabita office here, where scores of delegations and individuals from various parts of Kashmir presented their concerns and demands.

The Chief Minister interacted with various stakeholders, including representatives from education, artisan, labour, and healthcare sectors, who brought

forth issues requiring immediate attention.

Among the delegations, the J&K College Teachers Association urged the Chief Minister to consider the demand for enhancing the retirement age of college teachers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiri Shawl Makers Welfare Foundation, comprising artisans from different areas, highlighted the challenges faced by the traditional shawl-making trade and sought the government's support in safeguarding their livelihood.

Similarly, a five-member delegation of Hot Mix Plant owners apprised the Chief Minister of the issues confronting their industry, requesting timely interventions.

J&K Casual Labourers United Front, led by its State President, raised concerns regarding the welfare of casual labourers, while the Physiotherapists' deputation briefed the CM about sector-specific challenges that require redressal.

Representatives from the Health Workers Welfare Association, led by their president, presented issues impacting healthcare professionals, and the Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) emphasized the need to address employees' welfare comprehensively.

A delegation of Saubhagya Contractors from Ganderbal and South Kashmir sought government support to address operational hurdles in the

execution of projects under the Saubhagya scheme.

The public outreach programme also saw numerous individuals meeting the Chief Minister, presenting grievances and suggestions for improvement on a number of issues affecting them.

The Chief Minister assured all deputations and individuals of a patient and responsive approach, emphasizing that their genuine concerns would be addressed on a priority basis.

Also, a joint delegation of traders of different Bazar Committees of City Centre Lal Chowk and other areas called on the Chief Minister during the programme.

The delegation apprised the Chief Minister about various issues of the trader's community of Lal Chowk, Hari Singh High Street, Poloview, Regal Chowk, Maisuma, Court Road and other areas of the City.

They also submitted a memorandum of demands to the Chief Minister demanding development and revival of business and increased customer footfall in City Central Lal Chowk and other markets of Srinagar City. The Chief Minister assured the delegation of redressal of the genuine concerns and issues on priority.

# CS reviews preparations for R-Day celebrations

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today held a meeting of top civil administration and police officers to take stock of the preparations made for celebrating the upcoming Republic Day, 2025 here in the UT.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the concerned divisional administration to take necessary steps to encourage people to participate in this national event.

He asked for creating celebratory aura through out J&K especially in the twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar. Dulloo took this occasion to direct the administration to illuminate all the landmark sites and prominent government buildings. He also stressed on ensuring plausible transport and seating arrangements for the school children.

The Chief Secretary fur-

ther instructed for making adequate arrangements for parking of vehicles besides ensuring smooth movement of traffic on roads. He took note of the kind of security arrangements required to be put in place for ensuring smooth conduct of this significant event.

During this meeting he keenly enquired about the cultural segments to be presented during the program. He asked for giving opportunity to the school

children and the specially abled students of the UT.

He also encouraged the Departments of Culture to make a tableaux on cultural diversity of J&K, PDD on PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, Police on Drug Abuse, Health on TB Mukta J&K and YS&S on Fit India Movement.

In addition the Information Department was obligated to ensure live telecast of the main functions from the regional units of Door-

darshan and All India Radio besides facilitating the media persons in carrying out their professional assignments.

The other agenda items which came up for discussion during this meeting includes the uninterrupted power and water supply, sanitation of the venues besides the accomplishment of other civil works taken up by the R&B Department to ready the venues at both Jammu and Srinagar.

# Rajouri gears up for Republic Day: DC reviews preparations

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting at Dak Bungalow to review the preparations for the Republic Day -2025 Celebrations.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the security arrangements, activity plan featuring cultural programs and other events planned for the Republic Day celebrations. He stressed the need for close coordination among departments to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the celebrations.

The meeting decided that departmental stalls would be displayed at the venue to generate mass awareness about the Flagship Schemes of the Government. These stalls will provide the public an insight into welfare programs and initiatives aimed at fostering economic development



and progress in the district.

The DC directed the concerned officers to finalize arrangements well in advance and ensure that all aspects, including logistics, seating, and crowd management are meticulously planned. He also empha-

sized maintaining the sanctity of the event while celebrating it with enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all stakeholders to work in tandem to make the Republic Day celebrations a memorable and

meaningful occasion for the people of Rajouri.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Rajouri Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional SP, Bikram Kumar, ACR Mohd Jahangir Khan, DySP Armed, and other district & sectoral officers.

# DIET Banihal hosts teachers' tour to Govt Polytechnic

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District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Banihal organized a tour to Government Polytechnic Ramban (Chanderkote) for the faculty of Elementary Schools from Zone Batote, Gool, and Ramban.

The tour aimed to familiarize the faculty with the skill and vocational courses being offered in the Skill Education Department, as well as the facilities available and the scope for the students after availing the skill education. The event also focused on the implementation of the NEP curriculum at the elementary



level. A team of 40 faculty members, accompanied by Coordinator Irfan Ahmed, Resource Person Jawaz Ahmed, and Secretary Lal Singh, were welcomed by HOD Electronics & Communication Engineering, Er Pawan Kumar and I/C Electrical Department Er Aabid Hussain in the insti-

tution.

Er. Aabid Hussain emphasized the impact and need of skill education in today's scenario, highlighting the government's policies in elementary education. Er. Pawan Kumar provided insights into the facilities available at the college, including Com-

puter Center, Electrical Machine Lab, Electronics Lab, Smart Classrooms, Library and Conference Hall.

Mr. Jawaz Ahmed expressed gratitude to the principal and staff of the institution. The event was conducted under the overall supervision of Principal Er. Vivek Mahajan.

# JPDCL hosts public mela at Ramban to promote PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

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The Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL), under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, on Thursday organized a Public Mela in Ramban to raise awareness about the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

The event aimed to educate the public on the scheme's provisions, which focus on providing affordable, reliable, and sustainable electricity to households.

Besides ensuring on-the-spot registration of beneficiaries, the officials from



JPDCL highlighted various aspects of the scheme, in-

cluding energy conservation measures, subsidies

for solar installations, and benefits for rural and urban households. Informative sessions and interactive stalls were set up to address queries and encourage people to enroll in the scheme.

The Executive Engineer JPDCL Shakti Singh Jamwal, AEE Vijay Kumar Tripathi emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring electricity access for all and urged citizens to take full advantage of the scheme to enhance their quality of life.

The mela witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, making it a successful initiative in promoting energy sustainability and public welfare in the district.

# Veer Baal Diwas observed at Doda

**DODA, DECEMBER 26:** A grand event to mark Veer Baal Diwas under the theme "Veerta" was held today here at Government Girls Higher Secondary School. The event was organized by the Office of Chief Education Officer, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda and ICDS Poshan.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Harvinder Singh was the Chief Guest, while Program Officer ICDS Poshan Paramjeet Singh; CEO Prakash Lal Thappa and District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Tariq Parvaiz Qazi were the Special guests.

A large audience comprising principals, teachers, students, and civil so-



city members gathered for the vibrant program. The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, symbolizing the theme of courage and enlightenment.

Students showcased

their talents through spirited debates, creative paintings, and cultural performances, all centered on the theme of bravery and resilience.

Addressing the gathering, Harvinder Singh high-

lighted the importance of inculcating the values of bravery and resilience among young minds. He praised the collaborative efforts of the organizing departments for providing a platform to celebrate and reflect on the legacy of historical heroes who exemplified courage.

The event also featured the distribution of participation certificates and educational kits to students, alongside the distribution of books to children under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. The dignitaries further donated books to promote the education of girls, reinforcing the commitment to empowering women through education.

# GDC Marh celebrates Dogri Manyata Diwas

**JAMMU, DEC 26:** Government Degree College Marh celebrated 21 years of Dogri Manyata Diwas today, here under the leadership of the college Principal, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. The event was meticulously organized by Dr. Sheetal Sharma HOD, Department of Dogri.

Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul was the chief guest. He emphasized the importance of preserving and passing on Dogra culture to future generations. He further captivated the audience by delivering his speech in Dogri, a highlight of the program that res-



onated with all present.

As part of the celebrations, students dressed in traditional attires and displayed a variety of traditional Dogra cuisines and food items prepared by them through stalls and served in local eco-friendly pattals and Dunas.

As many as 7 stalls man-

aged by 14 students displayed 17 local delicacies of Quare, Suchhiyaan, Khamirah, Meyri, Chilla, Malpua, Chana-di-dal, Ambal, Rice, Kimb, Kachaloo, Sund, Madra, Aasra, Alsi-de-Laddu, Gajar-da-Halwa which were well-received and tasted by faculty and staff alike.

The stall competition was judged by a panel of faculty members (Prof. Asha Kumari, HOD Geography, Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat, HOD Pol. Science and Dr. Priya Sharma, HOD Economics). The winners (1st position- Laxmi Sharma of Semester I, 2nd position- Kashish Sharma of Semester V and 3rd position- Sangeeta and Sweety Kaith of Semester-III) were recognized for their outstanding contribution by presenting certificates of appreciation. The celebration also witnessed folk dance by students and faculty.

# R-Day arrangements discussed at Bhadarwah

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar convened a meeting today at Dak Bungalow Bhadarwah to discuss arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day 2025.

The discussions were held regarding security measures, first aid facilities, sanitation, fire and emergency services, seating arrangements, uninterrupted power and water supply, and the issuance of invitation cards. It was also decided that government



buildings and offices will be illuminated by the respective departments as part of the celebrations.

It was informed that the Republic Day function will

be held at New Bus Stand Kotli.

The National flag will be unfurled at 9:55 AM, followed by a march-past parade featuring contingents

from JKAP, NCC Senior Division, NCC Junior Division and tiny platoons from government and private schools. Additionally, cultural programs will be performed by students from various schools.

The day will commence with the playing of Shehnai Vadan by the Information Department.

The full dress rehearsal for the event will take place on January 24, 2025.

The meeting was attended by the Tehsildar, CDPO, Deputy Commander CRPF, Principal GGHSS, AEE JPDCL, TSO and representatives of other departments.