

DC Srinagar felicitates J&K Deaf Cricket Team for winning "IDCA 4th Test National Cricket Championship"

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today felicitated the J&K Deaf Cricket Team, for winning the Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) 4th Test National Cricket Championship for Deaf here in his Office Chamber. The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the team members for winning IDCA 4th Test National Cricket Championship. He commended



the players for their dedication, teamwork and exceptional performance throughout the tournament and highlighted the growing prominence and achievements of sportspersons with special abilities in the sporting arena. The Jammu & Kashmir Deaf Cricket Team emerged as winners of the championship, which was held from 3rd to 9th November 2025. The national-level tournament featured four teams from

across the country and the remarkable performance of the J&K team earned them the top position, bringing honour to Jammu and Kashmir.

The players who met the Deputy Commissioner on the occasion included Riyaz Ahmad Trambo, Muzaffar Ahmad, Mohammad Shafi Kasha, and Munakib Majeed Bakshi. The DC wished the team continued success in their future endeavours and assured them of all possible support for the promotion of sports among specially abled sportspersons.

DC Baramulla chairs 24th NCORD meeting to review Anti-Drug Measures

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District Magistrate Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired the 24th meeting of the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) at the Meeting Hall, Baramulla, to review the implementation of measures aimed at curbing drug abuse and illicit trafficking in the district.

During the meeting, the DC underscored the importance of collective, coordinated, and sustained efforts by all stakeholders to effectively eliminate the drug menace from society. He directed the concerned departments to expedite preventive and enforcement measures at identified drug-prone locations.

The District Magistrate further directed that all pending works related to the Drug De-addiction Cen-



tre at Sopore be completed by January 31. He also set January 20 as the deadline for completing surveillance-related measures at identified hotspots to strengthen monitoring and enforcement.

Emphasizing prevention as a key pillar in the fight against drug abuse, the DC called for intensified awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and public spaces to sensitize the youth about the harmful consequences of substance abuse.

He also instructed the Education

Department to ensure regular monitoring and vigilance in educational institutions to prevent any illegal or undesirable activities. The DC stressed that strict enforcement, public awareness, and rehabilitation must proceed simultaneously to achieve the goal of a drug-free Baramulla.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and further intensify efforts to combat drug abuse across the district.

"Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat" Campaign concludes in Kupwara

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In compliance with the NALSA ASHA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) under the "Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat" campaign, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kupwara has been actively conducting legal awareness programmes across villages in the district with the objective of preventing child marriage and safeguarding the rights of children.

The campaign, which spanned one week, covered approximately 250 villages and directly engaged nearly 9,000 households. The primary aim of these outreach efforts was to educate communities about the harmful effects and legal consequences of child marriage under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, including penalties for individuals who promote, permit, or solemnize such marriages.

During the campaign, on-the-spot counselling was provided to school dropouts, parents, and guardians, highlighting the risks of early marriage and reinforcing the importance of legal compliance. Awareness materials, including pamphlets and posters, were distributed



among the public and displayed at schools, Anganwadi centres, and health centres to maximize visibility. In addition to the door-to-door outreach, mass awareness programmes were conducted in schools, health centres, and Anganwadi centres, ensuring that children, parents, and community members were reached in larger groups and could participate in interactive sessions on child rights, the dangers of early marriage, and legal provisions.

The campaign also focused on strengthening community access to immediate legal aid and child protection services. Families and community members were informed about and encouraged to use key helplines, including the Child Helpline (1098) for reporting any incidents of child abuse or early marriage, and the NALSA Legal Services Helpline (15100) for guidance on le-

gal rights and access to free legal assistance.

Additionally, the Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat Portal was publicized to enable safe reporting of suspected child marriage cases and to provide information on legal provisions and preventive measures. Field teams ensured that households and mass programme participants were educated on the correct and responsible use of these helplines to protect children effectively.

The campaign was implemented through dedicated village-level drives led by Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) in close collaboration with Teachers, ASHA Workers, Anganwadi Workers, Chokidars, and Lumberdars, who demonstrated exceptional coordination and commitment in reaching households and communities, particularly in remote and high-risk areas.

Families were sensitized about the importance of

delaying marriage and promoting the education and overall well-being of children. In many cases, field teams successfully persuaded reluctant families to reconsider early marriage arrangements and ensured that girls were encouraged to continue their schooling.

The ASHA Unit intensified field-level engagement by conducting door-to-door drives and mass awareness sessions to ensure deeper community reach, timely identification of vulnerable children, and promotion of child rights. PLVs, in collaboration with teachers, ASHA Workers, Anganwadi Workers, Chokidars, and Lumberdars, also tracked school dropouts and supported reintegration wherever possible, ensuring that educational opportunities were not interrupted by early marriage.

The combined efforts of officials, field functionaries, and community members significantly strengthened community awareness, vigilance, and commitment towards preventing child marriage while promoting child rights in the district.

The campaign has laid a strong foundation for continued advocacy, monitoring, and legal protection of children in Kupwara.

DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for Shab-e-Miraj at Ziyarat Shareef Mir Syed Hussain Simnani (RA)

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Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today visited the Ziyarat Shareef Mir Syed Hussain Simnani (RA) in Kulgam to review the arrangements put in place for the smooth and peaceful observance of the holy occasion of Shab-e-Miraj (SAW).

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the facilities and preparations being made for devotees, including sanitation, drinking water, electricity, traffic management and overall crowd regulation.

The DC also interacted with devotees and members of the Ziyarat Management Committee, taking



feedback regarding the arrangements and assuring all necessary support from the district administration.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Meraj (SAW).

Education Deptt Shopian organises District-Level Seminar on Road Safety at GDC

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Education Department Shopian, organised a district-level seminar on road safety under the title "School Leadership Programme on Road Safety" with the objective of sensitising school leadership about their crucial role in promoting road safety awareness among students and the wider community here at Government Degree College (GDC), Shopian today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Who inaugurated the seminar and emphasised the urgent need for road safety awareness in view of the increasing number of road accidents. He highlighted that lack of awareness, negligence, and non-adherence to traffic rules often result in fatal consequences. He also appreciated the Education Department for taking proactive steps to involve school leadership in this vital social cause.

Chief Education Officer Shopian, Bashir Ahmed Shah highlighted the pivotal role of teachers and school heads in shaping the attitudes and behaviour of future generations. He stated that students learn not only through textbooks but also by ob-



servicing the conduct of teachers and elders. ARTO Shopian, Showkat Ahmed delivered a comprehensive presentation on traffic rules, road signs and legal provisions related to road safety. He highlighted common violations that lead to accidents and explained preventive strategies to minimise road mishaps. He also encouraged schools to actively participate in awareness campaigns and collaborate with transport authorities to strengthen road safety education.

A resource person, Dr. Feroz Ahmad Lone, focused on the psycholog-

ical and behavioural aspects of road safety. He stressed the importance of developing positive attitudes towards traffic rules and safe road practices from a young age.

All the experts emphasised that prevention is the most effective strategy to avoid road accidents and that coordinated efforts by education, transport, and police departments can bring about a meaningful change in road safety culture.

The event was attended by several senior officers and dignitaries, besides a large number of school heads and educational leaders from across the district.

DC Kupwara reviews Tele-Consultation Services, underscores wider Digital Healthcare outreach

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Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, chaired a meeting at the DC Office Complex today to evaluate status of the Tele-Consultation (e-Sanjeevani) implementation in the district.

The DC assessed the advancement of telemedicine services across the district, designed to enhance specialist healthcare accessibility, particularly in remote and border regions.

Dr. Zaffar Akbar, Chief Medical Officer, Kupwara, presented a comprehensive overview block-wise progress under E-Sanjeevani OPD and E-Sanjeevani AB-HWC. It was noted that the E-Sanjeevani is being operated through 11 functional hubs, 5 functional hubs cum spokes and 130 functional spokes, enabling doctor-to-patient and doctor-to-doctor consultations to reinforce healthcare delivery.

It was informed that the district has recorded an overall 71 percent performance under the AAM-SC framework from April to December 2025.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed underperforming medical



blocks to improve performance, service efficiency and wider outreach. He further directed all Block Medical Officers to submit fortnightly progress reports on achievements against the targets.

The Deputy Commissioner also examined progress on ABHA ID generation under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. He emphasized achieving 100 percent saturation in registrations and instructed BMOs to collaborate with CSCs. Additionally, he directed the CSC Manager to deploy operators to GMC Handwara and other health institutions, mandating ABHA registration for all visitors.

It was informed that patients can book OPD slots from home by scanning a QR code via the ABHA app or abdmjk.in, generating tokens in ad-

vance to minimize hospital queues. The Deputy Commissioner also conducted a detailed analysis of the district's performance under the MR elimination initiative. Issuing clear directives to all Block Medical Officers (BMOs), the Deputy Commissioner instructed them to significantly scale up vaccination activities. He stressed the importance of intensifying outreach sessions, ensuring adequate vaccine supply, mobilizing field staff, and enhancing community awareness to bridge any remaining immunization gaps.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Parvaiz Ahmad Lone; CMO Kupwara, MS SDH Kupwara, District Immunisation Officer and other concerned officers. MS, GMC Handwara, and all Block Medical Officers participated virtually.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

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Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Khonmoh Zawoora line will be observed due to which power supply to Balhama, Wuyan, Munpora and parts of Khonmoh and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 25 January 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Tapline of Tral 1st line from Nowda will be observed due to which power supply to Tral, Payeen, Devar, Kahlil, Tral Bala, Bajwani

and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 22 January 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Chararipora tapline of Lassipora-Mitrigam line will be observed due to which power supply to Chararipora, Pakherpora, Kamrazipora and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 19 January 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Sangam-II line will be observed due to which power supply to Siamoh, K-Koot, Kaigam, Hari-parigam, Chakoora, Gulzarpora, Panzgam, Railway and adjoining areas will be affected from

10 AM to 03 PM on 19 & 22 January, 2026.

Further, shutdown of 33 kV Pampore-Khrew line will be observed due to which power supply to Shar, Wahab Sahib, Bathan and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 24 & 27 January, 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Pampore-Lethpora line will be observed due to which power supply to Samboora, Lethpora, CRPF, Lethpora, Ladhoo, Konibal, Chandhara, LIS and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 19 & 21 January 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of

33 kV Pampore-SIDCO line will be observed due to which power supply to IE Khrew, Wuyan and Cement Plants will be affected from 10 AM to 03 M on 18 January 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Nihalpora-Gulmarg line will be observed due to which power supply to Reram, Chandilora, Watnoo, Tangmar, Kralweth, Mulgam, Ferozpora, Katipora, Rangawali, Kulhama, Shai, Buderkoot, Gulmarg, Khyber, Chandil, Wanigam, Malgama, Malpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 19 & 24 January 2026.

DC reviews progress of UT Capex Plan 2025-26 works in Kishtwar District

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to assess the progress of the development works being executed under the UT Capex Plan 2025-26.

The meeting primarily focused on key infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening public service delivery and the administrative set up in the district.

These projects included the construction of Tehsil Office Mughal Maidan, Tehsil Office Drabshalla and Naibat Office Palmar along with several other important developmental initiatives.



The Deputy Commissioner inquired about the status of each project. He asked executing agencies to immediately commence work on pending projects, emphasizing that all works have already been allotted. He stressed the need for timely execu-

tion, adherence to quality standards and optimal utilization of allocated funds.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer PWD, Ravinder Verma; Executive Engineer Chatroo along with other officers.