

SANJY-2026: DC Srinagar, SSP visit Yatra Transit Camp Pantha Chowk

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In connection with the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Sundeep Chakravarthy on Tuesday visited the Yatra Transit Camp at Pantha Chowk to take onsite stock of the preparations being undertaken for the smooth and seamless conduct of annual SANJY-2026.

The DC reviewed arrangements related to registration, accommodation, bedding, sanitation, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare facilities, security deployment, traffic management and other essential services at the Transit Camp, a halt site for pilgrims traveling to the Shri Amarnathji cave. He also took stock of other amenities to ensure they meet the needs of the yatris.

The DC also inspected the readiness of Yatri Facilitation Center, which will handle critical services such as e-KYC verification, RFID card distribution, and registration to streamline the pilgrimage process.

The DC directed the con-



cerned departments to undertake proactive measures for necessary augmentation of facilities well ahead of the commencement of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026 to ensure timely completion of all works and to maintain close coordination for the smooth and efficient management of the Yatra. He stressed upon maintaining high standards of hygiene, safety and public convenience to facilitate a hassle-free stay for the visiting pilgrims.

The DC also directed the Superintending Engineers of R&B and PHE Depart-

ments to ascertain requirements on ground for further facilitation of the Yatris.

Emphasizing pilgrim comfort, the DC stressed the need for seamless coordination among departments to enhance services at the Camp. Special attention was laid on ensuring proper sanitation facilities, availability of clean drinking water, electricity and setting up of Langars (community kitchens) to provide nutritious meals.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Aadil Fareed, Joint Commissioner SMC,

Syed Abul Qasim, Superintending Engineer R&B, Tatheer Manzoor, Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti, Anbreen Anjum, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Deputy Director Information, Mohammad Rafiq Zulla, DPO Panthachowk Zohaib Ahmad, DSP Traffic, Suhail Ahmad, Tehsildar Pantha Chowk, Muzaamil Zaman, Chief Sanitation Officer, Mudasir Ahmad Banday, & other senior Officers of Police and District Administration Srinagar accompanied the DC and the SSP during the visit.

Sheep Husbandry Deptt Shopian achieves major Milestones in 2025-26, boosts Rural Livelihoods

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Sheep Husbandry Department, Shopian has registered remarkable progress during the financial year 2025-26, reinforcing its pivotal role in strengthening the rural economy and ensuring sustainable livelihoods for sheep and goat rearers of the district.

Through targeted investments, scientific interventions, and large-scale service delivery, the department has achieved measurable outcomes across income generation, employment, livestock health, productivity, fodder development, and wool marketing.

A total of 185 income generating sheep units were established under

various government schemes with a financial outlay of Rs 165.18 lakh, resulting in direct employment generation for 452 persons and a substantial enhancement in mutton and wool production.

These units were established under the Integrated Sheep Development Scheme, HADP, JKCI, RKVY, Tribal Sub Plan, and National Livestock Mission, collectively strengthening the livestock production base of Shopian.

To promote adoption of scientific sheep husbandry practices, the department conducted 20 awareness, training, exposure, and demonstration programmes under ATMA-SMAE and ASCAD components, benefiting 505 sheep farmers, who were sensitized on im-

proved livestock management, disease control, and productivity enhancement.

Livestock health coverage was implemented on an extensive scale, ensuring disease prevention and public health safety, with 20,785 animals treated during the year. The department provided 3,72,272 lakh dosing and 2,75,328 lakh vaccinations.

Free FMD and PPR vaccinations and provision of medicines to farmers at 50-75% subsidized rates significantly reduced disease incidence and economic losses for farmers during the ongoing year.

Productivity enhancement efforts were further reinforced through the distribution of 116 elite government breeding rams among progressive breeders, contributing to mutton

production of 7.59 lakh kilograms and wool production of 2.24 lakh kilograms during the period. To support sustainable livestock productivity and fodder security, the department distributed 453 fodder seed kits free of cost, comprising 224 kits of Perennial Rye Grass and 229 kits of Perennial Red Clover, strengthening the horti-pastoral system of the district.

Overall, the achievements of the Sheep Husbandry Department, Shopian during 2025-26 clearly demonstrate a result-oriented, farmer-centric, and development-driven approach, reflecting a focused approach towards genetic upgradation, scientific sheep rearing, and long-term productivity improvement in the district.

NMJK Abhiyan: Mehfil Mushaira Held At Anantnag

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As part of the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Cultural Unit Kashmir, in collaboration with Maraz Adbi Sangam and District Information Centre Anantnag, today organized a vibrant Mehfil Mushaira at Wazir Bagh.

The program aimed to create awareness about the drug abuse and sensitise the participants especially



the younger generation about its drastic consequences.

Poets from the Adbi Sangam Maraz recited their poetry, highlighting the negative effects of drugs and other contraband substances on individual lives, families, and society. Through their verses, they also talked about the remedies to combat the drug menace.

Besides poets, the program was attended by officials of DIC Anantnag, local youth and general public.

DSWO Srinagar organizes Training-cum orientation Programme under NMBA

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25: District Social Welfare Office (DSWO) Srinagar successfully organized a Training-cum orientation Programme under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) at Government College for Women, M. A. Road, Srinagar.

The programme was conducted with the objective of creating awareness about substance abuse prevention and strengthening to build capacities and enhance institutional mechanisms for early identification, counselling, and rehabilitation of

individuals affected by drug abuse. The event witnessed the active participation of Assistant Professors and esteemed members of the college faculty.

During the programme, a medical expert delivered a comprehensive presentation on the harmful effects of drug abuse, early warning signs, preventive strategies, and available de-addiction facilities. The session emphasized the critical role of educational institutions in addressing substance abuse among youth.

A clinical Psychologist from ATF Psychiatric Hos-

pital, Rainawari also addressed the gathering and highlighted the psychological dimensions of addiction, behavioural indicators, and the importance of timely counselling and psychosocial intervention. The expert elaborated on the Drug De-addiction Programme framework and discussed strategies for providing emotional and psychological support to vulnerable individuals.

An interactive question and answer session was held during which faculty members actively engaged with the experts, raising im-

portant queries regarding identification of at-risk students, referral mechanisms, counselling procedures, and community involvement. The experts provided detailed responses, making the session highly informative and impactful.

The programme concluded with a felicitation segment acknowledging the contributions of the resource persons and appreciating the cooperation of the college administration and faculty for their active support in furthering the objectives of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

MALIN Convenes Annual Review Meeting

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MALIN, a non-governmental organisation comprising nearly 100 like-minded, socio-economically active senior citizens dedicated to serving the financially underprivileged sections of society, convened its annual review meeting at its Delhi office under the chairmanship of its President, Nirmala Chattoo.

During the meeting, members reviewed the progress of various socio-cultural initiatives undertaken in villages adopted by MALIN. The house also discussed future plans, including the provision of input materials for preparing summer clothing and other domestic consumables for economically underprivileged women. The initiative aims not only to generate livelihood opportunities for unemployed young and el-



derly women in the underdeveloped rural areas of old Satwari Camp but also to empower them with economic independence and enhanced social confidence.

It was further decided that medical health check-up camps would be organised shortly in areas near Chatta Camp to extend healthcare support to the needy.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Vice President R.K. Kakroo and Patron

Naresh Maini elaborated on the role and responsibilities of MALIN towards the downtrodden sections of society. They emphasised that extending economic assistance, particularly during socio-religious occasions, must remain a continuous endeavour of the organisation.

Among others who addressed the gathering were Senior Advisors S.N. Koul and A.K. Arora, Secretary Chanchal Populi, Sarla Kholi, Khema Kakroo, and

several other eminent socio-cultural personalities.

Dr. Daleep Pandita, General Secretary, along with Vice President Dr. Dinesh Gupta, conducted the proceedings and expressed gratitude to the management and members of MALIN for their active participation.

They voiced hope that the organisation would achieve its ambitious objectives and targets with sincerity and within stipulated timelines.

Citizens Cooperative Bank delegation meets Sat, seeks Rs 40 Crore to strengthen Bank

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A delegation of Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd., led by Managing Director Ravi Kant and Director on the Board Charanjeet Singh Raina, called on J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, and General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, and submitted a detailed memorandum seeking infusion of rupees 40 crore as share capital from the J&K Government to strengthen the Bank's financial position.

The meeting took place in a programme organized by the Cooperative Cell of the Bharatiya Janata Party at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. J&K BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, All Cell In-charge Ved Sharma, Cooperative Cell Convener Ankush Gupta, senior leader H.S. Pammi, and other party functionaries were also present on the occasion.

During the interaction, representatives of various



cooperative institutions from across the Jammu region also participated and highlighted the operational and financial challenges faced by their respective organizations. Several constructive suggestions were put forward to improve the functioning and sustainability of cooperative institutions in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, MD Ravi Kant stated that Citizens' Cooperative Bank is the oldest and largest urban cooperative bank in Jammu, with a membership base exceed-

ing 45,000. He presented a comprehensive overview of the Bank's balance sheet, net worth, and current financial standing. Emphasizing the need for immediate support, he said that infusion of share capital by the Government is crucial for strengthening the Bank's financial health, improving its capital adequacy, and reviving its asset portfolio.

After giving a patient hearing to the delegation and other stakeholders, Sat Sharma assured the representatives that he would

take up the matter with the Chief Minister of J&K, and the concerned departments, for appropriate consideration. He added that the PM Modi led Union Government, under the direct guidance and close monitoring of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is giving top priority to strengthening the cooperative sector across the nation, including Jammu & Kashmir, and is committed to revitalizing cooperatives as a strong pillar of grassroots economic empowerment and regional development.

508th Nirvan Diwas of Sant Kabir Ji observed

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Kabir Samaj Sewa Sanstha, Kabir Mandir-Salehar, solemnly celebrated the 508th Nirvan Diwas of Sant Kabir with deep spiritual devotion and communal harmony. The occasion was marked by a grand Satsang organized by Pujya Bitta Ji at Kabir Mandir, Salehar, where devotees gathered in large numbers to pay homage to the revered saint and social reformer.

The programme began with bhajans and recitations of Kabir Vani, reflecting the timeless teachings of Sant Kabir Ji Maharaj, who preached unity, equality, and devotion beyond caste and creed. The Satsang resonated with messages of truth, compassion, and social harmony — principles that remain profoundly relevant in contemporary society.

Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the universal teachings of Sant Kabir Ji, emphasizing that his message of brotherhood and social equality continues to guide humanity on the path of righteousness and peace. He lauded Kabir Samaj Sewa Sanstha for preserving and promoting the saint's legacy through such meaningful gatherings. F.C. Bhagat



(Retd. Deputy Commissioner) attended as Special Guest and spoke about the need to imbibe Kabir Ji's teachings in daily life to foster unity and moral values in society. He appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee in bringing the community together on such a sacred occasion.

Shamsher Chand, AICC Member, Bharat Yatri, and President of the All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha, in his address, paid rich tributes to Sant Kabir and described him as a timeless spiritual reformer whose teachings continue to illuminate the path of social equality and universal brotherhood. He emphasized that Sant Kabir Ji's message transcends barriers of caste, creed, and religion, urging society to rise above divisions and embrace humanity as one family. Highlighting the

relevance of Kabir Ji's philosophy in the present era, Shamsher Chand called upon the youth to imbibe the saint's ideals of truth, simplicity, and service. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha to spread the teachings of Kabir Ji across the region and appreciated Kabir Samaj Sewa Sanstha for organizing such a spiritually enriching and socially inspiring programme.

Among other prominent dignitaries present were Mrs. Surekha Bhagat (DDC Arnia) as Special Guest, Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, MLA Suchetgarh, as Guest of Honour, Sh. Bhusan Lal Dogra (Ex. Vice Chairman, SC BC Advisory Board, J&K Govt.) as Special Guest, Sh. Joginder Bhagat (Retd. Addl. Deputy Commissioner) as Special Guest, and Sh. Surjeet Kumar (Ex. BDC Bishnah) as

Special Guest.

The dignitaries collectively emphasized that Sant Kabir Ji's philosophy of simplicity, social reform, and spiritual awakening remains a guiding light in today's era of materialism and division. They urged the younger generation to study and adopt his teachings for building a harmonious and progressive society. The management of Kabir Samaj Sewa Sanstha expressed gratitude to all guests and devotees for their participation and support. The programme concluded with collective prayers and distribution of Prasads among attendees. The celebration of the 508th Nirvan Diwas not only paid tribute to the great saint but also reinforced the spirit of unity, equality, and devotion — values that Sant Kabir Ji Maharaj championed throughout his life.