

JAMMU & KASHMIR

LG Sinha interacts with Ladakh youth at Jammu under ABVP's SERU initiative



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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today interacted with the youth from Ladakh visiting Jammu as part of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad's (ABVP) "Students' Experience in Regional Understanding

(SERU) – Rashtriya Ekamata Yatra 2026", at Lok Bhavan, Jammu.

During the interaction, the Lieutenant Governor welcomed the youth and encouraged them to learn from diverse cultures and experiences and contribute positively to society.

He said that programmes like SERU are instrumental in strengthening the

spirit of national unity and fostering mutual understanding among youth from different parts of the country.

The youth also shared the experience and exposure they gained during the SERU programme.

A group of 30 students representing diverse regions of Ladakh—including Nubra, Kargil, Leh,

Lamayuru, Shang, Nyoma, and Zaskar—is participating in the National Integration Tour.

Organized by ABVP in collaboration with the Vidhyarthi Ceva Educational Trust and SEIL, the tour provides youth with educational and cultural exposure across Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

District Admin Pulwama celebrates International Women's Day

PULWAMA, MARCH 08: District Administration Pulwama in collaboration with Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Pulwama today celebrated International Women's Day as Nari Neer Shakti Divas at Circuit House Pulwama.

The event was organised to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of women in society and recognise their pivotal role as leaders and stakeholders in drinking water governance and community development.

During the programme, various officers, experts and women entrepreneurs shared their experiences and insights, highlighting the significant achievements of women across different sectors.

Resource persons emphasised the vital role of women as decision-makers in water governance and highlighted the link between safe drinking water, improved health and nutrition outcomes, and women's dignity and empowerment.

They also highlighted the increasing participation of women as leaders in village-level water sanitation committees (Pani Samitis) and stressed the importance of strengthening women's involvement in planning, management and monitoring



of water resources at the grassroots level.

Additionally, a demonstration on the use of Field Test Kits (FTKs) was conducted on the occasion to promote awareness regarding testing of drinking water quality.

On the occasion, a Women Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Group (SHG) Mela was also organised under Mission YUVA to promote women-led enterprises and encourage entrepreneurship among

women across the district. The mela provided a platform for Self-Help Groups and women entrepreneurs to showcase their locally produced goods and highlighted the growing role of women in strengthening the local economy.

The programme concluded with a felicitation ceremony wherein outstanding women achievers from various sectors were felicitated for their exemplary contributions towards community welfare and so-

cial development. The event also marked the beginning of Jal Mahotsav Pakhwada, which will be observed from March 8 to March 22 under Jal Jeevan Mission across the district.

The pakhwada aims to scale up ongoing community-led initiatives as part of the nationwide programme "Jal Mahotsav" and aligns with the spirit of Jan Bhagirdari in water management, building upon flagship initiatives such as Har Ghar Jal and Jal Arpan.

SHG Mela marks celebration of Int'l Women's Day in Anantnag

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On the eve of International Women's Day, the Employment Department Anantnag, in collaboration with National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) Anantnag, organized a vibrant Self-Help Group (SHG) Mela at ITI Seer Hamdan to promote women entrepreneurship and economic empowerment under Mission YUVA.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 270 women entrepreneurs and SHG members from different sectors, who showcased their products, skills, and entrepreneurial initiatives. The mela served as a platform for women to exchange ideas, explore new opportunities, and strengthen local enterprise networks.

The programme was graced by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Anantnag, who attended as the Chief Guest. In his address, he encouraged women to take active steps toward entrepreneurship and emphasized the importance of self-reliance and value addition, particularly in agriculture and allied sectors, for building sustainable livelihoods.

The Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO), Pahalgam, who attended as Guest of Honour, appreciated the collaborative efforts of the organizing departments in creating opportunities for women to showcase their entrepreneurial potential and contribute to local economic development.



During the event, District Programme Manager, NRLM Anantnag, delivered an informative session highlighting the integration of Self-Help Groups with Mission YUVA, outlining opportunities available for women to expand their enterprises and achieve long-term financial independence.

Employment Officer highlighted the significance of such initiatives in fostering entrepreneurship among women in the district.

A highlight of the event was the felicitation of women achievers from the entrepreneurial sector, who were honoured with mementos and certificates of appreciation for their remarkable contributions and successful business ventures, inspiring other aspiring en-

trepreneurs.

On the occasion, Shazlia Qureshi, the host of the event, highlighted the objectives of the programme, emphasizing women empowerment, economic stability, and enterprise development as key pillars for inclusive growth in the district.

A plantation drive was also conducted as part of the programme to promote environmental awareness.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment from the organizing departments to continue supporting women-led enterprises and startups across Anantnag, reinforcing the district's vision of empowering women as drivers of sustainable economic growth.

Agriculture Deptt Shopian organizes Workshop on International Women's Day

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Department of Agriculture Shopian in collaboration with District Administration Shopian organized a one-day Training Programme under JKCIIP on the theme "Gender Sensitization" at the Meeting Hall, Mini Secretariat Shopian.

The programme aimed to create awareness about gender equality, women empowerment and enhanced participation of women in agriculture and allied sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Agriculture Officer, Shopian, Mohd Rafiq, highlighted the vital role of women in strengthening the agricultural economy.

During his address, he emphasized that women have immense potential to become self-reliant through activities such as mushroom cultivation, kitchen gardening, poultry farming, dairy farming and other agri-based enterprises at the household level under different agriculture schemes like JKCIIP, HADP



and CSS.

He encouraged women to actively participate in these sectors to improve their livelihood and contribute to the rural economy.

During the programme, Khushi Khanday, a successful entrepreneur and member of a youth club, delivered an informative lecture on women empowerment schemes in agriculture and allied sectors. She shared insights on opportunities available for women under different government pro-

grammes and motivated participants to take up entrepreneurship in agriculture.

The workshop witnessed active participation of farmers, women entrepreneurs involved in agriculture and allied activities, Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG), women Youth clubs and other stakeholders, who interacted with officers and discussed various opportunities available under government schemes.

The programme con-

cluded with a strong message to promote gender equality and enhance women's participation in agricultural development in the district.

The programme was attended by District Agriculture Officer Shopian, Mudasir Shafi, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Shopian, Intiyaz Ahmad Bhat, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Keller, Mehindar Paul, besides other officers and officials of the department.

Bandipora admin celebrates International Women's Day during Jal Mahotsav Pakhwada

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the District Administration Bandipora celebrated the invaluable contribution of women during the Jal Mahotsav Pakhwada at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The programme was organised under the Jal Jeevan Mission as part of the district-level activities scheduled from March 8 to March 22 to promote awareness regarding safe drinking water, water conservation, and community participation in the management of rural water supply systems.

The event witnessed participation of women representatives including ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, and women associated with Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs). The programme highlighted the crucial role of women as key stakeholders and decision-makers in water governance and management.

During the programme,



demonstrations on water quality testing using Field Test Kits (FTKs) were conducted to enhance the capacity of women in monitoring drinking water quality at the community level.

Participants were also sensitised about the importance of water conservation, source sustainability, and

maintaining hygiene around water sources.

Speakers during the programme emphasised that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, women are not merely beneficiaries but active leaders, planners, and guardians of safe drinking water in their communities. They also stressed the importance of community par-

ticipation and awareness to ensure sustainable and safe water supply systems.

The event also aimed at strengthening convergence between drinking water services, health, and nutrition programmes while encouraging women to actively participate in ensuring water security in their respective areas.

DG Reviews Working of Treasuries, Bill Processing Ahead of FY Closure

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Director General Accounts and Treasuries, Fayaz Ahmed Lone, on Sunday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of treasuries and the status of bill processing in view of the closure of the current financial year 2025-26.

The meeting was attended by Director Accounts & Treasuries Jammu Rajesh Talwar; Joint Director (Central), DGAT, Ishfaq Ahmad Pandit; Sadder Treasury Officer Yasir Sharief; Treasury Officer, Additional Treasury Gandhi Nagar, Zafar Iqbal; Treasury Officer, Additional Treasury Talab Tillo, Kuldeep Kumar; and Treasury Officer, Additional



Treasury New Plot, Jatinder Singh, among other officers. District Treasury Officers and Sub-Treasury Officers from various districts also participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

During the meeting, the Director General asked Treasury Officers to closely coordinate with the Na-

tional Informatics Centre (NIC) to ensure the smooth functioning of the JK PaySys and TreasuryNet applications, so that delays in bill processing are avoided.

He emphasized timely processing of bills, particularly SNA bills meant for release in favour of eligible

beneficiaries. It was also decided that a dedicated point of contact at the NIC level would be designated to ensure quick resolution of technical issues.

The DG further directed Treasury Officers to take all necessary measures to ensure smooth and timely closure of the financial year.