

# Chief Secretary visits Road Accident Victims at GMC Udhampur

Assures Best Possible Medical Care to the victims

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the Government Medical College (GMC), Udhampur, to enquire about the condition of individuals injured in a tragic road accident that occurred at Kaghote, Ramnagar.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa; Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh; along with other senior officials of the district administration.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary interacted with the injured and reviewed the medical care being provided. He directed the hospital administration and medical staff to ensure that all victims receive the highest standard of treatment and adequate support facilities without any delay.

Describing the incident as deeply unfortunate and



distressing, the Chief Secretary expressed profound concern over the loss and suffering caused by the accident. He assured that the government is closely monitoring the situation and extending all possible assistance to the affected individuals and their families.

The Chief Secretary further informed that immediately upon receiving news of the accident, the

district administration, in coordination with the Army and other concerned agencies, promptly launched a comprehensive rescue and evacuation operation to provide timely medical assistance to the victims.

Emphasizing the critical importance of road safety, he underscored the need for strict enforcement of traffic regulations to prevent such incidents in the

future. He called for stringent action against overloading and stressed the necessity of ensuring the fitness and roadworthiness of vehicles to safeguard human lives.

He reiterated that the administration remains committed to supporting the victims and taking all necessary measures to enhance road safety and prevent recurrence of such tragic incidents in J&K.

# Shantmanu reviews Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls in R S Pura, Miran Sahib blocks

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State Election Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, Shantmanu, on Monday conducted an extensive tour of Miran Sahib block and R S Pura block of Jammu district to review the progress on special camps being organised for Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2026.

The Election Commissioner visited and inspected special camps at Panchayat Ghar Darsapur, Panchayat Ghar Badyal Brahmana (Lower), Panchayat Ghar Rathana, Panchayat Ghar Malikpur, Panchayat Ghar Kotli Mian Fateh and Government Middle School Nihalpur Simble (Upper).

During the inspection, he interacted with the Panchayat Secretaries, BLOs,



PEBOs to assess the pace of the special revision camps set up for updation of Electoral Roll 2026. He reviewed the status of registration forms and progress on enrolment of newly eligible voters.

The Election Commissioner examined the submission of forms related to inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition in the Panchayat electoral

rolls. He directed the officials to intensify outreach during the revision period, identify all eligible voters, facilitate registrations and ensure no deserving voter is left out.

Stressing the importance of the exercise, Shantmanu underlined the need for hundred percent inclusion of all eligible voters to strengthen grassroots level democracy and instructed

officials to expedite the process of inclusion of new voters.

Secretary to the State Election Commissioner, Susheel Kumar; SDM, R S Pura, Anuradha Thakur; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Mukhtar Ahmad; BDO, R S Pura, Sahil Angral and other senior officers accompanied the State Election Commissioner.

# Deptt of YS&S Kishtwar intensifies Anti-Drug & Anti-Doping awareness under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

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The Department of Youth Services & Sports (YSS) Kishtwar successfully organized a comprehensive awareness and anti-doping campaign under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Bharat Abhiyan (100 Days Campaign) with the powerful theme "Choose Sports, Not Drugs".

The initiative was conducted across all schools and zones of District Kishtwar, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students, teachers and field staff. The campaign was carried out under the direction of Director General Youth Services & Sports J&K, Anuradha Gupta and Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma.

The event was closely supervised by District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Kishtwar, Jaffer



Haider Sheikh along with the dedicated efforts of all Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) and field staff.

During the programme, special focus was laid on educating students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of anti-doping in sports.

Experts and field officials highlighted how substance

abuse not only damages physical and mental health but also destroys the spirit of fair play and integrity in sports. Students were sensitized about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, discipline and ethical sporting behavior.

Various activities such as awareness rallies, interactive sessions, pledge ceremonies and sports events

were organized to effectively communicate the message. The slogan "Choose Sports, Not Drugs" echoed across playgrounds and classrooms, inspiring youth to adopt sports as a positive and constructive path.

DYSSO Kishtwar, Jaffer Haider Sheikh, while interacting with participants, emphasized that sports serve as a powerful tool to keep youth away from drugs and instill values of teamwork, dedication and honesty. He urged students to act as ambassadors of change and spread awareness in their communities.

The campaign received overwhelming support from all stakeholders, making it a significant step towards building a drug-free and doping-free society.

The Department reaffirmed its commitment to continue such initiatives to safeguard the future of youth and promote a culture of clean and fair sports across the district.

# Samba Admin holds interaction with Civil Society at Vijaypur under 100-Day Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan

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As part of the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, District Administration Samba today organised an interaction session with Civil Society Organisations at Vijaypur to strengthen collective efforts against drug abuse.

During the session, the Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan along with SSP Samba, Anuj Kumar, interacted with members of civil society, public representatives and locals. The discussion focused on the growing concern of substance abuse, its impact on society and the need for coordinated and sustained action to address the issue effectively. Members of civil society and the local public actively participated in the interaction and shared their views and suggestions



on tackling the menace of drugs. The Deputy Commissioner assured that the administration is committed to taking strict and effective measures against drug abuse and will continue to act firmly against those involved in such activities.

She emphasised the importance of collective responsibility and called upon all stakeholders to work in a unified and determined manner towards achieving the goal of a Nasha Mukht Samba. It was highlighted that the ongoing 100-day campaign aims

to create widespread awareness and sensitise every section of society against the harmful effects of drugs. The programme was attended by SDM Vijaypur, other concerned officers, members of civil society organisations, public representatives and locals.

# District Admin Bandipora intensifies Awareness Drive under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

BANDIPORA, APRIL 20:

Continuing the ongoing Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the District Administration Bandipora on Monday organised a series of awareness programmes across educational institutions and Panchayats in the district to sensitise students and the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Expert talks, awareness sessions, rallies and pledge-taking ceremonies were conducted in several institutions including HSS Achoora, PM SHRI HSS Shadipora, HSS Hajin, PM SHRI GHS Odina, GHS Nadihal, HS Panar, HS Jurniyal, GHSS Gadakhud, HSS Sumbal, GHS Kanzalwan, HSS Purana Tulail, HSS Budoab Tulail, and PM SHRI HSS Quilmuqam, among others.

During these programmes, resource persons highlighted the physical, psychological and social consequences of substance abuse, with a focus on key causes such as peer pressure, stress, and lack of awareness. Students were encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles, make informed decisions, and act as ambassadors against drug abuse in their communities.

At GHSS Gadakhud,



awareness sessions on the role of AYUSH and yoga in preventing substance abuse were conducted, complemented by practical yoga demonstrations.

Anti-drug rallies were also organised, notably by HSS Hajin in collaboration with the Police Department, while wall paintings and IEC activities were carried out at institutions

like HSS Hajin and Panchayat Ghar Sonerwani to spread awareness at the grassroots level.

Pledge-taking ceremonies reaffirming commitment to a drug-free society were held at multiple locations including HSS Sumbal and Laharwalpora. Interactive sessions and morning assembly talks by teachers and resource per-

sons further reinforced awareness among students.

The programmes, conducted under the 100-day IEC campaign, witnessed active participation of students, teachers, and community members, reflecting a collective resolve to combat drug abuse and build a healthier, drug-free Bandipora.

BUDGAM, APRIL 20:

Deputy commissioner (DC) Budgam Athar Aamir Khan today visited Railway Station Nowgam to take stock of the current passenger arrangements and measures being put in place for the smooth movement of the devotees of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026.

During the visit, the DC undertook a comprehensive inspection of the facilities available and reviewed the preparedness of all line departments. He was briefed by the concerned officers regarding the logistical arrangements, infrastructure readiness, and inter-departmental coordination being ensured for the Yatra. Emphasizing the significance of seamless arrangements for the yatis, the DC issued a series of directions to ensure effi-



cient passenger management at the station including facilities for accessible boarding and deboarding, traffic management, sanitation, drinking water,

washroom facilities, registration facilities etc. SP West Srinagar Imtiyaz Ahmad, SDM chadoora Primrose Bashir, JD planning Budgam Javeed Ahmad,

Tehsildar BK pora, DIO budgam, Executive Engineer R&B, SHO Nowgam and other concerned officers accompanied the DC during his visit.

# Month-long Oral Health programme concludes with Walkathon at DH Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, APRIL 20:

A month-long Oral Health programme organised by District Hospital (DH) Ganderbal concluded today on a vibrant and positive note with a walkathon aimed at promoting awareness about oral hygiene.

Students participated enthusiastically in the walkathon, carrying banners and raising slogans such as "A Happy Mouth Is A Happy Life," spreading a strong message on the importance of oral health. Medical Superintendent, District

Hospital Ganderbal, Dr. Fara Shafi, along with a team of dental surgeons, joined and led the walkathon, boosting the morale of participants.

The programme, which commenced on March 20, featured a series of activities including oral health awareness drives, screening camps, interactive sessions and community outreach initiatives. These efforts witnessed active participation from students, faculty members and the general public, reflecting a growing awareness about the link between

oral health and overall well-being. Later in the day, a valedictory function was held at District Hospital Ganderbal to mark the successful culmination of the programme.

Deputy Director Dentistry, Dr. Jehanzaib, graced the occasion and appreciated the dedicated efforts of dental surgeons from the hospital and DEIC, as well as the supporting staff. It was informed that around 3,000 beneficiaries were screened during the programme, with oral health kits distributed.