

# Former DPAP Leaders Felicitate NATF National Chairman Vishal Chopra

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Former Senior Leaders and members of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) today felicitated Vishal Chopra, National Chairman of the National Anti Terrorism Front (NATF), during a programme held at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Prominent ex DPAP leaders present on the occasion included Vicky Mahajan, Kirtan Singh, Jodh Singh Isher, Jasmeet Singh, Surjeet Singh Baba, Gurdeep Singh, Harbhajan Singh Raina, J.P. Singh Soodan, Gurdeep Singh, Mohinder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Nimmy, Darshan Kumar Chuhan, Randeep Singh, Sohan Singh, and several others.

While addressing the gathering, Sh. Vishal Chopra delivered a strong message against anti-national elements, stating that those acting against the nation will not be spared. He also issued a



stern warning to drug peddlers, urging them to mend their ways or face strict action.

Sh. Chopra expressed his gratitude to Sh. Vicky Ma-

hajan, S. Kirtan Singh, and their entire team for organizing the felicitation programme and for their continued support.

The event concluded

with a renewed commitment by all present to work collectively towards strengthening national integrity and promoting a drug-free society.

# CM unveils 'Six Seasons'- Shishur magazine of J&K Tourism Department

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today unveiled the January-March 2026 edition of the 'Six Seasons' - Shishur (Severe Cold) magazine of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department at the Civil Secretariat here.

The issue, themed Shishur, captures the winter essence of J&K and highlights a range of tourism initiatives undertaken during the period. The magazine has been compiled by the Directorate of Tourism Kashmir.

The event was attended by Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional



Chief Secretary Tourism Ashish Chandra Verma, Director Information Shreya Singhal, Directors Tourism Kashmir Syed Qamar Sajjad and Director Tourism Jammu Vikas Gupta besides other senior officers.

The magazine features

curated stories on prominent tourist destinations, coverage of international events organised by the department, annual conventions of travel, trade and hospitality bodies, participation in major travel fairs, and outreach programmes led by the Chief Minister.

Appreciating the efforts of the Tourism Department, the Chief Minister commended the initiative, noting that such publications play an important role in showcasing the rich tourism potential of Jammu and Kashmir and strengthening its global outreach.

# CM Omar releases biography 'Mitti se Mukam Tak', lauds Dr. Roop Lal Sharma's contributions to education

JAMMU, APRIL 21:

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today released a biography of Dr. Roop Lal Sharma, authored by his daughter, Dr. Sakahi Sharma.

The book, titled "Mitti se Mukam Tak," chronicles the life journey, struggles, and achievements of the founder chairman of the Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research.

The Chief Minister appreciated the author for documenting her father's inspiring journey and lauded Dr. Sharma's contributions to the field of education.



# NZATI, RIHFW organise training session on BLS for JKAS Probationers

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Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI), Jammu in collaboration with Regional Institute of Health and Family Welfare (RIHFW), Nagrota organized a training session on Basic Life Support (BLS) for JKAS (Accounts) probationers of Phase-II training programme (SAC-II).

The programme was presided over by Director General Accounts & Treasuries, Fayaz Ahmad Lone and conducted under the able guidance of Director Finance/Principal, NZATI, Jammu, Rajesh Talwar.

Among others Principal, Regional Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Manoj Bhagat, Master Trainer, Dr. Shelly Mahajan; Dr. Kapil Sharma (Public Health), In-charge Skill Lab Coordinator at RIHFW Nagrota, Rajeev Gupta; Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Jammu, Rajesh Kotwal and Joint Director (Central), Directorate General of Accounts & Treasuries, J&K, Ishfaq



Ahmad Pandith were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Fayaz Ahmad Lone emphasized the importance of such capacity-building initiatives, stating that officers must be equipped not only with domain knowledge but also with essential emergency response skills.

The session was organized with the objective to equip the probationers with essential life-saving skills and enhancing their preparedness to respond

effectively in emergency situations. The technical and practical sessions were conducted by Dr. Shelly Mahajan, Dr. Kapil Sharma and Rajeev Gupta.

The team provided hands-on practice sessions wherein participants performed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and airway management techniques for both adult and neo-natal resuscitation under Basic Life Support protocols, aimed at saving lives during emergency situations. They emphasized on

the importance of such training programmes in building first-response capabilities among officers.

The training was delivered through a simulation-based and interactive approach, enabling participants to gain practical exposure and confidence in handling real-life emergencies.

The session witnessed active participation and was highly appreciated by the probationers for its practical relevance and importance.

# Satish releases Coffee Table Book on IEC activities, unveils S&T deptts' annual IEC calendar 2026

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma,

today released the Coffee Table Book on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Activities and unveiled the annual IEC Calendar 2026 of the Department of Science & Technology, Jammu & Kashmir government, at a formal

function held here.

The Coffee Table Book offers a comprehensive documentation of IEC initiatives undertaken across Jammu & Kashmir, showcasing the outreach, impact and diversity of science and technology interventions at the grassroots level. It reflects the department's sustained efforts to promote scientific temper, strengthen innovation ecosystems and foster meaningful engagement between institutions and communities.

The annual IEC Calendar 2026 outlines a detailed, month-wise roadmap of awareness campaigns, outreach programmes and thematic activities aimed at ensuring continuous public engagement with science and technology. By integrating key observances, innovation-driven events and awareness drives, the calendar institutionalises a structured and sustained approach to science communication across the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasized that science and technology

must act as catalyst for inclusive growth and social transformation. He stated that the real measure of scientific progress lies in its ability to positively impact the lives of common citizens. He highlighted that IEC initiatives play a crucial role in bridging the gap between laboratories and society, ensuring that innovations are effectively communicated, understood and adopted at the grassroots level.

Satish Sharma observed that Jammu & Kashmir is steadily progressing towards becoming a knowledge-driven and innovation-oriented Union Territory, where scientific awareness and technological interventions are increasingly integrated into governance and development frameworks. He appreciated the department's efforts in making science accessible, relevant and people-centric and stressed the need to further expand outreach in rural and remote areas, particularly among the youth, students and marginalized communities.

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar on Tuesday met a delegation of the FICCI Ladies Organisation at the Civil Secretariat here.

The delegation raised a range of issues concerning promotion of women-led enterprises, skill development and greater economic participation of women across Jammu and Kashmir. They also suggested measures to enhance the institutional support and improve market access for women entrepreneurs.

The Minister assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner.



He said the government is focused on creating an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs through the targeted initiatives, improved access to finance and capacity-building programmes.

Emphasising inclusive

growth, Javid Dar said women are key drivers of economic development and their active participation is essential for sustainable progress, particularly in rural areas.

He also highlighted the ongoing efforts aimed at

boosting the entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities adding that the Omar Abdullah government is committed to ensure that women receive adequate support to expand and sustain their enterprises.

# Shantmanu inspects Special Revision camps in Kathua; stresses 100% enrolment of eligible voters

KATHUA, APRIL 21:

State Election Commissioner, Jammu and Kashmir, Shantmanu, today conducted an extensive tour of Kathua district to inspect the Special Summary Revision camps being organised for updation of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2026.

District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua, Rajesh Sharma and Secretary, State Election Commission J&K, Susheel Kumar also accompanied the State Election Commissioner during the visit.

The visit was aimed at reviewing the progress of the revision exercise on the ground and ensuring that the electoral rolls are com-



prehensive, accurate and inclusive.

The ongoing revision process, which commenced on March 27, 2026, provides for filing of claims and objections pertaining to new enrolments, deletions and transposition of voters across the Union Territory.

During the inspection of special camps at GDC Hi-

ranagar and GMS Badala, the State Election Commissioner reviewed the functioning of special camps and assessed the pace of enrolment of newly eligible voters. He examined the status of forms received for inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition in the Panchayat electoral rolls.

Interacting with the Pan-

chayat Secretaries and field functionaries, he emphasised the need for expeditious disposal of claims and objections and called for ensuring 100 percent registration of all eligible voters.

He also sought identification of bottlenecks, if any, in the enrolment process and directed for their timely redressal.

The State Election Commissioner stressed the importance of transparency and accessibility in the revision process and directed the concerned officers to intensify awareness campaigns across all Panchayat Halqas so that every eligible citizen is facilitated to get enrolled without any hindrance.

