

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## World Malaria Day

### Awareness activities on prevention, control held across Jammu Division

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World Malaria day was observed today across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the visionary supervision of Secretary Health & Medical Education M. Raju, strategic guidance of Mission Director NHM Akriti Sagar, dedicated support of the Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar and with the teamwork of all the staff working under the administrative control of State Malariologist Dr. Ramesh Khullar.

A Rath Yatra was organized by the Office of the State Malariologist, highlighting this year's "Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must". The aim of the Rath Yatra was to impart awareness regarding prevention, control and elimination of Malaria from the Union Territory.

At the flagging off ceremony, DHSJ Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar highlighted the achievements made by the Union Territory in con-

trol of malaria and minimizing the trends of malaria. Elaborating on the preparedness for the control of malaria, he stressed that coordinated efforts from all stakeholders shall pave the way towards elimination of malaria with newer tools and windows of opportunities.

Other activities included publishing of IEC material in leading UT & local newspapers. Information regarding awareness on Malaria was spread by interview on Akashwani Jammu and also an audio

spot was played throughout the day on Akashwani Jammu and other FM Channels educating the people about various aspects of prevention and control of Malaria.

The World Malaria Day was also observed at Provincial Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Government Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, LRPU Gangyal, Government Hospital Sarwal where Malaria workers, staff of the Hospitals spread awareness regarding prevention, control and elimination of Malaria.

The Day was also observed at the District headquarters and Block headquarters with the participation of schools and distribution of IEC material.

The IEC campaign was also carried out through social media platforms.

The banners with the IEC material were display at various prominent points for general awareness of the public.

Involvement of RBSK teams and School Health teams was also ensured in the campaign.

### DC Udhampur reviews progress of Panchayat Electoral Roll revision

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the ongoing revision of the Panchayat Electoral Roll with reference to April 1, 2026 as the qualifying date.

A detailed discussion was held on the status of form collection across Panchayat constituencies, total forms received vis-à-vis total draft electors and the number of forms already punched into the system.

The DC also reviewed the pace of the exercise and stressed the need to synchronize field-level collection with data entry work to avoid any backlog. He emphasized the importance of maintaining an accurate and updated electoral roll to ensure a free, fair and transparent electoral process at the grassroots



level. Officers were directed to undertake meticulous verification to facilitate inclusion of all eligible voters while ensuring deletion of duplicate and ineligible entries.

Officers were instructed to intensify awareness efforts so that eligible citizens actively participate in the revision process.

### DC Udhampur reviews drug control measures

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of the District level Committee under Narco Coordination Centre to review and reinforce measures against illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The meeting was attended by SSP Amrit Pal Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Additional SP Sandeep Bhat, along with senior officers from the line departments.

The meeting conducted a comprehensive review covering key aspects of drug prevention and control. These included identification and rehabilitation of drug addicts, progress on PIT-NDPS cases, action against erring pharmacies, installation of CCTV cameras, measures to curb illicit crop cultivation, inspection



of de-addiction centres, block-wise data on drug abusers, identification of hotspots, surveillance of educational institutions, IEC campaigns, mass awareness programmes, Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, Nasha Mukh Panchayats and cases registered under the NDPS Act.

He directed all departments to intensify counselling services and strengthen IEC activities to sensitise the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse. The Chief Education Officer and college heads were also instructed to

organise regular awareness programmes in their respective institutions. Stressing the importance of strict enforcement, the Deputy Commissioner called for decisive action to seize illicit substances and safeguard the youth from falling prey to drug addiction. He further instructed all concerned departments to enhance overall performance and ensure timely submission of reports.

### DDC reviews public grievances, development issues at Thathri

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal visited Thathri and chaired a public meeting to assess the developmental concerns and general issues faced by the local population.

During the interaction, residents raised string of issues pertaining to electricity supply, Public Health Engineering (PHE) services and other basic amenities. The issues related to functioning and facilities at the local bus stand were also highlighted.

The DDC gave a patient hearing to the grievances

and assured the public that necessary and time-bound measures would be taken for the redressal of the same. He directed the concerned departments to take immediate cognizance of the issues and work in close coordination to ensure effective solutions on the ground.

Emphasizing responsive governance, the DDC stressed the need for prompt and efficient grievances redressal mechanisms to improve public service delivery.

The DDC also interacted extensively with the local residents, encouraging them to actively participate in the developmental process and maintain close coordination with the district administration for addressing their concerns.

### JKAACL hosts 'Meet the Eminent Writer' Programme at Abhinav Theatre

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Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today organized 'MEET THE EMINENT,' a literary programme on former Secretary of the Academy Dr. Rafeeq Masoodi. The programme titled "Main Aur Meri Sahityik Yatra" (Me and My Literary Journey) was held here at Abhinav Theatre.

The event witnessed participation from eminent literary personalities, scholars and enthusiasts. Dr. Rafeeq Masoodi, IBS (Retd.), is a noted broad-caster, poet and writer from Srinagar. The former Additional Director General of Doordarshan, who retired from Prasar Bharati and Cultural Academy, is currently the Patron of Adbi Markaz Kamraz, the literary and linguistic organization in JK.

At the outset, Secretary JKAACL Harvinder Kaur welcomed the distinguished guests and participants. In her address, she elaborated on the Academy's sustained efforts to nurture literary culture, promote meaningful dialogue and provide a vibrant platform for writers and scholars. She particu-

larly underscored the importance of documenting and celebrating the literary journeys of distinguished personalities like Dr. Masoodi, whose contributions have enriched the cultural and intellectual landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Agnishekhar presented a deeply engaging and reflective discourse. He fondly recalled his early association with Dr. Masoodi, sharing personal anecdotes that highlighted his intellectual depth, literary sensibilities and administrative acumen. His speech eloquently portrayed Dr. Masoodi as a cre-

ative writer and a dedicated public servant, whose works reflect both sensitivity and social commitment.

On the occasion, Nisar Azam presented a comprehensive and well-researched paper on Dr. Masoodi's literary oeuvre. He critically examined the thematic richness, stylistic nuances and socio-cultural relevance of his writings, drawing appreciation from the audience for his scholarly insight and analytical depth.

In his address, Dr. Rafeeq Masoodi shared an illuminating account of his literary journey, interwoven with experiences from his

public service. He spoke about the evolving literary environment, the challenges faced by contemporary writers and the pressing need to preserve linguistic and cultural diversity. He emphasized that institutions like the Academy play a pivotal role in fostering creativity, encouraging young writers and safeguarding the region's literary heritage.

The programme was presided over by Khalid Hussain, who, in his presidential remarks, highlighted the transformative power of literature in shaping societal values and fostering critical thinking.

### Kathua Admin finalises Action Plans for six identified Vibrant Villages

**KATHUA, APRIL 25:** District Administration Kathua today finalised the Action Plans for holistic and sustainable development of six identified border villages of the district under the Vibrant Village Programme-II.

The plans were finalized at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma. The meeting reviewed department-wise progress and draft action

plans for saturation of beneficiary-oriented and infrastructure schemes. Threadbare deliberations were held to ensure convergence and effective implementation of the initiatives.

Stressing the need for impactful execution, the Deputy Commissioner directed officers to ensure timely implementation of the finalized plans with regular monitoring and close inter-departmental

coordination. He emphasized that the plans should be need-based, time-bound and result-oriented, focusing on tangible improvements in infrastructure, livelihoods and delivery of basic services.

Highlighting the importance of community participation, the DC called for active involvement of local stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the initiatives. He further instructed depart-

ments to carry out field-level verification, identify gaps and ensure last-mile delivery of all flagship schemes.

Pertinently, border villages Bobiya, Kadyala, Gajnal, Karol Krishna, Rathua and Gujjar Chack have been identified under the Government of India's Vibrant Village Programme for saturation of welfare schemes and augmentation of development infrastructure.

**Ministry of Culture Government of India**      **CENTRE FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES AND TRAINING**  
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**Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme - 2026-27**

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<b>30 scholarships for Creative Writing/ Literary Arts</b>	

The value of scholarship is Rs. 3600/- (Rupees Three Thousand Six Hundred) per year and actual tuition fee paid for the specialized training is also reimbursed up to Rs. 9000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand) per year. Childred whose date of birth is in between **01.07.2012 and 30.06.2016** (both days inclusive) are eligible to apply for the award of scholarships for the year 2026-27. The application and other details may be downloaded from the CCRT website - [www.ccrindia.gov.in](http://www.ccrindia.gov.in) or collected free of cost personally / by post from any one of the following addresses:

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