

PHC Bhagwah gets Truenat Machine

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In a significant development aimed at strengthening healthcare facilities in the remote areas of the district, the Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr. Tanveer Ahmed Rather, today inaugurated a Truenat Machine dedicated to PHC Bhagwah.

With the installation of the machine, TB tests will now be conducted at the PHC, providing timely diagnostic services to the local people and those from adjoining areas.

The CMO said that the addition of the Truenat Machine would greatly benefit the local population and strengthen healthcare delivery services.

District Epidemiologist Umar Anayat, Mashhood Latif, BM&EO Ghat, besides the staff members of PHC Bhagwah were also present on the occasion.

The local residents expressed gratitude to the Chief Medical Officer and the Health Department for this valuable initiative.



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LG flags off fleet of luxury coaches to strengthen public transport in Ladakh

LEH, APRIL 29: In a significant step towards strengthening public transport and enhancing comfortable travel in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, today flagged off a fleet of luxury coaches from Lok Niwas. On the occasion, he also unveiled the traditional uniform for drivers of the Sindhu Infrastructure Development Corporation (SIDCO).

As part of this initiative, SIDCO has procured 10 luxury 17-seater coaches and 5 luxury 13-seater coaches, aimed at modernising Ladakh's public transport system. These state-of-the-art vehicles are equipped with advanced safety features, including Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD), improved braking systems, and reinforced body structures, en-



sureing enhanced passenger safety and reliability.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Saxena said, "The introduction of these modern luxury coaches reflects our commitment to improving public transport in Ladakh while ensuring safety, comfort, and reliability for passengers. Given the unique geographical challenges of

the region, it is essential to provide high-quality transport facilities that cater to both locals and tourists. This initiative will not only enhance connectivity but also contribute to the growth of tourism and overall development of Ladakh."

The modern buses have been introduced to provide a smooth, comfortable, and

high-quality travel experience for both residents and tourists, particularly for long-distance journeys across Ladakh's rugged and high-altitude terrain.

The addition of this fleet marks a key step towards upgrading transport infrastructure in the region, making travel more efficient, safe, and accessible.

DLSA Doda spreads awareness on Mediation; Child protection laws

DODA, APRIL 29: Legal Awareness Programme on mediation and child protection laws were organised today by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Doda.

The awareness programme on mediation was held here at the Labour Office to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms among the public.

The programme was conducted by Advocate Tahir Hussain Dar (LADC) along with Advocate Abhi Kumar, in the presence of Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) Paramveer and Shehnaza.

The speakers elaborated on the significance of mediation as an effective tool



for resolving disputes in a quick, cost-efficient and amicable manner. They emphasized that mediation not only reduces the burden on courts but also helps maintain cordial relationships between parties.

The participants were encouraged to opt for mediation as a preferred mode of dispute resolution to avoid prolonged litigation.

Meanwhile, an awareness camp focusing on child protection laws and prevention of sexual offences was organized today

at a local school under the directions of the Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Baderwah, Secretary DLSA and Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Doda.

The session was facilitated by the LADC and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of TLSC Doda.

Advocate Tahir Hussain Dar was the resource person. He delivered an informative and engaging session on various aspects of child protection laws. He elaborated on preventive measures against child abuse, the significance of timely reporting and the legal safeguards available for children.

The active participation of the Field Trainers and urged them to effectively disseminate the knowledge gained during the training to the enumerators and supervisors during subsequent training programmes.

JMC kick-starts Swachh Survekshan with Major Fleet Expansion, New Citizen Feedback Initiatives

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Jammu Municipal Corporation took decisive steps towards a cleaner and healthier Jammu today with the official launch of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, Swachhta Jingle and flagging off the fleet of new garbage collection vehicles and revamping of the Garbage hotspot Challenge initiative and enhancing the Citizen Feedback system.

The event was held in Town Hall in presence of Member Legislative Assembly Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi and MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav and other officers of JMC.

Joint Commissioner (H&S), JMC Abdul Star, welcomed the guests followed by ceremonial flag-off of 16 garbage collection vehicles including 10 for door-to-door (D2D) e-waste collection vehicles provided by HDFC Bank under the Parivartan Pariyojna under CSR initiative with a significant contribution of ₹1 crore.

The remaining 06 vehicles (3 tippers & 3 auto-tippers) approximating to an amount of ₹89 lakh have been procured by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

The Garbage Hotspot Challenge, an initiative of Jammu Municipal Corporation,



with quick reaction teams has been established to dispose of the complaints regarding waste within 24 hours of lodging on MyJammu Portal & its helpline Number.

Further, the event also witnessed the launch of the Citizen Feedback System as a part of Swachh Survekshan 2025-2026. The platform provides residents a direct way to share their views on the quality of municipal services and the overall cleanliness of the city. Through this system, people can express whether they are satisfied with daily waste collection, the maintenance and cleanliness of public and community toilets and the efficiency of dustbin lifting in their neighbourhoods. It serves as a vital tool for the public to report on whether they

find the city's facilities clean and accessible, making every citizen an active auditor of the city's progress.

An official Swachhata Awareness jingle in Dogri language written and composed by Padmashri Awardee Balwant Thakur was also released at the event. The lyrics of the song connect deeply with the cultural roots of Jammu, ensuring the message of a "Swachh City" resonates in every household through the mother tongue. To integrate social welfare with civic duty, the event also featured a solemn "Nasha Mukh Bharat" pledge by the participants. MLA Yudhvir Sethi and MLA Vikram Randhawa addressed public, media and officials of JMC, appreciating their continuous efforts in improving the Swachh Shehar

ranking of Jammu Municipal Corporation to 42 in the last Sarvekshan. They also assured continuous support of general public & community organisations to Jammu Municipal Corporation for improving the city cleanliness.

Commissioner JMC highlighted the significance of the Swachh Survekshan and emphasized the participation of the citizens and all stakeholders for enhancing the ranking of the city this year.

He noted that the feedback system and the hotspot challenge are specifically designed to make sanitation a collective responsibility rather than just a Municipal task. He also shared his insights on the roadmap of Swachh Survekshan 2025-2026, its challenges & strategies.

3-day training for Field Trainers concludes at Jammu

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The three-day training programme for Field Trainers (FTs) in connection with the forthcoming Census-2027 operations concluded today in Jammu.

The training programme was organized by the District Administration Jammu under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner (District Census Officer) Vidhur Shekhar and DSEO, Additional District Census Officer Neeraj Sharma.

A total of 46 Field Trainers from different departments participated in the training programme. The Field Trainers have been trained to further impart training to Supervisors and Enumerators at their respective charge levels to ensure smooth and efficient conduct of census activities across the district.

The training sessions were conducted by Master



Trainer Jatinder Kumar, Assistant Director and Nodal Officer (Jammu) from Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, who provided detailed training on various aspects of Census-2027 including House Listing and Housing Census (HLO), House listing Blocks (HLBs), Layout maps, Definitions uses in Census, Legal aspects of Census, roles and responsibilities of Census Functionaries etc through PPTs and hands on practices on

mobile devices. Sunita Reshi, District Coordinator from Census Operations, J&K also attended the training.

The programme concluded today with closing remarks by Vidhur Shekhar, Additional Deputy Commissioner (District Census Officer), who emphasized the importance of proper training and coordination among field functionaries for the successful conduct of Census-2027. He appreciated

the active participation of the Field Trainers and urged them to effectively disseminate the knowledge gained during the training to the enumerators and supervisors during subsequent training programmes.

The District Administration Jammu reaffirmed its commitment to ensure the smooth, transparent and time-bound conduct of Census-2027 in the district.

Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan: Grand Shikara Rally held at Manasbal Lake to raise awareness on Drug Menace

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In a vibrant display of community resolve against substance abuse, the District Administration Ganderbal in collaboration with Wular Manasbal Development Authority (WMDA) today organized a mega Shikara Rally at the iconic Manasbal Lake under the aegis of the 100 days 'Nasha Mukh Abhiyan'.

The rally was flagged-off by the Chief Executive Officer, Wular Manasbal Development Authority, Ahsanul Haq Chishti in presence of Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Ganderbal, Dr. Sheikh Salahuddin, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Hqrs), Umer Urfaan, and several other senior officers and officials besides civil society members and Shikara union members.

The Shikara rally saw dozens of boats decorated with banners and placards traversing the lake, carry-



ing the message of 'Say No to Drugs' to locals and tourists alike. The initiative aimed to utilize Ganderbal's tourism potential to amplify social awareness, urging the younger generation to choose healthy lifestyles over the path of self-destruction.

Earlier, the event commenced with an awareness program where students from various educational institutions delivered impactful speeches. They highlighted the devastating ill effects of drug addiction on physical health and cautioned the audience

about its corrosive impact on the social fabric of the valley. Addressing the gathering, Chief Executive Officer, (CEO WMDA), Dr. Ahsanul Haq Chishti said that a drug-free society cannot be built in a day, it must be a daily commitment. Addiction is not just an individual struggle but a social responsibility, and it is up to all of us viz. families, schools, and communities to guide our youth away from it and towards the bright future they deserve. Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Ganderbal, Dr. Sheikh

Salahuddin underscored the importance of parental and societal roles, stating that our youth are the asset of our nation, and we cannot allow them to fall prey to this menace. "This rally is a symbol of our collective resolve to clean our society from drugs trap," he added.

DSP Hqrs, Umer Urfaan called for a collaborative approach, adding the police department is working tirelessly, but public cooperation, especially from the youth and students is the key to breaking the supply chain of narcotics.

LG Saxena approves constitution of UT Ladakh Haj Committee for 3-year term

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The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, has approved the constitution of the Ladakh Union Territory Haj Committee, with the appointment of its chairman and members for a period of three years.

The decision follows the completion of the tenure of the previous UT Haj Com-

mittee in 2025. Ghulam Abbas Aidi has been appointed as the Chairman of the UT Ladakh Haj Committee, while the other members include Ashay Mallo, Mohammad Husain, Sheikh Liaquat Ali, Haji Ghulam Mohammad, Bilal Ahmad, and Zahara Banoo.

"The constitution of the UT Haj Committee reflects our commitment to ensuring that pilgrims from Ladakh receive all necessary support for a smooth,

safe, and spiritually fulfilling Haj pilgrimage. I am confident that the newly appointed Chairman and Members will work with dedication and sensitivity to address the needs of the pilgrims and uphold the highest standards of service," said LG, Shri Saxena.

The constitution of the new committee has been finalised after due consultations and representations from relevant stakeholders, ensuring inclusive and effective representation.

The UT Haj Committee will play a crucial role in facilitating Haj pilgrimage for the residents of Ladakh. Its key functions include screening and processing applications, coordinating vaccination and training schedules, organising orientation programmes, acting as a liaison between pilgrims and central authorities, and ensuring welfare, assistance, and logistical support to pilgrims throughout the pilgrimage process.