

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

Vibrant, participative anti-drug awareness programmes held across Shopian

SHOPIAN, MAY 16: Under the ongoing Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan campaign, a series of awareness and outreach programmes were organised across District Shopian today to educate the people about the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukht JK Abhiyan.

Yoga sessions, awareness lectures and interactive programmes were conducted in educational institutions of the district where students and staff actively participated and pledged to promote a healthy & drug-free lifestyle.

An inter-school debate competition was also organised at HSS Vehil under the banner of NMJKA, where students highlighted the growing menace of substance abuse and stressed the collective responsibility of society in eradicating it.

Similarly, awareness activities were held at HS Pinjooora and HS Mantribugh Shopian, sensitizing participants about the social, psychological



and health-related consequences of drug addiction.

Other departments also organised scheduled activities. GDC Shopian, KPDCL, ICDS, Ayush and Revenue department conducted various awareness events where officials, stu-

dents, youth and local residents participated enthusiastically. Speakers highlighted the hazards effects of drug abuse and urged people especially youth to stay away from narcotics and stressed the need for coordinated and committed

efforts towards the goal of drug free society. Participants were also encouraged to proactively spread awareness at the grassroots level and contribute actively towards building a healthy, safe and drug-free Shopian.

J&K Judicial Academy conducts Training Programme on 'Code of Civil Procedure' for Judicial Officers

SRINAGAR, MAY 16: Under the patronage of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy, a one-day training programme on the Code of Civil Procedure was conducted today at the J&K Judicial Academy, Moominabad, Srinagar, for Judicial Officers of Kashmir Province under the guidance of the Chairman and Members of the Governing Committee of the Academy.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairman, J&K Judicial Academy, in his keynote address, observed that the Code of Civil Procedure, though procedural in nature, is rooted in the principles of natural justice and serves as an effective instrument for implementation of substantive law.

He emphasized that civil adjudication is foundational to a progressive civil society and stressed the need for judicial officers to handle civil litigation with procedural discipline, sensitivity and



commitment. Referring to Section 89 CPC, He highlighted the importance of Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms in facilitating amicable settlement of disputes and ensuring accessible and efficient justice delivery.

Naseer Ahmad Dar, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, in his welcome address, stated that the Code of Civil Procedure forms the backbone of civil adjudication and its effective application is essential for fair, efficient and timely administration of justice. He informed that the pro-

gramme was designed to deliberate upon practical application of procedural provisions, strengthen judicial efficiency, improve case management and reduce delays in civil trials. He further stated that the sessions would focus on pre-trial proceedings, framing of issues, pleadings, admissions and procedural tools available under the CPC for effective adjudication.

The first and second technical sessions were delivered by Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir, Former Chief Justice, High

Court of Meghalaya, on "Role of Court in Pre-Trial Proceedings and Effective Case Facilitation" and "Case Management, Framing of Issues and Discovery Procedures."

He emphasized the importance of judicial intervention in effective pre-trial management for narrowing controversies and ensuring expeditious disposal of civil cases.

The sessions covered examination of parties under Order X CPC, use of Section 89 CPC for Alternate Dispute Resolution, summoning and attendance of witnesses under Order XVI CPC, framing of issues under Order XIV CPC and discovery and inspection under Order XI CPC.

The concluding session was delivered by Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Former District and Sessions Judge, on "Pleadings, Admissions and Expeditious Adjudication." The resource person emphasized the importance of continuous judicial learning, effective case management and procedural discipline in civil adjudication.

Sat highlights BJP's Ideological journey at Pt. Deen Dayal Prashikshan Mahabhiyan

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 16

J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma addressed a session of the training workshop organized under the Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan of District Jammu at Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, emphasizing the ideological foundation, organizational strength, and historic journey of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

J&K BJP Vice-President Priya Sethi, General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, District Prabhari Brijeshwar Singh Rana, District President Adv Rajesh Gupta, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, and Arvind Gupta, Seh-Prabhari Arun Sharma, along with senior leaders, including District Office Bearers, and Executive Body were present in the workshop.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the participants, said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as the world's largest de-



mocratic political organization due to its unwavering commitment to nationalism, disciplined cadre-based structure, and dedication to public service. He elaborated on the evolution of the party from the Bharatiya Jana Sangh to the BJP and highlighted the ideological contributions of great thinkers like Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee in shaping the party's vision and direc-

tion. Sharma stressed that the Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is aimed at strengthening organizational efficiency and equipping party workers with ideological clarity, leadership skills, and communication capabilities to effectively connect with the people at the grassroots level. Sat Sharma further said that BJP workers have always played a vital role in nation-building and public welfare, and urged the par-

ticipants to work with dedication, discipline, and commitment to further strengthen the party at every booth and organizational level.

Other senior leaders also addressed various sessions of the workshop, highlighting the importance of regular training programmes in enhancing the capabilities of party activists and ensuring effective implementation of the party's ideology and policies among the masses.

Sikkim Statehood Day celebrated at Lok Niwas under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative

LEH, MAY 16: The

Sikkim Statehood Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at Lok Niwas in Leh as part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative aimed at fostering national integration, cultural exchange and emotional unity among the people of different states and Union Territories of the country. The event witnessed the participation of defence personnel from Sikkim currently serving in Ladakh, along with officials and staff of Lok Niwas.

The programme highlighted the rich cultural, historical and geographical heritage of Sikkim while celebrating the deep bonds shared between the Himalayan regions of Sikkim and Ladakh. The occasion also served as an opportunity to strengthen the spirit of unity in diversity and promote mutual understanding among people from different parts of the country.

During the programme, it was highlighted that Sikkim became the 22nd State of India on May 16, 1975, following the merger of the erstwhile princely



Himalayan kingdom with the Indian Union.

The speakers also highlighted Sikkim's unique geographical and ecological importance. Nestled in the eastern Himalayas, Sikkim shares international borders with Bhutan, Nepal and China (Tibet Autonomous Region), making it one of India's strategically significant Himalayan states. It was also mentioned that Sikkim is recognised as India's first fully organic state for adopting sustainable and chemical-free agricultural practices. The programme further highlighted the presence of Mount Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak, which remains a symbol of pride and spiritual signifi-

cance for the people of Sikkim.

The participants were informed that Leh's Main Market has been modelled on the famous MG Marg of Gangtok, reflecting the inspiration drawn from Sikkim's clean, organised and pedestrian-friendly urban design.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sajit Pradhan from Sikkim, who is presently serving in Ladakh, shared his experiences of living in Ladakh and spoke about the similarities between the people of Sikkim and Ladakh, particularly in food habits, physical appearance and Himalayan traditions. He also highlighted the differences between the two re-

gions in terms of climate and greenery, noting that while Sikkim is known for its lush green landscapes and abundant rainfall, Ladakh possesses a unique cold desert beauty. He expressed deep admiration for the warm hospitality of the people of Ladakh and their rich cultural heritage.

During the event, a special video message from the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur, was screened for the audience. A documentary showcasing the culture, traditions, art, natural beauty and heritage of Sikkim was also screened on the occasion, providing participants with a glimpse into the vibrant cultural life of the Himalayan state.

Govt approves major cadre review, restructuring of J&K Engineering (G) Service in Jal Shakti Deptt

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 16

In a significant step aimed at enhancing the water supply, quality monitoring and engineering administration across Jammu and Kashmir, the government has approved a comprehensive cadre review and restructuring of the J&K Engineering (Gazetted) Service of the Jal Shakti Department.

The reforms have been sanctioned vide Government Order No. 91-JK(JSD) of 2026 dated 15.05.2026, following concurrence from the Finance Department and approval by the Council of Ministers.

The restructuring exercise was undertaken to enhance the administrative efficiency, improve technical supervision, streamline field operations and address the emerging challenges in the water sector,

particularly in remote and underserved regions.

As part of the approved reforms, the government has sanctioned creation of the post of Secretary Technical in the Jal Shakti Department to strengthen technical coordination and policy implementation at the departmental level.

To improve water quality surveillance and monitoring mechanisms, the government has also approved the setting up of a separate Drinking Water Inspection and Quality Control (DIQC) wing within the department.

Further strengthening the field engineering setup, new offices of Superintending Engineer have been created for Hydraulic Circle Jammu-I and Hydraulic Circle Bandipora to ensure better operational management and supervision of water supply infrastructure. The government has also approved creation of six new divisions, including Hydraulic Divisions at Gandoh, Gurez and Tangdar, PHE Divi-

sion Mendhar and two Water Quality and Monitoring Divisions for the Jammu and Kashmir provinces. These divisions are expected to significantly improve the service delivery in geographically challenging and border areas.

In another major reform, Mechanical Sub-Divisions of the department have been restructured to optimize manpower utilization and improve efficiency in mechanical operations and maintenance.

The order also provides for creation of 43 posts through rationalization and corresponding reduction of 62 existing posts besides encadrement of 10 posts and reassignment of 137 posts within the cadre structure. Additionally, the government has revised deputation and leave reserve provisions across various engineering levels to ensure better human resource management and career progression opportunities within the department.

The cadre review is ex-

pected to substantially strengthen the institutional capacity within the Jal Shakti Department and enhance delivery of safe drinking water and allied public utility services across Jammu and Kashmir.

Notably, under the leadership of Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, the department has witnessed major human resource reforms aimed at revitalizing the engineering and technical workforce while expediting the long-pending promotions and direct recruitment processes.

In a major breakthrough for the sector, nearly 300 engineers were appointed recently, significantly strengthening the human resource capacity of the department.

The latest cadre restructuring and recruitment initiatives are being viewed as transformative measures for improving the governance, efficiency and public service delivery in the Jal Shakti sector across the Union Territory.

DDC Anantnag reviews progress of PM SGMB Yojana, RRP&MHA Scheme

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 16

District Development Commissioner Anantnag (DDC), Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat today chaired a meeting at DC Office to review the implementation and progress achieved under the Scheme for Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance of Heritage and Architecture, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli (SGMB) Yojana and Solarization in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC, SEs PWD and KPDC, CPO, Exns PWD and PDD, representative of JAKEDA, AEEs and other concerned officials.

During the meeting, officers from concerned departments briefed the chair about the physical and financial progress achieved under these schemes in the district so far.

Regarding the Scheme for RRP&MHA, it was informed that out of 21 approved projects, four have been completed while 16 are under execution, of which 10 are expected to be



completed this year.

Highlighting the significance of the scheme, the DDC issued directions to the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on all pending projects while ensuring the durability and quality of the buildings and structures. He said the completion of these projects will be instrumental to revive heritage and preserve old architecture in the district.

Reviewing the progress of PM SGMB Yojana, the DDC directed the concerned officers to expedite disposal of pending inspections and ensure timely completion of installations

in favor of the feasible cases. He emphasized maintaining quality standards and ensuring maximum public outreach and beneficiary facilitation. He said the scheme is highly beneficial to harness clean and green energy while reducing the electricity bills of the consumers.

The meeting was informed that a total of 5143 applications have been received in the district, out of which feasibility for 4928 cases has been approved. It was given out that 2332 rooftop solar installations have been completed with an installed capacity of 8.63 MW against the ap-

plied capacity of 16.95 MW. It was further apprised that subsidy amounting to Rs 17.65 crore has been disbursed among 2393 beneficiaries under the scheme so far.

Regarding the Solarization, details were given that 541 buildings have been allocated under the programme in the district. Out of these, material has been supplied for 472 buildings with a capacity of 5833 kW, while installation has been completed in 242 buildings with a capacity of 3532 kW. Additionally, material installation is under process for 230 buildings with a capacity of 2301 kW besides smart meter installation has been completed in 172 buildings with a capacity of 1969 kW.

Dr. Bilal impressed upon the concerned executing agencies and officers to work in close coordination for achieving the targets within stipulated timelines. He said the complete solarization of government buildings will lower the burden on power stations besides ensuring sustainable and clean energy to the public institutions.