

## DC Shopian launches self-enumeration drive for census-2027 at GDC Shopian

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In a major push toward public awareness and community participation, a mega district-level self-enumeration awareness programme

Commenced from 17th May, will continue till 31st May, 2026 for census 2027 was successfully conducted today here at the Government Degree College (GDC) Shopian.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) who is also Principal Census Officer, Shopian, Shishir Gupta was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who emphasized the landmark shift toward citizen-led digital data collection.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the critical importance of accurate, timely data and called upon the entire administrative machinery to act as catalysts for public engagement and also ensure 100% data collection and message to all to aware about self-enumeration.

"Coordinated administrative efforts and grassroots public awareness are the absolute pillars for the smooth, successful execution of census 2027 across the district," the DC remarked.

He strictly urged all officers and employees to not only actively participate in the process themselves but



also to rigorously motivate the general public for maximum digital onboarding, the Self-Enumeration Windows.

The DC emphasized the significance of accurate data collection and urged all officers and officials to approach the training with utmost dedication to ensure the successful implementation of census-2027 across the district.

While speaking on the occasion, the DSEO (Additional District Census Officer), Shopian, Bilqees Zahoor said that the primary aim of self-enumeration process is the counting of the population and moving away from paper-based operations to now digital census.

She stressed that all details of the households must be provided and

urged for taking part in the process of self-enumeration with dedication.

The comprehensive training initiative was split into two separate, intensive sessions to ensure detailed coverage of the census modalities.

During the event, district coordinator, Naveen Ragu, master trainers, Irfan Ahmed and Bilal Ahmed and Field Trainer (FT), Feroz Ahmed Lone imparted crucial technical training to the participating officers, officials and other key stakeholders.

FT briefed the participants about the question-answer hour of self-enumeration programme, highlighting its significance in ensuring accurate data. The sessions focused on equipping the staff with the necessary skills to

seamlessly manage and execute the self-enumeration process.

The district administration has finalized a comprehensive outreach framework during this 15-day window, ensuring that the transition to India's first heavily paperless census model is seamless and inclusive for every household in District Shopian.

During the sessions, participants were briefed about digital registration, data accuracy and public awareness measures to ensure smooth conduct of census-2027 activities.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, Principal, GDC, Tariq Ahmed, officers, officials and stakeholders were present.

## FICCI JKL's Vibrant Verve Pop-Up Exhibition draws enthusiastic response in Srinagar

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On the second day of its activities in Srinagar, FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh hosted its marquee exhibition, Vibrant Verve, a pop-up edit at the Radisson Collection Hotel & Spa, Riverfront Srinagar.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat, Senior BJP leader who appreciated the initiative and praised FICCI FLO JKL for creating meaningful platforms for women entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat said "FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh is doing remarkable work in creating opportunities for women entrepreneurs. Initiatives like Vibrant Verve not only showcase the immense talent of women-led businesses but also strengthen the spirit of entrepreneurship and economic empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir."

Vibrant Verve was a resounding success, featuring



ing 35 stalls by women entrepreneurs from across India, including several from Jammu and Kashmir. The exhibition showcased a curated range of fashion, lifestyle, wellness, and handcrafted products, with the objective of promoting women entrepreneurship and building a strong and supportive community of women-led businesses.

Speaking on the occasion, Varsha Bansal, Chairperson FICCI FLO JKL said "The overwhelming response to Vibrant Verve reflects the incredible talent,

creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of women entrepreneurs. Our engagement with Kashmir will continue to grow as we work together to build stronger networks, create new opportunities, and contribute meaningfully to women's empowerment."

The exhibition received an excellent response from visitors, and exhibitors expressed their delight at the enthusiastic turnout, positive feedback, and valuable business opportunities generated during the event. The chapter was repre-

sented Nationally by National Vertical Heads Kuwrani Ritu Singh and Varuna Anand. Executive Committee members Aarti Chowdhary, Rupika Sahai, Sona Mehta, Shipra Agarwal, and Tanisha Pallan. Along with Tamina Nassem, Saba Shafi and Mahreen Kabra The successful Srinagar outreach marks an important milestone in FLO JKL's ongoing commitment to connect, inspire, and empower women entrepreneurs across Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

### Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

## Central Kashmir Excise Range intensifies crackdown against illicit cultivation of Narcotic crops

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Central Kashmir Excise Range intensified its crackdown against the illicit cultivation of Narcotic crops (Poppy) under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

Destruction of illegal poppy cultivation was held at multiple locations across the Srinagar-Budgam-Ganderbal Excise Range including Zoni-mar Eidgah and Ichgam Budgam in collaboration with Police, Revenue and Agriculture Department.

Accordingly, the FIR was lodged under the relevant sections of NDPS Act



at the concerned Police Stations. All legal formalities including seizure, Sampling and destruction were reportedly completed on spot.

In this regard, Case FIR No. 39/2026 and FIR No.

125/2026 U/S 8/18 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Soura and Police station Budgam and investigation has been taken up. The enforcement action exemplifies the commitment of the Excise

Department to curbing illegal activities and upholding the rule of law under the supervision of the Excise Commissioner and the Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Kashmir.

## Startup India, DPIIT to organize TEJAS Workshop in Baramulla on 21st May 2026

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In a significant step towards strengthening the startup and entrepreneurial ecosystem at the district level, Startup India, DPIIT in collaboration with JKEDI, District Administration is organising the TEJAS Workshop scheduled to be held on 21st May 2026 at Dak Bungalow Baramulla.

The workshop aims to bring together aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, innovators, students, industry experts, institutional stakeholders, and government representatives on a common platform to promote entrepreneurship-led

economic growth and innovation.

The workshop is being organised with the objective of creating awareness about startup opportunities, government support mechanisms, innovation-driven entrepreneurship, incubation support, and market linkages for emerging enterprises. The event will focus on enabling local entrepreneurs to understand the evolving startup ecosystem and explore pathways for business growth, funding, mentorship, and institutional support.

The agenda of the workshop includes inaugural and context-setting sessions highlighting the en-

trepreneurial landscape and opportunities in the district. Key sessions during the event will cover awareness about Startup India initiatives and benefits, insights into the startup ecosystem, innovation and design thinking processes, intellectual property awareness, incubation and entrepreneurship culture, and promotion of district-specific products under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.

The workshop will also feature interactive sessions on business model development, financial planning, investment readiness, startup showcases, founder interactions, and

networking opportunities aimed at inspiring aspiring entrepreneurs and strengthening collaboration among ecosystem stakeholders.

The TEJAS workshop is expected to serve as a catalyst for fostering innovation, encouraging youth entrepreneurship, promoting women-led enterprises, and building a vibrant startup ecosystem.

Entrepreneurs, students, academia, industry representatives, and other stakeholders should actively participate in the workshop and benefit from the knowledge-sharing and networking opportunities being offered through the event.

## DLSA Shopian empowers youth with vital awareness Program on NALSA Scheme for Disaster Victims

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In a proactive effort to bridge the gap between legal aid and citizens during times of crisis, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian, in collaboration with the Education Department Shopian, organized a comprehensive awareness program today.

The event focused on the NALSA Scheme for Disaster Victims and was hosted at the Higher Secondary School Narapura, Shopian.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students and educators, highlighting a growing community interest in understanding legal rights and disaster-related support mechanisms.



Rafe Ahmad Ganie, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC) Shopian, led an insightful session detailing the core provisions of the NALSA Scheme for Disaster Victims. He explicitly emphasized the critical importance of accessing timely, free legal assistance during crises.

The event was well-supported by Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), Sadaf Manzoor and Sajad Ahmad who actively engaged with the attendees.

The primary objective of the initiative was to educate vulnerable populations, ensuring they are fully informed of their statutory rights and the legal support infrastructure available to them during natural or man-made disasters.

DLSA Shopian remains steadfastly committed to driving grassroots legal literacy, empowering citizens and fostering resilience through continuous community outreach initiatives.

During the inauguration ceremony, the Director emphasized the importance of floriculture as a viable sector for income generation, beautification, and environmental sustainability. He highlighted the department's commitment towards providing quality planting material and technical support to farmers, youth, and urban gardeners interested in flower cultivation.

SRINAGAR, MAY 18:

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah today inaugurated the distribution of flower seedlings at the Floriculture Nursery, Lalmandi, in a bid to promote ornamental gardening and encourage floriculture activities among growers and gardening enthusiasts across the Valley.

The Director stated that the distribution programme aims to ensure the timely availability of seasonal flower seedlings to the public and promote aesthetic landscaping in residential areas, institutions, parks, and public spaces. He also urged growers to adopt modern floriculture practices for enhancing productivity and commercial opportunities.



The department has made available a wide range of quality planting

material at government-approved and subsidized rates, including hybrid and open-pollinated annual seedlings, imported and technically propagated potted plants, and rooted

plants in polybags. The initiative is aimed at ensuring easy access to quality flower planting material during the summer season and enhancing the floriculture sector in the Valley.

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## DLSA Ganderbal to hold Special Lok Adalat on June 6

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As part of the approved Plan of Action and Calendar of Activities for the year 2026, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal has notified that a Special Lok Adalat on contentious cases shall be

conducted on June 6, 2026 at the District Court Complex Ganderbal and Munsiff Court Kangan.

The Special Lok Adalat is being organized to facilitate amicable settlement of contentious cases through mutual consent and conciliation, thereby ensuring speedy and cost-effective

justice to the litigants.

In this regard, the general public and litigants, in particular, who are willing to settle their pending contentious cases through the Lok Adalat mechanism, have been advised to approach the concerned courts, District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal,

or Tehsil Legal Services Committees (TLSCs) Ganderbal and Kangan for referral of such cases to the Special Lok Adalat on or before May 30, 2026.

The objective of the Special Lok Adalat is to provide an effective platform for disputing parties to resolve their matters amicably.