

## Extensive IEC Campaign under Jan Bhagidari Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle held across Kupwara

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District Kupwara witnessed the successful organisation of a series of awareness and outreach programmes under the nationwide "Jan Bhagidari Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle" IEC Campaign in various tribal villages and far-flung areas of the district.

The programmes were conducted in coordination with different departments with the objective of ensuring last-mile delivery of government welfare schemes and services to the tribal population.

The district administration, under the guidance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI organised extensive IEC campaigns, Jan Sunwai programmes from May 21 to 23rd May 2026. Plantation drives, cleanliness drives, Aadhaar generation and updating camps, PMMVY enrolment drives, health awareness programmes, and community interaction sessions were also conducted across several tribal panchayats and villages of the district.

During the programme, officers and officials inter-



acted directly with the local residents and sensitized them about various welfare schemes being implemented by the Government for the socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities. Special emphasis was laid on creating awareness regarding health, nutrition, sanitation, education, women empowerment, livelihood opportunities, and social welfare initiatives.

Jan Sunwai programmes were also organized at various locations wherein grievances and public issues raised by the local inhabitants were heard pa-

tiently by the concerned officers and several grievances were redressed on the spot. The concerned departments assured timely disposal of pending issues and prompt service delivery in tribal areas.

The district administration reiterated its commitment towards strengthening public participation and ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach every deserving household residing in remote and underserved areas. The campaign also witnessed active participation from field functionaries, Anganwadi workers,

ASHAs, youth volunteers, and local residents.

The administration further informed that all activities conducted under the campaign are being regularly uploaded on the designated portal for real-time monitoring and documentation of outreach efforts across the district.

District Kupwara shall continue to organize such public outreach and awareness programmes in tribal areas to ensure inclusive development and effective implementation of welfare initiatives under the spirit of "Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle."

## District Admin Ramban Conducts Jan Sunwai Camps at Bhingara, Dedha under PM JANMAN, DA-JGUA Abhiyan

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District Administration Ramban, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, as part of the "Jan Bhagidari – Sabse Door Sabse Pehle Abhiyan" under PM JANMAN and DA-JGUA, successfully conducted Grievance Redressal Camps (Jan Sunwai) at Village Bhingara in Pogal Paristan, Sub Division Ramsoo, and Village Kalla, Dedha in Sub Division Gool, witnessing enthusiastic public participation from remote and tribal areas.

At Village Bhingara, officers from various government departments participated in the outreach programme and provided on-the-spot services besides spreading awareness regarding different welfare schemes. During the camp, local residents projected several issues related to water supply, road connectivity, health facilities and educational infrastructure. The officers patiently listened to the grievances and



registered them for systematic redressal.

Meanwhile, a similar Jan Sunwai camp was organised at Village Dedha Ward No. 06 Kalla in Gool Sub Division, where officers from different departments interacted with the public and facilitated access to government schemes and services. The residents raised issues concerning water supply, electricity, road connectivity and educational facilities.

The grievances were heard patiently by the officers, and necessary directions were issued for timely redressal.

Several issues at both locations were resolved on the spot through inter-departmental coordination, while clear timelines were fixed for matters requiring further action. The outreach initiative reflects the government's commitment to ensuring doorstep govern-

ance and extending the benefits of centrally sponsored schemes to the most remote and underserved tribal populations.

The local residents appreciated the District Administration for organising the camps in far-flung areas, stating that such initiatives help bridge the gap between the administration and the people while ensuring easy access to government services and welfare schemes.

## Satish Sharma terms sports strong weapon against drug abuse

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science & Technology, Youth Services & Sports and Transport, Satish Sharma, today attended the closing ceremony of the BSF Jammu Region Lawn Tennis Spandan League 2026 held at the Tennis Court, SHQ BSF, Indreshwar Nagar, Miran Sahib, Jammu.

Organized under the banner of BSF's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the event marked an important milestone commemorating 60 years of dedicated and selfless service by the Border Security Force to the nation.

The closing ceremony witnessed the participation of senior BSF officers, jawans, sports officials, athletes and distinguished guests. The tournament, which brought together the talented players and sports enthusiasts, reflected the values of discipline, endurance, commitment and healthy competition, qualities that resonate deeply with the ethos of the Border Security Force.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma expressed his gratitude for being part of the occasion and lauded the BSF for organizing an event that combines sports with a larger social and national purpose.

He said that sports are not merely about competition and winning medals but are a powerful medium for character building, social transformation and nation building.

The Minister said that institutions like the BSF continue to inspire society through their dedication and discipline, both on and off duty. He observed that events like the Spandan League create opportunities for youth engagement and encourage values that are essential for building a healthy and progressive society.

Speaking about his personal connection with the armed forces, Satish Sharma said that he has always carried immense respect for the sacrifices and unwavering commitment of soldiers who dedicate their lives to protect the nation. He stated that the values of discipline, service and duty exhibited by the men and women in uniform inspire generations and strengthen the nation's social fabric.

Emphasizing the significance of sports in shaping the future of young people, the Minister said that sports provide a sense of purpose, confidence and direction. He observed that the playing field teaches discipline, teamwork and resilience while instilling a spirit of determination and healthy competition among youth.

Satish Sharma expressed concern over the increasing challenge posed by drug abuse in Jammu and Kashmir and termed it a serious threat to society, particularly to the younger generation. He said that narcotics are targeting vulnerable youth and creating social and emotional distress across communities.

Highlighting sports as one of the most effective deterrents against substance abuse, the Minister said that active participation in sports keeps young minds positively engaged and channels their energy towards productive and meaningful pursuits.

"Every young individual who chooses sports chooses discipline over addiction and determination over distraction. Sports create a sense of belonging and purpose, helping youth stay away from destructive influences," the Minister said.

The Minister also underlined the importance of healthy lifestyle choices and balanced nutrition, especially for athletes and young people. He emphasized that fitness begins with proper dietary habits and urged youth to move towards healthier and natural food choices.

Satish Sharma further observed that investing in sports infrastructure and youth development is an investment in the future of society. He reiterated the government's commitment to the govern-

ment towards promoting sports culture, creating opportunities for young athletes and ensuring an enabling ecosystem for youth empowerment.

Appreciating the efforts of the organizers, the Minister congratulated the Organising Committee, BSF officials and all stakeholders associated with the successful conduct of the tournament. He also acknowledged the support extended by the Sports Authority of India and Khelo India in encouraging sports excellence and creating pathways for emerging talent.

Congratulating the winners and participants, Satish Sharma said that every athlete who stepped onto the court had already emerged victorious by embracing discipline, dedication and the spirit of sportsmanship. He encouraged youth to continue pursuing excellence and contribute positively to society.

The Minister further reaffirmed that strong institutions, active youth participation and a vibrant sports culture together hold the key to building a healthier, stronger and drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

The ceremony concluded with prize distribution among the winners and participants amid enthusiasm and a renewed resolve to further strengthen sports culture and youth engagement in the region.

## Mega Padyatra under 100 Day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan to be held tomorrow at Bandipora

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today appealed to the people of the district to participate in the Mega Padyatra being organized tomorrow under the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

She said that the Lieutenant Governor launched the 100 Day Nasha Mukta Abhiyan across Jammu

and Kashmir from April 11, 2026, with the objective of intensifying the fight against drug abuse and taking the message of a drug-free society to every household.

The DC informed that the Mega Padyatra in Bandipora district will be conducted on 25 May 2026 (Monday) starting from S.K Stadium Bandipora and culminate at Ajar Chowk.

"Tomorrow's Mega Padyatra is not merely an event, but a collective

pledge of the people of Bandipora against drug abuse.

Every citizen's participation will strengthen this mission and send a strong message that society stands united for a Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir," the DC said.

Appealing to the people of Bandipora district, including youth, students, civil society members, traders, religious leaders, PRIs, government employees and the general public, the DC urged them

to participate in large numbers.

The DC emphasized that drug abuse is a serious social menace and collective public participation is essential to fight this challenge effectively and to protect the younger generation from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

She further urged citizens to come forward with a sense of responsibility and join hands with the administration in making Bandipora a drug-free district.

## NIT Srinagar sets for mega global alumni meet 'SANGAM 3.0' on May 30

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The newly elected Executive Committee of the REC/NIT Srinagar Alumni Association reviewed the final arrangements for the upcoming Global Alumni Meet-2026, "SANGAM 3.0," scheduled to be held on May 30 at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, with the participation of more than 100 alumni.

The meeting was convened under the guidance of Dean of Alumni & International Affairs, Prof. (Dr.) M.A. Shah, and attended by newly elected members of the Executive Committee of the REC/NIT Srinagar Alumni Association for the term 2026-2029, along with senior faculty members and organizers associated with the event.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding reception arrangements, registration of alumni delegates, hospitality, accommodation, cultural activities, technical sessions, networking events, and coordination with various committees to ensure the smooth conduct of the mega alumni gathering.

The committee also finalized logistical preparations for the inaugural function scheduled on May 30.

Organizers stated that alumni from different parts of the country and abroad are expected to participate in the event, aimed at strengthening institutional bonds and fostering collaboration among alumni, students, and faculty members.



The detailed report was presented by the Associate Dean Alumni & International Affairs, Dr. H.S. Pali, and Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran.

The newly elected Executive Committee announced for 2026-2029 includes Er. Malay Chatterjee (Civil Engineering, 1979-1984) as President, Er. Sayyed Parvaiz Qalandar (Civil Engineering, 1975-1980) as Vice President of the leadership body, and Er. Irfan Rashid Ashai as General Secretary. Other office bearers include Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Soti (Civil Engineering) and Er. Muzafar Ahmad Beigh, who will serve in key leadership and coordination roles within the association.

Farhan Manzoor (Electrical Engineering, 2006-2010) has been appointed Additional Secretary-II, while Dr. Sajad Hussain Din (Mechanical Engineering, 2017) will serve as Joint Secretary-I. Er. Toyibah (Chemical Engineering, 2014-2018) has been named Joint Secretary-II. Er. Mohd Hanief Dar (PhD Civil Engineering) as Joint Secretary-III, and Dr. Sajad Ahmad Mir (PhD Physics, 2016) as

Treasurer-cum-Cashier.

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, said that alumni are among the strongest ambassadors of the institute and their achievements continue to inspire the student community.

"SANGAM 3.0 would further strengthen the bond between the institute and its alumni while opening new avenues for academic, research, and industry collaboration," he added.

Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) Atikur Rehman said the Institute administration is committed to extending full support for the successful conduct of the global alumni meet.

He stated that such initiatives help in building a vibrant alumni ecosystem that contributes significantly towards the growth and development of the institution.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) M.A. Shah congratulated the newly elected team and expressed confidence that the association would play a significant role in enhancing alumni engagement, academic collaboration, mentoring initiatives, and institutional

development.

On the occasion, Dr. H. S. Pali emphasized the importance of alumni participation in shaping the future roadmap of the institute. He said SANGAM 3.0 would serve as a vibrant platform for meaningful interaction and exchange of ideas among alumni across generations.

Er. Sayyed Parvaiz Qalandar expressed gratitude to the alumni fraternity for reposing trust in the new team and said the committee would work with dedication and commitment to serve the alma mater to the best of its capabilities while strengthening the global alumni network of NIT Srinagar.

The organizers appealed to alumni of REC/NIT Srinagar across the globe to actively participate in the event and contribute towards strengthening the alumni network of the institute.

Initiatives like ABC underscore the Institute's commitment to strengthening and reinforcing alumni engagement as a cornerstone of institutional growth, which shall continue as a regular event at the Institute.

## Mankotia convenes public outreach program at Kotli Balla, assures speedy redressal of public issues

UDHAMPUR, MAY 23: Continuing his public outreach campaign across the Chenani-Ghordi constituency, Member Legislative Assembly Balwant Singh Mankotia convened a Public Darbar at Panchayat Kotli Balla near Laddan Morh. A large number of local people from the area gathered to highlight their grievances and developmental demands.

The programme was attended by officers from various government departments, Ex-PRIs members, social activists and prominent citizens, who actively participated in the

interaction. Residents from Panchayat Pachote and nearby villages raised several issues pertaining to road connectivity, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare services, educational infrastructure and other civic amenities.

Taking immediate cognizance of the demands and complaints projected by the people, MLA Mankotia instructed the concerned officers to take prompt action and ensure that genuine public issues are addressed on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the objective of holding Public

Darbars at Panchayat level is to bridge the gap between the administration and the common people by providing governance and grievance redressal at the grassroots level.

He said such programmes are proving highly beneficial as people are able to directly interact with both elected representatives and officials without having to visit government offices repeatedly.

He further added that similar outreach programmes will be organized in every Panchayat of the constituency in the coming days to ensure transparent

and effective governance.

MLA Mankotia reiterated his commitment towards the overall development of the Chenani-Ghordi constituency and said continuous efforts are being made to strengthen infrastructure related to roads, healthcare, education, electricity, tourism and water supply in rural as well as urban areas.

The locals appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia for personally listening to their grievances and taking immediate steps for their resolution.