

Satish attends Education Expo Jammu; exhorts youth to embrace education, sports

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, IT, Youth Services & Sports, Transport and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma today called upon young people to embrace education, discipline and sports as the pillars of personal growth and nation-building.

The Minister was addressing the Education Expo Jammu 2026 organised by The Times of India at Country Inn, Jammu.

Stressing the need for holistic development of youth, the Minister underscored the importance of nurturing values, character and resilience alongside academic excellence to shape a stronger and progressive society.

Addressing the students, educators, parents and dignitaries present on the occasion, the Minister described education as a transformative force that extends far beyond academic achievement. He emphasized that education must nurture character, discipline, integrity and social responsibility alongside intellectual growth.

Satish Sharma appreciated The Times of India for creating a platform that connects the students with



opportunities and inspiration, stating that such initiatives play a significant role in shaping aspirations and guiding young minds towards meaningful careers and brighter futures.

Highlighting the importance of health and nutrition in shaping future generations, Satish Sharma underlined the need for adopting healthy lifestyles and making informed choices. He urged the youth to value natural and wholesome food habits, stressing that a healthy body forms the foundation for academic excellence and overall success.

Satish Sharma strongly advocated the role of sports in building discipline, resilience and character among young people.

Expressing concern over the growing menace of

drug abuse, he cautioned that substance abuse threatens the future of society and can derail promising lives and careers.

"Sports create strong minds and strong character. A culture of sports encourages discipline, determination and positive engagement among youth. We must collectively strengthen this culture and inspire our young generation to choose healthy pathways," he said.

The Minister reiterated the government's commitment towards strengthening the sports infrastructure, expanding opportunities for youth participation and creating a supportive ecosystem for talent development across Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the students to reject

drugs and embrace sports, discipline and constructive pursuits.

Calling for a broader understanding of education, Satish Sharma remarked that true education is not merely the accumulation of information but the cultivation of complete human beings capable of thinking clearly, acting responsibly and serving society selflessly.

"The future of Jammu and Kashmir lies in the strength, character and aspirations of its youth. We must empower them with opportunities, values and confidence," he added.

The Minister encouraged the students to remain confident, work hard and contribute positively towards society and nation-building.

Legal awareness camps held across Reasi

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Under the visionary leadership of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Reasi (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge) and the guidance of Secretary Pooja Gupta, a series of awareness programmes were held today in different parts of the District.

Awareness camp on the Role of DLSA and its Functions was organized at Dewal and Chassana by Penal Lawyers and PLVs of TLSC Mahore.

The participants at the both venues were informed about the objectives and functions of the District Legal Services Authority, including the provision of free legal aid for eligible persons through the Au-

thority, taking legal awareness initiatives, holding Lok Adalats, oversee implementation of victim compensation schemes and the welfare schemes being implemented under NALSA and J&K Legal Services Authority. The PLVs also highlighted the importance of legal awareness at the grassroots level and encouraged the local residents to approach

DLSA/TLSC for any legal assistance and guidance.

Another awareness Programme on dangers of Drug Abuse was organized at Government Degree College (GDC) Reasi by the Para Legal Volunteers of the DLSA. The students were imparted awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug addiction and the importance of leading a healthy and drug-free life.

DC Srinagar, SSP review impact of ongoing 100-day anti-drug campaign

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today chaired a meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee to review the impact and progress achieved under the ongoing 100-day anti-drug campaign being implemented across the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Dr. Sundeeep Chakravarthy was also present in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, Qazi Irfan; Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed; SP Headquarter, Umar Shah; IAS Probationer, Alfred Thomas; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad; and Officers from Excise, Drug Control Organisation, DYS&S, heads of ATF's and Officers of other concerned departments.

At the outset, the meeting held a comprehensive review of the District's anti-drug strategy, enforcement actions and preventive interventions undertaken during the ongoing 100-days anti-drug Jammu and Kashmir Nasha Mukht Abhiyan.

During the meeting, it was informed that intensified enforcement operations and coordinated action against drug peddling networks have yielded significant results across Srinagar district.

Giving detailed figures,



the meeting was informed that 84 FIRs have been registered under NDPS cases and 117 persons have been arrested during the ongoing campaign. It was further reported that 100 driving licences and 46 vehicle Registration Certificates (RCs) linked to NDPS-related violations have been suspended to date, as part of sustained and strict enforcement measures aimed at disrupting drug networks and deterring drug-related activities in the district.

The meeting was further informed that licences of 17 chemists were suspended for violations related to drug regulations and unauthorized handling of controlled substances. In addition, red entries have been recorded in revenue records against identified

drug peddlers to strengthen legal action and administrative action against repeat offenders.

Additionally, illegal properties worth nearly Rs 40 crore linked to drug peddlers have been attached or demolished in Srinagar as part of the intensified crackdown on narcotics networks and illegal assets generated through drug trafficking.

The Deputy Commissioner and SSP appreciated the coordinated efforts of all departments and agencies involved in the campaign and emphasized the need to sustain the momentum through continued enforcement, public participation and preventive outreach initiatives.

On the occasion, the DC directed all concerned departments to further

strengthen inter-departmental coordination and intensify action against drug peddlers and trafficking networks to ensure a drug-free and safer environment in the District. He emphasized renewed focus and coordinated efforts to curb drug abuse and dismantle the ecosystem supporting narcotics trafficking in Srinagar District.

The DC further stressed the importance of a multi-pronged strategy combining strict law enforcement with awareness generation, counselling and rehabilitation measures to effectively tackle the menace of drug abuse, particularly among youth.

The SSP Srinagar reiterated the commitment of the Police in collaboration with civil authorities towards sustained action against narcotics-related activities and called for active support from the public in identifying and reporting drug-related offences.

The meeting also reviewed measures related to intensified surveillance of identified hotspots and vulnerable areas, close monitoring of repeat offenders, strict regulation of pharmaceutical outlets, and effective implementation of awareness programmes across the district.

It further deliberated on strengthening counselling support and rehabilitation initiatives for affected individuals, with a focus on ensuring a coordinated, sustained, and outcome-oriented response to the drug menace.

Actress Sanya Thakur Turns Radha Rani at Cannes Red Carpet 2026

MUMBAI, MAY 25: The glamour of the Cannes Film Festival 2026 witnessed a rare blend of spirituality, culture, and elegance as Bollywood actress Sanya Thakur made a striking appearance on the prestigious international red carpet. Known for her performances in Super 30 and Spy, the actress grabbed global attention by representing the divine essence of Radha Rani and proudly showcasing Sanatan Sanskriti on one of the world's biggest cinematic platforms.

While Cannes is known for high-fashion statements and luxury couture, Sanya Thakur chose to stand apart by embracing Indian tradition with grace and devotion. Dressed in a heavily embroidered traditional lehenga featuring intricate mirror work, floral detailing, and vibrant Indian craftsmanship, the actress beautifully celebrated India's rich cultural heritage.

What truly mesmerized audiences was her Radha



Rani inspired styling. Sanya adorned her long braided hair with fresh flowers and glowing decorative lights symbolising purity, peace, and divine feminine energy. Traditional jewellery including a

maang tikka, bangles, nose ring, and handcrafted ornaments completed her ethereal look. Holding a flute in her hand, she perfectly embodied the aura of Radha Rani while representing the spiritual beauty

of Sanatan Dharma before a global audience.

Speaking about her appearance, Sanya shared that her Cannes look was more than fashion — it was a message of peace, positivity, love, and cultural pride. According to the actress, Indian spirituality and Sanatan values have the power to connect people globally, and Cannes became the perfect platform to celebrate that belief.

Her unique appearance has already created massive buzz across social media platforms, with fans and fashion pages praising her for bringing Indian culture and devotion to an international red carpet in such a graceful and powerful way.

Adding another milestone to her Cannes journey, Sanya Thakur also launched the poster of her upcoming project "Save The God" during the festival at Bharat Pavilion making her presence at Cannes 2026 both culturally impactful and cinematically significant.

SCERT J&K organises Capacity-Building Programmes on DIKSHA, ECCE/FLN

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The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) J&K, Divisional Office Jammu organized two major programmes simultaneously aimed at strengthening digital education and Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) initiatives across Jammu Division.

The events were held under the mentorship of Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director SCERT J&K, and the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT J&K Divisional Office Jammu.

A 3-Day Workshop on "DIKSHA Platform: Creation, Curation and Effective Utilization of Digital Content" was organized by the Department of ECT & CS and DIKSHA Team, SCERT Jammu. The workshop witnessed participation of 30 District DIKSHA Coordinators comprising one Academic and two Technical Coordinators from each district of Jammu Division.

The participants underwent intensive hands-on training on various advanced features of DIKSHA including DIKSHA 2.0, AI-



enabled tools such as Ask DIKSHA, Video Keyword Search, Read Aloud and Translation Tools, Personalized Adaptive Learning (PAL), Coupon-Based Courses, content uploading and course creation on the new DIKSHA LMS. A significant outcome of the workshop was the successful implementation of a Coupon-Based Course on DIKSHA for the participants, making SCERT J&K the first Union Territory in the country to introduce this initiative on the DIKSHA platform.

The workshop was coordinated by Vivek Jandial, DIKSHA Technical Coordinator, SCERT Jammu, who also conducted various technical sessions on DIKSHA and its emerging features.

The programme was actively supported by Mohd Shabir, Associate Professor & Head Academic Unit-III, Ms. Reeta Charak, Wing Head and the dedicated team of the ECT & CS Department and DIKSHA Team.

Meanwhile, a 2-Day Initial Professional Preparation Programme for ECCE Educators was conducted with the dedicated support of Vinod Bhat, Head Academic Unit-II and the organizing team. The programme focused on strengthening foundational learning, classroom practices, academic planning, assessment and community participation.

Dr. Sanjeevani, Head ECCE, presented the welcome address, while Rajni Kumari, Assistant Profes-

sor & Programme Coordinator, delivered the keynote address.

Academic Officer Anil Sharma deliberated on ECCE and FLN, role of DIETs, academic planning, curriculum and TLM development. Senior Academic Officer Kamini Verma discussed teacher mentoring and capacity building, while Academic Officer Neeraj Jamwal highlighted monitoring, community participation and coordination. Shazia Kousar conducted sessions on assessment, research, innovation and sustainability, followed by group work and presentations by participants.

The programmes concluded with a formal vote of thanks and distribution of certificates among the participants.

CLUJ hosts 2-Day Faculty Orientation Workshop at PSPS Gandhi Nagar

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A Two-Day Faculty Orientation Workshop on "Strengthening Project-Based Learning & Design Your Degree (DYD) Pedagogy" was successfully organized by Cluster University of Jammu at PSPS Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar. The workshop aimed to familiarize faculty members with innovative teaching methodologies under the Design Your Degree (DYD) framework and promote experiential and project-based learning practices in higher education.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu in the presence of Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, who attended as Guest of Honour. Among the distinguished



dignitaries present were Ankur Mahajan, Registrar, CLUJ; Dr. Twinkle Suri, Dean Academic Affairs, CLUJ; Dr. Shobha Baghai and Dr. Alpana Vohra.

Faculty members and Principals from various colleges across Jammu division participated enthusiastically in the pro-

gramme.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Twinkle Suri highlighted the growing need for learner-centric and interdisciplinary approaches in higher education.

Principal of GCW Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Kulvinder Kour, encouraged faculty mem-

bers to actively adapt to evolving educational practices that promote creativity, collaboration and critical thinking among students.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir emphasized the significance of project-based learning in making education more practical, skill-oriented, and meaningful for students. Dr. Shobha Baghai shared valuable insights into the implementation of the Design Your Degree framework and stressed the importance of flexible and interdisciplinary learning models for holistic student development.

Speaking on the objectives of the DYD initiative, Dr. Alpana Vohra elaborated on how the pedagogy empowers students to design their academic pathways in accordance with their interests, abilities and career aspirations.