

Dy Chief Minister pays obeisance at Hazrat Mian Nizam-ud-Din Kiyarvi (RA)

Visits Baba Nagri Wangath on annual Urs

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Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today visited Baba Nagri Wangath in Ganderbal district and paid obeisance at the revered shrine of Hazrat Mian Nizam-ud-Din Kiyarvi (RA) on the sacred occasion of the 130th Annual Urs of the revered Sufi saint.

On the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister offered prayers and sought blessings for lasting peace, prosperity, progress and communal harmony across Jammu and Kashmir. He paid rich tributes to the saint for his invaluable spiritual legacy and enduring message of love, brotherhood, tolerance and service to humanity.

The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the impor-



tant role played by Sufi saints in fostering social cohesion and strengthening the centuries-old traditions of mutual respect and coexistence in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the teachings of Hazrat Mian Nizam-ud-Din Kiyarvi

(RA) continue to inspire the people towards compassion, righteousness and unity.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by MLA Kangan, Mian Mehar Ali while Member of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad Larvi was present

there.

The Deputy Chief Minister prayed for the well-being of the people and reaffirmed the government's commitment towards preserving and promoting the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Satish hands over appointment orders to Anganwadi Workers of border belts

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment towards the welfare of border residents, accelerated infrastructure development, employment generation and transparent governance

The Minister was addressing a large public gathering at the historic Royal Palace, Khour.

The Minister's visit witnessed enthusiastic public participation, with several delegations, social organizations, youth groups and local representatives meeting him and extending their support to the government's developmental vision.

The delegations projected a wide range of public issues and developmental demands concerning the border villages, infrastructure, employment opportunities, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, road connectivity and public welfare schemes.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said that the government remains fully sensitive to the challenges faced by the people residing in border areas and is committed to ensure their safety, security and socio-economic upliftment. He emphasized that the concerns of border residents would continue to receive priority attention and assured that all genuine issues projected by the people would be vigorously pursued before the concerned authorities.

The Minister particularly highlighted the issue of compensation for the border residents who have suffered losses due to shelling and conflict-related incidents. He said that ade-



quate and timely compensation for the affected families remains a matter of utmost importance. He reiterated that the government would continue to advocate for comprehensive relief measures to ensure that no affected family is left unattended.

Recalling the government's proactive response during recent hostilities along the Line of Control and border areas, Satish Sharma said that the administration successfully undertook one of the largest humanitarian evacuation efforts in the region. He said that nearly 70,000 people were safely shifted from vulnerable locations to safer places through co-ordinated efforts of various departments, with the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation playing a pivotal role by deploying its fleet for emergency transportation.

"The safety and well-being of our citizens remain our foremost priority. The coordinated evacuation and relief operations demonstrated the government's preparedness and commitment towards protecting the human lives during difficult circum-

stances," he said.

On the occasion, the Minister handed over appointment orders to the newly selected Anganwadi Workers. He described the Anganwadi network as one of the most important pillars of grassroots welfare delivery. He said that Anganwadi Workers play a vital role in strengthening the maternal and child health, nutritional support, early childhood education and community outreach.

Encouraging the newly appointed workers to perform their duties with sincerity and dedication, he said that their services would contribute significantly towards building a healthier and stronger society.

Reviewing the functioning of various departments, Satish Sharma directed the officers to remain accessible to the public and ensure timely redressal of their grievances. He stressed that governance must be people-centric and responsive, adding that public confidence can only be strengthened through efficient service delivery and accountability.

The Minister issued strict instructions to the depart-

mental officers to expedite the pending works, maintain transparency in official functioning and ensure that government schemes reach the deserving beneficiaries without delay. He warned that negligence, bureaucratic delays and lack of accountability would not be tolerated and that strict action would be initiated wherever public interest is compromised.

Highlighting the developmental roadmap for the region, Satish Sharma informed the gathering that several important projects are currently in the pipeline for Khour and adjoining areas.

These initiatives, he said, are aimed at improving the road connectivity, strengthening the public infrastructure, enhancing digital services, expanding educational and sports facilities besides creating new opportunities for youth engagement and employment.

The Minister further emphasized that technology-driven governance and scientific planning are playing an increasingly important role in accelerating development and improving public service delivery.

Dir of Tourism organizes Gool Mela; thousands throng Narsingha Meadows

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In a vibrant celebration of culture, heritage and tourism, the Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Ramban, organized a one-day Gool Mela at the picturesque Narsingha area amidst the lush green meadows of Gool Sub-Division on Sunday.

The cultural festival witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 10,000 people from Ramban and Reasi districts thronging the venue. The mela transformed the scenic destination into a vibrant hub of cultural festivities, attracting tourists, local residents, youth and families alike.

The mela was inaugurated by MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen, MLA Gulabgarh Khurshid Ahmad, Director Tourism Jammu Dr. Vikas Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan and SSP Ramban Arun Gupta.

Organized with the objective of promoting the immense tourism potential of the region, the mela served as a platform to showcase the rich cultural diversity, traditional heritage and breathtaking natural beauty of Gool and its adjoining areas while highlighting the region's potential as an emerging tourist destination.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen highlighted the vast tourism potential of Gool and Banihal areas and stressed the need for sustained efforts to develop the region as a major tourist destination. He lauded the Directorate of Tourism Jammu for organizing the mela and creating opportunities for promoting local culture, handicrafts, traditional art forms and scenic attractions. Director Tourism Jammu Dr. Vikas Gupta highlighted the promotional initiatives being undertaken by the Tourism Department under the leadership of the Chief



Minister. He said that on the directions of Additional Chief Secretary Tourism Dr. Ashish Chander Verma, the department is actively identifying and developing new tourist destinations across Jammu, especially offbeat destinations like Gool, Neeltop, Margantop, Mohu Valley and Tattapani, to diversify tourism offerings and generate sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities.

He assured continued support for promoting the tourism potential of Ramban district and strengthening tourism infrastructure in emerging destinations.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan highlighted the growing tourism prospects of Ramban district and called upon the youth to actively contribute towards promoting tourism and preserving the environment. He also urged the younger generation to join hands with the administration in making Ramban a drug-free district under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

SSP Ramban Arun Gupta emphasized the importance of community participation in combating drug abuse and reiterated the commitment of the Police

Department towards realizing the vision of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

A major attraction of the mela was the array of stalls established by various government departments, local entrepreneurs, Self-Help Groups and artisans. Vibrant displays of local handicrafts, handloom products and traditional artefacts drew significant public interest, while food stalls offering authentic local delicacies and traditional cuisines remained crowded throughout the day.

The mela also provided an excellent platform for local artisans, weavers and entrepreneurs to showcase and market their products while promoting local livelihoods and rural tourism.

The dignitaries visited the stalls and interacted with exhibitors, artisans and visitors, appreciating the efforts made to promote local crafts, indigenous cuisine and government welfare initiatives under one platform.

The cultural segment remained the highlight of the event as renowned singers Bishan Dass and Chaman Lehri, along with several other artists and students, enthralled the audience with vibrant performances depicting the rich folk tra-

ditions and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

The dignitaries also felicitated artists and performers in recognition of their contribution towards preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Union Territory.

Among others present on the occasion were Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban Varunjeet Singh Charak, Joint Director Tourism Jammu Aijaz Qaiser, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Ramban Shoket Hayat Mattoo, Deputy Director (Planning) Tourism Jammu Mamta Sharma, Deputy Director Publicity Tourism Jammu Savita Chouhan, SDM Gool Intiaz Ahmed, district and sectoral officers, representatives of various departments, members of civil society, local artisans and a large number of visitors from across the region.

The successful organization of the Gool Mela not only celebrated the region's rich cultural legacy but also reinforced the commitment of the Tourism Department towards promoting rural and offbeat destinations and encouraging inclusive, sustainable and community-driven tourism development across Jammu and Kashmir.

Javid Dar terms sports a powerful instrument for youth at Soin Premier League Finale

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Emphasising the transformative role of sports in shaping a progressive and disciplined society, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Sunday said that games and sports serve as a vital platform for nurturing confidence, resilience and leadership among the younger generation.

The Minister was addressing a large gathering after attending the grand finale of the Soin Premier League Cricket Tournament at Deinmarg in Soin, Rafiabad, where he was the chief guest. The summit clash of the tournament witnessed an exciting contest between MCC Rohama and Wonder XI Penzalla, drawing enthusiastic participation from sports lovers, local residents and youth from across the area.

In his address, Javid Dar underscored the significance of sports in the holistic development of young people, describing them as an essential component of a healthy and productive



society.

"Sports are not merely a source of recreation; they are a school of life. They teach discipline, perseverance, teamwork and the ability to face challenges with courage and determination. The lessons learned on the playing field help young people navigate the ups and downs of life with confidence and positivity," he said.

Highlighting the social and psychological benefits of sporting activities, the Minister observed that ac-

tive participation in games promotes physical fitness, mental well-being and social cohesion.

He noted that sports instil a spirit of fair play, mutual respect and healthy competition, while encouraging the youth to channel their energy towards constructive and meaningful pursuits.

Dar reiterated the government's commitment towards strengthening the sports infrastructure and expanding opportunities for the aspiring athletes,

particularly in rural areas. He stressed that nurturing sporting talent at the grassroots level remains essential for building a vibrant sporting culture and enabling the young achievers to excel at higher levels of competition.

Congratulating the winning team on their outstanding performance, the Minister applauded both finalists for displaying exceptional sportsmanship, discipline and competitive spirit throughout the tournament.

Fee submission deadline for UG, Integrated PG Admissions extended

SRINAGAR, JUNE 07: Directorate of Colleges, Higher Education Department, has extended the last date for fee submission for candidates allotted colleges in Round-1 of the College/Major Allotment List for Undergraduate (UG) and Integrated Postgraduate (PG) Admissions for the Academic Session 2026-27.

As per the notification, aspirants who have been allotted seats in Round-1 can now submit the prescribed admission fee up to June 08, 2026, till 5:00 PM.

Aspirants who confirm their allotment shall thereafter report to their allotted colleges for physical verification of original documents from 08-06-2026 to 10-06-2026.

Applicants are advised to regularly check the JK Admissions Portal (<https://jkadmissions.in>) and follow the official WhatsApp Channel for Admissions 2026-27, linked on the portal, for regular updates.

The Directorate further clarified that all other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.