

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## CM Omar inaugurates Free Breast Cancer Screening Seva in Srinagar

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today inaugurated the Free Breast Cancer Screening Seva programme here at Civil Secretariat, a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aimed at promoting early detection and awareness of breast cancer among women.

The initiative, launched by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with India Turns Pink (ITP), seeks to provide free breast cancer screening services at the doorstep of women across selected villages in Srinagar district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of the Airports Authority of India and the implementing organisation for undertaking a vital public health initiative focused on women's well-being.



He underscored the importance of early detection and timely intervention in reducing the burden of breast cancer and saving lives.

The programme aims to cover ten villages in Srinagar district and benefit around 10,000 women

through free screening, awareness generation and counselling services. The initiative is expected to enhance awareness about breast cancer, encourage regular health check-ups and strengthen preventive healthcare among women.

Minister for Health and

Medical Education, Sakina Itoo, and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, were also present on the occasion. Founder president ITP PA Anandakumar, representatives of India Turns Pink and other concerned officers attended the event.

## JKPCC president meets various delegation at Rajiv Bhawan Jammu

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A deputation of the Christian community, led by Mr. Michael Wazir and Mr. Nasir Masih, met with the PCC President, Shri Tariq Hameed Karra at Rajiv Bhawan PCC HQ Jammu, to discuss various issues concerning to the Christian community.

The meeting was also attended by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Former Minister Shri Mula Ram, EX-MP Ch. Lal Singh, EX-MLC Shri Ved Mahajan, Co-incharge Iqbal Dar, Sohith Sharma-Assembly Incharge Jammu East, Virinder Manhas, Vijayant Pathania and others.

During the meeting, the deputation highlighted several long-pending demands, including the construction of a Community Hall, the opening of a library at the Social Welfare Centre in Christian Colony, and reservation benefits for the downtrodden Christian community. The members emphasized that these is-



ssues are of great importance for the social, educational, and economic upliftment of the community.

The deputation expressed gratitude to the Congress President for giving them a patient hearing and for assuring necessary action on the issues raised. Besides Nasir Masih and Michael Wazir other participants are :- Pr. Samuel Gill, Mr. Asif Teji, Shayam Gill, Victor Masih, Raj Kumar, Saleem Sotra, Hellary Sotra, Michael John, Ravi, Nazir, Som Masih, Reval Masih, Chinnu, Alwin Mark Gill and Sham Gill.

While addressing the delegation advised them to be more participative in congress meetings and programmes.

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The deputation members were Mr. Sumeer Salim, Mohd Farooq Rao, Mohd Anwar Khan, Mohd Jameel Khan, Farakh Gulzar, Mohd Shawkat Qureshi and Shahid Iqbal.

The second deputation of Muslim community from Ward No.9 also met with the PCC President and highlighted the issues faced by them on day today basis. The deputation raised the issue of construction works not being allotted on fair basis. The work as per them is allotted to the selective persons and avoiding the genuine contractors.

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## DC Doda reviews arrangements for 12th International Day of Yoga

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Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting at the DC Office Complex to review arrangements for the 12th International Day of Yoga, scheduled for June 21.

The main district-level function will be held at Sports Stadium Doda, with simultaneous celebrations planned across all tehsils, blocks, educational institutions and Amrit Sarovars to ensure widespread public participation.

The Deputy Commissioner called for seamless inter-departmental coordination and directed all departments to finalise security, sanitation, drinking water, medical teams, transport and publicity arrangements well in ad-



advance.

The Chair also instructed the Education and Forest departments to organise a plantation drive on school premises during the event and assigned the AYUSH Department to deploy yoga experts at all designated venues.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Doda, Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda Anil Kumar Thakur, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal, Assistant Superintendent of Police Head-

quarters Mohammad Aslam, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Ashraf Pervez, Assistant Commissioner Development Din Mohammad Afaqi and Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas, alongside other senior sectoral officers concerned.

## Udhampur admin finalises arrangements for International Yoga Day

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today convened a meeting of officers from various line departments to review and finalise arrangements for the smooth celebration of International Yoga Day 2026 across the district.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on various arrangements and other logistical requirements for the successful conduct of the event.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments concerned to put necessary arrangements in place well in advance and emphasised close inter-departmental coordination. He further instructed officers to facilitate maximum participation at the district-



level function as well as at other designated venues across the district.

The AYUSH Department was directed to ensure the availability of yoga instructors and make all required

logistical arrangements for the smooth conduct of yoga sessions. Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore, Additional Deputy Com-

missioner Prem Singh, Programme Officer Poshan Subash Dogra, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, General Manager DIC Kishore Singh Katoch and other senior officers.

## JKAACL organises 20-day children's summer workshop at Jammu



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The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) today inaugurated its 20-day Summer Children's Workshop at Jammu. Additional Secretary JKAACL Sonali Arun Gupta formally inaugurated the workshop.

The Summer Children's Workshop is an annual initiative of JKAACL, organised successfully over many years with the objective of

nurturing creativity and talent among children during their summer vacations.

Addressing participants, Additional Secretary Sonali Arun Gupta said that such workshops provide children with a meaningful opportunity to utilise their vacations productively. She encouraged participants to benefit from these creative learning experiences and explore their hidden talents.

This year, the theatre workshop is being conducted by renowned theatre artist and director Neeraj

Kant. The painting workshop is being led by noted cartoonist and media creator Chander Shekhar, assisted by Jyeshtha Jamwal. The dance workshop is being conducted by Himani Kapoor.

Among those present at the inaugural ceremony were Sanjeev Gupta, SOCA; Anil Tickoo, ACO, JKAACL; theatre expert Neeraj Kant; painting and arts expert Chander Shekhar; dance expert Himani Kapoor; and painting expert Jyeshtha Jamwal.

Around 90 students from various schools are participating across different disciplines.

The primary aim of the workshop is to foster the overall personality development of children and provide them a platform to identify and nurture their hidden talents through creative expression.

The workshop will continue for 20 days and culminate with a presentation showcasing the skills acquired by participants during the training period.

## Anti-drug awareness campaign held at GHS Nagar Bhaderwah

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As part of the ongoing awareness initiatives under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign was organised at Government High School Nagar, Bhaderwah.

During the sessions, resource persons detailed the physical, psychological, social and economic consequences of substance addiction. They stressed the importance of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, encouraging students to act as ambassadors of positive change within their communities. The speakers also underscored the need for a coordinated approach in-



volving educational institutions, parents and government agencies to ensure early identification, prevention and effective access to rehabilitation services.

The programme concluded with the administra-

tion of a pledge by Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Bhaderwah, wherein all participants reaffirmed their commitment towards building a drug-free society and supporting the vision of a "Nasha Mukta Bharat."

Among those present were Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Bhaderwah, alongside school faculty, students and representatives from the Health, Education, Sports and Social Welfare departments.

## MLA Ramgarh leads farmers outreach programme on soil health and smart farming

**SAMBA, JUNE 15:** As part of the ongoing flagship awareness campaign "Khet Bachao Abhiyan", an awareness programme was organised today at Ramgarh in Samba under the chairmanship of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), Ramgarh, Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, in the presence of Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal emphasised the importance of conserving soil health and adopting sustainable agricultural practices to ensure long-term productivity and profitability of farming. He urged farmers to make judicious use of fertilisers and pesticides, adopt soil test-based nutrient management and avail the various schemes

and programmes being implemented by the Agriculture Department. Dr Manyal called upon farmers to actively participate in such initiatives.

Addressing the gathering, Director Agriculture Anil Gupta highlighted the importance of soil health management, balanced use of fertilisers and adoption of modern agricultural practices for enhancing farm



productivity and ensuring long-term sustainability. He emphasised the need to expand the area under

imports of edible oils. The Director informed farmers about various departmental initiatives and government schemes aimed at promoting crop diversification, increasing farmers' income and encouraging climate-resilient agriculture.

Later, the MLA and the Director visited agriculture display stalls set up by the Agriculture Department, Farmer Producer Organisa-

tions (FPOs), Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and progressive farmers. They interacted with exhibitors and obtained first-hand information about the technologies, innovations, products and activities on showcase.

Earlier, CAO Rakesh Khajuria briefed participants about the various agricultural development activities being undertaken in the dis-

trict. Among those present were Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms) Jammu Aman Jyoti Sharma, Chief Scientist and Head KVK Samba Prof Sanjay Khajuria, Deputy Director (Trainings) Karuna Nidhi, public representatives, progressive farmers, officers and field functionaries of Agriculture and allied departments.

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