

## Bandipora Admin organizes NMBA Awareness Activities across Educational Institutions

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As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) and the 100-Day Anti-Drug Campaign, a series of awareness activities were organized across educational institutions in Bandipora district on Thursday to sensitize students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote a drug-free society.

Art competitions were organized at Higher Secondary School Gadakhud, Higher Secondary School Koragbal, Higher Secondary School Ketson, Higher Secondary School Nowgam, Higher Secondary School Alossa, High School Panar and PM Shri Government High School Odina. Students participated enthusiastically and expressed their commitment towards a drug-free India through creative paintings, drawings and posters highlighting the social, mental and physical consequences of drug abuse.

At HSS Gadakhud, students showcased their artistic talent through paintings depicting the adverse impact of substance abuse. The best performers were awarded certificates of appreciation by the school administration.

At PM SHRI GHS Odina, the programme concluded with the NMBA pledge, wherein students and staff reaffirmed their commitment to stay-



ing away from drugs and contributing towards a healthy and addiction-free India.

Meanwhile, the NCORD Cell of HKM Government Degree College Bandipora organized a Future Roadmap and Sustainability Planning Workshop under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. The programme focused on strengthening awareness initiatives and developing sustainable strategies for long-term

efforts towards a drug-free society.

The workshop witnessed active participation from students and staff who deliberated on future plans and collaborative measures for sustaining anti-drug awareness campaigns. Dr. G. M. Khan, Faculty, Department of English, delivered an insightful lecture on the harmful effects of drug addiction and emphasized preventive measures through awareness, education and community engagement.

## DIPR's Cultural Unit conducts Drug Awareness Programme in Srinagar

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Cultural Unit of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Kashmir, organized an awareness programme under the Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA) at Greenland Paramedical College, Sangeen Darwaza, Hawal, Srinagar.

The programme aimed at sensitizing students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy, addiction-free life. Students actively participated in the event and delivered insightful speeches highlighting the ill effects of substance abuse on individuals, families, and society.

A short play depicting



the dangers of drug addiction was presented by the artists of Mehak Dramatic Club.

The impactful and engaging performance received enthusiastic applause from the audience

for effectively conveying the anti-drug message.

Student speakers who participated in the programme were felicitated for their contribution and awareness efforts.

Speaking on the occasion,

AECO, Cultural Unit Kashmir, Syed Shakeel Shan, stressed the vital role of parental care and guidance in preventing substance abuse among youth. He also gave a detailed briefing on the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan and emphasized the collective responsibility of society in combating the menace of drugs.

The Principal and staff of Greenland Paramedical College expressed their gratitude to the Cultural Unit, DIPR, for organizing such meaningful awareness programmes and creating awareness among students about the dangers of drug abuse.

The programme concluded with a pledge by participants to support the vision of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

## Koul calls for strengthening public participation in building a Viksit Bharat at Samba

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J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul addressed the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sammelan organized by BJP District Samba and highlighted the transformative journey of the Central Government's twelve years marked by trust, development, and public welfare under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

J&K BJP Vice Presidents Rekha Mahajan and Rashpal Verma, J&K BJP Secretary Arun Sharma, District President Samba Asha Rani, MLA Samba Surjit Singh Slathia, and MLA Vijaypur Chander Parkash Ganga were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Ashok Koul also chaired an organizational meeting of District General Secretaries, 12 Saal Programme Convenor and District Morcha Presidents at party office Samba. District President Asha Rani were also present in the meeting.

Ashok Koul, addressing on the occasions, said that the Modi-led government has ushered in a new era of inclusive growth, transparent governance, and empowerment of every section of society. He said that



landmark initiatives in infrastructure, social welfare, healthcare, education, women empowerment, and digital governance have transformed the lives of millions across the country.

Koul said that during the last twelve years, the nation has witnessed unprecedented development and good governance. He said that the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas has become a reality through people-centric policies and effective implementation.

Every BJP worker must reach out to the masses and make them aware of the historic achievements and welfare schemes launched by the Modi Government,

Koul said. Rekha Mahajan said that women, youth, farmers, and marginalized sections have immensely benefited from the welfare initiatives of the Modi Government. She emphasized that the government's commitment to social justice and empowerment has strengthened public confidence.

Rashpal Verma said that the twelve years of the Modi Government have established new benchmarks of development, transparency, and national progress. He urged party workers to actively connect with the people and share the success stories of governance.

Surjit Singh Slathia

stated that massive improvements in infrastructure, connectivity, and public services have accelerated the pace of development in Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that the region is witnessing unprecedented growth due to the Central Government's focused attention.

Chander Parkash Ganga said that the Modi Government has fulfilled the aspirations of the common people through decisive leadership and welfare-oriented governance. He stressed that the vision of a developed India can be realized only through collective efforts and public participation.

## JKAACL organizes seminar on 'Life and Literary Contributions of Harbhajan Singh Sagar' at Srinagar

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Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), in collaboration with the Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, today organized one day seminar at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, on the life, works and literary contributions of eminent Punjabi short story writer Harbhajan Singh Sagar.

The event brought together noted literary personalities, scholars, writers, researchers and readers to remember the rich legacy of one of the most distinguished contemporary voices in Punjabi fiction.

The event was attended by Dr. Rawail Singh, Convener, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi; Khalid Hussain, Member, Sahitya Akademi; Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL; Lal Chand, Additional Secretary, JKAACL; Popinder Singh Paras, Editor, Sheeraza Punjabi; and Sandeep Kour, Assistant Editor, among other distinguished guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rawail Singh elaborated on the various initiatives being undertaken by the Sahitya Akademi for the promotion of Punjabi literature, language and culture across the country. He particularly highlighted programmes aimed at encouraging young writers and fostering literary engagement among the younger



generation. He underscored the importance of collaborative efforts among literary institutions to preserve India's diverse linguistic heritage.

Delivering the keynote address, Khalid Hussain presented a comprehensive overview of the life, literary journey and creative achievements of Harbhajan Singh Sagar. He emphasized the author's unique narrative style, deep humanism and commitment to portraying the realities of contemporary society through his fiction. He observed that Sagar's writings continue to inspire readers and emerging writers alike through their artistic excellence and social relevance.

In her address, Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, spoke in detail about the Academy's ongoing efforts to promote literature and recognize eminent literary personalities through a variety of programmes, including the popular "Meet the Eminent" series. She paid rich

tributes to Harbhajan Singh Sagar, describing him as a significant contributor to Punjabi literature whose writings have earned wide appreciation and recognition in literary circles. She noted that such seminars provide an important platform for critical engagement with the works of leading writers and contribute to strengthening literary discourse.

Highlighting the collaborative efforts of JKAACL and Sahitya Akademi in organizing the seminar, Popinder Singh Paras remarked that Harbhajan Singh Sagar's literary contributions have greatly enriched Punjabi literature. He particularly referred to Sagar's acclaimed short story collections Diary, Yatri and Bandh Darwaze Da Birtant, noting that these works reflect a profound understanding of human emotions, social realities and contemporary concerns. He further informed the gathering that Yatri and Bandh Darwaze Da Birtant were honoured with the

Best Book Award by JKAACL, a recognition of their literary excellence and enduring relevance.

A number of scholarly papers examining various dimensions of Sagar's life, literary philosophy, narrative techniques and contribution to Punjabi fiction were presented by Popinder Singh Paras, Dr. Pritam Singh, Rattan Singh Kanwal, Amanpreet Kour and Gurpreet Kaur, among other scholars and researchers. The presentations generated meaningful discussions and critical insights into the thematic richness and artistic significance of Sagar's writings.

While speaking on the occasion, Sandeep Kour highlighted the significance of literary seminars in preserving and promoting regional languages and literary traditions. She expressed gratitude to the JKAACL, Sahitya Akademi and all participants for their contribution towards making the programme a meaningful literary gathering.

## From good governance to Viksit Bharat, Modi Govt sets new benchmarks: Sat

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BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), accompanied by District President Rinku Chaudhary and former MLA Ashwani Sharma, interacted with prominent citizens in the Jammu Border district, as part of the nationwide outreach campaign marking the successful completion of 12 years of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

During the programme, the BJP leaders met and felicitated Lieutenant Colonel Roop Lal Panhotra (Retd.), Nirmala Saini (Retd.), G.P. Saini (Retd.), Ramkrishna Gupta, Kapoor Lal, Bindraban Tikoo, and Rano Devi, widow of Martyr Rashpal Chand, in recognition of their valuable contributions to society and the nation.

Sat Sharm, speaking on the occasion, said that the last 12 years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi



have ushered in an era of transparent governance, rapid development, and people-centric welfare. He stated that transformative initiatives in infrastructure, social security, healthcare, digital governance, and national security have strengthened public trust in the government. He emphasized that the vision of Viksit Bharat is being realized through the active participation of every citizen and every section of society.

Rinku Chaudhary high-

lighted that the BJP remains committed to maintaining close contact with the public and acknowledging the contributions of distinguished citizens. He said that such interactions strengthen the bond between society and the government.

Ashwani Sharma said that the Modi government has empowered citizens through welfare schemes, improved service delivery, and development-driven policies that have positively impacted people across the

country, including Jammu & Kashmir.

The prominent citizens expressed gratitude for the recognition and appreciated the government's efforts towards national development, social welfare, and strengthening the dignity of every citizen. They lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing positive change across sectors and reaffirmed their commitment to contributing towards the progress and prosperity of the nation.

## MLA, DC Shopian assess hailstorm damage

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In the wake of the recent hailstorm that caused damage to orchards in several parts of the district, MLA Shopian, Shabir Ahmad Kullay, and Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Shishir Gupta, today conducted an extensive tour of the affected areas to assess the ground situation and interact with farmers and orchardists.

MLA and Deputy Commissioner, Shopian toured the villages of Vedpora, Daramdora, Magalpora, Odhu, Chaigund, Dumpora, Dairoo and Nadgund and other areas where hailstorm-induced losses to horticultural produce were reported.



During the visit, detailed interactions with farmers were held where farmers flagged off their concerns regarding the losses suffered due to the hailstorm. The Duo expressed solidarity with the affected families and assured them that their genuine concerns would be projected before

the government for appropriate relief and assistance. Deputy Commissioner Shopian informed the affected residents that dedicated teams of the Horticulture Department have already been deployed to conduct a comprehensive damage assessment in all affected areas.

He said that the based on assessment reports, affected growers will be provided support and financial assistance admissible under the existing provisions for the losses.

ACR Shopian and officers from the Horticulture and Agriculture Departments accompanied them.