

Despite challenges NC Govt committed to serve people as per their aspirations: Dy CM

Omar led Govt committed to implement party manifesto: Gupta

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today reaffirmed the commitment of the Omar Abdullah-led Government to regularise all eligible adhoc and daily wage employees in phased manner, stating that the government is dedicated to fulfilling its promises and ensuring justice for the workforce.

Addressing a large public gathering at Surankote District Poonch organized was Ch. Mumtaz Bajjard and his team. Mr Bajjard submitted a memorandum to the Honble Deputy Chief Minister reiterated their demands and issues. The Deputy Chief Minister said the present government is committed to equitable development, with special focus on remote and under-served regions of Pir Panjal.

He announced that the government is prioritising the strengthening of road infrastructure across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir and assured that Surankote would receive its due share of developmental projects. Demonstrating this commitment, he approved a vital road project on the spot to improve seamless connectivity for the area.

Calling Surankote area one of the most remote regions of Poonch, the Deputy Chief Minister said the outreach programme was intentionally organised there instead of the district headquarters to ensure that governance reaches the people living in far-



flung areas.

He said the Omar Abdullah-led Government is taking governance to the people's doorstep by directly interacting with citizens and listening to their concerns.

Along with Provincial President Ratan Lal Gupta, he met National Conference functionaries, including block and district presidents, members of the women's wing and youth wing, to receive feedback on local issues.

The Deputy Chief Minister said several public grievances relating to Rural Development, Public Utilities, Education, Health and Drinking Water were brought to his notice during the interaction. He assured the gathering that all genuine concerns would be taken up with the concerned departments and the Deputy Commissioner Poonch for prompt redressal. He urged party workers to gear up for the forthcom-

ing Panchayat and Urban Local bodies elections.

Addressing the gathering Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu said that the objective of the Omar Abdullah Government is to provide a responsive and accountable administration. We are here to listen to the people, understand their problems and ensure that appropriate action is taken.

Criticising the previous administration for neglecting public issues, Rattan Lal Gupta said the present government is committed to restoring people's faith through transparent governance, timely development and effective public service delivery and also implement party manifesto.

Mr Gupta reiterated the National Conference's commitment to strengthening grassroots democracy and ensuring inclusive development across Jammu and Kashmir. Among others who were

present in the meeting included: Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad Provincial Vice President, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Th. Yashu Vardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Reyaz Ahmad Former DDC, Shadi Khan Block President Bufflaiz, Babar Khan Block President Chandimarh, Bashir Ahmad Quershi Block President Lassana, Mohd Ashraf Block President Lathong, Mohd Ayub Chouhan Block President Kanther, Javed Ahmed Block President Seri Khawja, Maqsood Ahmad Malik Block President Fazalabad, Mohd Iqbal Block President Surankote, Majid Hussain Bajjard, Bashir Malik, Chira Khan Ex Sarpanch, Sajjad Bajjard Youth leader, Sharief Quershi, Capt Farooq OBC, Reyaz Charak, Zarina Akhtar former Sarpanch and other party functionaries.

National Painters' Camp by JKCCA inaugurated at Mansar

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A National Painters' Camp organized by Jammu & Kashmir Centre for Creative Arts (JKCCA), Jammu to commemorate the death anniversary of Late Pt. Triloke Kaul, celebrated eminent painter of Jammu & Kashmir was inaugurated by Sh. Madhukar Wanzari, Former HoD Sculpture Department, J J School of Art, Mumbai, today at Mansar (Udhampur) whereas Sh. Jang S. Verma, senior artist from Jammu was the guest of honour on this occasion.

According to Sh. O P Sharma, Founder Director, JKCCA, "The camp is a tribute to Late Pt. Triloke Kaul, the world renowned painter of Jammu & Kashmir who left for his heavenly abode during June, 2025. He informed that Pt. Triloke Kaul (1925-2025) belonged to the first generation of Modern artists of Kashmir and who formed the Progressive Artists Association (PAA) of Kash-



mir. He said that such art & cultural events like the upcoming National Painters' Camp at Mansar (Udhampur) would help promote the art & culture activity in the area and provide opportunities to the artists of the country to come closer and share their skills and information regarding the art activities, the mediums and techniques and trends emerging in their respective areas.

Senior and young artists from different states/UTs of the country are participating in this camp. The prominent among the participant artists are Yash-

want Patel (Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat); Mohd. Moin (Dehradun, UK); Chitrakar Jai (Haridwar, UK); Kamal Nain Bhan, O P Sharma, and Shivani Bhat Koul (Jammu, J&K). Speaking on this occasion, chief guest Sh. Madhukar Wanzari appreciated JKCCA for promoting art and artists by providing them an opportunity to share their knowledge and mediums of expression in the lap of scenic environment of Jammu & Kashmir (UT). Sh. Jang S. Verma told that the camp whereas will be a tribute to legendary painter Pt. Triloke

Kaul, it will also boost the art activity in the region as well as promote the new generation of artist through such events.

It may be mentioned here that Jammu & Kashmir Centre for Creative Arts (JKCCA), Jammu is working for the progress, promotion and preservation of different art forms like visual, literary and performing arts.

The centre has organized a large number of local, state level and national and international art exhibitions and camps during the last twenty six years of its working.

MSME DFO Srinagar celebrates MSME Day 2026

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Branch MSME Development & Facilitation Office (DFO), Srinagar, under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), celebrated MSME Day 2026 at the MSME Technology Development Centre (Extension Centre), Sanat Nagar, Srinagar, under the theme "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development."

The programme brought together representatives from leading incubation centres, academia, the Ministry of MSME, MSME Technology Development Centre (Extension Centre), Srinagar, start-ups from the service sector, and other stakeholders to deliberate on strengthening the MSME ecosystem through innovation, technology, and collaborative support.

The event was organized and coordinated by Branch MSME DFO Srinagar under the leadership of Saheel Alaqband, Assistant Director, Ministry of MSME and Mohammad Tariq Ishtiaq, Assistant Director, Ministry of MSME with the active support of the officials and staff of MSME Technology Development Centre (Extension Centre), Srinagar.

The programme featured insightful deliberations by Professor Saad Parvez,



Head, MSME Incubation Centre, NIT Srinagar; Professor Parvez Mir, Head, CIED Foundation, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST); and Dr. Shahid Jibrin, Chief Executive Officer, Atal Incubation Centre, who shared their perspectives on fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology-driven growth for MSMEs.

The primary objective of the programme was to strengthen collaboration among incubation centres,

academic institutions, MSME support institutions, start-ups, and other stakeholders to build a robust innovation ecosystem for MSMEs. The discussions focused on how these institutions can collectively provide mentoring, technology support, product development assistance, business incubation, market linkages, and capacity building to MSMEs in a more effective and efficient manner.

The speakers emphasized that sustained collab-

oration between government, academia, incubation centres, and industry will play a pivotal role in making Indian MSMEs globally competitive and transforming them into MSME Champions capable of succeeding in international markets.

Participants also exchanged ideas on promoting innovation-led entrepreneurship and sustainable industrial development in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Omar Government Ensuring Balanced Development Across J&K: JKNC

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The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Central Zone, comprising the districts of Jammu, Samba and Kathua, on Saturday held an important organisational meeting at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan under the chairmanship of former Minister and Central Zone President Babu Rampaul to chalk out the party's strategy for the forthcoming Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections. The meeting also featured extensive deliberations on several public issues requiring urgent government attention. Babu Rampaul was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The meeting was organised by JKNC Zonal Secretary and Coordinator, Central Zone, Dr. Vikas Sharma, and Zonal Joint Secretary Rajinder Kumar. It was attended by senior party functionaries and workers from across the Central Zone.

Provincial Secretary Jammu and Ex-MLC Sheikh Bashir Ahmad attended as the Guest of Honour. Provincial Secretary Pardeep Bali, OBC Cell Chairman Abdul Gani Teli and Laxmi Dutta (Senior Leader) were also present.

Participants unanimously resolved to intensify the party's campaign for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, which was revoked on August 5, 2019. Reiterating the party's long-standing stand, Babu Rampaul said the time had come for the Central Government to fulfil its commitment and restore full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir without further delay.



He asserted that the restoration of statehood is not merely a political demand but a constitutional, democratic and legitimate right of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Lasting peace, inclusive development, effective governance and sustained economic progress cannot be achieved unless the democratic rights of the people are fully restored," he said.

Babu Rampaul reaffirmed the National Conference's commitment, under the leadership of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to strengthening democratic institutions, ensuring regional balance and accelerating socio-economic development across Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting the achievements of the Omar Abdullah-led government, he said the administration has ensured balanced political representation by giving equal importance to both the Jammu and Kashmir regions. He said inclusive governance has been institutionalized through equal regional representation in the Council of Ministers, the appointment of a Deputy Chief Minister from Jammu and the allocation of key portfolios to leaders from the Jammu region. Speaking about youth

welfare, he said the government is committed to transforming the aspirations of young people into meaningful opportunities through employment generation, entrepreneurship and skill development.

He highlighted Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan), which aims to facilitate the establishment of nearly 1.37 lakh enterprises and generate around 4.25 lakh employment opportunities over the next five years through financial assistance, mentoring, capacity building and entrepreneurship support. He added that enhanced sports infrastructure and youth-centric budgetary initiatives are empowering young people to become active partners in the region's development.

Calling upon party leaders to strengthen grassroots outreach, he urged them to intensify public contact programmes by organising nakkad meetings, door-to-door campaigns and public interactions to highlight the developmental initiatives and welfare measures undertaken by the Omar Abdullah-led government.

He further said that the government has begun fulfilling its electoral commitments and that party workers must effectively communicate these

achievements to the people ahead of the forthcoming Panchayat and Municipal elections.

The meeting also witnessed detailed deliberations on organisational preparedness, booth-level strengthening, election strategy and public outreach for the upcoming local body elections. Several party leaders shared their views and suggestions regarding the challenges and opportunities ahead.

On the occasion, several social activists and prominent workers joined the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference. Those who joined the party included Om Prakash Thappa, Vijay Kumar, Sonu Kumar, Kewal Krishan, Divya Mahajan, Sanjeev Thakur, Karan Singh, Sewa Singh, Rattal Lal, Raj Kumar, Anil Kumar, Sheru Kumar, Vikas Kumar, Sumit Singh and Muna Kumar. Among others present were Adv. Rajinder Chanyal, Sham Lal Mehra, Dilshad Malik and Reeta Gupta (Vice Presidents, Central Zone); Bharat Bhushan; B.D. Dalotra (Retd. SP); S. Surjeet Singh Sasan (Zonal Secretary); Naved Raja; Manohar Lal; Rajinder Kumar (Zonal Joint Secretary); Bahadur Lal (Block President); Satpal, and other party workers.

DLSA Budgam organizes, Awareness Programme on 'International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking'

BUDGAM, JUNE 27:

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Chadoora and S.A.IM School at Chadoora organized an awareness programme titled "International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking" at S.A.IM School Chadoora.

The programme was held under the direction of Om Prakash Bhagat, Chairman DLSA Budgam and under the supervision of Tabasum Qadir Parry, Secretary DLSA Budgam and Shafeeq Ahmad Malik, Chairman TLSC Chadoora.

Speaking on the Occasion, Adv Nazeer Ahmed, Deputy LADC, said that Drug abuse is recognized globally as a major social evil, affecting the physical, psychological, and socio-



economic well-being of individuals and society at large. It is characterized by the hazardous use of psychoactive substances, in-

cluding alcohol and illicit drugs, often resulting in addiction, crime, and the breakdown of family structures. He further elabo-

rated that the epidemic of drug abuse amongst the younger generation has assumed alarming dimensions, public health with and significant safety. The Programme witnessed the active participation of, Students, Staff and PLVs of TLSC Chadoora.

Meanwhile, DLSA Budgam, through its Para Legal Volunteers, also conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign across various hamlets of the district. During the campaign, residents were informed about the ill effects of drug and substance abuse and were urged to give up such habits at the earliest. They were also advised to seek timely counselling and medical assistance from the concerned health institutions to lead a healthy and productive life.