

## Sakeena Itoo holds public darbar at Saikhhanen, dedicates Ambulance for

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Saikhhanen village in Kulgam district and held a public darbar to directly engage with the people and listen to their grievances and developmental aspirations.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that the Omar Abdullah-led government is committed to people-centric governance and is making concerted efforts to fulfil the developmental aspirations of the people and ensure improved services at their doorsteps. She said that several projects of public importance have been initiated in recent months and healthcare facilities have been upgraded across Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on rural and far-flung areas.

The Minister also high-



lighted various welfare schemes aimed at different sections of society, especially women. She urged the youth to avail benefits of skill development initiatives. She stressed the importance of community participation in ensuring accountability and accelerating development.

During the public darbar, the locals projected several demands, including inclusion of the area on the tourism map, augmentation of drinking water supply and early completion of the Panchayat Ghar.

Responding to the demands, the Minister directed the concerned au-

thorities to identify suitable land for a playfield. She dedicated an ambulance for patient care at the local hospital, considering the area's far-flung nature. She assured the public that all other genuine demands would be taken up and addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

## Javid Dar launches development projects in Rafiabad, reaffirms commitment to grassroots growth

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperatives and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today undertook an extensive tour of Rafiabad in Baramulla district, where he laid foundation stones and inaugurated several key developmental projects aimed at strengthening the public infrastructure and enhancing civic amenities in the area.

As part of the visit, the Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of a 1x30-metre RCC Plate Girder Bridge at Doabgah over Nallah Vijibal under the NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). The bridge, to be executed by the Public Works (R&B) Department, will be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹629.41 lakh and is expected to significantly improve connectivity and facilitate safer movement for the local population.

The Minister also laid the foundation stone for strengthening and upgradation of 6 kilometres of inner link roads in Ladoora to be raised with an estimated cost of ₹507.24 lakh. The project would provide all-weather road connectivity and improve transportation facilities for the residents.

On the occasion, Javid Ahmad Dar inaugurated a Clock Tower at Rohama Chowk, dedicating the landmark project to the people of Rohama. He directed the concerned offi-



cers to install informative signboards highlighting the nearby tourist destinations to facilitate the visitors and promote tourism potential of the area.

The Minister further laid the foundation stone for construction of an additional accommodation block at Dak Bungalow, Chijhama.

Later, the Minister chaired a public outreach programme at Dak Bungalow, Chijhama, where he interacted with local residents and gave a patient hearing to their grievances and developmental demands. He assured the

people that all genuine issues raised during the interaction would be examined and addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

Addressing the gathering, Javid Ahmad Dar said that the government is committed to ensure equitable and inclusive development across Jammu and Kashmir by creating durable public assets and strengthening the basic infrastructure. He observed that several of the projects launched today were long-pending demands of the local people and would substantially improve their

quality of life.

The Minister also stressed the importance of timely completion of all the sanctioned works while maintaining the highest standards of quality and transparency.

The Minister directed the executing agencies to strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines so that the benefits of these projects reach the people without delay.

Senior officers of the district administration, engineers from the executing departments, local representatives and locals were present on the occasion.

## DC Ramban inspects Yatra arrangements and NH-44 tunnel and viaduct projects

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan conducted an inspection of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026 facilities and key National Highway-44 infrastructure projects, including tunnels and viaducts here today.

The Deputy Commissioner visited the 3.5-kilometre Digdol-Panthal Tunnel, expected to open for traffic shortly and reviewed progress of other tunnel and viaduct projects along NH-44, including the newly opened viaduct connecting Makerkote with Ramsoo. He noted that these projects will improve road connectivity, reduce travel time and enhance safety for commuters, particularly during the annual Yatra.

The DC directed NHAI and executing agencies to expedite remaining works within the stipulated time frame while maintaining quality and safety standards and stressed keeping NH-44 fully traffic-worthy for smooth and uninterrupted movement of pilgrims and commuters throughout the Yatra period.

The Deputy Commissioner subsequently in-



spected Yatra arrangements at Lamber and reviewed facilities for pilgrims, including sanitation, drinking water, medical assistance, traffic management and security. He instructed officers concerned to ensure all arrangements are completed well in advance and that every department remains fully prepared for prompt service delivery.

The DC, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban Arun Gupta and other officers of concerned agencies, also reviewed security arrangements, assessing surveillance measures, traffic regulation, emergency response mechanisms and inter-agency coordination. He directed all departments to maintain a robust security grid and en-

sure swift response to any emergent situation for the safe and peaceful conduct of SANJY 2026 through Ramban district.

Among those accompanying the DC were Sub-Divisional Magistrate Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajran, Project Director NHAI Shubham Yadav and officers of other departments concerned.

## Satish calls for making J&K a national hub for D2C Innovation at D2CIA National Conclave

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Science & Technology and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, today attended the D2CIA first National Conclave 2026, where the Jammu and Kashmir Chapter of the D2C Industry Association (D2CIA) was formally launched.

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Film makers, entrepreneurs, startup founders, industry leaders and stakeholders were present on the occasion. The Minister said that the launch of the D2CIA J&K Chapter marks a significant milestone in the journey of building a robust innovation-driven economy and reflects the growing confidence of investors and entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir.

Satish Sharma said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the Government is committed to create an enabling ecosystem for the entrepreneurship, innovation and employment generation. He said that transparent governance, progressive policies, digital transformation and skill development initiatives are opening new avenues for



the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting the immense potential of the Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) sector, the Minister said that the future of Indian commerce lies in innovation-led, technology-driven enterprises capable of reaching customers directly. He emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir must become an active participant in this transformation by empowering startups, MSMEs, artisans, farmers and young entrepreneurs with digital platforms, market access and policy support.

Referring to the tourism sector, Satish Sharma said that Kashmir is steadily reclaiming its position as one of India's premier destinations, with record tourist footfalls, improved infrastructure and new tourism

circuits creating unprecedented opportunities for local businesses and entrepreneurs. He said every visitor contributes to the local economy, strengthening the livelihoods and creating sustainable employment.

The Minister reiterated the government's commitment towards promoting sports as a vehicle for youth empowerment and nation-building. He said that investments in sports infrastructure, coaching facilities and athlete development are investments in the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasizing the government's uncompromising stand against drug abuse, Satish Sharma said that the anti-drug campaign remains a top priority. He called upon the educational institutions, civil society, families and community

leaders to join hands with the government in protecting the youth from the menace of drugs and building a healthier society.

Calling upon the entrepreneurs and industry leaders to invest in Jammu and Kashmir, the Minister assured them that the government will continue to facilitate ease of doing business, encourage innovation and strengthen industry-government partnerships to make the region a preferred investment destination.

Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also addressed the gathering and said that the government is focused on creating an enabling ecosystem where the entrepreneurship, innovation and technology become the driving forces of economic transformation.

### OFFICE OF THE EXCISE INSPECTOR SUB RANGE VIJAYPUR PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public of Village Salmeri Swankha, Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba that **Sh. Sumit Sharma S/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma R/o Galak, Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua** has applied to the Excise Department for grant of a **JKEL-4 Licence (Bar with Restaurant)** in respect of **M/s Imperial Inn Restaurant, situated at National Highway, Salmeri, Swankha, Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba.** The proposed licence, if granted, shall authorize the applicant to serve and sell liquor in pegs to customers in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Excise Act, Rules and Excise Policy.

Therefore, any person having any objection to the grant of the said licence may submit the same in writing to the office of the **Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu, Excise & Taxation Complex, 3rd Floor, Rail Head, Jammu, within 60 days** from the date of publication of this notice. No objection received after the expiry of the aforesaid period shall be entertained.

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