

Div Com calls for seamless coordination as Kashmir gears up for International Film Festival

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As Kashmir prepares to witness the 1st International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJ&K), the final contours of the mega event are taking shape, with administration putting in place a comprehensive and closely coordinated mechanism to ensure a seamless experience for filmmakers, delegates, guests and audiences.

In this backdrop, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg today chaired a high-level meeting at the Auditorium of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), bringing together officers and stakeholders associated with the arrangements for the festival.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, Secretary Information, Director DIPR, SSP Srinagar, SSP Security, SSP Traffic, Heads of



Departments, Nodal Officers, Liaison Officers and officials of the Information Department.

Setting the tone for the final phase of preparations, the Divisional Commissioner called for disciplined execution, close coordination and a clear sense of ownership among all officers entrusted with responsibilities. He impressed upon the Nodal Officers and Liaison Officers to not only take ownership of their assigned du-

ties but also clearly envisage the wider ambit of their responsibilities so that every component of the festival is executed in a well-knit and coordinated manner.

Underscoring the importance of real-time coordination, the Divisional Commissioner directed the officers to maintain a continuous flow of information and ensure zero communication gaps among departments and field teams. He stressed that

timely sharing of information and prompt response to emerging requirements would be critical to the smooth conduct of the festival.

The meeting provided an extensive review of arrangements spanning from arrival and transportation to accommodation of guests, opening & closing ceremony, sight-seeing guided tours of guests and participation at festival venues.

The Divisional Commissioner assessed preparations at the airport, the transport plan, accommodation arrangements for guests, guided tours, film screenings, floating cinema, parking facilities, beautification of parks and venues, establishment of help desks and selfie points, setting up of stalls and other allied arrangements.

During the meeting, the Director Information gave a detailed briefing to the Nodal Officers on their respective responsibilities, action points and operational requirements.

First Aid Kits provided to drivers at Doda; ARTO promotes Road Safety awareness

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Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) today distributed First Aid Kits among drivers here at Pul Doda and adjoining areas along the National Highway.

The ARTO also facilitated the pasting of Road Safety Awareness Stickers on vehicles to promote safe and responsible driving practices among motorists.

Interacting with drivers, the ARTO emphasized the importance of following traffic rules, avoiding over-speeding, maintaining vehicle fitness and exercising caution while driving, particularly on hilly and accident-prone



stretches. The distribution of First Aid Kits and placement of

awareness stickers aimed to enhance preparedness during emergencies and

spread the message of road safety among drivers and other road users.

Students provided uniform, shoes at GHSS Latti

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The students of Government Higher Secondary School Latti- Udhampur were provided school uniform and shoes by the school administration.

The expenditure for the Uniforms and shoes provided to 71 students was met from the School Mutual Benefit Fund. Sub divisional magistrate (SDM) Duddu Dr. Manmeet Kumar handed over the school uniform to the students.



He advised the students to remain focused on their studies and stay away from drugs and addiction. He appreciated the school administration for undertak-

ing this noble initiative for the welfare and brighter future of the students.

Speaking on the occasion, the school Principal D.C. Kundal thanked the

SDM and other guests for their presence and support. He encouraged the students to work hard and concentrate on their studies to build a bright future.

Shaurya International School Celebrates Janmashtami with Devotion and Enthusiasm

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Shaurya International School celebrated Janmashtami with great enthusiasm and devotional fervour.

The programme commenced with a soulful presentation, followed by a graceful dance performance and an engaging devotional drama depicting the life and teachings of Lord Krishna.

The celebration concluded with an inspiring address by Principal Dr. Swati Kapoor, who highlighted the values of truth,



righteousness and compassion embodied in the life of Lord Krishna. She encouraged the students to understand and imbibe

these timeless teachings in their daily lives.

The celebration provided the students an opportunity to connect with India's

rich cultural and spiritual heritage while reinforcing the importance of good values and righteous conduct.

DC Ramban finalises arrangements for Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting to review and finalize arrangements for the Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations across the district.

The meeting was attended by SSP Arun Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; senior officers of various departments, prominent citizens and religious leaders. SDMs and Tehsildars participated in the meeting virtually.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to make comprehensive arrangements for smooth, safe and hassle-free celebrations. He laid special emphasis on security, sanitation, traffic management and provision of essential public amenities, particularly along the routes of Shri Krishna Shoba Yatra in Ramban and other places across the district.

The DC directed the Traffic Police to formulate an effective traffic regulation plan for smooth vehicular movement in Ramban



town and along the Shoba yatra routes. The Municipal Committees were directed to maintain cleanliness and lighting around temples and other places associated with the celebrations. He also directed the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, to ensure adequate water supply and the Executive Engineer, JPDCL, to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the celebrations.

The AD FCS&CA, Tehsildars, Food Safety Officer, officers of Municipal Com-

mittees and other concerned departments were directed to conduct joint market inspections to check the quality and availability of food items and other essential commodities during the festival.

The CMO was directed to deploy ambulances along with medical teams on the Shoba Yatra routes to ensure prompt medical assistance in case of any emergency. The DC also directed the concerned departments to ensure adequate arrangements for drinking

water, fire and emergency services and other essential facilities.

SSP Arun Gupta suggested various measures for strengthening security arrangements at temples, along the Shoba Yatra routes and at other locations witnessing public gatherings.

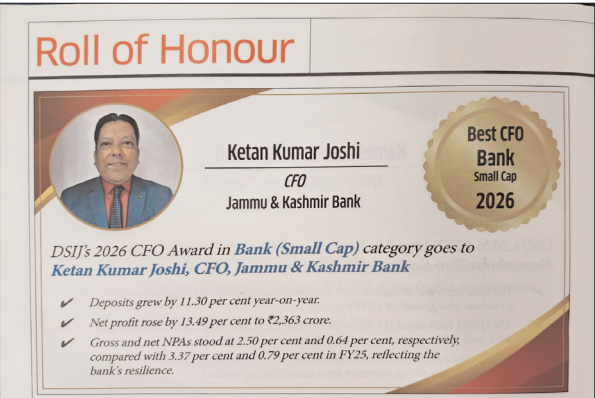
He also asked the religious organizations and temple management committees to install CCTV cameras for strengthening security and monitoring of the areas.

J&K Bank CFO Ketan Kumar Joshi Wins DSIJ's 2026 CFO Award

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J&K Bank Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Ketan Kumar Joshi has been conferred the Dalal Street Investment Journal (DSIJ) 2026 CFO Award in the 'Bank (Small Cap)' category, recognising his contribution to the Bank's strong financial performance and sustained institutional growth.

Congratulating Joshi on the achievement, J&K



Bank MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said the recognition reflected his profes-

sional competence and would further motivate the Bank to strengthen institu-

tional resilience, enhance stakeholder value and progress steadily towards its long-term strategic objectives.

Expressing gratitude for the honour, CFO Ketan Kumar Joshi thanked the Bank's leadership and colleagues, stating that the recognition belonged to the entire J&K Bank family. He credited the institution's collective commitment and coordinated efforts for enabling the Bank to consistently deliver strong financial outcomes.

CM Omar lays foundation for several development works at Kashmir Government Polytechnic

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 03: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today laid the foundation stone for developmental works at Kashmir Government Polytechnic, Srinagar, and e-inaugurated infrastructure upgrades worth ₹4.20 crore across Government Polytechnics in Kishtwar, Ramban, Kulgam and Kupwara.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister called for greater focus on skill development and vocational education, stressing that preparing youth for the future job market must go hand in hand with formal education.

"We cannot give government jobs to everyone. If we have to prepare our children for the future, we have to give them the skills to compete in the job market, whether in Jammu and Kashmir, elsewhere in the coun-

try or abroad," the Chief Minister said. He emphasised that skill development programmes must be aligned with emerging market requirements and the employment opportunities being created in sectors such as tourism, agriculture, horticulture, manufacturing, construction, health-care and technology. The Chief Minister called for regular review of courses and training programmes in ITIs and polytechnics so that outdated skills and equipment are replaced with training relevant to contemporary industry requirements.

He said the level of attention given to universities should also be extended to the skill-development network of ITIs and polytechnics, including improvement of infrastructure, training quality and modern equipment.

Highlighting the employment



potential emerging from major projects in J&K, he said the skill-development ecosystem must be designed around the requirements of upcoming investments and industries.

The Chief Minister also said the government would work to strengthen the network of skill-development institutions over the next three years and improve their infrastructure and quality. He further stressed the need to ensure greater employment opportunities for local youth in industries and projects coming to J&K, saying companies should be encouraged to employ trained local youth before looking outside the region for skilled manpower.

The Chief Minister said J&K's objective should not be merely to send labour outside but to prepare skilled professionals

capable of securing better-paying employment and competing in international markets.

He also felicitated students who secured overseas placements, underscoring the Government's commitment to strengthening technical education and creating meaningful employment opportunities for J&K's youth.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed, MLA Karnah Javed Ahmed Mirchal, Secretary Skill Development Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Director Skill Development Department Dr Owais Ahmed, Principal Kashmir Government Polytechnic Srinagar Shafqat Ara, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.