

Jal Jeevan Mission collaborates with JKAACL to promote Water Conservation at Basohli Utsav

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Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Jammu and Kashmir, in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), organised Nukkad Natak series at Basohli Utsav 2026 to promote water conservation, cleanliness and judicious use of water.

Organised under the Jal Utsav framework for continuous engagement and cultural connect with water, the initiative used live theatre to spread awareness and encourage collective responsibility towards protecting water resources.

The Nukkad Natak highlighted challenges posed by pollution, wastage and unsustainable practices. The performance conveyed that preserving water resources requires responsible human action. It emphasised that water-supply infrastructure alone cannot ensure long-term water security. Protection of natural springs and streams, conservation of catchment areas, rainwater harvesting, prevention of pollution and judicious water use are equally essential.

In line with the vision of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, the initiative highlighted com-



munity participation, local ownership of drinking-water systems and protection of water sources for future generations. It reiterated that water conservation is a shared responsibility of government departments, households, communities and individuals.

A digital screen installed at the festival venue is also showcasing JJM's efforts

and achievements, along with messages on water conservation and sustainable water management.

Being celebrated from October 19 to 21, Basohli Utsav 2026 showcases the region's rich cultural heritage, traditional art forms, tourism potential and local economy. The festival features Basohli miniature paintings, Ramleela, folk

performances, traditional sports, local cuisine and Ravi Aarti, among other attractions.

The collaboration highlights the role of cultural platforms in promoting public awareness and reinforcing the message that access to safe drinking water must go hand in hand with protecting natural resources.

Health Deptt organises free medical camp

DODA, OCTOBER 20: Reaffirming its commitment to extend quality healthcare services to rural communities, a free Medical Camp under MMU was organised at Village Aul in Medical Block Ghat.

The camp witnessed an encouraging response from the local population. More than 200 locals were examined and provided medical consultations for various ailments. Screening tests were also conducted to facilitate the early detection of health conditions

and promote timely medical intervention.

As part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen preventive healthcare, TB screening and awareness activities were also carried out during the camp. The medical team sensitised the local population about tuberculosis, the importance of early diagnosis, timely treatment and the need to seek medical assistance in case of symptoms suggestive of TB.

In addition to clinical services,

health awareness activities were conducted to promote the rational use of medicines and discourage drug misuse. The beneficiaries were also sensitised about the JK SEHAT App, highlighting its utility in accessing healthcare-related services and information.

The medical team comprised Dr. Hamid Parray, Dr. Touseef Aslam, Dr. Muneeza Iqbal, Dr. Younis Saleem (MLHP) and Swami Raj from the MMU team.

Awareness Programme for Anganwadi Workers held in Bandipora under Poshan Maah 2026

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 20: In a strong display of inter-departmental convergence under Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026, the Department of Community Medicine, SKIMS, in collaboration with the Health Department and ICDS Department, organized a joint Awareness-cum-Sensitization Programme for Anganwadi Workers of Block Hajin at CHC Sumbal.

The programme was held under the national theme "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Zimmedari" and was conducted in Convergence Mode as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Women & Child Development, wherein Anganwadi Workers of

Block Hajin, including PHC Hajin, have been deputed in batches of 50 workers every Tuesday starting from 29th September 2026.

On the occasion, resource persons from SKIMS, Medical Officers of CHC Sumbal / PHC Hajin and CDPO Sumbal/Hajin jointly sensitized the AWWs on key deliverables including Growth monitoring, Poshan Tracker and community-based management of malnourished children, Maternal nutrition, breastfeeding and complementary feeding and Anaemia prevention and health-hygiene practices.

The participants were urged to work in close coordination with

ASHAs and ANMs at the village level to ensure follow-up of high-risk mothers and SAM/MAM children and to strengthen referral linkage between Anganwadi Centres and Primary Health Centre Hajin.

During the event, the BMO and CDPO appreciated the initiative of SKIMS for extending technical support to grassroots workers. They said convergence between Health and ICDS is vital for achieving the goal of Kuposhan Mukht Bharat.

The programme concluded with an interaction session where AWWs from PHC Hajin shared field-level challenges.

SWD Welfare Srinagar concludes 2-Day theme based Nukad Natak under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

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Social Welfare Department (SWD) Srinagar successfully conducted two-days theme based Nukad Natak under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA).

The programme aimed at strengthening awareness and building institutional capacity to prevent substance abuse among youth.

As part of the ongoing nationwide campaign under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), a series of impactful street plays (Nukkad Natak) were successfully organized by the Department of Social Welfare Srinagar across key transit hubs in Srinagar, including Panthachowk, Khonmoh, Harwan, and Hazratbal bus stands.

The initiative aimed to generate widespread public awareness about the growing threat of substance abuse, its debilitating effects on individuals and families, and the critical



need for collective community action to eradicate drug addiction.

Performed by dynamic local theatre artists, the street plays used engaging storytelling, sharp dialogue, and relatable scenarios to highlight the psychological, physical, and socio-economic consequences of drug dependency. By hosting these performances at major bus terminals—high-footfall hubs serving com-

muters, youth, vendors, and local residents, the campaign reached a broad and diverse audience.

Key highlights of the performances included early detection and prevention of substance abuse among youth, encouraging open dialogue around addiction as a treatable health issue rather than a social taboo.

Furthermore, these performances guided the public toward available govern-

ment resources, counselling services, and rehabilitation facilities under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan framework.

The district administration and participating organizations reaffirmed their commitment to continuing multi-pronged awareness drives, enforcement measures, and rehabilitation programs to ensure a healthier, drug-free Srinagar.

DDC Pulwama visits Transit Accommodation at Lethpora

Directs time-bound completion of Essential Works

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District Development Commissioner (DDC), Pulwama, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, today visited the Transit Accommodation at Lethpora to take stock of the ongoing development works and readiness of the accommodation facilities.

During the visit, the DDC inspected the accommodation being developed at the site and took stock of the status of various infrastructure and essential services. He emphasised that all pending works must be completed within clearly defined timelines and that the premises are made safe and fully functional before being handed over.

The DDC was informed that 528 quarters are ready for handover and directed the concerned agencies to ensure that all the quarters are handed over by the end of December 2026.

Giving priority to the safety of the premises, the DDC directed that an urgent fire-safety audit of the entire accommodation complex be conducted and necessary compliance measures be completed on priority.

The SSP, Awantipora, was instructed to undertake a comprehensive security review of all the premises and identify and address any security-related requirements to ensure adequate safety and security of the accommodation.

Taking stock of the vertical transportation facilities, the DDC directed the concerned agencies to ensure that all 28 lifts are made operational, with the installation work to be completed by the end of November 2026.

The DDC also directed the



concerned agency to expedite the macadamisation of the approach/internal road infrastructure and complete the work within the next 20 days. He further directed that the necessary safety certificate be issued on priority, with due adherence to the prescribed safety standards.

The DDC also took stock of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and directed the concerned authorities to ensure its timely completion, commissioning and proper functioning, so that adequate sewage management

arrangements are in place before full-scale occupation of the accommodation.

The DDC stressed that all departments and executing agencies must work in close coordination and adhere strictly to the timelines fixed for each component. He directed the concerned officers to personally monitor the progress of the works and ensure that no avoidable delays affect the operational readiness of the Transit Accommodation.

The visit was aimed at ensuring that the Transit Accommodation at Lethpora is

completed with all requisite infrastructure, safety, security and civic facilities and is made fully ready for occupation within the stipulated timelines.

The DDC was accompanied by SSP Awantipora, Irshad Hussain Rather; ADC Awantipora, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone; CPO Pulwama, Aashiq Khanday; Superintending Engineer, PWD Pulwama; Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Pulwama; and Superintending Engineer, KPDCL Pulwama, besides other concerned officers and officials.

DC Ganderbal reviews 460 Cases under Mission YUVA

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) to review the progress achieved under Mission YUVA and consider beneficiary cases under the scheme.

During the meeting, the committee took up 308 fresh cases of nano-entrepreneurs, 94 cases requiring verification for completion of units, and 58 improvement cases under the Nano Entrepreneur Scheme, taking the total number of cases under consideration to 460.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of implementation and emphasised the need for proper scrutiny and verification of beneficiary cases in accordance with the pre-



scribed guidelines. She stressed that all concerned departments and financial institutions must ensure timely processing of cases and extend the requisite support to eligible beneficiaries.

The DC underscored the importance of effective coordination among the departments concerned to facilitate the establishment and completion of nano-enterprise units, address defi-

ciencies in pending cases and ensure that the benefits of Mission YUVA reach eligible youth.

The concerned officers were directed to maintain close follow up on the cases under different categories and ensure timely action in accordance with the scheme's provisions.

The meeting was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Gen-

eral Manager, District Industries Centre; Assistant Commissioner Revenue; Sub Divisional Magistrate Kangan; representatives of educational institutions; District Social Welfare Officer; Employment Officer, officials from JKEDI and NABARD; NRLM representatives, representatives of J&K Bank; Lead District Manager; Director JKRSETI; and other concerned officers and officials.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 20: Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 132/33 kV Grid Substation Pattan will be observed due to which power supply to Pattan Town, Buran, Railway, Nihalpura, Hanjivera, Zanga, Hamray, Lolipora, Wanigam, Tapper, Tantraypora, Palhalan Market, Army, Aglar, Singhpora, Divar, SSM College, Skuast, Duslipora, Kalseri, Mirgund, Rambilgrah, Hariwatnoo, Rerum, Tangmar, Shajimarg, Chandilora, Ferozpora, Alambal, Baba Reshi, Rangiwali, Kulhama, Kralweth, Mulgam, Crusher, Gulmarg, Shadipora, Markundal, Sumbal (Partially), Asham, Odina, Shilvat, Sultanpora, Shahgund, Panzinara, Naidkhah and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 21, 28 October and 07 November 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 200 MVA, 132/33 kV Grid Station Pampore (132 & 33 kV Switchyard) and 132 kV ICT Circuit-I&II will be observed due to which power supply to Konibal, Lethpora, Pampore, Kadlabal, Shar Shali, IE Wuyan, IE Khrew, Cement Plants, Pahrur, BK Pora, Nowgam Railway Stn. Summerbugh, Khanda, Ladhoo, Badamibagh, Lasjan, Panthachowk, Sonwar and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 22 October 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 175 MVA, 132/33 kV Grid Station Awantipora (132 & 33 kV Switchyard), 132 kV Pampore-Awantipora (Ckt-I&II) and 75 MVA, 132/33 kV Grid Station Lasipora (132 kV Yard, 33 kV Yard and Transformer Yard) will be observed due to which power supply to Saimooh, K-Koot, Hariparigam, Kaigam, Chakoora, Gulzarpora, Panzgam Railway, Panzgam, Agriculture, Rakh Litter, Naina, Batpora, Khellan, Marhama, Kelan, Khiram, Sangam, Tral, Devar, Pinglish, Dad-sara, Chandrigam, Mandoora, Kahlil, Bajwani, Noorpora, Batagund, Lurgam, Nanar, Taki, Laam, Jawa-

harpora, Aripal, Khangund, Sathoor, Awantipora, Jawbara, Barsoo, Malangpora, Padgampora, Beighpora, Midoora, Bohu, Lassipora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 22 October 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Awantipora Tral-1st line and 33 kV Awantipora-Tral-II line will be observed due to which power supply to Tral, Devar, Pinglish, Dadsara, Chandrigam, Mandoora, Kahlil, Bajwani, Noorpora, Lurgam, Gulabagh and Aripal. 15MW Batagund, Lurgam, Nanar, Taki, Lam, Jawaharpora, Aripal, Khangund, Satoora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 22 October 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Awantipora line will be observed due to which power supply to Awantipora, Jawbara, Barsoo, Malangpora, Padgampora, Beighpora, Midoora, Bohu and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 22 & 27 October 2026.