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■ **NASHA MukT JK ABHIYAN**

# Sinha joins anti-drug rally in Samba, says Youth hold key to eradicate drug menace

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city. "I assure citizens that we will strike hard against drug networks. Yet this fight cannot be won by law alone, it must be won within society, through awareness, cooperation, and collective effort. We are building a Jammu Kashmir where drugs have no place," the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha said today. He said the 100-day drug-free J&K movement will inspire future generations and stand as proof that when people rise together, they can

change history. He said that every Panchayat must be drug-free, and every police station must be free of drug traffickers. "Success in the next 85 days will not be measured by marches or slogans, but by how deeply the drug menace is cleaned out from villages and city neighborhoods. Weekly outcomes must be clear—how many people were rehabilitated, how many smugglers prosecuted, how many fake centers shut down, how many cases

registered, how much contraband seized, and how many women's committees formed in Panchayat's and city wards," the Lieutenant Governor said. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor observed that continuous auditing of drug-free J&K campaign is essential. He said Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other enforcement agencies must review weekly marches and programs to ensure this movement builds a complete chain of care—from identification and counseling to treatment, recovery, and rehabilitation.

The Lieutenant Governor said that this grave crisis of drug was systematically fueled by the neighboring country to finance terrorism and create social breakdown. He said the narco-terrorists exploited our weaknesses and targeted our youth. ► P11

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**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reached Samba district headquarters as part of the 100-day intensive campaign under 'Nasha MukT Abhiyan', saying the youth hold the key to ending the drug menace.

Samba witnessed a massive gathering as people from all walks of life came together to support the drug-free campaign, pledging to eliminate the menace of drugs from so-



## 100-DAY NASHA MukT JK ABHIYAN

The **EARTH NEWS** joins with the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

## Rs 3.5 Cr assets of smugglers attached

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**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday has attached properties valued at Rs 3.5 crores belonging to narcotics smugglers here, officials said.

The action follows the police's intensified crackdown against Drug trafficking and under the aegis of the ongoing Nasha MukT Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, the spokesperson said. Sangam police station attached two immovable properties linked to the two accused -- Shakeel Ahmad Ganie and Farooq Ahmad Mir, both residents of Noorbagh's Kreshbal area -- under Section 68F of the NDPS Act, the spokesperson said.

The police attached a double-storey residential house along with one kanal of land belonging to Ganie, ► P11

## Photos, list of drug peddlers displayed at police stations

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**SRINAGAR:** Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on Saturday displayed lists of alleged drug peddlers and their photographs at police stations and posts to enhance public awareness and deter involvement in narcotics, officials said. The lists have been placed at these locations under the ongoing Nasha MukT Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyaan in the south Kashmir district, a police spokesperson said.

He said the galleries featuring photographs of such individuals have also been put up at police establishments.

The initiative aims to enhance public awareness, promote transparency and deter involvement in narcotics by signalling zero tolerance and strict legal ► P11

## Digital devices seized from Central Jail

**SRINAGAR:** The Counter Intelligence wing of J&K Police on Saturday recovered various digital communication devices and incriminating material from inside Srinagar Central Jail while conducting searches in a terror-linked case, the officials said.

The case is registered under various sections of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Acting on credible inputs indicating the presence of suspicious digital ► P11

## Sporting ambitions must be achieved on ground, not on paper: Mandaviya

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**SRINAGAR:** Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday said that the country's 10-year roadmap of becoming a global sporting powerhouse must be realised through execution on the ground.

Mandaviya chaired Chintan Shivir of the Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports of states and Union Territories of the country.

The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, also attended the Chintan Shivir and applauded the vision of making India a powerhouse of sports. Over 15 state sports



ministers, along with eminent sports personalities such as Adille Sumariwalla, Abhinav Bindra, Pulella Gopichand and Gagan Narang attended the Chintan Shivir and shared their ideas with the stakeholders.

"Our 10-year roadmap to becoming a global sporting powerhouse must not remain on paper, it must come alive in every playground, every district, and every young dream," Mandaviya said while addressing the inaugural session.

Mandaviya called upon the states to move from policy adoption to active implementation, stressing that real progress will be measured by outcomes visible across districts, training systems, and grassroots sporting ecosystems.

"Khelo Bharat Mission is not just a statistic, it is a reflection of the energy of our youth and the ► P11

## Omar pitches J&K as best filming destination in Bengaluru outreach

### CM agrees multi-level parking project for Ganderbal

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**BENGALURU/JAMMU:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday interacted with filmmakers in Bengaluru, showcasing Jammu & Kashmir's scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage as an ideal destination for cinema.

A delegation of leading film producers and representatives of major production houses met the Chief Minister to explore opportunities for film production and collaboration.

The Chief Minister assured full support and a friendly, enabling environment for artists, reiterating the Government's commitment to making filmmaking in Jammu & Kashmir easier



and more accessible.

The interaction formed part of the Jammu & Kashmir Government's focused outreach in South India, aimed at building stronger connections with key stakeholders in the region's tourism and film

industries. Recognising South India as a major hub of cinema, creativity, and outbound tourism, the initiative seeks to position J&K as a preferred destination for both filmmakers and travellers.

During the ► P11

## Bhagwat: RSS builds better human beings

**NAGPUR:** Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said that the work of RSS 'swayamsevaks' or volunteers is to shape a person into a better human being.

He was speaking at a program organised by the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) here on the occasion of birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Kelkar, a former RSS and ABVP leader.

ABVP and all the organisations affiliated to the RSS work on the basis of an ideology inspired by patriotism, said Bhagwat.

"We all work on the basis of an ideology....It is the rise of an India. Patriotism is our inspiration," he said.

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teers is to shape a person into a better human being, Bhagwat said.

Yashwantrao Kelkar was an inspiration for him and all swayamsevaks, he added.

Meanwhile, the RSS is on a mission to remove the misconceptions about it in the western world with senior leader Dattatreya Hosabale reaching out to intellectuals and academics in the US and the UK to convey the aims and objectives of the organisation in its centenary year.

Hosabale, the RSS General Secretary, has been touring different cities across the US, addressing conferences at the Stanford University in San Francisco and Hudson Institute here and meeting a cross-section of the ► P11

## Udhampur bus accident survivor undergoes chest reconstruction

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**JAMMU:** In a feat of surgical excellence, doctors here have saved the life of a 47-year-old man who sustained grievous chest injuries in a recent bus accident in Udhampur district, a spokesperson of the Government Medical College said on Saturday.

At least 21 people were killed and 51 others injured when an overcrowded passenger bus plunged nearly 100 metres down a hillside in Ramnagar area of Udhampur district on April 20.

"The victim had suffered a complete disruption of the 'sternum' (breastbone), with displacement separating the manubrium (upper part) from the main body of the breast bone. The impact also fractured multiple ribs on

both sides of his chest, leading to a life-threatening condition known as flail chest," the spokesperson said.

The Head of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Department of the super speciality hospital, Dr Shyam Singh said the patient, upon arrival at the hospital, was in a state of shock and unable to maintain oxygen levels.

"The displaced segments of his chest wall were moving paradoxically -- sinking in while breathing in and bulging out while breathing out -- effectively paralyzing his respiratory system. Adding to the complexity, the patient suffered from a pre-existing seizure disorder and had developed haemopneumothorax (a dangerous accumulation of blood and air in the chest cavity)," he said.

He said such trauma pa-

tients deteriorate rapidly due to the combination of flail chest and underlying lung contusions.

Despite the insertion of bilateral chest tubes and being placed on a ventilator, the patient's oxygenation remained unstable. The surgical team decided on an advanced reconstructive procedure to restore the structural integrity of his chest, he said.

Using specialised "titanium plates and screws", surgeons meticulously fixed the disrupted breastbone and stabilised the fractured ribs, allowing the lungs to expand and contract naturally once again.

Dr Puja Vimesh, Head of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology, said, "His clinical condition, hemodynamic parameters and oxygen ► P11

## Jammu sizzles at 39.5 deg C

**JAMMU:** Jammu sweltered on Saturday as heatwave conditions gripped the plains, with the city recording a high of 39.5 degrees Celsius -- 5.1 notches above normal, officials said.

The minimum temperature in the city also remained above average at 22.8 degrees Celsius, 2.0 degrees above normal, a meteorological department spokesperson said.

Katra town, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district, also witnessed a sharp rise in ► P11

## HADP facilitates 1.11L units, benefits 74K farming families

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**JAMMU:** The Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) has facilitated the establishment of over 1.11 lakh units across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir, benefiting 74,589 farming families so far, a senior government official said on Saturday.

Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Ashish Chandra Verma said the programme has achieved full geographic coverage but currently reaches only about 8.1 per cent of the PM-Kisan beneficiary base, indicating

significant scope for expansion and improved utilisation to meet targets.

HADP is a flagship initiative of the J&K government, launched in March 2024, aimed at revamping the agricultural sector through 29 focused projects covering seed quality enhancement, niche crop cultivation, mechanization, and market linkage development.

Verma was briefing a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo here to assess the progress and performance of the HADP in the Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary

noted that the programme reflects strong financial viability, with a government subsidy of around Rs 450 crore expected to be recovered within approximately 2.6 years through enhanced farm incomes.

He directed the department to intensify outreach efforts and ensure greater inclusion of eligible farmers, particularly in districts with lower coverage.

Regarding the functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs), he directed for strengthening them further by improving licensing and expanding service delivery, including ► P11

## CJI: Youth must foster strong character, acquire knowledge

**BHIWANI:** Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Saturday said the future of India rests in the hands of today's students and youth, urging them to cultivate strong character, acquire knowledge and become responsible citizens to help the country scale new heights.

Addressing the 5th convocation ceremony of Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, CJI Kant said academic degrees alone do not define success. He said it is achieved through discipline, diligence, optimal use of time and a continuous willingness to learn.

Emphasising the broader purpose of education, Justice Surya Kant said it should strengthen character, self-confidence and moral values rather than just ensuring employment.

Students' success should not be gauged solely by examination results; rather, one must observe the kind of citizens they have evolved into during the educational process, he remarked, adding that qualities such as integrity, ► P11

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