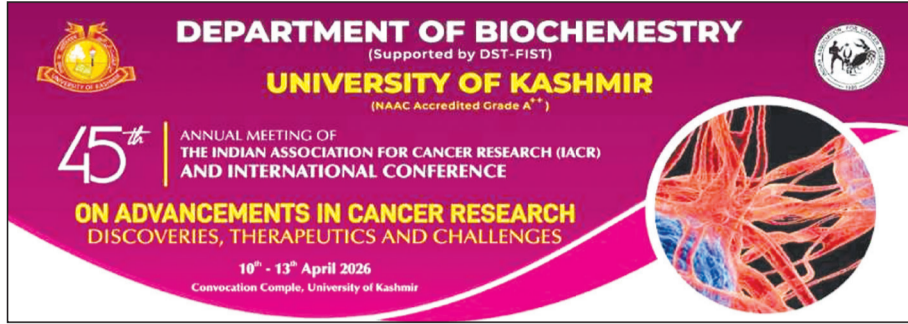


KU to host 45th IACR annual meet, international conference on cancer research

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Biochemistry, University of Kashmir (KU), is set to host the 45th Annual Meeting of the Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR) along with an international conference on "Advancements in Cancer Research: Discoveries, Therapeutics and Challenges" from April 10 to 13 at the varsity's Convocation Complex at the Main Campus.

The four-day event will be graced by leading scientists, clinicians, and researchers from across India and abroad, including participants from institutions such as AIIMS, IISc Bengaluru, IITs, and globally reputed universities like Mayo Clinic, Emory University, and Harvard University. The



conference is designed to engage with the full spectrum of cancer research, from understanding disease mechanisms to exploring therapeutic interventions and addressing emerging challenges in clinical and real-world contexts.

Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, said, "Hosting this important scientific gathering shows the University's commitment to en-

gaging with pressing health concerns through research and academic exchange. It is an opportunity to connect local research efforts with global scientific developments in cancer studies." She added that the conference is expected to strengthen academic collaborations, encourage interdisciplinary research, and provide meaningful exposure to young scholars by enabling direct

interaction with experts working at the forefront of cancer science.

The conference will feature keynote and plenary lectures by internationally recognised experts, along with thematic scientific sessions covering areas such as cancer immunotherapy, CAR-T cell therapy, genomics, DNA repair, tumour microenvironment, and chemoresistance. Emerging domains

including AI-driven diagnostics and translational research will also be a key focus, reflecting the evolving landscape of biomedical science.

Spread over four days, the programme will also include sessions on cell cycle regulation, signal transduction, ubiquitin biology, and precision oncology. Dedicated oral and poster presentation sessions will provide research scholars and students an opportunity to present their work and engage in academic dialogue with peers and senior scientists.

Hosting the annual meeting of IACR, the University continues to expand its role in advancing biomedical research and promoting academic exchange at both national and international levels.

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Tuesday conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction works for key Revenue infrastructure projects in district including the SDM East Office, Tehsil Office Khanyar and Tehsil Office Eidgah.

The visit aimed at reviewing the progress and quality of work being executed under the District Administration's initiative to modernize and strengthen the Revenue infrastructure.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Superintending Engineer R&B, Shabir Ahmad, SDM

East, Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Executive Engineer R&B Arif Hazari, Tehsildar Eidgah, Mohammad Iqbal and other concerned Officers.

During the inspection of the Revenue Complex for Tehsil Office Eidgah, the DC was informed that about 80% of the civil works have been completed. He directed the concerned Officers to expedite the remaining finishing works, including development of the approach road and installation of chain-link fencing around the complex boundary, while ensuring strict adherence to quality standards.

Similarly, the DC reviewed the progress of construction works for the new permanent Office buildings of SDM East and Tehsil Office Khanyar

at Rainawari in the Shahr-e-Khaas area of the district. He assessed the status of structural works, finishing, and internal services and instructed the executing agency to ensure completion of both projects by May 2026, so that the facilities can be dedicated for public use at the earliest. Emphasizing the importance of timely completion of Revenue infrastructure, the Deputy Commissioner reiterated that these upgraded Revenue complexes will significantly enhance public service delivery and provide improved access to revenue-related services for the citizens. He further stated that the District Administration Srinagar is committed to augmenting and modernizing the Revenue setup to ensure efficient, transparent and citizen-friendly governance.

DDC Kulgam flags off road safety rally from GDC Kulgam

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KULGAM: Road Safety Club of Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam today organised a Mega Road Safety Awareness Event in collaboration with the Transport Department, Kulgam, with the objective of spreading awareness regarding safe road practices among students and the general public.

On the occasion, the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, graced the occasion and participated in the Road Safety Pledge.

The DDC also flagged off a road safety rally from the college campus to the SP Office, Kulgam. During the rally, students carried banners, placards, helmets, and awareness pamphlets to disseminate the message of road safety

among the public. Helmets were distributed free of cost to riders found without protective gear, and they were sensitized about the importance of wearing helmets. Additionally, road safety pamphlets were distributed among the general public to enhance awareness.

The speakers emphasised that adherence to traffic rules, use of helmets and seatbelts, avoidance of rash driving, and respect for pedestrians are essential to minimise road accidents and save lives.

The programme concluded with successful culmination of rally and a renewed commitment from students and staff to act as ambassadors of road safety in society.

Earlier, an awareness programme was held in the conference Hall

of the college and witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, NCC and NSS volunteers, non-teaching staff, and students from different departments. Dr. Showkat Ahmad, ARTO Kulgam, delivered an insightful awareness lecture on traffic discipline, responsible driving, the use of helmets and seatbelts, and the importance of safeguarding precious human life on roads.

Road safety awareness videos were also screened during the session, which greatly enhanced students' understanding of traffic rules and accident prevention measures.

During the event, students who secured first positions in various inter-college competitions of the Road Safety Awareness Programme were felicitated.

Mission YUVA: 589 cases approved by DLIC Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: Further boosting the implementation of Mission Yuva in the district, the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC), Anantnag today approved 589 cases during its 28th meeting held at the DC office.

The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC), Chairman DLIC, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat and was attended by Deputy Director Employment, representative of DSWO, DNO JKEDI, Employment Officer, officials from NABARD and banking institutions and other concerned officials.

Sector-wise, the approved cases included 312 in Retail and wholesale sector, 129 in Transport, 65 in the Service sector and 82 in agricultural and allied sector besides other small business ventures associated with meaningful employment. With these 589 fresh cases, the district's tally of approved cases

has reached 6807, out of which 2578 have received bank loans so far.

Notably, 39.5 percent of the applications were submitted by women aspirants, indicating their increasing interest in entrepreneurial initiatives in the district.

Addressing the meeting, the DDC directed the concerned departments and banking institutions to ensure expeditious processing of loan cases and provide necessary facilitation to the applicants so the benefits of Mission YUVA are accrued by them.

He emphasized the need for close coordination between banks and line departments for smooth implementation of the scheme.

At the conclusion, the DLIC reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening entrepreneurship avenues, promoting self-reliance and providing sustainable employment opportunities to the youth through Mission YUVA in the district.

Dr. Farooq pays rich tributes to Hazrat Amir Khusro (RA) on his 722nd Urs

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah Tuesday paid glowing tributes to the legendary Sufi poet, scholar and musician Hazrat Amir Khusro (RA) on the occasion of his 722nd Urs.

In his message, Dr. Farooq described Hazrat Khusro (RA) as a towering cultural icon whose contributions to literature, music, and spirituality continue to inspire generations across the subcontinent. He highlighted Khusro's unique ability to blend Persian and Hindavi traditions, making his work accessible and deeply resonant among the masses.

Dr. Farooq also recalled Khusro's deep spiritual bond with his revered mentor Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya (RA) noting that his poetry reflected the universal values of love, harmony, and devotion. "Amir Khusro's legacy represents the essence of our composite culture and shared heritage. His teachings of unity and brotherhood are more relevant today than ever before," he said.

MP Ramzan hails Private Universities Bill as game-changer for J&K Education

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Additional General Secretary and Member of Rajya Sabha, Chowdhry Muhammad Ramzan Tuesday welcomed the passage of the Private Universities Bill, 2026 in the J&K Legislative Assembly, terming it a landmark legislative reform poised to redefine the higher education landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued from the party headquarters, Naw-e-Subha, Choudhary Ramzan underscored that the bill represents a paradigm shift toward strengthening academic infrastructure, fostering institutional diversification and catalyzing knowledge-driven economic growth.

He noted that the initiative will significantly curb the outward migration of local students by enhancing access to quality higher education

within the region, thereby ensuring both talent retention and financial recirculation in the local economy.

"This progressive legislation will serve as a cornerstone for developing Jammu and Kashmir into a premier educational hub," he said adding, "By facilitating the establishment of private universities, we are expanding the academic ecosystem, promoting interdisciplinary learning, and creating avenues for research, innovation, and skill development." Highlighting the historical legacy of Kashmir as a center of intellectual and cultural excellence, he said, "From times immemorial, Kashmir has been a vibrant nucleus of literary and scholarly pursuits in Asia. This initiative has the potential to restore that legacy and reposition the region as a beacon of academic distinction and cultural enlightenment."

Choudhary further emphasized the bill's multiplier

effect on employment generation, noting that the establishment of private universities will create substantial opportunities across teaching, non-teaching, administrative, and technical domains. "This will not only enhance employability but also stimulate localized development in areas where these institutions are established, contributing to inclusive growth and regional equity," he added.

Commending the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, he described the passage of the bill as a milestone achievement aligned with the broader vision of transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a knowledge economy. He also recalled the enduring vision of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, who aspired for the people of Jammu and Kashmir to lead in education and intellectual advancement across South and Southeast Asia.

Mega job fair in Baramulla draws record participation

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BARAMULLA: In a major push towards youth empowerment and employment generation, District Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC) Baramulla in collaboration with Dagger Division of the Indian Army, and several leading government and private sector organizations, successfully organized the third edition of the Mega Job Fair in Baramulla.

The two-day event witnessed an overwhelming response on its opening day, with over 1,800 job seekers participating and more than 550 candidates shortlisted, surpassing figures from previous editions.

The event was attended by MLA Baramulla, Javed Hassan Beigh, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid along with the Commander Dagger Gunners. Bringing together reput-



ed companies, corporate houses, and skill development institutions, the job fair offered diverse employment opportunities across sectors such as information technology, healthcare, hospitality, banking, retail, manufacturing, automobiles, and marketing services.

On-the-spot interviews, career counselling sessions, and skill development workshops were conducted to guide and prepare candidates for the job market. Notably, sever-

al companies from Bengaluru also conducted interviews online.

In addition, more than 15 government departments participated by showcasing various self-employment schemes and subsidized loan programs, encouraging entrepreneurship and financial independence among the youth.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Baramulla, appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army, emphasizing that such initiatives play a crucial role in job creation

and regional development. The Commander Dagger Gunners highlighted the Indian Army's commitment to community development and youth empowerment, stating that the initiative aims to provide meaningful opportunities for the talented youth of Baramulla to build a secure and prosperous future.

Among the beneficiaries, Hazik Hilal, a recent graduate, expressed her gratitude after securing a position at Hotel Sarovar Portico. She described the job fair as a life-changing opportunity that boosted her confidence and career prospects. The Mega Job Fair concluded with hundreds of placements and numerous candidates enrolled in training and skill enhancement programs. The initiative once again underlined the Indian Army's continued dedication to fostering peace, progress, and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir.

Mega health awareness camp, market inspection drive held at Aishmuqam

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ANANTNAG: On the eve of World Health Day, the Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Aishmuqam under the Chairmanship of Shyam Kumar Sharma, has organised a day-long comprehensive Health Awareness Program and Mega Medical drive to spread awareness about Health.

The event, presided over by the Chairman TLSC, underscores the judiciary's role in safeguarding the fundamental right to health. The camp, held at Court Complex Aishmuqam, saw a massive turnout.

Medical specialists from BMO Mattan and BMO Sallar provided a range of services, including Blood pressure, sugar levels, and general physical check-ups. Awareness session and expert talks on mental health, nutrition, and the ill effects of bad health

among students. Moreover, essential medicines were provided to those in need following their check-ups. Meanwhile, high-level team led by the Chairman TLSC, alongside the Naib Tehsildar and Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee, TSO Aishmuqam and TSO Pahalgam conducted a surprise inspection of the Aishmuqam Market.

The drive focused on food safety ensuring that eateries and vendors adhere to the Food Safety and Standards Act. Directives were issued on-the-spot to shopkeepers regarding the scientific disposal of waste and the mandatory installation of dustbins.

The initiative aims to reinforce the principle that "Health is a human right, not a luxury." The program is designed to promote community wellness, provide essential medical screenings, and educate students and the general

public on the importance of preventive healthcare. The medical camp features expert teams from BMO Mattan and BMO Sallar, equipped with necessary diagnostic tools to provide on-spot screenings and consultations.

The event was attended by senior local officials, including Naib Tehsildar Aishmuqam, Executive Officer of Municipal Committee, and Principal of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Aishmuqam, TSO Aishmuqam and TSO Pahalgam.

The Chairman, TLSC Aishmuqam, emphasized that these drives are critical for building a resilient and thriving community. The local police, led by SDPO Pahalgam and SHO Aishmuqam, provided necessary coordination and information support to ensure the smooth conduct of the day's proceedings.

Div Com Kashmir reviews flood mitigation measures

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SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg today chaired a high-level meeting to review flood mitigation measures undertaken by the Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) Department, along with preparedness of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) ahead of the upcoming monsoon season.

The meeting focused on strengthening embankments to enhancing the overall flood resilience of the River Jhelum system besides mock drills of disaster management. During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing flood management works and emphasized the need for timely execution of advance measures prior to the onset of the monsoon. He also reviewed key



non-structural interventions, including flood hazard mapping, land-use planning regulations, flood early warning systems, public awareness initiatives, and sediment management strategies such as regulated riverbed material extraction. The Div Com also assessed preparedness and resource augmentation of NDRF and SDRF. On the occasion, the

Divisional Commissioner directed NDRF and SDRF to conduct regular mock drills in coordination with district administrations to ensure effective emergency response. He also stressed the importance of Yatra-specific preparedness of mountain rescue teams, alongside strengthening urban flood response mechanisms and augmenting equipment availability.

The Div Com directed I&FC Department to work as the nodal agency for resource and equipment pooling, as well as maintaining a centralized repository of manpower and contact details.

Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the need for clear demarcation of stretches along the River Jhelum under the jurisdiction of respective Executive Engineers.

He also directed the rational deployment of manpower, including shifting personnel from northern districts to southern areas for effective gauge monitoring across 126 identified beats comprising canals and rivulets of the Jhelum basin. The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineer, I&FC; Executive Engineers; officers of NDRF and SDRF; and the Officer on Special Duty to the Divisional Commissioner.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

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SRINAGAR: Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Soibugh Wadwan line will be observed due to which power supply to Soibugh, Dharmuna, Wadwan, Rasoo, Gotpora, Chatbugh, Pymus, Gariend, Nadigam, Banggam, Wahpora and its adjacent areas will be affected from 09 AM to 12:30 PM on 08 April 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Bemina-Fateh Kadal line and 33 kV Bemina-Barbarshah line will be observed due to which power supply to K.K. Mohalla, Nowpora, Bohrikadal, BB Shah, Babademb, Bishembarnagar, Gousia Hospital, Nai Sarak, Barbarshah, Exchange, Basantbagh, Car Parking, Maisuma Bazar and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 11 & 13 April 2026. Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Beerwah Arizal Tapline will be observed due to which power supply to Arizal, Zanigam, Reyar, Doodhpathry and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 08 April 2026.

NOTICE

I, Sahil Chib S/o Shamsher Singh Chib R/o Satriyan Tehsil RS Pura, Distt Jammu do hereby inform that my name on my Driving License has been entered as Sahil Singh Chib instead of Sahil Chib. Also, my father's name has been wrongly entered as Shamsher Singh instead of Shamsher Singh Chib. I have applied for said corrections. Objection, if any, conveyed to RTO Jammu within 7 days of this publication.