

DC Srinagar, Principal GMC interact with students & faculty

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and Principal Government Medical College(GMC) Srinagar, Prof Ifat Hassan Shah on Wednesday held an interactive session with faculty and students of GMC Srinagar and the Nursing College to assess their requirements with respect to infrastructural upgradation, improvement in civic services and augmentation of existing facilities.

Administrator GMC Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid, Executive Engineer, R&B, Abdul Qayoom, Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital,



Dr Andleeb, District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Ghulam Hassan and other senior officers of the District Administration and GMC Srinagar were present on the occasion. During the interaction, faculty and students highlighted requirements relating to

development and upgradation of sports and recreational facilities, enhancement of library, reading room and smart classroom facilities, improvement of sanitation, civic facilities and hostel infrastructure, measures to address stray dog menace within and around the campus and macadamization, landscaping and green space development across the College premises.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized that interaction between administration and academia enables constructive solutions and meaningful progress through a coordinated approach. He assured the faculty and students of continued support from the District Administration to ensure a safe, supportive and conducive environment

for academic and welfare of the students. He assured the students that all issues and demands put forth by them would be addressed on priority in a time bound manner. Earlier, the Principal GMC Srinagar acknowledged the support and cooperation of District administration for infrastructure upgradation at GMC Srinagar, including the commissioning of a receiving station that ensures uninterrupted power supply to SMHS Hospital, Super Specialty Hospital, Dental College, and Nursing College, allotment of land for construction of additional blocks, provisioning of enhanced street lights in and around the campus thereby enhancing healthcare services and operational efficiency in the College and its associated hospitals.

PDF President Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen welcomes Iran-US ceasefire

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SRINAGAR: President of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen, on Wednesday welcomed the reported ceasefire between Iran and the United States, describing it as a significant and timely step towards de-escalating tensions in the region.

In a statement issued here, Yaseen said the ceasefire has brought a sense of relief not only to the people of the Middle East but also to those across the globe who were closely following the rising tensions with concern. He noted that prolonged conflict and uncertainty in the region had created widespread anxiety, and the ceasefire offers a renewed opportunity for peace and stability. Yaseen emphasized that war and confrontation only lead

to destruction and suffering, while dialogue and diplomacy remain the only sustainable means to resolve disputes between nations. He urged both Iran and the United States to build on this development and engage in meaningful negotiations to achieve a long-term, peaceful resolution.

The PDF President further stated that such positive developments are essential in promoting global harmony and preventing further escalation that could have far-reaching consequences. He called upon the international community to play a constructive role in supporting peace initiatives and ensuring that the ceasefire is respected and maintained. Highlighting the importance of stability in the region, Yaseen said that peace in the Middle East has a direct impact on global economic conditions, energy security, and

overall geopolitical balance. He added that any step towards reducing conflict contributes to a safer and more secure world. He also expressed hope that this ceasefire would mark the beginning of a new phase of understanding and cooperation between the concerned nations. "All sides must demonstrate restraint, avoid provocative actions, and commit themselves to peaceful engagement for the greater good of humanity," he said. Reiterating his support for the peaceful resolution of conflicts, Yaseen stressed that the lessons of history clearly show that lasting peace can only be achieved through mutual respect, trust, and dialogue. He urged leaders across the world to prioritize diplomacy over confrontation and work collectively towards building a more peaceful and stable global order.

Dr. Farooq hails Iran-US Ceasefire as a triumph for humanity

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah Wednesday welcomed the ceasefire agreement between Iran, the United States and Israel, describing it as a momentous step toward global peace and a triumph for humanity.

Dr. Farooq expressed his profound appreciation that the concerned nations opted for dialogue over confrontation, emphasizing that no dispute can ever be genuinely resolved through war. He observed that had hostilities persisted the scale of human suffering would have been catastrophic, and underscored the indispensable role of diplomatic engagement in achieving durable and meaningful solutions. Highlighting the strategic importance of stability in energy-rich regions, he noted India's significant role, particularly given the large workforce from Jammu and Kashmir and rest of the country employed across Arab countries, in contributing constructively to the peace process. Dr. Farooq also drew attention to the extensive destruction and human loss on all sides, including Israel, affirming that conflict yields no real benefit to humanity. He characterized the ceasefire as a triumph of collective prudence and urged nations to place dialogue and balanced foreign policy at the forefront to avert future crises. He further reaffirmed India's longstanding support for the Palestinian cause, its robust relations with Arab nations and its measured, principled engagement with global powers such as Russia and China, asserting that such balanced diplomacy is vital in the contemporary international landscape. Dr. Farooq further stated, "Peace is not a sign of weakness; it is the highest form of wisdom, and today, wisdom has prevailed."

SKUAST-K launches NextGen e-Plant Clinic at Shalimar Campus

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SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) today signalled a paradigm shift in regional agriculture with the inauguration of a high-tech ecosystem dedicated to digital advisory and farmer-centric innovation. In a ceremony at the varsity's Directorate of Extension, Shalimar, Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai accompanied by University Officers, Heads of Divisions and Scientists launched a suite of next-generation facilities. These include the e-Plant Health Clinic, Farmer School Centre, Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Centre and the newly established Conference Hall of the Directorate of SAMETI Kashmir.

The launch was also attended by progressive farmers and orchardists who hailed the move as a 'game-changer' for the region. Prof Ganai described

the e-Plant Clinic as a critical bridge between laboratory breakthroughs and field-level reality. "We are moving from reactive to proactive agriculture," Prof Ganai said. "This platform leverages digital tools for the instant diagnosis of pests and diseases, ensuring that our farmers aren't just guessing, they are acting on scientific certainty", he added.

Director Extension, Prof Raihana Habib Kanth emphasized that these facilities are 'engines of capacity building.' She highlighted how the integration of the Agri-Business Incubation Centre will transform the local landscape by fostering a culture of innovation and startups among the educated youth.

Director Planning, Prof Haroon Naik said that SKUAST-K has solidified its position as a 'brand institution,' setting a national benchmark for how universities can drive regional prosperity.

DC Shahzad assesses implementation of enterprise mentorship programme under Mission YUVA

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, Shahzad Alam today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and implementation of the Enterprise Mentorship Programme under Mission YUVA in the district.

At the outset, a detailed overview of the programme was presented, highlighting key achievements and ongoing activities. The chair was informed that a total of 21 enterprises have been successfully onboarded under the initiative so far. It was further apprised that 8 mentors are currently engaged in conducting structured mentorship batches aimed at guiding and supporting aspiring entrepreneurs at various stages



of their enterprise development journey. While reviewing the progress, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for scaling up the initiative to achieve broader outreach and impact. He stressed upon the concerned

departments and stakeholders to intensify efforts towards identification and onboarding of more viable enterprises across diverse sectors. He also underscored the importance of mobilizing and enrolling a larger pool of entrepreneurs in the

mentorship batches to ensure maximum participation and benefit under Mission YUVA. Highlighting the significance of mentorship in nurturing sustainable enterprises, the Deputy Commissioner called for close coordination among all stakeholders to ensure quality mentoring, regular monitoring, and effective handholding of beneficiaries. The meeting also deliberated on strategies to enhance the effectiveness of mentorship sessions, streamline communication between mentors and mentees, and address any operational challenges being faced during implementation. The meeting was attended by the CCO DE&CC Kulgam, IPO DIC Kulgam, SBDU/ BHD staff, and the on-boarded enterprise mentors.

DLIC Budgam approves 623 Cases under Mission YUVA in district

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BUDGAM: A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for Mission YUVA was today chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting focused on accelerating youth entrepreneurship and reviewing the progress of cases submitted under the mission. During the meeting, 623 cases, duly verified by the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs), were placed before the committee for consideration. After thorough evaluation, all 623 cases were approved for financial assistance, capacity building, and handholding support under Mission YUVA. The approved cases include entrepreneurial ventures, ranging from traditional crafts such as shawl em-



broidery, sozni, Aari work, tailoring and cutting units, carpentry and joinery workshops, as well as modern and service-oriented businesses including load carriers, dairy units, repair shops, stationery/printing units, food businesses, retail stores, packaging units, and other micro-enterprise activities. Speaking on the occasion,

guidance, and long-term mentorship. "Mission YUVA is our investment in the potential, resilience, and creativity of Budgam's youth. Every project approved today represents a new livelihood opportunity, a family strengthened, and a step towards a more self-reliant district," he noted.

The DC directed all concerned departments, banks and implementing agencies to ensure time-bound sanctioning, hassle-free disbursement, and continuous mentoring of the approved cases. He instructed that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) must be completed without delay and emphasised that no application should remain pending unnecessarily at any level. Accountability, transparency, and efficiency must be maintained throughout the process, he added.

DC Athar reviews Hajj-2026, SANJY-2026 arrangements

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Srinagar International Airport Humhama, to review the arrangements put in place for the smooth dispatch of Hajj pilgrims 2026, scheduled to commence 18th of this month, and also assessed preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnath ji yatra (SANJY) 2026. During the visit, the DC conducted a comprehensive inspection of facilities available for pilgrims and passengers. He reviewed arrangements related to clean drinking water, medical facilities, refreshment counters, volunteer assistance, traffic regulation within and outside the airport premises, immigration processes, baggage handling systems,

Zam Zam water storage etc. Emphasis was laid on ensuring seamless coordination among departments for efficient passenger management and timely facilitation. While reviewing the arrangements for Hajj pilgrims, the DC stressed the need for maintaining high standards of hygiene, adequate seating, proper guidance mechanisms, and hassle-free movement of pilgrims from entry points to boarding areas. He underscored the importance of deploying sufficient manpower and ensuring round-the-clock assistance for elderly and special-needs pilgrims. On the Occasion, the DC also reviewed the preparedness for SANJY-2026, focusing on coordination among stakeholder departments,

logistical readiness, and facilitation measures for pilgrims expected during the Yatra period. He highlighted the importance of proactive planning, effective traffic management, and public convenience to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage. The DC reiterated the need for close inter-departmental coordination and continuous monitoring to ensure that all arrangements are executed efficiently and in a timely manner for the convenience of pilgrims. Officers present during the visit included Director Airport Authority Srinagar, Javed Anjum; Senior Superintendent of Police Budgam, Hariprasad K.K.; Chief Planning Officer Budgam, Executive Officer Hajj House Bemina ,CMO-, DIO, DSWO and officers and officials from various departments.

DC Bilal assures time bound resolution of genuine public grievances

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ANANTNAG: To address the concerns and grievances of the local community and ensure efficient public service delivery, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat today convened a Public Durbar and outreach cum grievance redressal camp, at Rasool Mir Auditorium, Dooru. The program was attended by ADC, CPO, ACD, CAO, CEO, CAHO, DD Fisheries, ARTO, ALC, BMO, BDOs, CDPO, Exens R&B, PHE & PDD, AEEs, TSWO, EO MC, officials from various other departments besides Ex DDC & PRI members and representatives from SHGs, civil society and general public. During the program, the DDC gave a patient hearing to the residents who raised issues pertaining to road connectivity, health-care services, banking fa-



ilities, rationalization of teaching staff and school infrastructure, beautification and tourism promotion, electricity bills, ration stores, irrigation facilities, urban amenities and infrastructure, relocation of government offices, among others. The demands included upgradation of Anantnag Dooru Verinag Road and widening of Sabdran & Dooru bridges, Mini Secretariat at Dooru, specialists at SDH Dooru, commissioning of Water

Filtration Plant, parking space, public toilets and solar lights in town areas, development of Rasool Mir & Bakshi Park, construction of Munsif Court and shopping complexes, beautification of Dooru Lisser Road, Bus Service from Dooru to Srinagar and aligning movement of SRTC Buses with school timing in Kapran, career counseling programs for students and youth, irrigation facilities in Dooru, Bragam, Nowpora and Nathipora areas, utilisation

of services of Marriage Hall at Mehmoorabad, water supply to Naidpora and Larkipora, Naidpora-Hakura, Arampora & Trajan Nowgam Nad Road construction, ambulance for hilly areas of Shahabad, connecting Kapran with ADV Road widening, minimising wild animal attacks in upper areas, separate PDD feeders, culvert bridge, circular road and children park Nowgam, upgradation of Verinag Qazigund Road, fencing of retrieved state land, construction of HS Batagund and Samagra School Chowgund, SBI Branch Qamar Shahabad, Kapran Drangmang Filtration Plant and playfields for Gawas and other areas. The DDC issued on spot directions to revenue authorities to identify suitable land required for Schools at Batagund and Chowgund in consultation with the School Education Department. R&B and

Revenue authorities were instructed to take appropriate actions on ADV and other roads as demanded by the public. Directions were issued to PHE Department to submit a detailed report on the alternate source proposed for Water Supply Schemes under JJM for Naidpora and Larkipora Villages. Regarding Water Filtration Plant Dooru, the PHE authorities informed that the same will be commissioned within next 2-3 weeks while as 95 percent work has been completed on Kapran Drangmang Filtration Plant. ARTO was directed to explore the feasibility of Dooru Srinagar Bus Service as well as changing the timing of SRTC Buses for students in Kapran areas. ULB and Revenue authorities were asked to make field survey to provide parking space and public toilets in urban areas.

BMS Meej observes World Health Day



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PULWAMA: Boys Middle School (BMS) Meej observed World Health Day with a series of educational and awareness activities aimed at promoting healthy habits among students and the local community. The programme commenced with a special morning assembly focusing on the significance of physical and mental well-being. Students participated actively by delivering speeches, sharing health-related messages, and presenting short skits emphasizing hygiene, balanced diet, and regular exercise.

Teachers conducted interactive sessions on personal cleanliness, prevention of common diseases, and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Special emphasis was laid on encouraging students to adopt daily fitness routines and proper nutrition. As part of the observance, various sports activities, including rope skipping and simple fitness exercises, were organized to ensure active participation of students. A poster-making activity was also held, providing students an opportunity to express their ideas on health and wellness creatively. The Headmaster appre-

ciated the efforts of the staff and students and emphasized the need to practice healthy habits as a part of daily life rather than limiting them to special occasions. The programme concluded with a pledge by the students to remain committed to a healthy lifestyle and to spread awareness about good health practices within their families and the wider community. Mohd Ashraf Bhat, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the importance of health and well-being and emphasized that physical fitness plays a crucial role in maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.