

# Sanskrit Month: Grand Sanskrit Shobha Yatra, anti-drug awareness rally organised

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**KATRA/JAMMU:** With the objective of spreading awareness among the public about the glory, preservation, and promotion of the Sanskrit language, while also sensitizing society to the serious social evil of drug abuse, the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Jammu & Kashmir, organized a grand Sanskrit Shobha Yatra and anti-drug awareness rally in Katra on Thursday as part of Sanskrit Month celebrations.

The event conveyed a positive and inspiring message through the combined themes of the glory of Sanskrit and the resolve to build a “Drug-Free Society.”

The Shobha Yatra commenced from Fawara Chowk, Katra, and passed through various prominent routes of the town before concluding at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Spiritual Development Centre, Katra.

During the yatra, messages were conveyed regarding the preservation and promotion of the Sanskrit language, while youth and people from all sections of society were encouraged to stay away from drugs and adopt a healthy, cultured, disciplined, and positive way of life. A special lecture was also organized at the conclusion of the programme. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Shiv Kumar Sharma, who attended the event as the chief guest, described Sanskrit as a foundational language of India’s



rich cultural, spiritual, and intellectual heritage. He said that Sanskrit is an invaluable legacy of Indian civilization. He called upon the youth to stay away from drugs and embrace positive thinking, discipline, and Indian values. He said that young people have the most important role to play in building a drug-free society and that such awareness programmes can play a significant role

in bringing about positive social change.

SP Kameshwar Puri said that Sanskrit is a powerful medium for connecting with India’s ancient knowledge tradition and cultural heritage. He stated that the fight against drug abuse is not the responsibility of the administration alone, but a collective responsibility of every section of society.

He appealed to the youth to stay away from

drugs and move forward in the direction of education, values, discipline, and nation-building.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust and a recipient of the State Award, said that Sanskrit is not merely an ancient language but the foundation of Indian culture, knowledge, spiritual consciousness, and values.

He said that the Shobha

# Anil Bhardwaj appointed J&K President of UVSM

**JAMMU:** Anil Bhardwaj has been appointed State President of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Suraksha Manch, according to a communication issued by the organisation’s national leadership.

The appointment was announced in a letter dated August 17 and signed by National President Gopal Sharan Garg and National General Secretary Surendra Chaudhary.

The organisation cited Bhardwaj’s involvement in social service, business and social activities, along with his commitment to the organisation and the interests of the business community, while entrusting him with the responsibility of heading its J&K unit.

The national leadership said the organisation works for the interests of small, medium and large traders as well as micro, small and medium enterprises, and seeks to raise issues concerning the business community before the government and concerned departments.

In the appointment communication, the organisation expressed confidence that Bhardwaj would work in accordance with its constitution, objectives and principles and contribute towards protecting traders’ interests, strengthening the organisation and expanding its activities in the region.

Bhardwaj has also been urged to uphold the dignity and discipline of the organisation and discharge his responsibilities with dedication, honesty and commitment, while giving due importance to national, social and business interests.

The national office-bearers conveyed their best wishes to Bhardwaj for his tenure as State President of the J&K unit.



## DC Rajouri reviews progress of PMGSY Roads in Darhal, subdivision Thanamandi

**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma Thursday chaired a meeting to review the status and progress of PMGSY road projects in Darhal, subdivision Thanamandi.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, CPO Maqsood Ahmed, SDM Abid Hussain Shah, DFO Mohd Naveed, Executive Engineer PMGSY Shahid Mustafa, AEE PMGSY Ahtjaz Shafeeq Choudhary and other concerned officers. During the meeting, the status of eight PMGSY roads in Darhal, subdivision Thanamandi was reviewed in detail.

It was informed that work on six roads is presently in progress, while two roads are awaiting requisite forest clearance.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure close coordination and timely resolution of issues affecting the execution of the projects. He directed the DFO concerned to fast-track the forest clearance process for the two pending roads to facilitate commencement of work at the earliest.

The DC also directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on all ongoing projects and ensure their timely completion while maintaining the prescribed quality standards. He emphasized that all concerned departments must work in close coordination to remove bottlenecks and ensure improved road connectivity.

## IIM Jammu to celebrate 10 years of excellence, innovation and impact on Aug 22, 2026

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**JAMMU:** The Indian Institute of Management Jammu is set to mark a significant milestone as it celebrates its 10th Anniversary on 22 August 2026 at Mandapam, IIM Jammu.

The day-long celebration will commemorate a decade of academic excellence, institutional growth, innovation, research, industry engagement and societal impact, while setting the vision for the Institute’s next decade.

The roadmap for the celebrations and the future plans of IIM Jammu were shared during a Press Conference held on 20 August 2026 at IIM Jammu, presided over by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The Press Conference reflected not only on the Institute’s remarkable journey since its establishment in 2016, but also outlined its aspirations and priorities for the years ahead.

The Press Conference was graced by Prof. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Honorary Distinguished Professor; Prof. Jabir

Ali, Dean, Faculty & Research; Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics; and Prof. (Dr.) Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sunil Kant, Chairperson, MBA (Healthcare), IIM Jammu and Shri Shailesh K Lohiya, Librarian, IIM Jammu. The Inaugural Ceremony will be graced by Shri Manoj Sinha Ji, Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, as the Chief Guest. The programme will commence with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the felicitations of distinguished guests. Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, will deliver the Welcome Address, followed by an address by Shri Sriram Dandekar Ji, Former Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, and the Presidential Address by Padma Shri Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu.

A major highlight of the inaugural ceremony will be the release of Coffee Table Books documenting significant milestones and achievements of IIM Jammu’s ten-year journey by the Chief Guest, Shri Manoj Sinha.

The Valedictory Address will be delivered by Kavinder Gupta, Governor of Himachal Pradesh, who will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Looking towards the next decade, IIM Jammu aims to further strengthen its position as a leading B-school globally, with greater emphasis on research excellence, innovation, technology-enabled learning, industry and international collaborations, interdisciplinary education, entrepreneurship, leadership development and impactful engagement with society.

Looking ahead, IIM Jammu’s vision for the next decade is closely aligned with the national aspiration of building a Viksit Bharat @ 2047. The Institute aims to strengthen its contribution to nation-building through excellence in management education, cutting-edge research, innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership development and meaningful industry-academia collaboration.

## Six MAITRIs provided AI Kits, essential equipment under Rashtriya Gokul Mission

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**DODA:** Six trained MAITRIs (Multi-Purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians) under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) were provided with Artificial Insemination (AI) kits and other essential equipment at the Office of the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO), Doda.

The programme was graced by Deputy Director, Central Animal Husbandry Department Jammu Dr. Adris Ahmed Malik as the Chief Guest in the presence of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Doda Dr. Irfan Ali Wani.

During the programme, all six trained MAITRIs were provided with AI kits, cryocans, diplomas, marks cards, identity cards and other essential materials required for providing Artificial Insemination services in the field. The MAITRIs completed their specialized training at Bathinda, Punjab and are now equipped to deliver AI services in their respective areas.

The deployment of trained MAITRIs at the grassroots level is expected to significantly strengthen doorstep livestock breeding services, particularly in far-flung and remote areas where livestock farmers often face difficulties in accessing timely Artificial Insemination facilities. Their availability within local communities will facilitate

prompt and accessible breeding services for livestock owners and contribute towards improving the productivity and quality of the local livestock sector.

The initiative will also create opportunities for self-employment and livelihood generation for the trained MAITRIs, enabling them to utilize their technical expertise while contributing to livestock development in their respective communities. By bringing scientific breeding services closer to farmers, the MAITRIs will play an important role in enhancing livestock productivity and strengthening the economic well-being of rural households. The officers appreciated the efforts of the trained MAITRIs and encouraged them to discharge their responsibilities with dedication, sincerity and professionalism, keeping the interests of livestock farmers at the forefront.

The programme highlighted the Department’s continued efforts towards expanding quality livestock breeding services in rural and remote areas. The trained MAITRIs were encouraged to make effective use of their skills and equipment and extend timely AI services to livestock owners, thereby supporting improved animal productivity, strengthening the rural livestock economy and contributing to the overall objectives of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

## Power Infra gets major boost: Receiving Stations being strengthened to ease overloading: Shaheen



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**BANIHAL:** In a major step towards improving electricity supply in the Banihal-Gool constituency, MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen today inaugurated the augmented Receiving Station at Banihal constructed at an estimated cost of 1.25 Crore under UT Capex.

The capacity of the Receiving Station has been enhanced from 6.3 MVA to 10.6 MVA. Shaheen said the augmentation will provide much-needed additional capacity and help reduce the overloading of the station, particularly during the winter months when power demand increases considerably.

Shaheen said that the focus is not limited to Banihal alone and that a broader plan is being implemented to strengthen the power network across the constituency.

He informed that the Receiving Station at Sargaldan has already been augmented from 3.15 MVA to 6.3 MVA, while the augmentation of the Khari Receiving Station from 3.15 MVA to 6.3 MVA is currently in progress and will be completed shortly.

He further said that an additional 50 MVA transformer at Grid Station Tethar is also being installed shortly, which will further increase the capacity and reliability of the power supply network in the area.

“People have been facing the problem of overloaded receiving stations for a long time. We are working to address this issue in a systematic manner so that the power infrastructure keeps pace with the growing requirements of our people,” Shaheen said.

He said that new Receiving Stations at Chamal-

was, Neel, Kaskoot and Kawnra are also planned to strengthen the distribution network in these areas. The new infrastructure, he added, will particularly help in reducing power disruptions caused by the snapping of long transmission lines during heavy snowfall and harsh winter weather.

Shaheen said the combined impact of these projects would significantly improve the power scenario across the Banihal-Gool constituency and provide people with a more stable and reliable electricity supply. The MLA expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his continued support to the development initiatives being undertaken in Banihal. He said that the Chief Minister’s support has been instrumental in taking forward important infrastructure projects in the constituency.

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Subject: Appointment of Drivers (UT Cadre) in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory.  
Ref'nce: i) Communication No.JKSSB-Scry/34/2025-03 (E-7259835) dated 14.05.2026 of J&K SSB.  
ii) Communication No.Home-FSL/3/2024-10-Home (CC-7392157) dated 29.05.2026 and Home-FSL/3/2024-10-Home (CC-7392157) dated 18.08.2026 of the Home Department.

**ORDER NO. 131 OF 2026**  
**DATED: 19 - 08 - 2026**

As recommended by J&K Services Selection Board, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of following candidates as Drivers (UT Cadre) in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory in the Pay Level 02 (19900-63200) with immediate effect:

| S. No. | Name of the Candidate  | Father's Name          | Address                                     | Category   |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1.     | Irfan Khursheed Ganaie | Khursheed Ahmad Ganaie | 71-Kaichachkoot, Awantipora, Pulwama        | OM         |
| 2.     | Sajad Ahmed            | Maqbool Hussain        | Ward No.06, Androoth, Qila-Darhal, Rajouri  | OM/ST-1    |
| 3.     | Kamran Shakeel         | Shakeel Ahmad          | 20-Firdousabad, Batamaloo, Srinagar (South) | OM         |
| 4.     | Irshad Ahmad Dhobi     | Habibullah Dhobi       | Opposite UHC, Zakura, Srinagar (North)      | OM/OBC     |
| 5.     | Rahul Sharma           | Ram Paul               | Chaprial, Khour, Jammu                      | OM         |
| 6.     | Sakib Rasheed Shah     | Abdul Rasheed Shah     | 32-Drang, Khag, Budgam                      | OM/RBA     |
| 7.     | Mohd Maqsood Choudhary | Nek Mohd               | Bri Kamila. Gurha Slathia, Vijaypur, Samba  | OM/ST-1    |
| 8.     | Karandeep Singh        | Sukhdev Singh          | Marh Bagh, Halqa Marh, Jammu                | OM         |
| 9.     | Sushil Kumar           | Paras Ram              | 115-Filler, Kishtwar                        | SC         |
| 10.    | Vivek Kumar            | Sham Lal               | 60-Sunai, Udampur                           | SC         |
| 11.    | Mohammad Aslam         | Irshad Ahmad Gojar     | Uttersoo Brariangan, Shangus, Anantnag      | ST-1       |
| 12.    | Manpreet Singh         | Attar Singh            | 01-Rajal Dhallain, Nowshera, Rajouri        | ST-2       |
| 13.    | Ankush Sharma          | Rajinder Parsad        | Mohra Kampla, Laroka, Qila Darhal, Rajouri  | ST-2       |
| 14.    | Yogesh Singh           | Jagdish Singh          | 8-Satrayan Suchetgarh, Jammu                | Khurd, ALC |
| 15.    | Mohan Lal              | Ishar Dass             | Muthi Khurd, A/P Harsath, Ghagwal, Samba    | EWS        |

The appointees shall report in the Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of this order and the appointment of candidates who fail to join within the stipulated time shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

The appointees shall be allowed to join only on production of the following certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:

- i) Academic/ Qualification Certificates;
- ii) Matriculation/ Date of Birth Certificate;
- iii) Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District;
- iv) Valid Driving License;
- i) Domicile Certificate &
- ii) Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any applicable.

The appointment of the candidates shall further be subject to the following conditions:

- a. That if the candidate has taken loan for self-employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the domicile District, he shall relinquish proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self-employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by concerned DDO from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes, if any, in such a self-employment unit/ enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery;
- b. Each appointee shall furnish an undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit to the effect that if on verification, his Qualification/ Date of Birth/ Driving License/ Domicile/ Reserve Category Certificates from the concerned issuing authorities are found fake/ forged, his appointment as Driver in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio and legal action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him;
- c. The salary of the appointees shall not be drawn and disbursed to them unless the satisfactory reports in respect of genuineness of Qualification/ Date of Birth/ Driving License/ Domicile/ Relevant Category Certificate is received from the concerned authorities;
- d. The appointees shall remain on probation for a period of two years;
- e. The appointees shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009;
- f. The inter-se-seniority of the appointees in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory shall be determined in terms of Rule 24 (b) of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 &
- g. The appointment of the above candidates shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before any Court of Law.

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Dated: 19 - 08 - 2026

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