

Youth Awareness Programme on ‘Nasha Muk

Yuva for Viksit Bharat’ held at Pahalgam

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ANANTNAG: In a significant step toward empowering the youth and building a drug-free nation, MY Bharat Anantnag, under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, organized a special youth awareness program today at Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam. Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Tariq Ahmad Malik, graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Adm Officer, JIM&WS, D. N. Raina, District Social Welfare Officer, Basharat Mehmood, Deputy Director My Bharat Anantnag, Khushal Gupta besides officials, youth, volunteers and other stakeholders were also present. The highlight of the event was the collective participation of local youth, officials, and community members in the virtual address delivered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, regarding nationwide campaign: "Nasha Muk



and enthusiasm, reflecting their dedication for a healthy and drug free society. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Director My Bharat impressed upon the youth to act as dynamic agents of change by inspiring others toward creating a healthy, vibrant, and drug-free society, as envisioned in the national ambition of Viksit Bharat @2047. He advised the young minds to channel their energies into constructive, health-oriented, and goal-driven pursuits. Khushal Gupta sensitised the participants about the harmful physical, psychological and social consequences of substance abuse and urged them to become

ambassadors of a drug-free society. He emphasised that a healthy, disciplined and responsible youth population is essential for achieving the national vision of a developed India. The venue reverberated with spirited slogans raised by the participating youth, including "Gen Z Against Drug Addiction" and "Ek Sankalp, Ek Bharat — Nasha Muk

Yuva for Viksit Bharat," showing determination of the younger generation to stand united against the menace of drug and substance abuse. Calling the initiative a pivotal step, representatives from MY Bharat highlighted the importance of such grassroots awareness drives, interactive workshops, and youth engagement programs in strengthening community resilience against substance abuse and encouraging youth participation in national development. The programme served as a platform to mobilise young citizens against substance abuse and reinforce the message that the journey towards Viksit Bharat @2047 must be powered by a healthy and drug-free generation. It concluded with a strong collective resolve to carry the message of "Nasha Muk

Srinagar Police crack blind murder case

within six hours, mother-son duo arrested

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar Police said it solved a blind murder case within six hours of recovering the unidentified body from the Babademb Canal, arresting a mother-son duo who allegedly killed a man over a financial dispute and dumped his body to destroy evidence. In a statement, a police spokesperson said Srinagar Police cracked the blind murder case within six hours of the recovery of the unidentified body, leading to the arrest of two accused involved in the crime. "On July 30, 2026, Police Station Khanyar received information regarding an unidentified dead body wrapped in gunny bags lying in the Babademb Canal beneath Baba Dawood Khakhi Bridge, Khanyar. Accordingly, FIR No. 49/2026 under Sections 103 and 238 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered and investigation was taken up," the spokesperson said. He said that, considering the gravity of the offence, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted under the supervision of senior officers. Through sustained



investigation and corroboration of available evidence, the accused were identified as Haleema Bano and her son, Moomin Ahmad, originally residents of Machil in Kupwara, who were residing as tenants at Mughal Mohalla, Rainawari. The spokesperson said that after committing the offence, both accused fled Srinagar in an attempt to evade arrest. However, Srinagar Police pursued all available leads and successfully traced and apprehended them from Lolab in Kupwara within hours of the recovery of the body. He said the deceased was identified as Nazir Ahmad Bhat, son of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, a resident of Kalantpora, Hawal. Investigation revealed that he was murdered inside the accused's rented accommo-

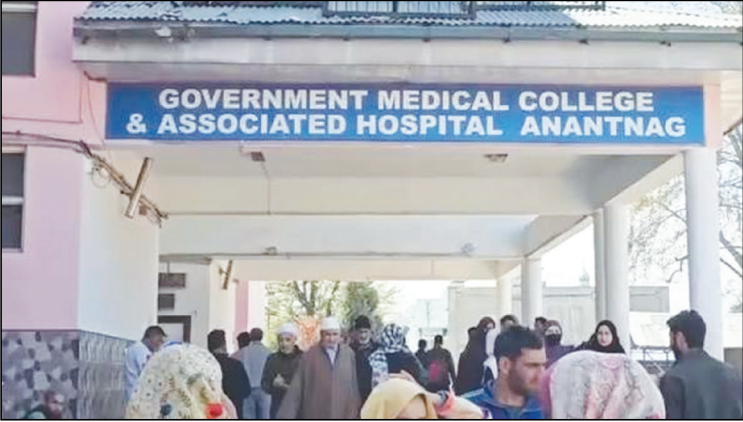
dation following a financial dispute. The accused subsequently disposed of the body in the Babademb Canal in an attempt to conceal the offence and destroy evidence. The spokesperson said several incriminating articles connected with the commission of the crime have been recovered during the investigation. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the involvement of any other person and complete all legal formalities in accordance with law. "The prompt detection of this blind murder case within six hours of the recovery of the body reflects the professionalism, dedication and coordinated efforts of Srinagar Police in ensuring that perpetrators of serious crimes are swiftly brought to justice," the spokesperson said.

CMO Anantnag bans patient photos,

videos on social media without consent

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ANANTNAG: In a significant move aimed at safeguarding patient privacy and upholding medical ethics, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag has prohibited all private healthcare institutions in the district from recording or uploading photographs, videos or any other audio-visual material of patients without obtaining prior written informed consent from the patient as well as written permission from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer. According to an order issued by CMO Anantnag, Dr Khalid Parvez, it has come to the notice of the health authorities that certain private clinical establishments in the district have been recording and circulating photographs and videos of patients on social media and other digital platforms without proper authorisation. The order states that such practices violate the fundamental principles of patient confidentiality, privacy and professional ethics, besides being inconsistent with the provisions of the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, the rules framed under it and other applicable laws. The CMO has directed that no private hospital, nursing home, diagnostic centre or



any other clinical establishment operating in the district shall record, publish or upload any photograph, video or other audio-visual content of any patient from within the healthcare facility unless prior written informed consent has been obtained from the patient and a written No Objection Certificate (NOC) or permission has been secured from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Anantnag. The order further places direct responsibility on the proprietors, managing directors and medical superintendents of all private clinical establishments to ensure strict compliance with the directions. It states that they will be held personally accountable for any violation of the order. The CMO warned that any

breach of the directions would attract appropriate action under the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, the rules framed thereunder and other applicable laws. The action may include suspension or cancellation of the registration of the defaulting healthcare establishment wherever deemed necessary. "The directions have been issued to protect the dignity, privacy and confidentiality of patients and to ensure that ethical standards try are maintained in all healthcare institutions," the order states. The order has come into force with immediate effect, and all private clinical establishments have been directed to implement the instructions in letter and spirit.

Police holds interaction with retired

police personnel in Shopian

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SHOPIAN: J&K Police in Shopian today organized an interaction meeting with retired police officers of the district to discuss issues concerning their welfare and well-being. The meeting provided a platform for retired officers to share their valuable suggestions, feedback and concerns related to pension, healthcare, welfare measures and other service-related matters. All issues raised during the interaction were heard with due attention and appreciation for their lifelong contribution to

the police force. Speaking on the occasion, the senior officers of District Police Shopian acknowledged the dedicated service rendered by the retired personnel and reaffirmed the department's commitment to addressing their genuine concerns in a timely and effective manner. The officers assured the participants that every possible assistance would be extended within the existing framework to ensure their welfare and dignity. District Police Shopian also emphasized the importance of maintaining regular interaction with retired police personnel, recognizing

them as an integral part of the police fraternity. Such engagements are aimed at strengthening the bond between serving and retired members while fostering mutual trust, respect and cooperation. The meeting concluded with a resolve to further strengthen the bond between serving and retired police personnel through regular interaction and meaningful engagement. Police reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the welfare and dignity of retired police personnel and ensuring that their genuine concerns receive due attention.

Police books two notorious drug offenders

under PIT-NDPS Act in Pulwama

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PULWAMA: In its sustained drive against drug trafficking and habitual narcotics offenders, Police in Pulwama have booked two notorious drug offenders under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act, 1988. The detainees have been identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar son of Ali Mohammad Dar resident of Kakapora, Pulwama and Gulzar Ahmad Sheikh

son of Habib Ullah Sheikh resident of Bongam Hanji Mohalla, Kakapora, Pulwama. Both are repeat offenders involved in multiple cases registered under the NDPS Act at Police Station Kakapora. Considering their persistent involvement in narcotics-related activities and with a view to preventing them from continuing illicit drug trafficking, detention orders under the PIT-NDPS Act were issued by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir. Follow-

ing the execution of the detention orders, both detainees have been lodged at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu. J&K Police remains steadfast in its zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking. Stringent legal and preventive action will continue against drug peddlers and all those involved in the illegal narcotics trade. The public is urged to continue supporting the police by sharing credible information related to drug trafficking to help build a drug-free society.

Beerwah-Budgam

Road turns into commuters' nightmare

SRINAGAR: The Beerwah-Budgam road has deteriorated to such an extent that travelling on it has become a nightmare for thousands of daily commuters. Locals said the road is riddled with large potholes, making it difficult for vehicles to move. They said commuters, including pedestrians, motorists and students, are facing immense hardships due to its dilapidated condition. Syed Farhat, a local resident, said, "The potholes are so deep that vehicles frequently suffer damage. Students often fail to reach their educational institutions on time, while daily commuters are forced to travel through dangerous conditions." He added that the situation becomes even worse during dry weather when thick clouds of dust engulf the road. "The dust is so intense that people can barely recognise one another, while prolonged exposure is causing health problems among commuters," Farhat said. Another local, Muzafar Ahmad, said the condition of the road is particularly distressing for patients, pregnant women and elderly citizens. "During rainfall, the road turns into a muddy stretch, making it extremely slippery and increasing the risk of accidents. As soon as the weather clears, the mud dries up and turns into dust, creating another set of problems for commuters," he said. The residents also alleged that the presence of several brick kilns along the Beerwah-Budgam road contributes to the worsening condition, claiming that trucks, tipper

Kashmir fruit growers appeal to J&K MPs

to raise NH-44 disruptions in Parliament

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SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers-cum-Dealers Union (KVFGDU) has appealed to Members of Parliament from Jammu and Kashmir to take up the issue of frequent disruptions on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44) during the ongoing Parliament session, warning that prolonged delays in transporting perishable fruits could inflict severe financial losses on growers already reeling from weather-related damage earlier this year. Addressing Lok Sabha MPs Mian Altaf Ahmad Larvi and Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, and Rajya Sabha MP Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan, the Union urged them to raise a calling attention motion or parliamentary question seeking immediate intervention by the Centre for ensuring smooth and uninterrupted movement of fruit-laden trucks on the highway. The growers said the harvesting of pears, early apple varieties and plums is currently in full swing across the Valley, with around 100 to 120 trucks carrying fresh



produce leaving Kashmir every day for different markets across the country. They said these fruits have a very short shelf life and require immediate transportation to ensure they reach markets in good condition. Even minor delays, they added, reduce the quality of the produce, resulting in lower prices and substantial financial losses for growers. The Union pointed out that the horticulture sector had already suffered extensive damage during April and May this year due to repeated hailstorms and strong

winds that affected orchards across several districts. "Fresh fruits such as pear, Babagoshia, plum and early apple varieties are highly perishable and need to be transported on a war footing. Every additional day spent on the highway reduces their market value and increases the burden on growers who have already suffered heavy losses because of adverse weather," the representation stated. The growers described the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44) as the lifeline of Kashmir's horti-

culture industry, saying it remains the only dependable route for transporting fresh fruits and vegetables to markets outside the Valley. They said large fruit consignments are transported mainly in 10-wheel, 12-wheel and 16-wheel trucks, which cannot effectively use the Mughal Road as an alternative because of operational limitations for heavy vehicles and large-scale commercial transport. While the administration has advised transporters to use the Mughal Road when-

ever NH-44 is disrupted, the Union said the route is not suitable for handling the volume of fruit transportation during the peak marketing season. Highlighting the economic significance of horticulture, the growers said the sector contributes nearly Rs 12,000 crore annually to the economy of Jammu and Kashmir and supports the livelihood of more than seven lakh families directly or indirectly. The representation also expressed concern over the present traffic management system on NH-44, where one-way traffic movement and restrictions imposed due to highway maintenance and the ongoing Amar Nath Yatra have significantly slowed the movement of fruit-laden vehicles. According to the Union, trucks carrying fresh produce that earlier reached major markets within a day are now taking three to four days to complete the journey, adversely affecting fruit quality and returns to growers. The growers said delays on the highway have become a recurring issue during every fruit season and stressed

that maintenance work should be planned in a manner that does not disrupt the transportation of perishable produce. They called for better coordination among traffic authorities, the National Highways Authority, district administrations and other concerned agencies to ensure timely movement of fruit-laden vehicles and provide transporters with real-time updates on road conditions. Seeking immediate intervention, the Union urged the MPs to impress upon the Government of India to expedite repair and restoration works on NH-44 and ensure that the highway remains fit for two-way traffic so that uninterrupted transportation of Kashmir's fruit to markets across the country can be ensured during the peak harvesting season. "The uninterrupted movement of fruit-laden trucks is vital for safeguarding the livelihood of lakhs of growers and preserving the reputation of Kashmir's horticulture industry. We request our elected representatives to raise this matter in Parliament and seek urgent action from the concerned authorities," the Union said.

Non-gazetted employees of new GMCs threaten

strike over unfinalised recruitment rules

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SRINAGAR: Non-Gazetted employees of the newly established Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) in Jammu and Kashmir have accused the government of failing to finalise their Recruitment Rules (RRs) despite repeated assurances over the past several years, leaving hundreds of staff members without any promotional avenues, career stagnation, and denial of legitimate service benefits. In a formal notice addressed to the Principal of Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag, the employees said they would join an indefinite strike in coordination with employees of all newly established GMCs across the Union Territory. The employees said they had repeatedly brought the issue before concerned authorities, but no concrete action had been taken to resolve the matter. "We have been serving these institutions with dedication since their inception, but even after seven years, the Recruitment Rules have not been finalised. Without these rules, there is no scope for promotions or career progression, leaving employees demoralised and uncertain about their future," the em-

ployees said. They recalled that during a protest held in May this year, competent authorities had assured them that the Recruitment Rules would be finalised within two months. "More than two months have now passed, but there has been no tangible progress. The assurances have remained confined to words, forcing us to resume our agitation," they said. According to the employees, the absence of notified Recruitment Rules has created disparities among employees working in the new GMCs and deprived them of benefits that are otherwise available to staff in other government institutions. "This prolonged delay has adversely affected the service interests of Non-Gazetted employees across all newly established GMCs. We are only seeking our legitimate rights and a transparent service structure," they added. The employees urged authorities to immediately intervene and expedite the finalisation and notification of the Recruitment Rules. They clarified that while the agitation would continue until their demands are addressed, emergency and essential healthcare services would not be disrupted in the larger public interest.