

KU's engineering students secure prestigious BEL placement

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SRINAGAR: To mark a major milestone in campus placements at the University of Kashmir (KU), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, has provisionally selected three final-year Electronics & Communication Engineering students from the varsity's Institute of Technology (IOT), Zakura Campus. The selected students- Amaan Abbas, Taaha Manzoor Shah, and Bhat Mufasir Nazir—will be joining BEL as Fixed Term Engineers (E-II Grade) at an impressive annual package of ₹12 lakh.

The on-campus recruitment drive, held recently for Electronics



& Communication Engineering students, included a company presentation, a written test, and in-depth panel interviews conducted by a senior team from BEL's Bangalore unit. Out of 21 participants, 16 were short-listed and 3 secured final

selection. The students are to be posted across BEL units in Srinagar, Leh, Awantipora, and Pathankot.

Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, congratulated the selected students on their exceptional achievement.

“This success reflects the growing national-level recognition of the talent nurtured at our University. We are committed to further strengthening industry-academia partnerships that open up new opportunities for our youth,” she said.

Director IOT Zakura Campus KU, Prof. Mohammad Tariq Bandy, praised the students' dedication and said that the success highlights the growing trust of premier PSUs in the academic quality and professional readiness of students from the varsity.

Coordinator, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, IoT Zakura Campus KU, Er. Rouf ul Alam, described the selection as a landmark achievement for the department. He credited the result to the col-

laborative effort of faculty and the placement team of IOT, Zakura

The BEL delegation for the recruitment included high-ranking officers such as Shri Srinivas (Retd. Cmde), General Manager (A&A), Shri Sharanappa Ranjeri, Sr. DGM (MS), Shri Anjaneyulu M, DGM (MS/Testing), Ms. Shreya H Kujur, Manager (HR), and Shri Jaikumar K.M, Assistant Manager (HR).

Earlier this month, Ahsan Imtiyaz, a final-year Mechanical Engineering student from IoT Zakura, was also selected by BEL with the same CTC, reinforcing KU's growing profile in national PSU placements. This latest achievement has been widely appreciated as a motivating benchmark for aspiring engineers across the region.

SMC celebrates 'International Yoga Day'

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) commemorated International Yoga Day with great zeal and enthusiasm at SK Park today, emphasizing the importance of health, mental well-being, and holistic living.

The event was led by Commissioner, SMC, Faz Lul Haseeb whose inspiring leadership added vigor to the celebration.

Recognized globally each year on June 21st, International Yoga Day highlights the transformative benefits of yoga in enhancing physical vitality, mental tranquility, and spiritual harmony.

The occasion featured captivating demonstrations of various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques, aimed at encouraging citizens to incorporate these practices



into their daily routines for a healthier and more balanced life.

A key highlight of the event was the address delivered by Haseeb, who eloquently underscored the crucial role

of mindfulness and yoga in fostering overall health, mental clarity, and emotional resilience. His words inspired many participants to adopt yoga as a vital component of their wellness journey.

DC Budgam stresses timely completion of works for peaceful Muharram observance

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today conducted an extensive tour of various majority Shia populated areas of the district to take stock of arrangements for the ensuing holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram.

During the tour, DC visited various Imambaras, including Central Imambara Budgam, Imambara Bemina, Markazi Imambara Chattergam, Imambara Khanda and Imambara Magam, where he met local residents and committee members and took stock

of arrangements being placed for the smooth conduct of Muharram processions and religious congregations.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that a meeting was conducted with all members of different shia associations in advance to review all required arrangements that are put in place in time for the seamless conduct of all Muharram-ul-Haram related rituals this year.

He said work has been initiated including macadamization of various roads where processions take place during Muharram.

He directed the officers to ensure all the required arrangements,

including restoration and installation of street lights, uninterrupted electricity and water supply in all areas and leveling work on all processions roads and inner links be taken up and completed before the start of the holy month.

He said that special sanitation drives are being carried out at all Imam baras to facilitate mourners attending Muharram processions and congregations seamlessly.

DC further instructed CMO, Executive engineers of PHE, PDD, PWD to ensure all facilities including a team of officials to remain available at all major Imam baras so as to ensure seamless procession

during the holy month.

Directions were passed for advance timber dumping and ration supply be ensured in all areas.

He said that other major demands projected by locals shall be projected in this financial plan for their approval and early execution.

Among others, DC was accompanied by SSP Budgam Nikhil Borkar; ADC Budgam, CPO, SDMs, SE R&B, CMO, Executive Engineers from PDD, PHE, R&B, AD FCS&CA, FSO, DR Cooperative, Tehsildar's, EOs and senior officers from other concerned offices during the tour.

Wp: Director FCS&CA

Director FCS&CA Kashmir reviews arrangements for ensuing Muharram-ul-Haram

BUDGAM: Director FCS&CA, Dr Owais Ahmed, today conducted an extensive tour of Budgam district to review arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram.

Dr Owais visited the prominent Imam Baras where brief deliberations were held with the Shia Associations of the district, and on spot directions were given to the officers of the department to ensure close coordination with the representatives of the associations so that no genuine demand remains unaddressed.



Progress under Mission Yuva reviewed at Kupwara

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KUPWARA: District administration Kupwara convened a review meeting under the chairmanship of the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Mufti Fareed Ud- Din to assess the progress of Mission YUVA in the district.

ADDC expressed concern over the slow pace of progress, and directed each YUVA Doot to ensure a minimum of 50 applications by the end of May 2025. He stressed the need for intensified outreach, awareness activities, and active support to applicants at the grassroots level.

ADDC said, “Yuvadoots are the bridge between governance and the grassroots. Their role is not just to inform but to inspire action at the community level. With

effective interdepartmental synergy, the real transformation can be brought to every doorstep.”

He also called for collective and coordinated efforts from all stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of Mission YUVA across the district. The meeting was attended by Incharge Business Help Desk Kupwara, Counselling Officer, and YUVA Doots from all blocks of Kupwara district.

At the outset of the meeting, Career Counselling Officer, Nidhia Nazir highlighted the mission's role in empowering local youth.

It was given out in the meeting that a total of 1391 applications have been received through the Mission YUVA portal. Chair meticulously reviewed block-wise performance and pending targets.

Rs. 13.58 lacs worth stocks of pharma preparations prone to addiction seized by D&FCO

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SRINAGAR: In its continued efforts to curb the misuse of pharmaceutical preparations comprising of habit-forming ingredients, Drugs & Food Control Organisation (D&FCO), J&K undertook a major drive to identify & take punitive action against scrupulous elements dealing with such drugs in a clandestine manner.

During the drive, it came to fore that some wholesale firms are indulging in procurement of certain pharmaceutical preparations consisting of Pregabalin as an active ingredient, which is prone to addiction, directly from the suppliers based outside Jammu & Kashmir through a clandestine manner.

Upon scrutiny of records of such firms, it was established that they have procured and distributed these medicinal preparations without maintaining the sale records properly as mandated under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 & rules there under.

As such, punitive action was initiated against 09 Pharma dealers & their Drug Sale Licenses were suspended.

Stocks of pharmaceutical preparations which are prone to addiction worth Rs. 13,58,900 have also been seized from the supply chain to avoid their pilferage into the hands of the nefarious elements, and custody permission of the same have been obtained from the Hon'ble Court of Law.

Lotika Khajuria, State Drugs Controller, J&K has reiterated that no person/firm shall indulge in procurement of lesser-known brands of drugs formulations comprising of habit forming ingredients directly from the suppliers/manufacturers located outside Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in a clandestine manner or through online platforms or through courier service providers/speed post etc.

In case any violation is reported, the defaulters shall be dealt strictly in accordance with zero-tolerance policy adopted by Union Territory of J&K against persons involved in promoting drug abuse which warrants the cancellation of such licenses as also legal mandate.

ADDC B'la chairs meeting on implementation of Credit Linked schemes of APD

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BARAMULLA: In a bid to strengthen agri-business development and rural entrepreneurship, a comprehensive meeting on the implementation of Credit Linked schemes of the Agriculture Production department (APD) was convened today at the DC Office Baramulla.

The meeting was chaired by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Ghulam Rasool Mir.

The meeting aimed to foster convergence among departments, financial institutions, and grassroots stakeholders to effectively implement credit-linked schemes and promote rural enterprise. Officers were directed to bring actionable proposals and relevant data, with emphasis on promoting commercial ventures in food processing, value addition, grading/packaging, and cold storage.

Specific instructions were given to the concerned departments to engage progressive farmers and FPOs in the process and motivate them to adopt agri-business models under the schemes. Financial institutions were urged to present farmer-friendly credit schemes and simplified financing models tailored for small and marginal farmers.

General Manager DIC was asked to submit feasible industrial and business models aligned with government incentives and credit schemes to benefit the horticulture and allied sectors.

ADDC emphasized active participation and convergence among stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the schemes across the district.

General Manager DIC, Joint Director Planning officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries, Area Marketing HP&M besides financial institutions including the Lead Bank Baramulla attended the meeting.

Rana visits Imambaras; assesses Muharram arrangements

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today conducted an extensive visit to Shia-dominated areas in Srinagar to review the arrangements being put in place for peaceful and smooth conduct of Muharram processions.

Accompanied by MLA Zadibal, Tanveer Sadiq and senior officers from various departments, Rana visited several Imambaras including Bagwanpora Nawa Bagh, Gulshan Bagh and Saida Kadal.

The Minister emphasized the importance of close coordination among the departments to ensure that all arrangements are ensured well in advance. He stressed the need for uninterrupted electricity and potable water supply, sanitation, medical facilities and effective traffic management.

The Minister also interacted with the caretakers, organizers and devotees, listening to their concerns and suggestions as well.

Rana directed the officials to address the public grievances on priority to ensure a peaceful and comfortable experience for the devotees. He assured that the Omar Abdullah led government is committed towards facilitating peaceful and smooth conduct of religious events in the region.

Sakeena Itoo holds public darbar at Panchan Pathri, Kulgam

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KUPWARA: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today held a massive public darbar at Panchan Pathri Hum Pathri area of Kulgam district to listen and address the developmental issues and needs of locals there.

The public darbar witnessed overwhelming participation of residents from Humpathri, Panchan Pathri and other adjoining areas.

MLA Zainapora, Showkat Husain Ganie; Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Director Health Services Kashmir, senior officers of district administration and other sectoral and block level officers were also

present on the occasion.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, the Minister said that the government led by Omar Abdullah is committed to public welfare. She added that the government is focused on the socio-economic upliftment of people and is working tirelessly to meet the aspirations of the public.

Highlighting on the tourism potential of PanchanPathri area, the Minister announced that the area will be developed on the lines of other existing tourist destinations of J&K and promoted as a new tourist destination. She added that Panchan Pathri, with its natural beauty, holds immense tourism potential and in coming months this potential will be tapped which will led to overall de-

velopment of the area. “We are committed towards holistic development of this area and boosting tourism, which will create employment opportunities for youth here”, Sakeena said.

During the event, the locals apprised the Minister of various developmental needs and issues and sought their redressal.

Responding promptly to various grievances, the Minister issued on-spot directions for installation of solar lights, augmentation of the water supply scenario and preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Sarbdiri-Humpathri road. She assured them other genuine issues and demands will also be redressed promptly. MLA Zainpura also addressed the gathering.

