

# Sakeena Itoo reviews arrangements for 10th Muharram

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**KULGAM:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Imam Baras at Shahoo in Kulgam and took stock of arrangements for the 10th Muharram.

During her visit, Minister Sakeena engaged with local community members, religious leaders and residents to understand their concerns and ensure that necessary arrangements are in place for the smooth and peaceful observance of Ashura. She emphasized the importance of maintaining the sanctity of the occasion and assured full support in addressing any logistical or administrative issues. The Minister highlighted the Muharram holds deep spiritual and cultural signif-



icance for the Muslim community and it is our collective responsibility to provide an environment of dignity, safety and comfort to the mourners. She directed the officers to

deploy adequate manpower of health department along the routes of Muharram processions for the facilitation of mourners. Expressing deep respect for the rich traditions and historical significance of Muharram, the Minister outlined the role of inter-community harmony and urged officials to ensure uninterrupted essential services, security and cleanliness around Imam Baras. She also directed concerned authorities to coordinate closely with local committees to meet the requirements of the devotees, like proper lighting, drinking water, medical aid as well as traffic regulation. Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers of various wings, District and sectoral officers of all the line departments and other concerned officers accompanied the Minister during the visit.

## Directorate of Ayush Mourns the Sad Demise of Dr Tahir Mufti

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**SRINAGAR:** The Directorate of Ayush, Jammu & Kashmir, expresses deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences on the demise of Dr. Tahir Mufti, the founding Director of Indian Systems of Medicine (now Ayush) in Jammu & Kashmir.

His demise marks the end of an era and caused an irreparable loss to the Ayush fraternity across the Union Territory.

Dr. Tahir Mufti was a Visionary Administrator, pioneering reformer, and a devoted advocate of traditional Indian medicine.

He is remembered for his historic contribution in structurally and administratively segregating the Indian Systems of Medicine (now Ayush) from the Directorate of Health Services, thereby establishing it as an independent Directorate.

His visionary step laid the institutional foundation for focused policy formulation, service delivery, and development of Ayurveda, Unani, Yoga, and other indigenous systems in the region.

Under his able leadership, the groundwork was laid for a robust Ayush infrastructure that today serves lakhs of people across J&K through a wide network of Ayush Health and Wellness centres, Educational institutions, dispensaries, and Research initiatives.



His legacy continues to guide the functioning and vision of the Directorate of Ayush, J&K.

Dr. Mufti was widely respected for his knowledge, foresight, and tireless commitment to the upliftment of public health through holistic and traditional systems of healing. He was a mentor to many, and his pioneering contributions will always be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

The Directorate of Ayush, J&K joins the wider Medical and Administrative community in mourning this great loss.

# Javid Dar visits Nunwan base camp



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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, along with MLA Pahalgam Altaf Ahmad Wani, today visited the base camp Nunwan to review the arrangements made for smooth conduct of the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra ( SANJY2025)

The dignitaries inspected the sanitation infrastructure, public facilities and sustainability measures put in place by the Directorate of Rural Sanitation to ensure a clean, safe and dignified experience for the pilgrims.

Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Aijaz Asad, Director General Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra and senior officers of the Rural Development Department also accompanied the Minister.

During the visit, the Minister

interacted with the sanitation workers deployed across various points. He lauded their outstanding contribution in maintaining hygiene and healthy environment along the Yatra route. A special highlight of the visit was the felicitation of a local hero, who displayed exemplary courage during the recent Pahalgam incident. He was honoured with a cheque of appreciation by the department and also recognized as the Brand Ambassador for Sanitation during this year's Yatra.

The Minister also took stock of several digital and eco-friendly initiatives including introduction of QR code-based feedback systems at toilet blocks for instant grievance redressal and a sanitation feedback kiosk for the yatrins.

Other initiatives included installation of Water ATMs to reduce single-use plastic bottles, distribution of eco-friendly cloth bag kits, enhanced toilet and

bathing facilities and dedicated sanitation areas for female pilgrims with female supervisors.

On the occasion, a Nukkad Natak promoting awareness on cleanliness and environmental responsibility was also staged and appreciated by all.

Earlier, the Minister inaugurated a state-of-the-art Waste Management Facility at Sarbal, Pahalgam. The utility has been set up to manage the growing volume of waste; estimated at 4 tonnes of dry waste and 7 tonnes of wet waste daily from the Nunwan Base Camp area.

The facility has been equipped with hydraulic bailing machines, automated vertical rammers (AVRs), dual shaft shredders, solid-liquid separators (SLGs) and compost beds for efficient segregation and processing. This initiative is a key step towards realizing the government's vision of Zero Landfill and ensuring a Sustainable Shri Amarnath ji Yatra.

## Apni Party holds One-Day Party Convention at Town Hall Bandipora

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**SRINAGAR:** A one-day workers' convention of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party was held today at the Town Hall Bandipora.

Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressed the gathering and urged workers to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. He emphasised the need for organisational outreach and encouraged supporters to connect with people on the ground.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the convention, Bukhari said that July 13 holds historical importance in the region as it commemorates the sacrifice of those who laid down their lives in 1931. He said the day marks the beginning of a democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir and should be declared a public holiday.

He also called on the government to lift restrictions on tourist destinations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Commenting on the National Conference, Bukhari said the party has not fulfilled the promises made in its election manifesto. He said that despite eight months having passed since the formation of the administration, no significant development work has been started. He urged the government to deliver on its commitments. Several workers from different political backgrounds joined the Apni Party on the occasion. Bukhari welcomed the new members and said their joining reflects growing support for the party's agenda. He reiterated the party's focus on rights, development, and political representation for the people.

## Sakeena Itoo visits Nadimarg area of Kulgam

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**KULGAM:** Minister for Health and Medical Education Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Nadimarg area of Kulgam and held a massive Public Darbar to address genuine public issues and also take stock of their developmental needs.

Addressing a massive gathering on the occasion, Minister emphasized on the importance of responsive administration and assured that all genuine grievances would be taken up with the concerned departments for time-bound resolution. "Our aim is to ensure that no voice from the remotest corners goes unheard. Nadimarg and all its adjacent areas deserve the same attention and developmental thrust as any urban center," she stated.

The Minister highlighted that the present Government led by Omar Abdullah is committed to address the developmental needs and other issues of the public. She highlighted that the Government has strengthened its public grievance redressal mechanism and a dedicated office Raabta has been established at Chief Minister's residence to address genuine issues and problems of public.



She further highlighted that Government is focusing on better infrastructure, employment avenues for local youth and improved implementation of government welfare schemes.

During the Public Darbar, Sakeena Itoo interacted with local residents, listened to their pressing issues and reaffirmed Government's commitment to equitable development and inclusive

governance.

The locals on the occasion raised various issues including poor road connectivity, irregular electricity supply, scarcity of drinking water and the need for better healthcare and education facilities in the region. The Minister, while interacting with public delegations, assured them that their genuine issues will be redressed promptly.

## World Zoonoses Day Observed at Tangmarg

**TANGMARG:** On the eve of World Zoonoses Day, a joint awareness programme was organised at Gogaldara, Tangmarg by the Department of Sheep Husbandry, Baramulla in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla.

The event was aimed at sensitising the local population, particularly those associated with livestock rearing, regarding the risks, prevention, and control of zoonotic diseases.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from the residents of Gogaldara and adjoining villages, including a significant number of Chopans, Bakerwals, livestock-rearing farmers and women participants, highlighting growing awareness and inclusivity in community health initiatives.

Experts and medical professionals from GMC Baramulla, along with doctors from the Department of Sheep Husbandry, addressed the gathering and delivered comprehensive lectures on a range of zoonotic diseases like Rabies, Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, Toxoplasmosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, Anthrax among others.

The experts elaborated on the modes of transmission, clinical manifestations, and preventive strategies associated with these diseases, while also stressing the importance of vaccination, personal hygiene, and biosecurity measures to minimise the risk of zoonotic transmission between animals and humans.

Meanwhile, the Department of Sheep Husbandry Baramulla carried out a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination drive, during which approximately 400 sheep were vaccinated. This initiative forms a crucial part of the ongoing efforts to safeguard animal health and enhance livestock productivity in the region.

## Srinagar Police attaches property worth ₹15 Cr under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

**SRINAGAR:** In a decisive move against the terror ecosystem and to dismantle its supporting infrastructure, Srinagar Police has attached a residential property—comprising 8 marlas and 202 sq. ft. of land along with the building structure—estimated to be worth approximately ₹1.5 crore.

The property, located at Mir Masjid Mohalla, Shalla-bagh Khanyar, and falling under Survey Nos. 3674/1147 and 3677/1148, is recorded in the name of Mohammad Yousuf Shah S/o Hafiz Waliullah Shah. It is currently in the possession of Masood Hussain Shah S/o Mohammad Yousuf Shah.

The attachment has been carried out under the relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with FIR No. 48/2024 under Sections 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 7/27 of the Indian Arms Act, and Sections 16, 18, 19, 20, and 39 of the UAP Act, registered at Police Station Khanyar.

Investigations have established that the Property was acquired through illegal proceeds linked to terrorist activities. Acting under Section 25 of the UAP Act, the immovable property has been formally seized and attached following due legal procedure.

Through this attachment notice, the owner is prohibited from selling, leasing, or transferring the said property in any manner. This action is part of the sustained campaign of Srinagar Police to dismantle the terror ecosystem in a systematic manner.

By targeting and crippling the financial networks of terrorist organizations, Jammu & Kashmir Police aims to curb acts detrimental to the security and integrity of the nation. Srinagar Police reiterates its unwavering commitment to eradicating terrorism and safeguarding public peace.

## Sheep Husbandry Dept clarifies training norms in promotion row

**SRINAGAR:** The Sheep Husbandry Department of Kashmir clarified on Friday that the mandatory one-year training is not a prerequisite for the promotion of Assistant Stock Men (ASMs) in the feeding cadre to Junior Shearers. However, the department said that after promotion, candidates must undergo the required training before completing their probation or advancing further.

The department's Director, Rafiq Ahmad Shah explained that the training is required only after promotion, which itself depends on passing a skill test to assess the candidate's ability in animal handling and shearing. He said the skill test (floor test) assesses practical proficiency, and completing the training is necessary only after this qualification stage.

# YNC holds first meeting with new office bearers, focus on grassroots strengthening

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**SRINAGAR:** The Youth National Conference (YNC) held an interactive session today with its newly appointed members and office bearers, aiming to boost grassroots connections and youth engagement within the party.

The session was chaired by YNC Provincial President Mushtaq Mir, with former YNC Provincial President and incumbent MLA Hazratbal, Salman Ali Sagar, attending as the Guest of Honour.

Salman Sagar described YNC as a vital part of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference. "YNC is not just a youth wing—it is the incubator of leadership and a torchbearer of our legacy. It has consistently produced future leaders for the party," he said. "From every district and mohalla, we must inspire youth to believe in democratic values and responsible leadership. The strength of our movement lies in the passion and clarity of our youth. You are not just representing a political organization—you are representing history, vision, and the aspirations of our people."

YNC Provincial President Mushtaq Ahmad Mir emphasized building the party from the grassroots. "This is more than just



a meeting, it marks a new beginning. We will strengthen the party at the block, halqa, and mohalla levels. Each of you is a pillar of this effort," he said adding, "We must reconnect with the people in every lane, every village, and every ward. That's where the real change begins. Let us make YNC a proactive, responsive, and people-centric platform. The vision of Sher-e-Kashmir lives through your dedication, your humility, and

your service. Let's carry that vision forward with pride and purpose."

He congratulated the newly appointed functionaries and encouraged them to carry the party's message with integrity and resolve. "YNC is the heartbeat of our movement. As torchbearers of tomorrow, you must act with unity, dignity, and discipline. The responsibility is great, but so is the opportunity to make a meaningful difference."

The session also saw the presence of Provincial Vice Presidents Irfan Zehgeer, Abid Wani, Salman Mattu, Pirzada Musharraf; Provincial Secretary Sheikh Ovais; Zone Presidents Rayees Mattu, Zahid Mughal, Feroz Wani and district presidents. The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to uphold the party's democratic values and deepen youth engagement at the grassroots level.