

# Pulwama Admin organises mega event to conclude Sewa Parv on Gandhi Jayanti

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**PULWAMA:** The fortnight-long festival of public service, inclusive governance and community participation "Sewa Parv" culminated today in Pulwama with a grand function organised at Government Degree College for Boys, Pulwama. The function organised on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti served as a tribute to the life and timeless teachings of the Father of the Nation.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police, Pulwama, P.D. Nitya, inspected stalls set up by various departments, including Health, Cooperatives, Agriculture, Horticulture, Labour & Employment, Revenue, KVIB, SHGs, Handicrafts & Handloom, J&K Bank, Fisheries, ICDS and Sheep Husbandry.

These stalls functioned as a one-window solution, providing services such as scheme registrations, enrolment, awareness, grievance redressal, and help desks for the general public.

Following the inspection, the DC and SSP also distributed sanction letters, motorised tricycles and various other entitlements among beneficiaries.

A plantation drive was also



organised on the occasion in line with the objectives of Sewa Parv.

Meanwhile, DC Pulwama, SSP Pulwama along with district and sectoral officers paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. The event also featured a series of cultural performances by students from educational institutions and by the Department of Information & Public Relations, conveying messages of cleanliness, care for the elderly and vulnerable, drug de-addiction, social responsibility and community service while various speakers recalled the life, struggles and teachings of Gandhi ji, underlining their relevance in today's world.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Qayoom said that Gandhi's principles of non-violence, truth, swachhata, swadeshi,

social justice, equality, forgiveness and compassion are timeless and universal, and should be adopted not only in our personal lives but also made part of our collective social life. He stressed that Gandhi's call for Swadeshi resonates today in the form of the Make in India mission aimed at making the nation self-reliant.

"Every citizen has a role to play in realising Gandhi ji's dream of a self-sufficient India," he added.

DC also highlighted the relevance of Gandhi ji's advocacy for local self-governance, which today finds expression in the three-tier Panchayati Raj system established across the country.

While reflecting on the achievements of Sewa Parv, the DC appreciated the efforts of all line departments in fulfilling

the deliverables during the fortnight-long campaign. He made special mention of the progress achieved through health camps organised under the 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan', where exhaustive screening of the population was carried out besides providing other medical facilities.

He urged local communities, particularly women, to undergo regular health check-ups to detect and manage prevalent ailments such as anaemia, and directed medical teams to intensify monitoring and preventive measures.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Qayoom said that although Sewa Parv has formally concluded, the spirit of seva should continue as a way of life. He directed all departments to carry forward the essence of public service and inclusive gov-

ernance, and called upon citizens to adopt Gandhi's universal values in their daily lives to help build a just, compassionate and self-reliant society.

Earlier, the DC administered a collective pledge to all participants, committing to work towards making the district plastic-free, promoting eco-friendly alternatives, and waste segregation at source.

The event culminated with a felicitation ceremony, wherein district officers, reputed authors, students who excelled in their 10th and 12th board examinations as well as NEET qualifiers, top-performing NGOs, charitable trusts, entrepreneurs, sportspersons, social activists, best-performing SHGs, Mission YUVA beneficiaries and progressive farmers were felicitated for their contributions.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of district and sectoral officers, local citizens, students, SHG members, social activists and social workers among others.

# DC Bandipora presides over Gram Sabha at Kudara

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**BANDIPORA:** As part of the Sewa Parv concluding ceremony and the ongoing Aadi Karam Yogi Abhiyan, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today visited Kudara village and presided over a Special Gram Sabha aimed at strengthening public engagement and ensuring inclusive delivery of government welfare initiatives. The event witnessed the participation of representatives from various government departments and a large gathering of local residents.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directly engaged with the public, listened to their issues, and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to grassroots development.

In her address, she emphasized the importance of people-centric governance, transparency, and



responsive administration, assuring prompt and effective redressal of public concerns.

She further informed that Phase 4 of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is currently under process, aimed at upgrading road infrastructure in Kudara and surrounding areas to improve connectivity and boost economic activity.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by District Programme Officer,

Poshan Project Bandipora, Yaar Ali Khan; DDC Arin, Ghulam Mohiuddin; and other concerned officers.

As part of Sewa Parv activities, Special Gram Sabhas were organized across all Panchayats of Bandipora district, providing a vital platform for citizen engagement, scheme awareness, and participatory decision-making, with a focus on reviewing government schemes and addressing public grievances.

# Vibrant Karnah Festival celebrated in Amrohee Village near LoC

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**KARNAH-KUPWARA:** In a remarkable celebration of culture and community spirit, the District Administration Kupwara in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs on Thursday organized Mega Karnah Festival at tribal village Amrohee near Line of Control (LoC) in 'Tetval block', under nationwide 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan'.

The vibrant festival was marked by great fervour and enthusiasm, drawing large crowds and offering a rich display of the region's unique tribal and cultural heritage. Set against the breath-taking backdrop of Karnah Valley, the event witnessed the participation of people from all walks of life, celebrating unity, diversity, and tradition.

The day-long festival featured an impressive array of cultural programmes, including folk music, traditional dance performances, art displays, and local cuisine stalls. Local and regional artists enthralled the audience with their talent, while visitors experienced the authentic flavours and colours of Karnah's cultural identity. The festival saw enthusiastic participation of people from different walks of life, including MLA Karnah, Javid Ahmad Mirchal; Union Secretary Tribal Affairs, Vibhu Nayyar; Secretary Tribal Affairs Department J&K, Prasanna Ramaswamy G; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; Brigade Commander 104 Brigade Tangdar, S K



Pradhan; ASP Kupwara and ACR Kupwara. Senior officers from civil administration, officials civil society members and people in large number also attended the day long Karnah Festival.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Karnah highlighted the need for the administration to work for overall development of the Karnah sub division being a far flung and backward area. While referring to the drug abuse, he sought coordination from all stakeholders to join together in eradication of the drug menace from the district which has pushed the youth towards the wall.

Union Secretary, Tribal Affairs, while addressing the local tribal community in their language during the Karnah Festival 2025 in Village Amrohi, emphasized the Government's commitment to tribal development under the Dharti Aaba - Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.

He informed that the Dharti Aaba scheme is being implemented in over 60,000 villages, including Village Amrohi, and urged the villagers to participate actively in prioritizing

their top five development needs. He assured that the government machinery would work shoulder to shoulder at their doorstep to meet these needs. Vibhu Nayyar highlighted that the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is to make every tribal village a role model of development, equipped with schools, hospitals, and essential amenities. He appreciated the villagers' historical support to the Army and their contribution to curbing the menace of drugs, emphasizing that security and development go hand in hand. He expressed confidence that with community cooperation, the village will undergo transformational growth, becoming an example for other tribal communities. Secretary Tribal Affairs J&K also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the need for strengthening the efforts towards eradication of drug peddling and drug abuse. He provided awareness about the 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' and urged upon the people to take benefit under the Abhiyan which is meant for their upliftment and welfare.

Speaking on the occasion,

# KVIC organises SDTPs across J&K on Gandhi Jayanti

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**SRINAGAR:** To mark the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated on 2nd October, multiple Skill Development Training Programmes (SDTPs) were held by KVIC across various districts of Jammu & Kashmir today. The events were held in presence of Director, KVIC, J&K and Ladakh, Rajesh Kumar, and Principal, PMTC KVIC, Pampore, Anil Kumar Sharma. The programme commenced with floral garlanding ceremony to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by the Khadi Pledge, taken as part of the ongoing Khadi Mahotsav being celebrated from September 17th to October 23rd, 2025. Speaking on the occasion, Anil Kumar Sharma briefed the attendees about the various skill development training programmes being conducted across different districts of J&K. He emphasized the importance of skill-building in empowering youth and promoting self-employment.



are crucial for personal growth and national development. Several participants also shared their experiences, explaining how

the training programmes have helped them acquire valuable skills and opened new avenues for livelihood and entrepreneurship.

# Budgam Embodies Spirit of Service through Sewa Parv Activities on Gandhi Jayanti

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**BUDGAM:** District Administration Budgam on Thursday witnessed a vibrant culmination of the Sewa Parv programme, with a wide spectrum of activities organized across blocks, institutions, and community spaces, coinciding with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti.

The day was marked by enthusiastic participation from farmers, students, women, panchayats, and civil society, reflecting the true spirit of service, awareness, and community empowerment.

At the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Campus Budgam, a special awareness programme was held where the Mission Director, Dairy Development graded the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The programme aimed at sensitizing farmers about the range of government schemes available, particularly online services of the Animal Husbandry Department. Detailed presentations were delivered focusing on dairy value addition, milk processing, packaging, and adoption of modern practices. Over 50 farmers actively participated and engaged in an interactive session, voicing their queries and sharing valuable feedback.

In line with the welfare-cen-



tric approach of Sewa Parv, the Social Welfare Department under Mission Shakti distributed Baby Kits at SDH Khansahib. The initiative reinforced the government's commitment to maternal and child health, ensuring that mothers and newborns receive essential support and care.

Special focus was given to adult literacy under Sewa Parv, with literacy classes conducted at Ishtique Memorial Girls Middle School Drang, HS Sail Zone Hardapanzoo, and Education Zone Hardapanzoo. These programmes created opportunities for community members to acquire basic literacy skills, thereby fostering empowerment and strengthening the foundations of inclusive development.

In a major grassroots initia-

tive, Special Gram Sabhas were conducted in all blocks of Budgam district, including Narbal. These sabhas provided platforms for participatory governance, enabling citizens to share ideas, deliberate on development priorities, and contribute towards local planning in line with the spirit of Jan Bhagidari.

The culmination of Sewa Parv coincided with Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated across the district with zeal and reverence. Inmates of Palash Budgam marked the occasion with enthusiasm, reflecting on the Gandhian ideals of truth, peace, and non-violence. Students of GPS Gogipathri, Zone Nagam staged cultural performances, carrying forward Gandhi Ji's timeless message of simplicity, harmony, and service. At the

Municipal Head Office Magam, a Painting Competition was organized, where young participants creatively depicted Gandhian values and the essence of service through art.

Adding to the day's diverse activities, a one-day awareness-cum-training programme on fruit and vegetable preservation and processing was organized at Horticulture Zone Pakherpora. The programme focused on post-harvest management, preservation techniques, and value addition, equipping farmers with practical knowledge to enhance income and sustainability in horticulture.

The Sewa Parv 2025 in Budgam district showcased the district administration's holistic approach, bringing together multiple departments, institutions, and community stakeholders. The activities not only commemorated Gandhi Jayanti but also advanced the larger goals of service, empowerment, and participatory governance.

With active participation from farmers, women, students, and local communities, Sewa Parv Budgam concluded on a high note, leaving behind a message of collective responsibility, inclusive growth, and commitment to Gandhian values in every day life.

# Dy CM lays foundation stones of three bridges in Nowshera



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary laying foundation stone.

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**NOWSHERA:** Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary on Thursday laid the foundation stones for three vital bridge projects aimed at strengthening road connectivity in the Nowshera area.

He laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 50-meter span motorable bridge with footpath over Androoth Nallah at Village Androoth, with an estimated cost of Rs. 400 lakh.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister also held a Public Darbar at Kalsian, where he interacted with the people and listened to their issues and demands. The Deputy CM redressed several grievances on the spot.

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# BSNL celebrates 25th Foundation Day with commitment to digital empowerment

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**JAMMU:** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) celebrated its 25th Foundation Day, marking a significant Silver Jubilee milestone in its journey of delivering affordable, secure, and indigenous digital connectivity across India, including the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

As part of this landmark

globally with a fully indigenous 4G stack. The BSNL J&K Circle recorded a major financial turnaround in FY 2024-25, achieving a profit of Rs 5 crore after 12 years, up from a Rs 101 crore loss. Nationally, BSNL posted consecutive quarterly profits - Rs 262 crore (Q3) and Rs 280 crore (Q4) in FY 2025.

Currently, BSNL J&K

Silver Jubilee, BSNL J&K Circle organized a series of community-centric events, including a road show, tree plantation drive, and a Free Eye Camp at BSNL Bhavan, Trikuta Nagar. A seminar on Stress Management was conducted by the Art of Living Foundation, and food packets were distributed to the underprivileged by TWWO J&K Circle. A



year, BSNL rolled out 92,633 new 4G sites nationwide, including 639 Digital Bharat Nidhi-funded towers in J&K (465) and Ladakh (174) under the 4G Saturation Project. These efforts have digitally connected over 756 previously uncovered villages and brought more than 3 lakh citizens into the digital mainstream. With this feat, India has joined the elite group of five nations

operates 3,817 BTS sites across J&K and Ladakh, serving over 8 lakh mobile subscribers and handling around 42,000 GB of data and 6,500-7,000 Erlangs of voice traffic daily. The company has also played a crucial role in strategic initiatives like Operation Sindoor, ensuring seamless telecom services and emergency satellite phone support in border regions.

To commemorate the

Blood Donation Camp has also been scheduled as part of the celebrations.

BSNL continues expanding its infrastructure under projects like BharatNet, aiming to digitally connect all 4,492 Gram Panchayats in J&K and Ladakh. The growing demand for FTTH services is further bridging the digital divide, empowering households and boosting local economies.

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<b>Tender Notice No.</b>	17-ELECT-C-AMC-SINA-25R Dated 01.10.2025
<b>Name of Work</b>	Operation and Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of power supply, VRF/VRF Systems, all lighting fixtures and electrical items, Inverters with Dry cell Battery Bank & 380/180/250 KVA DG set etc., for a period of two years at Officers Rest House near Srinagar Railway Station and Officers Rest House & office complex Tulsi Bagh Srinagar. (USBR Project).
<b>Approx. Cost of the work</b>	Rs. 1,83,78,789.00 (Including GST and all other taxes)
<b>Completion Period</b>	24 (Twenty-Four) Months.
<b>Bid Security to be deposited</b>	Rs. 2,41,900.00
<b>Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website</b>	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 04.10.2025.
<b>Last date/Time of upload of tenders</b>	27.10.2025 upto 15.00 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site.
<b>Date/Time of Opening of Tender</b>	27.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. (Immediately after close of uploading of tender).
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