

# SHG reflect potential of women-led development in India: Dr Jitendra

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**ANDHRA PRADESH:** Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized the importance of "women-led development" as a key priority of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance agenda while addressing a congregation of nearly 3,000 women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Moragudi village. He said, the Self Help Groups reflect the potential of women-led development in India.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing a Women Self Help Groups congregation at Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.

Minister lauded their efforts and encouraged further skill development through programs like SEEDAP, which aim to enhance employability and entrepreneurial opportunities in the region. Prior to the event, Dr. Jitendra Singh visited an exhibition showcasing a diverse range of products, including local food items and small utility products. The display highlighted the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of the participants, emphasizing the importance of promoting indigenous goods and self-reliance. Education and infrastructure development were also key priorities during the visit. At the Zilla Parishad High School in Moragudi, Dr. Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone for a central kitchen. This facility will cater to the nutritional needs of

school children, ensuring the effective delivery of midday meal programs. He also inspected ongoing infrastructure projects, including roads, drainage systems, housing, and access to clean drinking water. These initiatives are pivotal in laying the groundwork for long-term, sustainable development in the district. Later in the day, Dr. Jitendra Singh visited Gandikota, a historic site known for its stunning landscapes and cultural significance. During discussions with local officials, he emphasized the potential of tourism as an economic driver for the region. By developing Gandikota into a prominent heritage destination, the government aims to create employment opportunities while preserving the site's unique charm and history. Reflecting on his engage-

ments, Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated the importance of the Aspirational Districts Programme in fostering equitable growth. "The ADP has shown us that with focused governance and collaboration, we can uplift even the most underdeveloped regions and provide their residents with opportunities on par with the best-performing districts in the country. This is a testament to the vision of our Prime Minister, who believes in an inclusive and progressive India," he said. Dr. Jitendra Singh's visit to YSR Kadapa not only highlighted the achievements of the district under the ADP but also shed light on the challenges that remain. His detailed assessments and interactions with various stakeholders will help inform strategies to address these gaps, ensuring the dis-

trict continues on its path toward holistic development. The Minister's proactive approach reflects the government's resolve to turn policies into impactful actions. Through programs like the ADP, the administration remains committed to empowering local communities, enhancing infrastructure, and fostering innovation, creating a roadmap for sustainable progress across India. YSR Kadapa's transformation is not just a story of growth for one district but a vision for the future of equitable development in the nation.



## Omar-led Govt not addressing problems of UT people: Sunil Sethi

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**JAMMU:** Chief Spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir, Advocate Sunil Sethi, on Monday criticized Omar Abdullah-led government for not addressing the problems and concerns of people of J&K Union Territory and showing no regard or remorse to its inaction on pressing problems.



nothing to offer except blaming it's inactions on UT status." He said that all departments are with UT Govt except home and it is matter of fact that only home department is working round the clock in ensuring maintenance of law and order and security, whereas all other departments are not delivering because of directionless governance. Sunil Sethi also noted with concern the attitude of not listening with Chief Minister who has publicly said he has no time to read even what is being written or said by his own Member Parliament belonging to Shia Community.

"This shows the attitude of govt which is not listening to it's leaders. What can be expected from him about leaders of other parties or general public," Sethi said. While there are pressing problems facing people especially Kashmir region because of power disruption and non supply of adequate fuel, the Chief Minister is busy buying fleet of costly cars for him, Sethi said. Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi recalled that during LG rule, Muharram procession was resumed in Srinagar which was closed during NC-Cong regime. He further said that reservation is important aspect of Constitutional rights and no effort to dilute it will be allowed particularly when the matter is subjudice before Court.

in a statement issued today, Sethi said, "In short span of about 3 months people of Jammu and Kashmir have understood that they can expect no justice or redressal of their grievances by this Govt, which is self obsessed and have

## Satish Sharma reviews preparedness of FCS&CA, Transport departments for winters

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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Transport, FCS &CA, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Satish Sharma, on Friday convened separate meetings with senior officers to review the preparedness of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport Department in view of winter season. He also met with various delegations at Civil Secretariat Srinagar.



FCS &CA Minister, Satish Sharma chairing a meeting.

Department, the Minister enquired about the maintenance of busses, revenue generation, transport services to remote areas etc. He said besides bringing efficiency and transparency in working of the department, there is a need for providing better and efficient transport facilities to the public, especially people liv-

ing in far flung areas and patients. He stressed the need for adopting and incorporating innovative ideas for further improving and streamlining functioning of the Transport Department. While reviewing the functioning of FCS&CA, the Minister assessed the stock and supply position of essentials in Kashmir

division besides taking stock of extra arrangements made by the department for winter season. He expressed satisfaction over the functioning of the department saying that FCS &CA is directly linked with the people and it becomes mandatory on its functionaries to take every possible step to ensure that consumers do not face any kind of difficulty, especially during winter season. The Minister also met various delegations, led by MLA Uri Sajjad Shafi, MLA Chanapora, Mushtaq Guroo, MLA Lolab, Jamshaid Lone and MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie who raised many issues pertaining to their respec-

tive areas. A delegation of Jammu & Kashmir Hotels and Restaurants Association (JKHARA) met the Minister and apprised him of various issues related to tourism sector and its upliftment. The Minister assured the delegations that issues raised by them would be taken up with the concerned authorities and would be addressed promptly. Later, the Minister visited SMHS hospital in

Shireen Bagh to personally check condition of the injured shopkeeper named Innayat Sheikh, who was injured in a hit-and-run accident near Bakshi Stadium. He enquired about his well being and assured all possible support from the Government. He also instructed the doctors and nursing staff to provide proper medical care to the victim. MLA Chanapora also accompanied the Minister during the visit.



Amitava Chatterjee, Managing Director and CEO, Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Friday.

## HC upholds PSA of alleged terrorist

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**JAMMU:** Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court upheld the detention under PSA of one Shahid Maqbool Bhat who was allegedly involved in terrorism activities.

According to the ground of detention it bears reference to incident of the year 2022, according to which some terrorists had lobbed a hand grenade on Police Station, Pulwama, and involvement of the petitioner in the said incident was established.

The grounds of detention also bear reference to allegation against the petitioner that he has been in constant touch with Pak handler, namely, Ashaq Hussain Nengroo through social media networking system. It is also stated in the grounds of detention that the petitioner has contacts with radical elements of Rajpora Drubgam area and these elements include Ahsaan-ul-Haq and Haris Nazir Dar. While dismissing the petition seeking quashment of PSA, Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides, observed that The detaining authority, after culling out necessary facts from the police dossier, has clearly recorded its satisfaction that the activities of the petitioner are highly prejudicial to the security of the State.

## Sakeena conducts surprise inspection of JLNM Hospital



Health Minister Sakeena Itoo inspecting work in JLNM Hospital Rainawari.

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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Friday held a detailed inspection of Jawaharlal Lal Nehru Memorial (JLNM) Hospital Rainawari and reviewed the overall status of medical facilities available for the locals there. MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq and other senior officers of health department accompanied the Minister. During the inspection, Sakeena Itoo held detailed

round of the hospital and reviewed overall functioning of the health facility. She inspected OPD, IPD, Operation theatre, blood bank and other units of the hospital. Interacting with the hospital administration and other on duty staff, the Minister emphasized on cleanliness and hygiene inside the wards for maintaining overall patient care environment in the hospital. "Round the clock heating arrangements should be maintained in the hospital in view of harsh cold this winter", Sakeena

directed the hospital administration. The Minister further underlined on importance of timely maintenance of medical equipments in hospital in order to improve quality of healthcare services for the public. During the inspection, Sakeena Itoo also visited medical supplies section of the hospital and evaluated the inventory. She called upon the officers to maintain adequate stock of medicines and other equipments in the hospital during the winter months. The Minister assured the hospital administration of continued support from the Government and advised them to work with zeal and zest so that the government hospitals meet the needs of population. The Minister also interacted with the patients and their attendants and took on spot feedback from them about the healthcare services being provided at the hospital.

## First ever NIC held at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar

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**JAMMU:** The first ever "All Women NSS National Integration Camp (NIC), 2025" was organized here on Friday under the aegis of Higher Education Department, on the theme "Women Empowerment and Emancipation" symbolizing "Nari Shakti" at PSPS, GCW, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.



Additional CS, Higher Education, Shantmanu and others at a programme.

Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Shantmanu, inaugurated the event which was jointly organized by National Service Scheme (NSS), Government College for Women, Parade and Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. VC Cluster University of Jammu, Professor KS Chandra Sekar, was the guest of honour on the occasion. The National Integration Camp is an annual event conducted as a part of National Service Scheme (NSS) to promote national unity, communal harmony and inclusive spirit among the youth of India. This mega event brought together participants from diverse cultural, linguistic and geographical backgrounds, highlighting the country's rich diversity and collective identity. Nearly, 25 NSS Programme Officers, 200 NSS volunteers and 18 contingents participated in the NIC Camp. In his inaugural address,

Shantmanu emphasized the importance of national integration and youth empowerment in strengthening the nation. He stressed that NSS encourages individuals to actively participate in various initiatives that address the pressing needs of the society. Whether, it be through education outreach, environmental conversation, or health awareness campaigns, their involvement has the potential to make a profound impact, he added. State SNO, Director Colleges, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Wazir, stated that NSS has been a beacon of aspiration, creativity and service in our community and it is a platform that embodies the spirit of selfless service among the youth. 'Service to humanity is a calling that transcends boundaries, be it social, economic or geographical. NSS Volunteers represent the very best of our youth their compassion, hard work and com-

mitment in making a meaningful life of others', he asserted. NSS Camp Commandant, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, gave a brief introduction about the NSS NIC Camp 2025. Present on the occasion were Dr. Rashmi Singh, Resident Commissioner J&K Government, New Delhi, Professor L K Magotra, Chairman Governing body, GCW, Parade Ground, Jammu, Colonel Munish Jasrotia, Commanding Officer, 2 J&K Girls Battalion, NCC, Principals, Deans & NSS PO's of all the Colleges of Jammu Division and Members of Advisory Committee of NSS NIC. The event witnessed cultural performances that showcased various regional dances and songs, celebrating India's diversity. Professor K S Chandra Sekar, said that NSS embodies the spirit of selfless service, fostering not only individual growth but also community development. Nodal Principal, Jammu Division, Dr. S P Saraswat, Principal PSPS, GCW, Gandhi Nagar presented vote of thanks. Meanwhile, an orientation program on National Integration and NSS was held which included discussions and lecture by Dr. Hema Gandotra, working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Jammu University. She said that NSS plays a crucial role in shaping the character of students while contributing to the social and economic development of communities across India. Dr. Rashmi Singh, Resident Commissioner J&K Government, New Delhi, said that in today's world, where challenges such as inequality, climate change and public health crisis loom large, the role of NSS becomes all more imperative. NSS Volunteers involvement in various social programs, community development projects, and awareness campaigns fosters a sense of responsibility and instills values that help to shape a better society. In the Cultural evening at PSPS GCW Gandhinagar, Jammu the participants came together to celebrate Unity in Diversity, fostering camaraderie and cultural exchange among the attendees.