

"Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" culminates in Budgam with Strong Citizen Outreach, Service Delivery

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BUDGAM: The week-long nationwide initiative Good Governance Week

Week "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore", observed from December 19 to December 25, concluded successfully in Budgam, marking a significant decisive step by the District Administration towards strengthening transparent, accountable and citizen-centric governance at the grass-roots level.

Throughout the week, the District Administration Budgam undertook an intensive schedule of public outreach programmes, grievance redressal camps, inspections, workshops and awareness drives across all 17 blocks and 296 panchayats of Budgam to take governance to the doorsteps of the people. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic public participation, reflecting growing trust and engagement between citizens and the administration.

During the week, public facilitation and grievance redressal camps were organised on a daily basis, enabling



citizens to directly interact with district and field level officers.

A large number of grievances, both fresh and long pending were received through online and offline platforms, many of which were resolved on the spot, while others were taken up for time bound disposal. Special emphasis was laid on ensuring sensitivity, responsiveness and accountability while addressing public concerns.

The administration also focused on achieving saturation of key welfare and social security schemes, extending onspot assistance to eligible beneficiaries for enrolment and benefit delivery. Awareness sessions were held on flagship initiatives such as

Mission YUVA, PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana, social welfare schemes, employment and livelihood programmes, besides promoting the use of online public service delivery platforms for faster and transparent access to services.

A major highlight of the week was the daylong District Level Public Darbar cum Workshop on Good Governance at Town Hall, Khansahib, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, under the banner of Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore. During the Public Darbar, the DC patiently heard public grievances related to development works, health-care, education, revenue and welfare schemes, and issued

on-the-spot directions for their redressal. Sanction letters were also distributed among beneficiaries under various government welfare schemes, reinforcing the administration's commitment to inclusive and timely service delivery.

The workshop component focused on the core pillars of good governance, including the Public Services Guarantee Act, effective grievance redressal mechanisms, transparency in service delivery and zero tolerance towards corruption. Officers were sensitised to adopt a proactive, humane and solution oriented approach, with an emphasis on continuous public engagement through outreach programmes and field visits.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised that good governance must translate into visible outcomes on the ground, stating that Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore is about ensuring prompt grievance redressal, efficient service delivery and sustained public trust in institutions.

The Good Governance Week activities were carried out with active involvement of senior district officers, sub divisional and tehsil and BDO level functionaries, and heads of line departments, ensuring coordinated and effective implementation across the district.

The District Administration Budgam reaffirmed its resolve to carry forward the spirit of Good Governance Week beyond the observance period, and continue working towards a responsive, transparent and people centric administration, where governance remains accessible, accountable and firmly rooted in the needs of the citizens.

Week-Long "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" Campaign concludes in Shopian



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SHOPIAN: The week-long nationwide outreach campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign initiated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, GOI concluded successfully on Thursday in District Shopian, witnessing widespread public participation and effective grievance redressal.

The campaign aimed at taking governance to the doorsteps of citizens, enhancing last-mile service delivery and strengthening grievance redressal mechanisms.

In Shopian district, the programme was executed in a systematic and inclusive manner, covering all 98 Panchayat Halqas, in addition to one outreach camp each at Tehsil Headquarters and two special camps at the District Headquarters were held, ensuring comprehensive geographic and administrative coverage.

On the concluding day, grievance redressal and public interaction camps were organised at Nazneenpora (Tehsil Keegam), Kanigam (Inamsahab), TurkWangam (Block Chitragam),

Panchayat Halqa Vehil, Berthipora-A& B, Panchayat Halqa Partabpora and HS Pora (Block Herman), where a large number of residents interacted directly with officers of the concerned departments. BDO, Nazir Ahmad presided over some of the camps in Imam Sahib and Herman blocks.

Throughout the campaign, the initiative played a pivotal role in addressing public grievances, resolving service delivery issues and creating awareness about government schemes and entitlements.

Officers from various line departments received, examined and acted upon grievances related to revenue, rural development, social welfare, public utilities, development works and other citizen-centric services, with many cases resolved on the spot and others taken up for time-bound disposal.

During the week long campaign, more than 400 applications were disposed of under service delivery mechanisms, underscoring the effectiveness and reach of the programme.

Revenue Department Keller Cracks Down on Illegal Mining in Shopian



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SHOPIAN: In a significant late-night crackdown against illegal mining activities, the Revenue Department Keller, under the supervision of the Tehsildar Keller and Naib Tehsildar Berthipora, conducted a search operation

in the Gujar Basti area of Kralcheck.

During the operation, officials apprehended individuals involved in illegal soil extraction and seized one JCB machine and one tipper being used for unauthorized excavation and transportation of soil.

The seized machinery has been handed over to Police Post Batipora, and an FIR has been registered in the matter. Further investigation is underway to identify all persons involved in the illegal activity.

The authorities have reiterated their firm commitment to continue strict action against illegal mining and soil extraction. They warned that violators will face stringent legal consequences, emphasizing that such enforcement drives will continue to safeguard natural resources and ensure strict adherence to the law.

Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore: Good Governance Week-2025 Concludes in Anantnag



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ANANTNAG: The week-long Good Governance Week, Sushasan Saptah-2025 organised under the Campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" concluded in Anantnag on Thursday.

On the last day, public outreach programmes featuring awareness of government schemes and grievance redressal were held at Dooru, Shahabad, Larnoo,

Qazigund, Larkipora and other areas of the district.

During these programmes, officers from line departments provided detailed information about ongoing government schemes and good governance practices being adopted to enhance the delivery of public services.

The public provided valuable feedback on key government services and also put forth their grievances.

Notably, the Good Governance Week, which commenced on 19th December, witnessed extensive field outreach by the district administration wherein senior officers including ADDC, ACR, SDMs, ACD and others visited villages and far off places and interacted with citizens and civil society members regarding issues of development and public welfare schemes.

Nepotism that existed in sports before 2014 has ended; now poor can rise to top levels: PM

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said irregularities in team selection and sports that often happened before 2014 came to an end a decade ago, and now children from even the poorest families can rise to the top levels purely through hard work and talent.

Addressing the 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav', a sports and fitness festival aimed at promoting a sporting culture and leadership among the youth, PM Modi said the scale of the Mahotsav is as vast as its impact.

Through this initiative, he said, the nation is discovering thousands of talented sportspersons.

"The festival is steadily emerging as a strong pillar of youth empowerment and nation-building. Another special aspect of the 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav' is the way it is playing a transformative role in changing societal mindsets," he said.

The prime minister said that before 2014, irregularities in team selection and sports infrastructure often took place in sports.

"Today, those practices have come to an end. Even children from the poorest families can now rise to the highest levels purely through hard work and talent," he said.

PM Modi also referred to the allocation of more than Rs 3000 crore for the country's

sports budget, which was less than Rs 1200 crore before 2014.

He said that through a special scheme, athletes are being provided monthly financial assistance ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 each.

"Today, I want to tell every athlete of the country that you are not just playing for your own victory, you are playing for the country, you are playing for the honour and dignity of the tricolour," he said.

The prime minister also requested all parents to encourage their children to take part in sports and give them opportunities to participate in sporting activities.

Sports is not just a part of learning, it is also important for a healthy body and a healthy mind, he said.

Describing how sports culture is growing in the country, the prime minister said that from every corner of the country, inspiring examples are emerging that motivate the nation.

He said that in some places, differently abled athletes are defying limitations and reaching new heights, while on sports grounds elsewhere, young girls are striving tirelessly to turn their dreams into reality.

"Today, India's athletes are breaking records, setting new benchmarks, and taking India to new heights on the global sporting map," he said.

PM Modi said that until a few years ago, family members

would scold and reprimand the child for playing too much as it was then considered a waste of time. Today, he said, society, and even parents, have realised that playing does not ruin one's life.

"Now they understand that their children, by excelling in sports, can change not only their own and their family's fate, but also that of the entire village and society. Today, opportunities in sports are not limited, but unlimited," he said.

The prime minister said that in 2030, India will host the Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad and then the eyes of the entire world will be on India. "Not only that, India is also making efforts to host the biggest sports event, that is, the Olympics, in 2036," he said.

The 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav' is a sports and fitness festival aimed at promoting a sporting culture and leadership among the youth. A key objective is to bring the community together through sports and fitness and to take the message of 'Fit India' to every home.

The festival features a three-level competition, including games at the village, block/ward, and parliamentary constituency levels.

The sports categories include traditional games, football, volleyball, and cricket. The event also includes fun activities like tug of war, lemon spoon race, and sack races to ensure wider participation.

MVD Bandipora Organises Road Safety Awareness, Enforcement Drives

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BANDIPORA: As part of the ongoing Good Governance Week (Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore 2025) campaign, the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Bandipora on Thursday organised a road safety awareness and grievance redressal camp for drivers and transporters at the Sumo Stand, Sumbal.

The camp focused on promoting safe driving practices, addressing grievances of drivers and transporters, and ensuring compliance with traffic regulations.

During the programme, ARTO Bandipora, Mohammad Mukhtar Sofi sensitised participants on road safety norms, passenger safety, and the ill-effects of drug abuse while driving.

On the occasion, 13 drivers were facilitated with fitness certificates for their vehicles on the spot, ensuring prompt service delivery as part of the good governance initiative.

Meanwhile, an enforcement drive was conducted on the Argam-Chapran Road to check overloading and charging of exorbitant fares, if any.

During the drive, the ARTO, along with the enforcement team, interacted with drivers and passengers, counselling them on adherence to prescribed fare structures and responsible

driver behaviour.

Another enforcement drive was carried out on the Bandipora-Sumbal route, wherein 73 vehicles were checked. Of these, 25 vehicles were e-challaned, and an amount of Rs 31,000 was

realised as penalty.

On the occasion, passengers were also consulted to confirm fare compliance and assess driver behaviour, reinforcing transparency and accountability in public transport services.

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SKUAST-K's KVK Ganderbal awarded ICAR's best Krishi Kendra award

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SRINAGAR : In recognition of its service to the farming community, SKUAST-K's Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ganderbal has been honoured with the 'Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra Award' for its outstanding contributions to agricultural extension and rural empowerment.

The award was presented to Head of KVK Ganderbal, Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, during the three-day National Level Zonal Workshop of KVKs (Zone I) held at SKUAST-Jammu.

Instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through the Agricultural Technology Application

Research Institute (ATARI Zone I, PAU Ludhiana), the award highlights KVK Ganderbal's exemplary role in bringing innovation-driven outreach to the doorsteps of farmers.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmed, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the entire KVK Ganderbal team. He described the achievement as a clear testament to the relentless commitment of the scientists and staff toward farmer-centric innovation. He expressed his firm belief that with its current trajectory of excellence, KVK Ganderbal is well on its way to becoming the top-ranked KVK in the entire country. Prof Raihana Habib, Director

Extension at SKUAST-K, also lauded the unit's dedication, adding that the Kendra has consistently demonstrated inclusivity and innovation in its programs.

This award not only elevates the status of KVK Ganderbal but also reinforces SKUAST-Kashmir's position as a premier institution dedicated to self-sustainable agriculture.

By bridging the gap between scientific research and field application, the Kendra continues to play a pivotal role in the university's mission to empower rural communities and celebrate the achievements of the farmers who are at the heart of the region's economy.

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