

# DC Kupwara presides over mega awareness/saturation camp at far flung Nagranar village of Handwara block

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KUPWARA: District Administration Kupwara on Sunday organized a well attended function in far flung Nagranar village in block Handwara to mark the official launch of fortnightly 'Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan'. The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan. ADC Handwara, Javid Naseem Masoodi; DDC Rajwar, Mir Suliman; CPO, CMO, Tehsildar Handwara, BDO, besides, other district and block level officers and a large number of people attended the function. The Abhiyan which is aimed for saturation of centrally sponsored schemes in far flung tribal villages of the district started today and will continue for 15 days. During the period awareness and benefit saturation camps



will be organized in 14 blocks of the district, targeting 14 tribal villages for awareness and saturation of the individual benefit oriented schemes. Speaking at the occasion, DC said that the aim of Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan is to target the population of remote tribal areas under the ambit of development. She said during the coming 15 days starting today, the line

departments will organize camps in each of the 14 tribal villages of the district to enroll the targeted beneficiaries under the individual beneficiary oriented schemes. She appealed to the people to come forward and register themselves under various government schemes in these camps to get benefited. Regarding PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana,

DC appealed to the people to register themselves under the scheme which will reduce their electricity bill to zero. She also urged them to contact their respective YUVA Doots for availing benefits under Agriculture and allied schemes. DC inspected the stalls established by different line departments including Agriculture and allied sectors, she got feedback from

the concerned officers about their schemes targeted for the tribal population. She directed them to ensure enrollment of the targeted population under the government schemes so that the benefits are timely percolated down to them. A plantation drive was also held there. During the day-long function held at Nagranar, various cultural programmes including tribal dance and folk songs were presented by the school children and members of the tribal community. DC distributed sanction letters and benefits of different schemes pertaining to Social Welfare, Agriculture and allied schemes among the beneficiaries. Earlier, prominent residents and senior citizens spoke and put forth their grievances and developmental issues before the chair. The issues raised pertained to mobile network connectivity, water supply, macadamization of inner roads and others. DC assured for redressal of all their genuine issues.

# DC flags-off IEC van to enhance awareness about the campaign



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PULWAMA: In view of the nation-wide Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) initiative, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom on Sunday flagged-off an IEC awareness van from Circuit House Pulwama, initiating saturation camps across tribal villages in the district. The van will visit each

tribal settlement, enhancing public awareness through audio-visual messages in vernacular languages, outlining theme and objectives of DAJGUA along with various central and state welfare schemes, a critical step in ensuring last-mile outreach. Later in the day, DC convened a joint session with district officers & village headmen, senior citizens, youth, and representatives of tribal areas. During the session, various district officers briefed the participants on various Govt. schemes, eligibility criteria, entitlement procedures, delivery mechanisms, and the department-wise action plan for the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasised that the Dharti Aaba Abhiyan is a nation-wide initiative aimed

at achieving holistic development of tribal communities through the saturation of welfare schemes and last-mile delivery of services. "Pulwama administration has already completed a comprehensive gap analysis exercise in tribal areas under the supervision of Block Development Officers, and these gaps will be addressed through targeted interventions during the campaign," said the DC. He further directed all the line departments to ensure complete coverage and saturation of tribal households in relevant Govt. schemes and initiatives during the campaign in line with the Abhiyan's vision of "Last Mile, First Priority". He also urged tribal youth and community leaders to spread the message and ensure active participation from every corner so that the objectives of the

Abhiyan are fully achieved. Besides, DC also felicitated meritorious students and outstanding SHGs from tribal areas with mementos and certificates. During the session, tribal community members, leaders and youth representatives extended heartfelt gratitude to the administration for organizing the session, and shared suggestions and grievances related to local infrastructure, forest rights, education, and health services. The rally witnessed active participation from students and teachers, who carried banners and raised slogans to promote a drug-free society. The participants walked with enthusiasm and commitment, urging the community to stand united against substance abuse. This event is part of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities being held across the district to spread awareness, especially among the youth, about the harmful consequences of drug addiction. They further entrusted the administration to take the campaign in a mission-mode approach and emphasized the importance of ensuring that government schemes reach the grassroots level for effective implementation. Deputy Commissioner, while speaking on the occasion, underscored the objective of the 15-day IEC campaign, which is to aim for 100% saturation of key welfare schemes in tribal villages, stating that the campaign reflects the administration's commitment to last-mile delivery and inclusive development. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where tribal achievers and dedicated frontline workers were honoured for their exemplary contributions to the upliftment and development of their communities.

# 15-Day Mega IEC campaign under DAJGUA launched at Baramulla

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: District administration Baramulla on Sunday launched a 15-day Mega IEC (Information, Education and Communication) campaign under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) from Dak Bungalow Baramulla, as part of the nationwide initiative aimed at empowering tribal communities and ensuring saturation of beneficiary-oriented schemes. The event marked a vibrant beginning to a series of activities over the next two weeks focused on raising awareness and delivering government services directly to tribal beneficiaries across the district. The launch event witnessed the participation of public representatives, including Chairperson DDC Baramulla, Safina

Beigh; Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Baramulla, Javid Ahmad Beigh; MLA Uri, Sajad Ahmad; MLA Wagoora-Kreeri Irfan Hafiz Lone; MLA Tangmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah; DDC and BDC members; Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa; ADDC, ACD, district and sectoral officers, and representatives from various departments, along with enthusiastic participation from tribal people belonging to all eight tribal villages of Baramulla. At the outset of the programme, DDC chairperson, MLAs and the DC inspected stalls set up by various government departments, including health, education, handicrafts, and ICDS, acting as a one-stop platform for information dissemination, service delivery, and registration support regarding various

beneficiary schemes under DAJGUA. Meanwhile, members from the tribal communities showcased locally produced goods, traditional handicrafts, agricultural products, and artworks reflecting the rich cultural heritage, self-reliance, and unique identity of the tribal populace of Baramulla. The highlight of the event was a series of captivating cultural performances by tribal artists and schoolchildren who presented traditional folk songs and dances, vividly portraying the region's tribal customs, values, and way of life. During the launch event, elected public representatives underlined the cultural richness of tribal communities and applauded DAJGUA initiative, which aims to saturate 25 schemes across 17 different ministries of the central government.

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# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed at Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare Ganderbal and Senior Citizen Home Ganderbal, observed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Sunday at Sakhi One Stop Centre Wayil Ganderbal. The objective of the event was to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation faced by older persons, promoting their dignity, safety, and rights. The event aimed to sensitize the public about the importance of protecting the rights of senior citizens and to provide them with information about the various legal remedies available to them. The initiative was effectively overseen by Abdul Nasir, Chairman, DLSA, Ganderbal, along with the guidance of Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal. During the event, Sajid Irfan, Deputy LADC Ganderbal, highlighted the key provisions of the NALSA

Legal Services scheme for Senior Citizens, 2016, with respect to legal aid and assistance, representation in courts, and other appellate authorities. He emphasized the role of DLSA Ganderbal in providing legal aid to senior citizens. Tanveer Ashraf, Legal Aid Defense Counsel, DLSA Ganderbal, delivered an insightful lecture on the importance of upholding the fundamental rights and dignity of senior citizens. He sensitized the audience about the growing concern of elder abuse in families and communities, urging collective responsibility and legal vigilance. He elaborated on the legal remedies available to elderly persons, including the right to maintenance from children and heirs, protection from abuse and neglect, and entitlement to health and social welfare schemes. Adv. Aqib Ul Ahad Wani emphasized that elder abuse is not only a moral failure but a legal violation. He underscored the Maintenance and Welfare

of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, as a landmark law that gives elderly parents the right to seek maintenance and protection from their children or legal heirs. He also elaborated on the constitutional rights guaranteeing the dignity and welfare of the elderly, personal laws mandating maintenance obligations, and government schemes and helpline services available to support senior citizens. The event was attended by a large number of senior citizens, civil society members, and stakeholders. Participants were informed about the toll-free National Legal Helpline number 15100, through which elderly individuals can seek immediate legal advice and support. DLSA Ganderbal reiterates its commitment to protecting the rights of senior citizens and promoting their dignity and well-being. The Authority urges the public to join hands in creating a society that values and respects its elderly population.

# Ladakh delegations meet Sitharaman, demands special relief for tourism sector

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Grappling with sharp decline in tourist arrivals in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, various delegations, including tourism players, met the visiting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here and advocated special relief for tourism and allied sectors in the Union Territory of Ladakh, an official said on Sunday. The delegations also demanded restoration of budget allocations to financial year 2025-26 and also requested that Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates be finalised based on expenditure up to December, rather than September-October, to reflect the region's actual spending capacity. Sitharaman reached Leh on a four-day official tour on Saturday, attended the light and sound show at Leh Palace and visited Shanti Stupa besides meeting various delegations led by Chairman-cum-chief executive councillor of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, Tashi Gyalson, the official said. He said the delegation also included key stakeholders from All Ladakh Travel and Trade Alliance, All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association (ALGHA), All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA), All Ladakh Transport Association (ALTA), Merchant Associations, Biker Associations, Taxi Unions, and other tourism-related

bodies. The collective representation highlighted the wide impact of the current situation on all sections of Ladakh's economy which remains heavily dependent on tourism, the official said. Submitting a memorandum to the Finance minister, Gyalson led a high level delegation of LAHDC, Leh requested for a special relief package for tourism and allied sectors. This includes rescheduling of existing bank loans, extension of moratorium periods, and recognition of tourism as a distressed sector, the official said. The memorandum also urged her to restore Ladakh's budget to FY 2025-26 and requested that budget estimates and revised estimates be finalised based on expenditure up to December, rather than September-October, to reflect the region's actual spending capacity, given the regions short working season due to extreme geographical and climatic conditions. Expressing appreciation for the Centre's continuous support to Ladakh through various budgetary allocations and centrally sponsored schemes, the delegation particularly acknowledged the positive impact of flagship programs such as the Vibrant Villages Programme, which has significantly contributed to the upliftment of remote border areas in the Union Territory. The delegation also requested enhancement of financial powers of chief executive offi-

cer and deputy commissioner, Leh to approve administrative sanctions up to Rs 10 crore, at par with chief officers. The delegation sought the Finance Ministry's intervention to expedite the apportionment of J-K Grameen Bank's assets and staff between J-K and Ladakh, and proposed creation of a dedicated Regional Rural Bank for Ladakh to improve financial inclusion. The delegation also proposed the establishment of a Ladakh Development Finance Corporation (LDFC) to support region-specific industries and establishment of an RBI office in Leh to strengthen banking supervision, address public grievances, and promote financial literacy. The delegation of various tourism and trade sectors of Ladakh outlined the growing concern over the significant decline in tourist footfall following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 persons were killed. Another delegation of councillors also submitted a memorandum highlighting key financial and developmental concerns of the region, the official said, adding a key request was made to restore Ladakh's budget allocation for the financial year 2025-26 to ensure uninterrupted execution of ongoing and proposed developmental projects critical to the socio-economic progress of the Union Territory. The finance minister gave an assurance that the issues will be examined for suitable consideration.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION AKHNOOR**  
**Corrigendum**  
Sub.- Construction of Single ACR (2 No.) at Govt. Middle School Salori Tehsil Akhnoor Distt Jammu  
Ref.- This office Short e-NIT No. 04 of 2025-26 Dated 29-05-2025  
The e-tenders for the above mentioned work is hereby Re-tendered, due to the poor response of the bidder.  
NO: 1042-52/Div. Akhnoor DT: 13-06-2025  
DIP/J-2174/25 Dated:- 14/06/2025  
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor

**IN THE COURT OF FAST TRACK COURT POCSO CASES JAMMU**  
Present: Sunil Sangra  
File No. Challan/ UT of J&K through P/S Domana V/S Anoj Mahatoo  
Case FIR No. 107/2019, U/S 376,363/IPC 4 POCSO ACT  
Police Station Domana  
**PROCLAMATION U/S 82 Cr.PC**  
Whereas final report has been made before me that Anoj Mahatoo S/O Sh. Lal Mahatoo R/O Doodligha District Gopalganj Bihar, A/P Bantalab near Peer Baba Jammu has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence punishable under sections 376,363/IPC 4 POCSO ACT and it has been stated that the arrest warrants in respect of the above-named accused could not be executed as the accused is absconding and his whereabouts are not known.  
Whereas this Court is satisfied that the accused has gone underground and hiding to evade the process of law.  
Whereas this proclamation is hereby made requiring the accused to surrender before this court within 30 days from the date of its publication failing which appropriate action under law shall be initiated.  
Whereas Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu/ Investigating Officer of the case shall get the proclamation published in the local daily newspaper having wide circulation in the UT of J&K besides in the manner as provided U/S 82/Cr.PC and the compliance report thereof be furnished to this Court after the expiry of above-mentioned period of 30 days.  
Given under my hand and seal of this Court today on 3rd day of June, 2025 at Jammu.  
DIP/J-2166/25 Dated:- 14/06/2025  
Sd/- (Sunil Sangra) Presiding Officer, Spl. Fast Track POCSO Cases, Jammu.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is to inform the general public of the locality of Ward No. 13 Resham Ghar Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu that Sh. Abhimanyu Chowdhary S/o Sh. Sharat Chander Mahajan R/o Ward No. 61, Paloura, Muthi, Jammu has applied in the Excise Department for grant of License in Form JKEL-4 i.e (Bar with Restaurant) at M/s K.C 360 Restaurant, at Ward No. 13 Resham Ghar Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu where the applicant will sell liquor in pegs to the customers. It is therefore, notified for the information of the General Public of the locality that anybody having any objection to the issuance of said license should approach in the office of the Dy. Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu at Excise and Taxation Complex, 3rd Floor, Rail Head, Jammu within 60 days from the date of issuance of this notice.  
Please note that no objection shall be entertained after the expiry of above mentioned period.  
No: 0059/SRW Dated:- 13-06-2025  
Sd/- Excise Inspector, Sub-Range West