

Over 1,000 cyclists participate in 'Cyclothon, Pedal for Peace'

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SRINAGAR: In a landmark public event that radiated the spirit of peace, fitness and togetherness, the "Cyclothon - Pedal for Peace" was held on Sunday in Srinagar, attracting over 1,000 cyclists from diverse age groups and backgrounds.

The event was flagged off by the Minister for FCS&CA, IT, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, from the lush greens of the Police Golf Course, concluding at the Astro Turf Ground TRC, amid cheers, enthusiasm and a festive atmosphere.

Being organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, the event was a vibrant part of the Government's mission to promote communal harmony, youth engagement and a culture of fitness across the region.

Addressing the gathering,



Comm Secy YS&S, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul presenting memento to Sports Minister, Satish Sharma.

Satish Sharma said "This cyclothon is more than just a sporting event but it is a symbolic journey towards a peaceful and united Jammu & Kashmir. It reflects the resilience and potential of our youth. Through events like this, we aim to channel their energy into constructive, nation-building activities."

"This event has reaffirmed

our belief that the youth of Jammu & Kashmir are eager for positive engagement and want to be part of a peaceful and progressive journey", the Minister maintained.

The Sports Minister said that organising the cyclothon was the idea of President JK Sports Council, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who himself is an avid sports and fit person. The event also

symbolizes peaceful environs of Jammu and Kashmir, he added. He further announced that such community-oriented and youth-driven events will now be held weekly in various parts of the Union Territory to ensure sustained engagement and outreach.

The event witnessed the presence of key public representatives and administrative officials who lent their full support to the initiative.

Among the dignitaries were Legislators Farooq Shah, Dr. Shafi, Tanveer Sadiq, Ehsan Pardesi and Mushtaq Guru, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services & Sports Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul, Qazi Irfan, RTO Kashmir were also present.

Senior officials from the Sports Council, Traffic Police, Health Services and local administration also attended the event.

The participants ranged from young school and college students, amateur cyclists, sports clubs and professional athletes; all united under a common cause: pedaling for a better tomorrow. The route, carefully curated through Srinagar's scenic lanes, was lined with support staff and volunteers ensuring the safety, hydration and morale of the cyclists throughout.

The Minister, later, distributed free cycles among the eldest and youngest participants.

Pertinently, the Cyclothon-Pedal for Peace marks the beginning of a calendar of events curated by the J&K Sports Council that will include marathons, yoga camps, sports tournaments, awareness drives and fitness workshops, aimed at building community spirit, health awareness and societal resilience.

Maj Gen Anupinder inspires Cadets of CATC-J4 at NTA Nagrota



ADG NCC Directorate of JK&L, Major General Anupinder Singh Bevli interacting with cadets.

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NAGROTA: NCC Training Academy, Nagrota, witnessed a red-letter day with the visit of Major General Anupinder Singh Bevli, Additional Director General, NCC Directorate of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh.

The ADG was welcomed with ceremonial protocol by immaculately dressed cadets exuding discipline and unwavering dedication.

The visit was marked by inspirational interactions and deeply encouraging words, aimed to bolster the morale of cadets preparing for the prestigious Special National Integration Camp, Srinagar-where they shall be representing the vibrant cultural mosaic of JK&L to participants of contingents from sixteen other NCC Directorates.

A defining highlight of the day was the ADG's invaluable guidance and motivational interaction with the cadets preparing for

IDSSC-2025, with his visionary leadership and inspiring mentorship he had a transformative and energizing effect on all participants. His presence and words served as a beacon of motivation for the cadets, encouraging them to reach new heights of excellence.

Adding a touch of sophistication to the day's proceedings, Gurpreet Bevli, spouse of Maj Gen Anupinder Singh Bevli and a distinguished guest speaker herself, conducted a captivating workshop on Dining Etiquettes and Social Graces.

she emphasized the need for refined manners and polished interpersonal behaviour. She illustrated how these soft skills form the backbone of one's social and professional presence. This momentous day, brimming with inspiration and refinement, will remain etched in the annals of CATC-J4 and in the memory of every cadet present.

Preparations begin in Kathua for International Yoga Day celebration

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KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), Kathua, in collaboration with the District Administration Kathua, is gearing up to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21 at the Sports Stadium, Kathua. This event aims to promote physical and mental well-being through the ancient practice of yoga and will witness participation from various sections of society.

As a preparatory initiative for the mega celebration, the department has scheduled a series of yoga sessions from June 17 to 20. On June 17, yoga sessions will be held in public parks and community centres to promote community



involvement, encouraging local residents to actively participate. From June 18 to 20, morning assembly yoga sessions will be conducted in educational institutions involving students and teaching staff, thereby promoting yoga awareness among the youth.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua invites all individuals to participate in these sessions and the main event on June 21. Collective participation will ensure the success of the event and reinforce the significance of yoga in daily life.

NEET UG 2025: Jammu's Harivansh Rai secures AIR 930; 18 other AESL students also top achievers

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JAMMU: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces that 19 of its students from Jammu have become the top scorers in the highly competitive NEET UG 2025 examination. This exceptional performance is a result of the students' commitment, academic discipline, and the world-class coaching and mentorship provided by AESL. The results were declared yesterday by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Notable students are Harivansh Rai Sudan with AIR 930, Rahul Singh with AIR 1542, Riddhiman Sharma with AIR 2103, Arnav Jandial with AIR



AESL officials with toppers during a press conference.

3990, Ayushman Katoch with AIR 8934 amongst others.

The students were enrolled in AESL's classroom program, specifically designed to help aspirants tackle NEET - one of the most challenging medical entrance exams in the world. The student attributed their

success to the strong academic foundation laid by AESL, their conceptual clarity, and a consistent and disciplined study routine.

"We are extremely thankful to Aakash for guiding us throughout this journey. The structured content, expert teaching, and personal mentoring helped us mas-

ter complex topics in a short time. Without AESL, this success would not have been possible," the students shared.

Dr. Surendra Chauhan, Regional Director at AESL, congratulated the achievers, saying, "We are immensely proud of our students' stellar performance in NEET

UG 2025. Scoring such good marks is no small feat, especially in an exam that sees participation of students from nationwide. These results showcase not only the students' hard work and perseverance but also the support from their parents and the committed efforts of our academic team. We wish them continued success in their medical careers."

NEET is conducted annually by National Testing Agency as a qualifying test for students who wish to pursue undergraduate medical (MBBS), dental (BDS) and AYUSH (BAMS, BUMS, BHMS, etc.) courses in government and private institutions in India and also, for those intending to pursue primary medical qualification abroad.

Srinagar admn bids adieu to outgoing DC, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat

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SRINAGAR: Revenue Officers of Srinagar Administration organized a warm farewell function to honour and accord an emotional adieu to outgoing Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here on Sunday.

Additional Deputy Commissioners, Mir Intiyaz Ul Aziz and Aadil Fareed; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Assistant Commissioner Development, Syed Farooq; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur and all Tehsildars of the district were present in the function.

On the occasion, all the officers unanimously highlighted the professionalism of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner in managing challeng-

ing situations, his cooperative approach, and his dedication to improve the administration process for large public good. The officers also acknowledged the dedication, humility, and quality leadership consistent encouragement of the team Srinagar by the outgoing DC throughout his tenure. Officers credited the outgoing DC for his incredible role in novel technological interventions in order to put in place a streamlined, transparent and time bound public service delivery and grievance redressal mechanism.

In the area of revenue record maintenance and updation, DC was lauded for his unflinching resolve to standardize and sanitise the revenue records. As a result, the Revenue maps of 40 Estates, some of which were missing/out of use for decades altogether, were restored, scanned and dig-

itized, paving way for an era of genuine and transparent land transactions in the district, thereby providing a guarantee to the priceless savings of the common people. They also underlined the other initiatives of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner including Online Grievance Redressal Portal, e-Arzi, WhatsApp Chatbots etc.

Expressing his gratitude to the Officers, the outgoing DC thanked the officers particularly in efforts related to the streamlining and digitization of revenue records. He also acknowledged the dedication of the officers in ensuring the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the district. The function concluded with the presentation of tokens of appreciation to the outgoing DC, marking a respectful and emotional farewell to him.

District Doda conducts chess trials

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BHADERWAH: The Bhaderkashi Chess Association District Doda (BCADD), under the aegis of the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) conducted the District Doda Chess Trials 2025 here the other day.

The event, held at Bhaderwah, featured competitive matches across junior and open categories including U-17, U-19 and senior divisions.

The championship was formally inaugurated by Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Chhinta Som Sekhar Sharma.

The trials concluded on the same day with District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh gracing the closing ceremony as the



Chief Guest. He felicitated the winners with medals and trophies and lauded the participants for their competitive spirit.

Izma Fatima secured the first position, followed by Simriti and Virangaina in the Girls U-17 category.

In U-19, Izma Fatima again clinched the top position, with Ojasvi and Simriti claiming the second and third spots respectively.

In the Women's open category, Arushi Kotwal clinched the top spot, followed by Izma Fatima and Ojasvi.

In the Boys U-17 section, Anish Kotwal claimed first place, while Vidhaan and Yonit stood second and third, while Dheeraj secured first place with Shiv and Samir taking the next two positions in both U-19 and Open Boys categories.

Distt admin Anantnag organises Awareness & Benefit Saturation Camp under DAJGUA

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ANANTNAG: District administration Anantnag on Sunday organized a comprehensive Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp at Town Hall Anantnag under the banner of the Dharti Aabha - Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.

This nation-wide initiative aims to ensure the last-mile delivery of government schemes to tribal populations and will continue across the district until 30th June 2025.

The event was presided over by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid and was attended by senior officers of the administration and people from all walks of life, including citizens from Tribal communities.

In his address, DDC emphasized the transformative potential of the Abhiyan in uplifting tribal communities through inclusive growth and targeted service delivery. He reiterated the administration's commitment to ensuring that no eligible tribal beneficiary is left uncovered during the campaign.



Highlighting the broader vision of the initiative, DDC stated that this Abhiyan is a nation-wide initiative that seeks to foster inclusive growth and social justice. Further, he added that district administration is committed to ensuring dignity, empowerment, and holistic support for every tribal household.

He urged officers of all concerned departments to personally oversee the implementation of the campaign in the identified tribal villages of the district.

On the sidelines of the event, DDC inspected departmental stalls set up by various line departments. These stalls showcased schemes and services related to healthcare, education, skill development, agriculture, women empowerment, and self-employment,

all tailored to the specific needs of the tribal communities. The stalls also served as a one-stop platform for tribal residents to enroll in and access multiple welfare schemes.

One of the highlights of the event was the felicitation of tribal students who have excelled in academics, sports, and community engagement. These students were recognized for their exceptional achievements and contributions to promoting education within their communities. Their success stories served as a source of inspiration and motivation for the audience, particularly for the younger generation.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD)

Anantnag, Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Anantnag, Programme Officer ICDS, Chief Agriculture Officer, Horticulture Development Officer, Shangus, and representatives from various tribal communities. They shared their perspectives on the significance of the Abhiyan and

the positive impact it is expected to bring in the lives of tribal families.

Notably, the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) is a transformative initiative to drive inclusive and sustainable development in tribal regions.

Distt admin B'gam launches 15 days long Dharti Aabha Abhiyan from Panchayat Ladden of Nagam

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BUDGAM: District Administration Budgam on Sunday launched the Dharti Aabha Abhiyan at Panchayat Ladden of Block Nagam, as part of a dedicated campaign to ensure 100% saturation of various government welfare schemes across the district.

The Abhiyan is a government initiative aimed at spreading awareness among the rural population regarding the saturation of 25 key interventions being implemented by 17 different line departments. The focus is to ensure that every eligible individual is covered under the respective government schemes without any exclusion. To mark the launch, a special Gram Sabha was convened at Panchayat Ladden, where representatives from all participating departments were present. During the

session, officials explained the objectives of their respective schemes, eligibility criteria, and the benefits available to the citizens. They also discussed the identified gaps in coverage and reaffirmed their commitment to achieving full saturation under each intervention. Gram Sabha witnessed active participation from the tribal community and other local residents, who appreciated the initiative. They acknowledged the importance of such outreach programs and emphasized that holding such inclusive Gram Sabhas is vital for ensuring equitable access to welfare schemes, especially for marginalized and underserved groups. On-spot registration for various schemes was also facilitated by the departments during the event. Beneficiaries were enrolled in schemes including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- Gramin (PMAY-G), Kisan Credit Cards (KCC), Swadesh Darshan Guest House Scheme, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) for Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC), and Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY Health Cards. Field-level teams were actively engaged in data collection and instant registration to streamline the process of inclusion. The outreach also served as a platform to educate rural households on their entitlements and to build greater transparency and confidence in public service delivery. District administration Budgam focused its commitment to achieving complete saturation of all centrally and state-sponsored schemes in a timely manner through sustained community engagement and interdepartmental coordination.

departmental stalls offering onsite assistance and services to members of the tribal communities. A key highlight of the initiative was the benefit saturation model, ensuring that no eligible tribal household is left out of government entitlements.

Unlike traditional IEC efforts, this campaign emphasizes direct service delivery through village-level and cluster-level camps, ensuring convergence of departments and active participation of key stakeholders.

Indicative entitlements and services offered at the camps include: Aadhaar enrolment and update, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Card registration, Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate issuance, PM-KISAN scheme registration and benefit disbursement, opening of Jan Dhan Bank Accounts, Sickle Cell Disease awareness and screening, other Mission-linked benefits. The campaign is being implemented in convergence with Common Services Centres (CSCs), local administration, frontline workers, and line departments, aiming to achieve 100% saturation of all eligible beneficiaries from the tribal communities. This Abhiyan reflects the commitment of the district administration to ensure inclusive development, social justice, and last-mile delivery of government schemes to historically underserved tribal populations.