

## Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025 commemorated at Pratap College Srinagar

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Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed at Pratap College, Srinagar, in a vibrant event organized by the 1st J&K Battalion NCC in collaboration with the college. The celebration honoured the bravery and sacrifice of Indian soldiers during the 1999 Kargil War. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Lt. Col M. S. Dhanoa and Dr. Bashir Ahmad Sheikh, Principal of Sri Pratap College, who were accorded a ceremonial guard of honour by NCC cadets. Both dignitaries paid floral tributes to the fallen

heroes and commended the role of the NCC in nurturing discipline, leadership, and patriotism among the youth. The event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag and the singing of the national anthem, evoking a strong sense of national pride. Cadets from the 1st J&K Battalion NCC, along with students of Sri Pratap College, showcased a series of patriotic performances, including stirring songs and dramatic skits depicting the courage and sacrifices of the Kargil war heroes.

In his address, Lt. Col M. S. Dhanoa shared inspirational battlefield stories and encouraged students to uphold the values of bravery, service, and national unity. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Sheikh highlighted the significance of commemorating such events to instill civic responsibility and respect for national heroes among the younger generation. The programme concluded with a refreshment session for all cadets, staff, and guests—marking a fitting end to a day of patriotic remembrance and youthful enthusiasm.

## Lighting the Last Mile: Indian Army and ASEM Foundation Bring Solar Power to Jaba Village

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In a remarkable step toward rural empowerment, the Indian Army, in collaboration with the Pune-based ASEM Foundation, has brought solar energy to Jaba, a remote village in the Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir. This initiative marks the first time Jaba has received access to a reliable and eco-friendly power source. Until now, the village relied on an erratic electricity supply—available for only 3 to 4 hours a day—and many residents, struggling with poverty, were unable to afford even basic electricity tariffs. The new solar-powered infrastructure offers a sustainable solution, dramatically improving living conditions and enabling better access to education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities. The solar project was formally dedicated on Kargil Vijay Diwas by Mrs. Pallavi Ashutosh Sharma, in memory of her late husband, Colonel Ashutosh Sharma. The inauguration ceremony was attended by representatives from ASEM Foundation, Panchayat leaders, and local villagers who



welcomed the initiative with deep appreciation. "For the people of Jaba, this is not just about electricity—it's about dignity, opportunity, and hope," said an ASEM Foundation representative. The day also featured a comprehensive outreach program spearheaded by the Indian Army to support the holistic development of the community. Medical Camp: In collaboration with GMC Handwara, over 280 residents received free health check-ups, women's healthcare services, and essential medicines. Veterinary Camp: More than 120 cattle were examined by animal health experts who provided seasonal care and guidance to livestock

owners. Awareness and Skill Support: ICDS promoted maternal and child health awareness. The Agriculture Department introduced modern farming practices. Fisheries officials encouraged fish farming as a source of livelihood. The Animal Husbandry Department provided consultations to boost livestock management. This coordinated effort underscores how partnerships between the Armed Forces, civil society organizations, and government departments can bring meaningful change to India's most underserved and remote border regions. For the residents of Jaba, this initiative signals the beginning of a brighter, more empowered future.

## PMMVY Camp held at Chingam village; Beneficiaries enrolled on-the-spot



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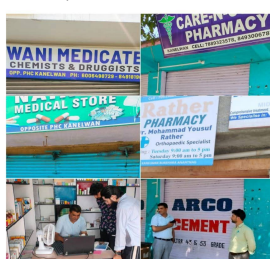
In a significant outreach initiative aimed at extending the benefits of the welfare schemes to remote areas, a Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) camp was successfully organized here at Chingam village of Poshan Project Indrawal. Joint Director Poshan J&K Vinod Behnal attended the camp held on the directions of MD Poshan JK Musheer Ahmed. The event witnessed the active participation of CDOs, Supervisors, Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers, beneficiaries—including pregnant women and lactating mothers, besides the general public. A notable number of beneficiaries were enrolled on the spot during the camp. The Joint Director Poshan conducted a detailed tour of the village to supervise the implementation of the PMMVY scheme at the grassroots level. The PMMVY provisions financial assistance of 35,000 to the eligible pregnant women for the first live birth and 76,000 for the second girl child, to ensure required nutrition for mother and child. Addressing the gathering, the Joint Director commended the tireless efforts of field-level functionaries, particularly the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, for their commitment and dedication in ensuring the delivery of essential services to the most remote corners. He also emphasized the importance of such initiatives in strengthening last-mile delivery and ensuring the vision of Poshan Abhiyaan is realized. The camp highlighted the Department's commitment to inclusive outreach and reaffirmed its goal of supporting maternal and child health through effective scheme implementation.

## Licences of Five Medical Shops Suspended in Bijbehara for Violating Drug Regulations.

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The Drug Control Department on Monday suspended the licences of five medical shops in Kanelwan, Bijbehara, for

Rather Pharmacy, Friends Pharmacy, Naikoo Medical Store, Wani Medical Store, and Care N Cure Pharmacy were disallowed for failing to



violating provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Officials told news agency JKNS, a team of Drug Control Officers, under the direct supervision of the Assistant Drug Controller, Anantnag, carried out inspections of several chemist establishments in Bijbehara to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. During the inspections, operations of

maintain mandatory records as required under the law. The inspection team also sensitized chemists about the importance of maintaining proper sales records and directed them to issue cash memos to patients for every purchase without fail. Officials said the department is committed to ensuring strict adherence to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act across the district.

## MP Jugal Kishore Sharma paid a significant visit to "Sankat Mochan Panchmuki Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan"

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Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma Ji, esteemed Member of Parliament, Govt. of India, paid a significant visit to the "Sankat Mochan Panchmuki Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan" of the "Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust, Jammu situated B.C. Road". Upon his arrival he was warmly welcomed by Sh. Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the Trust, accompanied by Sh. Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary/Treasurer. During the visit, Sh. Jugal Kishore Ji performed "Puja Archana" at the revered Temple, seeking blessings from Lord Hanuman Ji. The President of the Trust Sh. Pawan Kumar Shastri, highlighted the pressing concerns faced by Jammu residents, particularly those visiting Haridwar during times of distressed performing last rites and other sacred rituals. Sh. Shastri Ji also apprised the Hon'ble M.P. about the existing transportation challenges, stating that presently, there is only one regular Train service



from Katra to Rishikesh (14610/14609), which is consistently overcrowded from Katra itself. This makes it an arduous task for Jammu residents, especially for Senior Citizens and Physically Handicapped individuals, to secure reservations, particularly during auspicious occasions, when many years to partake in sacred "Ganga Darshan" and "Holy Ganga Snan". He further said that although the Railway Ministry, Govt. of India graciously sanctioned a weekly Train "Yog Nagri Rishikesh-Jammu Tawi (14606/14605)" and requested the Hon'ble M.P. to intervene with the concerned Ministry to upgrade this service to a

regular daily train instead of its currently weekly frequency. This would greatly alleviate the suffering of aggrieved families who wish to visit Haridwar in emergency for "Asthan Visarjan". Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma Ji assured Sh. Shastri Ji that he would take up the matter with concerned Ministry and work towards making the Jammu-Rishikesh train service a daily affair, bringing immense relief to the community. Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma, the Hon'ble M.P. appreciated Sh. Shastri's initiative in championing the cause of Jammuites and praised his efforts in seeking regular additional train service on this route.

## CBI books J-K Police DSP, 5 other officials for 'brutal custodial torture' on fellow constable

NEW DELHI, JULY 28

The CBI has booked six officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Police following allegations of inflicting "brutal and inhuman custodial torture" on a fellow police constable two years ago. In its FIR registered on the orders of the Supreme Court, the central agency has named Deputy Superintendent of Police Aijaz Ahmad Naikoo and five others, who were officers committed as well as the influence that could be exerted by accused persons being police officials, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said. The apex court also ordered the payment of Rs 50 lakh in compensation to Khursheed, which shall be recoverable from the officer's concerned, against whom a departmental proceeding shall be initiated upon the conclusion of the investigation by the CBI. The Supreme Court outrightly rejected the claims of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that the injuries were the result of a suicide attempt by the victim. "It is admitted that between 20th February and 26th February, 2023, the appellant sustained numerous injuries, including castration of his genital regions and was admitted to SKIMS Hospital at 2:48 pm on 26th February, 2023. It is also undisputed that the dismembered genitalia were brought to the hospital in a separate plastic bag by a sub-inspector, a fact that shocks our conscience," the court observed. The police had maintained that Khursheed tried to take his own life during the investigation and that self-inflicted shocks, "the complaint said. The CBI FIR registered on the basis of the complaint by Khursheed's wife, who was running the pillar to post seeking a probe into the alleged atrocities against her husband, alleged that the then SSP, Kupwara on whose requisition the victim was sent from Baramulla to Kupwara for probe in a narcotics case, remained "a mute spectator". The agency in its FIR has not named the SSP as an accused. Khursheed had approached the Supreme Court with a chilling petition describing his

ordeal after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court rejected the plea seeking a CBI probe. Handing over the case to the CBI, the apex court noted that the high court "grossly erred in failing to exercise its constitutional obligation of protecting the fundamental rights of a citizen, his dignity and right to life." It failed to consider the gravity of offences committed as well as the influence that could be exerted by accused persons being police officials, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said. The apex court also ordered the payment of Rs 50 lakh in compensation to Khursheed, which shall be recoverable from the officer's concerned, against whom a departmental proceeding shall be initiated upon the conclusion of the investigation by the CBI. The Supreme Court outrightly rejected the claims of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that the injuries were the result of a suicide attempt by the victim. "It is admitted that between 20th February and 26th February, 2023, the appellant sustained numerous injuries, including castration of his genital regions and was admitted to SKIMS Hospital at 2:48 pm on 26th February, 2023. It is also undisputed that the dismembered genitalia were brought to the hospital in a separate plastic bag by a sub-inspector, a fact that shocks our conscience," the court observed. The police had maintained that Khursheed tried to take his own life during the investigation and that self-inflicted shocks, "the complaint said. The CBI FIR registered on the basis of the complaint by Khursheed's wife, who was running the pillar to post seeking a probe into the alleged atrocities against her husband, alleged that the then SSP, Kupwara on whose requisition the victim was sent from Baramulla to Kupwara for probe in a narcotics case, remained "a mute spectator". The agency in its FIR has not named the SSP as an accused. Khursheed had approached the Supreme Court with a chilling petition describing his

Kashmir) theory of suicide attempt crumbles under scrutiny when examined against the timeline and the medical evidence," it said. It stated that Khursheed was summoned to the Joint Interrogation Centre, Kupwara, on February 17, 2023, via a signal communication, which notably did not refer to any specific FIR. The court noted that according to the police's claims, he was summoned for questioning in connection with FIR No. 1 of 2023 which is contradicted by the fact he was implicated in FIR No. 17 of 2023, registered six days later on February 23, 2023, and was based on the alleged disclosure made by co-accused Farooq Hussain, against whom a departmental proceeding shall be initiated upon the conclusion of the investigation by the CBI. The Supreme Court outrightly rejected the claims of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that the injuries were the result of a suicide attempt by the victim. "It is admitted that between 20th February and 26th February, 2023, the appellant sustained numerous injuries, including castration of his genital regions and was admitted to SKIMS Hospital at 2:48 pm on 26th February, 2023. It is also undisputed that the dismembered genitalia were brought to the hospital in a separate plastic bag by a sub-inspector, a fact that shocks our conscience," the court observed. The police had maintained that Khursheed tried to take his own life during the investigation and that self-inflicted shocks, "the complaint said. The CBI FIR registered on the basis of the complaint by Khursheed's wife, who was running the pillar to post seeking a probe into the alleged atrocities against her husband, alleged that the then SSP, Kupwara on whose requisition the victim was sent from Baramulla to Kupwara for probe in a narcotics case, remained "a mute spectator". The agency in its FIR has not named the SSP as an accused. Khursheed had approached the Supreme Court with a chilling petition describing his

## World Hepatitis Day celebrated across J&K

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World Hepatitis Day was today celebrated in various health Institutions across Jammu and Kashmir. World Hepatitis Day is observed annually on July 28th, a global health day focused on raising awareness about viral hepatitis, which is a serious inflammation of the liver.

This year's theme "Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down", emphasised the need to eliminate the barriers to testing, treatment and prevention. The day serves as a call to action for countries to expand access to testing and treatment and prioritize vaccination, safe injection practices and community engagement to combat this preventable disease. The medical fraternity has

been advised to tackle this grave public health challenge of such huge magnitude with utmost dedication. They have been emphasised for generating mass awareness among the high risk categories like blood donors/recipients, patients on haemodialysis, pregnant women, prisoners, Induced Drug Users (IDUs) and others. Under the National Health Mission, J&K, 135 camps were organised and 103 rallies conducted across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on the eve of "World Hepatitis Day - 2025". Nearly, 14,578 individuals including High Risk Groups and other target groups viz-a-viz pregnant women, patients on haemodialysis and blood donors had been screened for

Hepatitis-B & C. Further, it is pertinent to mention that on the eve of "World Hepatitis Day - 2025" Hepatitis-B vaccination was administered to various healthcare workers across the UT for prevention of Hepatitis-B infection and its associated complications among all the healthcare Workers. Besides, screening camps were organised by the National Health Mission, J&K, in collaboration with various blocks and districts of the UT. These screening camps were inaugurated by the respective District Development Commissioners, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir and Project Director JK-SACS, J&K

## Arjun Mahajan brings 'Pixie in Wonderland' to schools across Jammu

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Actor and producer Arjun Mahajan is taking the impactful short film Pixie in Wonderland to schools across Jammu, screening it free of cost to raise awareness about mental health, academic pressure, and self-worth among students. After a successful release on Hungama OTT channel, Airtel Xstream, TATA Play Bing, Watcho & also Amazon channel in future, the film was first screened in Bhaderwah, where DC Mr. Sunil praised the effort. It was later



showcased at K C Gurukul School Jammu, one of the film's shooting locations, where the

Chairman, staff, and students warmly appreciated the film and its message. Arjun Mahajan, who

is personally leading this outreach, said, "This is more than a film it's a conversation starter. We're grateful to all schools for their support." "The film stars and is directed by Pixie Mahajan, the first female film director from Jammu & Kashmir. We are also conducting acting workshops for students who are interested in performing arts. Anyone who wishes to join can contact us directly. For screenings or media inquiries, contact : 9484330070 Email: harreramaharek rishnaproductions@gmail.com