

Distt admin Srinagar finalizes arrangements for Raksha Bandhan

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Srinagar, Aadil Fareed on Friday visited Shankaracharya Temple to review the arrangements for the festival of Raksha Bandhan.

The festival is scheduled to be celebrated on August 09, 2025 with great religious and cultural significance.

During the visit, ADC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, Dy SP of Traffic, DFO Urban, Executive Engineers of PHE, City Roads, SMC, KPDC, Tehsildar South, Chief Sanitation Officer and other concerned.

While taking review on the spot, ADC directed the concerned departments to ensure all basic arrangements are put in place for the devotees expected to visit the historical Shankaracharya Temple on the top of Zabarwan hills and other religious sites.

He assessed various arrangements including supply of water & electricity, sanitation, traffic management and other logistical aspects to ensure smooth and safe celebrations for devotees.

Aadil emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination to facilitate the devotees in a hassle-



free manner and ensuring all arrangements in place well before the festival.

ADC instructed for ensuring hassle-free traffic movement for the devotees for their convenience and adequate facilities at the designated place for parking of the vehicles. He also stressed on ensuring uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water at the venue so that devotees may not face any inconvenience.

He asked the Health department to deploy a Medical team at the venue with the availability of all emergency medicines and first aid facilities. He also instructed the sta-

tioning of an ambulance to handle any medical emergency.

ADC emphasized the officers of the line departments to ensure all necessary arrangements required for smooth stay and enriching pilgrimage for all visitors on the occasion. He stressed on maintaining proper sanitation at the Temple premises and at the entire pilgrimage route.

On the occasion, ADC interacted with the Administrators and Security Incharge of the Temple and assured of all possible support from the district administration for seamless celebrations of the Raksha Bandhan with great participation of the devotees.

Har Ghar Tiranga: Vibrant & creative activities instill spirit of patriotism among students in Budgam

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In the run-up to the 79th Independence Day celebrations, a wave of patriotic fervor has swept across Budgam district as part of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga campaign 2025.

Educational institutions have taken the lead in organizing a series of vibrant and creative activities to instill the spirit of nationalism among students.

At HSS Khanda, a colourful art and craft in tricolour exhibition was held, where students displayed their creativity through artworks inspired by the national flag. The exhibition high-



lighted the students dedication to cultural pride and artistic expression.

Similarly, HSS Chadoora hosted an exhibition of artifacts, showcasing handcrafted items made by students to celebrate the

tiranga. The event reflected the deep-rooted patriotic sentiments and enthusiastic participation of the youth.

In HSS Khansahib, students participated in a unique Rakhi making ac-

tivity, crafting beautiful Rakhis in the tricolour theme. The activity symbolized unity, love, and devotion to the nation, blending traditional celebration with patriotic spirit.

These activities are part of a larger series of events being conducted across Budgam under the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative, aimed at encouraging citizens, especially the younger generation to connect deeply with the national flag and the values it represents.

The campaign continues to gain momentum across the district, with educational and municipal institutions playing a key role in amplifying its message.

Phase Ist of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign concludes successfully in Anantnag

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The phase Ist of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign concluded on a high note in Anantnag today, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students, youth, government officials, security personnel, and other stakeholders.

A series of vibrant and patriotic activities were carried out across the district during this phase to celebrate the spirit of the Indian Tricolour and Independence Day.

Key highlights of the campaign included wall paintings and decorations, rakhi-making and rangoli competitions, as well as creative art and craft based on Tiranga themes. Participants also penned heartfelt gratitude letters



and tied rakhis to security personnel including the Army and J&K Police, acknowledging their unwavering service to the nation.

Schools, institutions, of-

fices, and public spaces were adorned with Tiranga-themed decorations, lending a festive and patriotic ambience throughout the district. Buildings were painted in

national colors, and the streets came alive with themed hoardings and banners, reflecting a collective sense of pride and unity.

Officials and ground staff from various departments, including Poshan and Rural Development Department (RDD), participated in the campaign with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

With phase-I now successfully completed, the district administration is geared up for phase-II of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, which is scheduled to commence on 9th August.

The second phase is expected to witness even greater public participation as preparations for the Independence Day celebrations move into full swing.

Medical & Eye Check-Up camp held for commercial drivers at Laroo Stand Kulgam

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Assistant Regional Transport office Kulgam, in collaboration with the Health department Kulgam, successfully organized a medical cum eye check-up camp for commercial drivers of the district.

The camp aimed to promote road safety by ensuring drivers are in good health, particularly with respect to their vision, which plays a critical role in safe driving. A total of 60 commercial drivers attended the camp.

During the camp, dri-



vers underwent comprehensive medical and vision screening. Wherever needed, appropriate recommendations for medicines and further treatment was provided. Special focus was given to detect vision-related issues that can affect driving performance, along with guidance on preven-

tive eye care. Speaking on the occasion, ARTO Kulgam emphasized the importance of regular health check-ups for drivers, stating, "Healthy drivers mean safer roads. This initiative ensures that those responsible for passenger and goods transport maintain the highest

standards of fitness."

Meanwhile, ARTO office Kulgam and the Health department are planning to organize more such health-focused initiatives in the future under Road Safety Plan 2025-26 to improve overall road safety and the well-being of commercial drivers.

DC reviews Independence Day preparations at Kupwara

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse today visited District Police Lines (DPL) Kupwara to take the first hand review of the arrangements made by the departments for celebration of the upcoming Independence Day.

On the occasion, DC got the feedback from different departments regarding their preparations vis-a-vis security, parade, sanitation, seating arrangements, sound system, cultural variety programmes, parking etc.

He impressed upon all the officers and departments to ensure all necessary arrangements are well in place



before the conduct of the national event.

DPL Kupwara will host the main celebration event of the Independence Day in the district as per the past practice.

DC was accompanied by SSP Kupwara, Gulam Geelani; ADDC Kupwara, Mufti Fareed ud din; ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad; CEO Kupwara, Mehranj-u-din Shah and other concerned officers.

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In a proactive initiative to ensure compliance with juvenile protection standards, Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) Shopian, led by Principal Magistrate, Bazila Bashir today conducted an inspection of the Juvenile Observation Home (JOH) in Harwan, Srinagar.

The inspection team included Musharaf (Member, JJB Shopian), Rafie Ahmad Ganie (Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Shopian) and Sumaira Imtiaz (Legal cum Probation Officer).

The visit was organized under the mandates of the



Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, focusing on safeguarding the rights and well-being of juveniles in conflict with the law.

Superintendent of the Observation Home facilitated a detailed tour of all residential, educational, recreational, and medical facilities. The team as-

sessed living conditions, hygiene standards, infrastructure, and safety protocols.

Principal Magistrate and team members held candid conversations with residents to understand their treatment, rehabilitation progress, and access to legal, educational, and healthcare services.

The visiting team cross-verified the legal and administrative records of all the juveniles aimed to ensure adherence to statutory procedures, including timely production before the JJB and legal aid provisions.

"Our surprise visit underscores the JJB's zero-tolerance approach towards negligence in juvenile care. We are committed to ensuring that every child here receives dignity, protection, and rehabilitative support as enshrined in the law. Any deviation from standards will be met with stringent corrective action," Principal Magistrate, JJB Shopian said on the occasion.

SHEW Shopian conducts awareness camp at Mohanpora

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Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, (SHEW), Mission Shakti Shopian today organized an awareness programme at Mohanpora Anganwadi Centre, Shopian.

The event aimed to sensitize local women about various welfare initiatives. Participants were informed about key government schemes including social welfare programmes, em-



ployment-generating opportunities, skill development initiatives, and essential helpline services like Women Helpline 181 and One Stop Centre.

Special emphasis was laid on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.

The programme was attended by Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and local women, who actively engaged in discussions aimed at empowering women through knowledge and access to available resources.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan: Drug de-addiction awareness programme held at SKUAST-K Shalimar

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As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan, Cultural Unit Srinagar of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) today organized an awareness programme at Sher-e-Kashmir University

of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Shalimar Campus.

The programme featured a compelling short play staged by a local artist group, highlighting the harmful impact of drug addiction on youth and society. The performance was followed with great inter-

est by the faculty, students, and staff, sparking meaningful discussions on preventive measures.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-K, lauded the initiative and stressed the responsibility of academic institutions in guiding students towards a healthy, productive life.

Burhan Hussain, Cultural Officer, in his address, emphasized the role of cultural activities as powerful tools for social awareness and behaviour change.

The event concluded with a pledge by all attendees to contribute towards building a drug-free and progressive society.

Food Safety deptt conducts major crackdown on illegal meat trade, use of synthetic food colors in Anantnag

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In a concerted effort to curb the illegal trade of frozen meat and meat products, Food Safety team, led by the Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety Anantnag, recovered approximately 400 kg of unspecified frozen meat from various Food Business Operators in the district.

Of these 400 kgs, 250 kg was deemed unfit for human consumption and was destroyed on the spot with the assistance of the respective Municipal Committees. The remaining 150 kg was seized for further investigation.

The recovery of unspecified frozen meat was made during extensive raids conducted across the outskirts of the district, including Verinag, Kokernag, and Qazigund. The inspections focused on high-risk establishments, particularly



those engaged in the processing and storage of meat and meat products.

As part of a targeted re-inspection of high-risk establishments, the team identified repeated violations by M/S Khanday Poultry, Sarnal, previously found storing unspecified frozen food. In accordance with legal procedures, the premises were sealed to prevent any further viola-

tions.

In a parallel enforcement drive, the Food Safety team also took action against the illegal use of synthetic food colors in street food. Approximately 100 kg of artificially colored snacks were destroyed during the inspections. Vendors involved were sensitized about the serious health hazards posed by such prohibited

additives and were issued strict warnings under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

The department reaffirmed its zero tolerance policy towards violations that endanger public health and stated that surveillance and enforcement operations will continue unabated across the district in accordance with the provisions of the law.