

Bukhari urges centre to initiate reciprocal CBMs to consolidate prevailing peace in J&K

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Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Friday urged the central government to come up with reciprocal Confidence-Building Measures (CBMs) to strengthen the prevailing peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, "People have played a vital role in ensuring and sustaining a peaceful environment in Jammu and Kashmir, and now it is the responsibility of the Government of India to come up with reciprocal CBMs to support this ongoing peace and normalcy here."

"How long will our leaders and youth remain jailed? All the detainees, except those who are facing charges for heinous crimes, must be freed," he said while addressing a workers' convention at Gulzarpora in Rawalpora, Srinagar today.

He also called for an end to arbitrary arrests and the indiscriminate filing of FIRs.



Taking a dig at traditional political parties, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said these parties have consistently deceived people with lies, false promises, and emotional slogans. He also blamed the public for allowing these parties to exploit them repeatedly.

He said, "Despite knowing

that these political parties have been deceiving you time and again, and that they return every election with false promises to seek your votes, why do you continue to let them exploit you?"

He added, "This ruling party made numerous promises during its election campaign. What

has happened to those promises? Where are the one lakh jobs they pledged to provide soon after forming the government? Why have they not fulfilled their promise to regularise daily wagers? Where is the free electricity? Where is enhanced rationa quota? Where are free gas cylinders, and the other benefits they assured they would deliver?"

Talking about the recently surfaced allegations suggesting that the government has removed the mandatory "working knowledge of Urdu" requirement for Naib Tehsildar and Patwari posts, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari demanded that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah come clean on this issue. He said, "I urge the Chief Minister to come clean on this issue and let us know whether the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) has dropped Urdu as the official language and medium for revenue records and certain Revenue Department exams.

IIM concludes Transformative Leadership Development Programme for Young Managers

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The Indian Institute of Management Jammu concluded the five-day Leadership Development Programme for Young Managers (Batch-I), organized for Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Maharatna CPSE, from April 27 to May 1, 2026, at the Vedanta MDP Centre, IIM Jammu. The programme was meticulously designed to equip emerging leaders with strategic acumen, managerial excellence, and future-ready leadership capabilities.

The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Shri Sanjay Dhar, Executive Director HR-L&D, MTI SAIL, on the online mode. The occasion was also graced by Prof. Prashant Mishra, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy; Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Programme Director; and Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Swain, Programme Director, IIM Jammu.

In his virtual address, Sanjay Dhar, Executive Director HR-L&D, MTI SAIL thanked IIM Jammu for nurturing SAIL's emerging leaders. He emphasized that growth comes through continuous learning, expanding one's thinking, and stepping beyond comfort zones. Highlighting SAIL's ambitious future, he urged participants to apply their learnings, foster peer learning, and drive meaningful transformation in their workplaces. He noted that the true success of the programme would be reflected in the positive changes they bring to their teams and organizational culture.

Prof. Prashant Mishra,



Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, highlighted the importance of continuous learning, adaptability, and innovation. He noted that the programme enabled participants from diverse teams to gain broader perspectives and better understand cross-functional challenges. Emphasizing IIM Jammu's role as a bridge between industry and academia, he encouraged participants to continuously apply their learning and expressed his eagerness to welcome them again.

Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Programme Director, IIM Jammu, presented the programme report, highlighting the key learning outcomes and enthusiastic participation of the delegates. He noted that the four-month engagement, which commenced in January, unfolded in three phases: Phase I featured an intensive five-day on-campus immersion; Phase II focused on reviewing the progress of participant projects; and Phase III emphasized advanced learning, practical insights, and plant-level presentations. He underscored that the programme fostered Harvard-style peer learning, enabled participants to identify

key project areas, and encouraged them to remain connected with IIM Jammu for a lifelong association.

Participants expressed their sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality and enriching learning experience at IIM Jammu. They highlighted the invaluable peer-to-peer learning, insightful faculty sessions, and practical knowledge gained for addressing real-world challenges. They noted that the programme broadened their perspectives beyond routine operations, particularly in understanding business, sales, and profitability, and expressed their commitment to applying these learnings and sharing them with their colleagues.

The ceremony culminated with the distribution of certificates to the participants. Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Swain, Programme Director, IIM Jammu proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the distinguished dignitaries, faculty members, participants, and the organizing team for making the programme a grand success. The event concluded with the National Anthem.

Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Swain, Programme Direc-

tor, IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks, noting that while every beginning has an end, every end also marks a new beginning. He expressed confidence that the programme would contribute meaningfully to the participants' professional and industrial growth. He extended special appreciation to IIM Jammu Leadership, Dean Faculty and Research, faculty members, participants, and the Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu for their meticulous support in coordinating the programme and thanked all participants for their enthusiastic engagement and active participation throughout the learning journey.

This programme reaffirms IIM Jammu's steadfast commitment to advancing executive education and building leadership capacities that contribute meaningfully to organizational excellence and national development. Through such strategic collaborations, IIM Jammu continues to strengthen its position as a premier institution fostering transformative leadership for the future. The training program was coordinated by IIM Jammu Executive Education and Consultancy.

Gouraha assumes charge as NHPC Regional Head in Jammu

JAMMU, MAY 1: Shri Anish Gouraha has officially taken charge as the Regional Head of NHPC Limited, Regional Office Jammu, on May 1, 2026. In his new role, he will oversee the organisation's extensive portfolio of power stations and ongoing projects across the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

A seasoned professional with nearly 29 years of experience, Shri Gouraha is known for his technical acumen and strategic leadership. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from Government Engineering College, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, along with an MBA in Human Resources, combining strong technical knowledge with effective organisational management skills.

He began his career with NHPC in 1997 at the Salal Power Station and



has since held several key positions across major projects, including the Tattapani Geothermal Project and the Design (E&M) Division at the corporate office. There, he played a significant role in detailed engineering for major projects such as Subansiri Lower, TLDP-III and TLDP-IV. His field experience includes important

assignments at Uri-II and serving as Head of Project at Salal Power Station prior to his current appointment.

During his distinguished career, Shri Gouraha has contributed significantly to NHPC's operations, with stints at the Faridabad Corporate Office as well as projects like Tatapani Geothermal, Uri-II and Salal. He was also instrumental in the commissioning of key hydropower projects, including Rangit, Nimoo Bazgo and Chamera-II power stations.

Soon after assuming charge in Jammu, Shri Gouraha interacted with officials of the Salal Power Station and the Sawalkote project. He underscored the importance of operational excellence and motivated teams to work with dedication towards sustainable energy development in the region.

Army intensifies 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan' through Sports

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Indian Army organised a series of activities under the Nasha Mukti J&K Abhiyan at Ari Sarhoti, Barakh and Upper Murrah on 01 May 2026 to spread awareness against drug abuse and encourage community participation. At Ari Sarhoti, a volleyball match was conducted for local youth to promote a healthy and drug-free lifestyle through sports. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and drew over 150 civilians and students, fostering sportsmanship, unity and awareness against substance abuse.

At Barakh, an interaction session with Sarpanchs, Panchs and Numberdars was organised to discuss the harmful effects of drugs on youth and society. Participants



were encouraged to support awareness drives and guide youth towards positive activities. At Upper Murrah, Indian Army conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign with

participation of 53 students and two teachers from Govt Middle School. Students visited households carrying placards and pamphlets to educate villagers about the dangers of narcotics and the

importance of community vigilance. The local population appreciated the initiatives and reaffirmed support towards building a Drug-Free Jammu & Kashmir.

Army conducts anti-drug awareness programme GHSS Sagra

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As part of the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, Indian Army organised an Anti-Drug Awareness Programme at Govt Higher Secondary School, Sagra on 01 May 2026 to educate and motivate students towards a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. The programme included an anti-drug skit, awareness lecture and pledge ceremony aimed at sensitising students about the harmful effects of substance abuse. Through interactive sessions and performances, students were encouraged to adopt discipline, healthy habits and constructive life goals.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff members, who actively joined the pledge to fight against drug abuse and con-



tribute towards building a drug-free society. The initiative was appreciated by the school administration and local community for

spreading awareness among youth and reinforcing the message of "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life." Through such outreach ac-

tivities, the Indian Army continues to promote social awareness, youth empowerment and nation-building across the region

GMC Srinagar bids farewell to Retiring Employees

SRINAGAR, May 01: Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar today accorded a warm farewell to four of its employees on the occasion of their superannuation.

On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan Shah, Principal, Government Medical College Srinagar, felicitated the retiring officials viz. Farahat Qadir, Estate Officer; Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Senior Photographer; Syed Showkat Hussain, Lab Attendant and Mohammad Yousuf Thoker, Senior Lab Technician and conveyed her best wishes for their future endeavors. She acknowledged their long-standing and dedicated service, highlighting their significant contributions to institutional development, administrative efficiency,



and the maintenance of professional standards. She further remarked that their commitment, integrity, and exemplary work ethic have

set a benchmark for others to follow.

Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator, Associated Hospitals, GMC

Srinagar, also appreciated the invaluable services rendered by the retirees. He emphasized their role in strengthening institutional systems and supporting the delivery of quality healthcare services.

The function was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Saleem Itoo, Deputy Academic Registrar; Tahleela Asmat, Chief Accounts Officer; Dr. Nadia Khanday, Accounts Officer, Associated Hospitals; Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Personnel Officer; Shabir Ahmad, Assistant Director Planning, and other officers and officials of GMC Srinagar.

The event concluded with the presentation of mementos as a token of appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated services of the retiring employees.

DC Kulgam presides over training programme for Krishi Udyamis

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Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam presided over a day-long training programme for Krishi Udyamis of District Kulgam.

The programme was organized with the objective of enhancing entrepreneurial skills, promoting modern agricultural practices, and strengthening value addition in the farm sector.

Experts from the Agriculture and allied departments, banking sector, CSC Coordinator, and KVK Kulgam delivered comprehensive sessions on key topics including introduction of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs), reporting, moni-



toring, accountability, farmer mobilization, CSC operations, service delivery, and various government schemes supporting agri-startups.

Addressing the gathering, the DC emphasized innovation, transparency in daily reporting, and collective efforts to make agriculture a profitable enterprise. He

urged Krishi Udyamis to work independently while ensuring accountability in KKG operations so that the benefits of schemes reach the last farmer.

In his address, District Agriculture Officer Kulgam, Mohammad Amin Sheikh, highlighted the pivotal role of Krishi Udyamis in operationalizing Kisan Khidmat

Ghars (KKGs) as self-sustaining farmer service hubs.

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