

## Bharat Soka Gakkai Marks Milestone With 250 “Seeds Of Hope & Action” Exhibitions Across India

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Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) has reached a remarkable milestone with the successful hosting of 250 “Seeds of Hope & Action: Making the SDGs a Reality” (SOHA) exhibitions across 20 cities and 250 schools, universities and organisations, engaging nearly 150,000 individuals since 2021.

The 250th SOHA exhibition, held on 10–11 October 2025 at the Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Museum, Ahmedabad, was inaugurated by Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Founder Director of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE). This landmark event reaffirms BSG’s mission to promote sustainability, peace and humanistic values through inner transformation.

### A Movement Rooted in Compassion and Action

The Seeds of Hope & Action exhibition highlights humanity’s deep interconnectedness with nature and the power of compassion in tackling global challenges. Through 27 panels, it showcases inspiring real-life stories of ordinary people driving extraordinary change while emphasizing the principle of Sustainable Human Behaviour (SHB) — the belief that true sustainability begins with personal transformation and reverence for all life.



### Youth at the Heart of Change

Each SOHA exhibition is student-led, with 15–25 young SDG Ambassadors guiding peers and visitors through the panels to spark dialogue and reflection. Inspired by these experiences, youth across India have launched impactful local initiatives — from organic manure projects in Madhya Pradesh to waste-management drives in Guwahati.

Building on this momentum, BSG has established 38 SDG Clubs nationwide, creating vibrant spaces for young people to co-develop local solutions to global issues such as climate change. These clubs embody the SDG spirit — that when individuals unite with hope and shared purpose, transformative change follows.





### **Voices of Inspiration**

Mr. Vishesh Gupta, Chairperson, Bharat Soka Gakkai, said:

"The 250th SOHA exhibition celebrates a growing movement of individuals choosing hope and action over apathy. When one person embraces Sustainable Human Behaviour, it can inspire countless others to do the same."

Dr. Jaya Rao, Head – External Relations, Media & Sustainability, BSG, added:

"Each exhibition nurtures a culture of sustainability — reminding us that when we act together as one, we can mitigate climate change and build a positive future for all."



## BRIEFLY

## GDC Kastigarh hosts awareness lecture

**DODA:** Dy. SP Aman Thakur Memorial Government Degree College Kastigarh organized an awareness lecture as part of the national initiative 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0' aimed at promoting a healthy and addiction-free lifestyle among students.

The programme was held under the guidance of the College Principal Prof. Koshal Kumar Mangotra. Convenor Anti-Tobacco Committee Dr. Anupam Lata delivered the keynote address, sensitizing students about the harmful effects of tobacco use, the influence of peer pressure and the importance of making conscious and healthy life choices. She also highlighted the government measures and awareness programmes designed to curb tobacco consumption among youth.

A large number of students participated actively in the session and engaged in interactive discussions. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sumit Kotwal, with full support from the faculty members of the college. The lecture concluded with a pledge to spread awareness and contribute towards building a tobacco-free society.

## Peer Assessment conducted in Assar

**ASSAR:** The Block Level Assessment Committee on Friday conducted a Peer Assessment of AAM Sub-Centre Kehllani and AAM Sub-Centre Ramgarh under the Kayakalp Programme. The assessment team consisting of Dr. Nasir Masood (Medical Officer), Dr. Bushra Batool (MLHP) and Saba Shafat (MLHP) meticulously reviewed all records and indicators as per the Kayakalp guidelines.

During the visit, minor gaps were identified and necessary guidance was provided to the staff to bridge the same before the District Level Assessment. The initiative aims to enhance cleanliness, hygiene and overall quality of healthcare services at the sub-centre level in line with the objectives of the Kayakalp programme.

## SDM inspects progress of developmental projects

**RAMBAN:** Sub-Divisional Magistrate Imtiaz Ahmed along with Tehsildar Harjeet Singh visited Panchayat Molekote-Sangaldan today to take firsthand review of ongoing developmental works and to address public grievances. During the visit, the officers inspected the ongoing development projects being executed in the area and interacted with the local residents to assess their issues and demands.

## Buyer-Seller meet to serve key platform for local artisans to showcase their unique craftsmanship: Comm Secy I&amp;C

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**BUDGAM:** Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh today highlighted that the Buyer-Seller Meet will serve as key platform for local artisans to showcase their unique craftsmanship and build sustainable commercial relationships with buyers, thereby contributing to economic empowerment of the region's artisan community. Singh said while inaugurating three days Buyer-Seller Meet at Budgam to promote traditional handicrafts and facilitate market linkages for local artisans and producers.

The Buyer-Seller meet is being organised by Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and is sponsored by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, under National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP) as



part of on-going efforts to support and revitalize Jammu and Kashmir's rich handicraft heritage. Managing Director, JK-TPO, Sudershan Kumar; Director NIET, General Manager JKTPO, AD Handicrafts, DCH and other senior officers of the district were also present on the occasion. He added that the event will facilitate interactions between artisans and buyers, ensur-

ing economic up-liftment for the artisan community and promotion of Jammu and Kashmir's rich art and culture. Around 50 artisans from both regions participated in the event, showcasing diverse range of Handmade GI-tagged products like Pashmina, Kani shawls, Sozni embroidery, Paper Mache, Chain Stitch, Basohli paintings, Crewelwork, and more. The event suc-

cessfully attracted 40 national buying houses operating across various international markets. Participating visitors had a unique opportunity to interact directly with the artisans and explore high-quality, handcrafted products celebrated for their distinctiveness and cultural heritage. The event will witness an impressive business deals along with a high level of engagement among participants leading to meaningful interactions and productive business discussions. The overwhelming response to the event underscores the event's relevance and effectiveness in fostering connections among industry stakeholders. In addition, the event is projected to generate an impressive number of business leads, further cementing its status as a high-impact platform for networking, lead generation, fostering business opportunities and strengthening the textile sector.

## DC describes Mission YUVA transformative initiative for tackling unemployment



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**RAMBAN:** Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan described Mission YUVA as a transformative initiative for tackling unemployment by equipping youth with access to finance, skills and livelihood opportunities. DC said while distributing loan sanction letters under Mission YUVA among 65 eligible beneficiaries in collaboration with J&K Bank today. Senior officers of the District Administration and functionaries of J&K Bank and stakeholders attended the function.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the

sponsoring departments and Jammu & Kashmir Bank for effectively implementing Mission YUVA and achieving its core objectives in the district. He urged the beneficiaries to utilize the loans judiciously and establish sustainable ventures with sincerity and discipline.

Representatives from J&K Bank reaffirmed their commitment to supporting youth under the scheme by ensuring smooth loan processing and timely disbursement. They also stressed the importance of financial discipline and timely repayment to ensure the continued success of the programme.

## Sat Sharma, Chugh, MLA Narinder visit Gurdwara Sahib at Vijaypur

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**JAMMU:** Senior leaders of BJP led by state president Sat Sharma, J&K, parbhari Tarun Chugh, MLRS Pura Dr. Narinder Singh, state president of BJP POJK Refugees cell Balwinder Singh, LoP Sunil Sharma, former MLA Charanjeet Singh Khalsa, former state vice president of BJP Varinderjeet Singh and others prominent personalities visit in Gurdwara Sahib Koulpur Vijaypur and met with committee members.

Tarun Chugh said that the BJP condemns the incident in the harshest possible terms. He said that such an act of disrespect towards sacred symbols and sentiments is absolutely unacceptable in a civilized society. While state president of BJP POJK Refugee cell



Balwinder Singh said Balwinder Singh has appealed to the police administration that the accused should receive the harshest possible punishment. The mob that demolished the accused's home should not face any action. The mob of hundreds of people who demolished the accused's home performed a charitable act. The committee interacted with the Gurdwara committee, local residents, and police officials, ensuring necessary support and advocating for peace and communal harmony. The commit-

tee headed by Dr. Narinder Singh, with its members as LoP Sunil Sharma, former MLC S. Charanjit Singh Khalsa, DDC Chairperson Keshav Dutt Sharma, MLAs Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Surjit Singh Salathia, Chander Parkash Ganga, S. Balwinder Singh, President POJK Refugee. BDC Chairman Darshan Singh, DDC Anita Chowdhary, DDC Sarbjit Singh Johal, S Varinderjit Singh, District President Asha Rani, S. Paramjit Singh Pammi and S. Amrik Singh were also presented there.

## Medical outreach programme, Solar Light distribution held

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**DODA:** Upholding its unwavering commitment to community welfare, Indian Army conducted a Medical Outreach Programme along with the distribution of Solar Lights and Power Banks under Operation Sadbhavana at Village Bhaindoga. This initiative provided comprehensive medical consultations, essential medicines and preventive healthcare awareness to individuals who had suffered during the recent floods, including women, children and the elderly. It exemplifies efforts to enhance healthcare accessibility in remote regions, reflecting the Indian Army's ethos of compassion and service. Solar lights and power banks were distributed to individuals who had recently endured severe hardships and losses due to the floods. "Standing resolutely with the people in service, in solidarity, and in spirit."

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found interconnection with nature and the urgent need for compassion in addressing global challenges. Featuring 27 panels, the exhibition not only presents a compelling vision for sustainable living but also showcases transformative stories of ordinary individuals who have catalysed extraordinary global change. At its core lies the message of "Sustainable Human Behaviour (SHB)" — the belief that true sustainability begins with personal transformation and a deep reverence for all forms of life. Each exhibition is student-

driven, led by 15-25 young SDG Ambassadors who guide peers and visitors through the panels, fostering dialogue and community engagement. Inspired by these exhibitions, youth across India have initiated impactful local actions — from organic manure projects in Madhya Pradesh to waste-management drives in Guwahati.

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Contractor fined for leaving debris on SBR

AMC fined a contractor, RKC Infrastructure, Rs 5 lakh for littering Sindhu Bhavan Road with debris. The department inspected the stretch on Saturday as part of AMC's preparations ahead of the Mayor's Conclave, scheduled for Oct 15-16.

**World Space Week held at Science City:** Science City organised events to mark World Space Week, celebrated from Oct 4 to 10, on the theme 'Living in Space'. Officials said that about 3,000 students from 50 schools in Ahmedabad and nearby districts participated in the events.

**LD Museum hosts sustainability expo:** The LD Museum, in collaboration with Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG), organized a sustainability exhibition titled 'Seeds of Hope and Action: Making SDGs a Reality' (SOHA) from Oct 9 to 11. It is the 250th exhibition by BSG since 2021.

**3,411kg of food stock seized in a week:** AMC conducted extensive food safety checks across the city, inspecting 454 units between Oct 5 and 11. As a result, 148 units were issued notices for violation of rules. The department destroyed 235kg of unhygienic food and 221 litres of inedible liquid. Furthermore, the AMC seized a substantial total stock of 3,411kg, valued at Rs 7.1 lakh.

**Eatery owner, worker attacked over delayed food parcel:** 25-year-old eatery owner from Mirzapur and his worker were injured after three factory workers allegedly







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