

Preparations for Republic Day celebrations reviewed at Bandipora

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Thursday chaired a meeting at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora to review the arrangements for the upcoming Republic Day celebrations in the district.

The meeting discussed comprehensive plans for the main function, scheduled to be held at SK Stadium Bandipora, besides at the sub-divisional, block, and panchayat levels, as well as at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora and at all government offices.

The meeting was informed that the event will feature a parade with contingents drawn from JK Police, JKAP, IRP, CRPF, CISF, Fire and Emergency Services, NCC, and various

schools. Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed strict adherence to the Flag Code and other necessary protocols, instructing officers to ensure all arrangements are completed well in advance.

The DC directed the Chief Education Officer and DYSSO to organize cul-

tural programmes, the R&B Department to manage seating and stage arrangements, the Municipal Committee to ensure sanitation, and the ExEn PDD to ensure the illumination of government buildings.

The PHE Department was tasked with providing drinking water, while the

CMO was instructed to arrange medical facilities at the main venue.

Qadri urged the officers to ensure participation of all the Government officials in the full-dress rehearsal and on Republic Day celebrations.

On the occasion, SDM Sumbal briefed the chair regarding the preparations underway in Sumbal Sub Division besides SDM Gurez also provided details of preparations in Gurez Sub Division, ensuring that all arrangements will be in place for smooth celebrations.

The meeting was attended by SSP Bandipora, Harmeet Singh; ADDC, Mohammad Ashraf Bhatt; ADC, Zaffar Husson Shawl; ACR, Commanding Officer 14RR, CRPF, District Officers of various departments and other concerned.

Chairperson DDC B'la takes review of major developmental projects

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The Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla, Safina Baig, today chaired an important meeting at Dak-banglow Baramulla to review the progress of major developmental projects in the district.

The meeting also focused on ensuring the uninterrupted supply of essential services during harsh weather conditions.

During the meeting, Executive Engineer R&B Baramulla briefed the Chairperson on the Sranz Bridge project, which has been allotted at a cost of 7.92 crore. The bridge will enhance connectivity and transportation in the region.

Additionally, the development of the Bandi Pay-

een Ayush Hospital, allotted at 6.97 crore, was discussed. The hospital will provide essential health-care services, particularly focusing on Ayush treatments for the local community.

Safina Baig also reviewed the successful completion of Macadamization works under the Cities and Towns initiative, which has significantly upgraded the urban road connectiv-

ity in Baramulla.

Ensuring uninterrupted access to essential services, Chairperson Baig directed the concerned officers to ensure a smooth and continuous supply of drinking water and electricity, especially during harsh weather conditions. She emphasized the importance of these services for maintaining public comfort and well-being during the winter season.

Chairperson DDC ac-

knowledged the pivotal role of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor's support in making these major projects possible.

"We must prioritize the uninterrupted supply of essential services like drinking water and power, especially during this challenging season. I urge the concerned officers to take all necessary actions to ensure there are no disruptions," said Chairperson Safina Baig.

DC Baramulla reviews preparations for Republic Day celebrations

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting with the Administrative and Police officers of the district at Dak Bunglow here to review the preparation for the upcoming Republic Day-2025 celebration across Baramulla.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a comprehensive review of the campaigns and events planned by the District Administration in preparation for the grand celebration on January 26th.

The meeting was informed that the main function of the day will be held at the Showkat Ali Sports Stadium Baramulla, where the chief guest will unfurl the National Flag followed by inspection of parade. The chair was also apprised that a complete dress re-

hearsal for the event would be conducted on 24th of January. It was given out that march-past will be presented by contingents of JKP, CRPF, Fire and Emergency and other bands which would be followed by a colorful cultural programme by students.

The DC directed the officers from the concerned departments to ensure proper arrangements related to security, sanitation, seating arrangements, barricading, water supply, power supply, issuance of invitation cards and illumination of important buildings etc on the Republic Day.

Meanwhile, the DC instructed the officers to ensure the Republic Day celebrations are conducted with enthusiasm and grandeur at their respective office premises at district, sub-divisional, tehsil and block levels to foster a sense of patriotism and community participation across the region.

Furthermore, DC emphasized that this year, special attention will be given to setting up stalls at the venue, showcasing achievements and raising public awareness about the benefits of HADP, PM-Vishwakarma, and other

government-sponsored schemes.

Minga Sherpa also instructed the officers to organize extensive cleanliness drives in their offices and surrounding areas, both in rural and urban regions, on January 25th in a run-up to the Republic Day celebrations. Additionally, the DC stressed on the importance of close coordination among all departments for the seamless and successful conduct of the event, and instructed the concerned officers to designate nodal officers to supervise the preparations.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina; ADC Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, SDM Pattan/Uri/Gulmarg, besides other officers from Civil Administration, Police, CRPF were present in the meeting.

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A one-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on the Grievance Redressal Mechanism 'SEVOTTAM' was successfully organized at Dak Bunglow, Khanabal.

The programme, focused on strengthening grievance redressal frameworks for better public service delivery, and was a collaborative effort of the Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development (J&K IMPARD) and the Department of Public Grievances, Government of J&K, in partnership with the District Administration Anantnag.

The initiative was sponsored by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India. The programme aimed to build the capacity of government officials in implementing an effective grievance redressal mechanism, ensuring prompt and transparent resolution of public grievances in the region.



The training session witnessed the active participation of senior officials, including SF. Hamid, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), and various district and sectoral officers.

Azeeta Quraishi, Nodal Officer, delivered an infor-

mative briefing on the significance of addressing public grievances efficiently, emphasizing the pivotal role of administrative responsiveness in fostering citizen satisfaction. Comprehensive discussions were held on best practices, key challenges in grievance redressal, and strategies for improving grievance resolution timelines and outcomes.

Interactive sessions provided a platform for officers to share their experiences

and seek solutions to operational challenges in their respective domains. Equip officials with the knowledge and tools necessary for enhancing the grievance redressal process. Strengthen the capacity of government departments to address public complaints effectively and transparently. Ensure that the mechanisms in place adhere to the highest standards of accountability and service delivery under the 'SEVOTTAM' framework.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the initiative and stressed the need for consistent efforts in streamlining grievance redressal systems across departments. He emphasized the importance of such training programmes in achieving good governance and ensuring public trust.

The programme concluded with a commitment to adopt a citizen-centric approach in grievance handling, reflecting the administration's dedication to improving service standards and fostering accountability at all levels.

DC Kulgam inaugurates mega awareness programme at aspirational block Manzgam

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With the objective of achieving saturation of various government schemes and transforming the block into an aspirational model of development, the District Administration Kulgam today organized a mega awareness programme in the Aspirational Block Manzgam under the aegis of Block Development Strategy.

The event, inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan was held at Government Higher Secondary School, Manzgam.

As part of the programme, stalls were set up by multiple departments to showcase their schemes

and services. Registration counters facilitated on-the-spot enrollment for beneficiaries, and health check-up camps were also organized by Health and AYUSH Departments.

During the event, the DC distributed soil health cards, ration cards, sanc-

tion letters under various schemes, vaccination and dosing material and baby kits among the beneficiaries. Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted the ambitious target of achieving saturation of 40 key indicators set by NITI Aayog. He added that most of these indicators have al-

ready been saturated and instructed departments to focus on completing the remaining indicators.

He urged all line departments to work with dedication and coordination to achieve the set goals within the stipulated time frame. He also urged the people to take benefit of these schemes and programmes.

The programme witnessed active participation from residents, officers, and officials, showcasing a collective commitment to holistic development in the Aspirational Block.

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The DC directed the Chief Education Officer for close monitoring over the activities of these educational institutions of the district and reporting of violations.

He also stressed for contributing towards the Red Cross and keeping close vigil on students activities and affairs especially in view of the rising epidemic of Drug Abuse.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; ACR, CEO, ZEOs, besides heads of Govt. recognised private institutions of the district.

MP Agha Syed Ruhullah Mehdi chairs DISHA meeting of Srinagar

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Member Parliament, Srinagar Lok Sabha Constituency, Agha Syed Ruhullah Mehdi today chaired District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting of District Srinagar at Tourist Reception Centre, here.

Chairperson, District Development Council Srinagar, Malik Aftab Ahmad and Member Legislative Assembly, Tanveer Sadiq were present in the meeting.

Besides, Chief Executive Officer SSSL/ Commissioner SMC, Dr Owais Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat; ADDC, Srinagar, ADC Srinagar, VC LCMA and Officers & Engineers of all line Departments attended the meeting.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar gave a detailed presentation to give an overview of Central Sponsored Schemes and State Sponsored Schemes implemented by the District Administration Srinagar and the concerned Departments.

The DC shared information about the District profile & demography besides various beneficiary oriented schemes & flagship

programmes of different Departments including Rural Development, Rural water Supply, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Power Development Department (KPDCL), Revenue, Education, Health, FCS&CA, Social Welfare & ICDS, Agriculture/Horticulture, Industries & Commerce, National Informatics Centre, Geology & Mining, Employment Generation Schemes, Skill Oriented Programmes, etc.

The DC also apprised the chair regarding the objectives of the scheme and beneficiary targets achieved by the administration through effective & extensive implementation of said schemes.

CEO, SSSL also presented a brief about the successful execution of projects under Srinagar Smart City Limited regarding beautification of the City.

He briefed the chair re-

garding Development, Rejuvenation & Streamlining of City roads, walkways, cycle tracks, River Front Development, Development of Central Business District Area, Heritage Conservation & Renovation, LakeFront Development, Intelligent Traffic Management System, ICCS, Smart Bus Service, steps taken for Green & Resilient Srinagar and other IT driven initiatives. He informed that the ongoing projects of SSSL shall be completed by March 2025.

Addressing the DISHA meeting, Agha Syed Ruhullah Mehdi commended District Administration and SSSL for exemplary achievements in implementation of beneficiary schemes and execution of developmental projects in the City.

He asked the Deputy Commissioner to set higher targets for benefi-

ciary oriented schemes to cover maximum citizens besides exhorted for mass awareness regarding welfare, beneficiary and employment schemes through mainstream media, social and organization of programmes at Halqa levels.

Regarding the supply of quality drinking water to households, the MP directed the Deputy Commissioner to address the issue of contamination of water which is affecting the quality and colour of drinking water & spreading diseases.

Responding to the concern, DC vouched that all filtration plants supply pure water which is ensured by frequent lab tests at plants. He said that issues of leakages in pipes will be addressed promptly.

On the occasion, MP Mehdi emphasized on restoration of Natural Springs which are in dilapidated condition.

To address one of the major concerns of the City of Dog Menace, Mehdi asked SMC to take urgent measures to address the issue at the earliest.

On the occasion, Commissioner SMC briefed the chair regarding the ongoing measures to control the population of canines in the City including infrastructural development for sterilization and Rehabilitation.

DC Shopian calls for strict adherence to standing rules of government

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A meeting of leading recognized private educational institutions of the district was convened today by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar at Mini-Secretariat Shopian.

During the meeting a detailed discussion was held about the various issues concerning the functioning of these educational institutions.

Standing rules set by the Government on matters of

admission, tuition fee, annual charges, provision of basic facilities to the students, etc were discussed with the heads of the institutions wherein the DC conveyed directions for strict adherence to the norms for the welfare of students.

The DC directed all pri-

ivate schools that no admission fee is charged at all from students, failing which strict and stern action will be initiated against the violators.

He emphasized the critical role of these educational institutions in bridging learning gaps and urged them to work diligently to