

DC reviews implementation of PMAY -Urban 2.0 in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee today to review the implementation status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0. During the meeting, the DC took a detailed municipality-wise review of the applications submitted by eligible households under the scheme and sought updates from the concerned officers regarding the progress of the same. Stress was also laid on maintaining utmost transparency and accountability, besides ensuring timely disposal of the cases. The Committee approved 39 field verified cases after thorough scrutiny. With regard to the pending applica-



tions, the DC exhorted the concerned officers to extend proactive support and handholding to applicants to facilitate the timely completion of formalities and to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left behind.

She further directed Executive Officers and Tehsildars to facilitate land title transfer of eligible applicants so that applications are processed in time. The meeting was attended by the Additional

District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Chief Planning Officer, Utam Singh, Tehsildars and Executive Officers of the Municipal Committees of Udhampur, Ramnagar, Chenani.

Annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra commences amid religious fervour

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The Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2025 commenced today amid religious fervor and traditional gaiety. The annual pilgrimage, which will continue till September 5- 2025, draws a large number of devotees from across Jammu and Kashmir and outside to pay obeisance at the Chandi Mata temple Shrine in village Machail located in the Paddar Valley. Member Legislative Assembly Paddar-Nagseni and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly Sunil Kumar Sharma, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Bhim Sen Tuti paid obeisance at the holy temple of Shri Chandi Mata Machail on the day one. Later, the dignitaries reviewed the arrangements made by the District and Police Administration Kishtwar to ensure smooth and secure conduct of the yatra. Stress was laid on maintaining cleanliness and sanitation enroute, proper road maintenance especially in land slide prone area, providing adequate facilities at



Langar points, ensuring uninterrupted electricity and water supply and provision of foolproof security measures. Speaking to the media persons, the Divisional Commissioner said that the district administration and the police have made holistic arrangements for providing a smooth and hassle free yatra experience to the pilgrims of Shree Machail Mata Yatra. "Adequate facilities have been put in place en-route from Kishtwar to Chisoti and to the Holy Shrine. The facilities include langars, toilets, help desks, medical booths and security measures for smooth and secure conduct of the annual holy Yatra," he added. The Div Com urged the pilgrims to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), guidelines and designated yatra timings, particularly cut-off timings for crossing specific locations. Later, the dignitaries inaugurated a counter of traditional Laddu (Prasad) made from pure barley (Jou), run by a team from Machail. The Divisional Commissioner also interacted with the devotees and enquired about the facilities and their experience. The review was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, SSP Naresh Singh, ADC Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Dr. Rishi Sharma, SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, Tehsildar Headquarter Sunali Rani besides other concerned officers and officials who were directed to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the successful conduct of the yatra.

Rajouri Admin, ALIMCO organise Special Camp for Left-Out PwDs and Senior Citizens

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The District Administration Rajouri in collaboration with Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) today organised a special registration camp for left-out Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and Senior Citizens at Dak Bungalow Rajouri. The camp was inaugurated by Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Rajouri, Advocate Naseem Liaqat. He lauded the efforts of the Social Welfare Department and the district administration for reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of society. The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Abdul Raheem briefed the Chairperson and attendees about



the objective of the camp. He informed that the initiative aims to identify and register left-out eligible beneficiaries under the government-sponsored social security and welfare schemes, such as pension schemes, UDID cards, and assistive aids support.

A number of beneficiaries from different parts of the district participated in the camp and were registered on the spot. The officials also facilitated on-site documentation, provided information about available welfare schemes, and extended assistance in application

processing. The Chairperson interacted with the attendees and assured them of the administration's commitment to inclusive development and ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out of government support mechanisms. The camp witnessed participation from field functionaries of the Social Welfare Department and representatives from allied departments who facilitated the smooth conduct of the event. The District Administration reiterated its commitment to hold more such camps in other parts of the district through the Social welfare department along with ALIMCO to cover all left-out beneficiaries and ensure equitable access to welfare entitlements.

Mission YUVA: Loan sanction letters handed over to 29 beneficiaries at Nowshera

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In a significant move aimed at youth empowerment and employment generation, the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Zonal Office Rajouri marked "Big Login Day" under the Mission YUVA initiative of the J&K UT Government at a special function held today at Dak Bungalow Nowshera. During the ceremony, 29 sanction letters were formally handed over to the beneficiaries by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pritam Lal Thapa. The event witnessed the presence of Zonal Head Rajouri Satish Kumar, Assistant General Manager Sanjeev Datta, Mohinder Kumar, CDPO Nowshera, Kumar Gokul, BDO Nowshera, and several other bank officials and dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, the ADC lauded the initiative and the role played by J&K Bank in the implementation of Mission YUVA. He highlighted the importance of such programs in tackling youth unemployment by encouraging self-employment and entrepreneurship. Thapa also emphasized the need for coordinated efforts between the Employment Department and JK Bank to ensure the scheme's successful execution. Zonal Head Satish Kumar and AGM Sanjeev Datta reaffirmed the bank's commitment to extending all possible support to the youth under the scheme and aligned with the government's vision of economic empowerment. The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sham Lal, Manager, JK Bank Nowshera, who assured continued support from the bank to help realize the goals of Mission YUVA.



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112 cases under Mission YUVA approved in Jammu

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A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC), Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and Business Help Desk (BHD) Heads was held today at DC Office in Jammu. Chaired by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, the committee approved 112 cases under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme with the cumulative figure of approved cases reaching 302. The meeting's main objective was to review and approve applications submitted by young, aspiring



entrepreneurs. After careful scrutiny and discussion, the committee approved 112 eligible cases for financial support and guidance. The Deputy Commissioner assigned specific targets to the Business Help

Desk Heads for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for applications received under Mission YUVA. The chair highlighted the importance of Mission YUVA in empowering local

youth and helping them build sustainable livelihoods. He emphasised the need for holding awareness camps to attract more young people toward self-employment so they can earn their livelihood.

MLA East, JMC Commissioner inaugurate open shed at Sri Ram Mandir Purani Mandi for pilgrims

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Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi and Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav today inaugurated a newly constructed open shed on the rooftop of the historic Sri Ram Mandir located at Purani Mandi. The open shed constructed at a cost of Rs. 44.51 lakh is a significant move to enhance facilities for devotees and yatrias. The facility has been developed as part of a comprehensive infrastructure initiative titled "Construction of Bathing cum Toilet Blocks including Construction of Open Shed at Roof Top", funded under the SANJY (Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra) Project. The facility has been designed to provide shelter and basic amenities to Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims. Appreciating the JMC's commitment to create enhanced civic infrastructure around religious and heritage locations, Yudhvir Sethi said that such facilities are crucial to support Jammu's role as a key base station for the Yatra and



reaffirmed the government's dedication to pilgrims' welfare. Emphasizing the importance of such infrastructure in order to meet out the needs of yatrias arriving from different parts of the country, the JMC Commissioner Dr. Yadav said the open shed will offer a dignified, clean, and sheltered resting space for devotees staying at Sri Ram Mandir en-route to the holy Amarnath Cave Shrine. To mark the occasion, Prasad was distributed among the devotees staying at the temple premises by

the dignitaries, symbolizing communal harmony, service and hospitality extended to the visiting yatrias. Mahant Shri Rameshwar Dass Ji Maharaj, the spiritual head of Sri Ram Mandir, extended his heartfelt gratitude to both dignitaries for their presence and support. He remarked that the open shed was a much-needed addition, especially beneficial during high foot-fall periods such as Ram Navami, Diwali, and the Amarnath Yatra. The inauguration ceremony saw enthusiastic participation from temple Com-

mittee members, JMC officials and citizens from surrounding areas. The new structure is expected to significantly improve accommodation and convenience for visiting pilgrims. This initiative is yet another step by the Jammu Municipal Corporation toward inclusive urban development, focusing on cultural, spiritual, and public welfare infrastructure that directly benefits the people. Among others, Executive Engineer Div-I Rajesh Kumar, large number of locals and yatrias were present on the occasion.

DC Poonch visits Mandi Mandir complex to oversee preparations for Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra

POONCH JULY 25:

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today conducted a comprehensive visit to the Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Mandir in Mandi to review the preparations for the upcoming yatra. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC, Tahir Mustaf Malik, Tehsildar Mandi, Ashfaq, Yatra Officer and other line department officers. He met with the Yatra Management Committee to discuss essential arrangements aimed at ensuring the success of the pilgrimage. The inspection by the Deputy Commissioner focused on several key aspects of the yatra, including Lodging arrangement, ration supply, drinking water, electricity and security arrangements. He further assessed the infrastructure on the Poonch-Mandi road, emphasizing the importance of maintaining proper sanitation, lighting, and medical facilities throughout the pilgrimage route. The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Langer site, toilet complex, and bath ghat to ensure the comfort and safety of the yatrias. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Dashnami Akhara in Poonch to assess



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