

# MP Ghulam Ali Khatana visits Gujjar, Bakerwal Boys Hostel Doda

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Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Ghulam Ali Khatana today visited Gujjar and Bakerwal Boys Hostel Doda to review the facilities and interact with the students and staff.

He was accompanied by the District Development Council Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal and other officials.

The MP was accorded a warm welcome by the hostel warden, staff members and tribal students.

During his visit, MP Khatana held a detailed interaction session with the students, listening to their experiences, academic aspirations and challenges faced in day-to-day hostel life. The students and staff members shared several concerns and developmental requirements, particularly the shortage of teaching staff, lack of computer facilities and the need for improvement in basic infrastructure such as classrooms, study materials and recreational resources.

Ghulam Ali Khatana appreciated



the efforts of the students for pursuing education with dedication despite challenges. He emphasized the importance of education as the most powerful tool for empowerment and upliftment of the Gujjar and Bakerwal community adding that the Government is committed to ensuring in-

clusive growth and equitable opportunities for all tribal youth.

MP Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Ali Khatana assured the students and staff that their genuine demands and developmental needs will be taken up on priority with the concerned departments.

# Speaker Rather reviews arrangements for forthcoming annual Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA)

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Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather today chaired a high level meeting at Town Hall, Char-i-Shareef here to review the arrangements for upcoming annual Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA) at holy Char-i-Shareef Shrine.

During the meeting, the Speaker directed the officers to ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the devotees during the Urs celebrations. He emphasized on the need for



proper arrangements of essential services like transportation, clean drinking water, electricity, availability of essential commodities, and adequate security. The Speaker urged the

concerned departments to work in close coordination to provide a peaceful and comfortable environment for the devotees, enabling them to participate in the spiritual gatherings of the

Urs with devotion and reverence.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Chadoora, other district and sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

# DC Bandipora attends Grand Finale of Maj Gopi Singh Rathore, SC Memorial North Kashmir Football Premier League

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Monday attended the thrilling grand finale of the Maj Gopi Singh Rathore, Shaurya Chakra Memorial North Kashmir Football Premier League at Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium, Bandipora.

The tournament, organized by the Indian Army, culminated with Meethu FC emerging victorious over Hyderbeigh FC with a 3-1 scoreline in a gripping contest.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated both the finalists for showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship and lauded the efforts of the Indian Army and all supporting agencies for providing a platform that promotes youth engagement, unity,



and peace through sports. She emphasized that such events play a vital role in channelizing the energy of youth in a positive direction and strengthening the spirit of togetherness in the Valley.

The month-long tournament witnessed participation from over 60 teams across North Kashmir, re-

flecting the region's enduring passion for football and its commitment to nurturing sports culture.

The league was dedicated to the memory of Major Gopi Singh Rathore, Shaurya Chakra, an officer of the Garhwal Rifles who made the supreme sacrifice in Bandipora on November 10, 2005, after displaying

exceptional bravery in close combat. Major Rathore, who had also served as Aide-de-Camp to former Presidents K.R. Narayanan and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, continues to inspire youth towards courage, leadership, and service.

The closing ceremony was attended by senior officers of the Indian Army, BSF, JK Police, CRPF, CISF, and officials from the Civil Administration, besides prominent sports personalities, civil society members, and enthusiastic youth from across North Kashmir.

The DC Bandipora appreciated the collaborative efforts behind the successful conduct of the event and reiterated the administration's commitment to continue promoting sports and cultural activities for youth empowerment and community harmony in the district.

# DC Samba reviews Diwali preparations

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Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today chaired a high-level meeting with key officials to review and finalize the preparations for the upcoming Diwali festival. The meeting focused on ensuring a safe, secure, and smooth celebration for the residents of the district.

During the meeting, various crucial aspects were thoroughly discussed, including security arrangements, traffic management, health and sanitation, price regulation, fire safety and monitoring of firecracker vendors.

DC Sudan laid special emphasis on traffic segregation to ensure the



smooth plying of vehicles during peak festive hours. She directed the police department to deploy adequate security personnel in coordination with the traffic police to maintain law and order.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the importance of price regulation and monitoring of essential commodities, instructing the concerned departments to keep a close check on market rates to prevent any undue

price inflation during the festival.

Highlighting the significance of public health during the festivities, DC Sudan called for strict food safety inspections and directed the enforcement of hygiene standards, particularly at eateries and food stalls.

Instructions were also issued to the Health, Sanitation and Fire Services departments to ensure they are fully equipped and manned to handle any

emergencies. She also directed for the proper inspection of firecracker vendors, ensuring compliance with safety norms.

The DC urged all departments to work in close coordination to ensure a safe, clean and joyous Diwali for all citizens.

The meeting was attended by ADC Samba Jagdish Singh, AD Food, All Tehsildars, CMO, DIO, representatives from police and traffic department.

# DC Kishtwar finalizes arrangements for Deepawali Festival

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The District Administration Kishtwar, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma, on Monday convened a meeting in the Conference Hall of the New DC Office Complex to finalize arrangements for the smooth and safe celebration of the Deepawali (Diwali)- the festival of lights.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner directed officers of the line departments to take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents during the celebrations and emphasized the need to raise public awareness—particularly advising parents to ensure that children do not use firecrackers without proper supervision.

The departments were directed to strictly adhere to the guidelines and ensure timely implementation of the arrangement plans. Stress was laid on synergy and close coordination among stakeholder departments for maintaining law and order, sanitation, uninterrupted essential services and effective crowd management to ensure a peaceful and joyous Diwali across the district.

The Police Department, along with the CRPF 52 Bn was directed to make adequate security arrangements across the town, its adjoining areas and all religious temples. Similar arrangements would be ensured in all Sub-Divisions and Tehsils of the district to maintain peace and order.

The Jal Shakti Department was directed to take advance measures to maintain uninterrupted drinking water supply



across the town and its suburbs during the festival days. Meeting decided to deploy Water tankers at Chowgan Ground, ITI Ground and other identified locations to supplement the supply. Barricading of Chowgan Ground for the sale of crackers was also assigned to the Jal Shakti Department.

Similar directions were given to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the town, adjoining areas and all religious places, establishment of First Aid Camps at Chowgan Ground and keeping all PHCs, CHCs and Sub-Centres functional 24x7 with adequate medical staff, ambulances and medicines.

The Health Department was also directed to ensure the availability of emergency equipment and treatment facilities for burn victims and respiratory patients.

The Municipal Council was directed to conduct special cleanliness and sanitation drives around all religious and public gathering places, with the instructions to ensure functioning of all streetlights and illumination of dark spots. Similarly, all Block Development Offi-

cers (BDOs) were instructed to carry out cleanliness and sensitization drives in rural religious sites where congregations will be held.

The DC laid special emphasis on ensuring the availability of quality commodities and preventing black marketing. A joint Market Checking Team comprising Tehsildar, Assistant Director FCS&CA, CEO Municipal Council, SHO, District Food Safety Officer and Assistant Controller Legal Metrology was constituted and directed to conduct regular market inspections from today onwards.

The team shall ensure the display of rate lists, the quality of sweets and the food items and take strict action under the Food Safety and Standards Act against violators.

The AD FCS&CA was directed to ensure an adequate supply of LPG cylinders, atta and rice and to make home delivery of LPG available across the district to prevent inconvenience to the public.

The Assistant Director Fire & Emergency Services Kishtwar was directed to deploy fire tenders at Hidayal Chowk, Bus Stand and Dak Bungalow

from October 18?? to 21??.

For smooth vehicular movement, the District Police, ARTO and DTI were directed for effective traffic management and parking arrangements, particularly inside the ITI Ground to avoid congestion during the festival.

The existing Control Room at the DC Office will remain fully functional to monitor the overall situation.

Members of the local Sanatan Dharma Sabha also shared suggestions and projected various issues, to which the DC listened patiently and assured every possible support from the District Administration.

The meeting was attended by SP Ops Nisar Ahmed Khoja; CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani; ACR Idrees Lone; CO CRPF 52 Bn, AD FCS&CA, CEO Municipal Council Kishtwar Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, ARTO Kishtwar Tasleem Wani, ExEn JPDCL Kishtwar Latif Wani, DSHO Kishtwar, DO Food Safety Kishtwar Farooq Ahmed, President Sanatan Dharma Sabha Kishtwar along with the Members of the Sanatan Dharma Sabha Kishtwar besides other senior officers and concerned staff.

# MSME-DFO Jammu organizing Free Exhibition Cum Trade Fair for PM-Vishwakarma Artisans

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The MSME-Development Facilitation Office (MSME-DFO) Jammu, under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, is organizing a Free Exhibition-Cum-Trade Fair for PM-Vishwakarma Scheme beneficiaries of the Union Territory of

Jammu & Kashmir from Oct 16 to Oct 17- 2025 here at Jammu Haat.

The inauguration ceremony will be held on October 16 at 5:00 PM, followed by a Workshop-Cum-Seminar on PM-Vishwakarma Scheme on October 17 at 11:00 AM. The initiative aims to provide a dedicated platform to PM-Vishwakarma-registered artisans to showcase, promote and sell their tradi-

tional products, thereby enhancing market linkages and supporting the growth of local craftsmanship. Senior officials from the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, along with other government functionaries from central and state departments, are expected to grace the occasion.

Eligible artisans with valid PM-Vishwakarma Registration and Training Completion Certificates

can participate free of cost. The MSME-DFO, Jammu will provide TA/DA, boarding and lodging as per guidelines, along with financial assistance up to 4,500/- per participant.

Interested artisans can register through the official link: <https://forms.gle/XTjsJLeLhoby1neK6>. Stalls will be allocated by a Scrutiny Committee chaired by the Joint Director, MSME-DFO Jammu.

# DC Ganderbal reviews implementation of HADP, JKCIP & KKGs

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In order to take thorough review of the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP), besides Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore Monday convened a meeting here.

The meeting aimed to strengthen inter-sectoral coordination and ensure timely and effective execution of key government initiatives to benefit the farming community.

Addressing the meeting, DC stressed scaling up schemes covering Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Horticulture Planning & Marketing, and Sericulture. He emphasized extending benefits to more beneficiaries to maximize the outreach and impact of these programmes across the district.



The DC directed to focus on revenue generation and proper reporting of actual income generated by KKGs through Krishi Udyamis. He also directed timely issuance of fertilizer licenses to those who have completed the training course.

The concerned departments were directed to take proactive steps to remove deficiencies and ensure maximum coverage under these schemes.

Earlier, District Nodal Officer HADP through a Power Point presentation briefed the chair regarding the overall performance achieved under various projects of HADP

and JKCIP in Ganderbal district.

Officers present also provided a detailed overview of the progress achieved under HADP, JKCIP and KKGs including farmer registration and enrollment through the Daksh Kisan Portal, completion of training courses, established units and fund utilization. Progress on the Kissan Sathi, KCC scheme status, PMFME and PMFBY status besides distribution of Kissan Smart Cards under HADP was also reviewed.

The DC reviewed the set targets, achievements so far, and identified implementation gaps. He di-

rected the concerned departments to take proactive measures to bridge any deficiencies and ensure maximum acceptance of application and farmer coverage under these schemes.

Later, the DC reviewed and accorded approval to cases submitted under HADP, JKCIP and IDDS in the district.

After a thorough review of submitted applications, the DC approved 268 HADP cases, 224 JKCIP cases and 07 IDDS cases, empowering the farming community and promoting sustainable agricultural practices in the district.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Planning Officer, AGM NABARD, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Sericulture Officer, Sr. Scientist KVK Ganderbal, Assistant Director Fisheries, Area Marketing Officer Horticulture (P&M) and Lead District Manager.