

MLA Bandipora Visits Gulshan Chowk, Inspects Key Development Works

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MLA Bandipora, Nizamuddin Bhat, on Monday visited the historic Gulshan Chowk Bandipora to review the ongoing work on the multi-level car parking facility.

During the visit, the MLA interacted with shopkeepers, vendors, and auto drivers, listened to their concerns, and took up the issues with the concerned



authorities for immediate redressal.

Meanwhile, the MLA also inspected the Water Supply Scheme at Village Onagam-A, where he reviewed different components of the scheme. He further inspected the ongoing macadamization works in the area.

During the visit, the MLA was accompanied by the Executive Engineer Jal-Shakti, Executive Officer Municipal Council, AEE R&B, and other field officials from the concerned departments.

MLA Banihal inaugurates macadamization of roads in Sub-Division Gool

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Member Legislative Assembly Banihal Sajid Shaheen today inaugurated the macadamization work on key road projects in Sub Division Gool.

The projects are being executed by the PWD (R&B) Department under the NABARD scheme to improve road connectivity and ensure better transportation facilities for the local population.

Among others present on the occasion included DDC Chairperson Ramban Dr. Shamshad Shan, DDC member, Executive Engineer PWD Ramban, Tehsildar and various prominent citizens.

The MLA inaugurated the work on



3.5 km Gharat Morh to Moila via Shanti Road with an estimated cost of ₹8.64 crore, and 4.0 km Gool-Gundi Dharm Tatapani Road with a cost of Rs 1.39 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sajid Shaheen said that these road projects will significantly improve connectivity and provide smooth transportation for the people of the

region. He appreciated the efforts of the PWD (R&B) Department and directed the concerned officers to ensure quality and timely completion of all ongoing developmental works.

The locals expressed gratitude to the MLA and the district administration for prioritizing road development in the remote areas of Gool subdivision.

Capacity Building Workshop on child protection mechanism held at Rajouri

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The National Development Foundation (NDF), in collaboration with the District Administration Rajouri and in partnership with UNICEF India, today organized a Capacity Building Workshop for District Functionaries on the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Mission Vatsalya.

The workshop aimed to strengthen the child protection mechanism in the district and enhance the understanding of various stakeholders involved in ensuring the safety, care

and wellbeing of children. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma was the Chief Guest.

Addressing the participants, the DC called upon the stakeholders to adopt a collective and coordinated approach to safeguard the rights of children. He said that parents and guardians serve as the first line of defense for children and must ensure their physical, mental, psychological and intellectual development while also inculcating a sense of social responsibility in them.

Highlighting the pivotal role of institutional mechanism, the DC stated that the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and the

District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) bear the fundamental responsibility of protecting children from neglect, abuse and exploitation. "If children are handled with care and attention at the right time, a criminal mindset will never develop," he remarked.

The workshop featured informative and interactive sessions by key speakers including Shaheen Khan (CPO), ALC Pradyot Gupta, Advocate Ashfaq Lone, Principal BHSS Rajouri Muslim Wani, Programme Manager NDF Sunny Kumar and CWC Member Suresh, who enlightened the participants about different aspects of child

protection laws and welfare schemes.

The sessions focused on enhancing the capacity of frontline officers to implement child protection frameworks effectively and ensure a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for every child in Rajouri district.

PO ICDS Harpal Singh, DySP Satish Kumar, CPDO Israr Shah and other district and sectoral officers also attended the workshop.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a collective resolve to strengthen the child protection system at every level through coordinated efforts and sustained community awareness.

Health check-up camp for Women held at Village Thanala- Bhaderwah

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Mission Shakti Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Social Welfare Department Doda in collaboration with the AYUSH Department organized an awareness and health check-up camp at village Thanala-Bhaderwah today.

A team of medical professionals, including Dr. Jabina and Dr. Shakir conducted thorough health check-ups and provided free medicines to the local community. Para-medical staff also extended their



support to ensure smooth and efficient service delivery.

From the Sankalp Hub, Dr. Sanya Khan (Gender Specialist), Humerah Bal-

wan (Gender Specialist) and Younus (Financial Literacy Expert) imparted awareness about the women-centric welfare schemes, financial literacy and government support programs aimed at enhancing the socio-economic status of women.

The programme focused on women's health, empowerment, self-reliance, financial inclusion and access to government benefits. The event received positive participation from the community, highlighting the growing awareness and engagement towards women's rights and wellbeing.

Expenditure Observer convenes second account reconciliation meeting

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In continuation of the Expenditure Register Accounts Reconciliation Inspection, the Expenditure Observer Ashish Yadav, IDAS, in conjunction with the Nodal Officer (Expenditure) Dr. Zafar Iqbal and the Election Expenditure Monitoring Team, today convened the second account reconciliation meeting with the contesting candidates/authorized

election agents of 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency at the PWD Guest House, Gandhi Nagar.

The meeting was held as per the notice dated 24.10.2025, issued by the Returning Officer for inspection of expenditure registers.

During the meeting, the expenditure registers of all contesting candidates were thoroughly examined and reconciled. The candidates and their authorized agents were apprised of the

prescribed norms and guidelines pertaining to election expenditure and were explicitly advised to avoid cash transactions. They were further instructed to ensure that all financial transactions are routed exclusively through the designated Election Expenditure Bank Account within the prescribed expenditure ceiling. All 10 candidates have reconciled their expenditure registers.

Directions were also issued in accordance with the provisions of the Rep-

resentation of the People Act, 1950 (RPA 1950). The contesting candidates and their agents were advised to ensure their presence in the third reconciliation meeting scheduled for 8th November, 2025, at the same venue.

The Expenditure Observer reiterated the commitment of the Election Commission of India to ensure free, fair and transparent elections and emphasized strict adherence to the expenditure monitoring guidelines.

DSEK Reaffirms Commitment to Fair and Student-Centric Conduct of Examinations Across Kashmir Division

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The Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to ensuring the smooth, fair, and student-friendly conduct of the ongoing examinations across the Kashmir Division.

In a proactive move to uphold transparency and excellence, Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani, today personally led a comprehensive monitoring exercise in Srinagar.

He was accompanied by Chief Accounts Officer, Syed Mubashirah, and Chief Education Officer Srinagar, Gh. Mohi-uddin Bhat.

The Director visited several key examination centres including GHSS Kothibagh, Presentation Convent Higher Sec-



ondary School Rajbagh, High School Natipora, and High School Hyderpora, where he interacted with students and staff, reviewed arrangements on the ground, and extended his best wishes for a smooth and stress-free examination experience.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said, "We are here to assure our students that the administration is fully dedicated

to their success. Our top priority is to maintain a fair, transparent, and supportive environment. I appeal to all concerned staff to ensure a smooth and stress-free examination in every nook and corner of the Kashmir Division."

Meanwhile, under the supervision of DSEK, multiple teams from the Directorate fanned out across all districts of the

Kashmir Division to maintain strict vigilance and uphold uniform standards of conduct. Joint Directors visited several examination centres, including those in remote and far-flung areas of Kupwara and Anantnag districts, ensuring consistency and adherence to established protocols.

Additionally, Personnel Officer DSEK, Dr. Iqbal Hussain Mir, conducted a detailed review of arrangements across various centres in District Budgam, expressing satisfaction over the effective and disciplined conduct of the examinations.

The Directorate remains resolutely committed to maintaining transparency, discipline, and a student-centric atmosphere throughout the examination processes, ensuring that every student is provided a fair opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities.

DG reviews rural sanitation initiatives on first day of Darbar Move

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On the first day of the Darbar Move, Director General Rural Sanitation Anoo Malhotra chaired a comprehensive review meeting here at the Directorate office.

The meeting focused on reviewing the routine functioning of the Directorate and assesses the status of ongoing works under the sanitation initiatives being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir.

The DG laid special emphasis on efficiency, transparency and coordination among the district teams to accelerate the pace of implementation of programmes under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

She directed the officers to maintain strict adherence to timelines,



quality standards, and regular reporting mechanisms for effective monitoring and evaluation.

Malhotra reiterated the Government's commitment to achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus goals, strengthening Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) systems and promoting behavioural change through IEC activities at the

grassroots level.

She further stressed upon the need for innovation, convergence with line departments, and active community participation to make sanitation efforts more impactful and sustainable.

The DG appreciated the efforts of field functionaries for their dedication and urged them to continue working with renewed energy.

AD FCS&CA Ramban conducts public outreach at Sumber

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In line with the directives of Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Niamatullah Sheikh today visited Sumber and held an extensive public outreach meeting with local residents.

During the interaction, the officer patiently listened to the public grievances and demands related to the department. Several issues were resolved on the spot, while the officer assured the public that other genuine concerns would be



taken up with the appropriate authorities for early redressal.

The Assistant Director also reviewed the arrangements for winter stocking of essential commodities in the far-flung areas, emphasizing the importance of ensuring adequate stocking and timely replenishment to maintain an uninterrupted supply during the harsh winter months.

He reiterated the department's commitment to maintaining transparency and efficiency in the distribution of essential commodities, assuring that all necessary measures are being taken to safeguard the welfare of the people during the winter season.

DLIC approves 458 cases under JKCIP & IDDS at Ganderbal

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A meeting of District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) was convened today here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore to take thorough review of submitted applications and subsequently approve the cases under Jammu & Kashmir Comprehensive Investment Plan (JKCIP) and Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS).

The department heads submitted various cases for consideration, which were scrutinized as per the scheme guidelines. After deliberation, the committee approved 458 cases viz. 441 under JKCIP and 17 under IDDS for financial assistance and technical



support.

On the occasion, the DC stressed upon the officers to facilitate beneficiaries and expedite field-level activities so that the objectives of agriculture and allied sectors schemes are effectively achieved.

Earlier, the DC reviewed the set targets, achievements so far, and identified implementation gaps. He directed the concerned departments to take proactive measures to bridge any

deficiencies and ensure maximum acceptance of application and farmer coverage under these schemes.

He directed all sectoral heads to expedite and achieve targets of farm and farmer registrations under KKG.

He also directed the Lead District Manager to dispose-off pending cases under Kisan Credit Card.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Plan-

ning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, AGM NABARD, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Sericulture Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Area Marketing Officer Horticulture (P&M), District Nodal Officer JK-CIP and Cluster Head J&K Bank, besides others concerned.