

Workshop on AFP, MR Elimination, VPD Surveillance & AEFI held at GMC Anantnag

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In a significant initiative to strengthen immunization efforts and disease prevention, the Departments of Community Medicine and Pediatrics at Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag organized a comprehensive workshop focusing on Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP), Measles-Rubella (MR) elimination, Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) surveillance, and Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) surveillance.

The workshop was organised in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) NPSN Kashmir and the Directorate of Family Welfare, Maternal and Child Health (DFW, MCH).

The event brought together a distinguished panel of healthcare experts, including Principal GMC Anantnag Prof. Rukhsana Najeeb; Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag Dr. M.Y. Zagoo; WHO Surveillance Medical Officer Dr. Ashiq Rashid; District Immunisation Officer Dr. Syed Masood Ahmad; as well as heads of various GMC departments, faculty members, and representatives from the WHO State Office in Srinagar.

The event was introduced by Dr. Hadiya Javid, a Postgraduate in Community Medicine, under the supervision of Dr. Fouzia Nazir, HOD of Com-



munity Medicine, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of collaboration in hosting such events to enhance immunization outcomes and surveillance effectiveness.

In her address as chief guest, Principal GMC Anantnag, Prof. Rukhsana Najeeb, expressed strong support for WHO's efforts in Jammu and Kashmir, endorsing the workshop as the beginning of a meaningful partnership between GMC Anantnag and WHO to eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases from the region.

Dr. Showkat Hussain Tali, HOD of Pediatrics,

provided an insightful overview of VPD surveillance, stressing its critical role in public health.

In his address, CMO Anantnag, Dr. M.Y. Zagoo, highlighted the vital importance of immunization and the need for vigilant post-immunization surveillance.

Dr. Ashiq Rashid Mir, WHO Surveillance Medical Officer, presented an extensive review of VPD, AFP, and MR surveillance operations in Jammu and Kashmir, reflecting on significant milestones achieved in the region.

The workshop featured specialized sessions, including a scientific talk by Dr. Mahbooba Rasool, As-

sociate Professor of SPM, who covered essential aspects of AFP surveillance.

Dr. Bilal Ahmad Najar, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, discussed surveillance of Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus, while Dr. Junaid Ahangar, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, shared insights on AEFI surveillance practices.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Showkat Hussain Tali, HOD of Pediatrics, who acknowledged the contributions of all participants and the ongoing commitment of GMC Anantnag and WHO in ensuring a healthier future for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

ADDC B'la chairs DLSC meeting under PMMSY

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The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Syed Qamar Sajad Tuesday chaired a meeting of the District Level Steering Committee (DLSC) to accord approval to the selected beneficiaries for various initiatives by the Fisheries Department under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) 2024-25.

These welfare initiatives include the construction of carp fish ponds, trout raceways, live fish vending centres and the provision of e-rickshaws to enhance fish farming, marketing and transportation.

Chief Planning Officer Baramulla, Javaid Ahmad, Additional Director Fish-



eries, Baramulla, members of the DLSC, and others attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the chair was informed that the Fisheries Department had received applications for various individual categories, and after a thorough evaluation, 15 applicants were deemed

eligible, and their selection was finalized through a draw of lots.

Following a thorough review of the applications and through a draw of lots, approval was granted to 7 eligible beneficiaries, which includes 2 for the construction of carp ponds, 3 for trout raceways

designated for ST/ women beneficiaries, 1 for a live fish vending center and 1 for an e-rickshaw.

During the meeting, the ADDC instructed the officers to expedite the induction process, ensuring that the benefits are promptly delivered to the eligible beneficiaries.

Sensitization workshop under J&K Startup Policy 2024 held at Kupwara

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Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) in collaboration with District Administration Kupwara Tuesday conducted a sensitization workshop under J&K Startup Policy 2024 at DC office Kupwara.

The workshop was presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, M Rouf Rehman. Officers and officials of various government departments, besides, young entrepreneurs from district Kupwara attended the event.

The workshop, specifically designed for government departments, seeks to enhance understanding and implementation of startup friendly policies along with facilitating a conducive startup ecosystem in the district.

Addressing the workshop, the ADC emphasized the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship



in addressing major challenges like the unemployment crisis. He impressed upon the concerned departments to extend their helping hand to the budding entrepreneurs in the district so that they can materialise their potential which will further boost the employment generation. He asked them to involve more and more youth in the district so that the trend of job seeking gets changed into job giving.

On the occasion, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Kupwara, Arif Ahmad Khan gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation to raise awareness among the participants regarding various startup initiatives of the Government in nurturing entrepreneurship in the J&K UT.

During the workshop, special emphasis was put on the need for collaboration from all the stakeholders including line depart-

ments for proper hand holding and necessary support to the budding entrepreneurs in the district.

The event featured a series of presentations and interactive sessions led by officials of JKEDI. The discussions focused on key aspects of the startup ecosystem including funding opportunities, regulatory frameworks and the role of government in fostering a supportive environment for startups.

'International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction' observed at Ganderbal

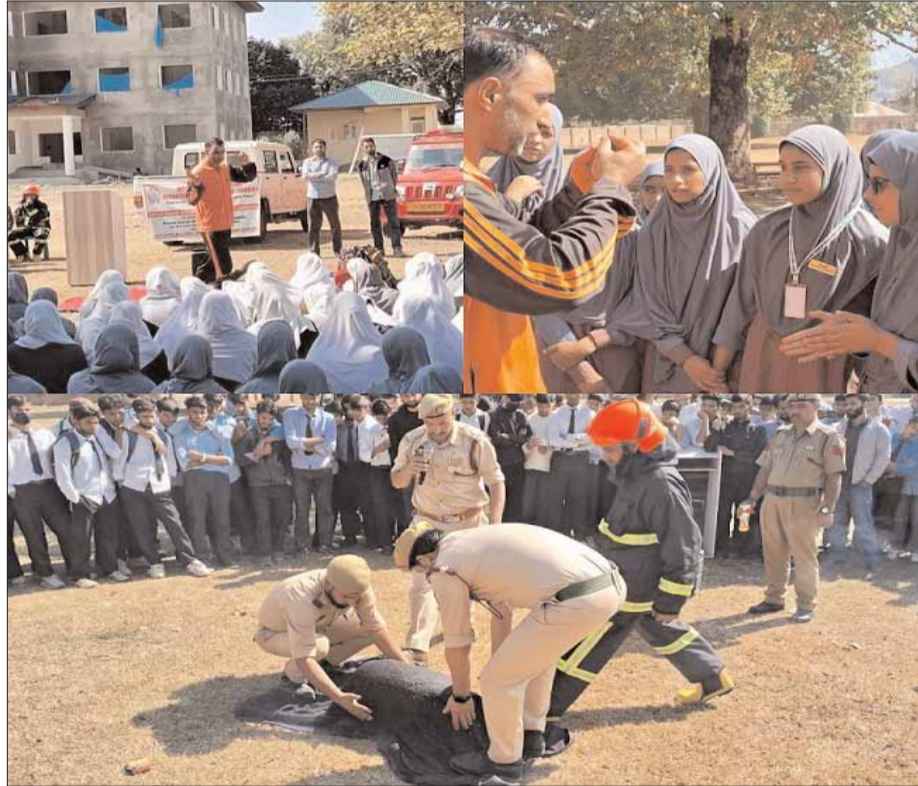
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The 'International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction' (IDDR) was organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Ganderbal in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA).

This year the theme of the day was 'Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future'.

The event was held at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Saffora, where a substantial number of students participated in the program.

The focus of the initiative was to enhance disaster preparedness among the youth through practical training in critical emergency response techniques. Participants were educated on various methodologies, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), search and rescue operations, and ef-



fective evacuation procedures.

This hands-on training was facilitated by the Fire and Emergency Services of Ganderbal, along with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Ganderbal, ensuring that the instruction adhered to established

safety protocols and best practices in disaster management.

The program not only aimed to raise awareness about disaster risk reduction but also emphasized the importance of equipping the younger generation with essential life-sav-

ing skills.

By engaging students in these practical exercises, the event sought to foster a culture of preparedness and resilience within the community, ultimately contributing to a more robust disaster management framework in the region.

DC Ganderbal discusses Legal Guardianship under National Trust Act at LLC

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a Local Level Committee (LLC) focusing on the critical issue of legal guardianship under the National Trust Act.

The meeting, held in the V.C Room of the DC Office, aimed at developing an effective action plan to ensure the enrollment of all eligible beneficiaries under the National Trust scheme.

The meeting was attended by several key officials and stakeholders, including the District Social



Welfare Officer (DSWO) Ganderbal, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Ganderbal, the Executive Director of Hope Centre, Technical Support Manager of Hope Centre, and other Members of the Local Level

Committee.

During the meeting, a comprehensive action plan was formulated to facilitate the identification and enrollment of eligible persons with disabilities, ensuring they receive legal

guardianship under the National Trust Act.

The discussions focused on improving inter-departmental coordination, raising awareness about the scheme, and addressing any challenges faced by the beneficiaries in accessing the services.

The DC emphasized the importance of timely implementation of the action plan to ensure the benefits of the National Trust scheme reach every eligible person in the district.

The meeting marks a step forward in promoting the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities in Ganderbal, aligning with the broader mission of the National Trust Act.

DCC, DLRC meeting held at Bandipora

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The District Consultative Committee (DCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting for the quarter June-2024 was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri in presence of Chairman District Development Council Bandipora, Abdul Gani Bhat.

At the beginning, Chairman DLRC commended the banks for their enrollment efforts in Social Security Schemes, highlighting that certain branches of J&K Bank had particularly excelled.

The Chairman DLRC expressed dissatisfaction over the ACP performance in the agriculture sector and instructed several public and private sector banks to intensify their efforts to achieve targets in the upcoming quarter.



The District has achieved 15% of ACP for the F-Y 24-25 by disbursing an amount of Rs 248.87 crores against the target of 1691.29 crores, for F-Y 24-25 with both sectors contributing equally with PSI showing achievement of Rs 122 crores and NPSL showing achievement of 127 crores.

The DC directed all the banks to ensure minimum achievement of 75%

against the allocated target by December end.

He also directed the concerned to improve the number of cases under the HADP scheme, ensure 100% coverage of KCC smart cards, intensity processing of cases under AIF & AHIDF and reduce the rejection rate besides retaining cases by the banks which ultimately become huge bottlenecks in achieving targets.

He impressed upon Agriculture and Horticulture departments to expedite the identification and sponsorship of cases to banks, ensuring the complete Saturation of KCC Schemes.

The DC also instructed all banks to strengthen their lending in the social sector, and education sector by improving collaboration with stakeholders for investment in these areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman DLRC instructed all banks and departments to vigorously participate in jan suraksha campaign which has been started in each gram panchayat of the district for achieving saturation by enrolling maximum number of applications under SSS.

Among others the meeting was attended by ACR Shabir Ahmad Wani, LDM Shamim Ahmad, AGM RBI, DDM NABARD and representatives from all banks and departments.

Judicial Officers of District Srinagar felicitate Justice Tashi Rabstan for elevation to Chief Justice

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: The Judicial Officers of District Srinagar under the guidance of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar today paid a visit to the Justice Tashi Rabstan to felicitate him for elevation to the coveted and prestigious post of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The Judicial Officers congratulated Justice Tashi Rabstan for assuming the charge of the highest seat of Justice in the UT's of J&K and Ladakh and praised his leadership, exceptional services and unwavering dedication to the cause of Justice.



Justice Tashi Rabstan welcomed Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar and other Judicial Officers whole heartedly and gave patient and compassionate hearing to them. He assured every support to the Judicial Officers to raise the bar of the District Judiciary in meeting the expectations of the general public.

At the end Pr. District & Sessions Judge Srinagar along with all other Judicial Officers extended their best wishes to Justice Tashi Rabstan for success for this vital role and look forward to the positive impact of his leadership on the judiciary and the judicial fraternity.