

DC Srinagar reviews progression of heritage conservation projects

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In order to review the progression of the heritage preservation projects in the district, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex here, today.

At the outset, DC highlighted the significant cultural value of Srinagar's architectural heritage, underscoring the critical need to preserve these historical assets as symbols of the District's identity and legacy. He laid emphasis on collaborative frameworks in restoration practices to conserve architecture of the identified sites on heritage patterns.

Dr Bilal remarked that protecting Srinagar's architectural heritage is essential for cultural continuity and tourism promotion besides religious aspects.

On the occasion, the DC directed for constituting an Experts Team that will visit all sites and share a conservation report with the executing agencies so that preservation, revival,

progression of the heritage preservation projects. He directed all departments involved to expedite efforts and collaborate closely to ensure the effective implementation of heritage preservation projects.

The DC reiterated the Administration's commitment to protect and revitalize Srinagar's historical assets and religious places, ensuring they are preserved for future generations to appreciate and learn from.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer, the meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer R&B, Executive Engineers of R&B, Officers from Archives, Archaeology & Museums Kashmir, experts from Kashmir University, SKUAST, INTACH and other concerned.

DC Srinagar reviews implementation of PMAY-U

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To review the progress of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in Urban and Rural areas of the District, a meeting of the Officers of line Departments was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed appraisal about the implementation of the PMAY-Urban scheme in the District. He also assessed the status of registration made under the PMAY-U scheme and directed the concerned authorities to organize special awareness camps across the district so that all eligible beneficiaries get benefitted from the scheme.

The DC asked all the concerned Officers after

undertaking proper demand survey in the district it should be ensured that not a single genuine beneficiary is left out from the scheme. He also stressed on maintaining utmost transparency and accountability in addition to timely disposal of cases.

Dr Bilal impressed upon the field functionaries to follow the robust mechanism already put in place to ensure immediate verification and processing of cases at each stage of construction and consequent disbursement of payments

to the verified beneficiaries under the scheme. The DC directed the DGM Housing Board to establish facilitation centers for the beneficiaries so that they are provided information about the scheme and the eligibility criteria to get registered under PMAY-Urban scheme.

With regard to the target achieved under Beneficiary Led Individual House Construction (BLC) and Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme under PMAY-U, the DC was ap-

prised that as of today, as many as 3025 Housing Units have been sanctioned so far in the District.

The DC was also apprised that an amount of Rs 38 crores has been disbursed by State Nodal Agency (SNA) till date in the accounts of genuine beneficiaries after following due procedure and multilevel verification.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned Officers to ensure that the scheme guidelines are followed in letter and spirit so that all genuine eligible beneficiaries are covered under the PMAY-U scheme in the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Joint Commissioner SMC, Syed Abul Qasim; DGM, Housing Board, Javid Ahmad; Tehsildar Headquarter and other concerned Officers.

DLC meeting on implementation of HADP held at Baramulla

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A District Level Committee (DLC) meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, to review and strategize the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in the district.

The meeting witnessed participation from senior officers, experts, and stakeholders from the agriculture and allied sectors.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the importance of achieving the set targets under HADP to enhance agricultural productivity, promote sustainable practices, and uplift the socio-economic conditions of farmers in the district.

Comprehensive discussions were held on various components of the plan, including capacity-building initiatives, infrastructure development, and ensuring 100% coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

The DC directed concerned departments to work in close coordination to address implementation challenges and expedite ongoing projects. He also stressed on creating awareness among farmers about the benefits

of HADP and adopting innovative techniques to improve yield and profitability.

Key decisions taken during the meeting included setting timelines for specific projects, allocating resources efficiently, and conducting regular field inspections to monitor progress. The committee resolved to ensure timely execution of all initiatives and maximize the impact of the plan on ground.

DC Baramulla inaugurates 105 ft-High National Flag at DC office premises

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In a proud and patriotic event, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, inaugurated a 105-foot-tall Indian National Flag at the DC Office premises, today.

The ceremony was attended by Commandant CRPF 53 Battalion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Joint Director Planning and other senior officers and officials.

A ceremonial Guard of Honor was presented by the contingents of the 112 Naga Battalion, adding dignity and splendor to the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the National Flag's significance as a symbol of India's unity, sovereignty, and pride. He appreciated

the Municipal Council Baramulla for taking the initiative to install this monumental flag, which stands as an emblem of national pride and civic spirit.

The event concluded with the unfurling of the flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, creating an atmosphere of unity and reverence. The 105-foot-high flag serves as a beacon of Baramulla's dedication to the values of patriotism and national integrity.

Arrangements for Shab-i-Meraj finalized at Kulgam

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan Tuesday finalized arrangements for smooth observation of Shab-i-Meraj, at the meeting hall of Mini-Secretariat, here.

DDC asked the PHE department to ensure safe drinking water supply to all mosques and shrines, adding that tanker service be made available to those religious places where huge congregations are expected as a backup and standby measure.

The KPDCL authorities were directed to ensure proper power supply in the entire district especially during the Shab-i-Meraj for smooth celebration of the festival.

The CMO was asked to deploy medical teams along with essential drugs at all the major shrines including Hazrat Syed Simnani (R.A) Shrine Kulgam, Hazrat Sheikh ul Alam (R.A) Shrine Quimoh, Hazrat Noor Shah Bagdad (R.A) Kund & Chimmer as a precautionary measure.

The Assistant Director, FCS&CA was directed to make available essential

commodities in all the food stores, ensuring quality of all essentials.

All the Executive Officers of three Municipal Committees were directed to clean up the surroundings of all major shrines in the district. Tehsildars were directed to intensify the market checking and ensure availability of essentials including mutton, bakery and poultry at a reasonable

rate. The DC called for synergizing efforts by the concerned departments to ensure that the religious eve is celebrated in a smooth and peaceful manner.

He said no stone should be left unturned in extending best civic amenities to the people on this pious and sacred function.

The transport department was directed to prepare a traffic plan & advisory for commuters for hassle free traffic regulation during the festival days.

ADDC Bashir Ahmad Wani; Addl. Superintendent of Police, ACR, ACP, SDM Noorabad, CMO, Tehsildars, AD Food, Executive Officers of Municipal Committees, Jal Shakti, PDD, besides Sectoral Officers attended the meeting.

DC Kulgam finalises arrangements for Republic Day celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan convened a meeting today at the Mini-Secretariat to finalise the preparations for the upcoming Republic Day-2025 celebrations.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the necessity for comprehensive arrangements to ensure the seamless conduct of the significant national event. The discussions encompassed various logistical aspects, including security measures, seating arrangements, parking facilities, transportation, building illumination, refreshments and accommodation for attendees.

It was informed that the main function shall be held at DPL Kulgam, where the chief guest will unfurl the

National Flag to be followed by a parade featuring contingents from JKP, CRPF, NCC and police band among others.

The DC issued directives to all relevant departments to finalize preparations in advance for the Republic Day festivities.

Additionally, departments were instructed to make heating arrange-

The Municipality and Power Department were also directed to enhance the illumination of key buildings in the town.

Furthermore, the DC called for presenting vibrant cultural programs.

The DIO was directed to make adequate arrangements of installation of Public Address system, and cultural programs as per past practice.

The Executive Engineer of MED was instructed to have men and machinery on standby to facilitate prompt snow clearance in view of inclement weather.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC, ASP Hq, ACR, SDM Noorabad, Executive Engineers from PDD, Jal Shakti and R&B, as well as Officers from the Education, Health, Police, DYSSO, DIO and other relevant departments.

Awareness programme on 'Red Rice' held at Lalmandi Srinagar

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An awareness cum training programme on 'Red Rice' under HADP Project, (promotion of niche crops in the UT of J&K), was held today at agriculture complex Lalmandi Srinagar.

The programme was organised by an advanced research station for saffron and temperate seed

spices, SKUAST-K. Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of different niche crops including Red Rice. He enumerated the different initiatives by the department in this direction.

He said that our niche crops would play an important role in the economic growth and sustainability of the agriculture sector in the region. He said under the holistic

agriculture development program (HADP) government has approved a multi-crore prestigious project to promote the niche crops in the region.

The Jt. Director said the different interventions under HADP project, (Promotion of niche crops) like establishment of nurseries/ seed villages, would generate job opportunities for unemployed youth working in niche sectors. Earlier head of the re-

search station, Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmed Allie presented a detailed scenario of different initiatives by the advanced research station, SKUAST- Kashmir for the promotion of niche crops like Red Rice.

Officers of the Research station for saffron and temperate seed spices SKUAST-K, officers of agriculture department and a number of red rice farmers participated in the training program.

DC reviews Meraj-un-Nabi (SAW) arrangements at Shopian

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In connection with the celebration of upcoming Meraj-un-Nabi (SAW), Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, M Shahid Saleem today chaired a meeting of officers at Mini-Secretariat, here to finalize the arrangements by line departments for smooth observation of the auspicious day.

Auqaf Committee members of Asar Sharief Pinjora intimated about the arrangements to be kept in place, with particular focus on electricity and sanitation.

The DC listened to them patiently and assured proper arrangements shall be made by the administration for the smooth celebration of the day.

The DC instructed concerned officers for making adequate arrangements with respect to proper electricity, illumination, water supply, sanitation, transport & parking arrangements, security and medical facilities, etc.

At the Shrine of Asar-i-Sharief Pinjora, Shopian and other prominent

religious places of the district, special night prayers shall be held which will be attended by hundreds of devotees.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; SDM and other district and sectoral officers and Auqaf committee members.

1st UTRC meeting held at Shopian

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The District Legal Services Authority Shopian under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority conducted 1st Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting in District Court Shopian today at Shopian.

The meeting was held in compliance with the directions of Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Executive Chairman, NALSA) and as per the UTRC meeting schedule issued by National Legal Services Authority for the year 2025.

The meeting aimed to expedite the identification and review of prisoners who are eligible to be considered for release, as well as to accelerate the regular functioning of UTRC and review all eligible under-trial prisoners



(UTPs)/prisoners.

The meeting was chaired by Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA), Shopian, Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary and attended by Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar with other members of the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC).

In the meeting, the committee reviewed cases of eligible UTPs/Prisoners shortlisted by the Secretary,

DLSA Shopian for consideration and the committee recommended 03 under trial Prisoners for release, besides it also recommended constitution of Medical Board for 02 under trial prisoners.

Additional SP Shopian, Shoukat Rafiq; Secretary District Legal Services Authority Shopian, Mudasar Farooq; Superintendent Jails (Correctional Home), Pulwama, Shabir Ahmad also attended the meeting.