

## Div Com Kashmir reviews Republic Day Arrangements

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In view of the upcoming Republic Day celebrations, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Friday convened a comprehensive meeting of divisional-level officers to finalize a detailed plan ensuring a smooth, peaceful, and vibrant observance of the national festival.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, DIG Central Kashmir, and senior officers from various departments including Information, Education, Health, JalShakti, R&B, MED, PDD, Youth Services & Sports, Tourism, Hospitality & Protocol, Floriculture, Colleges, Culture, Traffic Police, and other security agencies.

Chairing the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Joint Director, Information Kashmir to ensure timely playing of Shehnai Vadan, nomination of a commentator, installation of a public addressing system, and organization of quiz and essay writing competitions as part of Republic Day activities.

He instructed the DIG Armed Police to designate an officer responsible for unfurling the National Flag on the day of the event. The



Director Floriculture was directed to make creative floral arrangements for the decoration of the dais.

SSP Security was asked to ensure comprehensive security arrangements at the venue, including the safety of VIPs and deployment of anti-sabotage teams. Police and other security agencies were further directed to facilitate the orderly and disciplined

entry of participants.

To ensure the comfort of participants, the R&B Department was instructed to arrange proper seating, waterproof tentage and installation of display screens at the venue besides illumination of key infrastructure across the city.

The Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) was directed to en-

sure road clearance in case of snowfall, while the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) was asked to keep dewatering pumps ready at the venue.

The Div Com emphasized that practice sessions for contingents and cultural troupes should commence from January.

The Hospitality & Protocol Department was directed to arrange refreshments for participants, while the District Administration was tasked with the distribution of invitation cards for the main function and the At-Home programme.

Also, SMC was instructed to ensure cleanliness and sanitation of the venue. Fire & Emergency Services Department was directed to deploy fire tenders, the Health Department to set up medical kiosks, and the Traffic Police to identify parking spaces and issue a traffic diversion plan to ensure smooth vehicular movement.

Similarly, RTC and SSCL were asked to provide buses to various departments, including the Education Department, for ferrying participants to and from the venue.

Garg reiterated the need for close inter-departmental coordination to ensure the successful conduct of Republic Day celebrations.

## DC Srinagar reviews performance of Banks in implementation of Government sponsored schemes

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A meeting of District Level Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here to review the performance of the Banks and sponsoring Departments under various Government initiatives and flagship schemes for financial year 2025-26.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar; Lead District Manager (Banks), Nelofer Jan; LDO, RBI, DDM NABARD, Purnima Kakroo; Director RSETI, Bashir Ahmad; all District Officers, Cluster Heads of J&K Bank, representatives of Banks and financial institutions operating in Srinagar attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner, who is also Chairman of DLRC/DCC conducted a detailed sector-wise review of the performance of banks in the implementation of various Government schemes. He also reviewed achievements under Priority and Non-Priority Sector lending as per the Annual Credit Plan.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged banks and sponsoring agencies to focus on achieving targets under Priority Sector Lending and emphasized improving the ease of availing banking facilities for con-



sumers. The DC stressed upon all line departments and banks operating in the district to ensure effective implementation of self-employment schemes such as Mission YUVA, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), JKCIP, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, among others. He also emphasized strengthening financial inclusion schemes through proper handholding of beneficiaries to enhance credit outreach.

While underscoring the need to further improve performance, particularly in priority sectors, the DC stated that the meritorious performance at the bank branch level shall be duly recognized through special awards while below average performance would be closely monitored and taken up formally with the HR Divisions of the respective banks.

The DC further directed banks to sensitize their staff to deal with customers in a compassionate manner and ensure timely redressal of public grievances. He emphasized close coordination between banks and sponsoring agencies for the effective implementation of self-employment schemes, enabling beneficiaries to establish income-generating units seamlessly.

During the meeting, it was informed that banks operating in Srinagar have disbursed a total credit of Rs 6,353.23 crore to 86,989 beneficiaries under various schemes, achieving 72% of the target till the quarter ending September 2025 of the financial year 2025-26.

It was also informed that deposits amounting to Rs. 40,395 crore and advances of Rs 26,296 crore have been registered with a Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio of 65% as of September 2025.

## MRCS&G organises Plantation Drive of Fodder Tree Sapling at Shuhama Campus

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Mountain Research Centre for Sheep & Goat (MRCS&G), Shuhama, SKUAST-K, in collaboration with the Ganderbal Press Association (GPA), organised a plantation drive of fodder tree saplings at the Shuhama Campus on Friday.

The drive was inaugurated by Senior Scientist & Head, MRCS&G, Dr. Parvaiz Reshi, along with GPA President Sofi Ayaz, in the presence of Students Welfare Officer, FVSc & AH, Dr Aijaz



Qureshi; Medical Officer, FVSc & AH, SHO Gander-

bal, DO Shuhama; members of the Ganderbal Press Association and scientists of MRCS&G.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Parvaiz Reshi said that SKUAST-K is observing plantation drives across all its campuses under a dedicated green initiative aimed at strengthening environmental conservation while supporting sustainable livestock production. He emphasized that fodder tree plantations play a dual role by improving environmental quality and providing nutritious leaf fodder for animals at the Research Centre.

## DC Bandipora Chairs DCC, DLRC Meeting; Reviews Banking Performance for Q2 FY 2025-26

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The District Consultative Committee (DCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting for the 2nd quarter ending September 2025 was held under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, to review the performance of banks and line departments in the district.

During the meeting, it was informed that the district achieved 47 percent of the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) (PS+NPS) for the first half of FY 2025-26 by disbursing Rs 673 crore against a target of Rs 1,411.22 crore.

The priority sector registered 37 percent achievement with Rs 315 crore disbursed, while the non-priority sector achieved 62 percent with disbursement of Rs 358 crore.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all banks to ensure 100 percent achievement under the priority sector during the financial year and to formulate concrete strategies for the same. She expressed concern over the low level of credit flow to the education sector, observing that banks had recorded only about 4 percent investment during the last quarter.

The DC emphasized that strengthening education-related lending is a priority



for the district administration and directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) representative to take up the matter with concerned banks and work towards improving credit deployment in the sector. She underscored that enhanced financial support to education is essential for human capital development and inclusive growth in the district.

Expressing concern over poor Credit-Deposit ratios, the Deputy Commissioner directed banks to improve performance and also called for enhanced credit off-take under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). She instructed banks to achieve 100 percent coverage of active Kisan Credit Card holders with issuance of KCC smart

cards, strictly adhere to prescribed Turn Around Time (TAT) in sanctioning cases, and ensure quality sponsorship.

The DC reviewed progress under Swavalamban/SSS, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Mission YUVA, directing banks to clear all pendencies. She also ordered completion of re-KYC of all Jan Dhan accounts, issuance of RuPay cards and ensured no account remains inactive.

Emphasizing accountability, the Deputy Commissioner warned against absenteeism and non-performance in DCC/DLRC meetings and stressed daily follow-up, timely data reporting and clearance of legacy issues. She reviewed priority sector achievements, social security enrolment, digi-

tal penetration, unclaimed deposits, Jansuraksha Campaign, URCs under Tier-6 and banking touch points including branches, ATMs and BCs.

Banks were directed to expand outreach by engaging Kisan Khidmat Ghars, Bank Sakhis and FLCs as Business Correspondents without hesitation. Progress under PM Social Security Schemes, digital life certificates, Artisan Credit Cards, KVIC, NRLM, Vishwakarma Scheme and KCC for Animal Husbandry was also reviewed.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Maqbool; RBI representative, Anup Sharma, and heads of various district departments and banks.

## SDM Khansahib assesses winter Preparedness of Line Departments

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In view of the predictions of harsh snowfall, SDM Khansahib, Jahangir Ahmad Giri, convened an urgent review meeting with all the sub divisional level officers of line departments and Police Department to assess winter preparedness and ensure timely response to public hardships.

During the meeting, the SDM directed all concerned officers to remain stationed in their respective areas, stay alert, informed, updated and fully prepared to tackle any untoward situation arising due to severe weather conditions. He also instructed the establishment of a 24x7 helpline to address



public grievances and emergencies promptly.

The departments dealing with snow clearance have been instructed to keep machinery pre-positioned and manpower and other material ready and readily available. It was stressed that the officers shall themselves monitor and supervise the thing on ground. The essential service departments must have directed to ensure regular and uninterrupted

delivery of services.

The SDM reviewed the availability and status of food supplies, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil and directed food supplies department to complete distribution of winter stock by Sunday positively. It was also urged upon officers to prevent black marketing and hoarding in case national highway gets blocked.

Block Medical Officers were directed to keep doc-

tors, paramedical staff and ambulances alert and on job as per the roster.

The meeting was attended by SDPO Khansahib, SHO Khansahib, concerned BMOs, Executive Engineer R&B Budgam, AEE Jal Shakti, PDD, Mechanical Department, and other line departments.

Later, the SDM also inspected various municipal areas of Khansahib to take stock of winter challenges, preparedness and on-ground arrangements.

Meanwhile, Subdivisional administration has appealed to general public and those residing in vulnerable areas in particular and it's adjacent areas to refrain from venturing in and around slopes and higher reaches until weather improves.

## VC SKUAST-K inaugurates Single-Window Training Centre for Tech-Driven Farming

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Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir on Friday held an event to celebrate the graduation of its 5th and 6th DAESI diploma batches alongside the inauguration of a new NABARD-funded Facilitation-cum-Training Centre at Shalimar campus.

The NABARD-funded Facilitation-cum-Training Centre was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai. Established under the Directorate of Extension/SAMETI, the centre is designed to serve as a single-window platform for the capacity building of farmers and exten-



sion workers.

The facility aims to bridge the gap between lab research and field application, focusing specifically on skill development and the rapid dissemination of climate-smart agricultural technologies.

Speaking at the valedictory ceremony, Prof Ganai emphasised the pivotal role of agricultural input dealers. "Input dealers are often the first point of contact for a farmer. By professionalising this group

through the DAESI program, we ensure that the advice given at the shop level is scientifically sound and need-based," he stated.

Vice Chancellor lauded the Directorate of Extension for its collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad, noting that such institutional mechanisms are vital for a sustainable agricultural ecosystem.

Director Extension, SKUAST-K said the new training centre would

spark a fresh wave of entrepreneurship and technology transfer in the valley. The event was attended by university officials, including the Director Education, Registrar, and Dean Student's Welfare, alongside senior scientists and stakeholders.

The proceedings concluded with the distribution of certificates to the successful trainees of Batches 5 and 6.

## Power Shutdown by KPDCCL

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Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 KV Habak-Zakura-Burzhama line will be observed due to which power supply to Dani-hama, Khimber, Teilbal, Burzhama,

Rahbagh, Batapora, Zakura, IE Zakura and adjoining areas will be affected on 21 December, 2025 from 11 AM to 02 PM.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Wanpoh SICOP line will be observed due to which power supply to Veer, Srigufwara, Zirpara, Sham-sipora, Bijbehara SICOP areas and adjoining areas will be affected on

20 & 25 December, 2025 from 10 AM to 03 PM.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Chararipora Tapline of Lassipora-Mitragam line will be observed due to which power supply to Chararipora, Pakherpora, Kamrazipora and adjoining areas will be affected on 24 December, 2025 from 11 AM to 02 PM.