

District-Level Sensitisation Workshop under AWPB 20265-26 of JKCIP Held at Kulgam

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Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department Kulgam organised a 2nd District-Level Sensitisation and Educational workshop at Townhall Block Devsar under the Project and Knowledge Management component of the annual work plan and budget (AWPB) 2025-26 of the Jammu and Kashmir competitiveness and Agriculture and Allied project (JKCIP).

MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroz Ahmad Shah presided over the workshop as the Chief Guest and Addl. District Development Commissioner, Altaf Ahmad Khan participated as a Guest of Honour.

Addressing the participants including farmers, youth Club members and Agri-Entrepreneurs highlighted the pivotal role of youth in nation-building and environmental stewardship. He encouraged the Youth Club members to act as ambassadors of change in their respective blocks, taking the lessons learned from the workshop back to their communities.

Addl. District Development Commissioner, while speaking on the occasion, stressed the need for crop diversification of High Value Crops, urging youth to move beyond traditional farming practice and adopt innovative market-oriented agricultural

He also highlighted that JKCIP benefits are being extended in four blocks including Devsar, Behibagh, Manzgam and D. K. Marg, while farmers in other blocks can avail support under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP)

At the outset Chief Agriculture Officer Kulgam, Farooq Ahmad Reshi highlighted the background of the programme and the significance of youth engagement in shaping a progressive farming society and urged the participants to utilize the training to positively influence their communities, promote constructive activities and contribute to grassroots developmental

initiatives especially with reference to environmental issues and climate change.

Resource persons from KVK Kulgam and MRCFC Khudwani delivered technical sessions on youth mobilization, community development, social awareness on environmental issues, climate change and disaster management. The trainees were also briefed about opportunities available under different government schemes aimed at youth empowerment.

Sub Divisional Agriculture Officers Kulgam & Qaimoh, Agriculture Extension Officers and other officials from agriculture department also participated in the training programme.

DC Kupwara reviews Winter Preparedness

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse today convened a review meeting with officers of various line departments to assess and strengthen the district's preparedness in light of weather advisory and snowfall prediction.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad Khan; ADC Handwara, Javid Naseem Masoodi, ACR, SDM Lolab, OC Beacon, all Tehsildars as well as officers from R&B, PMGSY, KPDCL, MED, Municipal Committees, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and health department.

Regarding Winter Stocking & Essential Supplies, the Food Supplies department informed that sufficient stock of rice, sugar, atta and Fuel/LPG has been ensured in the district especially in border areas to cater to the needs of the people during the harsh winter period.

Regarding Snow Clearance and Machinery Readiness, the Mechanical, R&B, BEACON, PMGSY briefed the Chair on the availability and deployment plans of snow clearance equipment and machinery at key locations to ensure road connectivity in the event of heavy snowfall. The departments were directed to ensure utmost coordination for snow clearance at the earliest.

The Electric Divisions informed



about the buffer stock of transformers and other key spares, ensuring rapid restoration of electricity in extreme weather conditions.

The Health officials presented measures taken to ensure availability of medical emergency response, essential medicines, and ambulance services in high-altitude and hard to reach areas.

The DC directed that district and tehsil-level control rooms be kept operational 24x7 during winter to monitor weather developments and coordinate swift responses to public grievances and exigencies.

Addressing the gathering, the DC underscored the imperative of inter-departmental coordination, timely execution of action plans, and proactive

steps to mitigate winter-related challenges. He urged all departments to maintain continuous readiness, particularly in sectors prone to snowfall and connectivity disruptions.

He further emphasized that every stakeholder must work with diligence to ensure that essential services including transport, power, food supply, healthcare, and snow clearance remain fully functional even under severe winter conditions. He also directed to ensure all staff of these departments to remain at their headquarters only.

ADC Handwara, SDM Lolab and concerned tehsildars were directed to monitor response from all line department in their respective jurisdiction.

Good Governance week Kickstarts in Baramulla with an Insightful Seminar at GDC

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As part of the nationwide campaign to promote transparency, accountability and citizen-centric administration, Good Governance Week was today kickstarted across District Baramulla with an insightful seminar held at the Conference Hall of Government Boys Degree College (GDC), Baramulla.

The seminar was presided over by Dr. Farooq Ahmad Lone, Retired IAS Officer, and was attended by Principal GDC Boys' Baramulla, Dr. Mohd Shafi Lone; Dr. Khurshed Alam, Professor IMPARD; Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalko, Assistant Commissioner Revenue; Arshad Ahmad Khan, District Information Officer; Iftakhar Naseem, besides faculty members, students and other officers and officials.

The programme marked the beginning of a week-long series of activities aimed at strengthening the interface between the administration and the public, ensuring responsive governance, transparency and timely delivery of public services.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Lone emphasized that good governance is reflected in the prompt, transparent and efficient resolution of public grievances. He stressed that officers must remain easily accessible to citizens, listen



to their concerns with empathy and ensure time-bound delivery of services to build public trust in governance institutions.

During the panel discussion, speakers highlighted the core objectives of Good Governance Week, which include effective grievance redressal, transparency in decision-making, accountability of public institutions and enhanced public outreach, particularly in rural and remote areas.

The session also deliberated on special initiatives planned during the week, including grievance redressal camps, outreach programmes under "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore", awareness drives, public interactions and on-the-spot resolution of public issues.

In addition to the district-level programme, similar Good Governance Week activities were organized across Sub-Divisional and Block levels of District Baramulla, wherein Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Block Development Officers (BDOs) and other district and sectoral officers presided over awareness

programmes, public interactions and grievance redressal sessions to directly engage with citizens at the grassroots level.

The speakers also elaborated on various governance reforms being implemented by the government and underscored the importance of active citizen participation in ensuring the successful execution of these initiatives, reaffirming the administration's commitment to transparent, accountable and people-centric governance across the district.

GMC Srinagar Hosts Guest Lecture on "Application of Preventive Medicine in Future Digital Era"

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The Postgraduate Department of Pharmacology, Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar, organized a guest lecture on "The Application of Preventive Medicine in the Future Digital Era" at the GMC Auditorium.

The programme was organised under the direction of Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan, Principal and Dean, Government Medical College Srinagar, with emphasis on strengthening academic excellence through technology-enabled teaching, promoting evidence-based preventive medicine, and encouraging the adoption of digital health tools, pharmacovigilance systems, real-time adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting, artificial intelligence-driven risk stratification, and big-data analytics for population-based public health surveillance.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) H. S. Rehan, Director, Department of Pharmacology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi. He elaborated on the transformative role of digital health technologies in advancing preventive medicine, with particular emphasis on



pharmacovigilance systems, real-time adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting, artificial intelligence-driven risk stratification, and big-data analytics for population-based public health surveillance.

Prof. Rehan highlighted the integration of electronic health records (EHRs), clinical decision support systems (CDSS), mobile health applications, and digital epidemiology

tools as key enablers for early disease detection, rational drug use, and enhanced patient safety. He also underscored the importance of interoperability, data governance, and ethical use of digital platforms in strengthening healthcare delivery within the preventive healthcare framework.

Prof. (Dr.) Rehana Tabassum, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, emphasized the im-

portance of digital literacy among medical professionals and the integration of technology-driven preventive strategies into medical education and clinical practice.

The lecture was attended by faculty members, postgraduate and undergraduate students, and was followed by an interactive session, generating insightful discussion on the future scope of preventive medicine in the digital era.

DC Bandipora conducts surprise visit to District Hospital, Reviews Patient Care

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today paid a surprise visit to the District Hospital Bandipora to review the overall functioning and quality of patient care.

During the visit, the DC inspected key sections including the Emergency Ward, OPD, In-Patient Wards, Maternity Unit and other departments, and interacted with patients and attendants to obtain first-hand feedback on services



being provided.

Emphasising accountability and professionalism, the Deputy Commissioner directed the hospital staff to maintain high standards of hygiene, discipline and patient care, and instructed that all staff must wear prescribed uniforms with visible name tags and strictly adhere to duty rosters.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed punctuality, regular attendance and prompt grievance redressal to ensure uninterrupted healthcare delivery.

Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore Week Commences in Bandipora

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District Administration Bandipora today began the observance of the nationwide Good Governance Week "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" with a series of citizen-centric activities aimed at strengthening last-mile service delivery, transparency and effective grievance redressal across the district.

On the first day, grievance redressal camps were organised at block and panchayat levels for disposal of pending public grievances registered on different portals. Mega camps at block level were also initiated to ensure wider public outreach.

Awareness, disposal and saturation camps related to online public service delivery were also conducted, wherein citizens were informed about various e-services and assisted in availing benefits. Representatives from



different departments participated in block and panchayat level camps, interacting directly with citizens and addressing issues related to social security schemes, Mission YUVA, PM Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana and other welfare initiatives. Special Gram Sabhas were also initiated with emphasis on grievance redressal

and saturation of flagship schemes.

As part of the ongoing Good Governance Week "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore", the Department of Fisheries issued licences for the current year to fishermen of Mukdamyari and adjoining areas. The department also conducted an awareness programme to apprise fishermen

about various beneficiary-oriented schemes and initiatives aimed at improving livelihoods and promoting sustainable fisheries practices.

Meanwhile, the Celebration of Good Governance Week "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" was held at Panchayat Halqa Aragam Gopjapati, Block Bandipora, where officers interacted with local residents to disseminate information about government services and welfare schemes.

In another significant outreach activity, a Grievance Redressal Camp was organized at Arin, Bandipora under the Good Governance Week.

The District Administration reiterated its commitment to citizen-centric governance and stated that activities under Good Governance Week will continue throughout the scheduled period to ensure efficient, transparent and responsive administration.

"Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" Campaign Commences in Kulgam

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As part of Good Governance Week 2025 and under the Sushasan Sapta initiative, the "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign commenced across District Kulgam with the objective of taking governance to the doorsteps of the people.

Grievance redressal camps were organised at block, tehsil and panchayat levels, where district and sectoral officers listened to public grievances and ensured their prompt redressal. The camps witnessed active participation from the public, who raised issues related to various departments. The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam,

Athar Aamir Khan, also visited several areas of the district, interacted with the people and personally listened to their demands and concerns, directing the concerned officers for timely resolution.

During the day, domicile, income and other essential certificates were distributed to eligible beneficiaries. Awareness and

registration camps were also held to educate citizens about various government schemes and facilitate on-the-spot registrations.

The initiative aims to strengthen transparency, accountability and citizen-centric governance by ensuring effective delivery of public services at the grassroots level.