

Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat campaign

DC Reasi inaugurates one-day Capacity Building Programme for frontline workers

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The Department of Social Welfare, Reasi today organised a one-day Capacity Building Programme for Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat under the aegis of the 100 Day Child Marriage Free India Campaign, aimed at strengthening awareness, coordination and preventive action against child marriage at the grassroots level.

The programme saw active participation from Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers, ANMs and Police personnel, who serve as frontline stakeholders in community outreach and child protection. The initiative focused on sensitising participants about the objectives of the campaign and reinforcing their roles in safeguarding children from early marriage.

The programme was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Nidhi Malik.

Addressing the participants, she emphasised that child marriage is a grave social evil and a serious violation of child rights, adversely affecting the physical, mental and educational development of children, particularly girls. She stressed that eliminating child marriage requires collective responsibility, strong community vigilance and effective inter-departmental convergence. Highlighting the critical role of frontline workers and police personnel, the DC underlined the importance of early identification, timely reporting, and coordinated preventive action at the grassroots level to stop child marriages before they occur. She urged all stakeholders to act as catalysts for social change, ensuring that every child enjoys a safe, healthy and dignified childhood.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, during which participants shared field experiences and reaffirmed their commitment to proactively work at the community level to prevent child marriage.

The event was attended by District Social Welfare Officer, Sachin Sharma, Dr. Urja Zutshi, Gynaecologist, District Hospital Reasi, Shikha Jamwal, Prosecuting Officer, DPL Reasi alongwith other officers and officials.

ARTO Ramban disqualifies 3 DLs, suspends 9 RCs & 2 Route Permit of Vehicles

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In a significant move to enhance public safety and curb drug-related activities, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Ramban, Er. Kuldeep Singh has disqualified driving licences of three individuals for a period of three months for their involvement in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act cases.

As per the official orders issued by the ARTO, Driving Licence No. JK19 20230000538 issued in favour of Mohammad Iqbal S/o Irshad Ahmed, R/o Gujjam Deddha, Gool; Licence No. JK19 20200000385 issued in favour of Shoib Majid S/o Abdul Majid, R/o Gool Dalwah and Licence No. JK19 20170000550 issued in favour of Nittu Singh S/o Girdhari Lal R/o Bodhi Dandhrat, Ramban, have been disqualified for a period of three months with immediate effect.

Similarly, the ARTO Ramban has suspended the Registration Certificates (RCs) of seven vehicles bearing registration numbers JK19A-1502, JK19-8185, JK19A-3946, JK19A-0435, JK19-3900, JK19-3565 and JK19-7667 for a period of three months. In addition, the Route Permit and Registration Certificate of one taxi cab (JK19A-5655) and one truck (JK19-4106) have also been suspended and the Police Department has been directed to seize the vehicles. The action has been taken in compliance with the directions of the Transport Commissioner's Office, based on reports received from the Inspector

General of Police, Crime Branch, J&K, regarding the involvement of the concerned individuals in NDPS-related activities.

The vehicle owners have been directed to submit their Route Permits and Registration Certificates at the ARTO Office, Ramban with immediate effect.

Reiterating a zero-tolerance policy towards illegal activities, the Police and Transport Departments have advised vehicle owners and drivers to strictly adhere to statutory regulations to avoid such punitive measures in future.

DPC process to go digital soon; CS takes appraisal of the portal

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today took a first-hand appraisal of the online Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) portal being developed by the ARI & Trainings Department to ensure timely conduct of DPCs for government employees.

During the review meeting, the Chief Secretary took note of the progress achieved so far and appreciated the efforts of the department. He emphasized that the entire process should be made strictly time-bound, with each stage completed within the prescribed timelines.

The Chief Secretary underscored the significance of the online DPC portal for government employees, stating that the initiative would ensure timely conduct of DPCs, bring greater transparency, and eliminate procedural delays that often affect career progression of these employees.

He emphasized that a fully digital, time-bound system would not only enhance efficiency and accountability but also provide ease to employees by doing away with physical files and repetitive processes, thereby ensuring fair, predictable, and timely promotions across departments.

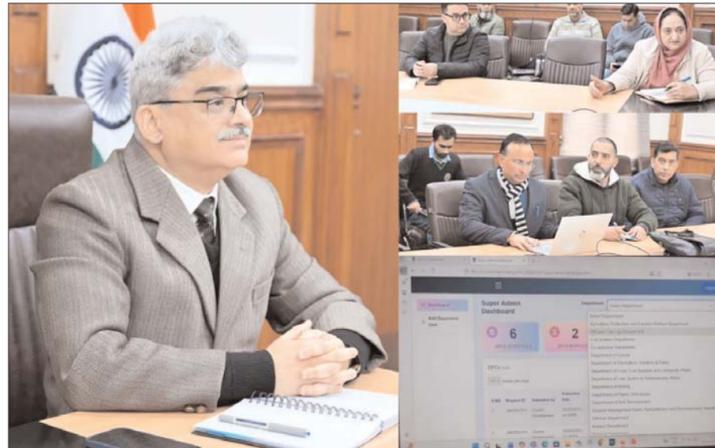
Commissioner Secretary, ARI & Trainings Department, Shabnam Shah Kamili, briefed the meeting on the progress made in developing the portal for conducting DPCs for both Gazetted vacancies through the J&K Public Service Commission (JKPSC) and Non-Gazetted vacancies through their respective Heads of Departments.

She informed that the platform is being integrated with the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) portal and e-Office to make the process completely end-to-end digital. The portal will also be integrated with the online Vigilance Clearance system to further enhance efficiency and transparency.

It was informed that detailed workflows have been finalized for all Gazetted DPCs routed through the JKPSC and concerned Administrative Departments, as well as for various cadres of Non-Gazetted employees.

A live demonstration of the portal was also given to the Chief Secretary, showcasing the defined processes and timelines. The portal provides for online uploading of all supporting documents, including seniority lists, recruitment rules, agendas, vigilance clearances, integrity certificates, work and conduct reports, and other requisite documents—eliminating the need for physical files.

The initiative aims to ensure timely career progression of employees while significantly enhancing ease, efficiency, and transparency in the DPC process.



Piping Ceremony held at Zonal Police HQs

JAMMU, JAN 16: A piping ceremony of Constables promoted to the rank of Selection Grade Constable was held today at the Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ), Jammu.



The promoted officials were decorated with their new ranks by Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, in the presence of senior officers and staff of ZPHQ Jammu.

While congratulating the promoted personnel, the IGP Jammu emphasised that promotion brings with it enhanced responsibility and new professional challenges. He expressed confidence that the promoted officials would continue to discharge their duties with dedication, commitment and professionalism. He wished them success in their future assignments.

The officials promoted to the rank of Selection Grade Constable included SgCts Rajan Sharma, Harpreet Singh, Kamal Abroal, Vipan Saini, Sumit Jagtyal and Jatinder Singh.

Himanshu Mahajan, Sr Prosecuting Officer; Mukesh Sharma, Accounts Officer; Janardhan Salathia, Pvt Secy to IGP Jammu; S. Narinder Singh, Dy.SP (M), ADO and Insp. Mohd Sadiq, IC Crime, ZPHQ Jammu were also present on the occasion.

DIET Kishtwar concludes 3-Day Capacity Building Programme for Anganwadi Workers on FLN

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District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kishtwar today concluded a three-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Anganwadi Workers.

A total of 41 Anganwadi Workers participated in the programme designed to strengthen competencies in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN).

The programme was organised under the overall supervision of the Principal, Tirtha Lal. Senior Academic Officers, Dr. Nadeem, Farooq Ahmed Giri, Riaz Ahmed Giri and Irfan Ahmed conducted insightful technical sessions focusing on child-centred pedagogies and effective classroom practices for early grade learning.

Guest Resource Persons, Mutamil and Rashida Shaheen and others also delivered highly relevant sessions through lectures, demonstrations and activity-based methodologies, ensuring practical exposure.

The training aimed to empower Anganwadi Workers with enhanced skills for implementing FLN at the foundational stage in alignment with NEP-2020 goals.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) in his office chamber to revise and finalise the Scale of Finance (SoF) for various crops and allied sectors for the financial year 2026-27.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on revising crop-wise financial norms in view of prevailing input costs and emerging agricultural requirements. The committee deliberated extensively on cost escalations related to fertilizers, fodder, manure, labour and other essential inputs affecting agriculture and allied activities in the district.

After comprehensive discussions, the Deputy Commissioner approved the revised Scale of Finance for various sectors including Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries for the financial year 2026-27. Seeking sector-wise inputs from concerned officers, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to realistically assess the increased cost of cultivation and allied activities. He stressed that the revised SoF must be practical, farmer-centric and reflective of ground realities.

While reviewing the proposed sector-wise Scale of Finance, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the revised norms should effectively support credit planning, facilitate institutional financing and ultimately benefit farmers and cultivators across the district.

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MVD organises road safety awareness camp at Army Public School Udhampur

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The event was graced by Secretary Transport Department, Avny Lavasa and DIG, Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sarah Rizvi as the chief guests. Their presence underscored the importance of inter-departmental coordination in promoting road safety across the region.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Mudassar Iqbal and the host School Principal Dr. Sanjeev Kumar coordinated the programme.

During the programme, interactive sessions, demonstrations and awareness talks were delivered to highlight the importance of adhering to speed limit, use of helmets and seat belts, avoiding mobile phone usage while driving and responsible behaviour on the roads. The students actively participated, gaining valuable insights into becoming responsible road users and advocates for safety in their communities. The initiative reflects the ongoing commitment of the Transport Department and law enforcement agencies to foster a culture of road safety, especially among the younger generation, in line with the National Road Safety Month objectives.

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SWD Reasi organises Handicraft training for Minority Community girls under BBBP

REASI, JANUARY 16:

The Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), on Friday organised a Skill Development Training Programme on "Traditional Products and Handicrafts" here at Village Palma-Panchayat Kotli Manotrian-B. The training skill on making Chhabri Binna is being imparted to a group of 25 girls from the minority community under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.

The event was inaugurated by the District Social Welfare Officer, Sachin Sharma.

In his inaugural address, the DSWO emphasized the significance of preserving and promoting traditional crafts like Chhabri Binna while empowering women through skill development and by making them self-reliant. He highlighted that such trainings play a vital role in promoting self-employment and economic independence among women, particularly from minority communities.

He also stressed that such initiatives under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao contribute to holistic development of women by enhancing their confidence and decision-making abilities.

The DSWO encouraged the trainees to make optimum use of the training and transform the acquired skills into entrepreneurial opportunities.

He also sensitized the participants about various financial schemes available to help them to start self-employment ventures, assuring of support from the department in securing forward-backward link-



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