

DLSA Srinagar organizes awareness program on Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Act

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District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar conducted an awareness programme under the guidance of Haq Nawaz Zargar, Chairman DLSA, Srinagar and overall supervision of Secretary DLSA, Srinagar on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in tribal areas of Dara, Faqir Gujri Srinagar.

The programme was organized through Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and members of the Samvaad Committee with the aim of educating tribal communities about their legal rights and protections available under the Act.

During the programme, the resource person highlighted the key provisions of the Act, emphasizing the



safeguards provided to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against atrocities, discrimination, and exploitation.

The participants were informed about the legal remedies available, the procedure for lodging complaints, and the role of legal aid institutions in ensuring

justice to victims.

The PLVs actively interacted with the local population and distributed informative material to enhance awareness regarding free legal services available through DLSA Srinagar. The members of the committee stressed the importance of timely reporting of offences and assured necessary legal assistance to the victims.

The programme witnessed active participation from members of the tribal community, who appreciated the initiative taken by DLSA Srinagar in spreading legal awareness and empowering marginalized sections of society.

DLSA Srinagar reiterated its commitment to continue conducting such awareness programmes to ensure access to justice for all, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized communities.

Bandipora gears up for Wullar Bird Watch Festival

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the WUCMA-centred Wullar Bird Watch Festival, scheduled between 9th-14th February, aimed at promoting ecotourism and creating diversified livelihood opportunities for local communities.

The meeting was informed that all necessary instructions have been issued to the concerned departments.

Eco-guides and homestays are in readiness, while students have been trained to support festival activities. It was also apprised that police verification of all stakeholders involved in the festival has been completed.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said that a temporary market will be established for NRLM groups, Cooperative Societies and Fisheries to showcase local products including lotus stem and water chestnuts. Shikara rides will also be available for visitors.



Five prominent locations have been identified for festival activities, with reception centres and camps at Banyari and Nadihal, and stalls at S.K. Payeen and Watlab.

The DC directed the constitution of a Rate Fixation Committee to finalize rates for eco-guides, shikara rides and fisheries-related services. She also reviewed transport arrangements to

ensure smooth movement during the festival.

On the occasion, the DC stressed the importance of promoting sustainable tourism around Wullar Lake by highlighting its rich biodiversity and the seasonal arrival of migratory birds.

She emphasized that the Wullar Bird Watch Festival should not only enhance environmental awareness but also serve as a platform for generating sustainable and diversified livelihood opportunities for local

communities.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Bandipora, Coordinator WUCMA, District Information Officer Bandipora, Deputy Chief Education Officer Bandipora, Assistant Regional Transport Officer Bandipora, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Bandipora, Tehsildar Bandipora, District Programme Manager RLM Bandipora and other concerned officers.

DC Baramulla distributes Compensation Cheque to Dependents of Accident Victim

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, in the presence of ALC Baramulla, Rahil Amin, today distributed a compensation cheque worth ₹12.78 Lacs to the dependents of accident victims under the provisions of the Employees Compensation Act, 1923 at his office chambers.

The compensation pertains to the unfortunate death of Mohammad Ashraf Malik, who lost his life in a work-related accident on 13 October 2025 at the work site at Kanispora, Baramulla.

The amount was disbursed to the dependants of the deceased in accordance with the statutory



provisions of the Employees Compensation Act.

On the occasion, the DC expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved family and emphasized that the district administration

remains fully committed to safeguarding the welfare and rights of workers and their families.

Minga Sherpa further stated that timely dis-

bursalment of compensation in cases of workplace fatalities is a priority for the administration, ensuring that affected families receive financial support without undue delay.

DC Ramban Reviews Revenue Deptt Functioning

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the overall functioning of the Revenue Department.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajran; SDM Gool Intiaz Ahmed; SDM Ramsoo Sayad Mazahir Hussain Shah, besides Tehsildars, Block Development Officers, and other Revenue officials.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on key issues, including updation of old revenue records, cadastral mapping, generation and distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme, disposal of court cases, transfer of land for



installation of 4G towers, timely submission of compliance reports in court cases, utilization of funds released under Revenue Capex for the year 2025-26, and timely execution of summons.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars and BDOs to ensure that no residential or commercial construction is allowed in their respective jurisdictions without prior approval from the competent authorities, emphasizing strict enforcement of land and building regulations.

He further directed the Tehsildars to extend neces-

sary assistance to BDOs in motivating beneficiaries to commence and complete construction of their PMAY houses without delay, ensuring timely achievement of housing targets.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the public services being delivered by the Revenue Department and conducted a tehsil-wise assessment of the progress in all other assignments.

Appreciating the efforts of Revenue staff in the digitization of revenue records, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to maintain accuracy, transparency, and accountability

while carrying out the exercise.

Emphasizing timely and transparent public service delivery, the Deputy Commissioner instructed officers to promptly address public grievances and reiterated the importance of citizen-friendly functioning of all revenue and administrative units to strengthen public trust and enhance overall administrative efficiency.

Meanwhile, the Additional Deputy Commissioner also suggested various measures to further improve public grievance redressal mechanisms and streamline service delivery.

Awareness Programme on PMVBRY, EES held at Baramulla

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An awareness programme on implementation of Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and Employees Enrollment scheme (EES) was successfully conducted today at the office of Assistant Director Employment, Baramulla.

The programme was organized under the supervision of the Nodal Officer for PMVBRY, District Baramulla, Assistant Labour Commissioner Baramulla, and witnessed active participation of employers and employees from various establishments of District



Baramulla.

The event was attended by officials from EPFO including Vinay Kumar, Regional Provident Fund

Commissioner, Kashmir who briefed the participants in detail about the objectives, eligibility conditions, and procedural as-

pects of PMVBRY and EES, and emphasized the role of employers in effective implementation of the scheme.

SWD Srinagar conducts PMMVY registration drive

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Department of Social Welfare (SWD), Srinagar, through SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti), successfully organized a registration drive under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) at LD Hospital Wazir Bagh, Gousia Hospital Khanayar, and JLN Hospital Rainawari.

The primary objective of the drive was to identify and enroll eligible pregnant women and lactating mothers under PMMVY, ensure last-mile delivery of

maternity benefits, and enhance institutional outreach of the scheme. The drive also aimed at creating awareness among beneficiaries regarding the financial assistance, eligibility conditions, and procedural requirements of the scheme.

During the drive, beneficiaries visiting OPDs, antenatal clinics, and maternity wards were mobilized, counseled, and guided through the registration process. On-the-spot registrations were carried out with the assistance of concerned health functionaries to ensure accuracy and timely enrolment. As a re-

sult, 51 eligible beneficiaries were successfully registered under PMMVY across the three hospitals.

The staff of SANKALP-HEW Srinagar coordinated closely with medical officers, nursing staff, and frontline health workers to facilitate smooth implementation of the drive. Special emphasis was laid on ensuring proper documentation, Aadhaar seeding, and verification to avoid future grievances and delays in benefit disbursement.

The registration drive contributed significantly to improving awareness, strengthening institutional

convergence between the Social Welfare and Health Departments, and increasing the enrolment rate under PMMVY. The proactive support and cooperation of hospital authorities, health personnel, and field staff played a pivotal role in the successful conduct of the initiative.

Such drives will continue to be organized in the future to ensure maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries, promote maternal health and nutrition, and further strengthen the effective implementation of women-centric welfare schemes under Mission Shakti.

DC Baramulla chairs DLIC Meeting; Approves 458 cases under Mission Yuva Programme

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting of District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Baramulla at the DC office meeting hall and approved 458 fresh cases under the Mission YUVA programme.

At the outset, the chair was comprehensively briefed about the current status of the cases that were approved in previous DLIC meetings and several new cases of unemployed eligible youth in the district were presented to the Committee.

After thoroughly reviewing the cases, the DC approved 458 cases, thereby enabling them to explore



self-employment avenues to significantly improve their livelihoods.

Reviewing the implementation status, the DC reiterated the district administration's commitment to providing full institutional support to ensure seamless processing of ap-

plications and sustained handholding of aspiring entrepreneurs.

The DC also instructed the concerned departments and officers to fast-track the processing of applications and timely preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) so that

financial assistance reaches the beneficiaries without delay. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Director Employment, Baramulla; Lead District Manager; Cluster Head, J&K Bank; District General Manager, NABARD among others.

CUJ hosts National Financial Literacy Quiz

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Round of the prestigious National Financial Literacy Quiz (NFLQ)-2026 was conducted with great enthusiasm at Central University of Jammu (CUJ). The event saw active participation from a diverse cohort of students enrolled in Vocational Degree Programmes, as well as Management, Economics, and Engineering streams.

The NFLQ was organized under the esteemed patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The event was formally inaugu-

rated by Prof. A.K. Nanda, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Head, Department of HRM & OB, and Prof. Rakesh Jha, Head, Department of Electronics and Communication in presence of faculty members of Department of Economics.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Head, Department of HRM & OB, School of Business Studies CUJ apprised the gathering about The National Financial Literacy Quiz initiative being organized by National In-

stitute of Securities Market (NISM).

Prof. Rakesh Jha addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of participating in the national level competitions.

He informed that we are proud to have facilitated this event with the active support of our esteemed faculty members.

Earlier Prof. A K Nanda welcomed the gathering and informed that the quiz provided a dynamic platform for students to test and enhance their understanding of crucial financial concepts, including budgeting, investing, savings, and economic principles.