

## District admin Samba strengthens grassroots governance through Block Diwas initiative

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The District Administration Samba organized a comprehensive public grievance redressal camp under the Public Outreach programme at Panchayat Nai Kali, Papar Avtara in Block Nud today.

District Development Commissioner, Ayushi Sudam, presided over the camp and gave a patient hearing to issues raised by the local public in the presence of officers and district heads of the line departments.

Delegations from adjoining panchayats and local residents projected several pressing demands, seeking tap water connections, adequate power supply, main-



tenance and construction of rural roads and coverage of eligible families under social security schemes, along with various other local developmental concerns.

Taking cognizance of the demands, the DDC directed the concerned departments to undertake prompt action and ensure

time-bound redressal of grievances.

The DDC assured the public that each genuine issue would be addressed within a stipulated time-frame.

She sensitized the participants to online services being provided by different departments, while urging them to avail the benefits of

the government welfare schemes.

The programme was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development and officers and heads of the concerned line departments, witnessing active participation from local residents and PRI representatives.

He emphasized the importance of timely vaccination and adherence to health protocols to safeguard pilgrims during the sacred journey.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur, also interacted with the pilgrims and extended his best wishes for a safe and comfortable pilgrimage.

## DC inaugurates Vaccination Camp for Haj Pilgrims 2026 at GMC Doda

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Deputy Commissioner (DC), Harvinder Singh, today inaugurated the Haj Pilgrims Vaccination Camp-2026 at OPD Block of Government Medical College (GMC) Doda.

After the inauguration, the Deputy Commissioner Doda interacted with the Haj pilgrims, enquired about their preparedness for the pilgrimage and assessed the medical and other facilities being provided.

He emphasized the importance of timely vaccination and adherence to health protocols to safeguard pilgrims during the sacred journey.



The Deputy Commissioner Doda reviewed the arrangements put in place by the Health Department.

He directed the concerned officials to ensure that the requisite medical and logistical support is extended to the pilgrims in a timely and hassle-free manner.

A total of 90 Haj pilgrims were vaccinated at various designated centres across the district. These included 39 pilgrims at OPD block in GMC, 20 at CHC Bhaderwah and 31 at CHC Ganderh.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) informed that vac-

cines including OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine), QMMV (Quadrivalent Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine) and SIV (Seasonal Influenza Vaccine) were administered to the pilgrims to safeguard them against communicable diseases during the pilgrimage.

## Director Agriculture assesses operational efficiency of offices, Labs in Krishi Bhawan

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 05: Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta, today reviewed the functioning, attendance, cleanliness and operational efficiency of different sections and offices functioning under the Directorate of Agriculture at Krishi Bhawan.

The Director inspected Establishment section, Development, Plant Protection Officer, Planning, Accounts, Assistant Director

Law Enforcement, CSS, PMFBY, HADP, Information, Agriculture Chemist, office of Potato Development Officer, ASCO (I&P), Pesticide Laboratory, Fertilizer Laboratory, Soil Testing Laboratory and other premises of the Directorate.

While interacting with officers and staff, Anil Gupta emphasized the importance of discipline, accountability and efficiency

in departmental functioning. He issued a string of directions to strengthen administrative and technical performance.

Reviewing attendance and punctuality, the Director Agriculture directed all sections to ensure strict adherence to office timings. All sections were directed to maintain proper cleanliness in their respective offices. The Estate Officer was specifically directed to

ensure overall cleanliness of the Directorate premises and to undertake necessary repair and maintenance works.

Taking stock of lab operations, the Director Agriculture directed the Pesticide, Fertilizer and Soil Testing Laboratories to achieve their assigned targets within the stipulated time-frame and maintain high standards of technical efficiency.

tive.

Similar directions were issued to the departments of Education, ICDS, Social Welfare, RDD, Handloom, Health, NLRM and others to ensure maximum enrollment under the ABHA-ID Generation Programme in the district.

The meeting was attended by PO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; CDPO Inderpal Dr. Kuldeep Kumar; ARTO Tasleem Wani; AIC Mamta Sudershan; BDO Chandan Manhas; CDPO Rahil Lone; CMO Dr. Yudhvir Singh Kotwal; BMO Kishtwar Dr. Anil Sharma; BMO Dachan Dr. Sajjad Hussain, BMO Chatroo Dr. Saima Agoo, besides others.

Concerned officers to intensify awareness campaigns and expedite the registration process across all medical zones and blocks of the district.

Specific directions were issued to the ALC to ensure registration of the 10,000

labour union members associated with the hydroelectric power projects in the district, along with their family members.

The ARTO was directed to encourage drivers and transporters for enrolment under the ABHA ID initia-

DC Kathua reviews progress of Edu Sector works

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of Education sector works.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the ongoing works including asset creation works at Girls High School Billawar, GHSS Manhanpur, GHSS Macchedi and GHSS Kathera. He directed the concerned XEN PWD (R&B) Division to ensure removal of bottlenecks besides mobilising men and machinery to meet work timelines.

Issues relating to school buildings at GHSS Kharote and GMS Chak Sheikhan were also reviewed, with directions to the concerned departments for removing bottlenecks, if any.

Reviewing the status of works proposed for 2025-26, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the construction of girls' toi-



lets, building works at GHSS Sanangats and GHSS Roulka, and the remodeling of GHSS Hiranganagar. He directed the Executive Engineers to complete ongoing works under Samagra Shiksha and UT Capex within the stipulated time-

lines. The Deputy Commissioner further reviewed the allotment of a new building for the Deputy CEO Office-Billawar and modernization works at GHSS Nangrota Gujroo. The Zonal Education Officers were asked to closely monitor

the schools under their jurisdiction and ensure smooth academic functioning. CPO Ranjeet Thakur, ACD Akhil Sadotra, CEO Kewal Krishan, DEPO Anjana Manjali, AD Planning, XENs, ZEOs and other concerned.

## ADC Nowshera listens to public grievances at Sarya

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A public grievances redressal camp was organized in village border village Sarya of Nowshera Tehsil.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Pritam Lal Thapa along-with other officers from local administration listened to the public grievances.

A large number of residents from Sarya and Khamba villages participated in the camp and put forth their grievances related to revenue, rural development, power, water supply, health, education, roads, and other civic amenities.

Dr. Thapa directed the concerned officers for timely and effective resolution of genuine issues on priority. He emphasized the importance of such grievances redressal camps in bridging the gap between the administration and the public and ensuring responsive and transparent governance.



The ADC assured the public that all pending and unresolved issues highlighted during the camp would be taken up on priority and monitored closely for early disposal. He also urged the officers to remain accessible to the people and work with dedication to address public concerns.

The public appreciated

the initiative of the district administration and expressed satisfaction over the prompt response and assurances given by the officers during the camp.

## Officers imparted training on PMFBY Implementation, Claims Process

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A training programme on the implementation framework, scheme coverage and functioning of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was organised today at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo.

The programme, presided over by Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta, aimed at sensitizing officers to the use of digital platforms related to the scheme and its operational procedures for effective implementation of PMFBY.

The programme was attended by Joint Director Agriculture Extension Jammu Sanjay Anand, SMS (RL) Krishan Kant; PMFBY Nodal Officer (Directorate of Agriculture Jammu) Anirudh Bhat, DAOs (Extension) from all districts, besides district-level PMFBY users, officers and staff of the Agriculture Department. All Chief Officers joined the training through VC.

State Head, IndusInd General Insurance, Mahavir Singh Rawat, State Head, Bajaj General Insurance, Sonu Kashyap and other



staff members were also present.

The Director Agriculture Jammu emphasised the need for capacity building, inter-departmental coordination and strict adherence to operational guidelines to ensure timely and effective implementation of PMFBY.

Nodal Officer Anirudh Bhat delivered a detailed presentation on various aspects of the scheme, including coverage under the

scheme, Farmer Corner, risk coverage, functioning of the National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP), operational procedures, and the role and responsibilities of district-level committees in ensuring effective implementation of the scheme.

Sonu Kashyap conducted a technical session on crop loss assessment through CLAP Portal, elaborating on the methodology and procedures for conducting crop

loss surveys under PMFBY. He highlighted the importance of accurate field assessment and timely reporting to ensure transparency and efficiency in claim settlement.

The training programme concluded with an interactive discussion and a call for proactive engagement by all stakeholders to further improve implementation of PMFBY at the grassroots level.

tional District Development Commissioner (ADD), Surinder Mohan Sharma chaired the meeting.

Detailed deliberations were held on the proposed Scale of Finance for the agriculture and allied sectors, keeping in view prevailing input

costs and district-specific requirements.

After due consideration, the Committee approved the proposed Scale of Finance for FY 2026-27 considering the recommendations placed before the committee ensuring their practicality and alignment with

ground realities.

The meeting was attended by CAO, (Member Secretary), (Convenor), Gopal Singh from JCC Bank Kathua, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, AD Fisheries, Floriculture Officer and Lead District Manager (LDM), among other Officers.

## DLTC Kathua approves Scale of Finance for FY 2026-27

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The District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) Kathua met today to discuss and approve the Scale of Finance for the Financial Year 2026-27. Addi-