

# DC Bandipora visits Shardha Mata Mandir Kaloosa, Shiv Mandir Ajar

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib on Saturday visited Shardha Mata Mandir Kaloosa and Shiv Mandir Ajar to review facilities and interact with members of the Pandit community. The visit aimed at assessing the on-ground requirements and ensuring better amenities for devotees and local residents.

During her visit to Shiv Mandir Ajar, the Deputy Commissioner held detailed interactions with the community members, who raised various issues including approach road access, drainage and other civic concerns. She gave a patient hearing to the members and assured them that all genuine issues would be addressed on priority with full support from the district administration.

At Shardha Mata Mandir Kaloosa, the Deputy Commissioner also interacted with devotees and commu-



nity representatives, who apprised her of their concerns and requirements. She appreciated the efforts of the community in preserving religious and cultural traditions and reiterated the administration's commitment towards facilitating necessary improvements at religious places.

The community members expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for her visit and personally listening to their issues.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Tehsildar Bandipora, AEE R&B Bandipora and other concerned officers during the visit.

Bandipora Admin, NHPC Sign MoU for CSR Activities

**BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 07:** The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), Kisanganga Power Station on Saturday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with District Administration Bandipora allocating 72.77 crore under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities for the financial year 2025-26, focusing on key developmental sectors including health, education, rural development, sports, sanitation and disaster management.

The MoU was signed by Head of the Project (HoP) Rajesh Ranjan on behalf of NHPC and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib on behalf of the District Administration.

Under the CSR initiative, NHPC allocated funds for various developmental works, with a major share earmarked for strengthening health and nutrition infrastructure.

The approved projects included procurement of advanced medical equipment such as a floor-mounted full DR X-ray unit, advanced CTG machine, dialysis machines, anesthesia workstation, surgical microscope, CBC hematology analyzer and other health-related facilities. Besides, the MoU also covered construction of school infrastructure, sports facility upgradation, construction of viewpoints and footbridges, water management works, and support for disaster mitigation measures across the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that CSR initiatives should not be taken lightly or for granted and stressed that the foremost priority must be ensuring proper and effective utilisation of resources. She highlighted that CSR interventions should be ecosystem conservation-based and aligned with sustainable development goals while addressing community needs.

# DC Kupwara reviews progress under Agriculture and allied sectors

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Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Suse today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee to review the progress under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Jammu and Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement in Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) and other allied schemes.

The meeting was aimed to evaluate and approve eligible applications received from various Agriculture and Allied Departments.

It was informed that 566 cases were approved under HADP, which include 239 cases of Agriculture, 66 of Horticulture, 30 of Sericulture, 4 of Horticulture Planning, 78 of Animal Husbandry, 5 of Fisheries Department and 144 of Sheep Husbandry.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the implementation



of various PMMSY components in the district, which include establishment of live fish vending centres, installation of fish kiosks, procurement of three wheelers equipped with ice boxes and replacement of boats and nets for fishermen. Accordingly, 12 cases of Fisheries Department were approved under PMMSY and 171 cases of IDDS were also approved.

Under JKCIP, 367 cases were approved. The approved beneficiaries will be extended assistance for installation of borewells, cultivation of aromatic species, shallot, hill garlic, mush-

room, saffron area expansion, development of high-yield orchards, solar fencing, construction of sheep sheds, supply of trolleys and other modern interventions aimed at improving productivity and sustainability.

The DC said that the HADP marks a significant step towards improving farmers' access to modern infrastructure, sustainable practices and diversified income avenues. He added that agriculture and allied sectors are the backbone of the rural economy and interventions like these are instrumental in providing di-

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to facilitate speedy implementation of approved cases and provide handholding support to all the beneficiaries. He specifically directed them to focus on establishment of units after approval and proper tracking of the same.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Parvez Ahmad Lone and concerned district officers.

# DC Bandipora presides over DLC under PMMSY; Fisheries units approved through Draw of Lots

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District Level Steering Committee (DLC) under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) today conducted a draw of lots under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib on behalf of the District Administration.



The Committee also approved two Fish Kiosks out of three eligible applicants from among nine applications received, besides finalizing one Live Fish Vending Centre through draw of lots among three eligible applicants, with six applications having been received for the category.

Similarly, 07 Three Wheelers with Ice Box units were approved out of 60 eligible applicants, while 71 applications had been received initially.

District Level Steering Committee for final approval through a transparent draw of lots process.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that PMMSY is aimed at promoting sustainable growth of the fisheries sector by strengthening infrastructure, improving marketing avenues, and enhancing income generation opportunities for fishermen.

On the occasion, the DC emphasized that transparent selection ensures equal opportunity and urged the beneficiaries to make optimum use of the assistance provided under the scheme.

Officers from concerned departments, members of the committee, progressive fish farmers, applicants, and other stakeholders were present on the occasion.

# Budgam Admin concludes 3-Day 'Naqsh-e-Meeras' Workshop with Cultural Grandeur at NIFT

**BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 07:** The three-day cultural and heritage workshop "Naqsh-e-Meeras" today concluded with a grand Valedictory Session at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Budgam, marking the successful culmination of a flagship initiative aimed at preserving, promoting and revitalising the traditional arts and crafts of Jammu & Kashmir.

The workshop was organised by the District Administration Budgam in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Regional Centre Jammu Kashmir, and the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Budgam.

The valedictory function



was Chaired by Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat.

Besides, Regional Director IGNCA, Shruti Awasthi, other officers from IGNCA, Director NIFT, Prof. Dr. Monika Gupta, the event was attended by senior district officers including General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) Budgam, Zahid Rashid; Sub Divisional Magistrate Beerwah, Taufiq Gazi; Chief Planning Officer Budgam, Javaid Ahmad Najar; Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Budgam, Bilal Ahmad; Chief Education Officer Budgam, Rifaat Irfan; District Information Officer Budgam, Iram Khan; Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Beerwah, Zamir Lone, and other senior offi-

cers of the district administration.

Also, large participation was recorded from students of various schools and colleges, local youth, traditional artisans, Self Help Groups, craftspeople and members of the general public, reflecting strong community engagement and growing interest in heritage preservation.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that Budgam district is widely recognised as the cradle of craftsmanship in Kashmir, with a deep-rooted legacy of traditional arts and crafts that have been nurtured over centuries. He said that a large section of the population in Budgam is directly or indirectly associated with one craft or another.

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UDHAMPUR PUBLIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council Udhampur informs all residents, households, contractors, builders, and commercial establishments that proper management of Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste is mandatory under the C&D Waste Management Rules, 2016. To ensure scientific and systematic disposal of C&D waste, the ULB has established designated C&D Waste Collection Centers in various wards.

### 1. User Charges for C&D Waste

The following user charges for collection, transportation, processing and disposal of C&D waste have been notified and enforced by the ULB:

- \* Small Vehicle (up to 1 ton): Rs 500 per trip
- \* Medium Vehicle (2-3 ton): Rs 1000 per trip
- \* Large Vehicle (5-6 ton): Rs 2000 per trip

### 2. Penalty for Illegal Dumping of C&D Waste

Illegal dumping of C&D waste on roadsides, open areas, drains, water bodies, vacant land, or any public place is strictly prohibited. Violations shall invite the following penalties:

- \* 1st Offense: Rs 2,000 (Households) / Rs 10,000 (Commercial/Contractors)
- \* 2nd Offense: Rs 5,000 (Households) / Rs 25,000 (Commercial/Contractors)

Further violations may lead to additional enforcement action as per applicable rules.

### 3. C&D Waste Collection & Transportation

ULB-authorized vehicles are available for scheduled pickup of C&D waste. Citizens shall book services only through the official helpline.

### 4. C&D Waste Helpline

Official Land Line Number(Helpline):01992294400

### 5. Appeal to Citizens

The ULB urges all residents to dispose of C&D waste responsibly and support clean, safe, and sustainable waste management practices.

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Municipal Council  
Udhampur