

DC hands over sanction orders under Karkhandar scheme in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today handed over sanction orders to beneficiaries under the Karkhandar scheme in the presence of Assistant Director, Handicrafts and Handloom Department Udhampur, Joginder Mangol.

The sanction orders were issued in favour of Shipali Sharma, Master Trainer Udhampur and Sanjay Kumar of Tandar (Chenani) for skill upgradation and the promotion of the traditional Chamba embroidery craft in Udhampur district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the objectives of the scheme, stating that it primarily aims to empower artisans, enhance their skills and strengthen the livelihoods



of craftsmen through structured interventions. She emphasised that such initiatives play a significant role in the revival and preservation of tradi-

tional crafts while promoting sustainable self-employment opportunities.

The DC interacted with the beneficiaries, encour-

aging them to make optimal use of the assistance provided and extending best wishes for their continued success in promoting the craft.

DC Ramban reviews arrangements for Mahashivratri celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting with representatives of religious organisations to review arrangements for the festival of Mahashivratri.

The objective was to ensure smooth, safe and harmonious celebrations across the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, Tehsildar Ramban, Executive Engineers of JPDCL and Jal Shakti, Dy SP Operations, Chief Executive Officers of Municipal Committees and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner informed the meeting that all necessary arrangements, including civil and security measures, have been put in place by the concerned departments



in line with the directions issued during earlier meetings.

To maintain sanitation and hygiene, all Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Municipal Committees were instructed to ensure cleanliness in and around temples. The Assistant Di-

rector, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) was asked to conduct joint market inspections with Revenue, Police and other departments to monitor quality, prevent overpricing and ensure adequate availability of essential commodi-

ties, LPG cylinders and other food items.

The Executive Engineer, JPDCL, was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply during Mahashivratri, while the Jal Shakti Department was asked to maintain regular water supply and deploy water tankers wherever required.

The Chief Medical Officer was instructed to ensure the availability of ambulances, adequate medical staff and essential medicines during religious processions and celebrations. Meanwhile, Fire and Emergency Services was directed to deploy fire tenders at key religious locations to ensure a prompt response in case of emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner resolved issues highlighted by representatives of religious organisations on the spot by issuing necessary directions to the concerned officers.

76 Bn CRPF observes seventh anniversary of Pulwama terror attack

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The 76 Bn CRPF today solemnly observed the seventh death anniversary of the martyrs of the Pulwama terror attack as "Remembrance Day" at its Headquarters in Gangyal, Jammu.

On February 14, 2019, the nation witnessed one of the most heinous terrorist attacks when a vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (IED) struck a CRPF convoy on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway near Lethpora, Pulwama. The attack resulted in the supreme sacrifice of 40 valiant CRPF personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The 76 Bn CRPF lost five of its brave personnel in the attack: Shaheed HC/GD Naseer Ahmed, Shaheed HC/DVR Jaimal



Singh, Shaheed CT/GD Rohtas Lamba, Shaheed CT/GD Sukhjinder Singh and Shaheed CT/Bugler Tilak Raj.

A solemn wreath-laying

ceremony was organised at the Battalion Headquarters today, wherein Commandant 76 Bn CRPF Vezoto Tinyi, Second-in-Command

Jayram Prasad, Second-in-Command Sangeeta Chouhan, Assistant Commandant Anil Kumar and other officers paid homage to the martyrs.

Pulwama Martyrs Day observed with solemn tribute at Town Hall Doda

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Pulwama Martyrs Day was observed with solemnity and patriotic fervour at Town Hall, Doda, where the District Administration, in collaboration with the NGO Tejass Ek Pahal Foundation, civil society members, students and citizens, paid heartfelt tributes to the brave martyrs who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

The programme was organised by Tejass Ek Pahal Foundation under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh and the supervision of NGO Chairman Akash Parihar. The event was led by District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal, DC Doda Harvinder Singh, SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar Mehta, DDC Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda Din Mohd Afaqi and Chief Education Officer (CEO) Doda Bhushan Kumar Pathak. The dignitaries paid tributes to the martyrs by lighting traditional lamps, laying floral wreaths and observing a two-minute silence.

Students and participants presented patriotic songs, speeches and cultural performances, remembering the supreme sacrifice of the martyrs and reaffirming their commitment to the nation. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of various government and private schools, volunteers and citizens.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries underscored the importance of



patriotism, unity, discipline and national integrity. They urged the youth to draw inspiration from the courage, dedication and selfless service of the martyrs and to contribute positively towards nation-building, social harmony and community welfare. As part of the observance, a students' rally was organised, commencing from Town Hall Doda and passing through Tondwah, Clock Tower and the DC Office Doda before culminating back at the Town Hall. Participants carried placards and raised patriotic slogans to honour the martyrs and spread messages of unity, peace and responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO Doda Bhushan Kumar Pathak paid tribute to the martyrs and delivered an address urging students to actively promote awareness about the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. He encouraged everyone to participate in the e-pledge campaign against drug abuse.

SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar Mehta lauded the efforts of the organisers and paid homage to the martyrs and their families. He urged citizens, especially the youth, to perform their fundamental duties with honesty, integrity and dedication.

Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh appreciated the role of the NGO in organising the observance. He highlighted that the country's unity and integrity have played a vital role in preserving a strong India. He also expressed condolences over the re-

cent loss of soldiers in road accidents in Bhaderwah and informed that the Indian Army is organising a Snow Marathon as a tribute to the fallen soldiers. He urged the people to work collectively for the development of the nation.

The Chief Guest, DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal, delivered a patriotic address, paying tributes to the martyrs. He appreciated the leadership of the Prime Minister in making the nation proud globally. He urged people to honour the sacrifices of the martyrs and paid homage to all those who lost their lives during militancy-related incidents. He further called upon citizens to safeguard youth from the menace of drug abuse and contribute to environmental conservation.

IDSP training for PRIs & healthcare workers held at Doda

DODA, FEBRUARY 14:

A one-day Capacity Building Training cum Sensitisation Programme for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and healthcare workers on the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) was organised at Government Nursing College Doda.

The programme was organised by the District Surveillance Unit (IDSP) Doda under the banner of the District Health Society, Doda.

The aim of the programme was to strengthen disease surveillance at the grassroots level by enhancing coordination between PRIs and the Health Department. It focused on ensuring early detection of unusual health events, timely reporting, rapid response to outbreaks and effective implementation of IDSP across the district.

Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal, Vice Chairperson DDC Doda Sangeeta Bhagat, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Doda Dr Tanveer Ahmed Rather and Block Medical Officer (BMO) Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor were present on the occasion.

The event was attended by DDC members, former Chairman and Vice Chairman of Municipal Committee Doda, former Block Development Council Chairpersons, former Sarpanches and former Ward Members of Municipal Committees, besides



ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators from various medical blocks of the district.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by CMO Doda Dr Tanveer Ahmed Rather, who briefed the participants about the objectives and importance of IDSP in strengthening public health surveillance and community participation.

Technical sessions were conducted by Dr Nasir Masood Indrabi, Dr Sonali Gupta and Epidemiologist Umar Anayat. They delivered detailed lectures on

outbreak preparedness and response, community-based surveillance, reporting mechanisms, data management and the critical role of PRIs and healthcare workers in early warning and public health action.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman DDC Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal appreciated the efforts of the Health Department in organising the programme. He emphasised that PRIs play a crucial role as a bridge between the administration and the commu-

nity and assured full support in strengthening disease surveillance and public health initiatives.

Vice Chairperson DDC Doda Sangeeta Bhagat highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in safeguarding public health. She urged PRI members and healthcare workers to work in close coordination for effective disease prevention and awareness at the grassroots level.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Faizan A Tramboo.

Health-cum-awareness camp on TB organised at Jammu bus stand

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14:

On the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivratri, a health-cum-awareness camp was organised at Prapajati Mandir, Bus Stand, by the NGO Diva International in collaboration with the State TB Cell Jammu and District TB Control Society Jammu.

The camp aimed to raise public awareness about Tuberculosis (TB), its prevention, early diagnosis, the importance of completing treatment and nutrition. A team of healthcare professionals conducted free health check-ups, provided on-the-spot counselling and distributed Informa-



tion, Education and Communication (IEC) materials regarding TB to devotees and the general public visiting the temple.

The team included State Tuberculosis Officer (STO) Jammu Dr Jyoti Jolly, IEC Officer Seema Sharma,

District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) Jammu Dr Anu Saloch, Medical Officer Dr Meenakshi, Senior Treatment Lab Supervisor (STLS) Surjeet Singh, PPM Coordinator Deepak Sharma and TB Health Visitor (TBHV) Subash.

Officials emphasised the importance of community participation in eliminating TB and encouraged people to seek timely medical advice if they experience symptoms such as persistent cough, fever or weight loss.