

Commissioner SMC reviews Scientific Waste Processing at Achan Facility

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Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Achan Dumping Facility to assess ongoing solid waste management operations and ensure strict adherence to scientific processing and disposal standards.

During the visit, the Commissioner undertook a detailed review of the entire waste management chain, from source-level segregation and material recovery to mechanical processing, engineered landfill operations, and environmental compliance mechanisms. He examined the functioning of leachate management systems, landfill engineering practices, environmental monitoring protocols, and the progress achieved under legacy waste bio-remediation and phased site reclamation initiatives.

Emphasizing full compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules and established environmental norms, the Commissioner directed officials to strengthen scientific waste processing through



systematic segregation, resource recovery, bio-processing, and controlled landfill management. He underscored the importance of strict environmental safeguards, efficient utilization of machinery, real-time data-driven monitoring, and continuous operational upgrades to minimize ecological im-

pact and safeguard public health. Reaffirming SMC's commitment to transforming waste management infrastructure in Srinagar, the Commissioner stated that targeted and time-bound interventions will be undertaken to enhance processing capacity, modernize infrastructure, and ensure environmentally

compliant disposal practices at the Achan facility. He stressed that sustainable and technology-driven waste management remains a core priority for the Corporation.

Senior officers and officials of the concerned departments accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection.

DM Bandipora reviews Anti-Drug Measures at NCORD Meet

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District Magistrate (DM) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a virtual meeting of the District-Level NCORD Committee to review the measures taken to curb drug abuse and related illegal activities in the district.

During the meeting, the DM called for strict and consistent enforcement by all concerned departments and stressed the need for greater coordination to effectively tackle the drug menace.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ajaz Ahmad Zargar, presented a detailed account of recent initiatives undertaken by the police, including detentions under the PIT NDPS Act, action in identified hotspots, and registration of new cases.

Officials from the Excise Department reported on the eradication of poppy cultivation and wild cannabis, regular naka operations and inspections. The DM directed the department to furnish details of religious sermons delivered as part of awareness efforts and to further strengthen community-based sensitization initiatives.

The Drug Control De-



partment shared updates on inspections carried out, installation of CCTV cameras and computerized billing systems at medical establishments, issuance of notices, suspension of licences, and monitoring of courier services.

The DM directed the Assistant Drug Controller to ensure close coordination with the Police Department, actively participate in Thana Diwas programmes, and conduct thorough inspections with proper sharing of data for effective monitoring.

The Deputy Director Prosecution briefed the committee on the status of NDPS cases, including pending trials, acquittals, and bail matters.

The ARTO Bandipora informed the meeting about suspension of driving licences and issuance of

show-cause notices. The DM took stock of the action taken against the driving licences of offenders and directed the ARTO and Health Department to treat the matter with seriousness and ensure timely action in all such cases. A representative from the Addiction Treatment Facility Bandipora also shared details regarding registrations and ongoing treatment services.

The DM further directed the Principals of Government Degree Colleges to closely monitor the functioning of CCTV cameras within college premises as well as in peripheral areas to ensure strict vigilance and prevent any drug-related activities. Emphasizing coordinated action and regular review, the DM urged all officers to work proactively and re-

sponsibly to make Bandipora free from the menace of drugs.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Bandipora; ADC Bandipora; Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau Srinagar; Secretary, DLSA Bandipora; Deputy Director Prosecution Bandipora; ACD Bandipora; Deputy DEO Bandipora; SDM Sumbal/Gurez; Principals of GDC Bandipora, Sumbal, Ajas, Hajin, Gurez and Tulail; CMO Bandipora; CAO Bandipora; MS DH Bandipora; DIO Bandipora; Assistant Drug Controller Bandipora; DYSSO Bandipora; Tehsilddars; DySP CID (SB) Bandipora; District Officer, Excise and Taxation Department Bandipora; MO, ATF Bandipora; and other concerned officers through virtual mode.

DC Budgam inaugurates Hybrid Learning System at BHSS Kanir

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, today inaugurated the newly installed Hybrid Learning System at Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS) Kanir, marking a significant milestone in the district's mission to strengthen technology-enabled and inclusive education.

On the occasion, the DC also delivered an inaugural academic lecture to the students of BHSS Kanir on the Periodic Table and Semiconductors, highlighting the importance of scientific temperament and conceptual clarity in foundational subjects. The session, conducted through the hybrid platform, demonstrated the practical utility of the system in enabling high-quality, interactive learning.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Chief Education Officer, along with other officials and faculty members.

The hybrid learning initiative represents a transformative step towards modernization of the education sector in Budgam. With the launch of this system, more than 15 schools across the district have been successfully connected through an innovative digital platform.

Additionally, 55 ICT laboratories established in various schools have been integrated with the hybrid smart classroom learning system, substantially enhancing the district's digital education infrastructure.

The Hybrid Learning System operates on a Hub-and-Spoke model, wherein centralized studios (Hubs) equipped with advanced digital infrastructure enable subject experts and best-performing teachers to deliver live lectures. These lectures are relayed in real time to connect schools with a two-way communication interface, allowing



students to interact directly with teachers, ask questions, and actively participate in discussions.

This model ensures optimal utilization of expert faculty and equitable academic access across geographically dispersed institutions.

During the visit, the DC interacted with students both virtually through the hybrid interface and physically with those present on campus. Students enthusiastically shared their experiences, aspirations, and feedback regarding the new system.

To ensure measurable academic progress, a Learning Management System (LMS) software has also been integrated with the hybrid platform. The LMS will facilitate monitoring of attendance, tracking of lesson delivery, assessment of student performance, and measurement of learning outcomes through structured digital evaluation tools, thereby strengthening accountability and outcome-based education. The DC underscored the importance of effective utilization of digital infrastructure and impressed upon the concerned authorities the need for regular monitoring, teacher training, and capacity building to fully realize

the platform's potential. He directed that periodic evaluations be conducted to assess operational efficiency and measurable academic impact. He further stated that continuity of education, particularly during challenging circumstances, remains a priority for the district administration. The hybrid setup was described as a proactive and resilient mechanism designed to safeguard uninterrupted learning while building a future-ready education ecosystem. The DC reiterated that sustained efforts are being made to create an educational environment where innovation, inclusivity, and quality go hand in hand, equipping students with the necessary skills and opportunities to thrive in an increasingly digital and competitive world. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of BHSS Kanir expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for facilitating the installation of the Hybrid Learning System and for delivering an inspiring academic lecture to the stu-

dent Singh, particularly in infrastructure development, strengthening of public service delivery, promotion of tourism and effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level.

and appointed as Director Employment Jammu and Kashmir. The event witnessed the presence of DDC Chairperson Dhananter Singh, Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat, DDC members, senior officers from the line departments, representatives from the civil society, senior citizens and staff members. Speakers highlighted the developmental initiatives undertaken under the guidance of Harvin-

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DC Budgam launches 'e-Nigrani App' CDMIS for Real-Time Monitoring of Development Works across District

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 23: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, today launched the 'e-Nigrani App', a Constituency Development Management Information System (CDMIS), developed for effective management and real-time monitoring of development projects across the Assembly Constituencies of District Budgam.

The 'e-Nigrani App' (CDMIS) has been conceptualized as a dedicated digital portal to streamline tracking, supervision, and reporting of constituency-level developmental works. The system aims to establish stronger coordination between Government officials and Legislators, ensuring efficient execution and timely completion of projects.

On the occasion, the DC



said that the digital platform has been introduced to bring greater transparency and accountability in implementation of developmental works. Through this system, Legislators will be enabled to monitor ongoing projects in their respective Assembly Constituencies in a structured and systematic manner. The DC further informed that the portal has been designed to collect, compile, and securely store detailed information related to development projects, in-

cluding project descriptions, funding sources, implementing agencies, timelines, financial allocations, and progress reports. Real-time monitoring features have been incorporated into the system to facilitate continuous oversight and minimize delays. IST was highlighted that the CDMIS based 'e-Nigrani App' will streamline communication between departments and public representatives, promote better planning, and support data-driven decision-making.

The platform is expected to significantly enhance transparency in project implementation and strengthen institutional monitoring mechanisms across the district.

"With the launch of the 'e-Nigrani App', District Budgam has taken another step towards technology-driven governance and efficient delivery of developmental initiatives," said the DC.

The launch ceremony was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Budgam, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Executive Engineer R&B, District Informatics Officer (DIO) NIC, and other senior district officers of the district.

Bandipora Admin conducts IEC awareness Programmes under Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan across Panchayats

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Continuing its intensified campaign under the Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan, the District Administration Bandipora today conducted a series of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) awareness programmes across multiple Panchayat Halqas of the district.

The programmes were organized in Panchayats including Ajas-D (Hajin), Markundal (Naidkhai), Nowgam-B (Nowgam), Naninara (Sumbal), Ashatngoo Ghat (Aloosa), C.A. Khan (Arin), Brar-Gundi Dachina (Bandipora), Bonakoot-A (Bonakoot), and Gund Khalail (Ganasan). The events were coordinated by the respective Panchayat Secretaries in their designated Panchayat Halqas.

A multi-departmental team comprising officials from Health, Police, Education, Social Welfare (DDAC), Youth Services & Sports, JKNRMS, and Excise & Taxation departments participated in the programmes. During the sessions, Resource persons from these



departments delivered awareness lectures and interacted with participants to sensitize them about the growing menace of substance abuse. A similar anti-drug awareness programme was held at Bus Adda Nusso by the Assistant Regional Transport

Office (ARTO) Bandipora, wherein drivers, conductors and commuters were sensitized about the ill effects of drug abuse and the legal consequences associated with the transportation and consumption of narcotic substances. The programmes witnessed ac-

tive participation from local residents, youth, and members of the community, who engaged in meaningful discussions and reiterated their commitment to making their respective Panchayats drug-free under the ongoing Nasha Mukht JK Abhiyan.

Doda admin bids farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner

DODA, FEBRUARY 23: District administration Doda on Monday accorded a warm and heartfelt farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner (DC), Harvinder Singh. Singh has been transferred

and appointed as Director Employment Jammu and Kashmir. The event witnessed the presence of DDC Chairperson Dhananter Singh, Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat, DDC members, senior officers from the line departments, representatives from the civil society, senior citizens and staff members. Speakers highlighted the developmental initiatives undertaken under the guidance of Harvin-

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