DC Srinagar inspects commissioning of 10 MVA Receiving Station for GMC

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with the Principal, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, Prof. Iffat Hassan Shah today inspected commissioning of 10 MVA Receiving Station for Associated Hospitals under GMC.

Administrator GMC Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Chief Engineer SSCL, Ab Qayoom Kirmani, Executive Engineers from KPDCL, R&B,and other senior officers of the District Administration and GMC Srinagar were present in the spot review.

During the visit, the DC and the Principal GMC lauded the concerned Officers and Engineers for timely commissioning of the recieving station which will augment the uninterrupted & seamless power supply of SMHS hospital, Super Speciality hospital, Dental College and Nursing College under the GMC Srinagar, ensuring improved healthcare services and operational efficiency.

During the visit, the DC and the Principal lauded the officers and engineers for the timely commissioning of the receiving station. The new 10 MVA facility is expected to significantly augment uninterrupted power supply to SMHS Hospital, Super Speciality Hospital Shireen Bagh, as well as the Dental College and Nursing College under GMC Srinagar.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that three 11kv outgoing feeders are emanating from newly commissioned receiving station to ensure reliable, smooth and uninterrupted power supply to these dedicated major Health facilities in Srinagar.

The DC & the Principal, GMC also inspected the Hostel block of GMC for its development, landscaping and improved lighting.

The DC assured the GMC administration of all possible support from the District Administration to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improve patient care and service delivery, especially of issues, that require inter-departmental coordination at district level with the objective of enhancing the functionality of all associated hospitals.

Devyani leads Youth Empowerment Drive; dozens from Nagrota secure placements in prestigious Hotels & Restaurants

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In a proud and celebratory moment for Nagrota Assembly Constituency, dozens young boys and girls from Panchayats Barn, Seri Panditan, and Lower Jandyal have successfully secured placements in prestigious hospitality establishments and Restaurants across India after completing a 45-day free-of-cost training programme.

The selected candidates have been placed at reputed properties including Sarovar Hotels (Chandigarh), Welcome Hotel by ITC Hotels (Delhi), Holiday Inn (Katra), Lords Hotels & Resorts (Jammu), Vivanta Jammu, Eden, and Pracheen Indian Restaurant. The candidates will be serving in the Food & Beverage (F&B) and Front Office departments, marking a significant step forward in their professional careers.

The achievement was celebrated during the Batch Closing Ceremony of the Oberoi CSR – Arc Hospitality Institute Training Programme, conducted under the aegis of Arc Hospitality Institute as part of a dedicated skill development initiative spearheaded by Ms. Devyani Rana, MLA Nagrota. The programme was specially designed to provide free professional training to local youth, enabling them to access employment opportunities in the rapidly growing hospitality sector.

The journey began at Panchayat Ghar Ghaink in the Amb Gharota area of Nagrota Constituency, where expert trainers from Arc Hospitality conducted structured classes, practical sessions, and field visits. Over the course of 45 days, the trainees received intensive hands-on exposure and classroom instruction designed to build both technical and soft skills essential for the hospitality industry.

Addressing these candidates along with the parents during the Batch closing Ceremony, Ms. Devyani Rana stated that the ceremony is the proud commencement of promising careers for these young participants from Nagrota." She described their success as an inspiration for others and encouraged more youth to come forward and take advantage of similar opportunities.

Congratulating the selected candidates, she extended her heartfelt best wishes for their bright future. She reiterated that skill development and employment generation remain among her highest priorities, emphasizing that empowering youth through professional training is essential for strengthening the socio-economic fabric of the constituency.

Ms. Rana further informed that this initiative marks only the beginning of many such programmes to follow.

She assured that more free, employment-oriented skill development initiatives will soon be launched across Nagrota Constituency to benefit a larger section of youth. She underlined her continuous endeavour to ensure that every young individual recognizes their potential and utilizes their abilities to build a secure and successful future while contributing meaningfully to society.

Speaking on the occasion, Chitwan Khorana, Director of Arc Hospitality Institute, congratulated the candidates and appreciated their dedication throughout the training period. She reaffirmed the institute's commitment to delivering quality education, hands-on training, and industry-oriented learning experiences to help youth build rewarding careers in hospitality.

Commissioner JMC inspects civic amenities in 63 & 65 Wards

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Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav today conducted an extensive inspection of 63 and 65 Wards to take first-hand stock of the civic issues raised by locals, particularly concerning sanitation, cleaning of streets and drains and the construction of new drainage infrastructure.

During his visit to Ward No. 63, Chinor, the Commissioner inspected the condition of the major storm water drain after receiving complaints from residents that it frequently overflows during the rainy season.

Locals informed him that the overflowing drain not only disrupts daily life but also causes water logging, damage to adjoining properties and nearby roads and lanes.

Taking note of the grievances, Dr. Yadav directed the concerned engineering wing to conduct a detailed technical assessment of the existing storm water drain and identify the causes of overflow. He instructed the Executive Engineer to prepare a comprehensive estimate for strengthening and remodeling the drainage system to ensure smooth flow of rainwater and prevent future incidents of flooding.

The Commissioner also reviewed the overall sanitation scenario in the area, including the cleanliness of streets, lanes and public spaces. He emphasized regular desilting of drains before the onset of the monsoon season to avoid water logging and public inconvenience.

In Ward No. 65, covering Bantalab, Barnai and Ganganagar, residents apprised the Commissioner of the lack of adequate drainage in several localities. They urged the JMC to construct new drains and improve existing street infrastructure to address chronic water stagnation issues. Responding promptly, Dr. Yadav directed the Executive Engineer to prepare a detailed project report and cost estimate for the construction of new drains and improvement of streets in the affected areas. He stressed on giving priority to areas facing severe water logging and sanitation challenges.

The Commissioner further instructed Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma to intensify sanitation drives in both wards and ensure regular cleaning of drains and streets. He also directed strict monitoring of sanitation workers' attendance and deployment to maintain accountability and efficiency in service delivery.

Deputy Commissioner South JMC, Sanjay Badiyal, Executive Engineer, Rajesh Kumar, Chief Transport Officer, Ranjan Sharma and other senior officers and officials of the Corporation accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection. The team interacted with residents at multiple locations to understand ground realities and assure them of timely action.

IIM initiates 5-day Entrepreneurship Development Program to Nurture Young Innovators

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The Indian Institute of Management Jammu, under the Office of the Development Commissioner (DC), MSME, New Delhi, Government of India, inaugurated a five-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) / Management Development Programme (MDP) on 23rd Feb 2026 for Entrepreneurs titled Nurturing Young Entrepreneurs at Government Maulana Azad Memorial College, the designated nodal college for the IIC Hub of Cluster University of Jammu.

The programme is being conducted from 23rd to 27th February 2026 under the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) scheme and is fully funded and supported by the Office of the Development Commissioner (DC), MSME, New Delhi, Government of India. It aims to strengthen entrepreneurial competencies, foster innovation-driven thinking, and build managerial capabilities among aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs, in alignment with the national MSME development agenda.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Ms. Ankur Mahajan, JKAS, Registrar, Cluster University of Jammu, who formally inaugurated the program. In her address, she highlighted the transformative role of the MSME sector in India's economic growth and emphasized that structured capacity-building initiatives supported by the Office of DC-MSME are crucial for nurturing youth-led enterprises. She appreciated the collaborative efforts of IIM Jammu and the Ministry of MSME in empowering students with practical entrepreneurial competencies aligned with national development priorities.

Prof. Archana Koul, Principal, Government M.A.M. College Jammu, welcomed the dignitaries and participants and underscored the importance of institutional partnerships with national bodies such as the Office of the DC-MSME, Government of India, in strengthening the regional startup ecosystem. She expressed gratitude to IIM Jammu and the Ministry of MSME for facilitating a high-impact entrepreneurship program at the institution.

The program has witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) representatives from constituent colleges of Cluster University Jammu, including:

Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, S.P.M.R College of Commerce, Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Government College of Education Canal Road, School of Social Sciences Cluster University Jammu, Along with the host institution, Government M.A.M. College, Jammu. Over the five-day schedule, expert-led sessions will comprehensively cover key dimensions of entrepreneurship, including idea generation and validation, innovation through technology, understanding startup financials, evaluating business pitches, growth and pivot strategies, and personal branding for entrepreneurs. The curriculum framework has been carefully designed in alignment with the objectives of the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) scheme of the Office of DC-MSME, ensuring that participants gain both conceptual clarity and actionable insights for venture creation and scaling.

The initiative is being coordinated by the incubation team of IIM Jammu comprising of Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu; Mr. Kannav Padha, Manager - Incubation (DST iTBI, IIM Jammu), Ms. Druvi Sharma, Deputy Manager (DST iTBI, IIM Jammu), and Ms. Anjali Goswami, Assistant Manager (DST iTBI, IIM Jammu).

Through sustained support from the Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), Government of India, such Entrepreneurship Development Programs aim to create a structured pipeline of young innovators and job creators, particularly at the grassroots and institutional levels. By integrating academic institutions with national MSME development frameworks, IIM Jammu continues to contribute meaningfully to strengthening India's entrepreneurial ecosystem and advancing the vision of self-reliant and innovation-driven growth.

Nitish Suri reviews development works in Aspirational Block Thakrakote at Reasi

REASI, FEBRUARY 23: The Central Prabhari Officer of Aspirational Block Thakrakote, Nitish Suri, who is also Director Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, Government of India today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works being implemented in Aspirational Block Thakrakote.

The meeting was attended by district and block-level officers, who briefed the chair on the status of ongoing projects under key sectors including health, education, agriculture, infrastructure and social welfare. Detailed discussions were held on achievements made so far and challenges faced in the execution of various schemes.

During the meeting, the Chief Planning Officer, Narinder Kumar apprised the Central Prabhari Officer about the performance of Aspirational Block Thakrakote–Reasi. He informed that the block is being monitored on 38 key indicators and has achieved 100 percent progress in several of them. He further stated that Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have recorded over 90 percent saturation, reflecting significant improvement in service delivery and development outcomes.

Emphasizing the importance of education, the Central Prabhari Officer stressed the need to focus on children's learning outcomes and directed the concerned departments to identify and bridge gaps in infrastructure, staffing and learning resources to ensure quality education for every child. He also underlined the need to sustain momentum by adopting and replicating best practices and gave special focus to promote Lakhpati Didis to strengthen women's livelihoods and economic self-reliance.

The Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik informed that Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 was launched in Aspirational Block Thakrakote and will culminate on April 14, 2026. She stated that a series of activities are being conducted during the campaign, including health screening camps, nutrition drives, awareness programmes, enrolment under welfare schemes, maternal and child health services and other outreach initiatives aimed at achieving saturation of key indicators and improving overall service delivery.

Issues related to BharatNet connectivity were also discussed. It was informed that work is in progress at four sites and network connectivity is expected to be extended to several parts of the block in the coming months.

DIPR organises drug de-addiction awareness programme at Govt Boys HSS Samba

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The District Centre, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Samba on Monday organised a drug de-addiction awareness programme at Government Boys Higher Secondary School to educate students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle.

The awareness drive was conducted under the aegis of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, focusing on reducing drug demand and encouraging a healthy, addiction-free society.

The programme featured a series of cultural performances presented by the artists of the Saraswati Sangeet Art and Culture Group, who effectively conveyed the anti-drug message through creative expression and stage performances.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included District Information Officer (DIO), Ekshu Sharma; School Principal; staff and a large number of students.

The Principal of the school lauded the efforts of the Department of Information and Public Relations for organising the programme.

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