

DDC Samba chairs DLC meeting to review progress of HADP, JKCIP

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District Development Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan today chaired the District Level Committee (DLC) meeting to comprehensively review the implementation and progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Competitiveness Improvement project of Agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu & Kashmir (JK-CIP) — two flagship initiatives aimed at transforming the agricultural landscape of the region.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the status of major projects under the twin programmes, followed by a thorough scrutiny of online applications submitted through the HADP and JK-CIP portals. As many as 212 proposals were formally approved under various components of HADP and 41 under JK-CIP, marking a significant milestone in the district's agricultural outreach.

The DDC underscored the critical importance of scaling up coverage under allied sector schemes encompassing Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry,



Fisheries, Horticulture, Sericulture and Horticulture Planning and Marketing. She directed concerned officers to extend the benefits of these programmes to the maximum number of eligible beneficiaries so as to amplify the on-ground impact of HADP and JK-CIP across Samba district. She further emphasized the need to intensify enrollment of farmers under the Daksh Kisan training programme and the Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) initiative, stressing that every eligible house-

hold must be motivated to harness the full potential of these transformative schemes.

The DDC also directed officers to diligently track and document the outputs of all units already established under HADP through the KSOT App, ensuring accountability, transparency and tangible positive outcomes at the grassroots level.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, General Manager

DIC, Divisional Forest Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, District Officer HPM, District Sericulture Officer, District Head KVK, Lead District Manager, DDM NABARD and other senior officers of the concerned departments, reflecting the administration's collective resolve to drive inclusive and sustainable agricultural development across the district.

DIPR conducts drug de-addiction awareness programme at GDC Samba

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A Drug De-Addiction Awareness Programme was organised by the District Information Office Samba at Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College with the aim of sensitising students about the serious consequences of substance abuse and motivating them to adopt a healthy and responsible lifestyle.

The programme was held under the banner of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, reinforcing the government's commitment to building a drug-free society.

Through engaging nukkad natak, skits, cultural performances and motivational songs, students were encouraged to take a firm stand against drug abuse and become ambassadors of positive change in society.

The cultural programme



was presented by the artists of Saraswati Sangeet Art and Culture Group, Samba, conveying the message "Say No to Drugs" in an engaging and relatable manner.

Principal of the college, Dr. Nirlape Kour, faculty

members and a large number of students attended the programme.

The college administration appreciated the initiative of the department and emphasised that such awareness activities play a crucial role in guiding

youth towards constructive and meaningful pursuits.

The event concluded with an interactive session, where students expressed their commitment to support the mission of a drug-free Samba.

Block Diwas held at Lassana; DC Poonch interacts with locals, reviews developmental needs

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As part of the ongoing public outreach programme, a block diwas meeting was today held at Lassana under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma.

The programme witnessed the presence of all district and sectoral officers, including officials from Revenue, Health, Education, Jal Shakti, Rural Development, PDD and other allied departments.

A large number of people from Lassana and adjoining areas participated in the programme and projected their grievances and demands. The issues raised by the public primarily pertained to road connectivity, healthcare facilities, educational infrastructure, drinking water supply, implementation of MGN-REGA works, electricity



supply and other essential services.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the grievances and assured the public that their genuine concerns would be addressed on priority.

He directed the concerned officers to immediately look into the issues and ensure timely redres-

sal in a coordinated manner. The officers were instructed to maintain close monitoring and submit action taken reports within stipulated timelines.

While reviewing the sector-wise issues, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized prompt delivery of public services and accountability at all levels. He stressed that field functionaries

must remain accessible to the public and ensure that no genuine grievance remains unattended.

Directions were issued regarding the uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water during the holy month of Ramzan. The concerned departments were instructed to put in place necessary arrangements to ensure smooth and adequate services, particularly during Sehri and Iftaar hours.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration commitment to responsive governance and assured the public that such outreach programmes would continue to strengthen the interface between the administration and the people.

The programme concluded with on-the-spot redressal of several grievances and issuance of directions for the resolution of remaining issues in a time-bound manner.

SCERT J&K signs MoU with BAF for Life Skills Curriculum Development & Implementation

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In a significant step towards future-proofing the youth of the region, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Jammu & Kashmir has entered into a strategic partnership with the Bharti Airtel Foundation.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed to co-create and implement a comprehensive Life Skills Curriculum across the Union Territory, marking a pivotal move towards nurturing holistic and resilient learners.

This landmark collaboration aims to go beyond conventional academics by embedding essential life competencies into the core of school education. The initiative is designed to equip students with the tools required to navigate the complexities of the modern world, with a focus on critical thinking, effective communication, emotional intelligence, creative problem-solving and sound decision-making.

The signing ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries from both



organizations, reflecting their shared commitment to educational transformation.

The signatories included Director, SCERT J&K; Dr. Naseem Javed Chowdhary, Joint Director, SCERT J&K; Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Chief Operating Officer; Binu Nair, Regional Head, Anil Bhatt and Project Head from Bharti Airtel Foundation, Sourab Sharma.

Dr. Naseem Javed Chowdhary highlighted the transformative potential of the initiative, stating that the partnership represents a cornerstone in re-defining educational excellence in Jammu & Kashmir.

He emphasized that by integrating a structured life skills framework,

the initiative seeks not only to educate students but to empower them with the emotional and cognitive resilience necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. The collaboration will adopt a multi-pronged strategy, including joint development of age-appropriate curriculum modules, extensive capacity-building programmes for teachers and master trainers and phased implementation across schools in the Union Territory. The overarching goal is to ensure sustainable and measurable impact on student development.

Binu Nair, COO of Bharti Airtel Foundation, reiterated the Foundation's commitment to educational innovation, express-

ing pride in partnering with SCERT J&K. He underscored the belief that education forms the bedrock of a thriving society and that the curriculum is designed to foster a growth mindset in students, enabling them to become not only academically proficient but also emotionally intelligent and socially responsible citizens.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT J&K, while thanking Bharti Airtel Foundation, stated that the MoU signifies a shared vision to empower the next generation of Jammu & Kashmir with essential life skills to achieve personal well-being, academic success and professional readiness.

SHRAMIK WARTA- An evolving panacea for workers grievances redress

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What began as a digital outreach initiative has steadily evolved into one of the most impactful grievance redressal platforms for workers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shramik Warta, a flagship programme spearheaded by the Labour Commissioner, J&K, is transforming how labour-related grievances are heard, addressed and resolved across the Union Territory.

Conceived as a weekly virtual interface, Shramik Warta is held every Wednesday, bringing together Assistant Labour Commissioners (ALCs) from all districts, workers, labourers and other aggrieved individuals on a common digital platform. The initiative ensures that workers, irrespective of their location, can directly present their concerns before senior departmental authorities without procedural hurdles or delays.

Grievances pertaining to non-payment of wages, minimum wages, non-payment of gratuity, non-payment of compensation, illegal termination etc. are presented by the aggrieved



workers during the Shramik Warta and upon intervention by the concerned officers, the same are resolved in a time-bound manner. A total amount of Rs.2,89,05,026/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty-Nine Lakh Five Thousand and Twenty-Six) has already been recovered as pending wages, gratuity, compensation, retrenchment compensation, bonus etc. from employers and the same has been disbursed to the concerned beneficiaries under rules.

Moreover, in the cases of illegal termination, through the intervention of officers, the aggrieved workers have also been reinstated.

This initiative of grievance redressal mechanism has also been acknowl-

edged and appreciated by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India at the Regional Conference of Labour & Employment held in Jaipur.

The 16th edition of Shramik Warta was convened on Wednesday at 11:30 am by Labour Commissioner, J&K, S. Charandeep Singh reaffirming the Department's commitment to institutionalizing a transparent, accountable and worker-centric grievance redressal mechanism. During the session, the Labour Commissioner interacted directly with aggrieved workers, patiently hearing their concerns and issuing on-the-spot directions for resolution.

Several cases highlighted during the session underscored the tangible impact

of the initiative:

In Rajouri, Sat Paul, a construction worker, had sought financial assistance under the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Scheme for the medical treatment of his son suffering from a kidney ailment. Prompt intervention by the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Rajouri, ensured immediate financial assistance, enabling the family to arrange urgent treatment. The beneficiary expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely humanitarian support.

In Srinagar, Adil Ahmad Mir and fellow teachers from Iqra International School had raised concerns regarding non-payment of salaries for three months. Following swift action by the ALC Srinagar, the pending salaries were released in a time-bound manner, bringing relief to the affected teachers.

Similarly, workers employed with Unique Sanitation in Doda had complained of non-payment of six months' wages and irregularities in Provident Fund contributions. After intervention by the ALC Doda, the pending wages were cleared and statutory compliance was ensured, resolving the matter efficiently.

Mission Director reviews implementation of Mission Poshan in Reasi

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Mission Director, Mission Poshan J&K Sajad Ahmed Ganai today reviewed the performance of Poshan Department - Reasi at a meeting held here today.

The Director reviewed key nutritional indicators, growth monitoring mechanisms, supplementary nutrition, field-level implementation and identification of critical gaps. The progress achieved to date was evaluated and strategies were deliberated upon to further strengthen service delivery and ensure improved out-



comes for beneficiaries.

The Mission Director appreciated the efforts of the district team and emphasized the need for focused monitoring, timely submission of reports, enhanced

community mobilization and effective convergence among stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the mission. He underscored the importance of accountability and collec-

tive responsibility in improving the nutritional status of women and children across the district. The officers and supervisors reiterated their commitment to achieving the prescribed targets and implementing the directions in letter and spirit.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the department's resolve to work with renewed dedication for the welfare of beneficiaries in District Reasi.

Among others, CDPO Arnas, CDPO Reasi, CDPO Pouni, CDPO Mahore and Supervisors from all four ICDS projects of the district were present during the meeting.