

Deputation from five villages call Sat, seek overbridge on Railways Track

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A deputation comprising of prominent from villages Chan Matloni, Tapyal, Chhan Samotra, Raghu Chak and Malani called upon Sat Sharma CA, President of Bharatiya Janata Party (J&K) and Member of Rajya Sabha, to present long-pending demand for the construction of an overbridge on the railway track connecting Pathankot and Jammu.

J&K BJP Vice Presidents Bharat Bhushan, Priya Sethi, Rekha Mahajan, and Rashpal Verma, along with General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Baldev Singh Billawaria, were present during the meeting.

The deputation was led by Rashpal Verma and highlighted the severe hardships being faced by the residents due to the non-availability of an overbridge to cross the railway track. They informed that a large portion of agricultural land is located on the other side of the track, and farm-



ers are unable to access their fields easily. The situation worsens when goods trains halt at the starting point of the railway station for prolonged periods, sometimes for 15-20 days, completely blocking movement.

The deputation further apprised Sat Sharma that students and teachers face immense difficulty and risk while crossing the track, as the Government Middle School is situated on the opposite side. Due to fre-

quent and extended stoppages of goods trains, safe passage becomes nearly impossible, disrupting education and daily life.

They also brought to his notice that, as per revenue records, an old bandobast lane existed for public movement, and urged that the same be revived to facilitate safe access across the railway line.

The villagers stated that they have been facing this issue for the past 54 years and have previously taken

up the matter with Deputy Commissioners of Samba and senior officials of Northern Railways, but without a permanent solution.

Sat Sharma gave a patient hearing to the deputation and assured them that he would take up the matter with the concerned authorities in the interest of public safety and convenience, ensuring relief to farmers, students, and residents of the affected vil-

57 Samba Women attend Mushroom Cultivation Training at SKUAST Jammu

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A group of 57 women farmers and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) engaged in mushroom cultivation attended a one-day training programme at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu.

The exposure visit was organized under the HADP project - "Promotion of Mushroom Cultivation" and the group was flagged off from the DC Office Complex by District Development Commissioner Ayushi Sudan, in



the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer, District Agriculture Officer and officers from DCTS Rakh Dahisar.

The women farmers were acquainted with the

latest innovations, scientific techniques and technological interventions in the field of mushroom cultivation.

Earlier, the District Development Commissioner

encouraged the participants to make optimum use of the exposure visit and adopt the advanced methods and best practices demonstrated during the training.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0 DC reviews progress across 3 Municipal towns in Udhampur district

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Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of officers from the Urban Local Bodies to review the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban scheme in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore; Chief Planning Officer Utam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan and other concerned officers.

The DC conducted a detailed review of the scheme's implementation across one Municipal Council and two Municipal Committees in the district.



The review covered the status of PMAY-U 2.0, District Capex Budget works for 2025-26, progress of mega projects undertaken by the Municipal Council, construction of multi-storey parking facilities, installation and maintenance of street lights, garbage collection and disposal mechanisms, night illumination in all three towns, identification of

garbage dumping points, non-commenced works under PMAY-U and construction of the Town Hall building.

The DC directed the Tehsildars to clear all pending revenue papers of PMAY-U beneficiaries within a week.

He further instructed initiation of recovery proceedings against beneficiaries who have failed to com-

mence construction despite availing benefits and called for expediting the overall pace of progress.

Emphasizing effective sanitation and urban infrastructure management, the DC directed the MCs to identify garbage dumping points, ensure timely collection and proper disposal of waste in all three towns and maintain adequate night illumination.

Power shutdown

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Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Mahanpur, Raipur, Dhama, Chunera, Dambra, Palehal and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramkot, Khoon, Ghar, Gujroo Nagrota, Lakhri, Gura Kalyal, Ludera, Ujh, Tyhara Kalyal and adjoining areas will remain

affected on March 03 and 05 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Part of Gandhi Nagar, Part of Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Trilokpur, Talab Tillo, Seora, Gajansoo and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 10

am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramanagar, Chowki Majpouri and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Bali Gulaba, Chowki Choura, Maira Mandrian, Tanda and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Main Bazaar, Chabutra Bazaar, Jakhani, Pakhlai, Pathi, Panchery,

ITBP, Sansoo, Garhi, Railway, P.T.C Krimchi Mansard Army and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 03 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Majalta, Mansar, Batal, Dhema and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 05 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dhar Road, Sangoor, MES & Cherry Sial and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 05 from 12 noon to 4.30 pm.

DC Ganderbal reviews progress under District CAPEX Budget 2025-26



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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today chaired a meeting to review the progress of works being executed under the District CAPEX Budget 2025-26 in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the progress of key sectors including I&FC, Jal Shakti, PW (R&B), KPDCL, Health, Education, etc. emphasiz-

ing the urgent need to complete all ongoing projects as the financial year draws to a close.

The DC took a detailed review of both physical and financial achievements under the approved works and stressed the need for timely completion of all projects within the stipulated timeframe.

Threadbare discussions were also held with the concerned officers regarding the status of ongoing works being implemented under different pro-

grammes including Area Development Plan (DDC Grants, BDC Grants, and PRI Grants) besides Aspirational Block Development Programme and Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme.

Officers were directed to expedite progress on all ongoing projects, ensure proper utilisation of funds and maintain quality standards.

The DC emphasised close monitoring of works and called for improved coordination among de-

partments to avoid delays.

Later, the DC reviewed the progress on identification of suitable land and construction of assets including DEWATS, Segregation Sheds and Soakage Pits under the Rural Development Department (RDD) across the district.

The DC directed concerned BDOs to expedite construction of developmental works on the already identified suitable land in different blocks.

He stressed the need for timely compliance and concerted efforts by all stakeholders to strengthen rural infrastructure across the district.

Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Executive Engineers of KPDCL, I&FC, PW (R&B), Jal Shakti, besides other officers and officials attended the meeting.

DC Udhampur reviews performance of ICDS Emphasises full saturation of Poshan targets

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today convened a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning of the ICDS Project in the district.

At the outset, Programme Officer Poshan Subash Dogra delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the overall performance and key activities of the ICDS Project in the District.

The DC conducted a detailed block-wise review covering the functioning of AWCs, construction of AWCs proposed for the year 2025-26, status of registered beneficiaries, implementation of the Poshan Tracker application, growth monitoring, Aadhaar enrolment,



progress under PMMVY 2025-26 and infrastructural requirements.

The DC impressed upon the officers and field functionaries to work with enhanced dedication and coordination to ensure saturation of all targets under the Poshan schemes. He stressed the need to expedite Aadhaar

enrolment and achieve full coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

He further directed the officers to mobilize field staff to intensify door-to-door surveys and ensure inclusion of all pending beneficiaries. CDPOs were instructed to identify suitable land for the construction of new Anganwadi

Centres. Emphasizing inclusive development, the DC underscored the need to prioritize the welfare of impoverished and marginalized sections residing in remote areas of the district and ensure that government benefits reach every eligible household.

DC Kulgam visits Yaripora, reviews functioning of Govt Offices

KULGAM, MARCH 02: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam today visited Yaripora area to review the functioning of key government offices and assess healthcare services in the area.

During his inspection of the Tehsil Office, the DC examined mutation registers and Jamabandi records.

He reviewed the delivery of revenue services through Revenue Plus and the issuance of certificates under Jan-Sugam.

Emphasizing efficiency and accountability, he di-



rected officials to ensure timely disposal of pending cases and seamless public service delivery.

Later, the DC visited Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Yaripora, where he

evaluated the range and quality of medical services being provided to the public. He stressed the importance of maintaining proper sanitation standards and instructed that

the public washroom constructed by the Municipal Committee be made operational without delay.

While inspecting the hospital premises, he noted vacant spaces and an unutilized residential building and directed the Block Medical Officer (BMO) to prepare a comprehensive proposal for the optimal utilization of available infrastructure to enhance healthcare facilities.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue and the Chief Medical Officer accompanied the DC during the visit.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today laid the foundation stone for the construction of an Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station at the premises of Divisional Forest Office Bhandarwah.

The station is being established by the Divisional Office of the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAAQMP).

The monitoring station will analyze the concentration levels of key air pollutants including PM10,

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station coming up in Bhandarwah



PM2.5, Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) and Sulphur Dioxide (SO2) to assess the am-

bient air quality in Bhandarwah and its surrounding areas.

Divisional Officer JKPC, Gurpreet Singh informed that the monitoring station shall help generate accurate scientific data regarding air pollution levels. He stated that regular monitoring will enable the authorities to take timely and effective measures for environmental protection and pollution control.

The ADC appreciated the initiative of JKPC and emphasized the importance of maintaining clean air for public health and sustainable development.

Range Officer Sameer Ahmed Rishu and all the staff members of the Forest Department were also present during the foundation laying ceremony.