

JAMMU & KASHMIR

International Women's Day 2026

DC Rajouri reviews, finalises preparations for ASMITA League

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the celebration of International Women's Day 2026 in the district.

The meeting discussed arrangements for organising sports and fitness activities as part of the ASMITA League (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action). The initiative aims at promoting and encouraging greater participation of women and girls in sports.

The meeting was informed that competitions including badminton, tug of war and Fun Activities shall be held in Sports Stadium, 100 metre and 200 metre race at DPL Rajouri, while a 400 metre race will be conducted at ALG.

The events under ASMITA League are being organised in 250 locations across the Nation. In J&K, the events shall be organised at 3 locations including Rajouri. Women participants will compete in three separate age categories — below 13 years, 13 to 18 years and above 18 years — to ensure wider participation.

The Deputy Commissioner was informed that the



event will be organised with the collaborative effort of Sports Authority of India, MY Bharat, Khelo India Centres, the SAI ecosystem and the State Government. The initiative aims to create a meaningful nationwide celebration of women's empowerment through sports and fitness in continuation with the ASMITA initiative. The DC directed the Principal of Government Medical College Rajouri to establish health, nutrition and dietician counters at the venue to facilitate participants and spread awareness

about healthy lifestyles among women. He further directed the concerned departments to set up stalls displaying IEC material related to various women-centric welfare schemes to create awareness among participants and the general public. Meanwhile District Social Welfare Officer Rajouri was directed to ensure organising of the Inaugural Ceremony of Gojri Caps. To facilitate participation from remote areas, the DC also instructed the concerned officers to ensure adequate transport facilities for

women participants from peripheral areas to and from the venue. ADC Chander Prakash, PO ICDS Harpal Singh, Nitin Hangloo Deputy Director MY Bharat Rajouri, Principal GMC Rajouri A. S. Bhatia, CMO Manohar Lal Rana, Principal Government Degree College Rajouri Anwer Shah, Executive Engineer PWD Rajouri Aftab Anwar, CEO Mohd Hafeez, DYSS Ali Mohd, EO Municipality Yousuf-ul-Umar and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

DDC Kathua reviews physical, financial progress under Capex Budget

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District Development Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma today reviewed the physical and financial progress of works being executed under District Capex Budget (DCB) 2025-26, UT Capex (ST Plan)/DAJGUA and other allied schemes at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting took a detailed sector-wise review of ongoing works. The officers from PWD, PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control, JPDCL, RDD and JKEDA informed about the status of Roads, Water schemes, power pro-



jects PRI Works and Aspirational Panchayat Works. The DDC assessed the pace of execution, fund utilization and adherence to timelines.

He directed the departments for prompt submission of bills in respect of

completed works to facilitate smooth financial progress and optimal utilization of allocated funds.

Emphasizing accountability and transparency, the DDC instructed officers to strictly ensure developmental works meet quality

standards. The officers apprised that some projects were delayed due to land-related issues. While the majority of such issues have been resolved, a few cases are still pending, the meeting was told. The DDC directed the departments concerned to coordinate closely with the Revenue authorities to resolve pending land matters at the earliest to avoid further delays. Chief Planning Officer Ranjeet Thakur, ACD Akhil Sadotra, Chief Education Officer, Executive Engineers of PWD and other departments were present in the meeting, while some XENs and BDOs joined through virtual mode.

DHJ reviews horticulture development initiatives in Marh Block

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Director Horticulture Jammu (DHJ) Gul Syed today conducted an extensive tour of Marh Block to review the progress of the horticulture development initiatives being implemented in the area.

He was accompanied by the Chief Horticulture Officer R.K. Kotwal and field functionaries of the department. The Director inspected the Revised Modified High Density Plantation (RMHDP) created by beneficiary Pooja Suri through an empanelled agency.

He reviewed the plantation layout, plant health, ir-



rigation facilities and overall orchard management practices. The Director also planted a sapling in the orchard premises, symbolizing the

Department's commitment towards promoting sustainable horticulture and encouraging plantation drives across the region.

Later, he visited mango and dragon fruit orchards in the area and interacted with the growers.

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ADC reviews ongoing development works at SDH Baderwah

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today conducted a detailed inspection of the ongoing developmental works at Sub District Hospital Baderwah.

During the visit, the ADC inspected

the progress of work on the construction of additional rooms in the Emergency ward, X-Ray section, Laboratory and Operation Theatre (OT). He assessed the quality of work being carried out and directed the concerned engineers and contractors to maintain high standards while adhering strictly to the approved design and specifications.

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DC inspects patient care scenario at CHC Batote

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted a surprise inspection of Community Health Centre (CHC) Batote to review the functioning of the health-care facility and assess the quality of services being provided to the public.

SSP Arun Gupta; ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; Addl. SP Mujeeb-ur-Rehman and other concerned officers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit.

During the inspection, the DC inspected wards of the hospital and took stock of the facilities available for patients. He reviewed the



availability of doctors, paramedical staff, medicines and diagnostic facilities. He directed the health authorities to ensure adequate stock of essential medicines and proper maintenance of

hospital infrastructure. Stressing the importance of patient care, he instructed the medical staff to remain responsive and ensure prompt and compassionate service delivery.

The DC also checked the attendance and punctuality of the staff and directed that strict discipline be maintained. He emphasized that any negligence in duty would be dealt with firmly.

MSME-DFO organises awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma at Udhampur

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The MSME-DFO Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Udhampur, today organized a PM Vishwakarma awareness programme here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The programme witnessed participation from more than 200 PM Vishwakarma artisans. Their active involvement highlighted the growing inclination toward entrepreneurship as a means of achieving self-reliance and sustainable livelihood. The interactive session enabled participants to raise queries regarding financial assistance, subsidy-linked schemes, enterprise registration, digital platforms, marketing support and business expansion opportunities.

Earlier, the event began with a welcome address by Young Professional, MSME-DFO Jammu Shahid Hussain Wani, who emphasized the importance of formalizing traditional artisans and integrating them into the mainstream economic framework through structured government support.

A presentation on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) was delivered by Sarthak Khoda, GeM



Trainer, North Region. He explained the process of seller registration on the GeM portal, product listing, participation in government procurement and the benefits of digital marketing and transparent procurement systems for artisans and small entrepreneurs. District Nodal Officer JKEDI, Yash Paul Sharma listed the JKEDI schemes aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and startup culture in the region. He elaborated on financial assistance, seed capital support, training programmes, skill development initiatives and mentoring support available to aspiring entrepreneurs.

A detailed presentation on MSME schemes was delivered by D.K. Tyagi (IEDS), Assistant Director, MSME-DFO Jammu General Manager DIC Kishore Singh Katoch and Functional Manager Jagdeep Singh delivered a comprehensive presentation on UT Government schemes and industrial incentives available in Jammu & Kashmir.

A presentation on employment schemes was delivered by SBDU-Coordinator, Employment Officer Paras Dubey. He informed participants about the employment-oriented initiatives, skill enhancement programmes, job facilitation

services and self-employment support measures available through the Employment Department. The banking perspective was shared by Lead District Manager State Bank of India Vikram Singh. He elaborated on banking schemes including MUDRA loans, credit-linked subsidy schemes, the importance of financial discipline and maintaining a good credit history. Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh encouraged the government departments to organize such awareness programmes on a regular basis to ensure wider outreach and maximum benefit to artisans.

DDC Kathua sets target of achieving 60% CD Ratio

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The District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting for the quarter ending December 2025 was convened today at the DDC Office to review the performance of banks and the flow of credit in the district.

The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner Rajesh Sharma. SSP Mohita Sharma; ADDC Surinder Mohan Sharma; GM DIC, Mushtaq Choudhary; AGM & LDO RBI, Rajneesh Malhotra; DDM NABARD, Nipun Sharma, besides senior officers of banks and line departments attended the meeting. The meeting was convened by Lead District Manager Kathua.

The Chair reviewed the progress achieved under key banking parameters including Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio, deposits and advances, priority sector lending and performance under Government Sponsored Schemes such as Kisan Credit Card (KCC), new KCC for Dairy, Poultry, Fisheries and Sheep Husbandry, PMEGP (KVIB/KVIC/DIC), NRLM SHGs, NULM and PMMY. Emphasis was laid on



timely disposal and disbursement of cases and effective credit linkage of beneficiaries.

The DDC directed the banks and line departments to reconcile pending sponsored loan applications and work in close coordination to ensure saturation of eligible beneficiaries.

Stressing financial inclusion, the Chair advised banks to achieve maximum coverage under social security schemes including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana.

SSP Mohita Sharma called upon banks to maintain close coordination with law enforcement agencies

and share details of suspected and high-value transactions for verification of their genuine sources, in order to curb financial frauds and unlawful activities. She emphasized strengthening vigilance and ensuring strict adherence to KYC norms and regulatory guidelines. The DDC directed the banks to submit consolidated monthly reports of such suspicious and high-value transactions to the district administration and district police for scrutiny and necessary follow-up action. He stressed that timely sharing of information would contribute significantly towards maintaining financial discipline and safeguarding public interest.

AGM & LDO RBI emphasized expanding banking services in unbanked rural centres of the district. He directed that updated branch-wise lists of CSPs/BCs be shared and efforts be made to activate inactive BCs/CSPs, ensuring adherence to regulatory guidelines.

DDM NABARD presented the Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLP) for 2026-27, which will serve as the basis for the Annual District Credit Plan. The plan envisages a total credit potential of ₹2251.76 crore under the priority sector, covering Agriculture, MSME, Solar Energy, Food and Agro Processing, Export Credit, Education and Housing, aligned with national and UT-level priorities.