

Rana reviews development projects in Baramulla district

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today virtually reviewed the progress on development projects besides assessing implementation of government schemes in Baramulla district.

During the meeting, the Minister conducted a detailed review of the progress achieved under several flagship schemes and development initiatives. These included Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Irrigation and Flood Control projects, CAMPA, Tribal Affairs schemes, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), NABARD, District Capex and various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chairman of the Pollution Control Committee, Director Tribal Affairs Department, Director Finance Tribal Affairs Department and other senior officers.

Legislators from various constituencies of the district, District Development Commissioner Baramulla and all district officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Minister emphasised that holistic and balanced development of every region remains the top priority of the current dispensation. He reaffirmed that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to accelerate infrastructure development and welfare initiatives to ensure timely and efficient delivery of services to the people.

Rana stressed the need for greater accountability and coordination among the government officers to ensure effective implemen-



tation of developmental programmes, improved monitoring of public services and prompt resolution of issues affecting different constituencies of the district.

Highlighting the importance of optimal utilisation of resources, the Minister directed the concerned departments to ensure that allocated funds are utilised effectively and do not lapse, so that developmental works directly benefit the public. He also expressed concern over the apprehensions raised by MLAs regarding the possible lapse of funds and directed the Deputy Commissioner to work closely with the Legislators and concerned departments to ensure timely utilisation of allocated resources.

Addressing administrative challenges faced by the public in Baramulla, the Minister asked the Deputy Commissioner to conduct a comprehensive exercise and submit a proposal for easing administrative hurdles arising from jurisdictional issues, so that appropriate corrective measures can be taken.

While expressing satisfaction over the overall progress achieved on various developmental works, the Minister noted that certain projects are still pending and require expedited execution. He urged the officers to adopt a proactive and result-oriented work culture to ensure timely completion of development projects.

During the meeting, Leg-

islators from different constituencies raised several issues concerning infrastructure development and public services.

MLA Baramulla, Javed Hassan Beigh, raised key issues including decongestion of Old Town Baramulla, establishment of a multi-level car parking facility, implementation of the water supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0 for Baramulla town, beautification and upgradation of the National Highway stretch from Delina to Khanpora and approval of the Sheeri-Shranz via Kawhar (Defence Road) project.

MLA Uri, Dr. Sajad Shafi Uri, highlighted the need for upgradation of existing power feeders and establishment of receiving stations at Nambla, Trikanjan and Bijhama. He also raised the issue of upgradation of the 33 KV Uri power line besides sanctioning of a Forest Guest House and a PHE Inspection Hut at Uri.

MLA Pattan, Javid Riyaz, sought implementation of the AMRUT water supply scheme for Pattan town, upgradation of Community Health Centre (CHC) Pattan to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and establishment of a New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Nihalpora along with an Urban Health Centre in Pattan town.

He further requested for construction of Mini Secretariat and residential complex for government offices in Pattan town and devel-

opment of a mini parking complex.

MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah, raised issues including construction of a multi-level car parking facility, water reservoir at Tangmarg, phased completion of the mini-secretariat at Tangmarg, development of an indoor stadium at Wussan, implementation of water supply schemes for Utikoo and Wussan and widening and upgradation of the Goigam-Pinjoora road.

MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar, demanded upgradation of SDH Sopore to a District Hospital, strengthening of Nahre-Zangeer canal and execution of special water supply schemes for Adipora, Sharkvara Sopore Rural, Check Nowpora and Wular Stage I & II.

MLA Wagoora-Kreeri, Irfan Hafiz Lone, raised issues related to restoration of canals, upgradation of health facilities, filling of vacancies in government departments, and construction and improvement of roads in his constituency.

Responding to the concerns raised, the Minister assured the MLAs that the issues highlighted during the meeting are under consideration of the government and will be addressed in a time-bound manner. He reiterated that all matters concerning the public welfare will receive due priority and necessary action will be taken to resolve them in the larger interest of the people.

3-day Nasha Mukht Bharat training program under NMBA commences at Shopian

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A three-day training programme organised by District Surveillance Unit, Shopian under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) commenced today at Shopian.

The programme was conducted on the directions of Director, Health Services Kashmir and was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Shopian, Dr. Arshid Hussain Tak.

The programme witnessed participation from lecturers, teachers of various Higher/Secondary Schools and members of NRLM Self Help Groups.

The first day of the training focused on strengthening awareness and preventive measures against substance abuse.

During the sessions, experts threw light on the harmful effects of substance abuse, early identification of drug use among



students and the role of teachers and community members in guiding youth towards career development.

Medical Officer, District Hospital Shopian, Dr. Aadil Farooq delivered a detailed presentation, highlighting strategies for drug prevention, early detection, counselling mechanisms and

community-based interventions to combat substance abuse.

Other resource persons including Dr. Rahil Hassan Khan and Quratul Ann also shared valuable insights on prevention, awareness and community engagement.

Speaking on the occasion, CMO emphasized the importance of collective ef-

forts in tackling the growing challenge of drug abuse and highlighted the need for community participation in building a drug-free society.

The participants appreciated the initiative and promised to actively support the mission of creating a Nasha Mukht (Drug-Free) society.

DLSA Budgam conducts Awareness Programme on International Women's Day

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District Legal Services Authority, Budgam (DLSA Budgam), under the aegis of the J&K Legal Services Authority and under the chairmanship of O. P. Bhagat, Chairman, DLSA and Principal District & Sessions Judge, Budgam, successfully conducted an awareness programme on International Women's Day at Government Middle School Nagam, Chadoora.

The programme was organized with the objective of spreading awareness about women's rights, gender equality, legal remedies available to women, laws related to domestic violence, sexual harassment, trafficking, and



cyber crimes against women, as well as various legal safeguards available for the protection and empowerment of women in society.

During the programme, the resource persons highlighted the significance of International Women's Day and stressed the importance of educating

women about their legal rights and entitlements. They also informed the participants about various welfare schemes and legal provisions available for the protection and empowerment of women.

The speakers further emphasized the role of the Legal Services Authorities in providing free legal aid and assistance to the needy and marginalized sections of society, particularly women who are victims of injustice or exploitation. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students, teachers, and local residents, who appreciated the initiative taken by DLSA Budgam in promoting legal awareness and empowering women at the grassroots level.

Commissioner SMC reviews preparedness for Swachh Survekshan 2025-26

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Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the preparedness and ongoing initiatives being undertaken by the Corporation under Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the nationwide cleanliness assessment programme.

During the meeting, the Commissioner undertook a comprehensive review of sanitation measures being implemented across the city and directed officials to further strengthen cleanliness standards in accordance with the parameters laid down under Swachh Survekshan. He emphasized the need for strict adherence to efficient door-to-door waste collection, segregation of waste at source, and scientific processing and disposal of municipal waste.

Stressing the importance



of sustained and coordinated efforts, the Commissioner instructed the concerned officers to intensify monitoring of sanitation services and ensure visible improvements in cleanliness across public spaces, markets, residential localities, and other key areas of the city. The Commissioner also highlighted the critical role of citizen participation

in achieving the objectives of Swachh Survekshan and directed officials to strengthen public awareness and outreach initiatives aimed at encouraging community involvement in sanitation and waste management practices.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation towards making Srinagar a

cleaner, greener, and more sustainable city, the Commissioner urged officers to work with dedication, efficiency, and accountability to achieve improved outcomes in the national cleanliness survey. The meeting was attended by Joint Commissioners SMC and other senior officers of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

ADC Handwara visits Schools, inspects facilities on Reopening Day

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Schools across Sub-Division Handwara reopened today after three-month-long winter vacation, bringing renewed enthusiasm among students and teachers as academic activities resumed.

On the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, accompanied by Zonal Education officer (ZEO) Handwara, conducted visits to various educational institutions to inspect the arrangements and welcome students back to their classrooms.

During his visit, the ADC interacted with students and teachers and expressed happiness over the cheerful atmosphere as students resumed their studies after the winter break.

He reviewed the facilities available in the schools and directed the concerned



heads to ensure cleanliness, and availability of basic amenities so that students can pursue their studies in a comfortable environment.

The ADC also encouraged students to focus on

their education and make the best use of the academic session. He appreciated the efforts of the school administration and teachers for maintaining discipline and ensuring a smooth reopening of

schools.

Students expressed excitement and joy at meeting their classmates and teachers after the long winter break, marking a fresh start to the academic activities in the Sub-Division.

DC Kulgam reviews NABARD projects under RIDF Sector

KULGAM, MARCH 09: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam today chaired a workshop cum review meeting of NABARD projects, funded under Rural Infrastructure Infrastructure Fund (RIDF) in the district.

The programme was attended by JDP, Malik Suhail; ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah; ACD, Bilal Ahmad Kamgar; ADDM NABARD, District Sectoral Officers and Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Shakti, IFC, KPDC.

The workshop aimed at sensitizing all the development departments of the district regarding the submission

of projects by various departments under various sectors.

Giving a detailed presentation, DDM NABARD, Rouf Zargar outlining the operational guidelines, funding modalities, and strategic priorities of the RIDF scheme.

The presentation highlighted the 39 eligible activities categorized under three broad sectors, Agriculture and related sectors including minor irrigation, watershed development, cold storage, and flood protection, the Social Sector (covering rural drinking water, public health institutions, and anganwadi centers), and Rural Connectivity (focusing on the construc-

tion of rural roads and bridges). Presentation also covered the Information regarding DPR formulation, fund flow process and operational process involved in sanctioning the projects.

The DC was informed that a total of 112 projects with total outlay of Rs 349.63 Crore was sanctioned by NABARD in district since the inception out of which there are currently 22 ongoing projects with total outlay of Rs 106.12 Cr, under different sectors.

The DC undertook the detailed component wise review of each project, discussing the physical and financial progress of works.

MC Dooru empowers SHG Women as Community Mobilizers to strengthen Swachh Bharat Mission

ANANTNAG, MARCH 09: Municipal Committee Dooru, Verinag has successfully engaged eight members from various Self-Help Groups (SHGs) as Community Mobilizers under the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) component of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0.

The engagement process was conducted in accor-

dance with the guidelines and directions issued by the Mission Directorate, SBM (U) J&K, and followed a transparent selection procedure that included personal interviews, verification of credentials, and execution of formal contractual agreements with the selected SHG members.

This initiative is aimed at strengthening community

participation at the grassroots level and enhancing public awareness regarding sanitation, solid waste management, hygiene practices, and source segregation of waste within the municipal limits.

The engaged Community Mobilizers will undertake door-to-door awareness campaigns, community outreach programmes, and public engagement activi-

ties to actively promote the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0.

The engagement of SHG members reflects the Government's commitment to empowering women-led community institutions, generating livelihood opportunities, and fostering a sense of community ownership in sanitation and cleanliness initiatives.