

Pogli Milan promotes drug-free message with cultural spirit at Ramsoo

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As part of the ongoing 100-day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir campaign against drug abuse, the District and Police Administration Ramban, in collaboration with locals, today organized an awareness programme-cum-cultural event titled 'Pogli Milan' at Government High School Ramsoo.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Aiyas Khan and Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta led the initiative to reaffirm commitment to building a drug-free society. The event witnessed the presence of local SDM Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah, Tehsildar Nasir Javid and other officers and prominent citizens.

A drug-free India pledge was administered to all participants, including students, community members, and dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, officials highlighted the disastrous effect of drug addiction. They stressed the importance of collective and sustained efforts to protect the youth from falling prey to substance



abuse. The Deputy Commissioner urged parents, teachers and community leaders to stay vigilant and actively engage in awareness initiatives. He emphasized that a united societal approach is essential to effectively combat drug abuse.

The SSP underscored the importance of strong police-community partnerships in curbing drug trafficking and ensuring a safe and healthy social environ-

ment. Adding an engaging dimension to the programme, different competitions on the theme "Nasha Mukht Bharat" were organized on the occasion. The students from adjoining schools participated enthusiastically, expressing their perspectives through art and words.

The awareness programme was complemented by a vibrant cultural bonanza presented by

local artists, showcasing traditional dance, music and poetry, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the Pogal-Paristan region. Students also delivered captivating performances, infusing the event with energy and enthusiasm.

The event concluded with the felicitation of artists and performers by the dignitaries, recognizing their valuable contributions to spreading the message of a drug-free society.

DC Rajouri holds Block Diwas at LoC village Chowkihandan; public grievances redressed on spot

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today convened a Block Diwas programme at LOC Village Chowkihandan in Nowshera, providing a platform to the local public to raise their grievances and developmental issues.

During the interaction, people from adjoining panchayats projected a wide range of demands seeking additional Power Distribution transformers, smooth functioning of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes, construction of school boundary walls and toilets, clearance of liabilities of Panchayat Ghars, installation of hand pumps in schools, provision of smart TVs, timely payment of MGNREGA works, regular supply of LPG cylinders, adequate supply of seeds, clearance of material liability under MGNREGA, upgradation of High School Langar to Higher Secondary School, water tanker facilities, sanitation facilities in Nowshera town, construction of bunkers and strengthening of Aanganwadi centres.

The Deputy Commissioner listened patiently to the grievances and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for prompt redressal of the same. He emphasized timely



disposal of public issues and accountability of departments in delivering essential services.

Addressing the gathering, the DC assured equitable development of border area villages. "Border and far-flung villages will no longer be seen as "last villages" but will be treated as "first villages in terms of development," he assured and added that road connectivity, internet access, electricity and telecom services would be strengthened to improve the quality of life in these areas.

The DC further high-

lighted the administration's focus on intensive development in villages, including improvements in healthcare, drinking water supply and Anganwadi infrastructure. He stressed that alongside development, social transformation is equally important.

Calling for collective efforts under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, the DC urged the public to make all 08 Vibrant Villages and 143 border villages drug-free. He particularly emphasized the crucial role of women in leading

community vigilance and awareness to curb drug abuse.

ADC Rajouri Ravi Kumar Sihag; ADC Nowshera Ramkesh Sharma ; Chief Planning Officer Maqsood Ahmed ; Assistant Commissioner Development Auqil Naveed ; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Manohar Lal Rana ; Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafeez; Chief Agriculture Officer Khalid Hussain; Chief Horticulture Officer Sushil Kumar; Tehsildar Nowshera ; BDO Nowshera and other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

3-day Census Training Programme concludes at DC Office Doda

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A comprehensive three-day training programme for Clerical and Technical Assistants concluded successfully today at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex Doda.

The programme, held from April 23 to April 25, 2026, was organized to ensure the smooth and efficient conduct of the first phase of the Census 2027. The training aimed at equipping participants with the necessary technical skills and procedural understanding required for accurate data collection and management.

The valedictory session was attended by District Development Commissioner Krishan Lal , who also serves as the Principal Census Officer for the district. He emphasized the importance of maintaining accuracy, transparency and dedication during the census process, highlighting its critical role in policy planning and governance. He encouraged all trainees to



perform their duties with utmost sincerity and professionalism.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner (District Census Officer), Assistant Commissioner Revenue (Nodal Officer Census) and the District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (Additional District Census Offi-

cer). Their coordinated efforts ensured a structured and impactful training experience for all participants.

Resource persons and officials including Balbir Singh, Assistant Director, Anish Sharma, Office Superintendent and Vinay Kumar Singh, District Co-ordinator, played a significant role in imparting prac-

tical knowledge and guiding the trainees through various census-related procedures.

The initiative focused on strengthening coordination among departments, enhancing data handling capabilities and building a well-prepared workforce to support a transparent, inclusive and error-free census exercise in the district.

DC Reasi reviews progress of Heritage Projects, service delivery under PSGA & Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyaan

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a series of meetings to review the implementation and progress of schemes of the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, service delivery under the Public Services Guarantee Act and the ongoing special 100-day Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan in the district.

During a meeting with officials of the Archives, Archaeology & Museums Department, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed ongoing heritage conservation and restoration works. Discussions focused on the repair and renovation of key sites at Bhim Garh Fort and the Dera Baba Shrine, along with other restoration initiatives. Emphasis was laid on preserving historical significance while ensuring structural integrity. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to undertake beautification



measures and install appropriate lighting at Bhim Garh Fort to enhance its aesthetics. He also stressed the need for expeditious execution of works while maintaining high-quality standards to effectively preserve and promote the district's cultural heritage.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting with Revenue officials to review the delivery of services under the PSGA, with focus on pendency. He conducted tehsil-wise assessment of pending appli-

cations across various services and examined the reasons for delays. Emphasizing accountability, he reiterated that all notified public services must be delivered within the timelines stipulated under the Act.

In another meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of the ongoing 100-day Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan with officials of stakeholder departments.

Emphasizing the need for a coordinated and sustained approach, he di-

rected all departments to regularly upload details of daily activities on the designated portals for effective monitoring.

He underscored the importance of consistency in outreach efforts and instructed officers to organize regular awareness programmes, including community-based activities with a focus on active engagement of youth to disseminate awareness and discourage drug abuse across the district. He further directed the Block Development Officers to conduct awareness activities at the Panchayat level and in Gram Sabhas to ensure widespread participation and grassroots-level awareness across the district.

Additional District Development Commissioner Sukhdev Singh Samyal ; Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar ; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Nitin Verma; Chief Medical Officer; Tehsildar and other concerned officers were present at the meeting, while SDMs and BDOs participated virtually.

DRSC meeting held at Ramban

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Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Aiyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) in his office chamber to review and reinforce measures incorporated in the District road safety plan.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta; SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hameed; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak ; Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather; ARTO Varun Bassian; Executive Engineers of PWD and PMGSY, CMO, CEO, representatives from NHAI, along with officers from line departments and NGOs.

The meeting held detailed deliberations on remedial measures to prevent road accidents, with a strong emphasis on implementing road safety recommendations of the Supreme Court.



PMGSY, NHAI, and other concerned departments to formulate a comprehensive and coordinated road safety plan, incorporating inputs from SSP and SSP Traffic for identification and effective management of accident-prone black spots.

Stressing the importance of technological and enforcement interventions, the DC called for intensive measures to reduce accidents, particularly along the busy NH-44 corridor. While reviewing the progress on directions issued in previous meetings, he instructed departments

to expedite installation of speed guns, crash barriers, convex mirrors, rumble strips, milestones, and speed limit signage at identified vulnerable locations. He also emphasized improved tunnel lighting, timely filing of potholes, and enhancement of road surface conditions to ensure safer travel.

The ARTO was directed to take stringent action against operators of unfit vehicles, rash driving and traffic violations detected by enforcement agencies. The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the implementation of the Road Ac-

cident Victim Fund and stressed the need for swift disposal of cases to ensure timely financial assistance to NoKs of the victims.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed GREF authorities to ensure proper maintenance of the Maitra-Gool Road, with special focus on black spots at Parnote and Kanga, including necessary surface improvements.

Emphasizing data-driven planning, the DC asked NHAI to share data regarding vehicles whose registrations have been cancelled by the Motor Vehicles Department if found crossing toll plazas in the district.

During the meeting, SSP Ramban and SSP Traffic suggested several enforcement and safety measures to strengthen road safety mechanisms. The SSP also emphasized the need for conducting rescue and relief mock drills involving Civil Quick Response Teams (QRTs), SDRF, and other agencies at vulnerable locations to ensure preparedness for emergency situations.

World Malaria Day observed across district Doda

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World Malaria Day was today observed across District Doda under the guidance of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, State Malariaologist and CMO Dr. Tanveer Ahmed Rather.

The main event, an awareness programme cum symposium, was organized at Government ANMT School by the District Malaria Unit to educate students and the staff about malaria prevention, control and the importance of maintaining hygiene and sanitation.

District Malaria Officer Ilam Din highlighted the significance of World Malaria Day. He stressed the need for collective efforts to eliminate malaria and urged people to adopt preventive measures to protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases.

Six students drawn from different courses of Government ANMT School



participated in the symposium programme and shared their views on malaria awareness and prevention. P rincipal Government Vidya Kotwal, besides

malaria staff and officials of the CMO Office were also present on the occasion. Later, prizes were distributed among the participants in appreciation of their active involvement in

the symposium. Similar awareness programmes were also organized in all Medical Blocks of the district as part of the observance of World Malaria Day.