

DC Rajouri reviews Action Plans for Vibrant Villages

Stresses tourism, livelihood generation for border people

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee and Village Nodal Officers to review and approve the Village Action Plans under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of the proposed plans and emphasized the need for inclusion of high-impact and need-based works for holistic development of the border villages.

He laid special focus on strengthening basic infrastructure and according priority to development of playgrounds, construction of toilets in schools, establishment of smart classrooms and provision of drinking water facilities, installation of transformers and poles, high mast and solar lights and improvement of road connectivity to tourist destinations. He further stressed



on development of essential amenities like signages and parking facilities, besides exploring the feasibility of establishing sports stadiums in the identified villages.

Highlighting the tourism potential of the border areas, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized inclusion of projects like Vibrant Village Tourist Reception Centres and Tribal Theme Parks/Adventure Parks in the action plans to promote eco and border tourism. Seeking focus on livelihood generation, particularly in villages located near the Line of Control, he directed the stakeholder

departments to incorporate sustainable income-generating activities based on local needs and resources. He stressed on branding, processing and marketing of milk-based products such as kaladi, barfi, khoya and milk cake. He also called for the establishment of meat processing units and strengthening of cooperative societies to enhance the local economy.

The Deputy Commissioner further emphasized saturation of all social security schemes in these villages to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out. He directed the district and

sectoral officers to undertake regular field visits to the Vibrant Villages for effective monitoring and timely implementation of the approved plans.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Malikzada Sheraz-ul-Haq; ADC Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma; ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa; PO ICDS Harpal Singh; CPO Maqsood Ahmed; ACD Auqil Naveed; AD Tourism Mumtaz Ahmed; BDO Nowshera Gokul Kumar; BDO Seri Hemant Vaid; SE JPDCL, Principal ITI Ujwal and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

Symposium Based cultural programme organised at SPMR Commerce College

JAMMU, APRIL 27: As part of the ongoing "Nasha Mukt Jammu & Kashmir - 100 Day Campaign", the Cultural Unit of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu today organised a Symposium-cum-Theme Based Cultural Programme here at SPMR Commerce College.

The programme aimed at creating awareness among youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraging them to actively contribute towards building a drug-free society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who expressed their views and concerns on the issue through the symposium.

The Chief Guest, Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, appreciated the initiative and stressed the importance of



such awareness programmes in educational institutions. He urged students to act as ambassadors of change and spread the message of a drug-free society in their communities.

The symposium was adjudged by Dr. Chetna Gupta and Dr. Ashu Manhas, while the programme was convened by Prof. Monika Mahajan and proceedings were conducted

by Prof. Shaji Khan.

A number of students participated in the symposium and delivered thought provoking speeches on the subject. Amit, a student of B.Com Semester VI secured the first position for his impactful presentation, while Ridham and Taranpreet were adjudged second and third, respectively.

Adding cultural vibrancy to the programme, artists

of the Cultural Unit Jammu presented theme-based songs in Hindi, Dogri and Punjabi, effectively reinforcing the message of "Nasha Mukti" and inspiring the audience through music and performance.

The programme was conducted under the direction of Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Mohit Sharma.

DLSA team inspects District Jail Amphalla

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In furtherance of its mandate to provide free and competent legal services to the marginalized and vulnerable sections of society, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jammu undertook a visit to the District Jail, Amphalla.

The visit was led by the Learned Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma, who was accompanied by the Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC), Jammu Anil Sharma. The primary objective of the visit was to inspect the conditions of under-trial prisoners, assess pending legal aid cases and facilitate timely legal assistance to eligible inmates.

During the visit, the Learned Secretary also visited the Prison Legal Aid Clinic, where she reviewed its operations and issued specific directions to the Paralegal Volunteers (PLVs) to enhance case tracking, expedite legal aid applications and conduct regular awareness sessions for inmates. She further checked the barracks to assess living conditions firsthand. Additionally, she inspected the teaching classes for inmates, appreciating the on-going educational initiatives and directing enhance-



ments to promote rehabilitation and skill development.

A detailed interaction was held with the prisoners, including under-trials and women inmates. The DLSA team, along with the LADC, scrutinized jail records, identified cases requiring immediate legal intervention and ascertained the status of pending bail applications and trial proceedings. Special emphasis was laid on under-trial prisoners who had been detained beyond the prescribed statutory period.

The Authority also re-

viewed the availability of basic amenities, medical facilities and legal literacy material within the jail premises. Necessary directions were issued for the dissemination of information regarding the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the procedures for availing free legal aid to the prisoners.

The Learned Secretary reiterated the Authority's commitment to ensuring access to justice for all, particularly for those from economically weaker sections of society. She emphasized that such jail visits form an integral part of DLSA

Jammu's efforts to decongest jails, expedite trials and safeguard the fundamental rights of prisoners.

The visit concluded with a meeting with the jail authorities, during which cooperation was reaffirmed for the effective implementation of legal aid measures and the promotion of humane and dignified incarceration practices.

The DLSA Jammu shall continue to conduct jail visits and awareness programmes to strengthen the mechanism of legal aid delivery within correctional institutions.

DC Ramban reviews status of Telecom Services; directs strengthening of network coverage

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee to review the overall telecom services and network coverage in the district. The review focused on seamless and reliable connectivity across Ramban, with special emphasis on remote areas and the National Highway.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; Divisional Engineer; Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); Luxmi Narayan Saini; Tehsilard Headquarters Reejuta Mahajan. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, other concerned officers and representatives of private telecom companies joined the meeting virtually.

Reviewing the ongoing works, the Deputy Commissioner directed BSNL and representatives of private telecom service



providers, including Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, to expedite the process of covering all identified shadow areas in the district. He emphasized improving connectivity in tunnels and along the National Highway from Nashri to Banihal, as well as at other vulnerable and strategically important locations, particularly in view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. He fur-

ther instructed that the coverage areas of already installed towers be revisited to maximize outreach.

Emphasizing public convenience and safety, the Deputy Commissioner said "All existing telecom towers must remain functional round the clock." He stressed the need for adequate power backup and fuel arrangements at tower sites to ensure uninterrupted services, particu-

larly during adverse weather conditions and natural calamities, so as to avoid communication lapses during emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of land acquisition cases as per indents submitted by BSNL for the installation of new telecom towers and directed concerned officers to expedite the process to prevent delays in project execution.

DDC Poonch reviews KKG functioning, emphasises AI, CSC Integration

POONCH, APRIL 27: The Department of Agriculture Poonch, under the guidance of the District Development Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma today organized a one-day training programme for Krishi Udyamis engaged under the HADP project "Innovative Extension Approaches in Agriculture."

The programme, held under the chairmanship of DDC, also aimed to review the functioning of Krishi Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) established across the district. The primary objective of the training was to strengthen the operational capacity and outreach of KKGs, which have been envisioned as "One Service Points" for farmers and the general public. These centers play a crucial role in delivering digital services and bridging the gap between rural communities and government schemes.

Addressing the participants, the DDC underscored the importance of expanding digital outreach in remote and border areas through KKGs, aligning with the core objectives of the HADP and JKCIP ini-



tiative. He highlighted that the government has made significant investments in selecting and supporting Krishi Udyamis through a rigorous screening process. These Udyamis are now entrusted with delivering a range of services, including Government-to-Citizen (G2C), Government-to-Business (G2B) and Business-to-Citizen (B2C) services through CSC platforms. On spot grievance redressal was also done to redress the grievances of the KUs. Appreciation certificates were handed over to the top performing KUs for their remarkable work.

The DDC further emphasized the role of tele-consultation services in enabling farmers to access expert advice from Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), thereby enhancing informed decision-making, improving agricultural productivity and Weather forecast.

Chief Agriculture Officer Jograj Singh Slathia highlighted the growing significance of digital platforms and modern technologies in ensuring transparency, efficiency and accessibility in service delivery within the agriculture sector. He informed that the performance of Krishi Udyamis was reviewed based on key

parameters, including farmer registration (L1 and L2), eKYC completion (L3), income generation, daily reporting compliance and data accuracy. A comprehensive presentation showcasing parameter-wise progress of KKGs, highlighting the top performing Krishi Udyamis, success stories of the KUs was also delivered.

The training sessions covered a wide spectrum of contemporary and relevant topics, including AI-based solutions for youth empowerment and improved service delivery. Participants were sensitized on adopting innovative practices in agriculture and allied sectors, along with awareness regarding digital legal assistance services to facilitate access to justice for rural communities.

Krishi Udyamis appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to the district administration and Agriculture department. They acknowledged that such capacity-building programmes significantly enhance their skills and enable them to serve farmers more effectively.

GBMHSS Rajouri hosts mega PTM; constitutes Anti-Drug Club; Installs Nasha Mukt Complaint Box

RAJOURI, APRIL 27: In a strong and meaningful initiative against drug abuse, the Government Boys Model Higher Secondary School Rajouri organized a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) today with a special focus on awareness, prevention and community participation.

The event witnessed an impressive gathering of hundreds of students along with their parents, while the teaching staff actively contributed to the success of the programme. The PTM served as a powerful platform to build awareness and reinforce the shared responsibility of school and families in safeguarding the future of the youth.

The programme was graced by eminent resource persons - Adv. Ashfaq Ahmed (Former Additional Public Prosecutor), Dr. Ghulam Qadir (Nodal Officer Nasha Mukt Abhiyan Health Department) and social activist and former Councillor Sanjay Sharma - who delivered thought-



provoking and awareness-oriented expert lectures. Their insightful addresses highlighted the grave physical, psychological and social consequences of drug abuse, inspiring students and parents alike to remain vigilant and proactive.

A major highlight of the event was the administration of an Anti-Drug Pledge, wherein students and parents collectively resolved to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a drug-free

society.

Further strengthening the initiative, the school formed an Anti-Drug Addiction Club, aimed at promoting sustained awareness and student-led action. Additionally, a 'Nasha Mukt Complaint Box' was installed within the campus to provide a safe and confidential platform for reporting concerns related to substance abuse.

The programme was highly engaging and im-

portant having the participation of hundreds of Parents, leaving a deep impression on the participants. Parents lauded the initiative and assured their full cooperation in guiding their wards towards a healthy and purposeful life.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal Mohd. Muslim Wani emphasized that tackling drug addiction requires collective effort, continuous awareness and strong moral guidance.

He appreciated the active participation of all stakeholders and urged students to remain focused on their goals and lead a disciplined life.

Earlier Shawls and flower bouquets were presented to the key resource persons as a token of love and remembrance. Proceeding of the program was conducted by Vikrant Sharma.

The event concluded with a Nasha Mukt Pledge and resounding message: "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Purposeful Living."