

## Divisional Commissioner, IGP Jammu review arrangements for SANJAY 2026

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti today reviewed the arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2026 here at a high level meeting. The meeting was attended by IG CRPF, IG BSF, IGP Traffic, Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Udhampur, Reasi and Ramban, Director Information, Director Tourism, Transport Commissioner, HODs and officers from Rural Sanitation, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, JKRTC, PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDC, Fire and Emergency Services, NHAI, BSNL, Airtel, JIO, RTO Jammu, Deputy Controller Food Safety Jammu.

The Divisional Commissioner reviewed the action plan for setting up of registration counter in Jammu and RFID centres at Lakhampur, Bhagwati Nagar and other Lodgment centres from where the pilgrims can get their e-KYC done before departing for the Holy Pilgrimage from Bhagwati Nagar Yatra Camp.

It was informed that this year Token Centres for on-the-spot/Tatkal registration shall be set up at the Tawi River Front relieving the pilgrims from large queues and traffic issues near Railway Station.

The Divisional Commissioner directed for ensuring proper arrangements of Drinking water, Langar facility and Sanitation at the venue of Token Center.

Reviewing the arrange-

ments for Base camp at Bhagwati Nagar, the Divisional Commissioner directed the stakeholder departments for timely starting and completion of all the works. It was informed that tenders have been floated for repair and renovation works at Bhagwati Nagar- the Base Camp from where the yatra convoy leaves under proper security and regulation for Pahalgam and Baltal Base camps.

The Divisional Commissioner directed for ensuring all the works are completed by June 10, 2026, including the facelifting, White-wash, establishment of stalls for Bus ticket booking, Langar setup, Cloak room facilities along with proper arrangements for accommodation, washroom, power and lighting arrangements inside and outside the Bhagwati Nagar camp.

Directions were also issued for setting up of convenience store by the Cooperative Department inside the Bhagwati Nagar camp, provision of prepaid sims and installation of German

arrangements for deployment of security forces. He emphasized on proper illumination at each lodge-ment centre and adherence to yatra cut off timings.

Transport department was asked to ensure enforcement measures to check overcharging by public transport operators, while ferrying the pilgrims in Jammu city.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the JKRTC to keep provision of busses for sightseeing and visit of pilgrims to the tourist destinations around Jammu city.

Director Food, Civil Supplies was asked to ensure availability of LPG and other commodities for Langars, while Deputy Controller Food Safety was instructed for proper checking of Langar sites.

The Divisional Commissioner further directed all the departments for appointing a nodal officer who shall be available in the Control Room that will be setup at Bhagwati Nagar Base camp for smooth operations of all the works.

## SBI RSETI Ramban launches Soft Toys Making Training Program at Dharmound

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SBI RSETI Ramban today inaugurated a Soft Toys Making Training Program at Dharmound, continuing its push toward practical skill development and self-employment generation.

The inauguration was attended by the Lead District Manager (LDM) Davinder Singh as the Chief Guest along with Cluster Coordinator NRLM (National Rural Livelihoods Mission) Ajay Kumar, reflecting institutional backing—but the real test will be what participants actually build from this training, not just attendance on day one.

The program is being conducted under the overall supervision of Director RSETI S Harvinder Singh, ensuring structured delivery and alignment with entrepreneurship goals rather than just skill exposure.

During the session, officials stressed the importance of converting training into income. That's the part most programs fail at—skills without market linkage are just hobbies. Participants were encouraged to treat



active participation from candidates, but the real success of the program would be measured in the number of trainees who become earning entrepreneurs in the coming months.

The outcome will depend entirely on execution, consistency and whether follow-up support actually happens.

The inauguration saw

## Harvinder Singh reviews progress of 100 Day J&K Nasha Mukht Abhiyan in Poonch

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Director Employment & MD Mission YUVA Harvinder Singh (Mentor for District Poonch) today reviewed the implementation of Government's 100 Day J&K Nasha Mukht Abhiyan (NMJKA) in this border district here at a meeting held in the meeting Hall of the Deputy Commissioner Office.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma; Senior Superintendent of Police Shafiq Bhat; ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik and other district and sectoral officers.

At the outset, District Social Welfare Officer Khalil A Bandy delivered a PowerPoint presentation, outlining the action plan and progress achieved under the campaign across the district.

It was informed that District Poonch has conducted more than 550 activities so far, with participation exceeding 2 lakh individuals, reflecting a massive public outreach and community involvement.

Harvinder Singh appreciated the concerted efforts of all departments and emphasized the need to sustain momentum, strengthen grassroots level



engagement and ensure impactful awareness initiatives under the ongoing Government campaign.

Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma reiterated the administration's commitment to involve youth, educational institutions and community stakeholders, while the SSP Shafiq Bhat stressed upon robust enforcement measures alongside awareness drives.

Later, Harvinder Singh visited Government Girls Higher Secondary School, where a painting competition on the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan was being conducted. He appreciated the creativity and active participation of students in spreading awareness against drug abuse. He also visited the Sports Stadium, where he inaugurated a cricket match organized as part of the campaign, high-

lighting the importance of sports and youth engagement as powerful tools for promoting a healthy and drug free lifestyle.

The meeting and subsequent visits concluded with a renewed commitment to further scale up activities under the Government's 100 Days J&K Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, ensuring deeper outreach and meaningful societal impact across District Poonch.

## DSEJ reviews implementation of Educational Reforms in Jammu Division

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Director School Education Jammu today chaired a review meeting attended by Joint Directors and Chief Education Officers of Jammu Division here at the Directorate headquarters Muthi. Personnel Officer Manisha and other officials of the Directorate also attended the meeting.

The meeting, comprehensive in both scope and intent, focused on a wide spectrum of academic, administrative and developmental issues central to the functioning of the School Education Department.

At the outset, the Director undertook a detailed review of the recently declared Class 10th and 12th Board Examination results (Winter and Summer Zones). District-wise, zone-wise and institution-wise performance was assessed with emphasis on pass percentage, subject performance and comparative trends.

The Director complimented schools, students and the teaching fraternity for the commendable performance recorded this year. He urged institutions

fallen short of expectations to introspect and redouble their efforts. Calling for collective resolve, he urged all stakeholders to work in unison to secure even better results in the years ahead.

The issue of Masters' Seniority was also discussed at length. Stressing the importance of transparency, fairness and procedural correctness, the Director directed the concerned officers to expedite all pending matters in accordance with established norms and regulations.

Acknowledging the growing importance of digital learning, the meeting deliberated extensively on the preparation of high-quality subject-wise e-content, including detailed video lectures and supplementary academic material. Officers were instructed to ensure that such resources are developed systematically and made accessible to students across all regions, particularly those in remote and underserved areas.

A detailed review was also conducted regarding the progress of K-12 schools across Jammu Division. Zone-wise, block-wise and tehsil-wise assessments were undertaken to evalu-

ate academic standards, infrastructural development, implementation of innovative practices and overall institutional preparedness. "These schools must evolve into centres of excellence and innovation," the Director emphasized.

The Plantation Drive undertaken across schools also came up for review. District-wise Action Taken Reports were examined and officers were directed to ensure not only the completion of plantation targets but also the survival, maintenance and sustained care of the saplings planted.

The meeting further reviewed the status of online classes being conducted across schools. Comprehensive data regarding schools and teachers actively engaged in virtual instruction was sought. The Director reiterated that digital teaching must continue to complement conventional classroom practices and serve as an effective mechanism for filling learning gaps, reinforcing classroom instruction and ensuring academic continuity for every student.

Financial management under Samagra Shiksha formed another major com-

ponent of the discussions. Budget allocations, expenditure patterns, pending liabilities and future financial planning were reviewed in detail to ensure optimal utilization of available resources.

Finally, the Director reviewed the list of works completed during the financial year 2025-26, both in physical and financial terms. Officers were directed to ensure timely completion, proper documentation and strict adherence to quality standards in all developmental projects.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director observed, "Educational progress is built upon constant review, timely intervention and collective commitment. Every officer, every institution and every teacher has a crucial role in shaping the future of our students. We must celebrate success, address shortcomings and move forward together with renewed determination."

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to academic excellence, administrative efficiency and the holistic development of the school education sector across Jammu Division.

## DC Baramulla reviews Beneficiary-Oriented, Self-Employment Schemes

**BARAMULLA, APRIL 28:** Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, S.F Hamid today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Meeting Hall, Baramulla to assess the progress and implementation of various beneficiary-oriented and self-employment schemes across the district.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation was delivered by the concerned of-

ficers, highlighting the physical and financial progress achieved under key beneficiary-oriented schemes such as JKICP, HADP, PMMVY, PMAY, ICDS and other social welfare Schemes.

The review also covered self-employment schemes including Mission YUVA, PMECP, REGP, HADP and NRLM (UMEED). The presentation further out-

lined challenges faced and targets set for the coming months.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for effective implementation, timely disbursement of benefits, and enhanced coordination among departments to ensure maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries. He stressed strengthening monitoring mechanisms and directed

officers to work proactively to boost self-employment opportunities and ensure beneficiary-oriented schemes reach the grassroots level effectively.

Among others, Chief Planning Officer Baramulla Nissar Ahmad, General Manager DIC, Assistant Commissioner Development, and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

## DIPR Cultural Unit Jammu promotes anti-drug campaign among students

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Continuing its outreach under the "Nasha Mukht 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 Doon International School.

The programme was aimed at sensitising students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and motivating them to adopt a healthy and responsible lifestyle.

Students actively participated in the symposium and shared insightful views on the subject, reflecting awareness towards building a drug-free society. Ashuya Malik secured the

first position for an impressive presentation, whereas Gurveer Singh and Prikshit Singh were adjudged second and third respectively.

The Chief Guest, Vice Principal Dr. Sarita Moza Kaul along with Special Guest Sajjad and Headmistress Shivali Singh, appreciated the initiative and encouraged students to act as ambassadors for spreading awareness against drug abuse. They also acted as Jury for the symposium.

The competition was coordinated by Amardeep Kaur and Avneet Kour, while the proceedings were conducted by Maleena Mush-taq.

Adding further impact to the programme, a Nukkad Natak on Nasha Mukht was presented by the students of the school, effectively conveying a strong social message. The artists of the Cultural Unit Jammu also presented theme-based songs in Hindi and Pun-

jabi, which inspired the audience and reinforced the campaign's message.

The programme witnessed active participation from students, staff members and faculty, making it a meaningful awareness initiative.

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