

DC Kathua reviews Drug Control measures, implementation of NMJKA

Calls for mass awareness, crackdown on narcotic trafficking

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of drug control measures under NCORD initiative and the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan (NMJKA) in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner took a first-hand appraisal of the anti-drug and anti-narcotics initiatives launched by the enforcement departments. He stressed the need to give further push to awareness and enforcement activities by adopting innovative and result-oriented approaches. "The fight against drug abuse requires collective and sustained efforts involving all stakeholders" he stressed and called for intensifying awareness campaigns at the grassroots level. The departments of Education, Social Welfare, Youth Services and Sports and Excise were asked to organize age-group specific activities to spread awareness among youth and vulnerable sections of society. "The awareness initiatives shall be complemented by strict enforcement measures with the active involvement of Police, Excise, RTO and Tehsildars to ensure effective monitoring and control over narcotics-related activities," he maintained.



Additional Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Magistrates were directed to identify drug peddlers operating in their respective jurisdictions and initiate confiscation of their properties as per the legal provisions.

The SSP Mohita Sharma called upon banks to remain vigilant and promptly share information regarding suspicious financial transactions, particularly accounts reflecting sudden abnormal monetary activity, to help track and curb narcotics-related transactions and financial networks linked to drug peddling.

The Agriculture Department was asked to closely monitor and report in-

stances of illegal cultivation or wild growth of cannabis and poppy so that timely action can be taken for its eradication. Similarly, the Assistant Controller Drugs was directed to keep strict vigil on the sale of scheduled drugs and ensure compliance with all prescribed regulations.

The meeting also reviewed the progress achieved in areas related to rehabilitation, lifestyle counselling, parent counselling during Parent-Teacher Meetings and advocacy campaigns aimed at creating awareness against drug abuse.

Highlighting the role of social and religious institutions, the Deputy Commissioner called for roping in

heads of religious institutions to motivate communities and reinforce moral responsibility in combating the drug menace.

The functioning of Mahila Samitis mandated under the campaign was also reviewed. It was decided to strengthen these committees and ensure close liaison with Police for monitoring and reporting suspicious narcotics-related activities in local areas.

ADC Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra, ADC Vishavjeet Singh, RTO Surinder Sharma, SDM Hiranagar Phulail Singh, ACD, CMO, district and sectoral officers of civil administration besides officers of BSF were also present.

Ramban Admin intensifies Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Campaign

34 Panchayats organize Anti-Drug Padyatra

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Continuing the momentum of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, organized a series of Padyatras and awareness activities across 34 Panchayats of Banihal, Ukhral, Khari, Ramsoo, Ramban, Rajgarh, Batote, Gandhri, Sangaldan, Gundadhar and Gool blocks.

The initiative aimed at raising mass awareness against drug abuse and promoting a healthy, addiction-free society.

A massive padyatra was conducted at Panchayat Dooligam Upper-B and Panchayat Chaknarwa in Block Banihal under the leadership of SDM Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people of all walks of life, including students, youth, religious leaders and other prominent citizens. Participants raised slogans against drug abuse, spread awareness about its harmful effects and took a collective pledge to contribute towards building a drug-free society.



Similar Padyatras were held in other Panchayats with active involvement of Tehsildars, BDOs and CDPOs, who led the campaign at the grassroots level.

Students from various schools, officials from different departments and community members participated in large numbers, turning the campaign into a mass movement. Awareness messages were widely

disseminated, with participants reiterating their commitment to eradicate the menace of drug abuse.

As part of the 100-day Nasha Mukta campaign, Parent-Teacher Meetings were also organized in schools across the district. The parents were sensitized about the serious consequences of drug abuse and encouraged to play an active role in guiding youth

towards a positive and healthy lifestyle.

The overwhelming community participation reflects the strong collective resolve of the people of Ramban to support the administration's mission of a drug-free society. The district administration remains committed to intensifying such awareness drives to ensure a safer and healthier future for all.

CS inaugurates SOC to strengthen cyber security framework across J&K

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today inaugurated the Jammu and Kashmir Security Operations Centre (JK SOC), marking a significant step towards strengthening the Union Territory's cyber security infrastructure.

Additional Chief Secretary, (Financial Commissioner) Revenue, Shaleen Kabra; Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Secretary, IT Department, Dr. Piyush Singla; Director General, National Informatics Centre, VTV Ramana; CEO, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency, Mahima Madan; and SIO, NIC J&K, J. S. Modi were present on the occasion.

The JK SOC has been es-



established to enhance the cyber security framework of the UT administration. It will provide round-the-clock monitoring, threat detection, and incident response capabilities to safeguard critical government digital infrastructure and sensitive data from cyber threats.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary emphasized that with the rapid digitization of government services, ensur-

ing robust cyber security has become imperative. He further observed that the SOC will serve as the nerve centre for securing the Union Territory's digital assets and ensuring the safe and seamless delivery of e-governance services to citizens here.

The centre is equipped with advanced tools for real-time threat intelligence, vulnerability assessment, and security analytics.

It will also coordinate closely with national agencies, including CERT-In, for effective cyber incident management.

Senior Director, NIC, Anil Kumar Sharma delivered a detailed presentation on the functioning and capabilities of the JK SOC. Senior officers from the IT Department, Divisional Administration Jammu, and technical experts were also present at the inauguration.

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The SPARSH Committee of Government College of Education Jammu organized an awareness programme on SHE-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box) to sensitize students to workplace safety, gender dignity and mechanisms for reporting sexual harassment.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by the Principal, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, who highlighted the importance of creating a safe, respectful and inclusive academic environment. She encour-

aged students to remain aware of their rights and responsibilities and emphasized the collective duty to ensure a harassment-free campus.

The session was conducted by the Resource Person, Dr. Sonam Gandotra, Head Department of ICT. She delivered an insightful presentation on SHE-Box, an initiative of the Government of India that provides a single-window online platform for lodging complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace. She elaborated on the concept and forms of sexual harassment, including quid pro quo and hostile work environment and

explained the process of filing complaints through SHE-Box. Stressing the importance of timely reporting and documentation, she conveyed the key message that silence encourages harassment.

The programme was convened by Dr. Davinder Kour, Convenor, SPARSH Committee, who ensured the smooth organization of the event.

A total of 79 students actively participated in the programme and engaged meaningfully in the interactive session, reflecting their keen interest in understanding the subject.

The event was graced by the presence of senior fac-

ulty members including Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Shalini Rana, Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Dr. Suraj Parkash, Prof. Roopa Kumari, Dr. Shalu Jasrotia and Prof. Deepali Devi. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Shalini Sharma, who appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee, the resource person and the participants for making the event a success. The initiative reaffirmed the institution's commitment to fostering awareness, ensuring safety and promoting a culture of dignity and respect within the campus.

Div Com Kashmir directs for meticulous execution of plans for seamless Nasha Mukta J&K Padyatra

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In preparation for the upcoming Nasha Mukta J&K Padyatra scheduled for May 3, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting to review arrangements laying strong emphasis on precision, coordination, and seamless execution.

The meeting was attended by senior officials, including the DIG Central Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, Director Information & Public Relations, Director Health Services, SSP Traffic, and heads of various departments such as School Education, Higher Education, Transport, Culture, Hospitality & Protocol, Tribal Affairs, and other key stakeholders.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner stressed the importance of meticulous planning and effective inter-departmental coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the padyatra and associated events. He directed all concerned departments to formally invite stakeholders and special guests in advance.

On the occasion, the Div Com gave special emphasis to arrangements at the Football Stadium, the designated venue for the flag-off cere-



mony besides arrangements enroute and at culmination point. Officials were instructed for installation of Pandals, ensure adequate seating facilities for VVIPs, dignitaries, and participants.

He also instructed that participants must reach the venue before 7:30 AM for timely commencement of the event.

Regarding transportation facility, designated nodal officer was tasked with developing a comprehensive plan for the movement of students and participants, ensuring sufficient transport availability on designated stations.

The Information Department was assigned the responsibility of enhancing the event's outreach and visibil-

ity through the installation of a Public Address System (PAS), preparation of a theme-based video, display of an anti-drug pledge on digital screens, and the creation of thematic flags and banners. To amplify public engagement, the Divisional Commissioner also directed the formation of a human chain by students from the venue up to Poloview.

The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar was instructed to ensure the availability of essential services along the entire route of the padyatra.

The Cultural Department was tasked with organizing performances, including songs and thematic presentations, within a stipulated

timeframe. Meanwhile, the Hospitality & Protocol Department was directed to distribute refreshments for students and participants in advance while for VVIPs, and other dignitaries at the venue.

Security and crowd management responsibilities were entrusted to the Police Department, which will also oversee the deployment of a police band to support the event.

The Divisional Commissioner reiterated that the padyatra is a significant initiative aimed at promoting a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir and called for comprehensive efforts from all departments to ensure its success.

DLTC Meeting stresses timely completion of connectivity works in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, APRIL 30: A meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) was held here today under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Syed Faheem Bihaqi to take stock of the progress of mobile tower installation, elimination of communication gaps, and the status of broadband connectivity works across the district.

The meeting held a detailed review of mobile tower installation by various service providers, with particular focus on areas that continue to lack adequate network coverage. It was noted that out of total identified tower sites for which land has been made available, almost all are now functional while work on the remaining a few sites is still pending, and all concerned agencies were directed to complete these without further delay.

Concern was expressed over BSNL's failure to complete assigned works despite earlier directions at previous committee meetings. The state-run operator was specifically directed to immediately take up

pending tasks and provide a compliance report. Airtel and Jio were directed to expedite installation of towers at critical locations, particularly at District Hospital Ganderbal and the Darend area, where absence of reliable connectivity poses a direct challenge to healthcare access and emergency response.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of BharatNet, the national programme to bring broadband connectivity to all gram panchayats.

The meeting was informed that surveys across all blocks in the district have been completed, active work is currently underway in Kangana and Lar blocks. Work in Safapora block, however, remains incomplete, and the executing agencies were directed to accelerate progress there and adhere to the prescribed timeline.

KPDCL was specifically directed to prioritise the provision of electricity to all telecom installation sites, as power availability remains a prerequisite for the commissioning of towers and broadband nodes.

All agencies were further directed to ensure that pending work orders

are issued within a week, so that ground-level execution is not stalled on account of procedural delays. Telecom companies were also directed to carry out proper restoration of sites following installation works and to take full responsibility for protecting public infrastructure and civic assets during execution. Any damage to roads, footpaths, or utilities caused during cabling or tower installation must be made good by the concerned agency.

The ADC underscored that seamless telecom connectivity is not a matter of convenience but a necessity for effective delivery of public services, functioning of healthcare facilities, coordination during emergencies, and the broader development goals of the district.

He stressed that strengthening telecom infrastructure is vital for public service delivery, emergency response, and overall socio-economic development of the district, and called upon all stakeholders to work in close coordination to achieve targets within the prescribed timeframe.