

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Nasha Mukt Campaign

DIPR organises Cultural programme at School for Sightless Girls Roopnagar

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Continuing its outreach under the "Nasha Mukt Jammu & Kashmir - 100 Days Campaign", the Cultural Unit Jammu of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) today organised a Symposium-cum-Theme Based Cultural Programme here at School for Sightless Girls Roopnagar.

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 issue, reflecting awareness and concern towards building a drug-free society.

The Chief Guest, Principal



Navedita Shukla appreciated the initiative and encouraged students to act as responsible citizens by spreading awareness against drug abuse.

The artists of the Cultural Unit Jammu also presented theme-based songs in Hindi and Punjabi, which inspired

the audience and reinforced the campaign's message through engaging performances. The programme witnessed active participation from students, staff members and faculty, making it a meaningful awareness initiative. Certificates for apprecia-

tion were also given to all the participants of the symposium.

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

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MLA Nagrota Devyani Rana today reiterated her commitment towards ensuring equitable and inclusive development across every area of Nagrota Assembly Constituency while addressing public meetings at Panjgrain and Janakha panchayats.

She said the Bharatiya Janata Party ideology of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" is the guiding principle behind her public service and developmental vision for Nagrota constituency. She asserted that carrying forward the vision and legacy of her father, Devender Singh Rana Sahib remains her foremost responsibility and mission.

Addressing gatherings, the MLA said that the people of Nagrota have bestowed upon her a decisive mandate with immense trust and expectations, and she is fully dedicated to fulfilling the aspirations of every section of society through transparent governance and accelerated developmental initiatives.

Highlighting the pace of development in the constituency, Ms. Rana informed that within merely around six months of assuming office, developmental works around Rs 100 Crores have already been allocated under various sectors for Nagrota constituency. These allocations, she said, are being utilized for strengthening road connectivity, upgrading basic infrastructure, improving drinking water facilities, enhancing educational and healthcare institutions, rural development works, irriga-



tion facilities, school infrastructure, and welfare initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of the people. She termed this a significant achievement towards fast-tracking infrastructure and welfare works across the constituency.

"This is just the beginning of the development process. With the continued blessings, trust, and support of the people, I will keep working tirelessly towards transforming Nagrota into a model constituency in the years to come," she added.

She stated that the BJP has always worked with the commitment of ensuring balanced and equitable development without discrimination and the same vision is being implemented vigorously in Nagrota constituency. She emphasized that every village, every habitation, and every section of society must equally benefit from the developmental process.

Highlighting the major achievements in road connectivity, Ms. Rana stated, over 22 kilometres of new roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana amounting to Rs. 46 Crores 73 lakhs have been sanctioned for Nagrota con-

stituency. She said these projects will significantly improve connectivity in rural and far-flung areas and provide much-needed relief and better transportation facilities to the people.

Ms. Rana further stated that as an MLA she is undertaking ward meetings in approximately 368 wards of Nagrota Constituency during each of which people projected various developmental issues and public concerns pertaining to their respective areas. She appreciated the active participation and feedback from the public and said such interactions help in understanding the genuine needs and priorities of the people at the grassroots level.

She assured the gathering that she will work earnestly towards fulfilling the aspirations and expectations of the people at large across the constituency.

Ms. Rana emphasized that balanced and equitable development of the constituency is her top priority and no area will be neglected in the developmental process. She said focused attention is being given to so that the benefits of government schemes and infrastructure projects reach door

steps. Highlighting the importance of women empowerment, MLA Nagrota Devyani Rana stated that empowering women socially and economically is essential for building a progressive society.

She said special emphasis is being laid on promoting self-help groups, cooperatives, livelihood initiatives, entrepreneurship opportunities, and welfare schemes with a focus women so that they become financially independent and active participants in the development process.

She further said that encouraging skill development among the youth remains one of her key focus areas.

Various initiatives are being pursued to equip young people with modern skills, vocational training, employment-oriented education, and entrepreneurship opportunities so that they can become self-reliant and contribute positively towards society and nation building. Prominent locals, social activists, youth representatives, and party workers were present during the meetings and appreciated the developmental initiatives being undertaken in the constituency.

JMC launches 'Clean Jammu, Green Jammu' Campaign

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The Jammu Municipal Corporation is set to launch a special city-wide campaign aimed at transforming Jammu into a clean, green and environmentally sustainable city.

In this regard, the Commissioner JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav convened a comprehensive meeting with senior officers and officials of the Corporation to deliberate on strategies for strengthening sanitation measures, enhancing greenery and ensuring maximum public participation in the initiative.

The Commissioner revealed that under this special campaign cleaning and restoration works are underway at more than 20 ponds/water bodies across Jammu city. "These will continue in the coming weeks. To ensure the long-term maintenance and protection of these water bodies, local committees comprising residents living near the ponds will be constituted. These Committees will "adopt" the ponds and actively participate in their upkeep and cleanliness. Moreover JMC appeals to



the citizens to voluntarily participate in the water body conservation around the city by filling a form through an online link," he said.

Highlighting the Corporation's commitment towards environmental conservation ahead of the forthcoming monsoon season, Dr. Yadav informed that over forty thousand trees and saplings will be planted across different parts of Jammu city under the "Clean Jammu, Green Jammu" initiative. In order to encourage greater public involvement, the JMC has also introduced a volunteer participation mechanism through which citizens can register themselves for plantation drives and adopt

a tree through swachh.jk.gov.in/clean-jammu-cert?. Each adopted tree will be linked to the concerned citizen through a dedicated QR code, ensuring accountability and fostering a sense of ownership towards environmental protection.

The Commissioner further stated that flowering plants and ornamental saplings will also be planted in vacant spaces throughout the city to enhance the aesthetic appeal and green cover of Jammu.

Meanwhile, the Housing and Urban Development Department has introduced significant amendments to the Building Bye-laws, enabling citizens to self-certify and directly upload building

maps online, thereby simplifying the approval process. Additionally, the installation of rainwater harvesting systems has now been made mandatory for all new building permissions. This step is expected to help recharge the groundwater table during the monsoon season and prevent the depletion of vital water sources such as tube wells and open wells.

Appealing to the citizens of Jammu for active participation, Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav urged residents, social organizations, volunteers and youth groups to join hands with the Jammu Municipal Corporation in making Jammu a truly "Clean and Green" city.

Anti-Drug Awareness Programme organized at DISHA Institute Ramban

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In continuation to the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukt Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, the District Information Centre (DIC) Ramban, in collaboration with the Drug Control Department today organized an awareness programme on drug abuse here at DISHA Institute of Paramedical & Nursing Sciences.

The programme aimed to sensitise students to the harmful effects of drug addiction and promote the vision of a drug-free society.

Drug Control Officer Intiyaz Ahmed attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Dental Surgeon Dr. Bhushan attended as the Guest of Honour.

The event witnessed active participation of students. They delivered speeches highlighting the



serious social, physical and psychological consequences of drug abuse. An exhibition displaying the posters made by the students was one of the major attractions. Cultural performances and a skit presentation were also organised as part of the awareness programme.

The Drug Control Officer emphasised the importance

of awareness, prevention and collective responsibility to combat the drug menace.

Meanwhile, the Institute also celebrated International Nurses Day 2026 promoting the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives." The event featured informative and recreational activities dedicated to the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

The Principal of the Institute Hilal Wani appreciated the initiative of the Information Department. He hailed the informative programme and thanked the organizers for engaging students through creative and awareness-oriented activities.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment by students and faculty members to work collectively towards building a drug-free, healthy and aware society.

Udhampur admin hosts awareness-cum-training programme on census 2027 self-enumeration

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District Administration Udhampur today organised an awareness-cum-training programme for District and Sectoral Officers regarding Census 2027 and the upcoming Self-Enumeration process here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

The programme, held under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa, was attended by District Census Officer and Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; PO Poshan Subash Dogra, Additional SP Sandeep Bhat, GM DIC Kishore Singh Katoch, DFO Udhampur, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, DSEO Darshan Kumar and other district officers.

At the outset, the DIO NIC delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on Census 2027 and briefed



the participants about the online self-enumeration process. He informed that the self-enumeration phase will be conducted from May 17 to May 31, 2026, during which citizens will be able to submit their household details online through the official Census Self-Enumeration portal.

He stated that the initiative has been introduced to make the Census process more convenient, transpar-

ent and citizen-friendly.

While addressing the gathering, the ADC explained that the online self-enumeration facility would enable residents to independently and securely provide household information from their homes. He emphasized that self-declaration by citizens forms the backbone of authentic Census records and urged residents to furnish all required information truthfully and

carefully in the prescribed 33 questions of Phase-I Houselisting and Housing Census, covering household composition, socio-economic details and other notified Census parameters.

The ADC further said that the successful conduct of Census 2027 depends on collective awareness and active public participation, and urged all residents to make full use of the online self-enumeration facility.

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to discuss and finalize the District Capex Budget for the financial year 2026-27

The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments and executing agencies to prepare plans strictly in accordance with the needs and priorities of the people.

He stressed the importance of identifying projects with visible and meaningful



impact on the ground, particularly in sectors such as healthcare, infrastructure and public service delivery.

Emphasizing timely submission of plan proposals and estimates, the Deputy Commissioner stressed ex-

pediting the process for seeking administrative approvals to facilitate timely execution of developmental projects in view of the limited working season in the district.

Reviewing the status of preparation of estimates for proposed works, the Deputy Commissioner called for better coordination among line departments, optimum utilization of resources and proactive planning to facilitate smooth and efficient implementation of developmental projects across the district.