

Mega Block Diwas at Markundal Naidkhai; DC reviews developmental works, Public Grievances

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Wednesday chaired a Mega Block Diwas programme at Markundal Naidkhai, where she reviewed the status of developmental activities and heard a wide range of public grievances and concerns projected by the residents of the area.

The programme was attended by SDM Sumbal, ACD, ACP, CMO, CEO, CAHO, CHO, CAO, ARTO, Executive Engineers of various departments, Tehsildar Hajin, and a large gathering of public representatives and concerned officers.

During the interaction session, residents raised issues pertaining to road connectivity, macadamisation, desilting, drinking water supply, sanitation, irrigation, education infrastructure, waste management, ration cards, social welfare schemes, and other developmental concerns.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the public that all genuine demands and grievances would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner, and directed concerned officers



to initiate necessary action on priority.

The DC further directed the concerned departments to improve civic amenities, strengthen sanitation and waste management measures, and ensure more effective public service delivery in the area. Emphasising the importance of public participation, the Deputy Commissioner noted that challenges such as waste management and drug abuse cannot be addressed

by the government alone, and urged citizens to extend full cooperation in maintaining cleanliness and fostering social awareness. The Deputy Commissioner also directed concerned departments to conduct field surveys and submit reports on road conditions, water stagnation, irrigation deficiencies, and other infrastructural requirements in the area.

Directing the Agriculture Department Bandipora to organise a special camp for

resolution of issues related to PM-KISAN beneficiaries, the Deputy Commissioner also made clear that encroachments on irrigation canals would not be tolerated and that such structures would be demolished without exception.

Residents and participants expressed appreciation to the Deputy Commissioner for conducting the Block Diwas and for personally and patiently engaging with the concerns of the people.

DC Jammu chairs Block Diwas at remote Kathar village of Maira Mandrian

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Deputy Commissioner Dr Rakesh Minhas today chaired the weekly Block Diwas public outreach program at Kathar, a remote Kandi village in Block Maira Mandrian of Sub Division Akhnoor.

The mega grievances redressal camp was attended by ADDC Sher Singh; SDM Akhnoor Mukhter Ahmed; SDM Chowki Choura Ankush Hans; Chief Planning Officer Ajay Pal Singh; Assistant Commissioner Development Danish Rasool and Block Development Officer Tahir Hafiz, besides other district officers and field functionaries of the line departments.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation from locals. Public delegations and PRI members projected wide range of demands related to development and redressal of day-to-day grievances. The public put forth a detailed charter of demands, seek-



ing macadamization and upgrading of rural roads, alongside the augmentation of Power and Drinking water infrastructure to ensure adequate water and electricity supply.

The residents also raised demands for the improvement of irrigation facilities for the farming community, upgrading of local schools and healthcare institutions and creation of dedicated facilities for youth activities.

Furthermore, the locals sought urgent intervention to contain growing monkey menace in the area, which

has been severely affecting their daily lives.

Giving a patient hearing to the demands raised by the public, the Deputy Commissioner addressed several issues on the spot by passing explicit directions to the concerned officers. He assured the residents that all their genuine grievances would be compiled and resolved in a phased and time bound manner by the respective line departments.

Dr Minhas highlighted the core message of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, seeking active co-

operation and support of the public in completely eradicating the drug menace from society.

Directly addressing the youth of the subdivision, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged them to stay away from drugs and instead channel their energy toward nation-building. He emphasised the importance of self-reliance, urging the youth to tap into the government-sponsored schemes to explore avenues for self-employment and entrepreneurship. He later felicitated meritorious students of the area.

DC Ramban presides over Weekly Block Diwas

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today presided over the weekly Block Diwas meeting at Gundi-Dharam, providing a direct platform for interaction between the district administration and local residents and resolving the public issues on the spot.

The Block Diwas was attended by SDM Gool Intiaz Ahmed; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; Executive Engineers, district and sectoral officers of line departments, besides a large number of local residents.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic public participation, with residents projecting several demands and grievances related to road connectivity, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare, education, ration cards and other developmental issues.

Taking immediate cognizance of the issues raised, the Deputy Commissioner resolved most of the grievances on the spot by issuing



directions to the concerned officers for their prompt redressal and fixing strict timelines for execution.

Addressing the issue of road connectivity, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineer JPDCI to provide additional electric poles for the area and complete installation within ten days. Regarding water supply, he instructed the Jal Shakti Department to make arrangements to meet irrigation and drinking water needs till permanent solutions under the Jal Jeevan Mission are completed.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure that a medical team

equipped with essential medicines conducts weekly visits to the area. He further assured the public that an ambulance for Gundi-Dharam would be provided at the earliest.

The DC also directed the Assistant Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to organise a special camp in the area for resolution of ration card-related issues and other grievances pertaining to the department. He also directed the ACD to take necessary steps for construction of a Community Sanitary Complex at Tata Pani.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the public that all genuine demands raised would be addressed in a time-bound manner. He also appealed to the public to extend full cooperation in House Listing and other Census operations, emphasizing that accurate and timely data collection is crucial for effective planning, equitable resource allocation and implementation of welfare schemes.

Bandipora Admin continues Nasha Mukht Abhiyan activities across Institutions, Panchayats

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District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday continued activities under the 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan across the district with pledge-writing events, awareness programmes, rallies, counselling sessions, Gram Sabhas and poster display activities organised in schools, colleges and Panchayat Halqas.

Pledge-writing and awareness activities were conducted at MD Hajini Memorial Public School Hajin, HSS Nowgam, HSS Quilmuqam, HSS PTL Gurez, HSS Gadakhud, HSS Chuntimulla, HSS Budob, HS Achoora, HS Jurniyal Tulail, HS Kanzalwan, GHS Nadihal, HS Ahamsharief, HS Panar and HSS Ketson, where students actively participated and pledged to work towards a drug-free society.

Poster display and pledge-writing activities under the banner of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan were also organised at BHSS Aloosa and other educational institutions to spread awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse.

PMShri HSS Shadipora organised an awareness programme and mass



pledge ceremony, where students and staff committed themselves to promoting a drug-free lifestyle and spreading awareness against substance abuse.

Special Gram Sabhas and awareness programmes under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan were held at Panchayat Halqa Shahpora Bala, Ajas-C, Gundiqaiser, Bonakoot-C, Sonerwani-A, Malangam-B and other Panchayat Halqas with participation of Panchayat representatives, students and local residents.

A counselling programme under the banner

of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan was also organised by the Red Ribbon Club of the GDC Bandipora under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra. During the programme, speakers highlighted the harmful effects of drug abuse and stressed the need for creating awareness and strengthening social responsibility among youth.

Meanwhile, the College Women Empowerment Cell in collaboration with NSS Units of HKM GDC Bandipora organised an all-women anti-drug rally to raise awareness regard-

ing substance abuse and encourage collective action against the growing drug menace. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation of girl students and staff members carrying placards and raising slogans promoting a healthy and drug-free society.

The programmes witnessed active participation of students, teachers, Panchayat representatives and the public, reflecting the continued commitment towards successful implementation of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan across Bandipora district.

Inspection Wing Kashmir Launches Training Drive on Electrical Safety for Power Sector Employees

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Reaffirming its commitment to place safety as the foremost priority in all power sector operations, the Electrical Inspection Wing, PDD Kashmir, organized a two-day training programme on theme "Electrical Safety and Accident Prevention" for the field employees of Electric Division-I and Electric Division-II on 11th and 12th May 2026 at Data Centre, PDD Complex, Bemina.

It was stated that on the directions of ACS PDD, Ashwani Kumar, a structured training schedule has been devised by the Inspectorate and the present pro-

gramme forms part of the said training drive under which large-scale training programmes shall be conducted across all districts of J&K to ensure wider participation of field employees at their respective places of posting.

The programme witnessed active participation of around 150 field employees and was aimed at enhancing awareness regarding safe working practices, accident prevention measures and adherence to safety protocols during operation and maintenance activities of the power system. During the sessions, the participants were sensitized about the potential hazards associated with

electrical works and were trained in various preventive and protective measures aimed at safeguarding human life and minimizing workplace accidents. Informative presentations, practical demonstrations and audiovisual modules on electrical safety practices were also showcased to familiarize the employees with modern safety standards and procedures.

Special emphasis was laid on the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety devices while carrying out field assignments. The employees were strongly advised not to undertake any work without observing

mandatory safety precautions and standard operating procedures.

The training sessions were organized and conducted by officers of Inspection Wing Kashmir, namely Er. Fayyaz Wani and Er. Adil Bashir Gorkha, who served as master trainers for the programme under the supervision of Er. Malik Habib Ahmad, Executive Engineer, and under the overall guidance of Er. Sanjay Sharma, Chief Electrical Inspector, J&K. Other officers, officials and supporting staff of the Inspectorate also actively participated in conducting the proceedings and coordinating the programme.

DDC Doda chairs Block Diwas at Bhagwah

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The District Administration Doda today organized a Public Outreach camp (Block Diwas) at Block Headquarter Bhagwah. District Development Commissioner (DDC) Krishan Lal presided over the Camp.

A large number of public representatives, including former Sarpanchs and ex-PRI members, besides local residents, participated in the programme and projected wide range of demands and grievances before the District Development Commissioner.

Among the officers present on the occasion were POICDS, ACD, ACP, Executive Engineers of PDD, PHE and PWD (R&B), Tehsildar, BDO, officers from the Health Department and other district and sectoral departments.

During the interaction, the public highlighted several issues pertaining to healthcare, roads, education, drinking water supply, sanitation, tourism and public infrastructure.

The residents demanded up-gradation of the PHC building, deployment of MBBS and Dental doctors at the health centre and availability of an ambulance facility for the area.

The people also raised the issue of the poor condition of the Doda-Dessa road and demanded its immedi-



ate blacktopping.

Infrastructure up-gradation in schools, meeting shortage of teachers and lecturers in GHSS and other schools, construction of a passenger shed and toilet complex at the local Bus Stand among other demands were also projected.

The locals further urged the administration to take necessary steps to promote the area as tourism destination in view of its scenic attraction for nature lovers. They further demanded up-gradation of a nallah between Bhagwah and Lal Draman for better connectivity, regular functioning of Anganwadi Centres and timely engagement orders for seasonal vocational teachers. Concerns regarding sanitation in schools were also projected.

Issues related to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) were also raised, with the de-

mand for construction of a main reservoir and filter plant at Bijarni and improvement of the supply system.

The public also highlighted shortage of teachers and absence of a Headmaster at Government Girls High School Kanhal and sought expansion of the school playground.

The residents further demanded establishment of creation of a Mandi for export and sale of fruits produced in Bhagwah and early completion of the mandi at Paryote. They further sought construction of toilet complexes and Community Sanitation Centres (CSC) under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Responding to the issues, the DDC directed the PWD (R&B) Department to expedite the road works. He informed the public that several works have already

been tendered and allotted while some have commenced. He assured that blacktopping work on the Dessa road would be started and completed at the earliest.

The DDC directed the School Education Department to ensure proper sanitation in schools, especially provision of special toilets for girls and provision of CRC teachers wherever required.

The Power Development Department (PDD) was asked to prepare detailed reports regarding feeder-related issues in the area and submit the same for necessary action.

He also instructed the department to prepare DPRs for the installation of additional electricity poles in the area and ensure proper electricity arrangements in schools and health institutions.

Regarding healthcare facilities, the DDC Doda informed the gathering that a multifunctional health van equipped with facilities such as X-ray and ultrasound has been provided and Bhagwah and Dessa areas would be included in its roster to facilitate medical testing for the people.

The DDC further directed the PWD Department to assess the condition of the PHC building and take necessary measures for its improvement.