

## DDC Reasi convenes public grievances redressal camp at Panchayat Panassa

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To ensure prompt redressal of public issues at the grassroots level, the District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today convened a public outreach camp at Panchayat Panassa in block Thakrakote.

The camp witnessed active participation from locals, who projected a range of demands related to developmental requirements and public welfare.

The demands raised during the interaction included improvement of road connectivity to unconnected habitations, augmentation of drinking water and power supply, addressing staff shortages in schools, upgradation of educational infrastructure, development of playgrounds and strengthening of healthcare facilities in the area.

The residents also projected demand for inclusion of left-out beneficiaries under the PMAY, payment of pending land compensation, issuance of bus permits to improve transport facilities, opening of a bank branch in the area and several demands pertaining to tribal welfare and development.

The DDC accompanied by officers of various line departments, interacted with the public and listened



patiently to their grievances and suggestions.

Several issues were resolved on the spot, while directions were issued to the concerned departments for disposal of pending matters within a stipulated time-frame.

Later, the DDC chaired a detailed review meeting to assess progress of developmental works being executed by PMGSY, PWD, Jal Shakti and JPDC in block Thakrakote. The meeting focused on assessing the pace and quality of ongoing projects and identifying bottlenecks affecting their execution. The Executive Engineers of PWD, PMGSY, Jal Shakti and JPDC briefed the chair on the status and progress.

Emphasizing the need

for timely completion of public infrastructure projects, the DDC directed the executing agencies to strictly adhere to quality standards and ensure completion of works within the stipulated timelines. He also instructed the concerned Tehsildar and BDO to work in close coordination with the executing departments to remove bottlenecks, if any and facilitate smooth execution of the projects.

The DDC also reviewed the implementation status of HADP in the block, including the functioning of Krishi Khidmat Ghars, progress of farmers' e-KYC and overall agricultural production. He instructed the concerned officers to promote hill garlic cultiva-

tion in the area and work towards the establishment of end-to-end production, value addition and processing units to enhance farmers' income and create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Directions were also issued to the Assistant Commissioner Development for conducting Gram Sabhas to identify left-out beneficiaries under PMAY. The DDC further instructed that recovery proceedings be initiated against PMAY defaulters in accordance with the prescribed norms.

Later, the DDC visited Government Higher Secondary School Panassa and reviewed the academic environment and infrastructural facilities available in the institution. He also visited PHC Panassa to assess the healthcare services being provided to the local population. During the inspection, he reviewed the availability of medicines, medical staff and other essential healthcare arrangements at the health centre.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar; Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, Divisional Forest Officer, Chief Education Officer and other district and sectoral officers accompanied the DDC during the visit and review meetings.

## On LG Saxena's initiative, UT Administration signs tripartite MoU for Ladakh Bike Week

LEH, MAY 16: Following the sustained push and vision of the Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, for promoting adventure tourism in Ladakh, a tripartite MoU was today signed between the Department of Tourism and Culture, UT Ladakh, Royal Enfield and the Ladakh Bike Co-operative organising the annual "Ladakh Bike Week". The MoU has been signed for a period of three years.

As per the MoU, Ladakh Bike Week will be organised annually from September 1 to September 7 for the next three years. The week-long event will witness participation of bikers from across the country and abroad, under the theme "The Great Migration," which aims at promoting national integration, cultural exchange and tourism in Ladakh. Thousands of riders and adventure enthusiasts are expected to participate in the annual event. The event will also be promoted as a sustainable and environmentally responsible initiative, with organisers committing to adopting a zero-waste model during the celebrations. Major international and national outdoor and adventure brands, including The North Face, Patagonia, Garmin and several



others, are expected to showcase their products and innovations during the week-long programme.

The initiative assumes significance as it comes following the representation made by the Bikers Union to the UT Administration for including biking activities in Ladakh's official tourism calendar and promoting Ladakh as a premier global biking and adventure tourism destination.

Acting promptly on the demand and recognising Ladakh's immense potential in adventure tourism, L-G Shri Saxena facilitated the collaboration to institutionalise Ladakh Bike Week as a flagship tourism event. The Lieutenant Governor termed the MoU a welcome initiative that would

strengthen biking culture and adventure tourism in Ladakh in an organised, sustainable and community-driven manner.

The initiative would also create significant livelihood opportunities for local communities, benefiting homestays, hotels, transport operators, guides, mechanics, cafes, artisans, Self Help Groups and small businesses through increased tourist footfall. Shri Saxena appreciated the Ladakh Bike Co-operative Limited for ensuring local participation and community ownership in the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor stated that the partnership reflects a shared vision to strengthen Ladakh's identity as one of the

world's leading adventure tourism destinations while ensuring that the people of Ladakh remain at the centre of the growth story.

Highlighting Ladakh's unmatched appeal among bikers, the Lieutenant Governor said that iconic high-altitude passes such as Umiling La, Khardung La and Chang La continue to attract thousands of bikers and adventure enthusiasts every year, firmly placing Ladakh on the global adventure tourism map.

The Lieutenant Governor also stressed the importance of environmentally responsible tourism, stating that Ladakh's fragile ecology and cultural heritage must remain protected while promoting tourism activities in the Ladakh region.

## Vikramjit Singh reviews implementation of NMBA in Pulwama

PULWAMA, MAY 16:

Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh, who is the District Mentor for overseeing the implementation of Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan in Pulwama district, today chaired a meeting to review implementation of the activities being conducted under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) in the district.

While reviewing the activities, the Commissioner Secretary highlighted the need to sensitise youth regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and emphasised the importance of preventive awareness at the grassroots level. He further directed the departments to make effective use of audio-visual means including documentaries, short films and testimonials of rehabilitated victims for impactful outreach and wider public awareness.

Emphasising the importance of community participation, Vikramjit Singh directed the concerned departments to intensify awareness programmes,



outreach activities and youth engagement initiatives across educational institutions and rural as well as urban areas of the district.

He called for coordinated efforts among the administration, police, civil society and community stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan and to make it a mass movement.

The officers on the occasion also informed regarding various activities being conducted under NMBA including awareness programmes, counselling sessions, sports activities, pledge ceremonies, padyatras, signature campaigns and community outreach programmes across different zones and institutions of the district.

During the meeting,

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, briefed regarding the department-wise activities being carried out across the district under the ongoing campaign. The Deputy Commissioner apprised of the district action plan, activities conducted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, involvement of SHG members, revitalisation of youth clubs and their trainings, constitution of Mahila Nigrani Samitis in Panchayats and urban wards, participation of religious leaders and elderly clubs besides drug de-addiction and counselling facilities available in the district along with rehabilitation and follow-up mechanisms for affected individuals.

On the occasion, Senior Superintendent of Pulwama, Tanushree and Senior Superintendent of Police Awantipora, Sajad Ahmad Shah, also apprised the chair regarding the enforcement measures and anti-drug operations being undertaken in the district to curb the menace of drug abuse.

## NHPC earns Net Profit of Rs 3618 cr during FY, declares dividend of Rs. 0.21 per share

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NHPC Limited, a 'Navratna' PSU under the Ministry of Power, Government of India has declared its Audited Financial Results for the Financial Year 2025-26 with the approval of its Board of Directors. The Company has reported Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 3618 Crore on Standalone basis in FY 2025-26 against Rs. 3084 Crore for the last fiscal, which is higher by 17%. Consolidated Net Profit for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 4220 Crore compared to Rs. 3412 Crore during last fiscal, thereby registering an increase of 24%. The Board of



Directors have recommended final dividend of Rs 0.21 per Equity share for Financial Year 2025-26 in addition to interim dividend of Rs 1.40 per share. Accordingly, total dividend for FY 2025-26 is Rs 1.61 per share.

During FY 2025-26, the

company has added capacity of 1850 MW by commissioning 3 projects, namely Subansiri Lower Project (750 MW out of 2000), Parbati-II Project (800 MW) and Karnisar Solar Project (300 MW), which is the highest capacity addition during any fiscal in its

history. Further, Power Stations of the Company achieved generation of 23307 Million Units (MUs) in FY 2025-26 with installed capacity of 7401 MW from 25 Power Stations on standalone basis.

NHPC, along with its subsidiaries and joint ventures, presently has an installed capacity of 9333 MW from 31 power stations and is presently engaged in the construction of 17 projects aggregating to a total installed capacity of 9204 MW. It also has 9 Projects with aggregate capacity of 10263 MW under clearance stage and 9 projects with aggregate capacity of 9830 MW in Survey & Investigation stage.

### 100 Lives, One Mission

## SMVDNSH celebrates a Unique Century of Joint Replacement Surgeries in Rajouri

RAJOURI, MAY 16: Rajouri celebrated a unique century on May 12, 2026 not on a cricket field, but in the lives of patients who had once accepted living with pain as their destiny.

More than 100 beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme gathered with their doctor, local citizens, and senior joint replacement surgeon Dr. Vikas Padha from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspecialty Hospital. The event marked the successful completion of over 100 Knee Replacement and Hip Replacement surgeries for patients from the remote tribal and border areas of Rajouri and Poonch.

Many of these patients had suffered for years from severe knee and hip pain. Even walking had become difficult, and surgeries costing lakhs of rupees were nothing more than a distant dream for them. The challenge was not just treatment, but access to treatment.

Nearly two years ago, Dr. Vikas Padha started monthly Outreach OPDs in Rajouri to reach patients living in remote areas who were unable to travel to the



hospital in Katra. Through these outreach programs, patients were identified village by village, provided consultations, and guided regarding treatment under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

What followed transformed many lives. Patients who once could not walk without support are now standing on their own feet and living normal lives again.

This initiative became possible due to the continuous support of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, under whose administration the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspecialty Hospital operates. By prioritizing outreach healthcare and public

welfare, the Shrine Board has played a significant role in delivering advanced healthcare services to remote and tribal regions.

This initiative reflects a new model of healthcare — where patients no longer have to reach hospitals; instead, the hospital reaches the patients' doorstep. Through outreach programs, modern healthcare facilities, and affordable treatment services, the Shrine Board has helped bridge the gap between remote regions and world-class healthcare.

On this occasion, Dr. Vikas Padha thanked the patients and their families for their trust and said that the Ayushman Bharat Scheme made expensive

surgeries accessible to poor and needy patients.

He said: "This would not have been possible without the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Costly procedures like Knee Replacement and Hip Replacement surgeries became accessible to those who needed them the most."

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME), said:

"This unique century is not just a medical achievement, but proof of how outreach healthcare can transform people's lives. The Shrine Board's goal has always been to ensure that quality healthcare services reach remote areas."

At the ceremony held at New Ashirwad Hotel in Rajouri, beneficiaries shared their experiences. During the event, a short film titled "Broken Birds Take Flight Again — A Tale of Unique Century" was also premiered and widely appreciated by the audience.

This achievement once again proves that compassionate doctors, outreach healthcare, and institutional support together can truly transform lives.

## Lok Bhavan Celebrates Sikkim Statehood Day

SRINAGAR, MAY 16:

Jammu Kashmir Lok Bhavan celebrated the Statehood Day of Sikkim, at Srinagar.

The event brought together students, security personnel and people of Sikkim living in the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Sikkim on the occasion.

"Sikkim, the sacred land of Guru Padmasambhava, shines like a radiant star among Himalayan states and UTs. It is recognised globally as a model of organic farming, peace and spirituality. The incredible linguistic diversity and rich cultural heritage distinguish Sikkim on the world stage," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized that under the



guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Sikkim is scaling new heights of development and stands at the forefront of the nation's vision. The Lieutenant Governor stated that the emotional bond shared among all Indian states/UTs is deeply rooted in the core values of unity, compassion and brotherhood.

The Lieutenant Governor

also highlighted that the landmark July 2022 J&K-Sikkim horticulture agreement has yielded groundbreaking results in fostering interaction among youth, farmers and researchers from both regions. "I regard this thriving collaboration as a prime example of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. This spirit of mutual partnership will prove instru-

mental in realizing our collective resolve for a 'Viksit Bharat'.

May Sikkim, known for its breathtaking natural beauty and remarkable achievements in sustainable development and organic farming, continue to scale new heights of growth and development. I pray for the well-being and prosperity of all its citizens," the Lieutenant Governor said.