

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## DDC Doda Chairs Public Outreach Programme at Village Dranga: Marmat

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The District Administration Doda today organised a Public Outreach Programme (Block Diwas) at village Dranga in Block Marmat. District Development Commissioner (DDC) Krishan Lal chaired the camp.

The programme witnessed participation from a large number of public representatives, former DDC and BDC members, former Sarpanches, social activists and local residents. They projected a wide range of public issues, demands and grievances before the District Development Commissioner.

Among the officers present on the occasion included Programme Officer ICDS, Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, District Social Welfare Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Tehsildar, Block Development Officer and officers from the Health Department and other district and sectoral departments.

The DDC inspected departmental stalls showcasing the government schemes and public welfare services. Participating departments included Agri-



culture and Allied Sectors, Industries and Commerce Department, KVIB, Handicrafts and Handloom Department, SBDU under Mission YUVA, Social Welfare Department, Animal and Sheep Husbandry Departments, Horticulture Department, Mission Poshan Doda and J&K Bank.

The public highlighted several issues related to healthcare, road connectivity, education, drinking water supply, power and communication facilities. Major demands raised by the residents included improvement and upgradation of

the Khellani-Dranga road, regular availability of the Tehsildar in Marmat, shifting of the Tehsil office from a private building to a government building, speedy construction of the PHC Building at Goha.

The residents also demanded meeting shortage of teachers in schools, provision of ambulance services in remote areas, augmentation of mobile network connectivity, restoration of non-functional BSNL towers in Panchayat Lubber, payment of compensation to families affected during the 2025 floods, replacement of dam-

aged electricity poles and speedy completion of water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The people also demanded better road connectivity to upper areas including Lubber and Mangota, installation of crash barriers at accident-prone locations, availability of LPG services, completion of the Sarwal-Pitarwal water supply line, installation of ATM Machine at J&K Bank Goha, strengthening of police infrastructure including deployment of lady police personnel and provision of an X-ray machine at PHC Goha.

## Northern Railway to organize Rozgar Mela in Jammu on May 23

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In a major step towards strengthening employment opportunities under the Centre's nationwide recruitment drive, Northern Railway's Jammu Division will organize a grand "Rozgar Mela" on May 23, during which appointment letters will be distributed to nearly 220 selected youth from Jammu and Kashmir.

The event is part of the Government of India's flagship employment campaign aimed at providing transparent and merit-based government job opportunities to youth across the country.

At the national level, around 5,10,000 candidates are set to receive appointment letters during the programme. The Rozgar Mela seeks to empower young aspirants by inducting them



into various government services and encouraging their active participation in nation-building under the vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

According to officials, all administrative, technical and security arrangements for the event have been finalized. Selected candidates from Jammu and Kashmir as well as neighbouring regions are expected to partic-

ipate in the ceremony, where chief guests and senior officials will personally hand over appointment letters to the newly recruited candidates.

During the programme, the appointees will also take an oath to serve the nation with dedication and uphold the spirit of "Nation First". The selected candidates will be appointed to various posts in depart-

ments including Railways, Postal and Financial Services, Medical Departments and Banks. The appointments will cover technical, non-technical and safety category posts. Speaking about the event, Divisional Railway Manager Jammu, Vivek Kumar said that youth are the greatest asset of the nation and Jammu Division is proud to host the prestigious Rozgar Mela.

"The 23rd of May will bring new hope and opportunities for nearly 220 families. This initiative will further strengthen economic stability and social empowerment in the region," he said. Officials informed that all selected candidates have already been notified through email, SMS and postal communication. Candidates have been advised to report at the venue on time to ensure smooth completion of the appointment process.

## ADC Billawar Chairs Block Diwas at Upper Baggan, Hears Public Grievances

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A Block Diwas programme was organised today at Panchayat Ghar Upper Baggan under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Billawar, Vinay Khosla (JKAS), with locals from various panchayats participating enthusiastically and highlighting issues related to development works and basic civic amenities.

During the programme, the ADC gave a patient hearing to the grievances and demands projected by the residents and assured them that all genuine concerns would be addressed in a timely and effective manner. He also directed



the concerned departmental officers to take immediate and necessary action on the issues raised by the public.

Reiterating the administration's commitment to-

wards responsive governance, the ADC said that such outreach programmes play a vital role in strengthening public service delivery and ensuring that people's concerns

are addressed at the grassroots level. The programme was attended by officers from various departments, PRI representatives and a large number of local residents.

## 18th BRTC Batch begins Training at STC Talwara

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The 18th Basic Recruit Training Course (BRTC) Batch started today with a grand inaugural ceremony at STC Talwara. The event marked the formal commencement of training for the newly inducted batch and reflected the Institute's commitment to excellence, discipline and professional development.

The programme commenced with the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Principal STC Talwara (IPS) M.Y. Kichloo, symbolizing the official inauguration of the training programme for the newly inducted batch.



Chief Guest M.Y. Kichloo congratulated all selected candidates on becoming part of the prestigious Police Department and expressed confidence that the trainees would contribute significantly to the department and society.

Earlier, Assistant Principal (Outdoor) Vishal Manhas introduced the outdoor as well as indoor staff to the

trainees. He accorded a warm welcome to all the Recruit Constables and encouraged them to uphold the highest standards of dedication, integrity and service during their training period and future assignments.

The trainees were briefed about the objectives, training schedule, institutional values and expectations

from the batch, while emphasizing the importance of discipline, teamwork, leadership and continuous learning in shaping competent professionals. Trainees were also briefed about cybercrime awareness to instill digital responsibility, cyber hygiene, and awareness so that they remain vigilant, informed and capable of protecting themselves from emerging cyber threats.

Among others present at the inaugural ceremony were Assistant Principal (Indoor) Shahid Mustafa; Dy.SP Estates & Security Sanjeev Kumar; Assistant Principal (Outdoor) Vishal Manhas and Assistant Principal (Admn.) Khudmukhtar Dev.

## DC Udhampur holds public outreach camp at panchayat Ghar Mand West

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today conducted an extensive tour of Block Tikri in district Udhampur and listened to scores of public issues and demands at a public outreach camp grievances redressal camp held at Panchayat Ghar Mand West-Block Tikri.

The camp was attended by IAS Probationer Shagun Singh, ACD Om Parkash, district officers, former PRI members and a large number of people from adjoining panchayats.

The public projected several demands, seeking augmentation of drinking water supply, measures to curb monkey menace, construction of tube well, adequate supply of LPG, shifting of the garbage dumping site at Mand West, completion of Dogra Haat, release of pending compensation for last year's flood victims, re-verification of deleted BPL ration cards, installation of hand pumps to overcome scarcity of drinking water and opening of sewing and cutting centres.

The DC gave a patient hearing to the grievances and demands raised by the former PRI members and the general public. He issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of genuine issues. He directed the offi-



cers to take first-hand appraisal of all grievances and address them on priority.

Several grievances were resolved on the spot by issuing directions to the concerned departments. Stressing the need for dedicated and sincere public service, the DC instructed officers to ensure disposal of genuine public grievances within the stipulated time frame.

The Executive Engineer PHE was directed to restart the ongoing JJM works and rejuvenate the traditional water bowlies in the area.

The DC also sensitized the public to the government schemes and programmes including HADP, JKCIIP, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Mission YUVA, urging them to avail maximum benefits of these ini-

tiatives. Former PRI members and the general public submitted a detailed memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and appreciated the administration for organizing the outreach camp in the area.

Earlier, officers and officials of line departments sensitized the public to dif-

ferent welfare and development schemes and encouraged them to take advantage of the government initiatives.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the Solid Waste Management garbage dumping site at Mand West and the MRF site at Sui in District Udhampur.

## NC strongly Condemns Demolition drive at Bandhi

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Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Provincial President Ratan Lal Gupta on Wednesday condemned the demolition drive in Bandhi (Mahamaya Rakh), Jammu calling it a "ruthless assault on human dignity, constitutional rights and justice."

He visited the site along with Javed Ahmad Rana, Honble Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest & Tribal Affairs visited the demolition site to express solidarity with the affected families. Gupta said the demolition violated Supreme Court guidelines that prohibit authorities from razing residential houses without issuing mandatory show-cause notices. He alleged that the action reflected a "lawless and ruthless" approach in which a particular community was targeted.

He said the drive also violated the spirit of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, and accused the administration of showing "complete insensitivity towards poor and vulnerable families." "Women, children and the elderly were allegedly mishandled during the operation. Locals said the demolition was car-



ried out early in the morning, leaving families with no time to save their belongings, including food grains, clothes and essential household items. Today, everything lies under rubble and people are in deep shock," Gupta said.

Calling the action "inhuman and unjust." "This is not merely the demolition of structures, but the crushing of hopes and dignity of poor families," he said. Gupta urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally intervene and ensure immediate rehabilitation of the affected families. He demanded adequate compensation, temporary shelter, food supplies and medical

assistance for the victims, especially women, children and the elderly.

"With Eid barely a week away, the administration must answer where and how these families are expected to celebrate the festival after being rendered homeless," he said.

In the evening a deputation headed by Rattan Lal Gupta Advocate Provincial President Jammu along with Shamim Begum former DDC Dansal, Shama Akther former Corporator, Rehmat Ali former BDC Chairman, Wali Mohd, Jamat Ali, Inayat Ali and Hanif Ali the minister to restore water, electricity, issue tents and Ration to the

victimized families immediately without any further delay.

The NC leader also demanded strict action against the officials responsible for the drive and called for the findings of the inquiry to be made public within a fixed timeframe. He urged the administration to ensure that such actions are not repeated in future without following legal procedures and humanitarian considerations.

The Honble Minister Javed Ahmad Rana ordered an inquiry into the incident and assured compensation, besides tents, food and other relief material for the displaced families.