

Deputy Chief Minister visits Kaman Post, NHPC Power Project in Uri



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Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today visited the Kaman Post in Uri and reviewed the facilities and tourism potential of the border area.

During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister interacted with senior officers of army and inspected

the Kaman Learning Centre, library and auditorium facilities established at the post.

He appreciated the efforts aimed at promoting awareness, education, and tourism in the border region.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said that Kaman Post holds immense signifi-

cance as a major attraction for border tourism. He emphasized the need for strengthening tourism activities in the area for the economic benefit of local residents.

Later, Deputy Chief Minister visited the NHPC power project in Uri and reviewed the functioning and power generation capacity of the vital hydro-

electric project.

He interacted with senior officers and officials of the project and took stock of various operational aspects.

The Deputy Chief Minister stressed the importance of ensuring greater participation of local youth in national infrastructure and development projects.

He directed the concerned authorities to provide adequate employment opportunities to skilled and unskilled youth from the area, stating that such initiatives would significantly contribute towards sustainable livelihood generation and economic empowerment of local communities.

He reiterated the government's commitment towards inclusive development, strengthening border infrastructure, and creating better opportunities for the youth across Jammu and Kashmir.

MP, MLA visit Jammu Heritage Sports Museum

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Sat Sharma, BJP Jammu & Kashmir President and Member of Rajya Sabha, along with Yudhvir Sethi and former Minister Priya Sethi, today visited the Jammu Heritage Sports Museum situated at "Olympic Bhawan" in Karan Nagar Extension, Jammu.

The museum has been established by Ashutosh Sharma, former Administrator of the Sports Authority of India and Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Olympic Association.

During the visit, the leaders interacted with several distinguished personalities from different walks of life and appreciated the efforts made towards preserving the sporting heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation took a detailed tour of the museum and viewed its rare collection of sports memorabilia, including vintage photographs, historical mementos, medals, trophies, certificates and items related to the Olympic and Asian Games.

The visitors described the collection as inspiring and reflective of Prof. Ashutosh Sharma's lifelong dedication to sports and social service.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma praised the initiative and said that the museum serves as a valuable institution for preserving the sporting history of the region and motivating the younger generation towards sports and discipline.

He also assured financial support through MPLAD funds for the further development and strengthening of the museum infrastructure.

Yudhvir Sethi and Priya Sethi also noted that the museum houses valuable souvenirs, trophies and memorabilia related to numerous tournaments and

sporting events organised by Prof. Sharma in different parts of the world.

They congratulated Prof. Ashutosh Sharma for pursuing his passion for sports since childhood with true sportsman spirit. They termed the museum visit as a delightful and enriching experience and wished him continued success in life.

The leaders extended their best wishes to Prof. Ashutosh Sharma for his good health and continued success in his future endeavours.

Among those present on the occasion were Vijay Saraf, Honorary General Secretary of the Wushu

Federation of India, Kiran Watal, Vice President of the Gymnastics Federation of India, Sunil Mahajan, President Athletic Association Jammu and Kashmir, Vikas Gupta, Vice President Judo Federation of India, Rajan Sharma, General Secretary Boxing Association Jammu and Kashmir, Ravinder Singh, Senior Vice President Athletic Association Jammu and Kashmir, Vinod Bhatia, General Secretary Yoga Association Jammu and Kashmir, Sunit Raina, Swati Sharma, Raman Sharma, Shekher Soni, Yudhvir Manyal and others.

Kathua: Janbhagidhari Camps organised for Tribal Community across Barnoti Block



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As part of the nationwide IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Campaign 'Jan Bhagidaari-Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle' being conducted from May 18 to 25, 2026, the District administration organises awareness activities and Beneficiary Saturation Camps across the villages covered under PM

JANMAN and DA-JGUA to benefit tribal communities and PVTGs.

In this connection, a series of Janbhagidhari Camps were held today at Panchayat Flote-A, Panchayat Mahi Chak and Panchayat Hardo Muthi in Block Barnoti under the ongoing Janbhagidhari Week to promote inclusive development, ensure saturation of welfare benefits and strengthen grassroots public outreach.

The programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of the tribal community, PRI representatives, officers of line departments and locals. Various government departments including Health, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Animal Husbandry, Education and allied sectors set up stalls to disseminate information regarding welfare schemes and provide on-the-spot public

services.

During the camps, extensive awareness was generated regarding various welfare schemes and flagship initiatives of the Government, with special focus on benefits available for tribal communities, particularly PVTGs and other vulnerable sections.

Officials from different departments provided on-spot assistance, guidance and facilitation regarding schemes related to healthcare, education, pensions, livelihood generation, employment, agriculture, social welfare and tribal welfare.

The initiative aimed at fostering participatory governance and ensuring effective delivery of government services and welfare measures to every eligible beneficiary, especially those residing in remote and underserved areas.

These camps were organised on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma with the commitment to empower tribal communities and ensuring their active participation in the developmental process through sustained outreach and public engagement initiatives under the Jan Bhagidaari campaign. The week-long campaign is being carried out under the supervision of DPO ICDS Mohammed Syed Khan in identified locations of tribal committees.

Sakeena Itoo visits SKIMS Soura, reviews healthcare services, patient care facilities

SRINAGAR, MAY 20:

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura and took assessment of healthcare services, patient care facilities and overall medical infrastructure at the premier tertiary care institution.

During the visit, the Minister undertook a comprehensive tour of various departments and wards of the hospital and inspected the quality of healthcare facilities being provided to patients. She assessed the functioning of emergency services, diagnostic units, specialized treatment facilities and patient support systems besides taking stock of the availability of medicines and essential medical equipment.

The Minister also inter-



acted with doctors, healthcare professionals, nursing staff, paramedics and administrative officers regarding the overall functioning of the institution and sought feedback about the existing healthcare delivery mechanism. She appreciated the dedication and commitment of the medical fraternity in providing quality treatment

and care to patients despite increasing healthcare demands.

Interacting with patients and their attendants, the Minister enquired about the medical facilities being extended to them and listened to their concerns and suggestions. She assured them that the Government remains committed towards strengthening the

healthcare sector and ensuring better patient care facilities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Sakeena Itoo emphasized the need for maintaining high standards of patient care, cleanliness, discipline and timely medical services within the institution. She directed the concerned authorities to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and further improve healthcare infrastructure for the convenience of patients visiting the hospital from different parts of the Union Territory.

The Minister highlighted that the Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to upgrading healthcare institutions and enhancing accessibility to advanced and affordable medical treatment for the people.

DC Ramban presides over Public Outreach Camp at Krawah

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today presided over a Public Outreach camp at Village Krawah in Block Banihal. The camp was organised under the IEC Campaign "Jan Bhagidaari - Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle" aimed at ensuring awareness generation and saturation of welfare schemes in tribal populated areas.

The programme witnessed active participation of local residents who projected several public issues and developmental demands before the district administration.

ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; PO ICDS Abdul Qyum; SDM Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather and other district and sectoral officers were present to attend to the public demands.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the grievances and demands raised by the people. He directed the con-



cerned officers to take prompt action to address the issues.

Responding to the demands, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to take necessary measures for fencing of the local graveyard. Regarding road connectivity and overhead bridges, he instructed the construction agencies to take necessary action and treat the demand as most urgent requirements.

Addressing issues related to labour cards, the Assistant Labour Commissioner was asked to organise a special camp in the

area on coming Monday to facilitate registration and redress grievances of workers. The officers were asked to ensure coordination with locals during the camp.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed officers to conduct regular field visits and maintain close coordination with the people for timely resolution of their issues. He also reviewed demands related to road connectivity, development of playground and park, old age pension, community infrastructure, establishment of an Anganwadi Centre and water

supply. Assuring permanent restoration of disrupted drinking water supply in few weeks, the Deputy Commissioner said that tanker services would continue in the meantime.

As a part of "Jan Bhagidaari - Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle" the departments sensitized the people about respective developmental and welfare schemes.

The programme concluded with on-the-spot directions to officers for expeditious follow-up action on public grievances and developmental issues raised by the locals.

DC chairs Public Outreach camp at Dachhan

KISHTWAR, MAY 20:

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired the weekly Public Outreach Programme (Block Diwas) at Draman Ground, Sounder, Block Dachhan, as part of the district administration's continued efforts to strengthen grassroots governance, public outreach and ensure effective grievances redressal in remote areas of the district.

The Block Diwas programme, organised under the directions of the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, aims to bring governance to the doorstep of citizens and ensure transparent, accountable and efficient delivery of public services.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the historical and cultural significance of Dachhan and observed that some hymns of the Atharva Veda

are believed to have been composed in the region, reflecting its rich and ancient civilisational heritage. He appreciated the active participation of the public in the outreach programme and assured that all genuine grievances and developmental demands projected during the programme would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from former PRI members, other former public representatives, prominent citizens and residents from all 9 Panchayats of the block.

The Deputy Commissioner administered the 'Nasha Mukh' pledge to participants as part of the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukh JK Abhiyan launched by the Lieutenant Governor on April 11, 2026. He urged citizens, especially youth and community leaders to actively support the cam-

aign and contribute towards building a drug-free society.

Sharing details of the anti-drug initiative, the DC informed that an intensive district-wide campaign is underway to make Kishtwar drug-free through co-ordinated efforts of the administration, police, youth clubs, and community organisations.

SSP Naresh Singh emphasised the importance of community participation in curbing drug abuse and trafficking, while ADC Pawan Kotwal briefed the participants about the implementation of the Nasha Mukh JK Abhiyan in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of community participation in key government initiatives, particularly the Swachh Bharat Mission and the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir campaign.

He urged people to col-

lectively ensure cleanliness in their surroundings and work towards making their villages and panchayats drug-free.

Highlighting scientific waste management, the DC informed that sanitation workers would be deployed in panchayats for door-to-door collection and proper disposal of waste in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court. He sought full public cooperation in ensuring cleanliness and environmental hygiene.

Stressing environmental responsibility, the Deputy Commissioner set a target of making Block Dachhan completely plastic-free, calling upon all stakeholders to contribute actively through awareness, enforcement and community participation.

He expressed confidence that Dachhan would emerge as a model block in sanitation and environmental conservation.