

## Director Agriculture Jammu inspects Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore

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Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu Anil Gupta today visited Seed Multiplication Farm (SMF) Chinore and reviewed the functioning and ongoing agricultural activities at the farm.

During the visit, the Director reviewed the completion of Rabi harvesting operations and assessed the crop produce harvested at the farm. He also took stock of preparedness for the upcoming Kharif season and reviewed the arrangements being made for sowing activities. The status of foundation and breeder seed production of elite and high-yielding varieties of paddy and other Kharif crops was also reviewed during the inspection.

The Director examined the latest farm machinery being utilised for agricultural operations and inspected the availability of essential agricultural inputs and operational machinery required for the ensuing Kharif season. He directed the officers and field staff to ensure timely availability of machinery



and inputs for smooth conduct of farm operations.

He emphasised that efficient use of modern machinery, scientific farming methods and advanced production technologies should be adopted to further enhance productivity and farm efficiency. The Director further stated that there remains considerable scope for boosting agricultural production through improved farm management practices and effective implementation of modern techniques.

The Director also inspected irrigation infrastructure and other facilities available at the farm

and issued necessary directions for further strengthening irrigation arrangements and maintenance of farm assets to support timely agricultural operations.

During the inspection, Director Agriculture inspected the harvested Rabi produce of different crops including wheat, mustard and oats. He stressed upon proper storage, handling and safety measures for maintaining seed quality standards and directed the concerned staff to ensure that the quality of seed does not deteriorate during stor-

age till the produce is shifted to the seed processing plant.

While reviewing preparations for the Kharif season, the Director took stock of the in-sowing plan and instructed the farm staff to take all necessary measures for timely sowing of Kharif crops strictly as per the approved action plan.

Among others, Joint Director Agriculture (Farms/SLUB) Aman Jyoti Sharma, Farm Manager SM Farm Chinore Verinder Dogra, besides other officers and officials accompanied the Director during the visit.

## Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner reviews arrangements for Mela Kheer Bhawani Yatra

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A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K Dr. Arvind Karwani to review the necessary arrangements for Jyesta Ashthami, Mela Kheer Bhawani Yatra-2026 falling on 22 June, 2026.

Deputy Commissioner Relief, Assistant Commissioners Relief, Chief Accounts Officer, Zonal Officers/Camp Commandants, Camp Incharges of Kashmir Valley and representatives of various social and religious organisations associated traditionally with the conduct of the Yatra for Mata Kheer Bhawani Tulmulla (Ganderbal), Mata Kheer Bhawani Ashthapan Tikker (Kupwara), Khanabari Devsar (Kulgam), Kheer Bhawani Asthan Manzzgam (Kulgam) and Mata Ragnya Bagwati Asthanapan Trust



Logripora (Pahalgam) participated.

The representatives of various organisations raised issues for the successful conduct of the Yatra such as requirement of transportation, boarding and lodging arrangements, water supply and power supply, sanitation, installation of tents, essential commodities, availability of blankets, medical facility, availability of fire tenders, repair of roads

and lanes, cultural events and security arrangements. The chair highlighted the importance of Mela Kheer Bhawani Festival, particularly for the Kashmiri Pandit community and assured that every effort shall be made in coordination with the concerned district and divisional administration to put in place necessary arrangements for Mela Kheer Bhawani Yatra well in time and make it better

than last year. The senior officers of Relief Organisation were directed to visit the various sites of Yatra in Ganderbal, Anantnag, Kulgam and Kupwara districts to assess the requirements on ground and coordinate with the concerned officers and social and religious organisations to ensure the necessary arrangements are in place well in time before the commencement of the Yatra.

## DC Ramban chairs NCORD meeting, reviews anti-drug measures under Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan

RAMBAN, MAY 26: A meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) was held today at Ramban under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan to review ongoing anti-narcotics measures and strengthen coordinated efforts to curb drug abuse across the district under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

SSP Arun Gupta, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, Chief Medical Officer Kamal Zadu, CHO, Tehsildar, DSWO, BDO, Drug Control Officer and officers from various enforcement and line departments attended the meeting. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Tehsildars and other concerned officers participated through virtual mode.

Reviewing the implementation of directions issued in the previous meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Drug Inspector to take strict action in close coordination with the concerned Tehsildars and Police Department, besides intensifying enforcement drives.

He directed the SDMs, Tehsildars and Excise Department to maintain strict vigil on illegal poppy and cannabis cultivation and take immediate action wherever such cultivation is detected.



He called for innovative interventions and focused analysis to understand the root causes leading youth towards substance abuse and ensure strict surveillance in vulnerable areas.

Reviewing the functioning of the Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) at District Hospital Ramban, the DC directed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure proper functioning of the IPD facility and provide quality medical care, counselling and follow-up support for effective rehabilitation and prevention of relapse.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress achieved by various departments under the ongoing 100-day Nasha

Mukta Jammu and Kashmir campaign and directed officers to implement all scheduled activities in a time-bound manner. He directed the ACD to strengthen the functioning of Panchayat Level Monitoring Committees and Panchayat-level Mahila Samitis across the district. The DC directed the DSWO to submit details of events conducted by the Nodal Officers in their allotted Panchayats under the campaign.

All concerned officers were instructed to intensify awareness under the 'Nasha Mukta Abhiyan' through IEC activities in both government and private institutions. The Excise Department was directed to prepare a

comprehensive awareness plan to educate the public about the ill effects of drug abuse.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure capacity building of resource persons from schools at Panchayat level, GHSSs, GHSSs, GDCs, GPC Ramban, Anganwadi workers and members of Self Help Groups for generating mass awareness.

The ACD and DSWO were directed to make youth clubs active and involve their services in the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan.

The SSP suggested various measures to make society drug-free and emphasised the need for coordinated efforts among all departments.

## MC Poonch organises awareness programme under Swachh Survekshan 2025 at Parade Park

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An awareness programme under Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 was organised today at Parade Park under the chairmanship of CEO Municipal Council Poonch Mohd Haneef. The programme was attended by Accounts Officer Dr. Shakeel Ul Rehman, senior citizens and members of the public.

On the occasion, a Nukkad Natak based on the theme of cleanliness and sanitation was presented to spread awareness among the public regarding cleanliness, waste segregation, sanitation practices and the importance of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment.

Through the cultural performance, the artists conveyed meaningful messages highlighting the role



of public participation in keeping the town clean and encouraged citizens to actively support the ongoing Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 campaign.

A large number of people gathered at the venue and appreciated the efforts of the Municipal Council

Poonch for generating awareness through interactive and cultural activities. The programme also emphasized the importance of community participation, proper waste disposal and maintaining cleanliness at public places for ensuring a healthier and better environment.

During the programme, the officers appealed to the citizens to cooperate with the Municipal Council and contribute towards making Poonch cleaner, greener and more beautiful under the mission of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26.

## MoU signed for strengthening healthcare services in Samba under CSR Initiative

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Chandigarh Central Rotary Club Trust and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer Samba, in the august presence of the Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan for strengthening healthcare services in the district through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support.

Under this initiative, IOCL will provide one Colour Doppler Ultrasound Machine and one Critical Life Support Ambulance to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer Samba for Government Hospital Ghagwal. The MoU signing



ceremony was held today at Samba.

The initiative aims to enhance diagnostic and emergency healthcare facilities for the people of the area and reflects the shared commitment of all stakeholders towards improving public healthcare infra-

structure and patient care services.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the collaborative effort and emphasized that the addition of advanced medical equipment and a life support ambulance would significantly benefit the residents of the

region, particularly in emergency and critical care situations.

Representatives from IOCL, Chandigarh Central Rotary Club Trust, the Health Department and district administration were present during the signing ceremony.

## DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for upcoming Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra 2026

KISHTWAR, MAY 26: Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma today convened a review meeting to finalize preparations for the upcoming Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra 2026. The review meeting focused on ensuring the smooth conduct of the Yatra and the provision of essential services for the pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner issued key directions for adequate arrangements at the Gauri Shankar Temple, Sarkoot and en route to the holy shrine of Shri Mindhal Mata. He directed the concerned departments to ensure the availability of es-

sential commodities including uninterrupted water and power supply, maintenance of roads, especially at landslide-prone areas en route to Mindhal Mata, proper boarding and lodging facilities for the yatis at the stay venues, security arrangements and proper sanitation facilities for the devotees.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the JPDCL and Jal Shakti Department to provide 24x7 uninterrupted power and water supply, respectively, at Langar venues and stay venues for the yatis.

The Health Department was directed to ensure the deployment of medical

staff at the stay venues of the yatis, viz. Sarkoot Mandir Kishtwar, Gulabgarh Padder, Maha Kali Mandir Sohail and at Langar venues to provide first-aid facilities. Further, it was also directed to ensure the availability of ambulance services at these locations for any emergency.

The Municipal Council was directed to ensure cleanliness at the Gauri Shankar Mandir premises. The Police Department was instructed to coordinate with the Himachal Pradesh Police to ensure proper security arrangements en route to Mindhal Mata up to the jurisdiction of district Kishtwar, be-

sides the deployment of security personnel at Langar venues.

For effective crowd and vehicle movement, the ARTO and Traffic Police have been tasked with comprehensive traffic management along the Yatra route.

Additionally, the PMGSY, GREP and BRO have been directed to carry out timely road maintenance to ensure the safe and uninterrupted travel of pilgrims.

It is noteworthy that the Holy Mace of Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra is scheduled to arrive at the Gauri Shankar Temple Kishtwar on June 10, 2026.

## DC Reasi reviews functioning of District Telecom Committee

REASI, MAY 26: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek chaired a meeting to review the functioning and progress of the District Telecom Committee in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed telecom connectivity, installation of mobile towers, network coverage in rural and remote areas and issues related to strengthening communication infrastructure across the district. Officers from

the concerned departments and representatives of telecom service providers briefed the chair on the status of ongoing projects and the challenges faced in ensuring seamless telecom services. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of land allotment for installation of mobile towers and directed the Tehsildars to identify suitable state land within their respective jurisdictions for the purpose. He stressed the need for timely resolution of pending issues to facilitate

the early commencement of telecom infrastructure projects.

He directed telecom companies to obtain necessary permissions from the concerned departments before undertaking any digging work. He instructed officers to identify shadow areas and take appropriate measures to strengthen network coverage in such locations.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments and telecom operators to work

in close coordination to ensure timely execution of projects and expansion of telecom facilities in uncovered and underserved areas of the district.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Nitin Verma, Assistant Commissioner Development Mukesh Sharma, Divisional Forest Officer, Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.