

# 130 JJM schemes coming up in Kishtwar

## DC reviews progress of work

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review and assess the progress of work on 130 schemes being executed under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

At the outset, the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Rohit Wadera briefed the meeting on the current status of the ongoing works.

Reviewing the scheme-wise progress, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Kishtwar, to complete the RPWSS ID creation within three days. He also set a target for the completion of 53 Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) by March 2027, while instructing the department to rectify the targeted completion dates of the remaining 31 Water Supply Schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the Department to complete Jal Aankalan and Har Ghar Jal Certification for all completed schemes.

The meeting was in-



formed that among the proposed projects 4 water supply schemes are being developed on the mandal gravity model. The DC directed the Department to obtain technical sanction for laying the Mandal Gravity to complete these schemes without delay.

To strengthen the water distribution network, he instructed the department to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the replacement of the worn-out and exposed pipe network with a new underground pipeline system and to rec-

tify deficiencies in the existing infrastructure.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Executive Engineer to ensure the immediate uploading of the bid for the approved procurement of a water tanker.

Further, he instructed the department to compile a report on issues hindering the execution of proposed JJM works so that necessary interventions are made to resolve the same and facilitate hassle-free and timely completion of all schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the importance of adhering to timelines and ensuring the quality execution of works to achieve the objectives of the Jal Jeevan Mission and provide safe drinking water to every household in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADCC Vinod Kumar Behnal, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Rohit Wadera, PMJJM Er. Fayaz Mehta, AEEs, JEs, besides other concerned staff from the Jal Shakti Department and DPMU.

# DC reviews status of Telecom Services in Ramban district

**RAMBAN, JUNE 02:** Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee to review the status of telecom services and signal coverage scenario in the district. The meeting focused on ensuring seamless and reliable connectivity in the district, particularly in remote areas and along the National Highway, in view of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026.

The meeting was attended by SSP Arun Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Divisional Engineer BSNL Luxmi Narayan Saini; Dy. SP Police Telecom Mushtaq; Tehsildar Headquarters Reejuta Mahajan; Divisional Forest Officers, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), representatives from Army and other concerned officers. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Tehsil-



dars, departmental officers and representatives of private telecom companies participated virtually.

Reviewing the progress of ongoing telecom infrastructure projects, the Deputy Commissioner directed BSNL and private telecom service providers to expedite execution of projects for providing signal coverage in all identi-

fied shadow areas, including tourist destinations and local religious pilgrimage routes identified by the District Administration in coordination with Police, Army and other departments.

The DC emphasized the need to strengthen connectivity services ahead of SANJY-2026, particularly along the NH-44 stretch

from Nashri to Banihal, as well as at vulnerable and strategically important locations and potential religious and public gathering sites. He further instructed telecom operators to reassess the coverage range of existing towers to maximize service outreach and improve network availability.

He stressed the need for adequate power backup and fuel arrangements at tower sites to ensure uninterrupted services during adverse weather conditions and natural calamities to prevent communication disruptions during emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of land acquisition cases pertaining to the installation of new BSNL telecom towers. He directed the concerned officers to expedite the necessary formalities to avoid delays in project execution and facilitate timely expansion of telecom infrastructure across the district.

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today chaired a meeting here at the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex to review the progress of Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan 2.0 under Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain Campaign in the District.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Joint Commissioner SMC, Suhail Islam, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic, Er Ambreen Anjum,

Assistant Commissioner Development, Tariq Ahmad, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Executive Engineers of I&FC, Water Works Division, Rural Water Works, UEED, SMC, City Drainage, SMC, LCMA and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for effective inter-departmental coordination to achieve the objectives of the campaign. He directed stakeholder Departments to ensure timely completion of ongoing works and stressed the importance of creating sustainable rain water harvesting systems and ground water recharging systems across the dis-



trict to augment availability of water.

The DC directed the Jal Shakti Department to continue the geo-tagging of water sources and recharge structures, while extending technical support to Panchayats in identifying and implementing suitable water conservation interventions. He also emphasized the need to intensify IEC activities across the District to promote awareness on water conservation, sustainable water management and community participation in safeguarding water resources.

Emphasizing the importance of collective action, the DC stated that water conservation is a shared responsibility and called upon all Departments to

adopt a coordinated and proactive approach for the successful implementation of Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan 2.0 throughout the District.

The DC directed the Education Department to promote rooftop rainwater harvesting structures in educational institutions and conduct awareness programmes among students. He further asked the Education Department to identify "Jal Doots" and "Student Water Champions" in Schools who can serve as ambassadors for water conservation and help promote sustainable water management practices.

The Agriculture Department was directed to promote water-efficient farming practices, including

micro-irrigation techniques and to generate awareness among farmers about water-saving crops. The Irrigation and Flood Control Department was instructed to prioritize watershed management, rejuvenation of water bodies, desilting of canals and ponds and the creation of groundwater recharge structures. The Rural Development Department was asked to leverage MGNREGA for the development of rainwater harvesting structures, soak pits, village ponds and greywater management facilities, while also undertaking awareness campaigns at the Panchayat level.

The Forest Department was directed to undertake extensive plantation drives, conserve water bodies within forest areas, and support geo-tagging initiatives.

The Housing and Urban Development Department was asked to promote rooftop rainwater harvesting systems in urban areas, rejuvenate urban water bodies, and intensify public awareness activities on water conservation.

The ICDS Department was instructed to encourage similar interventions in Anganwadi Centres and strengthen community outreach efforts, with a special focus on enhancing the role of women in water conservation.

# Controller LMD conducts extensive tour of Baramulla

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Controller Legal Metrology Department (LMD) J&K Shiv Kumar Gupta conducted an extensive tour of district Baramulla today.

He chaired an awareness camp conducted by LMD Baramulla in collaboration with the University of Kashmir North Campus at the Auditorium of Kashmir University North Campus Delina Baramulla.

The awareness camp was attended by the Director Kashmir University North Campus, Dr. Sheikh Ghulam Mohammad, representatives from different trade bodies, faculty members and students of the campus.

During the camp, consumers and traders were made aware of their rights and responsibilities. Controller LMD J&K stressed on the need to create awareness in consumers and traders about the role of Legal Metrology Department in light of the Jan Vishwas reforms.

Speaking on the event, the Director Kashmir University North Campus



highlighted the importance of consumer awareness with regard to various aspects of LPG, MS, HSD and food commodities.

The Controller Legal Metrology Department J&K also visited the Food Park Doabgah Sopore where the association of Industrial Units interacted

with the Department and shared vital inputs with the Department about the recently launched Jan Vishwas reforms.

Pertinently, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 has come into force from May 01, 2026 with respect to the amendments of the Legal

Metrology Act, 2009. Jan Vishwas reforms are aimed at building trust in trade and commerce.

Under the Jan Vishwas reforms, several offences have been decriminalized including some offences punishable under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. Jan Vishwas 2.0 has amended 784 Sections of 79 Central Acts including 26 Sections of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

The concept of improvement notices has been introduced for first offences punishable under several Sections of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. These reforms are intended to create Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living by shifting to a trust-based mechanism.

The Controller also visited the site allotted for construction of Working Standards Laboratories of District Baramulla. Exen R&B Division Pattan briefed the Controller about the Detailed Project Report of the Working Standards Laboratories which are expected to be taken up for construction during the current financial year after obtaining necessary approvals.

# Central Kashmir Excise Range destroys Poppy cultivation at multiple locations

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** Central Kashmir Excise Range intensified its crackdown against the illicit cultivation of Narcotic crops (Poppy) under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan and destroyed illegal poppy cultivation at multiple locations across the Srinagar-Budgam-Ganderbal Excise Range in collaboration with Police, Revenue and Agriculture Department.

The FIR was lodged under the relevant sections of NDPS Act at the concerned Police Stations and all legal formalities including seizure, Sampling and destruction were reportedly completed on spot. In this regard, Case FIR No. 47/2026 and U/S 8/18 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Kangan, Ganderbal and investigation has been taken up.

The enforcement action exemplifies the commitment of the Excise Department to curbing illegal activities and upholding the rule of law under the supervision of the Excise Commissioner and the Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Kashmir.



# DC Kishtwar flags off Holy Mace of Shri Mindal Mata Yatra

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today flagged off the first batch of devotees for the revered Shri Mindal Mata Yatra here from the historic Shree Gori Shankar Mandir, Sarkoot.

The sacred Pavitra Charri (Holy Mace) was received yesterday at Shree Gori Shankar Mandir by Deputy Commissioner along with the ADC Pawan Kotwal and other officers of the Civil and Police Administration and the Head Priest of the temple Mahant Ram Saran Dass Ji Maharaj. The holy mace rested overnight at the temple before commencing its onward journey today.



The annual pilgrimage is being organized by Aadi Shakti Devi Chandike Sewak Sanstha, Doda (J&K) led by Pyar Singh Ji Maa Sevak (Chief Patron) and Prof. D. S. Manhas (President).

A large number of devotees, locals and officers from the Civil and Police Administration gathered at the temple premises to accord a warm send-off to the Pavitra Charri. Devotees paid obeisance and prayed

for peace, prosperity and well-being.

The yatra will proceed through Padder, Sohal, Tiyari Padder, Luj and Pangri before reaching the revered shrine of Shri Devi Maa Chandi at Mindhal, located in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh via the Gulabgarh-Sansari-Himachal Pradesh route.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that comprehensive arrangements have been put in place along the pilgrimage route to ensure smooth conduct of the yatra and facilitate the devotees. He assured full cooperation from the district administration and advised pilgrims to maintain cleanliness, uphold the sanctity of the pilgrimage and exercise caution while traversing the hilly terrain.