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DHS reviews healthcare services in Poonch and Rajouri districts

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Director Health Services Jammu, Dr Poonam Sethi, accompanied by the Epidemiologist, Dr Rashmi Sharma, Directorate of Health Services Jammu concluded a comprehensive two-day review visit to the districts of Poonch and Rajouri aimed at assessing healthcare delivery, programme implementation and patient care services across the districts.

During the visit, Dr Poonam Sethi undertook an extensive inspection of District Hospital Poonch visiting various wards and sections of the hospital to evaluate their functioning and service delivery. She interacted with doctors, nursing staff and healthcare workers, emphasising the importance of maintaining professionalism, punctuality, humility and patient-centric care. She directed all healthcare personnel to extend every possible assistance to patients and attendants and ensure quality healthcare services at all times.

The Director also reviewed the functioning of key facilities including the Assured Treatment Facility and Dialysis Unit, where she assessed service delivery mechanisms and instructed the staff concerned to further strengthen these critical services in the larger interest of patient care.

On the second day, a high-level review meeting was held at District Hospi-



tal Poonch where Chief Medical Officer Poonch, Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan, presented a detailed overview of the achievements and progress under various national and state health programmes in the district. Accordingly, instructions were given to Medical Superintendent District Hospital Poonch, Dr Mohd Shafeeq; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr Ruby Naz Bhatti; District Health Officer and District Tuberculosis Officer, Dr Mohd Azam; Block Medical Officer Surankote, Dr Mohd Yousf; Block Medical Officer Mandi, Dr Reyaz Jan and members of the District Programme Unit and Block Programme Unit teams from all blocks to conduct training sessions at regular intervals for all schemes. In addition, monitoring and evaluation of all the schemes must be carried out. The review highlighted commendable performance

in OPD and IPD services, TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Sehat and Vay Vandana schemes, Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening, cancer screening and follow-up as per format and digital health initiatives under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) including Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

The Director was informed that the NICU and PICU at District Hospital Poonch are functioning effectively, providing specialised care to neonates and children. She also reviewed the status of dialysis services and directed the authorities concerned to expedite the operationalisation of Dialysis Units at SDH Mendhar, SDH Surankote and SDH Mandi to improve access to life-saving services in peripheral areas.

Appreciating the efforts of the district health adminis-

tration, Dr Poonam Sethi lauded the Poonch health team under the leadership of Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan for achieving improvements in healthcare delivery, programme implementation and digital transformation despite the challenges posed by difficult geographical terrain.

Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan expressed gratitude to the Director of Health Services Jammu for her guidance and support and assured that the district health team would continue working with dedication to further improve healthcare indicators and strengthen service delivery across Poonch district.

The Director of Health Services Jammu also visited PHC Surankote and PHC Thanamandi along with Chief Medical Officer Rajouri and Block Medical Officer Thanamandi, where she appreciated the work done under the leadership of the respective Block Medical Officers.

Director of Horticulture Jammu reviews development activities in Poonch district

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Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed visited Poonch district and conducted a comprehensive review of horticulture activities being carried out in the area. During his visit, the Director held a meeting with the Horticulture Officer and non-gazetted staff of the Horticulture Department Poonch. He reviewed the progress of various departmental schemes and discussed measures to improve horticulture services for farmers.

Gul Syed also visited the Government Fruit Plant Nursery Poonch and the MOCH Rajpura Mandi, where he inspected the ongoing activities and infrastructure.

He issued necessary directions to the Horticulture Development Officer and nursery staff regarding the grafting of pecan nut plants and stressed the importance of maintaining high-quality planting material. The Director directed the department to establish



demonstration plots of high-density fruit plants in the nursery so that farmers can observe their performance and be motivated to adopt high-density orchards instead of traditional low-yielding orchards of normal density. He emphasised that high-density plantation can significantly enhance productivity and farmers' income.

During the tour, Gul Syed also visited Apple PEQ Centres, the Mother Block Apple Orchard established at

Gulpur under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and an RMHD apple orchard in Panchayat Kuniyan of Zone Poonch. He further attended awareness camps organised at Gali Pindi, Zone Sathra and Rajpura Mandi, Zone Mandi, where he interacted with farmers and encouraged them to adopt modern horticulture practices and avail themselves of the benefits of various government schemes. The Director advised farmers to adopt mul-

multiple cropping systems, undertake strawberry cultivation and increase the use of organic manure for sustainable farming. He highlighted that the adoption of these practices can help farmers improve their family income, strengthen their livelihoods and ensure long-term orchard productivity.

The Director was accompanied by Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch, Uttam Lal; District Horticulture Officer Poonch, Ajay Gupta; District Level Subject Matter Specialist (Pomology), Syed Muddasir Shah; District Level Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Pathology), Abdul Hamid; Naiz Ahmed, MCC Poonch; Horticulture Development Officer Lassana, Farooq Ahmed; Horticulture Development Officer Chandak, J.P. Singh; Horticulture Development Officer Mandi, Mohd Farid; Horticulture Development Officer Mendhar, Mohd Rafiq; and Horticulture Development Officer Poonch, Rakesh Kumar along with other field staff of the department.

Khait Bachao Abhiyan conducted at Gali Pindi in Zone Sathra, Poonch district

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As part of the ongoing Khait Bachao Abhiyan, an awareness and field campaign was organised today at Gali Pindi, Zone Sathra, District Poonch, aimed at promoting scientific horticultural practices and safeguarding soil besides addressing other production challenges.

The campaign was led by Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed, in the presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch, Uttam Lal; District Level Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Pathology), Abdul Hamid; District Horticulture Officer, Ajay Gupta and Horticulture Development Officer Mandi, Mohd Farid.

During the programme, the officers interacted with farmers and orchardists, inspected field conditions and highlighted the importance of timely plant protection measures, proper orchard management and adoption of modern horticultural technologies. The farmers were educated about dis-



ease and pest management practices to enhance productivity and ensure sustainable horticulture development in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Horticulture emphasised the depart-

ment's commitment to providing technical guidance and support to growers at the grassroots level. He urged farmers to remain in close contact with the Horticulture Department for expert advice and timely inter-

ventions. The farmers appreciated the initiative and actively participated in the interactive session, raising various horticulture-related issues and seeking technical guidance from the experts.

DDC Doda reviews progress of capex works

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To accelerate developmental activities in the district, District Development Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal today chaired a review meeting on Capex works at the conference hall of the DC Office, Doda.

During the meeting, officers from various departments presented detailed updates on the ongoing developmental projects across the district. They apprised the District Development Commissioner of the status of pending works and the bottlenecks hindering their timely execution.

The meeting reviewed projects related to road connectivity, school infrastructure, healthcare facilities and sports development.

Reviewing the progress of the PWD (R&B) works, the District Development Commissioner assessed the status of road connectivity projects and the construction and upgradation of roads, bridges and allied infrastructure across the district. He issued directions to ensure quality execution and timely completion of all sanctioned works.

The meeting also reviewed the performance of Urban Local Bodies, with a focus on developmental and civic improvement works



including drainage systems, sanitation, beautification initiatives, lane and drain construction, solid waste management and other urban infrastructure projects.

The meeting laid special focus on works pertaining to the Health Department, including the construction of health buildings, boundary wall fencing and BMO complexes.

Reviewing the works under the Rural Development Department, the District Development Commissioner assessed the progress under BDC grants and the physical performance under MGNREGA.

The District Development Commissioner directed all

officers concerned to expedite work and ensure completion within the stipulated timelines. Stressing the importance of coordinated efforts, he instructed the departments to maintain close inter-departmental coordination for the effective implementation of developmental projects.

He further directed the officers to submit geo-tagged photographs of all physically completed works for proper monitoring and documentation.

The meeting also reviewed the developmental works under MPLAD and the Constituency Development Fund. The District Development Commissioner

instructed the officers concerned to complete these projects in a time-bound manner.

The meeting also reviewed the progress under the Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme.

Among those present were the Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Doda; Chief Planning Officer Doda, the Assistant Commissioner (Development), the Chief Medical Officer; the Chief Education Officer; the Executive Engineers of the R&B, Jal Shakti and PMGSY departments; Block Development Officers; Assistant Engineers; Junior Engineers and other officials concerned.

KBA awareness camp organised at Katra

REASI, JUNE 08: As part of the ongoing month-long Khet Bachao Abhiyan, Department of Agriculture Jammu organised an awareness camp at Panchayat Kotli Manotrian, Katra, Sub-Division Reasi, to educate farmers about the judicious use of fertilisers, balanced nutrient management, soil health conservation and the promotion of

sustainable agricultural practices.

During the programme, farmers were sensitised about the importance of applying fertilisers based on crop requirements and soil test recommendations to enhance productivity while maintaining long-term soil fertility. The participants were also informed about the adverse effects of the ex-

cessive and indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers on soil health and the environment.

Emphasis was laid on the adoption of natural and organic farming practices as sustainable alternatives for improving soil quality and ensuring environment-friendly agricultural production.

The officers and experts

interacted extensively with the farmers and addressed their queries on balanced fertiliser application, nutrient management, organic inputs, soil health improvement and eco-friendly farming techniques. They encouraged farmers to adopt scientific and sustainable farming practices to increase crop yields while preserving natural resources.

District administration Udhampur mourns demise of Deputy Commissioner's father

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The officers and officials of the District Administration Udhampur convened a condolence meeting today to mourn the untimely demise of the father of the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Jugal Kishore; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh; Programme Officer (Poshan), Subash Dogra; Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr Umesh Shan and other district officers and officials.

As a mark of respect, the gathering observed a two-minute silence and offered prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul.



Expressing sorrow over the loss, the officers and officials conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. They prayed to the

Almighty to grant strength, courage and fortitude to the family in this hour of grief and to bestow eternal peace upon the departed

soul. The administration extended its sympathies and support to the family during this time.