

565 Mission YUVA cases approved by DLIC Anantnag DDC stresses time bound credit disbursal

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In a significant move to accelerate youth entrepreneurship in the district, the Mission YUVA District Level Implementation Committee Anantnag headed by District Development Commissioner (Chairman, DLIC), Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, today approved 565 cases during its meeting held at DC Office.

ADC, GM DIC, CPO, AD Employment, DD NABARD, LDM, Employment Officer representatives from JKEDI and other officials attended the meeting.

The approved 565 appli-

cations included 176 cases in wholesale and retail, 169 cases in manufacturing and service sector and 126 cases in agriculture sector, which were approved by the committee after thorough evaluation. The beneficiaries will be provided financial assistance, capacity building, and handholding under the mission.

The progress of the mission as well as the measures to be adopted to improve it further in the district were reviewed and discussed in detail.

Addressing the meeting, the DDC called Mission YUVA a "transformative flagship initiative" that is empowering youth and enabling them to become self-reliant entrepreneurs. He

said that the goal is not only to provide financial support but to create a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem in which youth have access to training, market linkages and long-term mentorship. He expressed confidence that the projects will act as sustainable livelihood units strengthening families and leading to a more progressive district. On the occasion, the DDC instructed all concerned departments, banks and implementing agencies to ensure time-bound sanctioning and hassle-free disbursement in favor of the approved cases. He directed that Detailed Project Reports be completed in a time bound manner, ensuring the ap-

plications don't undergo undue delay at any level.

Linking the success of Mission YUVA with sustainability of these ventures, the DDC stressed the need for regular monitoring besides enhancing skill set of the budding entrepreneurs so they remain informed about the current market trends and demands.

Dr. Bilal further emphasized that the Mission holds special significance for underprivileged youth, who be given proper support to establish their units and improve their socio-economic conditions. He reiterated the administration's commitment to fully support and encourage youth to avail the benefits of this flagship scheme.

Commissioner Secy visits Samba; assures people-centric, multi-stakeholder approach under Vibrant Village Phase II

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Commissioner Secretary, Forests, Ecology and Environment, Sheetal Nanda, today visited Chak Dulma and Chak Lala villages in Block Rajpura as part of the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) Phase-II, underscoring the government's commitment to holistic and inclusive rural development in border areas of the Union Territory.

During the visit, the Commissioner Secretary was briefed on the status of various projects being undertaken in the villages under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

Among others present on the occasion were Additional District Development Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Company Commander BSF, district officers and villagers.

It was informed during the briefing that all 16 iden-



tified villages under the

programme have been assigned Nodal Officers and gap analysis exercises have been duly completed with projects formally proposed for each village. In Chak Dulma, 11 projects have been proposed, while 9 projects have been put forward for Chak Lala, covering a range of developmental interventions to address the infrastructure and livelihood needs of the lo-

cal population.

Local inhabitants of both the villages expressed their views on the proposed projects and placed their grievances before the senior officer, particularly pertaining to the agrarian economy and departmental functioning in the villages. Proposals for a playground and a veterinary hospital also figured prominently among the demands raised by the local residents.

The Commissioner Secretary listened attentively to the requests of the villagers and assured them of an inclusive, multi-stakeholder approach to ensure that the villages are equipped with people-centric infrastructure, especially for the youth. This will facilitate affirmative action for building a productive and drug-free society in the border areas of Samba district.

Training programme on e-KYC for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026 held at Kathua

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua Mahima Madan today presided over a training programme organised for the smooth conduct of e-KYC of pilgrims undertaking the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026, held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kathua.

District Informatics Officer Kathua Shubham Singh imparted the training, sen-

sitising the participants about the e-KYC process, operational procedures and technical aspects involved in the verification of pilgrims. He also conducted detailed demonstrations to ensure efficient and seamless implementation of the e-KYC mechanism during the Yatra period.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC emphasised the importance of timely and hassle-free verification of pilgrims and called upon

all officials concerned to familiarise themselves thoroughly with the e-KYC procedures. She stressed the need for coordinated efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage and prompt delivery of services to devotees.

The participants were also guided on best practices for digital verification, data management and grievance redressal to facilitate a streamlined e-KYC process and RFID card allocation.

The training concluded with an interactive session during which the resource person addressed queries raised by the participants, enhancing their preparedness for effective implementation of e-KYC services during the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026.

Pertinently, the District Administration Kathua will establish dedicated counters at the Lakhampur Yatri Facilitation Centre for the smooth e-KYC of Amarnath Yatrists.

DC Ramban conducts public outreach camp at Panchayat Seri

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In a continued effort to ensure responsive governance and doorstep delivery of public services, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted a Public Outreach Programme at Panchayat Seri, Block Ramban, where he listened to the grievances and developmental concerns of local residents and resolved most of the issues on the spot.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local population, who appreciated the Deputy Commissioner's proactive approach in reaching out to the people and addressing their concerns directly.

Among those present were Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Shokat

Hayat, Assistant Commissioner (Development) Sheraz Ahmed, Chief Medical Officer Dr Kamal Je Zadu, Tehsildar Ramban Deep Kumar, the Assistant Labour Commissioner, the Chief Agriculture Officer, the Lead District Manager, the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer and other senior officers of various departments.

During the interaction, the Deputy Commissioner patiently heard the issues projected by the residents and issued on-the-spot directions to the departments concerned for their prompt resolution. Responding to the demands of the people, he directed the Executive Engineer, JPDCL, to install street lights in Seri Market to improve public convenience and safety. He also instructed the Executive Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control, to take up

the construction of a kull at Kela Mohar and assured the provision of solar lights in the area.

The Deputy Commissioner said a Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared for protection works along Seri Nallah under the approved Flood Mitigation Plan to safeguard lives and property from flood-related risks. He further assured the public that their demands regarding the opening of an ATM facility, establishment of a Food Department extension counter and other developmental requirements would be taken up with the authorities concerned for early redressal.

The local residents expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner and the District Administration for sanctioning and executing various developmental works in the area, which

have significantly improved public infrastructure and service delivery.

During the programme, the residents highlighted several issues and demands, including the installation of a water filtration plant, improvement in power supply, better road connectivity, construction of a school building, establishment of a health centre, construction of a foot-bridge and execution of protection works in vulnerable areas.

At the outset, officers from various departments sensitised the people about a range of welfare, developmental, livelihood and social sector schemes being implemented by their respective departments. They encouraged the residents to avail themselves of the benefits of these initiatives and assured full departmental support in addressing their concerns.

Deputy Commissioner Doda visits HSS Ghuraka, reviews facilities and interacts with students

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Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today visited Government Higher Secondary School Ghuraka to review the functioning and infrastructure of the institution. He was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Bhutyal, Chief Planning Officer Doda Manish Kumar Manhas, Assistant Commissioner (Development) Doda Din Mohammad

Afaqi and District Education Planning Officer Doda Dr Anis Ahmed.

Principal Rajinder Singh Bhall, along with staff members and students of the school, accorded a warm welcome to the visiting dignitaries.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various sections of the institution and expressed satisfaction over the discipline, cleanliness, academic environment and overall management of the school. He appreciated the efforts of the school admin-

istration in ensuring quality education and maintaining a conducive atmosphere for learning.

Interacting with the students, DC Doda encouraged them to stay focused on academics while actively participating in co-curricular activities. The students responded enthusiastically, sharing their aspirations and concerns. The officers motivated them to work diligently and assured full administrative support for the advancement of education in the area.

On the occasion, the

Principal projected several demands aimed at improving the school's infrastructure. Key issues highlighted included fencing of the playground, installation of electric poles, augmentation of water supply facilities and establishment of smart classrooms, among other developmental needs.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the issues raised and assured that all genuine demands would be examined on priority for necessary action.

NMJKA events conducted across Shopian Sports, Yoga Activities inspire youth towards drug-free future

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Under the ongoing 100-Day campaign of Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA), a series of awareness and sports activities were organized across Shopian district to promote healthy lifestyles, physical fitness and a drug-free society among youth.

The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Shopian organized an Inter-School District Level Kho-Kho Tournament for Girls (U-19) at Gunj Bakhsh Arham Hanfiya Public School, Shopian. Students from various Higher Secondary Schools

of the district participated enthusiastically in the tournament, displaying remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork and competitive spirit.

The event aimed to encourage physical fitness and channel the energy of youth towards constructive activities while spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse. The tournament witnessed active participation from students and staff, making it a successful sporting event under the NMJKA campaign.

The athletics meet witnessed a massive turnout at the open Play field in Zainapora with a large number of female students

from various educational institutions across the zone. The young athletes competed across multiple track and field events under 14, under 17, and under 19 age groups.

Meanwhile, the Department of AYUSH Shopian, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services & Sports, organized a Yoga Awareness Session at Government High School Sindu Shirmal and Government UPS Balpora. The session highlighted the role of yoga in maintaining physical and mental well-being and emphasized its importance in leading a healthy, addiction-free life.

Participants were sensitized about the benefits of

regular physical activity, mindfulness and healthy lifestyle choices as effective tools in combating substance abuse. The programmes received an encouraging response from students and teachers alike.

These activities form part of the district-wide efforts being undertaken under NMJKA to engage youth in positive pursuits and strengthen the collective resolve towards building a healthier, drug-free Shopian.

Besides, electric sub division Shopian, Govt. Polytechnic college Shopian, Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, GDC, Shopian, Electric Sub Divi-

CAO Ramban and KVK scientist visit mushroom cultivation training programme at Maitra

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In a significant step towards promoting entrepreneurship and sustainable agriculture among rural youth, Chief Agriculture Officer Ramban Dr Vinay Kumar Jandial along with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramban Scientist Dr Raj Kumar visited the ongoing Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme being conducted by SBI RSETI Ramban at Batti, Maitra. During the visit, the

CAO interacted with the trainees and appreciated their enthusiasm for adopting mushroom cultivation as a viable income-generating activity. He motivated the participants to embrace innovative agricultural practices and highlighted the immense potential of agri-based enterprises in improving rural livelihoods.

The CAO also educated the trainees about various government-sponsored schemes being implemented by the Agriculture Department, including the Holistic Agriculture

Development Programme (HADP), Kisan Credit Card (KCC Agri) and the KCC Working Capital Scheme. He encouraged the trainees to avail these schemes for establishing and expanding their agricultural ventures.

Speaking on the occasion, the KVK Ramban Scientist provided valuable insights on soil testing, scientific farming techniques and various extension activities being undertaken by KVK for the benefit of farmers. He emphasized the importance of adopting scien-

tific methods to enhance productivity and profitability in agriculture.

The training programme is being conducted under the overall supervision of SBI RSETI Ramban Director S Harvinder Singh. The primary objective of the programme is to empower rural communities through skill development, create self-employment opportunities and generate greater interest in agriculture and allied sectors.

Both dignitaries expressed satisfaction over the quality of training being imparted by SBI RSETI Ramban and lauded the institute's efforts in promoting entrepreneurship and self-reliance among rural youth and aspiring entrepreneurs. They conveyed their best wishes to the trainees and appreciated SBI RSETI Ramban for its continued contribution towards rural development and livelihood generation in the district.

Javid Dar reviews social welfare schemes, calls for greater outreach to beneficiaries

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperatives and Elections, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of various social welfare schemes in his constituency.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sarmad Hafeez, senior

officers of Social Welfare Department and other concerned officials, who presented a detailed overview of the achievements and status of welfare schemes being implemented for the benefit of vulnerable sections of society.

During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the coverage of beneficiaries under different pension schemes, particularly the Old Age Pension Scheme

and sought details regarding eligible beneficiaries yet to be covered under the programme. He directed the concerned officers to ensure that all deserving individuals are identified and provided benefits in a transparent and time-bound manner.

Emphasising the need for greater public awareness, the Minister instructed the department to organise awareness programmes and special outreach

campus across the constituency to facilitate the registration and inclusion of senior citizens, widows and specially-abled persons under various welfare schemes of the Government.

Javid Ahmad Dar also stressed the importance of providing assistive devices, including tricycles and other mobility aids, to the eligible beneficiaries as per the prescribed guidelines. He directed the officials to expe-

dite the distribution process to ensure timely support to the persons with disabilities.

The Minister appreciated the achievements of the Social Welfare Department and observed that the department plays a crucial role in building an inclusive and equitable society.

He noted that through its various welfare initiatives, the department is making significant contributions towards the uplift-

ment and empowerment of vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalized sections of the population.

He called upon the officers to work with dedication and commitment to ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach every deserving household, thereby strengthening social security and improving the quality of life of the people.