

Jammu Admin demolishes illegal properties of notorious drug kingpins worth Rs 10 cr in Bishnah

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In a major crackdown on the drug menace and organised crime under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the District Administration Jammu today demolished three illegal structures belonging to notorious drug kingpins and hardcore criminals at revenue village Harsha Dabbar in Tehsil Bishnah.

The enforcement drive was executed on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas and in coordination with SSP Jammu Joginder Singh.

The demolished structures were linked to individuals heavily involved in multiple heinous criminal offences under the NDPS Act and other provisions of the BNS and BNSS. These elements were actively running narcotics trafficking modules and organised crime networks, severely disrupting public order and creating a sense of insecurity among the local population.

The demolished illegal

properties belonged to three key history-sheeters. Among them was Gulzar Ahmed alias Lahu, son of Bashir Ahmed, a resident of Waziru Chak, Tehsil Bishnah, a notorious criminal with 28 FIRs registered against him. The second structure belonged to Farman Ali alias Phalla, son of Bashir Ahmed, currently residing in Sarore, Samba, who faces eight pending FIRs. The third demolished property belonged to Fareeda Bibi alias Majeeda, a resident of Waziru Chak, Bishnah, who has been identified as a conduit for a UAPA accused and has an active FIR registered against her under the

NDPS Act.

The total valuation of the three dismantled structures, including land under Khasra Numbers 2191 and 2208, is estimated at approximately ₹10 crore.

This coordinated multi-departmental action under the NMBA initiative serves as a stern warning to the drug nexus operating in the region. The District Administration has reiterated that illegal assets raised through the proceeds of narcotics smuggling and illicit trades will not be tolerated and shall face similar decisive action.

The on-ground operation was successfully executed under the overall supervi-

sion of SDM Jammu South Manu Hansa and SP Headquarters Anna Sinha, in the presence of Tehsildar Bishnah Ankush Tripathi, SDPO RS Pura Gurmeet Singh and SHO Bishnah Deepak Thakur along with personnel from the Revenue and Police departments.

The District Administration Jammu has reaffirmed its zero-tolerance policy towards drug peddling and land encroachment, urging citizens, especially the youth, to distance themselves from anti-social activities and contribute positively towards the sustainable development of the nation.

District administration demolishes four illegal shops on State land in Bhalwal

JAMMU, JUNE 10: Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas and under the supervision of SDM Jammu North Dr Deepak Kumar, the district administration today conducted an anti-encroachment drive in Tehsil Bhalwal to remove illegal structures raised on State land.

During the drive, four shops constructed illegally on State land under Khasra Number 3456, situated in Village Bhalwal, were de-



molished.

The action followed complaints regarding the unau-

thorised occupation of valuable State land at a prime location.

The demolition was carried out in the presence of Tehsildar Bhalwal Monika Sharma and SHO Gharota Rajesh Verma, along with revenue and police officials who ensured the smooth execution of the operation.

The district administration reiterated its commitment to safeguarding government land from encroachment and warned that strict action will continue against all unauthorised occupations of State land in accordance with the law.

Itoo visits several areas in DH Pora, holds public outreach programme

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Ahmadabad and several other villages in D.H. Pora, where she held an extensive public outreach programme to hear the grievances, issues and demands of the local residents.

A large number of people

from Ahmadabad and adjoining areas participated in the event and apprised the Minister of various developmental needs and public welfare concerns.

Sakeena Itoo gave a patient hearing to the issues raised and assured the people that all their genuine demands would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

Addressing the gathering

on the occasion, she highlighted various initiatives and people-centric measures undertaken by the present government to ensure equitable development and improve the quality of life across Jammu and Kashmir. She said the government is committed to strengthen the public infrastructure, enhance service delivery and create new opportuni-

ties for youth and women. She added that the Government is resolved to work with transparency, accountability and a focus on inclusive growth.

The Minister also directed the concerned officers to take prompt action on the issues raised during the public outreach programme and ensure effective follow-up for their early resolution.

Dir FCS&CA reviews developmental plan at Bega under Vibrant Village Programme

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Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Rajesh Kumar Shavan conducted an extensive visit to Village Bega, Panchayat Baspur, under the Vibrant Village Programme, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, aimed at the holistic development of villages situated along international border areas. The programme focuses on improving infrastructure, public services and livelihood opportunities to enhance the quality of life of border residents and ensure inclusive growth.

The Director was accompanied by Sub-Divisional Magistrate RS Pura Anuradha Thakur, Block Development Officer RS Pura Sahil Angral and officers of various line departments. During the visit, the Director chaired a meeting with officers from different departments, wherein he reviewed in detail the



progress of ongoing projects and proposals for future developmental interventions. He also interacted with local residents and sought their feedback, suggestions and inputs regarding developmental priorities, public service delivery and infrastructure requirements.

MLA Suchetgarh Gharu Ram Bhagat was also present at the meeting. He highlighted various developmental concerns and issues faced by the villagers and stressed the need for

timely execution of infrastructure and public utility projects to improve the quality of life of the residents.

During the deliberations, the Nodal Officer apprised the meeting of the proposed construction of a link road and a nallah in the village. The Director directed the Public Works Department (PWD) officers concerned to prepare the requisite estimates and initiate further action for the execution of these projects at the earliest.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment to the holistic development of border villages, the Director emphasised the importance of inter-departmental coordination and effective implementation of developmental schemes under the Vibrant Village Programme. He called upon all departments to work in close coordination to ensure timely completion of projects and enhanced delivery of public services for the benefit of the local population.

Comprehensive Cleft Care CME, CDE 2026 programme held at GMC Baramulla

BARAMULLA, JUNE

10: Department of Dentistry, Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla, today organized a one-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programme on "Comprehensive Cleft Care: A Holistic Approach Towards Cleft Lip and Palate Patients", aimed at raising awareness and strengthening coordinated care for cleft patients.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr. S.F Hamid, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest, while Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kaur, Principal/Dean, Government Dental College (GDC) Srinagar, attended as the Guest of Honour.

Among other dignitaries present were Prof. (Dr.) Majid Jehangir, Principal/Dean GMC Baramulla (Patron); Dr. Parvaiz Masoodi, Medical Superintendent GMC Baramulla (Co-Patron); Prof. (Dr.) Shafkat Ahmed Lone, Registrar Academics and Head, Department of ENT (Co-Patron); Prof. (Dr.) H.U. Malik, President IDA; and Dr. Omer Hussain Misger, Head, Department of Den-

istry.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by the Guest of Honour and other dignitaries, inspected various stalls established at the venue showcasing awareness materials, treatment modalities and initiatives related to comprehensive cleft care and oral health services.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the Department of Dentistry for organizing the programme and reiterated the district administration's commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at improving healthcare outcomes. He emphasized the importance of early identification and timely management of cleft lip and palate cases and urged the organizing team to conduct screening and awareness camps in peripheral and remote areas for wider outreach.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the objectives of the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan and appreciated the contribution of GMC Baramulla towards rehabilitation and awareness programmes. He particularly acknowledged the role of various depart-

ments, including the Department of Dentistry, in extending healthcare support, counselling and rehabilitation services to individuals affected by substance abuse.

He further urged the organizers to conduct similar camps in far-flung areas under the Vibrant Village Programme to ensure that the benefits of such healthcare initiatives reach people residing in remote and underserved regions.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kaur congratulated the Department of Dentistry for introducing comprehensive cleft care services at GMC Baramulla and emphasized the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration in ensuring holistic treatment and rehabilitation of cleft patients.

Prof. (Dr.) Majid Jehangir extended his appreciation to the Department of Dentistry for successfully organizing the CME/CDE programme and for taking a significant step towards strengthening specialized healthcare services in the district.

The programme was organized with the objective of creating awareness

about cleft lip and palate among the general public and frontline healthcare workers.

ASHA workers and coordinators from all blocks of Baramulla district were sensitized about early identification of cleft cases, feeding techniques, door-to-door surveys, provision of psychosocial support and timely referrals for comprehensive management at GMC Baramulla.

The event witnessed participation of more than 250 delegates from different parts of the Union Territory, including Heads of Departments from Government Dental College Srinagar, SKIMS Medical College Bemina, GMC Anantnag, GMC Doda and GMC Baramulla. Doctors from peripheral healthcare institutions, ANMs, midwives and ASHA workers from across Baramulla district also attended the programme.

The participants lauded the initiative and underscored the importance of awareness, early intervention and coordinated multidisciplinary care in improving the quality of life of patients with cleft lip and palate.

ADC Ramban visits Ukhral, reviews arrangements for annual Mata Shri Chamunda Devi Sharwadhar Yatra

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban Varunjeet Singh Charak today visited Senabhati and Ukhral to review the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the annual Mata Shri Chamunda Devi Sharwadhar Yatra.

During the visit, the ADC interacted with locals and representatives of the yatra management committees at Senabhati and took stock of the facilities required for the convenience of the devotees. He discussed issues faced by pilgrims during previous yatra

and sought suggestions from the locals for ensuring better management of the religious event.

Emphasising the significance of the annual pilgrimage, he directed all line departments to work in close coordination with the administration and extend full cooperation for the successful and hassle-free conduct of the yatra.

Assuring the public of every possible support from the district administration, the ADC stated that all necessary measures would be taken to facilitate the pilgrims and ensure their safety and comfort throughout the yatra period.

To strengthen on-ground coordination, he directed Tehsildar Ukhral to depute Naib Tehsildar Neel to oversee and coordinate all administrative matters related to the yatra. He instructed the officer to maintain close liaison with the departments concerned and ensure prompt redressal of any issues arising during the pilgrimage. The local residents appreciated the proactive approach of the district administration led by Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammed Alyas Khan and assured full cooperation in making the annual yatra a successful and spiritually enriching event for the devotees.

IEI-JKSC holds 1-day Seminar on World Environment Day

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Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu & Kashmir State Centre (IEI-JKSC), organized a One-Day Seminar in observance of World Environment Day-2026 on the theme "A Global Call for Climate Action."

The seminar brought together engineers, academicians, environmental experts, professionals, and students to deliberate upon the growing environmental challenges facing humanity and the urgent need for collective action towards sustainable development, environmental protection, climate resilience, and ecological conservation.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), addressed the gathering and highlighted the critical im-

portance of climate action, environmental sustainability, and evidence-based policy interventions in addressing emerging ecological challenges. He emphasized the need for strengthening collaboration among academic institutions, professional bodies, policymakers, and civil society organizations to develop sustainable and resilient solutions for environmental protection and climate adaptation. He appreciated the role of IEI-JKSC in promoting technical awareness and constructive dialogue on issues of environmental significance.

Er. Ferdous Ahad Bhat, FIE, Chairman, IEI-JKSC underlined the increasing environmental challenges confronting societies across the globe, including climate change, biodiversity loss, environmental

degradation, pollution, and unsustainable patterns of development. He also highlighted the role of the Institution of Engineers (India), J&K State Centre, as a professional platform for promoting technical discourse, knowledge sharing, professional excellence, and public.

Er. Irfan Ahmad Reshi, MIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI-JKSC, in his address, highlighted the significance of World Environment Day.

The technical session featured presentations by Er. Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, MIE, Former Divisional Officer, J&K Pollution Control Board; Dr. Rayees Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, SSM College of Engineering and Er. Bashir Ahmad Dar, AMIE, Former Secretary (Technical), JKPD who deliberated

upon various environmental challenges affecting the region and highlighted the importance of environmental regulations, pollution control measures, sustainable resource management, scientific dimensions of climate change and emphasized the role of technological innovation, renewable energy solutions, environmental stewardship, and sustainable practices in mitigating the adverse impacts of global warming and environmental degradation.

The seminar served as an important platform for meaningful discussions on climate action, environmental sustainability, ecological conservation, and the role of engineering and scientific innovation in promoting a greener, more resilient, and sustainable future.

DC Jammu chairs Block Diwas in Kharah Balli

JAMMU, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr Rakesh Minhas today chaired Block Diwas at Mallah Panchayat Ghar of Block Kharah Balli in Khour Sub Division, reaching out to people of this remote area and personally hearing their grievances on the spot.

Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh and Additional Deputy Commissioner Vidhu Shekhar were also present.

The programme witnessed a turnout of around 300 people, with

public representatives and residents from over a dozen panchayats of the area converging to apprise the district administration of their long-pending issues and developmental concerns.

During the proceedings, the DC patiently listened to the grievances of the people which largely revolved around road connectivity, drinking water supply and power-related issues. Concerns pertaining to the Rural Development Department were also raised, which were ad-

ressed on the spot by the DC, with instructions issued to the concerned officials for their timely and effective redressal. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Rakesh Minhas assured the people that the district administration remains committed to ensuring that the benefits of development reach even the remotest corners of the district. He urged the officers and field functionaries to work with sensitivity and dedication towards resolving the problems of the common man at the grassroots level.