

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Raising Day of Rajya Sainik Board celebrated at Zila Sainik Welfare Office Doda

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The Raising Day of the Rajya Sainik Board was celebrated with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at the Zila Sainik Welfare Office Doda on Tuesday. The event brought together Ex-Servicemen, officials and dignitaries to commemorate the invaluable contributions of the veteran community towards the nation and to reaffirm the commitment towards their welfare and rehabilitation.

The programme was graced by Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal as the chief guest, accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur and Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas. More than 30 Ex-Servicemen from different parts of the district participated in the event, reflecting the strong bond between the administration and the veteran fraternity.

The proceedings commenced with a welcome address by Wing Commander Tirath Singh (Retd.), Zila Sainik Welfare Officer. He highlighted the history, objectives and achievements of the Rajya Sainik Board. He elaborated welfare measures being implemented for Ex-Servicemen, Veer



Naris, war widows and their dependents, encompassing financial assistance, educational support, pension-related services, healthcare initiatives and rehabilitation programmes. He also underscored the importance of ensuring dignity, security and social inclusion of veterans and their families.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner paid rich tributes to the brave soldiers and veterans who have served the nation with courage, dedication and selfless commitment. He appreciated the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and acknowledged

the significant role played by Ex-Servicemen in nation-building even after their retirement from active service. He reiterated that the District Administration remains committed to addressing the concerns of the veteran community and ensuring timely delivery of welfare benefits and government services.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for strengthening coordination between government departments and the Zila Sainik Welfare Office to facilitate effective implementation of welfare schemes for Ex-Servicemen and their dependents. He also

encouraged veterans to actively participate in social development initiatives, youth mentoring programmes and community awareness campaigns, utilizing their vast experience and leadership qualities for the betterment of society.

During the programme, the participants were also sensitized about the ongoing initiatives being undertaken under the "Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan". The role of Ex-Servicemen in promoting a drug-free society was discussed in detail and they were encouraged to become ambassadors of the campaign by spreading awareness among youth and communities at the grassroots level. The gathering emphasized collective responsibility in combating drug abuse and creating a healthier and safer society.

An interactive session was also held during which Ex-Servicemen shared their views, experiences and issues related to welfare services. The district officers present patiently listened to their concerns and assured necessary follow-up action wherever required. The interaction provided a valuable platform for strengthening communication and enhancing service delivery for the veteran community.

DAJ reviews implementation of flagship schemes, Infrastructure Development



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Director Agriculture Jammu (DAJ) Anil Gupta today chaired a review meeting in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Agriculture to assess the physical and financial progress achieved under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and CAPEX Budget for the financial year 2026-27. The meeting also reviewed the functioning and implementation status of infrastructure projects established under NABARD, CSS, CAPEX, JKICP, AIF and HADP across the Jammu Division. The meeting was attended by Joint Director

(Extension) Sanjay Anand; Joint Director (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma; SMS (RL) Krishan Kant; Accounts Officer Vriti Uppal; Mushroom Development Officer Raghbir Paul Kochar; Assistant Agrostologist Narinder Singh; Assistant Entomologist Harvinder Singh; ASCO (I&P) Sanjeev Mehta; Spawm Production Officer Ashu Kakoria; Technical Officer HADP Raj Kumar, besides officers from the Planning, JKICP and CSS Sections. All Chief Agriculture Officers of the Jammu Division participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

District-wise progress regarding expenditure, achievement of targets, im-

plementation of developmental works and status of ongoing infrastructure projects was reviewed in detail. The Director also reviewed the status of projects established under NABARD, JKICP, AIF, CSS and CAPEX and emphasized the need for ensuring their optimum utilization for the benefit of the farming community.

The Director exhorted the Chief Agriculture Officers and Scheme Heads to expedite both expenditure and physical progress under CAPEX, NABARD, CSS, JKICP and HADP strictly in accordance with the approved Action Plans. Taking a serious view of districts registering low expenditure and slow physical progress, he instructed the concerned

officers to identify bottlenecks and take immediate corrective measures to achieve the prescribed targets within the stipulated timelines.

The Director called for strengthening public-sector initiatives for apiculture and mushroom development, emphasizing enhanced production, capacity building and effective utilization of available infrastructure.

The meeting concluded with detailed discussions on strategies for improving implementation efficiency, enhancing fund utilization and achieving the targets envisaged under various agricultural development programmes during the current financial year.

ZSWO celebrates raising day at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 23: Zila Sainik Welfare Office Udhampur today celebrated the raising Day of Rajya Sainik Board. An impressive programme was organised in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex to commemorate the invaluable service and sacrifices of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families.

Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Zila Sainik Welfare Officer Rajesh Gupta presided over the function. Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, officers from various departments, Ex-Servicemen, veterans, Veer Naris and their family members were also present.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner extended his greetings and lauded the exemplary service, courage and sacrifices of the Ex-



Servicemen fraternity and Veer Naris. He informed that the district administration is committed to the welfare, rehabilitation and handholding of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families.

The Zila Sainik Welfare Officer highlighted various issues and demands concerning the Ex-Servicemen community.

The DC sensitised the participants about the Gov-

ernment welfare schemes, flagship programmes and directed the concerned departments to address the genuine grievances of Ex-Servicemen on priority.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged Ex-Servicemen to actively participate and spread awareness about the 100-Day Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan launched by the Lieutenant Governor. He called upon them to motivate the pub-

lic, particularly the youth, to stay away from drug abuse and contribute towards building a healthier and drug-free society.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated that the District Administration Udhampur would extend every possible support for the welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families and ensure prompt redressal of their genuine concerns.

DC Samba reviews performances of banks at DLRC-DCC meeting

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A meeting of the District Level Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) for the quarter ended March 2026 was held today in the Conference Hall, District Administrative Complex, Nandani Hills.

Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan chaired the meeting and reviewed the performance of banks under the Annual Credit Plan for the financial year 2025-26. The meeting also reviewed the progress achieved in the implementation of Government-sponsored self-employment and social security schemes.

The meeting was convened by Lead District Manager (LDM), SBI Nishu Suppal and attended by LDO, RBI; DDM, NABARD; Chief Agriculture Officer; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer; District Sheep Husbandry Officer; AD Fisheries; District Coordinator, J&K Bank; representatives of SBI, PNB and JKGB; besides officials of other sponsoring Govern-



ment departments and banks.

The LDM informed the house that banks operating in the district recorded deposits of Rs. 9,219.18 crore and advances of Rs. 5,334.06 crore as on March 31, 2026. The CD Ratio of the district stood at 57.86%.

Achievement under the Annual Credit Plan for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 3,536.90 crore against an annual target of Rs. 3,760.20 crore, registering an achievement of 94%. Under the Priority Sector, banks achieved Rs. 1,922.93 crore against the annual target of Rs. 2,056.22 crore, while under the Non-Priority Sector, the

achievement stood at Rs. 1,613.97 crore against the annual target of Rs. 1,775.27 crore, registering an achievement of 95%.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive review of self-employment schemes, with special focus on PMEGP, JKREGP, KCC, HADP, PMAY, NRLM and NULM. She impressed upon the banks to achieve 100% digitization of bank accounts. She further advised all sponsoring agencies and banks to spread awareness among the public about the self-employment schemes launched by the Government and motivate eligible beneficiaries to

avail benefits of the same.

She further directed all banks to clear pending cases sponsored by different government departments and agencies and enhance lending, in the Agriculture and Allied sectors, Mission YUVA, PM Surya Ghar, MSME, Housing and Education sectors to achieve a healthy CD Ratio. She also directed the banks to ensure coverage of all eligible beneficiaries under social security schemes, including PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by the Lead District Manager.

5-day Peace Education Program commences at Poonch

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District Admin Poonch in collaboration with Rawat Foundation has organised a five-day Peace Education Program (PEP) for government officials to promote good governance.

The event has been hosted here at Krishan Chander Memorial Government Degree College.

The program aims to promote human values, self-awareness and inner peace among government officials from different departments.

The program was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, who emphasized the importance of human dignity in public service.

"When we understand our own dignity, we can understand the dignity of others. It is through this understanding that we practice human values. The core



purpose of the Peace Education Program is to help individuals connect with the peace that already exists within them," he said.

The facilitators of the program Poonam Sherawat and Dr. Avinasha Sharma informed that the Peace Education Program is avail-

able on the SWAYAM Plus portal of the Ministry of Education. "The participants can earn two academic credits upon successful completion of the course. Poonam Sherawat explained that the program is being delivered through engaging video-based work-

shops centered on ten themes: Peace, Appreciation, Inner Strength, Self-Awareness, Clarity, Understanding, Choice, Dignity, Hope and Contentment.

On the first day, the themes of Peace and Appreciation were explored through interactive discussions, reflections and video presentations. Around 100 participants representing different departments of the District Administration, including School Education, Health, Agriculture, Higher Education, Police, Social Welfare, Public Works Department, Jal Shakti and Rural Development, actively participated in the workshop.

The Peace Education Program shall continue over the next four days with sessions focusing on the remaining themes designed to enhance personal wellbeing, emotional resilience and human-centered leadership.

DC reviews implementation of HADP, other credit-linked schemes in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, JKICP, PM-Kisan, KCC and other agriculture credit-linked schemes in the district.

At the outset, the Chief Agriculture Officer presented a comprehensive overview of the department's performance, highlighting the implementation status of the schemes, establishment and tracking of units, financial utilisation, registration of Kisan Khidmat Ghars, credit flow under HADP, including applications received and sanctioned, issuance of Soil Health Cards and the status of JKICP applications in terms of coverage and approvals.

While reviewing the



progress, the Deputy Commissioner directed the stakeholder departments and banking institutions to maximize outreach to enable every eligible farmer and farming family to benefit from these flagship schemes. He further instructed the departments to

adopt a proactive and coordinated approach to expedite the sanctioning of pending applications under HADP.

Emphasising the importance of inter-departmental coordination, the DC said that seamless implementation and collective efforts

are essential for achieving tangible and sustainable outcomes on the ground. He directed the officers to ensure that all schemes are implemented in a transparent and time-bound manner so that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended benefits without any delay.