

DC Ramban holds public grievance redressal camp at Panchayat Damote; resolves several issues on spot

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted a Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Panchayat Damote, Block Ramban, to hear public grievances and review developmental needs of the area.

Residents of surrounding panchayats raised issues related to road connectivity, healthcare services, school infrastructure, playground facilities, protection works and Panchayat delimitation. Responding, the Deputy Commissioner directed officers concerned to identify suitable land for a playground at a central location under a youth engagement initiative, and directed departments concerned to take up repair and restoration of damaged school buildings on priority, informing that funds have already been received for the purpose.

He directed the Health Department to organise regular outreach camps through mobile medical



units and instructed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure an ambulance visits the area once a week with a doctor and essential medicines. On road connectivity, he directed the construction agency concerned to undertake immediate repairs of the damaged stretch. On Panchayat delimitation, he stated the matter would be considered as per norms during the electoral process.

The Deputy Commissioner urged people to ac-

tively participate in the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, advised youth to avail loan facilities under Mission YUVA and other government schemes with full administrative support for aspiring entrepreneurs, and directed officers to identify vulnerable locations requiring protection walls and embankments for consideration under suitable schemes. He instructed district and sectoral officers to undertake regular field visits and submit reports on issues identified and action taken.

The DC assured that all genuine demands raised during the camp would be examined on priority and addressed in a phased manner through coordinated efforts of the district administration and departments concerned.

Among those present were ACD Sheraz Ahmed, the CMO, CHO, CAHO, ALC, CDPO, BDO and other district and sectoral officers.

Dy CM conducts public outreach camp at Majalta, Assures time-bound resolution of public issues

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 24:- Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today conducted a public outreach-cum-grievance redressal camp at Government Higher Secondary School, Majalta, to hear public grievances, interact with local residents, and ensure their timely redressal.

During the camp, former PRI members and local residents projected several demands, including the establishment of a Trauma Centre at Manwal, augmentation of drinking water supply, construction and upgradation of various roads, construction of the Manwal-Pingla Mata road, inclusion of left-out beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, resolution of issues concerning the tribal community and other development-related matters.

While responding to the demands, the Deputy Chief Minister assured the public that all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner. Several grievances were resolved on the spot by issuing necessary directions to the concerned officers. He also instructed the officers to organise awareness camps to sensitise people about various government welfare schemes and initiatives so that eligible beneficiaries can avail themselves of the benefits.

Deputy Chief Minister said that the primary objective of conducting such out-



reach programmes is to resolve day-to-day public issues at the grassroots level through direct interaction with the people. Emphasising the importance of efficient, transparent and accountable public service delivery, he urged officers to work with dedication and sincerity to address genuine grievances within their respective departments.

Reiterating the government's unwavering commitment to people-centric governance, he said that the administration led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah remains focused on delivering good governance and addressing public concerns on priority. He directed the concerned officers to record all demands and ensure their prompt redressal. He further instructed the departments to take government policies, welfare schemes and developmental programmes to the doorstep of

the people and ensure their effective implementation. The Dy Chief Minister also acknowledged the support of the Government of India, led by the Prime Minister, for providing substantial funds to Jammu and Kashmir for developmental works, which, he said, are contributing significantly to the region's progress.

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Provincial President Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta welcomed Honble Deputy Chief Minister and highlighted the problems and grievances of Majalta and its surrounding areas for regarding their problems and difficulties faced by the people, connectivities, drinking water, electricity, shortage of Staff in Schools and Colleges, shortage of Doctors in Hospital and dispensary. He also narrated the achievements of the Omar led Govt. during the last one and a half year.

Mr Gupta urged the party workers to gear up for the forthcoming Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies elections.

Among others who were present in the meeting included: Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zonal President Udhampur Reasi Zone, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Rakesh Singh Raka, Mohinder Singh Vice Presidents Central Zone, Sandeep Singh Wazir, Akash Verma Additional Spokespersons Jammu, Ramparshotam District President Udhampur Rural, Sunil Verma District President Udhampur Urban, Akash Kharka District President Udhampur Rural YNC, Sanker Singh, Mukesh Thapa, Om Parkash Block Presidents, Iqbal, K.D Sharma, S. Gurnam Singh, Surinder Jamwal, Devi Ditta and other party functionaries were also present.

District Magistrate Ramban chairs NCORD meeting; reviews anti-drug measures under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) to review anti-narcotics measures and strengthen coordinated efforts against drug abuse under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

Reviewing implementation of directions issued at the previous meeting, the DC directed the Drug Inspector to coordinate with Tehsildars and the Police Department and intensify enforcement drives against the illegal sale and misuse of narcotic substances. He directed the SDMs, Tehsildars and Excise Department to maintain strict vigil on illegal poppy and cannabis cultivation and take immediate action wherever detected, and called for focused analysis of factors pushing youth towards substance abuse along with strict surveillance in vulnerable areas.

Reviewing the functioning of the Addiction Treat-



ment Facility at District Hospital Ramban, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure proper functioning of the IPD facility and provide quality medical care, counselling and follow-up support for rehabilitation and relapse prevention.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed progress under the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Campaign and directed officers to implement all scheduled activities in a time-bound manner. He directed the Assistant Commissioner Development to strengthen Panchayat Level Monitor-

ing Committees and Panchayat-Level Mahila Samitis, instructed officers concerned to intensify IEC awareness campaigns in government and private institutions, and asked the Excise Department to prepare a comprehensive awareness plan for youth. He further directed capacity building of resource persons from schools, colleges, Anganwadi Centres and Self Help Groups to generate mass awareness, while the Assistant Commissioner Development and Tehsildars were asked to activate youth clubs for community mobilisation.

SSP Ramban Arun Gupta suggested measures to

make society drug-free and stressed close coordination among departments, educational institutions, community organisations and civil society members.

Among those present were SSP Ramban Arun Gupta, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, SDM Banihal Mohammed Naseeb Bajraan, SDM Ramsoo Syed Mazahir Hussain Shah, ACD Sheraz Ahmed, Chief Medical Officer Dr Kamal Zadu, the CHO, Tehsildars, the Drug Control Officer and officers from various enforcement and line departments. Tehsildars and other officers concerned also joined virtually.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban reviews final preparations for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026

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With Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 set to commence shortly, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a high-level meeting to finalise arrangements for the pilgrimage through Ramban district. He directed all departments to remain fully prepared with seamless coordination, prompt response mechanisms and pilgrim-centric facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed arrangements at Yatri Niwas Chanderkote, Langer Site Chanderkote, Yatra Camp Lamber, Banihal, and all 12 identified lodgment centres between Nashri and Banihal, and directed all Nodal Officers to take charge of their respective centres and ensure facilities are put in place well in advance through coordination with departments concerned.

The ACD and Executive Officers of Municipal Committees were directed to ensure cleanliness at all lodgment centres, regular toilet sanitation and scientific disposal of waste. The Assistant Director, FCS&CA, was directed to ensure uninterrupted supply of LPG cylinders for



Langars along the Yatra route. All departments concerned were instructed to station adequate men and machinery at vulnerable highway stretches to respond to landslides, blockades or other emergencies.

The Assistant Director, Fire and Emergency Services, was directed to deploy adequate manpower and firefighting machinery at identified locations; the Executive Engineers of JPDC and Jal Shakti Department to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply with contingency plans ready; and the ARTO to keep standby buses available along with mechanics and spare parts at strategic locations for quick breakdown restoration.

The Chief Medical Officer was directed to position ambulances and medical teams as per the approved

Yatra plan, while officers of NHAI were directed to station adequate men and machinery at vulnerable highway stretches to respond to landslides, blockades or other emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to widely publicise emergency contact numbers and share details of machinery operators, emergency responders and key officials for timely intervention, and instructed close coordination and immediate action on any issue arising during the Yatra period.

He also directed that no officer shall leave district headquarters or place of posting without prior permission during the Yatra period, and instructed officers on Yatra duty to utilise their subordinate staff ef-

fectively for smooth execution of responsibilities.

SSP Ramban reviewed security arrangements and advised all departments to share details of officers and official vehicles engaged in Yatra duties to facilitate coordination.

SSP Traffic briefed the meeting on the traffic management plan, including convoy movement, cut-off timings and measures to ensure smooth vehicular movement during the pilgrimage.

Among those present were SSP Ramban Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic Raja Adil Hameed, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, SDM Banihal Mohammed Naseeb Bajraan, SDM Ramsoo Syed Mazahir Hussain Shah, ACD Sheraz Ahmed and senior officers of departments concerned.

National seminar, exhibition marks 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur

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The North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL), today organized a national level seminar and exhibition dedicated to the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji at Mattan, Anantnag.

An exhibition of paintings depicting the life, teachings, philosophy and supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was also organized on the occasion which was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma.

Speaking on the occasion, the participants highlighted the enduring relevance of Guru Sahib's teachings, which continue to inspire the humanity through their message of tolerance, compassion, justice and universal brotherhood. They also recalled his



unparalleled sacrifice in defence of religious freedom, human dignity and the rights of all communities.

During the seminar, five scholarly papers focusing on the Bani, teachings, philosophy and martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji were presented by the eminent scholars and writers, including Ajit Singh Mastana, Satish Vimal, Navtej Singh, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn and Dr. Harsimran Singh. The presentations provided valuable insights

into the spiritual, social and historical contributions of the Ninth Sikh Guru.

Earlier, Jarnail Singh, Assistant Director, NZCC, read the welcome address.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from literary personalities, intellectuals, devotees, students from various educational institutions and the public. Prominent among those present were Shri Ashok Kumar Sidha, President, Martand Tirath Trust, Mattan, representatives of the

District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Anantnag and a large number of devotees and members of the local community.

Several officers from the civil administration including officials from the district and tehsil administrations, also attended the event.

The organizers informed that the exhibition shall remain open to the public up to 30th June 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

JKRLMs' week long Facilitator Training for CRP-EP concludes

SRINAGAR, JUNE 24: A week long Facilitator Training Programme for the Community Resource Persons for Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP) concluded today at IMPARD, marking a significant step towards strengthening the grassroots entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood generation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme was organized by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) under the aegis of the Ministry of Rural Development—Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoRD-MSDE) convergence framework. The initiative aims to promote entrepreneurship-led economic growth and support establishment of sustainable rural micro-enterprises across the

Union Territory.

The intensive capacity-building programme was attended by members of the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), who underwent comprehensive training sessions conducted by a team of experts from NIESBUD. The sessions focused on enterprise planning, financial management, business modelling, market linkages and mentorship strategies to enable the participants to effectively guide the aspiring rural entrepreneurs.

Speaking at the valedictory session, Mission Director JKRLM, Dr. Shubhra Sharma, emphasized the transformative role of entrepreneurship in improving the rural livelihoods and creating self-reliant communities. "The training has equipped the participants with practical knowledge

and entrepreneurial skills that will help them identify opportunities, nurture local enterprises and support livelihood generation at the grassroots level. The real success of this programme will be reflected in the emergence of sustainable enterprises and empowered communities across Jammu and Kashmir," she maintained.

Highlighting the importance of trained facilitators in the rural enterprise ecosystem, Dr. Sharma added, "Community Resource Persons are the backbone of enterprise promotion in rural areas. I urge all the participants to effectively utilize the knowledge gained during this programme and become catalysts for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic empowerment in their respective communities."