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NDMA conducts Mock Exercise at Nunwan Base Camp ahead of SANJY



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Ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with District Administration, Anantnag today conducted a comprehensive mock exercise at Nunwan Base Camp, Pahalgam.

The aim of the exercise was to assess the preparedness of all departments for

the ensuing Yatra.

The exercise was conducted under the chairmanship of Major General Sudhir Bahl (Rtd.), Lead Consultant (Medical Emergencies and Incident Response System), NDMA. The exercise was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (CEO, DDMA), Vikas Ahlawat, Camp Director Nunwan, Atul Kumar, SDM Pahalgam, officers from civil administration, UTDMA, CRPF, Fire and Emergency

Services, Health, Army, JK Police telecommunication, ITBP, BSF and officials from various other departments.

The mock drill simulated a range of emergency scenarios, including medical emergencies, fire incidents, disaster response, evacuation, and security contingencies, to evaluate the coordination, communication, and response capabilities of participating agencies.

Officials and personnel from the civil administra-

tion, police, security forces, Health Department, NDRF and SDRF, Fire and Emergency Services, and other stakeholder departments actively demonstrated their preparations to respond to any disaster-like situation.

Speaking on the occasion, Major General Sudhir Bahl (Rtd.) emphasized the importance of coordinated planning, prompt response, and effective communication among all agencies to ensure the safety and security of pilgrims during SANJY-2026. He stressed that regular mock exercises are essential to strengthen emergency preparedness and improve inter-agency coordination.

Simultaneously, mock exercises were held at Sheshnag and Panchtarni Yatra Stations, simulating flash-floods and fire incidents and the same were livestreamed. Member NDMA, Krishan Vats joined online for debriefing while Camp Directors Sheshnag and Panchtarni also participated.

The mock exercise helped identify strengths as well as areas requiring further improvement, reinforcing the preparedness of all departments to ensure the safe, secure, and smooth conduct of the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026.

DLSA Jammu holds anti-drug walkathon on International Day against Drug Abuse



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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu organised an awareness walkathon on the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir 100 Days Campaign.

The walkathon was organised in collaboration with J&K Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (JKSPYM) Targeted Intervention (TI) Project Jammu, supported by the Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Department of Health & Medical Education, Gov-

ernment of J&K and JK-SPYM Outreach and Drop-in Centre (ODIC) Jammu.

The programme was held under the guidance of Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman DLSA Jammu Ravinder Nath Watal and under the supervision of Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) and Secretary DLSA Jammu Maleeka Sharma.

The walkathon was flagged off from South Block, Bahu Plaza, by Panel Lawyers, Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCs) and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of DLSA Jammu. It proceeded via RBI Chowk and Railway Station Chowk to Panama Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women, Gandhinagar and Government Maulana Azad

Memorial PG College, Jammu, joined JKSPYM staff, Panel Lawyers, LADCs, PLVs and members of the public.

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material was distributed during the event, covering drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services, human rights, legal aid services and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Participants were informed about the heightened vulnerability of Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) to HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C through unsafe injection practices and the role of harm reduction services and Targeted Intervention Projects in HIV prevention. Information on DLSA's free legal aid ser-

vices was also shared.

Rohit Abrol of JKSPYM TI Project Jammu stated drug abuse is a serious public health and social challenge requiring collaborative effort. He said: "The drug menace is a public menace and not merely a government issue. The public must actively support the Government's efforts in eradicating this challenge. Together, through awareness, responsibility and community participation, we can protect our youth and build a drug-free society."

The programme concluded with a pledge by all participants to support the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir 100 Days Campaign.

SWD Poonch organises programme on International Day against Drug Abuse

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The Department of Social Welfare today organised a programme to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking under the theme "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan - Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchan" at the New Auditorium Hall, GDC Ground, Poonch, aimed at generating awareness among the public, especially youth, about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraging collective efforts to make Poonch a drug-free district.

MLA Haveli Ajiz Ahmed Jan attended the event as chief guest and sensitised participants to the dangerous impact of drug addiction, stressing the need for continuous awareness campaigns and public participation to protect the younger generation from drugs.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar



Sharma urged the youth to adopt a healthy and productive lifestyle. He said collective efforts would make Poonch a drug-free district, assured the administration's commitment to this goal and called upon all sections of society to actively

participate in the fight against drug abuse.

District Social Welfare Officer Adil Shabir highlighted the Social Welfare Department's initiatives in generating awareness against drug abuse and extending support for rehabil-

itation and social welfare programmes. Lecturer Haroon Rathore conducted the proceedings.

Various speakers also spoke on the ill effects of drug abuse, appealing to the youth to stay away from drugs and encouraging participants to spread awareness about the harmful consequences of addiction among others.

The programme concluded with a pledge-taking ceremony against drug abuse, where participants reaffirmed their commitment to a healthy, safe and Nasha Mukh Poonch.

Among those present were Senior Superintendent of Police Shafiqat Husain Butt, Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, Addl SP Dr Ajay, Principal GDC Poonch Dr Jasbir Singh, religious heads, representatives of various organisations, prominent citizens and officers from different departments.

Ashoora observed with solemnity at Chanderkote

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The sacred occasion of Youm-e-Ashoora was observed with reverence and communal harmony at Chanderkote, Ramban, where hundreds of mourners participated in the traditional Zuljinah procession to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at Karbala.

The procession commenced from Imbarara Ali Nagar, Kunfer, Chanderkote, under the patronage of Anjuman-e-Imamia, passed through the main market of Chanderkote and culminated at the symbolic Karbala.

Religious scholars addressed the congregation at the Imam Bargah, illuminating the historical and spiritual significance of the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his 72 companions at Karbala over 1,400 years ago. Mourners paid



tribute to the martyrs for their unwavering stand for truth, justice and righteousness; values that continue to inspire generations and uphold the principles of Islam.

The district administration ensured the peaceful conduct of the procession through arrangements for

security, medical assistance, drinking water, electricity and sanitation at Chanderkote.

MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju and several distinguished citizens also participated in the procession, expressing solidarity and paying their respects. Among those present

were Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, Tehsildar Ramban Deep Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Waqar Bhat and officials from the Health Department, ambulance teams and departments concerned.

DC Bandipora reviews multi-departmental arrangements at Shadipora transit camp

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib on Friday visited the Shadipora Transit Camp to assess the preparedness and review arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various facilities, including accommodation, sanitation, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare services, security measures, and other essential amenities for the convenience of pilgrims.

Emphasising inter-departmental coordination, she stressed the impor-



tance of providing a seamless and comfortable experience to the pilgrims during the annual pilgrimage.

Officials from various line departments accompanied the Deputy Commissioner and briefed her on the progress of the

preparations.

She instructed the officers to remain proactive in addressing any gaps and to ensure that all necessary facilities are fully operational before the commencement of the Yatra. Indu Kanwal Chib said

that District Administration is committed to make all necessary arrangements for the successful and hassle-free conduct of SANJY-2026, ensuring the safety, comfort, and well-being of every pilgrim.

NDMA conducts Mock Exercise to test emergency preparedness along Baltal Axis

GANDERBAL, JUNE 26:

As part of the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) today conducted a comprehensive multi-agency mock exercise along the Baltal axis to assess emergency preparedness, strengthen inter-departmental coordination and ensure swift response to any unforeseen situation during the pilgrimage.

The exercise, held under the supervision of Brig. PS Gurung (Retd.), simulated multiple emergency scenarios at key locations along the Yatra route.

The mock drill covered a fire incident at Baltal Base Camp, a drowning/accident scenario near the riverside at Baltal Base Camp, a stampede simulation at Domail,



and a landslide/shooting stones incident at Brarimarg/Rail Pathri.

The exercise witnessed the active participation of the District Administration, Police, SDRF, NDRF, Health Department, Fire & Emergency Services, Civil Defence, BRO, Army, CRPF, BSF, Disaster Management teams, Traffic Police, volun-

teers and other stakeholder departments associated with Yatra management.

Rescue teams demonstrated coordinated evacuation procedures, search and rescue operations, firefighting measures, emergency medical response, triage and casualty evacuation, communication protocols and traffic regulation under sim-

ulated emergency conditions. Ambulances, rescue vehicles, firefighting equipment and disaster response resources were deployed at designated locations to test their operational readiness.

Brig. Gurung said that the mock exercise has been very fruitful in ensuring that all stakeholders are well versed with their responsibilities. He said that the exercise has been instrumental in ensuring interdepartmental coordination.

Senior officers including Camp Director Baltal, Additional Camp Directors, SASB, NDRF, SDRF, Rashtriya Rifles, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Army, police, health, Civil Defence, transport, fire and other emergency services remained present at various locations to supervise the exercise.