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Division-level launch of Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme held at Govt Hospital Sarwal

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Member of Parliament Sat Sharma (CA), Chief Guest, inaugurated the programme by administering polio drops to children. MLA Jammu West Arvind Gupta attended as Guest of Honour.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the importance of immunisation in protecting children from vaccine-preventable diseases and noted the achievements of the Pulse Polio Programme in India. They appealed to par-

ents and caregivers to participate actively in the campaign and ensure that every child below five years of age receives polio drops during the National Immunisation Day and the subsequent house-to-house activity.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the Health Department and frontline workers in implementing immunisation programmes across Jammu and Kashmir.

He called for continued

public participation and awareness to maintain the gains achieved under the Pulse Polio Programme.

Among those present were Director Health Services Jammu Dr Poonam Sethi; Assistant Director (Family Welfare, MCH and Immunisation) Jammu Dr Sunil Kailu; Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Sarwal Dr Monika Kotwal, besides senior health officers, medical officers, field functionaries and healthcare workers.

Administration all set for Amarnath Yatra 2026: DC Ramban

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today said the district administration is geared up for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026, with preparations nearing completion.

Inspecting arrangements at Chanderkote, the DC said the administration has made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrimage, with emphasis on pilgrims' safety, sanitation, healthcare, traffic management and essential services. Yatra infrastructure, including the Yatra Camp at Lamber in Banihal, Yatri Niwas at Chanderkote, Langer sites at Chanderkote, lodgement centres, sanitation facilities, drinking water and power supply, mobile connectivity, medical aid centres and emergency response mechanisms, has been put in place well in advance.

The administration has



been conducting regular inspections of facilities along the National Highway and the Yatra route. The DC recently visited Chanderkote, Karol and other strategic locations, besides reviewing progress on National Highway tunnel and viaduct projects to facilitate the movement of Yatra convoys.

Different departments are working in close coordination to ensure seamless arrangements.

Round-the-clock control rooms have been established and emergency response teams are on alert, with medical personnel, ambulances, rescue equipment and essential supplies

deployed at all critical locations. Special arrangements have also been made for cleanliness, waste management and public convenience at all transit camps and Langer sites.

The DC directed officers concerned to remain vigilant and responsive in their assigned duties.

56,302 children receive Pulse Polio vaccine in Ramban

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District Administration Ramban today launched the three-day Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation (IPPI) Campaign-2026 across the district.

On the inaugural day, MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju and the Chief Medical Officer administered polio drops to children at District Hospital Ramban, while Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan and ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak administered drops at CHC Batote.

Despite adverse weather, 56,302 children



were immunised on the first day, 94.5% of the 59,530 children targeted, aged zero to five years, across the district.

The DC lauded the efforts of frontline health workers and other department functionaries and appreciated the ground teams who ensured extensive coverage despite rain-

fall on the first day.

The district administration established 425 vaccination booths, including nine transit booths, across the four medical blocks of Gool, Ukhral, Batote and Banihal. A total of 1,700 officials and workers, supported by 85 supervisors, have been deployed for the drive. Mobile and

transit teams — comprising supervisors, teachers, health workers, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers — are engaged in implementation and monitoring, with focus on remote and snowbound areas.

The campaign will continue for the next two days as per the district action plan for 2026.

DC launches Pulse Polio drive in Doda

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Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today inaugurated the district-wide Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme at the OPD Complex of the Associated Hospital, Government Medical College (GMC), Doda, marking National Pulse Polio Day.

Across the district, 57,524 children below five years of age received Pulse Polio drops through 507 Pulse Polio Immunisation Booths set up in urban and rural areas. Parents and caregivers turned out in large numbers to avail the free immunisation services for their children.

The DC administered Pulse Polio drops to several children and interacted with parents, stressing the importance of immunising every child below five years of age against poliomyelitis.

The Deputy Commissioner said immunisation is one of the most effective public health interventions and appealed to all parents and guardians to ensure that every eligible child receives the life-saving Pulse

Polio vaccine. He lauded the efforts of healthcare workers, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, volunteers and field staff for implementing the campaign across the district.

Among those present

were Chief Medical Officer Dr Vinod Sharma, Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr SL Manhas, Block Medical Officer Dr Abdul Gafoor, doctors, paramedical staff and other officials of the Health Department.

DC inspects Kathua and Lakhanpur MC areas, directs officers to intensify cleanliness drive

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today toured various areas under Kathua and Lakhanpur Municipalities to review cleanliness and take stock of ongoing sanitation arrangements.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the cleanliness drives being carried out by the Municipal authorities and directed the officers concerned to further intensify efforts to maintain clean surroundings across the towns.

The DC directed the Municipal officers to ensure regular sanitation, especially after the sweeping staff resumed duties and to maintain cleanliness standards in all areas. He directed the Executive Officers concerned to personally monitor sanitation works and ensure that no area is left unattended.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Lakhanpur Main Bazaar and reviewed cleanliness arrangements at the district

entry point. He directed the EO Municipal Council Lakhanpur to ensure regular cleaning, proper waste management and upkeep of public spaces.

While interacting with the officers, the DC said that with Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026 approaching, the District Ad-

ministration is preparing comprehensive arrangements for the visiting pilgrims.

Cleanliness and sanitation would remain a priority during the Yatra, particularly in view of the upcoming monsoon. He instructed the departments concerned to ensure proper

drainage, prevent waterlogging and maintain cleanliness in all vulnerable areas.

Among those present were ADC Mahima Madan, ACR Vishav Partap Singh, former President Lakhanpur MC Ravinder Sharma, CEO Kathua MC Amit Sharma and EO Lakhanpur MC Prithvi Sangra.

DC Kathua kickstarts 3-day Pulse Polio campaign

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today launched the Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign at Government Mahatma Gandhi Hospital.

The Deputy Commissioner launched the campaign by administering polio drops to children and stressed the importance of complete immunisation coverage among children aged zero to five years.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said India has kept polio at bay through sustained immunisation efforts and that it is the collective



responsibility of all stakeholders to maintain this achievement by ensuring that every eligible child receives polio drops.

A target of over 1 lakh children has been set for the three-day Pulse Polio cam-

campaign. All Government health centres across the district are administering polio vaccines on June 28, while June 29 and 30 are dedicated to house-to-house visits to identify and vaccinate children who may

have been left out. Special teams have been constituted to cover slum areas, migratory populations and important transit points so that no child remains unvaccinated.

The DC reviewed the arrangements made by the Health Department for the campaign and directed field functionaries to achieve 100% immunisation coverage.

Among those present were Chief Medical Officer Dr Vijay Raina, Medical Superintendent AH GMC Dr Neeraj Nagpal, District Immunisation Officer Dr Vasna Sharma, ACR Vishav Partap Singh besides health officials.

DC Reasi launches National Immunisation Day Pulse Polio Campaign; 384 booths set up across district

REASI, JUNE 28:

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today launched the National Immunisation Day Pulse Polio Campaign at the District Hospital, Reasi.

A total of 384 vaccination booths have been established across the district. The administration has set a target of vaccinating around 59,000 to 60,000 children during the drive, which will continue over the next two days. Mobile teams have been deployed to conduct door-to-door visits so that no eligible child is left uncovered.



The Deputy Commissioner said the district-wide campaign aims to adminis-

ter oral polio vaccine drops to all children below five years of age. He stressed

that although India has achieved polio-free status, continued vigilance and public participation remain crucial to sustaining it.

The DC appealed to parents and guardians to bring every child below five years of age to the nearest vaccination booth or to avail the services of the visiting mobile teams, so that every eligible child receives the polio vaccine.

Among those present were Medical Superintendent Dr Karamveer Singh, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer and other officers concerned.