

DC Budgam Kick-starts Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign in district

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today kick-started the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme in the district.

The campaign was formally kick-started at District Hospital Budgam, where the DC administered polio drops to children in the 0-5 years age group.

Chief Medical Officer Budgam, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Dar, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Shahid Qadri, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Budgam, Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Kant, District Health Officer (DHO), District Immunization Officer (DIO), Block Medical Officers (BMOs), DPMU officials and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that all children in the 0-5 years age group across the district will be covered under the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme.

He informed that 628 Pulse Polio booths have been established across



Budgam district to ensure that no eligible child is left out.

The DC further stated that 8 transit vaccination points and 3 Mela Bazar booths have also been established to vaccinate children at transit locations and other public places, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the programme.

He said that following the booth-based vaccination drive, house-to-house vaccination will be conducted on 29th 2026, during

which health teams will visit every household to cover children who may have missed vaccination at the booths.

The district aims to cover 1,22,477 children below the age of five years under the campaign.

The DC appealed to parents to cooperate with health workers and ensure that every eligible child receives the life-saving polio drops in their nearest booths established across the District.

Meanwhile, Chief Medical Officer Budgam, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Dar, informed that health workers, ASHA workers, ICDS workers and volunteers have been deployed at Pulse Polio booths across the district. He added that dedicated transit teams have also been constituted to vaccinate children at designated transit points, ensuring that no child is missed during the campaign.

DC Bandipora launches Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Sunday launched the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Programme (IPPI)-2026 from NTPHC Quil Muqam and reviewed the arrangements made for the district-wide campaign aimed at immunizing all children in the 0-5 years age group against polio.

The Deputy Commissioner said that seamless arrangements had been put in place for the successful implementation of

the campaign across the district. A total of 338 polio vaccination booths had been established, with more than 61,000 children in the 0-5 years age group identified as the target population for immunization.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said the first day of the campaign was being conducted through institutional vaccination booths, while the next two days would witness intensive door-to-door vaccination to ensure that no eligible child was left uncovered.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner urged parents and guardians to actively participate in the campaign and ensure that every child below five years of age received the two life-saving drops, emphasizing that every child vaccinated was a step towards a polio-free future. She stressed the importance of achieving 100 percent coverage of eligible children and directed the Health Department to ensure its saturation.

Meanwhile, the DC reviewed the functioning of NTPHC Quil Muqam and assessed healthcare service delivery. She also took

stock of the issues related to the local water supply scheme and directed the concerned authorities to address the matter on priority.

Among others present on the occasion were Chief Medical Officer Bandipora, Dr. Bhajan Kour; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Nasir Ahmad; Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Bandipora-cum-District Immunization Officer, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad; Block Medical Officer Bandipora, Dr. Mohammad Tahir Malik, besides other health officials and stakeholders.

Agri Deptt Bandipora organizes Farmers' Awareness Programme under Khet Bachao Abhiyan

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As part of the ongoing Khet Bachao Abhiyan, the Department of Agriculture, Bandipora, today organized a farmers' awareness programme at Sumbal to promote sustainable agricultural practices and enhance awareness among the farming community.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of farmers, officers, and field functionaries.

Joint Director Engineering, Department of Agriculture, who was the chief guest on the occasion, emphasized the importance of conserving agricultural resources through efficient water management, maintenance of soil health, adoption of scientific farming practices, and the judicious use of farm inputs. He urged farmers to embrace modern technologies to improve productivity while ensuring environmental sustainability.

During the programme, experts from the Agriculture Department interacted with farmers and provided technical



guidance on scientific crop management, resource conservation, and various government schemes aimed at enhancing farm productivity and increasing farmers' income.

The experts also addressed farmers' field-related queries during an interactive session.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers reiterated the Department's commitment to strengthening farmer outreach through regular awareness programmes and capacity-building initiatives under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan. They encouraged farmers to adopt climate-resilient and sustainable agricultural practices for long-term agricultural growth.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment by the Department to continue promoting scientific and sustainable farming practices across the district through sustained awareness and extension activities.

CII J&K submits comprehensive development proposal to DC Kishtwar; scientific solid waste management takes centre stage

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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Jammu and Kashmir, submitted a comprehensive representation highlighting key developmental priorities for District Kishtwar to Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma. CII J&K Infrastructure Panel Convenor Er Sahil Sharma presented the representation on behalf of CII J&K Chairman Iqram Ali Shafiee.

The memorandum focussed on several sectors requiring immediate attention, including infrastructure development, scientific solid waste management, drinking water supply, tourism, power reliability and agriculture and horticulture.

However, scientific solid waste management emerged as the principal agenda of the meeting, with detailed deliberations on the need to establish a modern, sustainable waste management system for the district.

CII J&K representatives highlighted that the absence of a structured mechanism for waste collection, segregation, processing and scientific disposal has become a major environmental and public health challenge for Kishtwar.

The representation recommended an integrated solid waste management system with source segregation, scientific processing and disposal facilities, strengthened sanitation infrastructure and sus-



tained public awareness campaigns to promote responsible waste disposal and environmental sustainability. Er Sahil Sharma added that Kishtwar's natural beauty and tourism potential make effective waste management a prerequisite for sustainable development.

In addition to solid waste management, the representation recommended improved road connectivity to remote areas such as Warwan, Marwah and Dachhan, better drinking water infrastructure, tourism infrastructure, a reliable power supply and the modernisation of agriculture

and horticulture through irrigation, cold storage and stronger market linkages.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the initiative taken by CII in identifying key developmental challenges and presenting practical, solution-oriented recommendations for the district.

The DC acknowledged the constructive role of CII in supporting the developmental agenda of Jammu and Kashmir and assured the delegation of the District Administration's full cooperation in taking forward the proposed initiatives.

RFC, Udhampur Administration organises 10-km marathon under NMBA

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RAW Fitness Club (RFC), in collaboration with the District Administration Udhampur, today organised a 10-km marathon under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, drawing participation from youth, students, sports persons and citizens of the district.

DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range Shiv Kumar was the Chief Guest, while Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh attended as Guest of Honour. The marathon aimed to



spread awareness against drug abuse and to encourage young people to adopt a healthy lifestyle through sports. Participants from different parts of the district took part, reflecting

strong public support for the campaign against substance abuse.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest congratulated the organisers and appreciated the partic-

ipation of the youth. He highlighted the role of sports and community involvement in steering young people away from drugs towards a healthier future.

Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign launched in Baramulla, Targets 1.64 Lakh Children

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The Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign was formally launched today at the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC), Old Town Baghe-Islam Baramulla, by Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Nisar Ahmad.

The inaugural programme was attended by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Baramulla, Dr. A.G. Raina; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jozi Bashir; District Immunization Officer, Dr. Waheeda; Block Medical Officer

Sheeri, Dr. Sheikh Nasir; District Coordinator, Dr. Sheikh Asif; and other senior officers of the Health Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Planning Officer Nisar Ahmad highlighted the significance of the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign in protecting children from poliomyelitis and strengthening the district's public health system.

He urged all parents and caregivers to ensure that every child below five years of age receives the oral polio vaccine, emphasizing that no eligible child should be left out. He also

appreciated the dedication of healthcare workers and frontline staff for their continued efforts in implementing the campaign successfully across the district.

CMO Baramulla, Dr. A.G. Raina, reiterated the Health Department's commitment to achieving universal immunization coverage and stressed the importance of active community participation in making the campaign a success. He appealed to parents to cooperate with vaccination teams and avail themselves of the free vaccination services.

The campaign aims to

strengthen immunization efforts through coordinated healthcare initiatives across all health institutions and outreach centres in the district. A total of 1.64 lakh children in the 0-5 years age group are targeted to be covered during the immunization drive. The Health Department has made elaborate arrangements to ensure smooth implementation of the campaign and appealed to the public to actively participate in safeguarding every child against polio, thereby contributing to the collective goal of maintaining a polio-free Baramulla.

ADDC Shopian launches intensified Pulse Polio Immunization programme

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District-level launch of the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) 2026 programme was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone at District Hospital Shopian today.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Chief Medical Officer Shopian, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, District Immunization Officer, Block Medical Officer and other health officials and frontline healthcare workers.

The programme commenced with the administration of the first oral polio vaccine (OPV) drops to a newborn baby.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC appreciated the dedicated efforts of healthcare workers and stressed the importance of achieving 100 percent vaccination coverage.



He appealed to all parents to bring every child below five years of age to the nearest polio booth and ensure that no child is left unvaccinated.

The Health Department is trying its best for making

Shopian a polio-free district through active community participation and coordinated efforts of all stakeholders.

The District Health Administration also expressed gratitude to healthcare

workers, volunteers and the public for their continued support in making IPPI-2026 a successful public health initiative and called upon everyone to work collectively to safeguard the future of every child.