

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## DC Reasi inaugurates annual Baba Aghar Jitto Mela

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today inaugurated the annual Baba Aghar Jitto Mela at village Aghar Jitto.

The festival draws large gatherings of devotees, visitors and local residents, making it an important occasion for social and cultural unity.

A major attraction was the exhibition of departmental stalls set up by government departments including Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and other allied sectors. The stalls showcased Centrally Sponsored Schemes and UT Government welfare initiatives aimed at public welfare, rural development and socio-economic upliftment, providing visitors with detailed information on schemes and services and helping them avail benefits.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the stalls and interacted with officials



to review information dissemination and public outreach. He called for effective awareness generation so that eligible beneficiaries can fully avail government schemes. The Deputy Commissioner distributed letters of appreciation and authorisation to progressive farmers and orchardists in recognition of their contri-

butio to the development of the horticulture sector.

Students and local artists from Palthyar Nehru Youth Club Garhi presented a cultural programme featuring traditional items and a play depicting the life and sacrifices of Baba Jitto, which the audience widely appreciated.

On the concluding day, a

traditional Indian-style wrestling competition (Dangal) will be organised, featuring renowned wrestlers from Jammu and Kashmir and adjoining states.

Among those present were ADDC Krishan Lal, ADC Rakesh Kumar, SDM Katra, BDO Katra and other district officers.

## CMO Doda inspects Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign in Medical Block Bhaderwah

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Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Vinod Sharma inspected the ongoing Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign at Medical Block Bhaderwah, visiting several vaccination booths and reviewing arrangements with the health teams.

Dr Sharma administered polio drops to eligible children and urged the field staff to reach every child below five years of age, leaving no eligible child out. He called for proper cold chain maintenance, accurate documentation and strict adherence to Pulse Polio guidelines.



## ODOP under Garlic Production Awards Evaluation Team visits Kulgam for On-Ground Verification

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The evaluation team from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) visited Kulgam for on-ground verification and examination of documents under the One District One Product (ODOP) under Garlic.

The team was led by Pankaj Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT); Sonia Duhan, Senior Vice president, ODOP, DPPIT, and Neelam Garery, Assistant manager, ODOP, DPIIT.

On the occasion, Chief Agriculture Officer Kulgam, Shah Nawaz Ahmed Shah and other officers accompanied the team. Team visited Fruit and vegetable mandi Jablipora and interacted with the Vendors and progressive Farmers there and had a detailed discussion regarding the marketing of the produce.

Besides the team also visited several villages viz. Frisal, Budroo HS BUGH Yaripora and Tarigam where they interacted with the progressive farmers and the dealers and also deliberated on the various aspects to enhance the pro-



duction and marketing facilities of Garlic. Team visit was conducted as part of the evaluation process after the Jammu & Kashmir UT submitted its application for the National ODOP Awards

2024-25 under Garlic production for District Kulgam. The team assessed various aspects related to ODOP implementation, including progress, documentation, and ground-level im-

pact. Jammu & Kashmir has been among the top-performing Union Territories in its respective category for the last two years for its work under the ODOP initiative.

## DC Kishtwar chairs Rent Assessment Committee meeting; approves 17 cases

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The District Rent Assessment Committee, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma, today approved 17 rent assessment cases pertaining to various government departments.

The approved cases included offices under the Rural Development Department (RDD), Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Education, Social Welfare, Health, ISM Ayush, Sheep and Wool Development, State Finance Corporation (SFC), Cooperative, Handicrafts and Fisheries Departments



and 7 Assam Rifles.

The Committee deliberated on the fixation of rent for government offices functioning from private buildings across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers concerned to ensure timely disbursement of rent to

landowners and building owners while safeguarding government-rented properties. He stressed that rent payments must be released only after proper verification of records.

Among those present were PO ICDS Kishtwar Rishi Kumar Sharma,

CDPO Kishtwar Rahida Lone, CMO Kishtwar Dr Sanjay Bhat, DSHO Kishtwar Dr Jamil Nasir, DNO Ayush Kishtwar Dr Vikram Singh Jamwal and Dy CEO Kishtwar Masood Ahmed Qazi, besides other senior officers and officials of the departments concerned.

## DSEO Office Rajouri celebrates National Statistics Day

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The District Statistics & Evaluation Office (DSEO), Rajouri today celebrated National Statistics Day to highlight the role of statistics in evidence-based planning, policy formulation and effective governance.

The event highlighted the importance of statistics in socio-economic development, monitoring of government schemes and informed decision-making. The participants paid tributes to Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the eminent statistician and father of modern Indian statistics, whose birth anniversary is observed every year as National Statistics Day.



On the occasion, the District Statistics & Evaluation Officer underlined the role of statistical personnel in the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of accurate data for effective planning and evaluation of

developmental programmes. He called upon the officials to maintain the highest standards of accuracy, transparency and professionalism and stressed the need for reliable data to support sustainable development and responsive governance.

The programme was attended by officers and officials of the DSEO, along with members of the Statistical Cadre posted in government departments across the district. The participants reiterated their commitment to strengthening the statistical system.

## Health workers walk 10 km to provide polio drops in remote Esawali Dhok, Poonch

POONCH, JUNE 29:

Health workers and ASHAs from the Health Department Poonch walked nearly 10 kilometres to reach the remote terrain of Esawali Dhok in the Loran area of Block Mandi, administering two drops of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) to children aged zero to five years.

The team undertook the journey to ensure children



in far-flung areas receive timely polio protection and that no child is left unvaccinated under the ongoing Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign.

The campaign is being conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma and the supervision of Chief Medical Officer Poonch Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan.

## Indian Army organises medical, Veterinary camp at Halaran in Doda

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As a goodwill gesture and in continuance of its commitment to work for welfare of general public and with an aim to provide essential healthcare services to the locals/ Gujjar & Bakkarwal community, the Indian Army organised a Medical & Veterinary Camp for locals and livestock at village Halaran under Op Sadbhavana.

The aim of this camp was to deliver basic medical services at the door steps of the medically less privileged residing in remote and far flung villages & provide veterinary support for animals and medical facilities for the Gujjar and Bakkarwals thereby providing them the required basic medical facilities for themselves and their livestock.

During the camp, a team of doctors from the Army and Civil comprising Lady Medical Officer & Veterinary specialist attended the patients and livestock requiring medical care. The



event offered a comprehensive range of medical services, including consultations, check-ups and treatments to the livestock and their handlers. A total of 551 persons to include 163 Male, 182 Female and 206 Children were provided with free medical care along with preliminary investigation and medi-

cines for commonly occurring ailments. Moreover, 105 livestock including sheep, goats, cows and horses were also treated and provided with free medicines during the camp. The camp witnessed a remarkable turnout and made a significant impact on both locals and animal handlers.

The local populace appreciated this endeavour of the Defence Forces to address their genuine requirements and aspirations. This camp will go a long way in alleviating the health issues of local population & their livestock and further strengthen bonds of friendship between Army and the local Awaam.