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HD organises Screening Camp for Commercial Drivers, Helpers at Pul Doda

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Continuing its commitment to safeguarding the health of commercial vehicle drivers and helpers, the Health Department Doda today organized a Preventive Health Screening Camp at Pul Doda.

The camp was held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal under the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer Doda, Dr. Vinod Sharma and in coordination with the ARTO Doda.

The initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare, facilitate early detection of common illnesses and improve health awareness among commercial drivers and helpers, who often face occupational health risks due to long working hours and stressful driving conditions.

The camp was conducted by a dedicated health team led by Dr. Nasir Masood In-drabi (Medical Officer), along with Dr. Tania Batt (MLHP), Raju Kumar (Sr Ophthalmic Technician) and KoZIA Begum (FM-



PHW). During the camp, participants underwent comprehensive health check-ups, including general medical examination, eye screening, blood pressure monitoring and blood sugar testing for early detection of non-communicable

diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. Free medicines, medical consultation and health counselling were also provided to the beneficiaries.

The health team further educated the participants on the importance of regu-

lar health check-ups, balanced nutrition, tobacco cessation, road safety, stress management and adopting healthy lifestyle practices to prevent lifestyle-related diseases and improve overall well-being.

DC Udhampur conducts public outreach programme at Kulwanta

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today conducted an extensive tour of the remote Block Kulwanta in Sub-Division Ramnagar and held a Public Outreach Programme to listen to the grievances and developmental aspirations of the people.

The programme was attended by SDM Ramnagar Swati Sheemar, IAS Probationer Dr. Shagun Singh, district officers, former PRI members and a large number of locals from various adjoining panchayats of Block Kulwanta.

During the interaction, Former PRI members and the general public projected several demands and issues, including shortage of staff in government schools, inclusion of RC Peak on the tourism map, land compensation, scarcity of drinking water, weak mobile connectivity, provision of bus service for students, pending payments for Panchayat Ghars, repair of dilapidated roads, completion of Panchayat Ghar buildings, non-functional Anganwadi Centres and construction of check dams.

While addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner said that the primary objective of such outreach programmes is to obtain firsthand feedback



on grassroots issues and strengthen the public service delivery mechanism. He said these interactions help the district administration understand the genuine concerns of the people and ensure responsive, transparent and people-centric governance.

The DC also sensitized the participants about various flagship government schemes, including HADP, JKCI, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Mission YUVA, urging them to avail themselves of the benefits offered under these initiatives.

Several grievances were resolved on the spot through the intervention of the concerned departments. The Deputy Commissioner

directed the officers to work with dedication and ensure that genuine public demands are addressed in a time-bound manner. He patiently heard all the grievances and assured the people that every genuine issue would receive due consideration.

On the occasion, the DC also distributed Kisan Credit Cards among eligible beneficiaries.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Post Entry Quarantine Centre at Marta Ramnagar. Chief Horticulture Officer Udhampur Brij Vallabh Gupta briefed him about the ongoing construction works and nursery operations at the centre. He informed that the project will play a vital

role in supplying quality apple clonal rootstocks and high-density apple plants across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, thereby promoting high-density apple cultivation.

The DC inspected the newly constructed screen houses and reviewed the ongoing works being executed under NABARD and HADP. He appreciated the water conservation measures undertaken through poly-lined water harvesting tanks, check dams and geo tanks, which will ensure water availability during critical periods.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected departmental stalls established by various departments and planted a tree.

DC inaugurates Langar organised by Shri Amarnathji Yatra Welfare Society at Tawi River Front

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A mega langar has been inaugurated at the Tawi River Front, Jammu, organised by Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society to serve devotees undertaking the sacred Shri Amarnath Yatra. The langar was formally inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jammu, Rakesh Minhas.

On the occasion, the National Executive President of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society, Rajkumar Goyal, said that the society's objective is to provide better facilities to Amarnath pilgrims and welcome them with a spirit of selfless service. He stated that free meals and other essential facilities would be provided to the devotees throughout the Yatra period.

The event was also attended by the Society's General Secretary, Manthan Goyal, and Parvinder Singh Happy. They welcomed the pilgrims and said that social service and humanitarian service are the core objectives of the organisation. They added that all volunteers would remain dedicated to serving the pilgrims with complete commitment throughout the Yatra.

A large number of digni-



ties, social workers, volunteers, and devotees attended the inauguration ceremony. Everyone prayed to Lord Shiva for the successful and safe conduct of the Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Among those present on the occasion were National Secretary Vikram Sid-dharth, Vice President Amandeep Singh, Cashier Avinash Choudhary, Vice President Raman Vaid, Sec-

retary Vikas Garg, Anil Gupta (Chamber of Commerce), Dr. Gautam Goyal, Dharampal Gupta (Pali), Kuldeep Luthra, Manpreet Singh, and other members of the society.

DC Kathua reviews physical, financial progress of Irrigation & Flood Control works

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress of development works being executed by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department under various schemes in the district.

The meeting was attended by the CPO Kathua Ranjeet Thakur, Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Kathua, Executive Engineers of Irrigation and Flood Control Divisions, Assistant Executive Engineers, Junior Engineers and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the physical and financial progress of various projects being executed under different schemes, including SASCI, UT Capex and CDS. A detailed review of ongoing works as well as newly sanctioned projects was conducted to assess their implementation status and identify bottlenecks affecting timely completion.



The DC expressed serious concern over the slow pace of execution in certain projects and directed the officers to expedite the works to ensure their completion within the stipulated timelines. He stressed the need for close monitoring of all developmental works and called upon the executing agencies to improve work efficiency and avoid un-

necessary delays. Emphasising the importance of quality, the Deputy Commissioner issued strict instructions to ensure that all works are executed strictly as per approved specifications and technical standards. He asked the officers to carry out field inspections on regular intervals.

The Deputy Commissioner also cautioned that contractors failing to adhere to prescribed timelines or compromising on the quality of works would face strict action, including blacklisting, as per the rules. He further impressed upon the officers the need to expedite all pending works and ensure their completion within the stipulated time-frame.

Administration retrieves 35 kanals of State land in Bani Sub-Division

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The Sub-Divisional Administration Bani today conducted a major anti-encroachment drive at Sarthal and retrieved around 35 kanals of prime State land from illegal occupation.

The drive was conducted under the supervision of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Bani, Sundeep Kumar, with the active participation of the Tehsildar Bani, SHO Bani, Range Forest Officer Bani and Social Forestry Officer.

During the operation, the joint team retrieved 35 kanals of State/Social Forestry land falling under Khasra No. 192 by remov-



ing crop cultivation reportedly raised by one Babu Din on the encroached land. State land signboards were also installed on the retrieved land to safeguard it

against future encroachments. The enforcement team also evicted one Mr Nazir from the encroached State land, demolished tempo-

rary structures raised illegally by him and sealed another structure constructed on the encroached land at Sarthal.

Besides, the administration removed several other minor encroachments and obstructions from State land during the drive.

The Sub-Divisional Administration warned that any encroachment on State or forest land will not be tolerated. It cautioned that strict legal action shall be taken against violators in accordance with the law.

The administration appealed to the general public to refrain from encroaching upon government land and cooperate with the authorities in safeguarding public assets.

DC Ramban reviews Telecom Services, Directs expedited coverage of shadow areas

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee to review the overall telecom services and signal coverage scenario across the district. The meeting focused on ensuring seamless and reliable connectivity, particularly in remote areas and along the National Highway.

The meeting was attended by Colonel Mandeep

Sheokand, Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, Divisional Engineer, BSNL, Luxmi Narayan Saini, Dy. SP Police Telecom Mush-taq, Tehsildar Headquarters Rееjuta Mahajan, Divisional Forest Officers, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), senior Army officers and other concerned officers. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Tehsildars, departmental officers and representatives of private telecom companies participated virtually.

While reviewing the progress of ongoing telecom infrastructure projects, the Deputy Commissioner directed BSNL and private telecom service providers, including Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, to expedite their efforts to provide reliable signal coverage in all identified shadow areas, including in tunnels, tourist destinations and local pilgrimage routes identified by the District Administration in coordination with the Police, Army and other departments.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to strengthen telecom connectivity during the ongoing SANJY-2026, particularly along the NH-44 stretch from Nashri to Banihal, as well as at vulnerable and strategically important locations and other potential religious and public gathering sites. He further instructed telecom operators to reassess the coverage range of existing towers to maximize service outreach and improve network availability.