

# DC Budgam reviews Road Safety Measures at DRSC Meeting

## Stresses coordinated efforts for safer roads across District

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) at the Conference Hall, Budgam to review the implementation of road safety measures and assess the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) submitted by various stakeholder departments on the decisions taken during the previous meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress achieved by various departments in strengthening road safety infrastructure, enforcement, emergency response, public awareness and institutional coordination across the district. The District Road Safety Action Plan 2026-27 was also reviewed, with emphasis on the timely execution of identified interventions by the concerned departments.

The DC stressed the need for sustained coordination among all stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of road safety measures and directed the departments to expedite the execution of all pending decisions in a time-bound manner.

He instructed the concerned departments to prioritise the rectification of accident-prone locations through appropriate engineering interventions, including installation of road safety signage, crash barriers,



ers, street lighting and other essential safety infrastructure.

He also directed that identified black spots be addressed through improved road geometry, proper road markings, pedestrian crossings and other traffic-calming measures.

The DC further directed the Roads & Buildings Department and other executing agencies to undertake regular road safety audits and remove obstructions along roads that contribute to accidents or create hindrances, particularly during the winter season, to ensure safe and uninterrupted movement of traffic.

Emphasising the safety of school children, the DC instructed Chief Education Officer Budgam to conduct a comprehensive audit of all school buses to ensure strict adherence to prescribed safety guidelines, including the installation of CCTV cameras and other mandatory safety features.

The DC also directed the Traffic Police and ARTO to intensify enforcement drives on the Humhama-Budgam-Doodhpatri Road, ensuring zero tolerance for traffic violations on the stretch.

He further instructed the concerned departments to verify that vehicles whose registrations or permits have been suspended are not operating on the roads and to initiate strict action against violators.

The DC emphasised strict enforcement of traffic regulations, strengthening surveillance, regular inspection of public transport vehicles and school buses, and intensified awareness campaigns to promote responsible road behaviour. He further directed all departments to actively conduct Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns within their respective sectors to create greater public awareness regarding road safety measures, traffic rules and responsible road

usage, thereby encouraging community participation in accident prevention.

The DC also directed all departments to submit timely Action Taken Reports and ensure close monitoring of road safety initiatives. He called for strengthening emergency response systems, promoting the Good Samaritan initiative and adopting a proactive and coordinated approach to reduce road accidents and fatalities across the district.

The meeting was attended by the Joint Director Planning Budgam, Superintendent Engineer R&B Circle Budgam, Chief Medical Officer, District Forest Officer, Chief Education Officer, ARTO Budgam, Executive Engineers of R&B, PMGSY and Irrigation Departments, Deputy SP Traffic, Deputy SP Headquarters, Executive Officers of Municipal Committees, officers from Fire & Emergency Services and other concerned departments.

# Congress holds candle light protest, prayer meeting at Raghunath Chowk to pay tributes to NEET victims

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Congress today evening held a strong candle light protest cum Shradhaji sabha cum to pray for peace to departed souls of 21 NEET aspirants who committed suicide after paper leak this year and demanded immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Organised by DCC Jammu Urban led by Former minister Yogesh Sawhney, several senior leaders, PCC and DCC, Mahila Congress, Block functionaries, & Ex corporators took part in a candle light protest cum prayer meeting and raised slogans against Modi government demanding resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla led the protest alongwith Yogesh Sawhney, Ravinder Sharma Chief Spokesperson, Ved Mahajan, Th Manmohan Singh, Kanta Bhan, Amrit Bali, Satish Sharma, Dwarka Choudhary, Rajinder Jamwal, Sanjeev Panda, Kapil Singh, Rajiv Saraf, Bharat Priye, Rajesh Sharma, Parveen Akhtar, Sat Pal Spolia, Anuradha, Amna Kalyan, Asha Chandan, Tehsina Bukhari, Mangal Bral, Parveen Singh, Rajinder Singh, Kewal Yogi,



Deepak Kumar, Ramkesh Gupta,

BCC Presidents Gurmeet Singh, Ajay Kumar, Latish Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Pardeep Bhalla, Janak Mehra, Kewal Yogi, Sumit Gondhi, YC Dr Shoaib, Anmol Kohli besides several NEET aspirants.

Two minutes silence was observed to pray for peace to the departed souls who ended their lives after Paper leak and also to pray for strength to the family members of the deceased.

The protesters raised slogans against Modi government demanding resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Addressing the gathering Shri Raman Bhalla expressed sympathies with the youth and students of the country & their parents who are being cheated and looted because of commercialisation of Education system

and repeated paper leak scams under BJP regime.

90 incidents of paper leaks have taken place under BJP regime bit no accountability is fixed which is the main reason for repeated scams. Entire Education system has been commercialised by Modi government, which needs drastic reforms to save our children, said Bhalla.

Former minister Yogesh Sawhney blamed BJP government of looting the children and their parents as the financial burden of NEET on parents is more than total budget of Education.

He expressed concern over the frustration amongst youth who are forced to end their lives for which LOP Rahul Gandhi has launched a "Chhatron ki Goonj" to save the future of our youth.

Sawhney declared that protests shall continue till he resigned.

Th Manmohan Singh raised the demand for early restoration of statehood to J&K besides the acute power abd water crisis in Jammu.

He said that people are suffering a lot in this heat wave and government is silent over the plight of poor who are given huge bills through smart meters despite long cuts.

Kanta Bhan raised the issue of Chanda Chori in Ram temple under BJP regime in centre and UP and demanded a high level probe to send all culprits to jail & streamline the system.

Shri Sohni Sharma spokesperson JKPC In-charge of the programme thanked the leadership and workers for their participation and prayers for the victims of NEET and Education system.

# DLSA Ganderbal conducts Legal Awareness Programme at Central Jail Srinagar

**GANDERBAL, JULY 08:** District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal organized a legal awareness programme at Central Jail Srinagar on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) relating to Premature Release, Parole and Furlough to educate inmates about the legal provisions, eligibility criteria and procedure governing these reformative measures.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Abdul Nasir, Chairman DLSA Ganderbal, and under the guidance of Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal in



accordance with the Calendar of Activities issued by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (J&K

LSA). Sajid Irfan, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, and Romani Syed, Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Ganderbal, served

as the Resource Persons. They explained the legal framework governing premature release, parole and furlough, their objectives, eligibility conditions, procedural requirements and the distinction between these provisions. The inmates were also informed about the role of legal aid institutions in assisting eligible prisoners.

The programme concluded with an interactive session where inmate's queries were addressed, reaffirming DLSA Ganderbal's commitment to promoting legal awareness and ensuring access to justice for all.

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Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kulgam, Shazad Alam, visited Yaripora, today and presided over the Block Diwas public outreach programme.

During the programme, the Deputy Commissioner conducted an interactive public grievance hearing, providing the local populace with an opportunity to present their issues, demands, and developmental concerns.

The grievances raised by the public mainly pertained to road connectivity, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare facilities, education, sanitation, irrigation, revenue matters, and other civic amenities.

The Deputy Commissioner heard each grievance patiently and directed the concerned departmental officers to address the issues promptly in accordance with the applicable rules and within the stipulated time frame.

Matters requiring immediate intervention were resolved on the spot, while the remaining issues were referred to the respective departments for necessary action and follow-up.



The Deputy Commissioner emphasized responsive governance, transparency, accountability, and timely redressal of public grievances.

He instructed all officers to maintain close coordination with the local administration and ensure effective implementation of government welfare schemes and ongoing developmental projects.

He also urged the public to actively participate in

developmental initiatives and make optimum use of government schemes.

The Block Diwas programme was conducted smoothly and served as an effective platform for direct interaction between the district administration and the public.

The visit strengthened public confidence in the administration and facilitated the identification and resolution of local issues through coordinated de-

partmental action.

The event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kulgam, Assistant Commissioner Development Kulgam, Exens, District and Sectoral officers, Tehsildar Yaripora, BDO Behibagh, EO, representatives of various government departments and a large number of local residents.

# Vehicle seized for performing Dangerous Stunts in Budgam

**BUDGAM, JULY 08:** Acting on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, the Assistant Regional Transport Office (ARTO), Budgam, has taken prompt action against a vehicle found performing dangerous stunts in the Haijan Brenwar area of the district.

Following the receipt of information, the vehicle bearing registration number DL4CNB7704 was traced, seized, and taken into custody by the ARTO Budgam for violations of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules.

The Transport Department Budgam stated that performing stunts on public roads poses a serious threat to the safety of the driver, passengers, and other road users.

It reiterated that reckless driving and activities endangering public safety will not be tolerated, and strict legal action will be taken against violators in accordance with the law.

The seized vehicle has been kept in the custody of the ARTO Office, Budgam, and further legal proceedings have been initiated as per the applicable provisions of law.

The ARTO Budgam appealed to all motorists, particularly young drivers, to drive responsibly, strictly adhere to traffic rules, and refrain from performing dangerous stunts on public roads. It also urged the public to cooperate with the authorities in ensuring safer roads across the district.



# DC Budgam reviews PMAY-U in District

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex Budgam to review Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) and PMAY-U 2.0.

The DC reviewed the status of cases under the scheme and took their detailed assessment for timely disposal.

He directed the concerned officers to expedite verification, processing and approval of all pending cases strictly in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

He further instructed officers to ensure prompt resolution of bottlenecks and timely disposal of pendency.

The DC also stressed adherence to the directions issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to ensure uniform and transparent implementation of the programme.



to strengthen monitoring at the field level and ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are provided timely assistance after completion of due verification and other requisite formalities.

He directed officers to maintain regular follow-up on pending cases and submit periodic progress reports so that the scheme is implemented

effectively and within the prescribed timelines across all Urban Local Bodies of the district.

The meeting was attended by all Tehsildar's, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Budgam, all Executive Officers of Municipal Committees, Project Officer PMAY and other concerned officers.