

## District Admin Baramulla conducts 3-Day Field Outreach under VVP-II

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In an initiative aimed at strengthening grassroots governance and ensuring effective implementation of development programmes in the border areas, the District Administration Baramulla successfully conducted a 3-day intensive field outreach under the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II).

During the outreach programme District Level Officers undertook mandatory 24-hour night stays in the 18 identified Strategic/Vibrant Villages of the district.

The unique initiative, on the directions of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, S.F. Hamid, was designed to provide senior officers with first-hand exposure of public service delivery in the Vibrant Villages by living among the local population and directly engaging with them to understand their aspirations and concerns.

Speaking about the initiative, the DDC said that it was aimed at obtaining a first-hand assessment of the developmental progress under VVP-II, understanding the aspirations and concerns of the people, and ensuring that future interventions are aligned with the actual needs and priorities of the border communities.

Over the course of the programme, officers stayed overnight in 18 Vibrant Villages across the border blocks of Uri, Boniyar, Bijhama and Parapeela. During their visits, they conducted extensive inspections of developmental works and reviewed the implementa-



tion of various flagship Government schemes. The officers also assessed the availability and quality of essential services and evaluated the status of critical infrastructure including roads, electricity, drinking water supply, healthcare, education, mobile connectivity and other public amenities.

Meanwhile, the visiting officers held detailed interactions with Panchayati Raj Institution representatives, Village Level Nodal Officers, frontline workers, youth, women, senior citizens and other members of the local community.

These interactions enabled the administration to gather valuable grassroots feedback regarding the progress achieved under the Vibrant Villages Programme, identify developmental gaps, and understand the genuine needs

and expectations of the people living in these strategically important border villages.

Unlike conventional inspection visits, the overnight stay component allowed officers to experience village conditions during both day and night, helping them assess the effectiveness of public services and availability of other civic facilities from the perspective of the residents themselves.

The exercise also facilitated on-the-spot resolution of several public grievances, while issues requiring departmental intervention were documented for immediate follow-up. Officers identified priority areas requiring focused attention and recommended measures for accelerating developmental works and improving service delivery.

The reports collected will form the basis for a comprehensive district-level action plan aimed at ensuring saturation of developmental indicators and further strengthening infrastructure, public services and livelihood opportunities in the Vibrant Villages.

Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Pranjal J. Hazarika; Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, S.A. Raina; ADC Baramulla, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi; SDM Uri, Prince Kumar; ACR Baramulla, Arshad Ahmad Khan; CPO Baramulla, Nisar Ahmad; ACD Baramulla, Mudasir Ahmad; SDM Pattan, Gulzar Ahmad; DIO Baramulla, Iftakhar Naseem and other district officers led the teams that visited 18 vibrant villages over the course of 3 days.

## DC Reasi, MD SBM chair review meeting on SWM Rules 2026

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Kumar Abhishek along with MD SBM, Dr. Devansh Yadav, today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, and the directions issued by the Supreme Court regarding scientific waste management and environmental protection.

The meeting was attended by senior officers of the district administration, Urban Local Bodies, line departments, and stakeholders associated with sanitation and waste management. The Team Leader, Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Jammu & Kashmir, delivered a detailed presentation highlighting the key provisions of the SWM Rules, 2026, and the responsibilities assigned to Urban Local Bodies, the district administration, and other stakeholders.

During the presentation, emphasis was laid on the transition towards a circular economy approach, mandatory four-stream segregation of waste at source comprising wet, dry, sanitary, and special care waste, strengthening of door-to-door collection systems, decentralized waste processing, scientific landfill management, and



remediation of legacy waste dump sites.

The meeting reviewed the timelines prescribed under the new rules, including the preparation of solid waste action plans, establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), identification of sanitary landfill sites, creation of grievance redressal mechanisms, and strengthening of digital monitoring systems for waste collection and transportation.

The directions of the Supreme Court regarding the constitution of Special Cells at the district level, regular monitoring of waste management activities, fortnightly and monthly reporting mechanisms, and enforcement measures against violators were also discussed in detail.

Special focus was laid on improving waste management systems in key tourist destinations of the district

under the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative. The proposed action plan for Katra was reviewed, including the development of biometabolism facilities, establishment of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle (RRR) Centres, installation of smart toilets and reverse vending machines, creation of composting infrastructure, and implementation of awareness campaigns and community participation initiatives aimed at achieving zero-waste tourism destinations.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the active involvement of elected representatives in achieving the objectives of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

He also stressed the deployment of GPS-based tracking systems for waste collection and transportation vehicles, mapping of Points of Interest (PoIs),

and establishment of digital monitoring systems to ensure real-time supervision, route optimization, and accountability in solid waste management operations. He directed all concerned agencies to accelerate waste processing and remediation activities and achieve tangible progress. He further stressed the need for scientific processing of accumulated waste and time-bound remediation of dumping sites in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

MD SBM laid special emphasis on the registration of Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) in Katra and directed the Municipal Committee Katra to ensure registration of all eligible establishments, including hotels, guest houses, restaurants, institutions, commercial establishments, and large residential complexes. He stated that the implementation of various waste management initiatives should be linked with Mission YUVA and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to create sustainable employment opportunities for local youth and women.

ADDC Krishan Lal, CPO Narinder Kumar, DFO, CMO, XEN Jal Shakti and other concerned officers were present during the meeting. Executive Officer Municipal Committee Katra/Reasi, joined the meeting virtually.

## Speaker LA inaugurates renovated facilities, new lifts at MLA Hostel Srinagar

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Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, today inaugurated the newly installed lifts and other upgradation/renovation works executed at new hostel block of MLA Hostel, Srinagar.

The inauguration marks a significant step towards upgrading the infrastructure and improving the facilities available to Members of the Legislative Assembly. The renovation works have been undertaken with the objective of enhancing convenience, accessibility and overall comfort for the occupants.

Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker emphasized the importance of maintaining and modernizing public infrastructure to ensure efficient service delivery and better amenities. He stated that the



MLA Hostel serves as an important facility for the legislators and, therefore, its upkeep and modernization must receive due attention.

The Speaker expressed satisfaction over the completion of the works and said that the installation of modern lifts and execution of renovation works would greatly benefit the legislators and other stakeholders by providing a safer, more comfortable and user-friendly environment.

He underscored the need for regular maintenance of government infrastructure and directed the concerned authorities to ensure that all facilities at the MLA Hostel are maintained in a proper and efficient manner.

He also stressed the importance of timely execution of developmental and renovation works so that public assets continue to serve their intended purpose effectively.

The Speaker reiterated

the commitment to improve the infrastructure and public facilities and said that such initiatives contribute significantly towards enhancing the working environment and convenience of public representatives.

Secretary JKLA Manoj Kumar Pandit, Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Central Kashmir, Chief Engineer M&HE Srinagar besides Executive Engineers and other officials were present on the occasion.

## DDC Doda reviews implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, PM POSHAN Scheme

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and PM POSHAN Scheme in the district at conference Hall DC Office Complex. The meeting focused on improving educational outcomes, strengthening school infrastructure, ensuring nutritional support to students and enhancing overall service delivery in government schools.

During the meeting, Chief Education Officer Doda presented a detailed overview of the School Education Department through Power Point Presentation.

He apprised the chair about the number of schools functioning in the district, zone-wise details of private schools, enrolment in government and private institutions, gender-wise enrolment in government schools, sanctioned staff strength, status of dropout students during 2025-26, availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs), drinking water facilities, toilet facilities including separate toilets for girls and other key educational indicators.

The DDC stressed the need to increase enrolment in government schools and emphasized that ensuring every eligible child is enrolled, retained and provided quality education is a collective responsibility of the Education Department, parents, School Management Committees and the community. He directed



the officers to make sustained efforts to reduce dropout rates and ensure that every child remains connected with the education system.

A detailed review of the implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM POSHAN Scheme was conducted, covering student enrolment, learning outcomes, nutritional support, compliance with scheme guidelines and the overall progress of approved activities.

The DDC reviewed the physical and financial progress of works under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, including major infrastructure projects, digital initiatives, installation of solar power systems on government school buildings, construction and upgradation works, early childhood care and education initiatives, seasonal centres, learning enhancement programmes, sports activities, progress of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), construction of girls' hostels in different educational zones and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to Children with Special Needs (CWSN) students.

The implementation of the PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) Scheme was also reviewed in detail, including the quality and coverage of

mid-day meals, kitchen-cum-store facilities, School Nutrition Gardens, nutritional standards and measures to improve attendance and learning through effective implementation of the scheme.

The meeting further reviewed the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) in schools, including drinking water, functional toilets, separate toilets for girls, digital learning resources and other essential infrastructure. The DDC directed the concerned officers to bridge all infrastructural gaps on priority and ensure that every school provides a safe, hygienic and child-friendly learning environment.

Emphasizing effective monitoring and accountability, the DDC directed all Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) to undertake regular visits to every school under their jurisdiction, inspect the ground-level progress of ongoing works, verify the status of educational and infrastructural facilities and submit detailed school-wise reports to the Chief Education Officer. He instructed the officers to closely monitor the implementation of all approved projects and ensure their timely completion with quality standards.

The DDC also examined the utilization of funds and the physical and financial progress achieved under both schemes. He stressed the need for optimum utilization of available resources, timely completion of pending works and effective implementation of all approved interventions for achieving the desired educational and developmental outcomes.

During the meeting, discussions were held on various challenges and bottlenecks affecting the implementation of the schemes.

The DDC directed the concerned officers to prepare a time-bound action plan to address deficiencies, strengthen educational quality, improve student enrolment and retention, enhance monitoring mechanisms and ensure effective implementation of both Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and the PM POSHAN Scheme.

Furthermore, DDC also reviewed the progress of APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) ID generation for students and stressed the need for its early completion across all educational institutions in the district. He directed all Zonal Education Officers to ensure 100 per cent coverage within the stipulated timeline by closely monitoring the registration process and resolving any bottlenecks.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer (CPO), Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs), dealing assistants and concerned officials of the School Education Department.

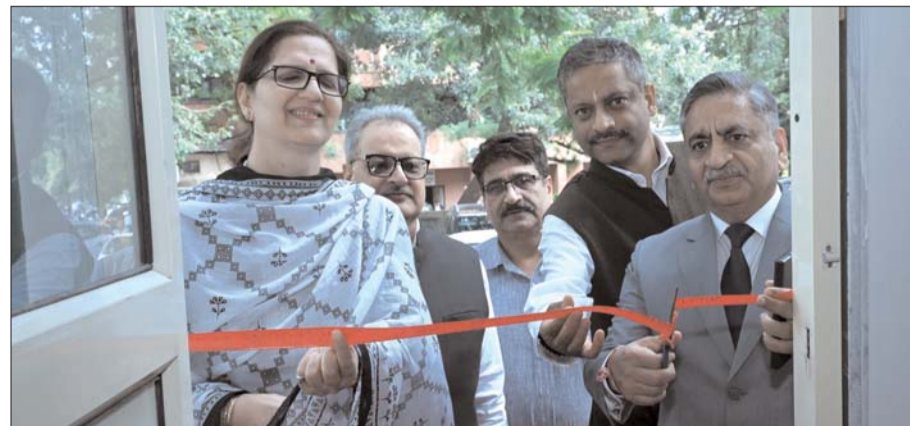
## Justice Sanjeev inaugurates newly created Advocates' Clerks Room at High Court Complex

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In a significant step towards strengthening the infrastructural facilities at the Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and acknowledging the dedication and crucial support extended by the Advocates' Clerks to the legal fraternity in the day to day functioning of the Courts, Chief Justice (Acting), Justice Sanjeev Kumar, today inaugurated a newly created Advocates' Clerks Room at the High Court Complex, Janipur, Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Sanjay Parihar.

Besides M.K. Sharma, Registrar General, High



Court of J&K and Ladakh, who is also holding the additional charge of Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice and other Officers of the Registry, the event was attended by Nirmal Kotwal, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and senior members of the Bar Association. The representatives of the Advocates' Clerk Association, J&K High Court, including its President, Mohinder Singh Nag, along with his office bearers,

were also present.

On the occasion, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, expressed his satisfaction over the new facility exclusively meant for the Advocates' Clerks. He also emphasized the need for their digital literacy, more particularly, owing to their active involvement in e-filing of petitions.

He also issued directions for formulation of comprehensive module for imparting training to the Advocates' Clerks in all

aspects of court proceedings.

On behalf of the Advocates' Clerk Association, J&K High Court, Mohinder Singh Nag, President of the Association, conveyed sincere appreciation to the Chief Justice, the companion Judges and the President of the Bar Association for fulfilling the long-pending demand of the Advocates' Clerks through the establishment of the dedicated Advocates' Clerks Room.