

## DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Annual Shree Hudh Mata Trisandhiya Yatra-2026

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today convened a meeting of district and sectoral officers to finalise elaborate arrangements for the smooth, secure and successful conduct of the Annual Shree Hudh Mata Trisandhiya Yatra-2026, scheduled to commence on July 15, 2026.

As per the notified schedule, the Holy Mace (Charri Mubarak) shall reach Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir Sarkoot Kishtwar on July 16, 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner undertook a comprehensive review of all logistical, infrastructural and safety-related arrangements to ensure a seamless and hassle-free pilgrimage experience for devotees. Stressing inter-departmental coordination and proactive execution, he issued a slew of directions aimed at augmenting public convenience and ensuring strict adherence to safety protocols.

Key directions included desilting of drains, ensuring uninterrupted potable water supply, provision of clean and adequate sanitation facilities

at critical locations including Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir and upkeep of roads along the Yatra route. He further directed improvement of infrastructure from Kishtwar to Shri Hudh Mata Bhawan.

The concerned departments were directed to ensure adequate solar lighting, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation management, accommodation facilities, transportation arrangements and robust healthcare services. Special emphasis was laid on the deployment of medical teams, availability of ambulances and provision of free of cost medicines for pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed security and disaster preparedness measures.

The Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar

Naresh Singh assured comprehensive security arrangements, including advance deployment of personnel, strategic surveillance and effective crowd management mechanisms. SDRF teams shall also be deployed at vulnerable points along the Yatra route.

To maintain environmental sanctity and cleanliness, directions were issued for installation of dustbins, sanitation drives at all Langer (community kitchen) sites and dissemination of awareness messages encouraging eco-friendly practices among pilgrims. A public advisory shall also be issued in this regard.

The Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Kishtwar and Block Development Officer, Kishtwar, were specifically directed to ensure meticulous sanitation,

cleanliness and desilting of drains in and around Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir, Sarkoot.

The District Traffic Inspector Kishtwar was directed to formulate and implement a foolproof traffic management plan to regulate vehicular movement during the Yatra.

During the meeting, representatives of the Sanatan Dharma Sabha, led by its President, Mahant Ram Saran Dass Ji Maharaj, along with members of the Shri Hudh Mata Yatra Management Committee, raised various issues and suggestions. The Deputy Commissioner responded with on-the-spot directions and reiterated the unwavering commitment of the District Administration towards facilitating a safe and spiritually enriching pilgrimage.

## DC reviews progress of BRO projects in Udhampur, Stresses timely completion, quality execution

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa, today chaired a review meeting in his office chamber to assess the progress of key road infrastructure projects being executed by the Border Roads Organi-

sation across the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a comprehensive review of the status of the Dhar road and other ongoing BRO projects. He directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work by mobilising adequate manpower and machinery to ensure comple-

tion of all projects within the stipulated timelines.

The DC also instructed the BRO to undertake immediate filling of potholes and clear all choked drains within its jurisdiction to facilitate smooth traffic movement and prevent waterlogging.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the

need for maintaining the highest standards of quality while accelerating the work. He stressed the importance of close coordination among all concerned departments to resolve on-ground issues in a time-bound manner and ensure the timely completion of the road projects for the benefit of the public.

## Jal Shakti Minister, Advisor to CM review I&FC sector of Kashmir Division

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, along with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani today chaired a high-level review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar to assess the functioning and progress of the Irrigation and Flood Control (I & FC) sector across Kashmir Division.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, senior officers of the department and representatives of various wings associated with the irrigation & flood management and PHE.

While addressing the meeting, Javed Rana stressed the need for further strengthening the flood protection infrastructure across Kashmir Valley, particularly along vulnerable stretches of River Jhelum and its tributaries, to enhance resilience against flood-related risks and safeguard the lives, property and public assets.

The Minister reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under various flood management and mitigation projects. He directed the concerned officers to expedite the execution of ongoing works while ensuring strict adherence to quality standards and stipulated timelines so that all critical interventions are completed ahead of the monsoon season.

Emphasising the importance of continuous monitoring, inter-departmental

coordination and proactive planning, Javed Rana called for a comprehensive and preparedness-driven approach to flood management in the Valley. He instructed the officers to identify and promptly address the bottlenecks hindering the progress of flood protection works. He asked to ensure their timely completion in the larger public interest and for the safety of vulnerable communities.

Rana also emphasised upon prioritising restoration of defunct irrigation canals, repair of canal breaches and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure across the Valley to ensure uninterrupted water supply to agricultural fields.

Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani underscored the need for a proactive and long-term approach towards flood management in Kashmir. He stressed the importance of strengthening embankments, enhancing river carrying capacity and ensuring timely execution of flood protection works. He called for improved preparedness, regular maintenance of flood channels and greater inter-departmental coordination to safeguard vulnerable areas and minimise the impact of future flood events.

He emphasised the need for sustainable water use and the importance of rain water harvesting through installation and use of water storage tanks.

During the review, a detailed presentation was given on the measures undertaken to mitigate the flood risks across vulnerable areas and the progress achieved under various ongoing schemes and pro-

jects. The presentation highlighted the status of desilting and dredging operations, strengthening and restoration of embankments, construction of flood protection works. It also covered the physical and financial progress of various flood management projects being executed under different schemes and funding components.

The officers apprised of the status of irrigation infrastructure, water discharge levels and measures being taken to meet the requirements of farmers across the Valley.

The Minister was informed that under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) launched in the aftermath of the devastating 2014 floods, under PMDP Phase-I, most works for flood management and restoration have been substantially completed. Accordingly, Phase-II (Part A), involving works worth ₹1,623.43 crore under the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP), is under implementation from FY 2022-23.

The meeting also reviewed the safety audit of embankments along River Jhelum and assessed the progress achieved under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) Phase-II. Progress of ongoing projects being executed under the UT Capex Budget, NABARD and SASCI Disaster Component was also reviewed threadbare.

Regarding the initiatives after September 2025, in view of the persistent flood threat posed by River Jhelum and to strengthen

preparedness for the forthcoming monsoon season, it was informed that the department had initiated a comprehensive post-monsoon safety audit in October 2025 to assess the vulnerabilities and identify critical intervention points.

Based on the findings of the audit, 62 flood mitigation works were identified at an estimated cost of Rs 71.56 crore. Of these, 16 works involving an expenditure of Rs 27.31 crore were completed under the ongoing FMBAP, Regular UT Capex and DMRRR (UT Capex) programmes. The remaining 46 works were tendered under MH-4711 (Flood Sector-UT Capex) at an estimated cost of Rs 43.25 crore. So far, 28 works have been completed, while eight others are in advanced stages of completion, significantly enhancing the flood protection infrastructure along the river system.

Under the UT CAPEX Budget 2026-27, the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Kashmir sector recorded substantial progress across major irrigation, minor irrigation and flood control sectors.

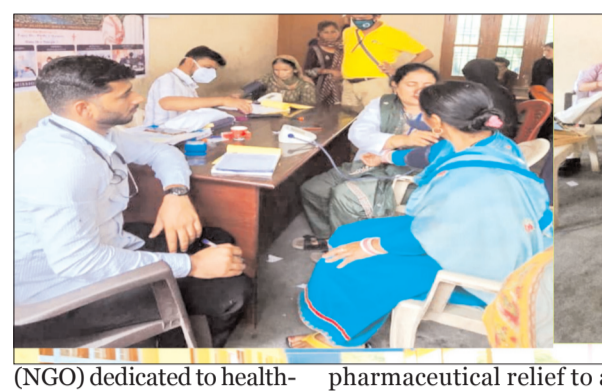
For the financial year 2026-27, the department has taken up 129 works for execution, comprising 124 ongoing works and five new works. It was also given out that sector-wise, the department has taken up 20 Major Irrigation works, 46 Minor Irrigation works, and 63 Flood Control works, reflecting the government's continued focus on strengthening irrigation infrastructure and flood management across Kashmir Division.

## District admin Kishtwar in collaboration with Hans Foundation organize Mega Health Camp in Paddar

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In a major step towards enhancing rural healthcare accessibility and advancing the goal of a Tuberculosis-free India, a mega health camp and Nikshay Shivir was organized at Village Karthie, Sub-Division Paddar.

The comprehensive medical camp was held under the direction of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under the supervision of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhat. The initiative was executed in close coordination with Hans Foundation Hospitals, a prominent non-governmental organization



(NGO) dedicated to healthcare mobilization.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Paddar, Dr. Krishan Singh Katoch was present at the venue to lead the operations and ensure seamless execution. Under his direct monitoring, the collaborative healthcare team provided multi-specialty evaluations, diagnostic tests and immediate

pharmaceutical relief to a large turnout of locals.

The camp uniquely integrated the objectives of the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan alongside broader community health services.

Utilizing advanced mobile diagnostic equipment, the team performed digital chest X-rays for 130 patients. Individuals exhibiting presumptive TB symp-

toms were identified on the spot and routed into the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) framework for further testing and follow-up care.

Dedicated eye checkups were conducted to identify patients suffering from cataracts. Individuals requiring surgical intervention were registered for cataract surgery to be done by the Hans Foundation.

Beneficiaries received comprehensive physical checkups, primary health consultations and essential medicines completely free of charge.

Speaking on the occasion, the medical authorities expressed deep appreciation for the vital support provided by the Hans Foundation.

## Agriculture Department Poonch organizes Farmer Training Programme under ATMA

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The Department of Agriculture Poonch under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), today organized a one-day farmer training programme at the Community Hall, Panchayat Ghar, Lower Jhullas. The programme was aimed at enhancing farmers' knowledge of modern agricultural practices, government welfare schemes and scientific farming techniques.

The training programme witnessed the participation of progressive farmers, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Agriculture Officer (Ext) and representatives from allied departments, including Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, KVK,



Lead District Manager and representative of General Insurance Company Limited.

Experts from allied departments delivered lectures on the latest agricultural technologies, crop

management practices, horticulture development, livestock management, crop insurance, financial assistance and other flagship government schemes. The interactive sessions provided farmers an op-

portunity to seek expert guidance on issues related to farming and allied sectors.

CAO Jograj Slathia emphasized the importance of adopting scientific and sustainable farming practices to improve agricultural productivity and farmers' income. He urged farmers to make full use of government schemes and extension services available through the Agriculture Department and allied agencies.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, during which farmers actively asked their questions to experts and clarified their queries. Participants appreciated the initiative and expressed their willingness to adopt the improved technologies and practices shared during the training.

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**Rahul Mahajan**

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