

## DC Doda assesses restoration works in flood affected areas of Thathri

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Krishan Lal today visited the flood-affected areas of sub division Thathri to assess the ongoing restoration works following the recent heavy rains and flash floods.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Thathri and the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Thathri, inspected the affected locations, interacted with locals, reviewed the progress of restoration works and directed the concerned officers to expedite the process so that normalcy is restored at the earliest.

The DC instructed all concerned departments to remain on high alert and ensure the prompt restoration of essential services. He directed the officers to intensify relief and rehabilitation measures, clear blocked roads on priority, restore power and drinking



water supply and provide all necessary assistance to the affected people without delay.

Emphasising the need for coordinated action, the Deputy Commissioner instructed field officers to maintain close surveillance of vulnerable areas, monitor the situation round the

clock and ensure that public grievances are addressed promptly. He further directed the departments to work in close coordination so that all essential services are restored in the shortest possible time.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the affected residents that every possi-

ble effort is being made to restore normalcy at the earliest. He stated that the district administration is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to provide all necessary support and assistance to the affected population until complete normalcy is restored.

## DC Poonch reviews arrangements for grand Independence Day 2026 celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the preparedness for the forthcoming Independence Day, 2026 celebrations in the district.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Shafket Hussain Bhat, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik, officers from the district administration, police and other allied departments.

During the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik delivered a detailed Power-Point presentation highlighting departmental responsibilities and the progress achieved in the preparations.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed all key arrangements, including security and traffic management, venue decoration, seating arrangements, Public Address System, Shehna Vadan, parade and cultural performances, vehicle parking, fire safety measures, barricading, refreshments and hospitality for guests, uninterrupted power and water supply, illumination of government



buildings and cleanliness drives in and around the venue.

Emphasising the importance of meticulous planning, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to complete their assigned responsibilities well in time and ensure that every arrangement is made as per established protocols and past practice. He stressed

that there should be no lapse in coordination or execution.

The main Independence Day function will be held at Sports Stadium Poonch, where the Chief Guest will unfurl the National Flag and take the salute during the ceremonial march-past presented by various contingents. Colourful cultural performances showcasing the rich heritage and patri-

otic spirit of the nation will also form part of the celebrations.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon all departments to work in close coordination and uphold the spirit of unity, discipline and patriotism to ensure that Independence Day 2026 is celebrated in a grand, inclusive and memorable manner across the district.

## Director Agri calls for accelerated execution of development projects in Samba, Kathua

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Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress of developmental projects being implemented in Samba and Kathua districts under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), JKCIP, CAPEX, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and NABARD-funded projects.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director Agriculture (Central), Sanjeev Rai Gupta; SMS (RL), Krishan Kant; Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua, Jatinder Kumar; District Agriculture Officer Samba, Sanjay Kumar Badyal; ADO (Veg.) Kathua, Vijay Abrol; ASCO Kathua, Murari Lal; SDAO Hiranagar, Ashwani Kumar; SDAO Billawar, Ravi Sharma; SDAO Samba, Rohit Gandotra; besides technical officers and officers from the CSS and Planning Sections of the Directorate of Agri-



culture, Jammu.

During the meeting, the Director conducted a comprehensive review of the physical achievements, financial expenditure, infrastructure development, fund utilisation and district-wise implementation of approved action plans under all ongoing schemes. He also reviewed the progress of NABARD-funded projects and the implementation of Irrigation Infrastructure and Innovative Water Conservation Techniques for Small and Marginal Farmers under the Baba Jitto Scheme, emphasizing timely comple-

tion and quality execution. Anil Gupta directed all officers to ensure that every developmental work is executed strictly in accordance with the approved action plan and prescribed timelines.

He instructed the field officers to closely monitor works, remove implementation bottlenecks and ensure that projects are completed within the stipulated timeframe without compromising quality.

The Director also stressed the need for expeditious submission of bills to the Treasury to ensure optimum utilisation of al-

located funds during the current financial year. He instructed all Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to maintain financial discipline, process eligible payments promptly and closely monitor both physical and financial progress. Calling for greater accountability and coordinated efforts, the Director directed officers to maintain proper documentation, submit periodic progress reports on time and strengthen inter-departmental coordination for effective implementation of all flagship programmes.

## DC Ramban reviews progress of Power Sector Schemes

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of various power sector schemes being implemented across the district. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC), Sunil Sharma, along with representatives of the executing agencies and vendors associated with the implementation of flagship power sector initiatives.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of works undertaken under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), installation of Smart Meters and coverage of Rooftop Solar projects across the district.

Reviewing the progress under RDSS, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to fast-track the execution of works. He issued necessary



directions to resolve the issues raised by the executing agencies. Assuring full administrative support, he stressed the timely completion of all projects to strengthen the power distribution infrastructure, enhance operational efficiency and improve overall consumer satisfaction in Ramban district.

While reviewing the status of Smart Meter installation, the Deputy Commis-

sioner directed the executing agencies to expedite the process and ensure its completion within the prescribed timelines. He emphasized that Smart Meters must be mandatorily installed and made fully operational without any delay. He also directed the concerned officers to ensure the immediate installation of Smart Meters for all electricity connections, especially households that

have installed rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

The Deputy Commissioner laid special emphasis on the effective implementation and wide promotion of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, aimed at encouraging households to adopt rooftop solar systems to reduce their electricity bills and ensure a sustainable, reliable and eco-friendly power supply.

The DC directed the Executive Engineer to liaise closely with the vendor responsible for the solarization of government buildings to ensure timely progress and completion of the works.

He also fixed specific targets for AEEs and other officials and concerned agencies to accelerate the pace of installations while strictly adhering to quality standards. All Junior Engineers have been directed to ensure the installation of maximum units under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, to meet the prescribed targets within the stipulated time frame.

## DC Rajouri reviews progress of Revenue Sector's Infrastructure Projects

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works being executed under the Revenue Sector across the district, with a focus on expediting infrastructure development and strengthening public service delivery.

Reviewing both ongoing and proposed projects, the Deputy Commissioner examined their physical and financial progress and directed the concerned officers to ensure timely completion of all sanctioned works while maintaining quality standards.

To facilitate the execution of new projects, the Deputy Commissioner instructed Tehsildars to identify suitable parcels of State land wherever required for the construction of revenue infrastructure, emphasizing that timely land identification is essential for effective planning and implementation.

The Deputy Commis-



sioner also reviewed the status of key infrastructure projects, including the construction of the Tehsil Office Thanamandi, Tehsil Office Khawas, Niabat Office Kangri and Niabat Office Bhawani, besides other revenue buildings across the district.

He directed the executing agencies to accelerate the pace of work and ensure completion within the stipulated timelines.

To strengthen revenue infrastructure in uncovered areas, the Deputy Commis-

sioner asked all Additional Deputy Commissioners to submit proposals for new Revenue Department offices wherever required and directed the concerned officers to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) at the earliest for timely approval and funding.

Stressing the importance of coordinated efforts, the Deputy Commissioner called upon all field officers to resolve bottlenecks promptly, maintain close coordination and ensure that developmental works

are completed within the prescribed timeframe to improve administrative efficiency and public service delivery.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq; ADC Mohd Tanvir; ADC Ramkesh Sharma; ADC Dil Mir; ADC Pritam Lal Thapa; SDM Abid Hussain Shah; CPO Maqsood Ahmed; ACR Mohd Jahangir Khan; SE PWD (R&B) Manzoor Ahmed; Executive Engineers and other concerned officers.

## DLSA Secretary reviews legal aid services at District Jail Amphalla Jammu

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Civil Judge Sr. Division/Secretary, DLSA Jammu Maleeka Sharma today visited the Prison Legal Aid Clinic at District Jail Amphalla Jammu. The visit aimed to ensure effective implementation of legal aid services in the jail.

During the visit, the functioning of the Legal Aid Clinic was thoroughly inspected. She checked the records maintained by Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and reviewed applications for legal aid submitted by inmates.

The applications were scrutinized and necessary directions were issued for timely processing of pending legal aid applications, proper maintenance of records and expeditious



grievance redressal of inmates.

She also visited the Medical Block of the jail and in-

teracted with the doctors on duty regarding the health and well-being of the inmates.

She emphasized that proper medical care and hygiene should be ensured for all inmates.