

Director Social Welfare reviews progress of welfare schemes

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Director Social Welfare, Jammu, Ranjeet Singh today chaired a review meeting with all District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) of Jammu Division to assess implementation and progress of welfare schemes being implemented by the Social Welfare Department.

The meeting focussed on a scheme-wise review of physical and financial progress, district-wise achievements, pendency of cases, implementation challenges and corrective measures required for effective and timely delivery of welfare benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

The Social Welfare Department is committed to ensuring every eligible beneficiary receives benefits in a transparent, efficient and



time-bound manner, the Director said. He directed all DSWOs to strengthen monitoring mechanisms, maintain updated records, expedite disposal of pending cases, ensure prompt submission of reports sought by the Directorate, resolve bottlenecks through better coordination with line departments, conduct regular field inspections, strengthen beneficiary outreach, ensure strict adherence to government guide-

lines and regularly update progress on online portals so that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of benefits due to procedural delays or incomplete documentation.

District-wise performance was reviewed and officers were encouraged to share best practices and challenges faced in implementing the schemes.

The meeting concluded with a review of district-wise action points and timelines for improving imple-

mentation, reducing pendency and enhancing monitoring under welfare programmes of the Social Welfare Department.

Among those present were Deputy Director (Administration) Raman Joshi, Deputy Director (Planning) Mehak Gupta, Assistant Director (Administration) Pallavi Sharma and Assistant Director (Schemes) Siddarth Dubey along with District Social Welfare Officers of Jammu Division.

JMC Launches Mega Plantation Drive at Under 'Green Jammu, Clean Jammu' Initiative

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Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), in collaboration with the Urban Forest Division, Jammu, today organized a mega plantation drive under the 'Green Jammu, Clean Jammu' initiative. More than 2,000 saplings were planted in the green space developed along the Sunjwan-Chowadi Road.

The plantation drive was inaugurated by JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav and was carried out under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). The initiative aims to improve air quality, enhance urban biodiversity, and develop vibrant green zones that contribute to a healthier and cleaner urban environment.

As part of the drive, a three-layer plantation was undertaken on previously unpaved land alongside newly constructed footpaths, transforming the stretch into a sustainable green corridor. The initiative is expected to significantly improve the area's ecological balance while providing an attractive public space for residents.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation



from people belonging to all sections of society, including Mahant Shri Rameshwar Dass Ji of Shri Ram Mandir, members of the Chamber of Commerce, officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation and the Urban Forest Division, local residents, senior citizens, volunteers, and Swachhata Champions. A pledge-taking ceremony was also organized, during which participants reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation and maintaining cleanliness in the city.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Devansh Yadav announced that nearly 50,000 trees would be planted across Jammu during the current monsoon season.

He appealed to citizens to actively participate in protecting and nurturing the newly planted saplings, emphasizing that public participation is essential for the success of the campaign.

The Commissioner further stated that similar green corridors, walkways, and landscaped public spaces would be developed across the city to provide residents with cleaner, greener, and more pleasant spaces for walking and recreation. He also highlighted the innovative tree adoption initiative, under which citizens can adopt saplings through QR codes and take responsibility for their care.

Dr. Yadav informed that two to three mega planta-

tion drives would be organized every week to achieve the target of planting over 50,000 trees during the monsoon season.

Among those present on the occasion were Joint Commissioner (Health & Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Divisional Forest Officer (Jammu) Ashwani Sharma, Health Officer Dr. Shahid Hussain, AFO, Jmc Dr. Rabia Khan, VAS, Dr. Priyanka Malhotra, Executive engineer, Yasir Bashir Kitchloo, Mahant Shri Rameshwar Dass Ji, members of the Chamber of Commerce, senior citizens, local residents, volunteers, and officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation and the Urban Forest Division, Jammu.

DDC Doda reviews DLCDC meeting

DODA, JULY 13: District Development Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting of the District Level Cooperative Development Committee (DLCDC) to review functioning of cooperative institutions in the district and assess progress of initiatives to strengthen the cooperative sector. The Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies presented an overview of the status of cooperative societies

in the district, covering their performance, activities, financial position and measures to promote the cooperative movement. Work on food grain storage facilities under Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) is under way, he informed the Chair, adding that nine PACS are functioning as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSKs), two as Farmer Producer Units (FPUUs) and four have been

registered as Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

The meeting also reviewed implementation of the Cooperative Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF), progress under cooperative development initiatives, capacity-building programmes, registration of new cooperative societies and implementation of schemes of the Ministry of Cooperation and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Director Agri reviews physical, financial progress of key departmental schemes



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Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a review meeting to assess physical and financial progress of key developmental schemes being implemented across Jammu Division under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), JK-CIP, CAPEX, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and NABARD-funded projects.

The Director reviewed physical achievements, fi-

nancial utilisation, implementation status and district-wise progress of major developmental programmes, with special emphasis on Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Rainfed Area Development (RAD), Per Drop More Crop (PDMC), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), National Food Security Mission-Food Grains

Crops (NFSM-FGC), National Food Security Mission-Oilseeds (NFSM-OS), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and National Natural Farming Mission (NNFM). He also reviewed ongoing infrastructure works, irrigation projects, farm development activities, seed production programmes and other flagship initiatives across the division. Anil Gupta directed field officers to execute developmental works strictly as per approved action

plans and prescribed timelines, intensify field monitoring, resolve implementation bottlenecks promptly and maintain quality standards; directed Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to maintain financial discipline, ensure prompt processing of eligible payments and avoid delays in expenditure; and directed officers to strengthen coordination among district offices, maintain accurate documentation, submit periodic progress reports on time and closely monitor implementation of schemes so that benefits reach the farming community effectively. The meeting concluded with district-wise discussions on implementation challenges, following which the Director issued directions for expediting pending works and achieving targets for the current financial year.

DC Samba reviews District Capex Budget 2026-27, directs timely tendering, execution of works

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Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today chaired a review meeting to assess progress of developmental works under the District Capex Budget 2026-27 including the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Scheme of MLAs and status of works sanctioned during 2025-26.

The meeting focussed on preparation of estimates, tendering, execution of works and utilisation of funds under the District Plan 2026-27. The Deputy Commissioner directed departments concerned, including Heads of Departments, PRIs, BDCs, DDCs, Assistant Block Development Officers (ABDOs), Assistant Programme Development Officers (APDOs) and Panchayat Secretaries, to initiate tendering immediately for works with Administrative Approval and



put all such works to tender by the end of the week; she also directed executing agencies to submit pending estimates under all heads by the end of the week to facilitate Administrative Approval and timely execution.

Noting that a significant number of works pertain to the Rural Development Department, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Samba and the Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Wing

(REW), to coordinate closely for expeditious tendering and early commencement of works.

The ACD was instructed to furnish a weekly status report on the District Capex Plan 2026-27, including CDF works, every Monday to the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Samba, for appraisal by the District Development Commissioner.

The Deputy Commissioner called for 100 per cent utilisation of funds, particularly for ongoing works under the Con-

stituency Development Fund of MLAs, and directed executing agencies to adhere to timelines while maintaining quality standards.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Champa Devi Thakur, Chief Planning Officer Kasturi Lal, Assistant Commissioner Development, Executive Engineers of various departments, Block Development Officers and other district and sectoral officers concerned.

DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra 2026

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today presided over a meeting with the district heads of line departments and representatives of religious organisations to finalise arrangements for the Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra 2026.

The Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Management Council informed the Chair that the annual Yatra, dedicated to Shri Ashtadashbhuj Mata Sarthal Devi Ji, will be held from July 21 to 23, 2026. The Shobha Yatra will commence from Gauri Shankar Mandir, Sarkoot, towards Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Temple at around 2 pm on July 21, 2026, after conclusion of the Hawan (religious ceremony) and Puran Aahuti (offering).

The Deputy Commissioner directed departments concerned to complete arrangements well in advance to ensure a smooth Yatra. To facilitate this, he directed uninterrupted drinking water supply and deployment of water tankers, uninterrupted electricity and repair and installation of lights at Shri Sarthal Mata Bhawan and Gauri Shankar Temple, Sarkoot, establishment of a



medical camp, deployment of an ambulance with medical staff and essential medicines, and positioning of fire tenders for emergency response.

The Police Department was directed to ensure fool-proof security from Gauri Shankar Mandir to Sarthal Mata Bhawan along the Yatra route on all three days; the ARTO Kishtwar to deploy verified and technically fit vehicles for movement of pilgrims from July 21 to 23; the ARTO and DTI Kishtwar to ensure proper traffic diversion on the main Kishtwar road to prevent congestion; the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B),

Kishtwar to repair and maintain the road stretch from Hasti to Sarthal before commencement of the Yatra; and the Rural Development Department (RDD) to ensure cleanliness and sanitation in and around the temple, install dustbins at Sarthal Devi Ji Bhawan by July 21 and enforce the ban on polythene bags in and around the shrine.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed a committee comprising Tehsildar Kishtwar, Dy SP Headquarters Kishtwar, District Food Supplies Officer Kishtwar and Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology Kishtwar, to conduct inten-

sive market inspections, particularly around Sarthal Devi Mata Bhawan, to prevent black marketing and overcharging and ensure availability of quality essential commodities for devotees.

The Deputy Commissioner urged local residents and pilgrims to maintain the religious sanctity and environmental serenity of the region by following government guidelines, particularly avoiding the use of plastic during the Yatra.

Members of the Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Management Council also raised issues, on which the DC gave on-the-spot directions.

DC Kishtwar chairs review meeting of District AYUSH Society

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma, who is also Chairman of the District AYUSH Society (DAS), today presided over a meeting to review its functioning.

CEO DAS and District Nodal Officer AYUSH Dr Vikram Singh Jamwal gave a presentation on infrastructure and working of the AYUSH Department in the district, and briefed the meeting on the role of



AYUSH staff in promoting preventive healthcare, boosting immunity and managing lifestyle-related diseases.

The District AYUSH De-

partment raised several demands and issues, on which the DC directed submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and gave on-the-spot directions. He also di-

rected the District AYUSH Officer to increase OPD services in AYUSH institutions and assured all possible support in strengthening AYUSH facilities.

Among those present were CDPO Kishtwar Rahida Lone, CEO Kishtwar Sanjay Dogra, Medical Officer AAM Sangramhata Dr Monika Sharma, Medical Officer Dr Tariq Hussain, Assistant Director Planning RDD Kishtwar Mohd Ashraf Wani and other officers and staff concerned from the District AYUSH Department.