

DC Ramban leads swift rescue and relief operation after yatra convoy mishap

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The district administration Ramban, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, in close coordination with the Police Department, carried out a prompt rescue and relief operation following an unfortunate road mishap involving the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra convoy early this morning.

The last vehicle of the Pahalgam-bound convoy reportedly lost control near the Chanderkote Langar site and collided with a few stranded vehicles.

The incident resulted in damage to three vehicles and minor injuries to 18 Yatris.

As part of the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra arrangements, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan along with SSP Ramban Arun Gupta, SSP NHW Raja Adil Hamid and ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, was already present in the area. The officers immediately super-



vised the rescue operation, ensuring the swift evacuation of all injured pilgrims to District Hospital Ramban, where they received prompt medical attention and necessary treatment.

The Deputy Commissioner personally visited the hospital to monitor the treatment of the injured pilgrims. He interacted with the Yatris to enquire about their well-being and

directed the Chief Medical Officer and medical staff to ensure the best possible healthcare and all necessary assistance.

After receiving first aid and medical treatment, all the injured pilgrims were discharged from the hospital. The District Administration subsequently arranged separate vehicles to facilitate their onward journey to the Holy Cave Shrine.

The prompt and well-coordinated response of the District Administration, Police, Health Department and other concerned agencies ensured timely rescue, quality medical care and the smooth continuation of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, reaffirming the administration's commitment to the safety, security and well-being of all pilgrims.

DC Doda reviews arrangements for Independence Day-2026 celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the smooth and successful celebration of Independence Day 2026 in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to ensure that all necessary arrangements at the main venue, Sports Stadium Doda, are completed well in advance. He stressed the importance of close coordination among all departments to ensure the successful and dignified conduct of the national event.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Executive Officer, Municipality Doda, to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness at the venue and its surrounding areas. The Executive Engineer, PDD Doda, was directed to make arrangements for uninterrupted power supply and illumination of all important Government buildings, bridges and the main celebration venue.

The Information Department was directed to ensure the installation of a proper Public Address System for the smooth conduct of the function. The Chief Education Officer and the



District Cultural Officer were directed to oversee cultural programmes and other ceremonial activities showcasing the patriotic spirit and rich cultural heritage of the district.

The Jal Shakti Department was instructed to ensure the availability of adequate drinking water facilities at the venue. The concerned officers were also directed to ensure the proper display of National Flag in accordance with the Flag Code of India.

The Deputy Commissioner further reviewed arrangements related to felicitation of distinguished individuals and presentation of awards during the function. The Police De-

partment was directed to make comprehensive security, traffic regulation and parking arrangements to ensure the safety and convenience of participants and the general public.

The Chief Medical Officer, Doda, was instructed to ensure adequate medical facilities, including deployment of medical teams, ambulance services and emergency healthcare arrangements at the venue.

Besides, directions were issued to the concerned departments to make adequate arrangements for seating, stage decoration, barricading, refreshments for participants and all other essential services to ensure the smooth and suc-

cessful conduct of the Independence Day celebrations.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized timely completion of all assigned tasks and directed officers to maintain close coordination for the successful conduct of the celebrations.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, ASP Doda, SE PWD R&B Doda, SE Jal Shakti Doda, CPO Doda, ACR Doda ACD Doda, CMO Doda, ACP Doda, XEN R&B Doda, CAHO Doda, DSHO Doda, Tehsildar Doda, AO DC Office Doda, EO Municipality Doda, Officers/ Officials from CRPF, IRP, DYSSO, Culture Office, Education Department and concerned departments.

DDC Doda reviews action taken on public grievances raised during Block Diwas at Malanoo

DODA, JULY 13: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal, today chaired a review meeting to assess the action taken on the public grievances and developmental issues raised during the Block Diwas-cum-Public Outreach Programme held at Malanoo on July 11, 2026.

The meeting witnessed a detailed department-wise review of the grievances and development-related demands projected by the public. Concerned officers apprised the Chair of the action taken so far and highlighted various bottlenecks affecting the timely execution of development works and the resolution of public grievances.

Taking serious note of complaints regarding al-



leged fake beneficiaries under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), the DDC directed the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to publish the list of AAY beneficiaries for verification at the grassroots level, ensuring greater transparency and accountability.

Reviewing issues related to the education sector, the

DDC instructed the School Education Department to ensure regular attendance of teachers and students in educational institutions and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to improve academic standards.

Regarding the replacement of wooden electricity poles, the DDC directed the Power Development Department to intervene im-

mediately and expedite the execution of the replacement works to ensure reliable and uninterrupted power supply to the affected areas. On the issue of pot-holes and road maintenance, the DDC instructed the R&B and PMGSY Departments to undertake the necessary repair works on priority and improve the condition of roads for the convenience and safety of commuters. The functioning and infrastructure of health institutions in the area also came under review. The DDC directed the Health Department to address existing deficiencies and ensure the availability of essential healthcare services, adequate medical staff and medicines at all health institutions.

Summer Sunday League Badminton tournament held

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The Sunday League Badminton Tournament was held here from July 12 onwards.

It was organised by Kings Badminton Club, Jammu, and sanctioned by the Jammu City & District Badminton Association.

Ex-IGP Guzar Singh Slathia was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

He distributed the prizes to the winners and runners ups of the tournament. He also congratulated and appreciated the organisers.

All the arrangements of the tournament were provided by J&K police.

Slathia was the main promoter of the sports and appreciated the organiser Sukhdev Singh and his team for the grand success of the tournament.

The lunch was provided by Dubey Brothers.

Among those present on the occasion included Bal-



bir Singh Jamwal, Senior Vice President Jammu City District Badminton Association, Pawanjit Singh, Vice President, JC&DBA, Rameshwar Manhas, Rohan Slathia, The matches were played under the supervision of Sukhdev Singh, Vasudev

Sharma, Narinder Singh, A large number of sports lovers were also present on the occasion. The Results: 3rd Prize : Team: 1. Vishav, Bhutia, Balbir Singh, 2. Sanjeev Slathia,

Vishav, R.K.Sodi 2nd Prize: Team: Arun Kumar, Sunil Sharma, Rameshwar Manhas 1st Prize: Team: Mohit Jain, Narinder Charak, Randhir Mehta

CS reviews formulation of comprehensive Cancer Care Strategy for J&K

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Chief Secretary, Atal Duloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to assess the initial formulation of a comprehensive Cancer Care Strategy for the Union Territory aimed at creating an integrated, accessible and technology-enabled cancer care ecosystem across Jammu & Kashmir.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Director, SKIMS; Mission Director, National Health Mission; Director, Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Chandigarh; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Director, Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu; Faculty Members of GMCs and other senior officers of the Health & Medical Education Department.

The strategy, prepared by the Health & Medical Education Department in consultation with leading oncology experts and national institutions, envisages a holistic framework covering cancer prevention, early detection, screening, diagnosis, treatment, palliative care, research, capacity building and digital health interventions.

Reviewing the proposed roadmap, the Chief Secretary observed that cancer is emerging as a major public health challenge and called for a coordinated, evidence-based and patient-centric response to improve health outcomes across the Union Territory. He directed the department to ensure time-bound implementation of all proposed interventions through effective institutional coordination, regular monitoring and measurable outcomes.

The Chief Secretary underscored the importance



of establishing a robust preventive oncology framework across all Government Medical Colleges in the Union Territory to promote early detection and timely intervention against cancer.

He stressed the need for simultaneously strengthening both human resource capacity and the requisite healthcare infrastructure so that quality diagnostic and treatment facilities are made available closer to the patients, thereby minimizing the need for travelling to distant facilities.

He directed the Health Department to undertake a phased capacity-building programme by training the required specialist manpower, including Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)-certified personnel, while concurrently upgrading the necessary medical equipment and infrastructure in all medical colleges. He observed that these interventions would significantly enhance the quality and accessibility of cancer care services across Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary further instructed that the entire strategy should be implemented in a well-defined, phase-wise manner over the coming years to ensure equitable distribution of oncology facilities across the Union

Territory. He also directed each of the expert committees constituted under the Cancer Care Strategy to prepare detailed, time-bound implementation plans within their respective domains.

He said that these implementation plans should be examined and harmonised by the Apex Committee chaired by Dr. Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Mumbai and other experts here to ensure their technical soundness, feasibility and effective execution.

Highlighting the strategic collaboration with the Tata Memorial Centre, the Chief Secretary observed that the partnership with one of the country's premier cancer care institutions would provide invaluable technical guidance, facilitate adoption of national best practices and significantly accelerate the implementation of the Cancer Care Strategy on the ground, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting was informed by MD, NHM, Akriti Sagar that a Steering Committee-cum-State Cancer Registry Coordination Unit has already been constituted to establish a robust Population-Based Cancer Registry (PBCR)

and Hospital-Based Cancer Registry (HBCR) network across Jammu & Kashmir.

She added that the initiative would facilitate systematic collection of cancer incidence data, strengthen disease surveillance and support evidence-based planning under the National Cancer Registry Programme.

The MD further informed that following the notification declaring cancer as a notifiable disease in the Union Territory, the Government has initiated the process for executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Bengaluru, for technical support in establishing a modern cancer registry system here.

The meeting also reviewed the existing oncology infrastructure available in the Union Territory, including the State Cancer Institute at Government Medical College Jammu, SKIMS Soura, Government Medical College Srinagar, AIIMS Vijaypur, newly established Government Medical Colleges and district-level Day Care Chemotherapy Centres established under the National Health Mission.

Verma chairs preparatory meeting for ECI's Electoral Literacy Conference at Jammu

JAMMU, JULY 13: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Sanjeev Kumar Verma, today convened a preparatory meeting with the senior officers at Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, here to discuss arrangements for the proposed conference aimed to strengthen the electoral literacy in the UT.

The meeting discussed various other issues including participation of educational institutions, Universities and other stakeholders to ensure successful conduct of the conference.

Addressing the officers, the CEO informed that the Election Commission of India has initiated a programme to

strengthen the network of Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs).

In this regard, a conference is being organized at Jammu with the aim to familiarize the participants with ECI Net and to discuss the role of Universities and educational institutions in promoting electoral literacy, democratic values and meaningful participation.

Sanjeev Verma said the conference will also focus on strengthening the network of ELCs across schools, colleges and Universities at UT, district, ACs and polling station level throughout J&K as a vibrant platform for continuous electoral and democratic

learning.

The CEO directed the senior officers of concerned departments and district administrations to ensure wide participation of students, faculty members and nodal officers of ELCs. He stressed on proper coordination with the Higher Education and School Education Departments for maximum outreach.

Sanjeev Verma further directed all the concerned officers to complete venue identification and other preparatory arrangements at the earliest. He asked to seek any assistance from the CEO office for smooth conduct of the proposed conference.