

DC Kishtwar reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes, directs early completion

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma, who is also Chairman of the District Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), today chaired a review meeting at the Meeting Hall, New DC Complex, Kishtwar, to assess progress of Water Supply Schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed progress of 130 Water Supply Schemes, discussing their implementation status, pending issues and timelines for completion. Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Doda gave a presentation on progress, challenges and expected timelines for completion.

The Deputy Commissioner directed officers concerned to initiate the Jal Aanklan process for 10 completed Water Supply Schemes. Reviewing the status of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs), he directed that remaining tap connections in 13 nearly completed schemes be provided without delay, to enable completion and commissioning at the earliest. He also re-



viewed the tendering process and instructed officers to rectify required specifications and re-float pending tenders within three days.

The meeting was informed that 19 tribal habitations have already been approved under DAJGUA, while DPRs for the remaining five habitations have been submitted to the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department. The Deputy Commissioner directed officers concerned to pursue the matter so that all habitations are provided tap water connections.

Reviewing the functioning of water testing laboratories, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Jal Shakti Department to address infrastructure gaps at

Dachan, Paddar and Thatri laboratories through administrative funds, and initiate renewal of NABL accreditation for the District Water Testing Laboratory, Kishtwar.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of two non-functional Rapid Sand Filter Plants in Kishtwar town and directed officers concerned to prepare DPRs for their restoration at the earliest.

Noting a shortage of water sample collectors, he directed AEEs concerned to coordinate with chemists concerned and prepare a plan for regular collection of water samples from water sources, reservoirs, Anganwadi Centres, health institutions and habitations.

The DC also reviewed the

ongoing "Stop Diarrhoea Campaign" and directed CPO Kishtwar to coordinate with CMO Kishtwar and MS DH Kishtwar to ensure supply of chlorine tablets to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Kishtwar for distribution through the five water testing laboratories.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Jal Shakti Department Kishtwar to closely monitor works, maintain quality standards and ensure timely completion of all Water Supply Schemes.

Among those present were SE Sunil Seth, PM JJM Er Fayaz Mehta, ACP Neeraj Sharma, CDPO Akhil Thakur, AEEs, JE and other staff of the Jal Shakti Department and DPMU Kishtwar.

CMO Doda reviews ASHA functioning, performance

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A review meeting on ASHA functioning in Doda was held today under the chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer Dr Vinod Sharma, along with Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr

Sat Lal Manhas.

The meeting reviewed performance of Block ASHA Coordinators and conduct of Cluster Meetings. Progress was also reviewed under the Vay Vandana Yojana, Population Fortnight Programme, VHND, Anaemia Mukti

Bharat, HBNC, Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan and NTEP, along with CPHC incentives and HMIS reporting.

The CMO directed Block ASHA Coordinators and ASHA Facilitators concerned to ensure regular monitoring, supportive su-

pervision and timely reporting for effective implementation of National Health Programmes.

Among those present were District ASHA Coordinator Ashiq Hussain, DAM NHM Ashima Kotwal, DM&EO CK Shan and Block ASHA Coordinators.

DC reviews progress of CSS, beneficiary-oriented initiatives in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a review meeting of officers from various line departments to assess progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and saturation of individual beneficiary-oriented schemes across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a sector-wise review of centrally sponsored schemes and saturation of individual beneficiary-oriented schemes.

He directed all departments to work in close coordination with a strong sense of accountability to ensure effective and timely delivery of benefits to eligi-



ble beneficiaries.

He directed intensification of awareness campaigns so that people are fully informed about welfare and social security schemes, and instructed officers to ensure schemes are implemented in letter and spirit and essential

public services delivered within prescribed timelines.

The DC called upon departments to achieve set targets through effective grassroots implementation, and directed officers concerned to update progress data of Centrally

Sponsored Schemes on a monthly basis for regular monitoring and timely intervention.

Among those present were PO Poshan Subash Dogra, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh and district officers from various government departments.

PMFBY registration, KCC coverage, development works reviewed in Udhampur

JAMMU, JULY 14: Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a review meeting to assess physical and financial progress of developmental projects in Udhampur and Reasi districts.

The Director reviewed implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, along with physical and financial progress of ongoing developmental projects, infrastructure creation, fund utilisation, district-wise implementation of the approved Action Plan 2026-27 under CSS and CAPEX, and status of NABARD-funded projects. He stressed timely completion of projects while maintaining quality and accountability.

On PMFBY, the Director expressed concern over the pace of farmer enrolment and directed District Agriculture Officers of Udham-



pur and Reasi to accelerate registration. He instructed that registration camps be organised in every Panchayat to ensure maximum coverage of eligible farmers before the deadline, so no eligible farmer is left out due to lack of awareness or access.

On the Kisan Credit Card scheme, the Director instructed officers concerned to achieve assigned targets within prescribed timelines through close coordination with banks and field-level mobilisation of farmers.

Anil Gupta directed all field functionaries to en-

sure every developmental work is executed in accordance with the approved action plan and prescribed timelines. He instructed officers to closely monitor implementation, remove bottlenecks at the field level, ensure optimum utilisation of funds and complete sanctioned projects within the stipulated timeframe without compromising quality.

Among those present were SMS (RL) Krishan Kant, Chief Agriculture Officer Udhampur and Reasi Harbans Singh, District Agriculture Officer Reasi

Shiv Parshotam Jyoti, District Agriculture Officer Udhampur Sudhir Manhas, ADO (Vegetables) Udhampur Ajay Sharma, Mushroom Development Officer Udhampur Vinod Gupta, ASCO Dharmari Amit Sharma, ASCO Udhampur Sandeep Gautam, SDAO Udhampur Ajay Sharma, SDAO Ramnagar Ashwani Abrol, SDAO Dharmari Naresh Kumar, SDAO Reasi Aftab Ahmed Malik, technical officers and officers from the CSS and Planning Sections of the Directorate of Agriculture Jammu.

Rajouri admin orders immediate halt to illegal dumping of municipal solid waste in water body

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The District Administration Rajouri has issued directions for immediate stoppage of unauthorised dumping of municipal solid waste by the Municipal Council Rajouri in and along a water body near Bella Rajouri, to protect the environment and enforce the Solid Waste Management Rules.

The directions have been issued by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma in pursuance of orders of the Supreme Court of India, the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and other applicable legal provisions.

The action follows field inputs and photographic evidence indicating that municipal solid waste was being dumped along the river plain at Bella Rajouri, posing a threat to surface and groundwater, aquatic ecology, public health and flood safety.

The Deputy Commissioner has ordered Executive Officer Municipal Council Rajouri to immediately stop all dumping of municipal solid waste, plastic waste, sanitary waste, construction debris, drain silt or any other refuse in water bodies, drains, nallahs, river banks, flood plains, vacant land or any unauthorised location.

Tehsildar Rajouri, in co-

ordination with the Executive Officer and SHO Rajouri, has been directed to ensure no further dumping takes place and to establish temporary barricading, warning signage and watch-and-ward arrangements within 12 hours.

The Municipal Council has further been directed to deploy adequate manpower and machinery for immediate removal of the dumped waste, with freshly dumped waste to be cleared within 24 hours and remaining accumulated waste within 72 hours. The waste shall be transported only to authorised processing, recycling, composting, MRF or sanitary landfill facilities. Geo-tagged before-and-after photographs and videos of the clearance operation have been sought daily till complete restoration of the site.

A District Level Special Cell has been tasked to inspect the site within 24 hours and submit a factual report within 48 hours covering the exact location, ownership status of the land, quantity and nature of waste dumped, agencies involved, environmental and public health impacts, accountability of officials and contractors, and recommendations for remedial and preventive measures.

Divisional Officer Pollution Control Committee Rajouri has been directed to inspect the site, collect water and soil samples, assess environmental dam-

age and examine the need for environmental compensation and prosecution under relevant laws.

Executive Officer Municipal Council Rajouri has also been served a show-cause notice seeking a detailed explanation regarding the unauthorised dumping, authorised disposal arrangements, vehicle movement records, supervisory responsibility and reasons why the matter should not be treated as a wilful violation of the Solid Waste Management Rules and the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Pending enquiry, the Executive Officer has been instructed to withdraw field responsibilities from officials found prima facie responsible and initiate disciplinary action.

The order further provides for withholding of contractor payments, recovery of cost of waste removal and environmental remediation from responsible agencies, and initiation of blacklisting proceedings wherever warranted.

To ensure sustainable waste management, the Municipal Council has been directed to submit a lawful waste disposal plan detailing ward-wise waste generation, collection, segregation, processing, transportation and landfill arrangements, besides measures to prevent future dumping in drains and water bodies.

The Jal Shakti Department and the Chief Medical

Officer have been asked to assess the impact of the dumping on water flow, drinking water sources, flood vulnerability and public health, and submit reports within 72 hours.

The Municipal Council has also been instructed to prepare a geo-tagged inventory of all garbage-vulnerable locations, open dumping sites and water-body ingress points within three days, and to put in place preventive measures such as barriers, CCTV surveillance, warning boards and regular monitoring.

To strengthen compliance, all Municipal Councils and Committees in the district will now submit weekly Solid Waste Management compliance reports to the District Level Special Cell, while Executive Officer Municipal Council Rajouri has been made personally responsible for ensuring that no municipal waste is dumped at any unauthorised location.

The Deputy Commissioner has reiterated that any violation of these directions shall invite strict action under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, environmental laws and other applicable provisions, including disciplinary proceedings, environmental compensation, recovery of remediation costs, withholding of payments, blacklisting and prosecution, wherever applicable. The order has come into force with immediate effect.

DC Ramban reviews progress of road projects, directs proper maintenance of existing roads

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alias Khan today chaired a review meeting to assess progress of ongoing road projects, status of new projects and maintenance of existing roads under the Public Works Department (PWD) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the overall status of road maintenance works being carried out across the district. He also took stock of progress on roads discussed during previous review meetings, particularly the Rajgarh Road and the Maitra-Bailwat Road, and directed officers concerned to ensure timely completion of all



pending maintenance works.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed Executive Engineers to immediately undertake repairs of potholes, improve road surfaces and ensure all roads remain safe and motorable. He directed regular monitoring of road conditions and prompt intervention to address issues affecting public convenience.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner further directed officers to prepare estimates under the CAPEX Budget and expedite the tendering process so that improvement and upgradation works can be initiated without delay.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alias Khan said the District Administration remains committed to addressing issues faced by the people and ensuring better road connectivity.

He assured that bottlenecks hindering construction, upgradation or maintenance of roads would be taken up with the appropriate authorities for early resolution.

Among those present were Executive Engineers of PWD Divisions Ramban and Banihal, Executive Engineers of PMGSY Divisions Ramban and Banihal and other officers concerned.

DC Ramban reviews implementation of Mission YUVA

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alias Khan today chaired a review meeting to assess the district's progress under Mission YUVA and directed all stakeholders to accelerate implementation through focused action on the mission's four pillars — Culture, Credit, Capacity and Connectivity.

The Deputy Commissioner directed departments concerned to foster an entrepreneurial culture by mobilising fresh Mission YUVA applications, particularly from Self Help Group (SHG) members and other aspiring entrepreneurs, and to intensify awareness and outreach activities to identify and motivate eligible youth for self-employment ventures.

On Capacity Building, the Deputy Commissioner instructed departments concerned to complete pending hybrid-mode training of all eligible candidates on priority, to ensure they acquire the skills required before establishing their ventures.

On Connectivity, the Deputy Commissioner directed immediate onboarding of all eligible shops and establishments onto the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform.

He instructed YUVA Doots and Motivators to regularly guide applicants,



monitor progress of established units and facilitate daily onboarding of shops onto the platform to enhance their market access.

On Credit, the Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over pending cases at bank branches and directed all banks to expedite sanctioning and disbursement of eligible applications within the prescribed timelines. He also instructed officers concerned to maintain close coordination with banks and implementing agencies for effective monitoring and timely resolution of bottlenecks.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, who is also District Nodal Officer for Mission

YUVA, directed officers concerned to reprocess all applicant-level pending cases without delay. He instructed Business Help Desk (BHD) staff to regularly visit training centres, bank branches and awareness camps to strengthen field-level facilitation and outreach, and to submit detailed visit reports for effective monitoring.

Among those present were Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Assistant Labour Commissioner Amit Kumar and other officers concerned. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, district officers of line departments, bank officials and YUVA Doots, Motivators participated virtually.