

DC Rajouri chairs Block Diwas at Doongi

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a public outreach camp at Block Doongi under the weekly Block Diwas initiative.

During the interaction, the public raised several developmental demands spanning road connectivity and construction, education and school staffing, administrative status for Doongi, border infrastructure, tourism promotion, drinking water supply, college infrastructure and mobile connectivity.

The Deputy Commissioner heard each issue and assured the public that all genuine grievances would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner, directing officers concerned to take prompt action on issues within their jurisdiction and submit regular progress reports. He said Block Diwas has emerged as



an effective platform for strengthening public outreach, ensuring accountability and resolving people's issues at the grassroots level.

He urged the public, particularly youth, to support the fight against drug abuse and tuberculosis, highlighting available treatment and rehabilitation facilities in the district. He also directed the Agriculture Department

to promote sustainable farming practices and instructed officers to expedite pending infrastructure projects, tap the region's tourism potential and undertake regular field visits to ensure efficient service delivery.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Malik Zada Sheraz Ul Haq, Project Officer ICDS Harpal

Singh, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Mohd Rafiq, Deputy Director Employment Mohd Nawaz Choudhary, Assistant Commissioner Development Auqil Naveed, District Social Welfare Officer Abdul Raheem, Chief Agriculture Officer Rajesh Verma and Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr Khalid Najeb, besides other district and sectoral officers.

MLA Billawar Reviews Rural Dev Works, Stresses Effective Implementation of Welfare Schemes

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MLA Billawar Satish Sharma on Wednesday reviewed the progress of rural development works and implementation of key welfare schemes during a meeting of Block Development Officers (BDOs), Panchayat Secretaries and Gram Rozgar Sevaks (GRSs) at the PWD Guest House, Billawar.

The meeting focused on the status of ongoing developmental works under various government schemes across different blocks. A detailed review of PMAY-G Awaas Plus was conducted, with the MLA directing officers to ensure that the scheme benefits the most deserving and economically weaker families through a transparent and fair beneficiary selection process.

Sharma also reviewed the implementation of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee



for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VBGRAM] and instructed officials to maintain quality standards and ensure effective execution of works at the grassroots level.

Calling for greater environmental awareness, the MLA urged officers and officials to actively participate in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign by planting trees and encouraging public participation for a

greener environment.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Billawar, Vishavjeet Singh (JKAS), stressed the need to prioritise the poorest and most deserving sections so that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary. He also highlighted the objectives of the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan and TB Mukh Bharat campaign, informing that health camps

would be organised in various panchayats to promote awareness, early detection and treatment.

District Panchayat Officer Kathua Amir Choudhary, BDO Billawar Shailender Kumar, BDO Nagrota Gujroo Madan Mohan, other BDOs, Panchayat Secretaries, Gram Rozgar Sevaks and officials of the Rural Development Department were present at the meeting.

DLSA Udhampur holds 3rd Under Trial Review Committee meeting

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District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Udhampur, under the guidance of DLSA Udhampur Chairman Kalpana Revo (Principal District and Sessions Judge) and supervision of DLSA Udhampur Secretary Sumati Sharma (Sub Judge), today held the 3rd Under Trial Review Committee meeting, 2026, at the Conference Hall, District Court Complex Udhampur, to evaluate cases of under-trial prisoners and ensure compliance with legal safeguards and timely justice.

The committee reviewed cases based on Supreme Court guidelines and



NALSA SOPs, focusing on prisoners with no proper representation or those who have spent substantial time in custody and recommended release of eligible prisoners by filing bail applications before appropriate courts to ensure the benefits of legal provisions

reach intended beneficiaries.

The meeting also decided on regular follow-up meetings, maintaining a consolidated data sheet to monitor prisoner cases and preparing quarterly reports.

Among those present were Deputy Commissioner

Udhampur Minga Sherpa, Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur Amritpal Singh, DLSA Udhampur Secretary Sumati Sharma, District Jail Udhampur Superintendent Mohd Irfan Khan and Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Udhampur Pawan Gupta.

3rd Under Trial Review Committee meeting for 2026 held in Jammu

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The 3rd Under Trial Review Committee meeting for 2026 was held today at 3 pm in the Office Chamber of the Principal District & Sessions Judge/Chairman, DLSA Jammu. The meeting was chaired by Principal District & Sessions Judge/Chairman DLSA Jammu, R.N. Watal.

During the meeting, cases of Under Trial Prisoners falling under various categories of UTRC were reviewed. Discussions covered the status of cases, pendency, possibility of release on bail, expeditious disposal and provision of free legal aid to eligible inmates. The Committee reviewed cases eligible for release under Section 479



BNSS and other categories as per NALSA guidelines. Officers concerned were directed to ensure coordination for early disposal of pending cases and provide legal assistance to under-trial inmates.

Among those present were DLSA Jammu Secretary Maleeka Sharma (Civil Judge Sr Division), Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anusya Jamwal, Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu

Joginder Singh, Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Superintendent Chhabil Singh, District Jail Amphalla Superintendent Dharminder Singh and Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Jammu Adv Anil Sharma.

DIET Doda concludes two-day capacity building programme for SEVs

DODA, JULY 15: The two-day Capacity Building Programme for Seasonal Educational Volunteers (SEVs), Phase I, organised by District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Doda under the UT Budget 2026-27, concluded at the ICT Lab, DIET Doda.

The programme, conducted from 13 to 14 July 2026, aimed at enhancing the pedagogical skills and teaching competencies of Seasonal Educational Volunteers engaged in seasonal



schools. During the two-day training, participants were oriented on innovative teaching methodologies, learner-centric approaches and effective classroom management practices

aligned with the objectives of NEP 2020.

DIET Doda Principal Rajesh Kumar supervised the programme and called for continuous professional development of educators to

ensure quality education in remote and seasonal schooling setups.

Chief Education Officer Doda Bhushan Kumar Pathak graced the valedictory function as chief guest. He appreciated the efforts of DIET Doda in organising the programme and highlighted the role of SEVs in ensuring educational access in challenging terrain and encouraged participants to utilise the knowledge gained in their respective schools.

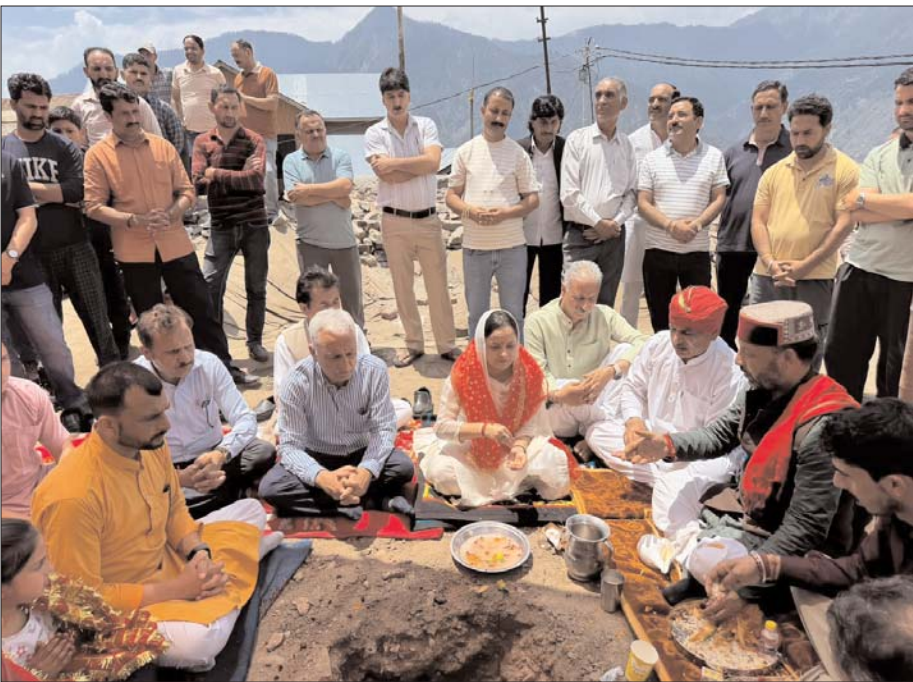
MLA Shagun performs Bhumi Poojan for Rs 4.35 cr Development Project at Historic Sarthal Devi Mandir

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In a significant initiative aimed at the preservation and promotion of the region's rich religious and cultural heritage, MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar today performed the Bhumi Poojan for a comprehensive development project at the historic Sarthal Devi Mandir.

The project is being undertaken with financial assistance amounting to ₹4.35 crore sanctioned by the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Jammu & Kashmir. The sanctioned amount shall be utilized for the construction of a multi-storey building along with various beautification and infrastructure development works within the temple complex aimed at enhancing facilities for devotees and improving the revered shrine.

MLA Shagun Parihar also informed on the occasion that ₹10 lakh had already been provided by her from Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for the development of the main entrance gate, improve-



ment of approach roads and other allied infrastructure works within the temple premises to further facilitate pilgrims and visitors.

Speaking on the occasion, the Shagun Parihar underscored the importance of preserving and promoting the region's religious and cultural heritage, stating that the development of prominent shrines not only strengthens the cultural fabric of society but also contributes

significantly towards promoting pilgrimage tourism and local economic activity.

Reiterating her commitment towards the development across Kishtwar constituency, she expressed confidence that the ongoing works at Sarthal Devi Mandir would greatly increase the experience of devotees visiting the shrine from across Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

Among those present on the occasion were Vice

Chairman of Sarthal Devi Trust Shri Sanjeev Parihar, BJP District President Shri Ravi Parihar, BJP Block President Shri Ashish Rathore, Former District President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha Kishtwar Shri Surinder Sen, members of Seva Bharti, prominent citizens, local residents and a large number of devotees, who welcomed the initiative and appreciated the efforts being undertaken for the development of the sacred shrine.

DC Rajouri inspects IWMP works in Doongi, reviews water conservation measures

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today inspected development works executed under the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in Block Doongi to review water conservation and soil management initiatives.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected a check dam constructed at Ward No 06, Panchayat Doongi Brahmana. The project, completed during financial year 2026-27, was executed at a cost of ₹7.90 lakh against an estimated cost of ₹8 lakh.

Officials informed the Deputy Commissioner that the check dam is benefiting around 25 to 30 families by enhancing water availability for agriculture, reducing soil erosion, facilitating groundwater recharge and contributing to ecological



sustainability of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for regular maintenance and optimum utilisation of watershed infrastructure to ensure long-term benefits, noting that the IWMP is playing a significant role in

conserving natural resources, improving agricultural productivity and strengthening water security. He directed officers concerned to ensure timely execution of watershed projects with a focus on quality, durability and community

participation.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Malik Zada Sheraz Ul Haq, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Mohd Rafeeq and Block Development Officer Doongi.