

DDC Doda reviews preparation of Village Development Plans under PM-AJAY

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District Development Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting to review implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) and preparation of Village Development Plans (VDPs) for newly selected villages in the district. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Doda.

During the meeting, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Doda gave a PowerPoint presentation on the objectives of the PM-AJAY scheme, its implementation framework and the roadmap for preparation of Village Development Plans.

It was informed that six villages from five blocks — Bhaderwah (Bhalra), Bhallessa (Darie and Batara), Chiralla (Bhallara), Thathri (Sharoth) and Kahara (Suranga) have been selected under Phase-III of PM-AJAY for the financial year 2025-26. The meeting reviewed the planning process to ensure holistic development of the villages through a convergent approach.

The DDC directed departments to prepare need-based, participatory and time-bound Village Development Plans, involving local stakeholders and ensuring convergence of government schemes and to submit the plans within prescribed timelines reflecting the developmental needs of selected villages.



The meeting discussed developmental indicators under ten key sectors including drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, social security, rural roads and housing, electricity and clean fuel, agriculture, financial inclusion, digitisation and livelihood and skill development.

Departments were instructed to identify infrastructure gaps and ensure 100 percent saturation of beneficiary-oriented government schemes in the selected villages.

Detailed deliberations were also held on preparation of Village Development Plans, household surveys through the AJAY Mobile App, infrastructure gap analysis and constitution of Village Level Convergence Committees (VLCCs) headed by Block Development Officers concerned.

The meeting also reviewed preparation of a multi-year Prospective Plan under the Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) to identify priority development projects to improve the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste communities.

The DDC directed Block Development Officers to accord priority to functional toilet facilities in schools in

the selected PM-AJAY villages and directed departments to complete surveys, submit the Village Development Plans within the stipulated timeframe and ensure effective execution through regular monitoring.

Among those present were Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Doda, XEN PDD Doda, Assistant Director Planning, officers of the School Education Department, Block Development Officers concerned, District Employment Officer, Tehsil Social Welfare Officers, representatives of J&K Bank, Assistant Engineers of respective blocks, officials of Mission YUVA and officers of departments concerned.

Jammu administration cracks down on drug peddlers

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Under the directions of District Magistrate Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas and in coordination with SSP Jammu Joginder Singh, joint teams of the District Administration and Jammu Police today carried out a demolition drive against properties of drug peddlers in Jammu and Bishnah tehsils, dismantling several illegal structures built with proceeds of the drug trade.

With today's combined operations at Bishnah and Nikki Tawi, the District Administration and Jammu Police demolished illegal properties worth a cumulative nearly ₹3 crore linked to drug trafficking, besides recovering heroin and illegal weapons from the accused.

At Ismailpur Kothey in tehsil Bishnah, SDM Jammu South Manu Hansa and SP South Vaibhav



Meena supervised demolition of a double-storey structure worth approximately ₹1.5 crore.

Among those present were Tehsildar Bishnah, SDPO Gandhinagar and the SHOs of Bishnah and Gangyal police stations.

At Nikki Tawi area in tehsil Jammu Khas, another joint team demolished properties belonging to two more drug peddlers.

The team razed to the ground a structure spread over approximately 2.5 kanals and valued at around ₹90 lakh.

In a parallel action, the team demolished commercial structures, vacating approximately 5 marlas of land valued at around ₹40 lakh.

These two operations removed illegal properties worth around ₹1.30 crore,

linked to drug trafficking, from the Nikki Tawi area under provisions of the NDPS Act.

ACR Jammu Dr Rajesh Kumar and SP South Vaibhav Meena supervised the drive, which was held in the presence of Tehsildar Jammu Paramdeep Singh, SDPO East, SDPO South, SHO Gangyal, SHO Sattari, Naib Tehsildar, besides other officials.

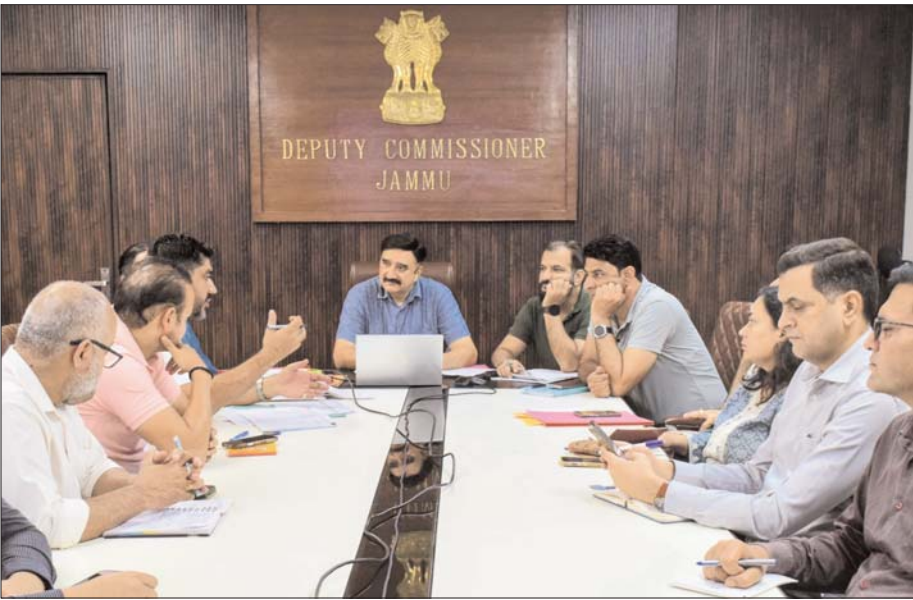
ADDC Jammu reviews Mission YUVA implementation, DLIC approves 253 cases

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Jammu, Sher Singh today chaired a review meeting of Mission YUVA in the district to assess the progress of implementation and discuss strategies for achieving success across all key parameters laid down by the UT Administration.

During the meeting, the ADDC undertook a detailed review of the on-ground implementation of Mission YUVA across the district and directed the officers to intensify their efforts to achieve the prescribed targets within the stipulated timeline. He emphasised effective coordination among departments, proactive field-level outreach and regular monitoring to ensure that maximum eligible youth benefit from the flagship entrepreneurship initiative.

Various strategies were discussed to streamline the implementation process and facilitate seamless access to the scheme for aspiring entrepreneurs.



Discussion was also held on facilitating around 21,000 Lakhpati Didis of Jammu, through Udyam Jagriti, to avail Mission YUVA benefits to help them expand and scale their enterprises through the scheme's financial and institutional support.

The meeting further deliberated on onboarding retail stores across Jammu on the Mission YUVA Seller App to enhance their market access and strengthen digital commerce opportunities.

The meeting was at-

tended by Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Danish Rasool, Block Development Officers (BDOs) and other concerned officers, who held threadbare discussions with the Chair on various aspects of the scheme and shared feedback on its implementation at the grassroots level.

Later, a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) was also held under the chairmanship of the ADDC, during which 253 new cases un-

der Mission YUVA were approved. The committee examined the proposals in detail before according approval.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director Employment Sunaina Saini, ACD Danish Rasool Mir, ACP JAMMU, Assistant Director Employment Mukhlis Ali, Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Roopali Jasrotia, Lead District Manager (LDM) Ajay Thappa, besides other members of the committee and concerned officers.

Information Department's newly Posted Officers assume Office at JDI Kashmir

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Following the recent reshuffle in the Information Department, Shabir Ahmad Bhat today assumed charge as Field Publicity Officer (FPO), Kashmir, while Parvaiz Ahmad Lone assumed charge as Youth Information Officer, Kashmir, at the Joint Directorate of Information, Kashmir.

Joint Director Information Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, Deputy Director Information Headquarter



Kashmir, Deputy Director, PR, Cultural Officer, Kashmir and other officials of the department welcomed both the officers on assuming their new assignments.

Soon after assuming charge, the newly ap-



pointed officers held an introductory meeting with the officials of their respective wings.

They interacted with the staff and reviewed the functioning of the offices, besides taking stock of the ongoing ac-

tivities and outreach initiatives.

Calling for a collaborative and result-oriented work culture, the officers urged the officials to work with renewed commitment and a sense of responsibility to further strengthen the department's outreach across Kashmir.

The officers assured the officials of their full support and cooperation in the efficient discharge of their responsibilities and stressed the importance of close coordination to strengthen the department's outreach across Kashmir.

SWD organises awareness camp on Niramaya health insurance scheme; LLC meeting approves legal guardianship case

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Department of Social Welfare organised an awareness programme on the Niramaya Health Insurance scheme today at Diyyang Seva Ashram, Udhampur, in collaboration with the Muskan Foundation. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa and the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Udhampur Kanika Gupta.

The camp aimed to sensitise the public, parents and caregivers about the benefits of the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme, which provides affordable health insurance coverage to persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability and Multiple Disabilities, ensuring access to quality healthcare and financial security.

Among those present were Tehsil Social Welfare



Officer Udhampur and Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Chenani, who spoke on departmental procedures and the government's commitment to welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities. Parveen Kumari, State Coordinator, Muskan Foundation, also addressed the gathering and provided information on the registration process and implementation of the scheme.

The scheme provides in-

surance coverage of up to ₹1 lakh for hospitalisation, OPD treatment, corrective surgeries, therapies and other approved medical interventions. Caregivers and management of Diyyang Seva Ashram appreciated the initiative of the District Administration and Social Welfare Department in disseminating information at the grassroots level and urged eligible families to avail the benefits of the scheme.

Later, a meeting of the Local Level Committee (LLC), constituted under the National Trust Act, 1999, was convened under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner Udhampur. The committee deliberated on applications for legal guardianship of persons with disabilities and, after examination, approved one case of legal guardianship in accordance with the National Trust Act.

SDM reviews monsoon preparedness in Akhnoor subdivision

AKHNOOR, JULY 18:

A monsoon preparedness meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Sub Divisional Magistrate Akhnoor, Mukhter Ahmed to review the preparedness of line departments to deal with any eventuality during the monsoon season.

The SDM reviewed the status of desilting of drains and nallahs, flood protection measures, deployment of machinery, availability of rescue boats and pumping sets, emergency response mechanisms, road connectivity in vulnerable areas, power restoration arrangements, drinking water supply, medical preparedness, communication systems and functioning of Control Rooms.

The SDM directed departments to maintain coordination and remain on high alert throughout the monsoon season and instructed officers to identify vulnerable locations, ensure



availability of manpower and equipment, maintain emergency stocks and keep quick response teams ready for immediate deployment.

The Flood Control Division was directed to monitor flood-prone stretches and strengthen protection measures, the Irrigation and Jal Shakti Departments to maintain drainage systems and ensure uninterrupted drinking water sup-

ply, the PWD (R&B) Department to keep men and machinery ready for restoration of road connectivity in case of landslides or blockages and the Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Civil Defence and Revenue Departments to maintain coordination for rescue, evacuation and relief operations. Field officers were instructed to remain available at their headquarters

and respond promptly to emergencies.

The SDM stressed that prevention, preparedness and inter-departmental coordination are key to minimising the impact of monsoon-related disasters and directed departments to adhere to their action plans and ensure timely dissemination of weather advisories and public safety information.