

# DC Budgam visits Magam, Beerwah Hospitals; inspects restoration work on damaged diversion bridge at Beerwah

**BUDGAM, JULY 22:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today visited the Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) at Magam and Beerwah to review healthcare facilities and ensure uninterrupted medical services in the wake of the recent inclement weather.

During the visit, the DC inspected hospital wards, treatment facilities and other healthcare services being provided to patients. Stressing the need for seamless functioning of all health institutions across the district, he directed the Health Department to remain fully prepared to respond to any emergency. He also interacted with doctors, healthcare staff and patients to obtain first-hand feedback on the quality of patient care and the availability of essential medical services.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Beerwah to inspect the ongoing restoration work on the damaged diversion bridge over Nallah Sukhnag, where efforts are underway to restore vehicular movement at the earliest. He directed the concerned departments to expedite restoration of all damaged roads and bridges to ensure



uninterrupted connectivity. He further instructed the concerned departments to ensure prompt restoration of damaged water supply schemes and electricity lines so that scheduled drinking water and power supply to the affected areas remains uninterrupted. During his visit to the damaged shopping complex at Beerwah, the

Deputy Commissioner interacted with affected shopkeepers and assured them that their concerns would be taken up with the Government for appropriate rehabilitation measures. He also inspected the under-construction bridge at Chewdara and directed the executing agency to expedite the work for its early

completion, ensuring improved connectivity for the local population. Subsequently, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a review meeting at the Town Hall, Beerwah, to assess the flood-like situation and review the progress of restoration works in Beerwah, Khag, Magam and other affected areas of the district.

# Director Agriculture Jammu reviews PMFBY implementation, calls for intensified awareness

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, JULY 22**

Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a review meeting on implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

The Director reviewed progress of PMFBY enrollment for the Kharif 2026 season and discussed strategies to enhance insurance coverage among farmers across Jammu Division. Referring to recent communication from the Government of India's Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, he emphasised the need to intensify efforts for saturation of all eligible Kisan Credit Card (KCC) account holders under PMFBY, particularly in view of anticipated adverse weather conditions and the vulnerability of certain districts to El Nino impacts.

Anil Gupta directed officers concerned and the implementing insurance agency to work in close coordination with district au-



thorities, banks and field functionaries to ensure every eligible and willing farmer is enrolled under the scheme well before the prescribed cut-off date. He laid special emphasis on covering non-loanee farmers, directing field functionaries to identify and motivate them for enrollment under PMFBY through intensive awareness campaigns and village-level outreach programmes and directed officers to organise awareness camps, Gram Sabhas, Kisan Melas, farmer meet-

ings and IEC campaigns to educate farmers about the benefits of crop insurance and facilitate timely enrollment. The Director further directed that enrollment progress be monitored daily at the district level, with bottlenecks resolved promptly through coordinated action among the Agriculture Department, banks and the insurance company. He reiterated that effective implementation of PMFBY is essential for safeguarding farmers against crop losses arising

from natural calamities and adverse weather events and for strengthening the resilience of the agricultural sector. Incharge PMFBY, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu Anirudh Bhat; National Head (Agri Business), Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Ravinder Sharma; State Head, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Sonu Kashyap; District Manager Shubham Sharma and other officers concerned of the Directorate were also part of the meeting.

# Inter-departmental meeting held to strengthen TB Mukht Bharat implementation in Medical Block Ghat

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, JULY 22**

Programme Officer (Poshan), ICDS Doda Akhtar Hussain Qazi today chaired a Block-Level Monitoring Committee meeting under the TB Mukht Bharat initiative at Medical Block Ghat to strengthen TB elimination efforts.

Among those present were BMO Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor, BDO Ghat, CDPO Doda, Liyaqat Ali Zargar (JHI), Mashhood Latif (BM&EO, NHM Ghat), Irshad Ahmed Malik (STS) and other officers and officials concerned.

The meeting deliberated on the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Block-Level Monitoring Committee and members resolved to ensure 100% screening through Digital Chest X-rays in identified high-risk villages, wards and congregate settings through TB Shivers and outreach activities; promote universal use of the TB Mukht Bharat App



and Khushi Chatbot; ensure 100% upfront NAAT testing for all presumptive TB cases; provide differentiated, patient-centric TB care; and achieve 100% TB Preventive Treatment (TPT) coverage for all eligible individuals after ruling out active TB. The committee also discussed micro-planning and gap identification at the village and ward levels, mo-

bilisation of community participation through NCC and MY Bharat volunteers, strengthening awareness and logistical support during screening camps, ensuring inter-departmental convergence, conducting regular field visits with timely submission of progress reports to the District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) and addressing operational challenges in a

time-bound manner. The Chair emphasised close coordination among stakeholder departments and called for sustained efforts to achieve the campaign's objectives. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to making District Doda TB-free through effective implementation, active community participation and continuous monitoring.

# DC Udhampur chairs NCORD meeting, calls for stronger coordination to combat drug menace

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, JULY 22**

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre to review drug control measures and discuss restructuring of the NCORD mechanism for strengthening anti-narcotics efforts. Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat and senior officers from various line departments.

The meeting reviewed key aspects of drug prevention and control, including identification and rehabilitation of drug addicts, progress on PIT-NDPS cases, action against erring pharmacies, installation of CCTV cameras, measures to curb illicit cultivation of narcotic crops, inspection of de-addiction centres, block-wise data on drug abusers, identification of drug hotspots, surveillance of educational institutions,



implementation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns, mass awareness programmes, computerised billing systems in pharmacies, Nasha Mukti Panchayats and cases registered under the NDPS Act. The DC directed agencies concerned to strengthen efforts to identify and apprehend individuals involved in drug trafficking, monitor abuse-prone areas and pro-

mote community-based rehabilitation and awareness initiatives and instructed all departments to intensify counselling services and strengthen IEC activities to sensitise the public, particularly the youth, about the harmful effects of drug abuse. The Chief Education Officer and college principals were instructed to organise regular awareness programmes and anti-drug campaigns in educational institutions.

The Deputy Commissioner called for decisive action against drug trafficking, effective seizure of illicit substances and sustained efforts to protect the youth from the menace of drugs and directed departments concerned to enhance their overall performance, ensure timely submission of reports and work in close coordination to make the district drug-free under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

# DC Ramban reviews restoration works, essential services and emergency response preparedness heavy rainfall

**RAMBAN, JULY 22:**

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess progress of restoration works, availability of essential services and supplies and preparedness of departments to deal with weather-related and other emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed seamless inter-departmental coordination, prompt restoration of essential services and continuous field monitoring to minimise public inconvenience and safeguard lives and property during the ongoing monsoon season.

Reviewing restoration works, the Deputy Commissioner directed NHAI to ensure NH-44 remains traffic-worthy from Nashri to Banihal by deploying adequate manpower and machinery at vulnerable locations for immediate clearance of landslides, mudslides and debris and instructed PWD, PMGSY and BRO to expedite restoration of traffic on affected roads under their respective jurisdictions and keep men and machinery ready to respond swiftly to any disruption.

Taking an area-wise review, the Deputy Commissioner directed all SDMs and Tehsildars to remain in the field, closely monitor the situation, supervise restoration works and maintain constant coordi-



nation with field agencies to ensure prompt response to any emergency. He instructed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services and keep medical teams, ambulances and essential medicines ready to tackle any health-related emergency.

The Chief Education Officer was directed to conduct safety audits of all government and private schools before they reopen after summer vacation, the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti to ensure regular monitoring of drinking water quality and take preventive measures against contamination during the rainy season and the Chief Agri-

culture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer and District Sheep Husbandry Officer to assess losses, if any, extend timely assistance to affected farmers and livestock owners and ensure availability of essential agricultural and veterinary services.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed SDMs, Tehsildars and officers concerned to remain alert, ensure immediate response to public grievances, submit timely situation reports and maintain close coordination with the District Control Room.

SSP Ramban Arun Gupta advised departments concerned to ensure that workers and machine operators

engaged in restoration works are equipped with proper safety gear and that prescribed safety protocols are strictly followed in vulnerable and landslide-prone areas.

Among those present were ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, CPO Dr Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Executive Engineers of PWD, PMGSY, Jal Shakti and JPDCL, representatives of NHAI, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Executive Officer Municipal Council Ramban, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Tehsildars and officers from various line departments.

# Dy Commissioner Rajouri reviews preparations for Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra

**RAJOURI, JULY 22:**

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess preparedness and finalise arrangements for the successful conduct of the forthcoming Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed responsibilities assigned to various departments and directed all officers to ensure timely completion of arrangements required for a comfortable pilgrimage.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for robust security arrangements, effective traffic management, adequate medical facilities, uninterrupted drinking water and power supply and other essential public



services for pilgrims.

He directed departments concerned to maintain proper sanitation and cleanliness along the yatra route and instructed officers to install clear and informative signages to facilitate the pilgrims. To enhance safety, he also

called for installation of high-mast lights at key locations and directed departments concerned to conduct a comprehensive fire safety audit of all lodgement centres, langar sites and other important locations to prevent any untoward incidents.

Non-official members present at the meeting also shared suggestions to strengthen pilgrim convenience, safety and overall management. The Deputy Commissioner directed departments concerned to examine and implement the feasible suggestions in a time-bound manner.

Among those present were ADDC Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, SSP Gaurav Sikarwar, ADC Rajouri Ravi Kumar Sihag, SE PWD (R&B) Manzoor Ahmed, ACR Mohd Jahangir Khan, ACD Auqil Nuvaid, CMO Dr Manohar Lal Rana, ARTO Ashiq Rafiq Malik and Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Rajouri. ADC Nowshera Priyam Lal Thapa and ADC Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma participated through virtual mode.