

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for Independence Day-2026 celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting of district and sectoral officers of various line departments at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, Kishtwar, to review arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day-2026.

The meeting was informed that the main Independence Day function would be held at the Historic Chowgan Ground, besides organising celebrations at the sub-division, block and tehsil levels across the district.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal apprised the Deputy Commissioner of the arrangements and the roles and responsibilities assigned to the departments concerned for the Independence Day-2026 celebrations.

The meeting held detailed discussions on arrangements for flag hoisting, march past, cultural programmes, seating, stage setting, venue preparation and refreshments.



The Deputy Commissioner directed the departments concerned on all arrangements and directed the constituted committees to closely monitor the preparation process.

As part of the upcoming third phase of the 'Vande Mataram' Campaign, the Deputy Commissioner directed all officers concerned to organise large-scale events celebrating patriotism and encouraging maximum public participation, with patriotic

songs, Tiranga rallies and cultural programmes on nationalist themes across the district.

He also instructed that the celebrations be conducted strictly as per the prescribed SOPs.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, Commanding Officer 05 Sector Assam Rifles Vikrant Gupta, CMO Kishtwar Dr Sanjay Bhat, DSWO Kishtwar Tariq Parveez Qazi,

EO Municipal Council Kishtwar Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, DTO Kishtwar Showkat Ali Rather, ALC Kishtwar Mamta Sudershan, ARTO Kishtwar Tasleem Wani, Executive Engineer JPDCL Kishtwar Abdul Hamid, Tehsildar Kishtwar Nirbhay Sharma, BDO Kishtwar Ravi Kumar and BDO Bounjwah Aijaz Ahmad, besides other district officers, representatives from CRPF, CISF and various power projects and officials of the departments concerned.

DC Rajouri reviews preparations for I-Day celebrations in district

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review arrangements for the Independence Day. Officers of various line departments participated and discussed the preparations for the national event including implementation of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to work in close coordination and complete every arrangement well in advance for a dignified observance.

The meeting was informed that the main Independence Day function will be held at the District Police Line, Rajouri. The full dress rehearsal will be conducted on 13 August 2026.

Reviewing departmental responsibilities, the Deputy



Commissioner stressed meticulous planning, timely execution and effective inter-departmental coordination.

Among those present

were ADDC Malik Zada Sheraz Ul Haq, ADC Rajouri Ravi Kumar Sihag, Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Manzoor Ahmed, ACR Mohd Ja-

hangir Khan, ARTO Ashiq Rafiq Malik and CEO Mohammad Hafiz, besides other officers concerned, some of whom participated through virtual mode.

DC Kathua chairs District Level NCORD meeting

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to review anti-drug measures in the district and discuss further steps to strengthen the fight against drug abuse.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the concerted efforts of all departments during the Nasha Mukt Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan. He observed that the campaign should not remain confined to a 100-day programme but continue as a sustained movement to build a drug-free society.

SSP Mohita Sharma informed that the Police Department has recommended the suspension or cancellation of 51 driving licences and 68 vehicle registration certificates (RCs) in connection with narcotics-related offences. She further informed that during the 100-day Nasha Mukt Abhiyan the district registered more narcotics-related cases than during the entire previous year. Stringent action was also taken against drug peddlers, including demolition of illegally acquired structures and freezing of bank accounts linked to narcotics activities.

All medical shops across the district have been equipped with CCTV surveillance systems and computerised billing facilities to strengthen monitoring and ensure greater accountability in the sale of medicines.



The DC directed the School Education Department to organise regular awareness sessions for students and parents during Parent-Teacher Meetings to strengthen community participation in the anti-drug campaign.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Drug Control Department to intensify inspections, conduct surprise checks and maintain vigil on the over-the-counter sale of scheduled drugs.

The meeting also held detailed deliberations on consolidation of data of offenders for punitive action, including cancellation of licences, regular monitoring of contraband cultivation,

identification and surveillance of drug hotspots and intensified inspections of vulnerable areas.

The DC underscored the need for close coordination among the Police, BSF, Health, Drug Control, School Education and other stakeholder departments to sustain the crackdown on drug abuse and drug trafficking across the district.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua Mahima Madan, General Manager DIC Mushtaq Chaudhary, RTO Surinder Pal Sharma, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer and officers concerned.

Harvinder Singh reviews progress of Mission Yuva in RS Pora

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Mission Director (MD), Mission YUVA and Director, Employment, Harvinder Singh chaired a meeting here today to review the functioning of Business Help Desk R.S Pora.

Reviewing the progress of the Mission YUVA in the sub-division, from where over 750 enterprise applications have been received so far, the Mission Director laid particular stress on bringing farmers and agri-entrepreneurs into the fold, with special focus on the GI-tagged Basmati growers and rice millers of the R.S. Pura belt. He added that such units are to be taken up under the Nano vertical of the Mission and supported through the Agri Corpus Fund, under which collateral-free credit up to Rs. 10 lakh is extended to eligible entrepreneurs.

The Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer was directed to draw up a list of prospective units and to hold the first mobilisation camp within the month.

The Mission Director also directed that Suchetgarh, an offbeat destination on



the international border and home to the historic Octroi Post, be promoted through enterprise in the tourism sector. He said that local youth must be encouraged to set up food trucks and outlets catering to visitors under the MSME and Sunrise Sector component of the Mission.

The Block Development Officer, Suchetgarh was asked to identify suitable sites and prospective entrepreneurs. For the municipal area of R.S. Pura, the Executive Officer has been directed to create wider awareness among existing enterprises so that they may scale up under the Business Acceleration component of Mission YUVA.

The Mission Director further called for intensification of the Udyam Jagriti

campaign so as to reach a larger number of Lakhpati Didis, and for students of the sub-division to be brought within the vertical of Neo Innovative Enterprises. He underlined the support of JKRLM in creating successful women entrepreneurs. He directed that Self Help Group networks be used to identify women with viable enterprise proposals and to carry such cases through to sanction and disbursement.

Banks were also asked to expedite the sanction and disbursement of pending applications and to ensure that cases requiring rectification are resolved rather than rejected, with deficiencies conveyed to the Business Help Desk or the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) for correction so

that no deserving applicant is left out.

The Mission Director impressed upon the field machinery the need to improve performance panchayat by panchayat, and directed that the next review of the Business Help Desk, R.S. Pura be taken up after a fortnight.

The meeting, among others, was attended by SDM R.S. Pura, Anuradha Thakur; Tehsildar R.S. Pura, Block Development Officers of R.S. Pura, Miran Sahib and Suchetgarh, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, representatives of J&K Bank and J&K Grameen Bank, functionaries of JKRLM, YUVA Doots and Motivators working across the panchayats and municipal wards of the sub-division.

DDC Doda reviews HADP implementation

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District Development Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal today chaired a review meeting at the DC Office Doda to assess the progress of works under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The DDC reviewed the physical and financial progress of various projects and took stock of ongoing activities, calling for timely implementation so that the benefits of the programme reach farmers and other stakeholders without delay.

The DDC directed all officers concerned to expedite execution of HADP projects and achieve all targets within the stipulated timelines and instructed the departments to maintain close coordination, regularly monitor progress and promptly resolve any bottlenecks affecting implementation.



Officers briefed the Chair on the progress achieved in their respective departments, highlighted key achievements under the scheme and discussed the bottlenecks and challenges affecting implementation.

The DDC directed the departments concerned to take timely corrective measures for effective execution of all HADP projects.

Among those present were the Additional Deputy

Commissioner Doda, Chief Agriculture Officer Doda, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Doda, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Doda, Chief Horticulture Officer Doda and other officers and officials concerned.

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DC Ramban reviews arrangements at Lamber Yatra Camp as Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra resumes

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today visited the Lamber Yatra Camp at Banihal to review arrangements for the movement, safety and convenience of pilgrims following the resumption of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra after a six-day suspension due to adverse weather.

During the visit, the DC inspected the lodging facilities, sanitation, drinking water supply, medical services, power supply, food arrangements and other essential amenities at the camp. He reviewed the preparedness of all line departments and directed officers to ensure that every facility remains fully functional.

The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the yatriis and enquired about the facilities provided at the camp. The pilgrims appreciated the arrangements made by the District



Administration and thanked the officers and staff for their support and hospitality.

The DC instructed the officers concerned to maintain round-the-clock vigilance and ensure prompt

response to any requirement of the pilgrims. He directed them to remain alert, particularly in view of the prevailing weather and to provide assistance wherever needed.

Among others who accompanied the DC were

SSP Ramban Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamid, SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan, SDM Ramsoo Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah and officers concerned.