

DM Kupwara reviews Anti-Drug Measures at District NCORD Committee Meeting

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District Magistrate (DM) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today chaired a meeting of the District-Level NCORD (Narco Coordination Centre) Committee to review the anti-drug measures being implemented across the district.

The meeting comprehensively assessed inter-departmental coordination in the areas of prevention, enforcement, awareness, and rehabilitation, with particular focus on the progress achieved under the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukti Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan.

At the outset detailed discussion held regarding achievements of 100 days campaign consisting enforcement measures undertaken by the district police Kupwara and Handwara in terms of the registration of FIRs under the NDPS Act, attachment of properties belonging to drug peddlers, preventive detention of offenders, removal of encroachments and the destruction of illicit cannabis and poppy cultivation across the district.

He also reviewed action initiated under SOP of the Home Department, including the cancellation of driving licences, contractor cards, gun licenses and action related to passports of individuals involved in narcotics-related offences.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to promptly conclude pending Regular Departmental Action (RDA) and other applicable legal proceedings against government employees found involved in drug-related offences, emphasizing that strict action is essential to ensure accountability and uphold the integrity of public institutions.



Reviewing the district's de-addiction and rehabilitation initiatives, the Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College (GMC) Handwara, and the District Health Officer (DHO) Kupwara briefed the meeting on the number of patients registered at de-addiction centres, those currently undergoing treatment, and individuals who have successfully recovered through rehabilitation programmes.

Appreciating the efforts of the Health Department, the Deputy Commissioner

stressed the need to further strengthen counselling, treatment, and post-rehabilitation follow-up services.

While reviewing awareness and capacity-building initiatives, the Deputy Commissioner directed completion of trainings of nominated counsellors from Education Department, Government Degree Colleges (GDCs), SHGs, police officials and other concerned institutions to ensure structured and effective awareness campaigns on the harmful effects of drug abuse across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed that the momentum generated during the past 100 days be sustained through contin-

ued and coordinated efforts to achieve the objective of a Drug-Free Kupwara. Reaffirming the administration's commitment to combating drug abuse, he called upon all stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and adopt a proactive approach towards prevention, enforcement, awareness generation, and rehabilitation.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kupwara/Handwara, Medical Superintendent GMC Handwara, District Health Officer Kupwara, Principals of Government Degree Colleges, Chief Education Officer (CEO), District Information Officer (DIO), Officers from Prosecution, Tehsildars, and other concerned officers.

Nun Chai Talks: Renowned Physician inspires students with life lessons in Bandipora

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Continuing its efforts to provide meaningful mentorship and career guidance to the youth, the District Administration Bandipora today organised another edition of Nun Chai Talks at Waqar Knowledge Centre, featuring renowned physician, Dr. Parvaiz Sajad Shah, Senior Physician, as the guest speaker.

The programme witnessed participation of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib; BDO Aloosa, resource persons, students and youth, who interacted with the guest speaker during an inspiring and thought-provoking session focused on perseverance, education, values and purposeful living.

Sharing the story of his early life, Dr. Parvaiz Sajad Shah spoke about his humble beginnings and the challenges he overcame in his journey to becoming a doctor. He reflected on how perseverance, hard work and determination helped him realise his dream despite the obstacles he encountered along the way. He recalled joining Government Medical College, Srinagar, in 1989 and described his journey as the one shaped by determination, discipline and hard work.

During the interaction, Dr. Shah emphasised the pivotal role of parents and teachers in shaping an individual's future. He recalled a memorable incident from his school days when his teacher, Shamsu-Din, inspired him to work harder and strive for excellence. He also fondly remembered Mohd Yousuf Sofi of Onagam, whose encouragement ignited his determination to work to-



wards a brighter future.

Urging students to remain focused on their aspirations, Dr. Shah advised them to listen to the guidance of parents, teachers and elders, whom he described as the torchbearers for the younger generation. He encouraged them to stay committed to their goals instead of getting influenced by the crowd and reminded them that success comes through consistent effort, patience and self-belief.

Highlighting the importance of social responsibility, Dr. Shah urged the younger generation to extend help to the downtrodden, protect the environment and actively contribute towards waste management for building a healthier and more sustainable society.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner shared valuable in-

sights on maintaining a healthy work-life balance while pursuing professional excellence. She encouraged students to remain focused on their goals instead of following the crowd and advised them to choose careers that genuinely bring them happiness and satisfaction.

The Deputy Commissioner said that true fulfillment comes when one finds joy in one's work and creates opportunities to seek happiness through dedication and purpose. Quoting a famous thought, she remarked that one's dream should be so inspiring that it does not allow one to sleep, motivating the students to pursue their ambitions with unwavering commitment.

An interactive question-and-answer session was also held during which students sought guidance on career choices, motivation,

success and personal development. Dr. Shah and the Deputy Commissioner responded to the queries with practical advice drawn from their personal and professional experiences.

The participants appreciated the session and described it as highly inspiring and enriching. They said the interaction motivated them to work hard, value the guidance of parents and teachers and remain committed to achieving their goals.

The District Administration Bandipora emphasized that the Nun Chai Talks initiative will continue to serve as a vibrant platform where distinguished achievers from different walks of life engage with young people, share their journeys and experiences, and encourage them to pursue their aspirations with confidence, purpose and determination.

DC Kulgam chairs District Road Safety Committee meeting; finalizes Road Safety Plan

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee at the DC Office, Kulgam, to finalize the District Road Safety Plan and review measures aimed at improving road safety across the district.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the urgent onboarding of District Hospital, Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) on the e-DAR portal to ensure timely reporting and management of road accident cases.

The DC also stressed the effective implementation of the PM RAHAT scheme to facilitate prompt assistance to accident victims.

The DC issued strict directions to the concerned departments for the implementation of the norms and guidelines of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) and the Road Safety Policy 2025.

He called for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to strengthen road



safety mechanisms in the district.

Highlighting the importance of engineering interventions, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Roads & Buildings (R&B), PMGSY and other executing agencies to identify and rectify accident-prone, black spots on all roads. He instructed the concerned departments to expedite the installation of crash barriers, road safety signages and speed breakers

at vulnerable locations and on roads near schools, hospitals, markets and other sensitive areas to enhance commuter safety and prevent accidents.

Special focus was laid on engineering-based remedial measures, including the identification and rectification of accident-prone black spots on major roads.

The meeting also reviewed the overall road safety scenario in the district and discussed strate-

gies to ensure better traffic management, awareness generation and strict enforcement of road safety regulations.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ACR, Reyaz Ahmad Shah; CPO, Malik Suheel; Tehsildar Kulgam, Nisar Ahmad Wani; Dysp DAR, Mohd Ayoub Rather, ARTO Kulgam, Nasir Ahmad Khan; EO MC Kulgam, Irfan Ahmad; Executive Engineers of R&B and PMGSY.

DC Bandipora reviews Mission YUVA; DLIC approves 309 Cases

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A review-cum-District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA was held in Bandipora under the chairpersonship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib.

During the meeting, the Assistant Director Employment, Dr. Amil Khateeb, briefed the chair on the status of various Mission YUVA parameters in the district and the measures being undertaken to improve performance indicators.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the timely processing of cases, proper handholding of beneficiaries, and close coordination among all stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of Mission YUVA schemes.

A total of 309 cases were placed before the DLIC for consideration. After thorough scrutiny and deliberations, 309 cases were approved.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments and



banking institutions to work in close coordination to ensure the timely disbursement of sanctioned cases and facilitate aspiring entrepreneurs in establishing sustainable ventures.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Director Employment Bandipora, ARTO Bandipora, Cluster Head, J&K Bank, Functional Manager DIC Bandipora, District Nodal Officer NABARD Bandipora, Employment Officer Bandipora, District Programme Manager NRLM, Branch Managers of J&K Bank, SBDU Lead, and BHD Leads of Bandipora, Sumbal, and Gurez.

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Online Registration opens for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Admissions for Academic Session

BARAMULLA, JULY 25: The online registration process for admission to Class VI in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) for the academic session 2027-28 has commenced.

Eligible students and their parents are advised to complete the registration process well before the last date to avoid any inconvenience.

Applications can be submitted online through the official websites www.navodaya.gov.in and <https://cbseitms.rcil.gov.in/nvs>. The last date for submission of online applications is 31st July 2026.

Admission to Class VI will be conducted through the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) 2027-28, which

is scheduled to be held on 28th November 2026.

Students seeking admission must fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria, including the age requirement. Candidates born between 1st May 2015 and 31st July 2017 (both dates inclusive) are eligible to apply.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to submit their applications well in

advance and ensure that all required information and documents are uploaded correctly to avoid last-minute issues. Eligible students are urged to make the most of this opportunity to secure admission to one of the country's premier residential school systems, renowned for providing quality education and holistic development.

BHADERWAH, JULY 25: Block Medical Officer Bhaderwah Dr Versha Sharma today highlighted the JK Sehat App, a flagship digital healthcare initiative of the Government aimed at making quality healthcare services more accessible and citizen-friendly, before officers of various departments at Bhaderwah.

In a meeting held today, she urged all officers and officials present to download, register and become familiar with the app's features and requested all departments to disseminate information about it in



their offices and among the public to maximise its reach.

Dr Sharma informed

participants that the JK Sehat App enables citizens to book OPD appointments in Government health institu-

tions, avail teleconsultation services, access home healthcare services and use other digital healthcare facilities, reducing unnecessary travel and improving access to quality healthcare.

The Block Medical Officer appealed to all stakeholders to work collectively so that every household in District Doda is made aware of the app and the benefits of digital healthcare reach the last mile.

The participants appreciated the initiative and assured full cooperation in promoting the JK Sehat App.