

DM Reasi reviews NCORD measures, reaffirms commitment to drug-free district

REASI, JULY 27: District Magistrate Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to review enforcement measures and ongoing initiatives to curb drug abuse, dismantle narcotics networks and promote a tobacco-free environment across the district.

The meeting undertook a comprehensive review of actions taken by various departments under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) and NCORD framework. The District Magistrate assessed the progress achieved in enforcement, awareness generation, de-addiction, rehabilitation and inter-departmental coordination.

The Police Department informed the meeting that several cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psy-



chotropic Substances (NDPS) Act have been registered, leading to the arrest of accused persons and significant recoveries of narcotic substances. The District Magistrate directed the police to share details of identified drug addicts with the Chief Medical Officer to facilitate counselling, treatment and rehabilitation. The meeting was further informed that residential

properties of drug peddlers have been attached, vehicles linked to narcotics offences seized and bank accounts frozen as part of the ongoing crackdown.

The District Magistrate reviewed the IEC activities being carried out by different departments. The meeting was informed that hundreds of awareness programmes, counselling sessions, community meet-

ings and educational campaigns have been conducted in schools, colleges and villages across the district. Educational institutions, ICDS centres and Mahila Nigrani Samitis have been engaged in spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and identifying vulnerable individuals.

The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Reasi informed the meeting about the suspension and cancellation of driving licences and registration certificates linked to narcotics offences. The District Magistrate directed the Health Department to ensure the availability and distribution of drug-testing kits to the departments concerned for effective monitoring and directed officers to install CCTV cameras in identified drug hotspots and survey additional vulnerable locations requiring surveillance.

Hardeep Choudhary takes charge as District Information Officer Poonch

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JULY 27**

Hardeep Singh Choudhary today assumed charge as District Information Officer (DIO), Poonch.

The officials and staff members of the District Information Office accorded him a warm welcome and honoured the newly appointed officer, extending their best wishes for a successful tenure. The District Information Officer interacted with the staff and undertook a detailed review of the ongoing works and activities of the office.

He discussed various



matters related to the functioning of the office and underlined effective coordination, timely dis-

semination of information and efficient discharge of official duties as the priorities of his tenure.

The staff assured the DIO of their full cooperation in carrying out the assigned responsibilities.

DC Kathua reviews restoration of roads, public infrastructure damaged due to heavy rains

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JULY 27**

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of officers from various line departments to review the damage caused to roads and other public infrastructure by recent heavy rains and assess the progress of restoration works.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the extent of damage to roads and government infrastructure and sought updates on the restoration measures being undertaken by the departments concerned.

Executive Engineers of the respective departments apprised the meeting of the status of damaged roads and public assets. The Executive Engineers, PWD Kathua and Billawar informed that most damaged roads have been restored, while work on the remain-



ing stretches is progressing on priority.

The Executive Engineer, PMGSY Billawar informed that of 18 affected roads, 17 have been restored, while work on the remaining road is underway and expected to be completed shortly.

The DC directed all executing agencies to expedite restoration works and re-

store damaged flood protection structures on priority to safeguard lives, agricultural land and public property from future flood risks. He emphasised strict adherence to quality standards and timely completion of all restoration works. Among those present were ADDC Kathua Surinder Mohan, IAS Pro-

bationer Nidhi, CPO Ranjeet Thakur, ACR Vishav Partap Singh, ACD Akhil Sadotra, XEN PWD Kathua, XEN PDD, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officers of Municipal Committees Lakhanpur and Parole, besides other officers concerned.

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JULY 27**

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar and Chairman District Jal Jeevan Mission Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a review meeting on the implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSJB 3.0) and reviewed the progress of activities being executed by the line departments concerned.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Jal Shakti, Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, Forest, Education and Social Welfare Departments to submit their action plans for water conservation and rainwater harvesting works for 2026-27 and ensure the timely completion of approved works.

The Rural Development, Forest and Jal Shakti Departments were directed to initiate the rejuvenation of traditional water bodies and undertake biannual maintenance of existing water conservation and groundwater recharge structures.



The DC further directed all departments to collectively achieve a monthly target of 1,000 Jal Shakti Abhiyan works across the district, with emphasis on water conservation and rainwater harvesting.

The Rural Development and Forest Departments were asked to prioritise watershed development works in catchment areas, recharge zones and water retention landscapes, while the Forest Department was directed to implement intensive afforestation from November.

The Programme Officer

ICDS and Chief Education Officer were directed to identify schools and Anganwadi centres for rooftop rainwater harvesting, the Assistant Commissioner Development to prepare estimates and the Rural Development Department to ensure convergence under flagship schemes for the early execution of the works.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Rural Development, Education and Social Welfare Departments to mobilise Gram Panchayats, NYKS, SHGs, youth volunteers,

school children and local communities for the adoption of rainwater harvesting systems, rejuvenation of traditional water bodies and large-scale plantation.

Among those present were PO ICDS Kishtwar Rishi Kumar Sharma, BDO Hqrs Chandan Manhas, DFO Kishtwar Mahesh Thakur, DFO Marwah Vishal Chaudhary, CAO Kishtwar Kushal Chandel, CHO Kishtwar Sajid Mustafa, CEO Kishtwar Sanjay Dogra and PM DPMU Kishtwar Er Fayaz Mehta, besides other staff concerned.

CS reviews implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission in J&K

SRINAGAR, JULY 27: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) across Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on the progress achieved under its key components, adoption of digital health solutions, and their impact on healthcare delivery at the grassroots level.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Mission Director, National Health Mission; Managing Director, ABDM J&K; Principal, GMC, Srinagar/Jammu; Director, Health Services, Jammu; senior officers of the Health & Medical Education Department, and other concerned officers.

During the review, the Chief Secretary underscored that the core objective of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is the creation of comprehensive digital health records for every individual, and stressed that all efforts under the Mission must remain aligned with this fundamental goal.

He observed that while substantial progress has been achieved in creation of ABHA IDs and digital health infrastructure, the ultimate measure of success would be the availability of complete, secure and interoperable digital health records for every citizen.

To realise this objective, Dulloo directed the Mission to put in place a well-defined implemen-

tation strategy with clearly identified milestones for progressively enhancing the generation and linkage of electronic health records across the Union Territory.

He emphasised that implementation of the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) should be expedited in all healthcare institutions, with primary focus on public health facilities, so that every patient interaction contributes towards building comprehensive digital health records.

He further directed that the number of ABHA IDs created should progressively be brought at par with the number of Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards issued in the Union Territory, with targets fixed and closely monitored as important milestones towards achieving universal digital health coverage.

The Chief Secretary also stressed the need to maximise utilisation of citizen-centric services available through the JK Sehat App. He called upon the department to promote greater public uptake of home healthcare services, online doctor appointment booking, teleconsultation facilities and doorstep delivery of medicines through local pharmacies, observing that these services have immense potential to improve accessibility, convenience and quality of healthcare delivery for the people.

Appreciating the JK Sehat App as a comprehensive digital healthcare platform, the Chief



Secretary observed that the Department has developed an excellent online product catering to the needs of citizens as well as healthcare professionals.

He directed that the application should be further strengthened by enriching its knowledge repository with additional academic resources, digital library content and medical courses for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, thereby transforming it into a robust learning and knowledge-sharing platform alongside its healthcare service delivery functions.

The Chief Secretary further instructed the department to undertake a comprehensive assessment of operational bottlenecks affecting implementation of various digital health initiatives and resolve them in close coordination with all stakeholders, including healthcare institutions, technical agencies and implementing partners, so as to ensure seamless delivery of services and achievement of the

Mission objectives within the prescribed timelines.

During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary, H&ME, M.Rajuremarked that Jammu and Kashmir has made significant strides in implementing the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and has emerged as one of the leading performers in the country.

He apprised that the Union Territory was recently conferred the National Award by the Health Authority for achieving the highest Health Record Linking per lakh population among medium-sized States and Union Territories. Earlier this year, J&K was also recognised for its best-performing model healthcare facilities under the Mission.

Reviewing the progress achieved since the last assessment, the Chief Secretary was informed by MD, ABDM, Ananth Dwivedi that over 1.12 crore ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) IDs have been created in the Union Territory,



covering nearly 83 percent of the estimated population. The number of ABHA-linked electronic health records has increased substantially, while more than 1.34 crore Scan & Share tokens have been generated, reflecting increased citizen adoption of digital healthcare services.

He further divulged that 100 percent registration of public healthcare facilities, doctors and nurses on the Health Facility Registry (HFR) and Health Professional Registry (HPR) has been achieved, ensuring complete onboarding of the public healthcare ecosystem onto the national digital health platform. The action points identified during the previous review meeting, including universal registration of public doctors, generation of unique health records and integration of radiology and imaging reports with ABHA IDs, have also been successfully accomplished.

Reviewing district-wise per-

formance, the Chief Secretary directed the Deputy Commissioners, Chief Medical Officers and district health authorities to intensify focused campaigns in districts requiring further improvement so that universal ABHA coverage is achieved within the stipulated timeline. He stressed that every eligible citizen visiting a health institution should be facilitated in creating an ABHA ID at the point of service, while sustained awareness campaigns and inter-departmental convergence should continue to accelerate saturation across the Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the implementation of the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) under the JK e-Sahaj platform and the transition to the Next Generation e-Hospital solution. He was informed that JK e-Sahaj has already been implemented in more than one hundred healthcare facilities across the Union Territory, while 85 hospitals have already been onboarded onto the Next Gen HMIS platform. The remaining identified institutions are expected to be onboarded within the next two weeks, after which phased implementation of registration, IPD, pharmacy, laboratory and radiology modules will be undertaken.

Moreover the progress of Scan & Share, Electronic Medical Record (EMR) generation and digital health record linkage across healthcare facilities was also reviewed in detail. It

was revealed that the majority of patients visiting government hospitals are now availing digital registration services through Scan & Share, while continuous efforts are being made to improve EMR generation and strengthen linkage of laboratory, pharmacy and radiology reports with ABHA IDs.

The meeting was further apprised about the increasing adoption of the JK Sehat App, which provides citizens access to a wide range of digital health services including Scan & Share, ABHA creation, health record viewing, blood bank services, online appointments, tele-consultation, ambulance services, home healthcare and pharmacy services to the citizens.

The platform has registered over 15.5 lakh citizens, while lakhs of users have availed different healthcare services through the application. Officers informed that the latest version of the application now includes Health Locker and enhanced digital health functionalities for greater citizen convenience.

While reviewing the roadmap ahead, the Chief Secretary directed the department to achieve 100 percent ABHA saturation, strengthen generation of ABHA-linked electronic health records, maximise utilisation of Scan & Share services in hospitals, and expand ABDM-enabled HMIS implementation across all healthcare institutions of the UT.