

CEO holds SVEEP programme in Rajouri, stresses ‘No Voter to be left behind’

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To promote voter awareness and encourage greater participation in the electoral process, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, today organised a day-long mega SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programme at Sunderbani Sub-Division, Rajouri.

The programme was presided over by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Sanjeev Verma.

District Election Officer, Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, Deputy District Election Officer, Qadeer Ul Rehman; SVEEP Nodal Officer, J&K, Salam Din, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and local residents and voters including newly enrolled electors were present on the occasion.

The programme was organized to strengthen voter awareness at the grassroots level, with a special focus on young and newly enrolled voters, encouraging them to actively participate in the democratic process. The participants were sensitized on the importance of informed and ethical voting, electoral rights, and the role of every eligible citizen in strengthening democracy.

Addressing the gathering, the CEO emphasised that voter awareness cannot remain confined to election time only and



needs to be taken to every section of society through sustained and meaningful outreach throughout the year.

He called upon the officers, officials and field functionaries to maintain close contact with voters and ensure that genuine information regarding electoral processes reaches people at the grassroots.

Sanjeev Verma also stressed the need to give particular attention to first-time voters and vulnerable sections requiring greater facilitation and awareness. He urged the youth to understand the value of their vote and participate in elections not merely as a right but as an important responsibility towards strengthening the democratic system.

During the programme, detailed discussions were held on voter registration, electoral roll-related services, voter facilitation and the role of Booth Level Officers in ensuring that the eligible citizens are connected with the electoral process. The field functionaries were advised to undertake regular outreach in their respective areas and address the concerns of voters in a timely manner.

The CEO also interacted with the BLOs and other electoral officials and had feedback regarding voter awareness activities being undertaken at the ground level. He stressed the importance of identifying areas and groups where voter awareness needs to be further strengthened and tailoring SVEEP interventions accordingly.

The newly enrolled electors were encouraged to remain actively engaged with the electoral process and make use of the facilities and information made available by the Election Commission of India and the Election Department, J&K. The participants were sensitised about the importance of exercising their franchise freely, responsibly and in an informed manner.

The programme also highlighted the role of BLOs as the first point of contact between the Election Department and the voters. The field-level officials were asked to continue working with zeal so that no eligible voter is left behind.

Div Com Kashmir reviews progress of Ring Road, directs expedited execution

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Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Monday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the Srinagar Ring Road Phases-II and II A falling in Ganderbal district and directed the concerned departments to expedite the execution of the prestigious infrastructure project.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore; Project Director, National Highways Authority (NHAI), Chief Engineers of the Roads & Buildings (R&B) and Public Health Engineering (PHE) departments, besides other senior officers.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the status of land acquisition, compensation disbursement, handover of acquired land, removal of trees falling along the project alignment, demolition of private and government structures, court-related references, utility shifting, and other issues hindering the progress of the project.

Stressing the need for accurate documentation and timely resolution of pending issues, Anshul Garg directed the concerned officers to compile comprehensive details regarding acquired



land, land already handed over to the executing agency, and pending court references by Friday. He also instructed the officers to conduct a joint site inspection on Saturday to assess the ground situation and evaluate issues affecting the project's execution.

To facilitate smooth progress, the Divisional Commissioner directed the concerned departments to expedite the process of removing trees falling within the project alignment in accordance with the prescribed procedures while

considering transplantation wherever possible and ensuring compensatory afforestation in other cases.

Regarding private structures located on state land, he instructed NHAI team to follow the executing agency's compensation norms and ensure prompt resolution of the issue. In the case of government structures, he directed that the buildings be handed over to the executing agency on an Equal Value Infrastructure (EVI) basis.

Addressing the issue related to the commissioning

of the new PHE pipeline, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Chief Engineer, PHE, to facilitate its connection with the existing water supply network without disrupting essential services, thereby ensuring that the work progress on the project.

Reiterating the importance of timely completion of the Srinagar Ring Road Phase project, Anshul Garg emphasized close coordination among all stakeholder departments to remove impediments and accelerate the pace of work.

DC Poonch directs BRO to expedite road up-gradation works

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of projects being executed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), officers from the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and other concerned district officers.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed review of the ongoing works and discussed the bottlenecks affecting the condition of the National Highway.

He observed that certain road stretches are in very poor condition. He directed the BRO authorities to take immediate corrective measures.



The DC directed BRO to restore all damaged stretches, attend to landslide-prone locations and repair potholes without delay for safe and hassle-free movement of vehicles.

Special emphasis was laid on improving the Potha Bypass Road in view of the ongoing Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra. He directed BRO to ensure that the Sani Bridge and its approach roads are maintained well for the convenience of pilgrims and the general public.

The BRO officers briefed the meeting on the progress of ongoing works and assured that all priority directions issued by the District Administration would be implemented on an urgent basis.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon the concerned departments to maintain close coordination with the BRO for the timely completion of works. He emphasized that uninterrupted road connectivity is essential for public safety, development, and the successful conduct of the Yatra.

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DDC reviews RDSS implementation in Doda

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex to assess the progress of works being executed under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC reviewed the major works being executed under the scheme, including DTR capacity-wise progress, the status of installation of distribution transformers (DTRs), LT stringing and smart meter installation.

He also took stock of the execution status of MCM-quality AB cables and ST poles being installed in different areas of the district.



The concerned officers briefed the meeting on the progress achieved since the last review meeting and the action taken on the directions issued earlier.

Various bottlenecks affecting the pace of implementation were discussed and the DDC directed the concerned departments and executing agencies to resolve the pending issues in a time-bound manner.

The DDC stressed the need for close coordination among all stakeholders to ensure the smooth and effective execution of works.

Emphasising the importance of timely completion, the DDC instructed the officers to expedite the implementation of all RDSS projects while maintaining the prescribed quality standards.

He directed that all works be completed within the stipulated timelines so that the benefits of improved and reliable power infrastructure are delivered to the people at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs), Assistant Engineers (AEs), Junior Engineers (JEs) from all Electric Divisions of the district, representatives of the executing agencies, stakeholders and other concerned officials.

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Adolescent Health Day was observed today at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Thathri under the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK).

The objective of the programme was to generate awareness about the health related issues and encourage healthy lifestyle practices among adolescents.

Adolescent Health Counsellors Pinku Sharma and Pooja Sharma delivered informative sessions, explaining the key components of RKSK. They sensitized students about adolescent-friendly health services provided under the RKSK including nutrition, counseling on mental health, menstrual hygiene and prevention of substance abuse.

Blood Grouping and the Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment of the students were conducted to promote health awareness and facilitate early identification of potential health concerns.



The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which students actively participated and clarified their health-related queries. The initiative was well received by the participants and reaffirmed the Health Department's commitment to promoting adolescent health, well-being and preventive healthcare through sustained awareness and screening activities.

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DC Kathua assesses progress of development works

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of development works being executed under the UT Capex, District Plan and the MLA Constituency Development Fund (MLA-CDF).

At the outset, the district officers and executing agencies presented detailed updates on the physical and financial progress of ongoing developmental works across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for timely completion of all sanctioned works. He directed the concerned departments to adhere strictly to the prescribed timelines. Stressing the importance of quality and efficiency in execution, the DC instructed officers to expedite the pace and ensure that all projects are completed at the earliest for the benefit of the public.

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complete the necessary formalities for early allotment and execution of new projects proposed under the District Capex Budget, UT Capex and MLA-CDF. Officers were instructed to

maintain close coordination to avoid delays and ensure effective implementation.

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