

Health Deptt conducts Nasha Mukht Bharat awareness campaign at GGHSS Thathri

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As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the Health Department today organized an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) awareness programme at Government Girls Hr Sec School Thathri.

The awareness session was conducted by Adolescent Health Counsellors Jonson Chandail, Pinku Sharma and Pooja Sharma. They educated students about the ill effects of substance abuse and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The programme was attended by Tehsildar Satish Rana, officials from the Municipal Committee and the Health Department.

The speakers highlighted the harmful consequences of drug abuse, tobacco, alcohol and other addictive substances on physical, mental and social well-being. Students were encouraged to resist peer pressure,



make informed and healthy choices and actively contribute towards the vision of a drug-free India.

The interactive session witnessed enthusiastic par-

ticipation from the students, who pledged to spread awareness among their families and communities. The programme concluded with a collective

pledge by all participants to stay away from drugs and support the Government's mission of building a healthy, addiction-free society.

DG Rural Sanitation reviews SBM(G) progress in Baramulla

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Director General, Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra today chaired a high-level review meeting in Baramulla to assess the progress of key initiatives under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and review the implementation of rural sanitation projects across the district.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Kashmir, Shabir Ahmad Hakak, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP), Baramulla, Mudansir Hussain, Block Development Officers (BDOs) of all blocks of the district, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, consultants of the Directorate, and other concerned officers.

The review focused on the status of rural sanitation as-



sets, door-to-door waste collection services, tendering of sanitation infrastructure, operation and maintenance of existing assets, and other SBM(G)-related interventions being implemented across the district.

During the meeting, the Director General conducted a detailed block-wise review of ongoing projects and directed all BDOs to expedite the implementation of sanctioned works.

She emphasized that the Swachh Bharat Mission

(Grameen) remains a priority programme and called upon the field functionaries to ensure timely and quality execution of all projects.

Stressing the importance of efficient service delivery and sustainable sanitation systems, Anoo Malhotra directed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Baramulla, to closely monitor the progress of works and ensure their completion within the stipulated timelines.

"Work towards making

picturesque Gulmarg a no plastic zone," she directed to ACP Baramulla.

She also underscored the need to strengthen door-to-door waste collection services and make sanitation assets, including Plastic Waste Management Units, Segregation Sheds, and other solid and liquid waste management infrastructure, fully functional for the benefit of rural communities.

Reiterating the government's commitment to achieving sustainable rural sanitation, the Director General said that effective planning, regular monitoring, inter-departmental coordination, and timely execution at the block level are crucial to realizing the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and ensuring cleaner, healthier, and more resilient villages across Baramulla district.

DC Kathua reviews progress of PWD Works

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of PWD works being executed under various sectors and schemes across the district.

The meeting was attended by IAS Probationer Nidhi, SE PWD Arjit Gupta, Chief Planning Officer Ranjeet Thakur, Chief Medical Officer Dr Vijay Raina, Chief Education Officer Kewal Krishan and Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B) Divisions Kathua, Hiranagar, Billawar, Basohli and Bani, besides other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of works undertaken by different PWD (R&B) Divisions proposed for the financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27 under the District Capex Budget, NABARD, UT Capex Budget, Permanent Restoration Works, Post Disaster Needs



Assessment (PDNA) works, City and Town Programme, Health UT, Education UT, Samagra Shiksha, DDC/PRI building works etc.

Taking a scheme-wise review, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for

close monitoring and effective coordination among the executing agencies to ensure timely completion. He directed the concerned officers to remove bottlenecks, adhere to prescribed timelines and maintain quality standards.

The DC also emphasised optimum utilisation of available resources and instructed the executing agencies to regularly monitor the progress of works and ensure that all projects are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

DDC Doda reviews implementation of Mission YUVA

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal on Thursday reviewed the implementation of Mission YUVA in the district at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah; Chief Planning Officer; Assistant Commissioner Revenue; Assistant Director District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC); Cluster Head J&K Bank; District Programme Manager NRLM; officials of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU); Block Heads; YUVA Doots; and other concerned officers. The Lead Bank Manager and J&K Bank Branch Heads of the district participated through virtual mode.

At the outset, the Assistant Director DE&CC gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the district's performance under Mission YUVA.

The DDC conducted a comprehensive review of block-wise applications received under the mission and assessed the status of cases pending at the Business Helping Desk (BHD), Small Business Development Unit (SBDU), District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) and



bank branches. The meeting reviewed awareness and application conversion under the Lakhpati Didi initiative, progress of awareness drives, new applications received against assigned targets, verification by BHDs, SBDU scrutiny, DLIC approvals, bank sanctions, loan disbursements, interest subvention, disposal and re-application of rejected cases, capacity building through training, mentorship and handholding, completion reports, market access through online platforms and the status of zero-product registration.

The DDC also reviewed the performance of YUVA Doots based on panchayat-wise applications, the dis-

trict's progress in enrolling Lakhpati Didis under Udhyaam Jagriti 5.0 for 2026-27 and the monthly targets assigned to different blocks.

In addition, a detailed roadmap for accelerated implementation of Mission YUVA was presented, outlining time-bound targets for field mobilisation, credit linkage, application processing, bank sanctions, verification of pending cases and ONDC seller onboarding.

The DDC directed the stakeholder departments and financial institutions to work in close coordination to ensure timely achievement of the mission objectives and improve the district's overall performance.

Emphasising the importance of grassroots mobilisation, the chair directed the YUVA Doots and Business Helping Desks to complete their assigned targets within the stipulated timelines. The DDC instructed the BHDs to thoroughly scrutinise panchayat-wise applications and submit verification reports within 14 days. He also stressed the need to intensify awareness campaigns, ensure timely verification of applications, strengthen credit linkages with banks and provide continuous handholding support to aspiring entrepreneurs so that the benefits of Mission YUVA reach every eligible youth in the district.

DC Kishtwar chairs joint security review meeting

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a Joint Security Review (JSR) meeting to review the implementation of recommendations pertaining to the security of vital installations, critical infrastructure, vulnerable areas and adherence to the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) at all hydroelectric power projects in the district including Kiru, Kwar, Ratle, Pakal Dul and Dul Hasti.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Naresh Singh briefed the participants on the status of implementation of the JSR recommendations, existing security arrangements at the project sites, compliance with the prescribed SOPs and highlighted the need for additional security measures and infrastructure improvements to further strengthen the safety and security of the power projects.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the security of vital installations and critical infrastructure remains the top priority of the District Administration. He stressed the need for



strict implementation of the recommendations and full adherence to the prescribed SOPs.

He directed all Heads of the concerned power projects to upgrade infrastructure in accordance with the JSR recommendations, strengthen security arrangements in and around the project sites, enhance surveillance and maintain constant vigil to prevent any untoward incident.

The DC also directed all Heads of Projects (HoPs) to issue a circular regarding the restriction on the use of mobile phones in restricted areas. He further instructed all concerned power projects to ensure the deploy-

ment of 100 percent armed guards and enhance security at identified key locations. Necessary directions were also issued for the upgradation of infrastructure wherever required.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the project authorities to ensure continuous round-the-clock monitoring through the already installed CCTV cameras and to immediately report any suspicious activity to the concerned police authorities. He also instructed the authorities to install CCTV cameras at all identified key locations where installation is still pending.

Assuring full support from the District Administration, the DC directed all

power project authorities to conduct regular security mock drills at their respective sites to ensure preparedness for any unforeseen situation and effective implementation of the prescribed SOPs.

The SSP directed all power project authorities to deploy 100 percent armed security personnel and also instructed them to deploy women security personnel at identified key locations, wherever required.

The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotal; ACP/ACD Neeraj Sharma; Heads of the concerned Power Projects and other representatives of the hydroelectric power project authorities.

Awareness-cum-Medical Camp held for Senior Citizens at Bhaderwah

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The Office of the Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Bhaderwah in collaboration with the Health Department, organised an awareness-cum-medical camp for Senior Citizens here today with the objective of promoting healthy ageing, creating awareness about government welfare initiatives and legal rights and providing free healthcare services to senior citizens.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from senior citizens hailing from different parts of the Sub-Division, besides representatives from the Health Department, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Information Department and media.



At the outset, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Shahnawaz Ahmad welcomed the participants and delivered an informative lecture on the welfare initiatives of the Government for senior citizens. He also sensitised

the participants about their rights and entitlements and emphasised the importance of respecting and caring for the elderly.

The resource persons from DLSA highlighted the key provisions of the Main-

tenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, explaining the rights of senior citizens and the responsibilities of children and family members towards their parents.

A medical team comprising Dr. Sheenam, Dr. Rahat, Dr. Kamaldeep, Dr. Yasir and other healthcare professionals conducted detailed screening of Senior Citizens for blood pressure, blood sugar and general health check-up.

During an interaction session, the senior citizens raised queries related to their welfare and sought guidance on various matters. The Tehsil Social Welfare Officer assured them of all possible assistance and reaffirmed the Department's commitment to addressing genuine grievances promptly.