

DC Ramban, SSP conduct security review of vital Installations

Direct Companies to conduct monthly security reviews, Ensure insurance coverage

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan and SSP Arun Gupta today chaired a Joint Security Review (JSR) meeting to review the security of vital installations, critical infrastructure and vulnerable areas. The meeting attended by senior officers and representatives from companies operating in the district assessed adherence to prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and the safety, security and welfare measures undertaken for their employees. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, Lead District Manager, General Managers from various companies, representatives from NHPC and other concerned officers. The Deputy Commissioner sought detailed information from the companies operating in the district regarding total workforce, including local and non-local employees. He also reviewed the safety and security arrangements in place for employees residing and working at various project sites. Emphasizing the importance of employee safety



and welfare, the DC directed all companies to conduct monthly reviews of their security and safety arrangements. He further stated that compliance reports would be monitored regularly at the district level to ensure effective implementation of prescribed safety protocols. The Deputy Commissioner also instructed all General Managers to ensure that every eligible employee is covered under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan

Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), thereby providing financial security to employees and their families in case of unforeseen incidents. Addressing the meeting, the SSP stressed the need to strengthen security infrastructure at all company establishments. He directed the companies to install adequate CCTV surveillance systems at employees' residential accommodations as well as work sites. The SSP further directed the companies to sensitize

the employees about the emergency helpline 112 and advised them to immediately contact the emergency service or the concerned Police Station/Police Post in case of any emergency. They also stressed the importance of collective efforts and close coordination among the district administration, Police and company managements to ensure a safe, secure and conducive working environment for all employees engaged in various projects across the district.

Watal congratulates Gymnast Ariha for winning gold in Philippines

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Vice President of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) and President of Gymnastics Association of J&K, Kiran Watal has congratulated young gymnast Ariha Pangambam of Manipur for creating history by winning a gold medal at the Asian Aerobics Gymnastics Championship held in Philippines. Shri Watal described Ariha's achievement as a historic milestone for Indian gymnastics, noting that it is the first time in the history of the sport that an Indian gymnast from Manipur has won a gold medal at the Asian Aerobics Gymnastics Championship. He lauded Ariha for her dedication, hard work and outstanding performance at the international level. He also appealed to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to provide better training infrastructure and facilities for gymnasts in the Union Territory. He



stressed the need to engage experienced and qualified coaches from outside Jammu and Kashmir. If we have national/international level coaches, the gymnast, Rudraksh may be in first four not in seventh place at the Asian Aerobics Gymnastics Championship held at Philippines. Shri Watal also appealed to Sh. Sudhir Mittal, President GFI to arrange international coaches for budding gymnasts as per MOU signed with different countries. Shri Watal emphasized that the Government and Sports Authorities must work together to create a strong ecosystem for sports in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that investment in modern training facilities, professional coaching and regular exposure to high-level competitions will help nurture the region's young talent and enable them to bring laurels to Jammu and Kashmir as well as the country.

DC Samba reviews preparations for Independence Day 2026 celebrations



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Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations. The meeting covered arrangements related to venue preparedness, security and law and order, traffic management, sanitation, power and water supply, healthcare, transportation and parking, seating, public address system, cultural programmes, parade rehearsals, illumination and other essential arrangements. The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to complete their assigned responsibilities well in advance and ensure close coordination for the smooth

conduct of the celebrations. She stressed the need for meticulous planning, timely execution and regular monitoring of all arrangements. She further directed the concerned officers to ensure cleanliness, uninterrupted essential services, adequate security and emergency response arrangements, besides making proper provisions for the convenience of participants and the general public. The DC also stressed effective coordination during parade rehearsals and cultural programmes and called upon all officers to discharge their duties with dedication, professionalism and a sense of responsibility to ensure that the Independence Day celebrations are conducted in a befitting and dignified manner.

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DC Ramban interacts with Journalism Interns from GDC

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today interacted with a group of students from Government Degree College (GDC), who are undergoing a 15-day Internship Programme in Journalism. The Interns are visiting various offices of the District Administration as part of their practical exposure. The interaction took place at the office of the Deputy Commissioner and was attended by Director Tourism Jammu Vikas Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Assistant Commissioner Development Sheraz Ahmed; Tehsildar Deep Kumar; DIO Nityapal Singh and other district officers. A total of 52 students are participating in the internship programme, being conducted by GDC Ramban in collaboration with the Institute of Mass Communication and Skill Development (IMCSD), Jammu. Interacting with the stu-



dents, the Deputy Commissioner shared insights into the functioning of the District Administration and responded to their queries related to various issues concerning the youth and student community. He encouraged the students to actively pursue academic learning alongside personality development and equip themselves with the

knowledge and skills required for their future careers. As part of the programme, the students undertook an exposure visit to the District Information Centre, Ramban, where they interacted with District Information Officer Ramban, Nityapal Singh. The DIO briefed the students about the functioning

of the Information Department and various aspects of journalism and media management. He apprised them about different aspects of media houses and the process of preparing press releases, organising cultural programmes, maintaining public relations and monitoring newspapers and other media platforms.

JMC launches City-Wide Fogging & Spraying Drive to combat mosquito-borne diseases



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In a major preventive initiative to protect citizens from mosquito-borne diseases, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today launched a comprehensive city-wide fogging and spraying drive covering all 75 wards under its jurisdiction. The campaign is being undertaken on the directions of JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav and under the supervision of Health Officer Dr. Shahid Hussain, in coordination with the Health De-

partment. The drive will continue from August 7 to November 10, 2026, with fogging and spraying activities being conducted in a phased manner across the city. The Commissioner urged citizens to extend full cooperation to JMC field teams and play an active role in preventing mosquito breeding. He appealed to residents to ensure that water does not stagnate in and around their homes and to keep their surroundings clean, stressing that stagnant water provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes and increases the risk of

dengue, chikungunya and malaria. As part of the campaign, anti-mosquito spraying will be carried out during the early morning hours, while thermal fogging will be undertaken after 4:00 PM every day. The first round of the drive will cover all 75 wards as per the phased programme. The JMC has advised citizens, particularly elderly persons and individuals with asthma or smoke allergies, to remain indoors during thermal fogging and keep doors and windows closed until the fog has cleared. Residents have also been

urged to regularly inspect and clean coolers, water containers, tyres, flowerpots, drains, rooftops and other places where water may accumulate. The Corporation emphasized that eliminating stagnant water is one of the most effective measures to prevent mosquito breeding and reduce the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. The JMC will continue the fogging and spraying campaign in a phased manner and undertake subsequent rounds as required to ensure effective mosquito control across all areas of the city. The Corporation has appealed to citizens to make mosquito prevention a collective responsibility by keeping their surroundings clean, eliminating stagnant water and extending full cooperation to JMC teams during the campaign. "Stop stagnant water. Stop mosquito breeding. Help keep Jammu safe from mosquito-borne diseases."

DDC Doda reviews issues related to Migrant Labourers

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal, along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kartik Shrotriya, today chaired a meeting with representatives from major construction companies, contractors and project managers to review issues concerning migrant labourers engaged in the ongoing development projects in the district. The meeting was held in the VC Room of the DC Office and attended by representatives from NHIDCL, Srishti Infrastructure Limited, E5 Infrastructure Private Limited, MCPL, SSN Infra Pvt. Ltd., AL Construction Limited, Ambience Resort Bhaderwah and other contractors executing works in the district.



Reviewing the status of migrant labourers employed by different establishments, the DDC emphasized strict adherence to the provisions of labour laws. He directed the employers to ensure registration of each worker and maintain an updated record of their deployment and comply with all statu-

tory requirements relating to their welfare, safety and working conditions. The DDC further directed the contractors and project authorities to register every non-local worker under the applicable government insurance schemes so that they receive the benefits of social security and financial pro-

tection. He also instructed them to furnish the complete list of non-local labourers engaged by their respective establishments to the district administration for proper documentation, monitoring and verification. The DDC stressed that maintaining accurate records of migrant workers is essential for effective coordination among departments, ensuring their welfare and strengthening security and regulatory oversight. He called upon all stakeholders to extend full cooperation to the District Administration and ensure complete compliance with the prescribed guidelines. The participating agencies were instructed to furnish comprehensive details of the migrant labourers engaged in their respective projects without delay and to strictly adhere to all applicable labour laws.