

## Sakina Itoo reviews welfare measures for Leprosy patients

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Civil Secretariat here on the welfare and rehabilitation of leprosy patients, with emphasis on dignified healthcare and social security.

The meeting was attended by MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Ali Sadiq; Commissioner SMC, Fazlul Haseeb; Director SKIMS, Prof. M.Ashraf Ganie; Principal GMC Srinagar, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; Director Health Services Kashmir, CMO Srinagar and representatives of Leprosy patients and Leper Hospital, Bharar.

During the meeting, the Health Minister took review of various issues including allotment of government quarters for leprosy-affected families, assessment of reconstructive surgeries conducted over the past two years, and provision of caretakers for patients without family support.



Speaking during the meeting, Sakeena Itoo reiterated that the Omar Abdullah-led Government is committed for compassionate healthcare and dignified rehabilitation for every vulnerable section of society. She directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination and

timely rehabilitation of Leprosy patients.

She directed the concerned officers to ensure immediate allotment of residential quarters to eligible residents without any further delay as well as provision of a dedicated ambulance for the hospital to ensure timely access to medical care.

The Minister also directed to provide free medicines, investigations and treatment for all leprosy patients requiring medical

care at any government hospital in Srinagar, ensuring they receive quality healthcare without financial burden.

Speaking during the meeting, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Ali Sadiq expressed gratitude to Health Minister for taking prompt decisions for welfare for the Leprosy patients. He said that these decisions will go a long way in improving the quality of life, dignity and healthcare of the residents of the Leper Hospital, Bharar.

## DDC Jammu reviews Healthcare scenario Stresses collaborative efforts for TB elimination

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the status of healthcare services and infrastructure in the district.

Detailed discussions were held on maternal and infant care, including institutional deliveries through C-sections, progress under RM-NCH+A and coverage under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), besides other related schemes. The DDC also reviewed the status of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) and took stock of claim coverage and hospital-related issues under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY.

He pitched for seeking collaboration of private hospitals in TB elimination efforts. "A special campaign shall be launched to reach out to vulnerable sections,



with emphasis on intensive screening and providing assured health assistance.

Reviewing the status of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening in the district, the DDC instructed for ABHA ID generation and maximum enrollment of beneficiaries. He stressed on competitive progress vis-a-vis national and UT benchmarks.

The status of development works, renovation and upgradation of health facilities under District Capex and other budgetary heads was also assessed, with officers giving a sector-wise appraisal of ongoing works.

The DDC also lauded the role of the Health Department for its contribution to the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Preparedness for the upcoming National Deworming Day campaign, commencing August 10, was also reviewed during the meeting. The week-long campaign will target children of the specified age group for administration of deworming tablets across the district.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the arrangements for the Independence Day Celebrations, which will be organized at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex, Katra wherein, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB will unfurl the National Flag and inspect the parade comprising contingents of the JKP, CRPF, Shrine Security, NCC and children from different schools in the region.

The meeting also reviewed the arrangements for the cultural programme to be presented during the celebrations. It was decided that the programme would be designed in keeping with the spirit of the national occasion and would also highlight socially relevant themes such

## DG Rural Sanitation reviews SBM (G) implementation in Rajouri



**RAJOURI, AUGUST 08:** Director General, Rural Sanitation J&K Anoo Malhotra today chaired a high-level review meeting here at Dak Bungalow to assess the progress of key interventions under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and review the implementation of the District Sanitation Plan in this border district.

The review meeting focused on the implementation and progress of the interventions under SBM (G), status of rural sanitation infrastructure development, solid and liquid waste management activities, functioning of sanitation assets, door-to-door waste collection services, operation and

maintenance of existing assets and other sanitation-related initiatives being implemented in the district.

A detailed block-wise review of the progress under SBM(G) was undertaken at the meeting.

The Director General reviewed the status of ongoing and sanctioned works and stressed upon the need for time-bound completion, quality execution and effective utilization of sanitation infrastructure created under the programme.

Emphasizing the importance of sustainable sanitation and effective waste management, she called for strengthening door-to-door waste collection, segregation, transportation and scientific management of waste and ensuring optimum functionality of sanitation assets, including Plastic Waste Management Units, Segregation Sheds and other Solid and Liquid Waste Management infrastructure established across the district.

The meeting also held detailed discussions on the preparation and implementation of the District Sanitation Plan for the District, with emphasis on a comprehensive, coordinated and outcome-oriented approach towards rural sanitation.

The Director General stressed that the District Sanitation Plan should adequately address the sanitation requirements of all blocks and provide for effective mechanisms for waste collection, transportation, processing, treatment, operation and maintenance of sanitation assets and sustained service delivery.

She further emphasized the need for regular monitoring, inter-departmental coordination and close supervision at the block and Panchayat levels to ensure that the objectives of SBM(G) are translated into visible and sustainable outcomes on the ground.

Reiterating the Government's commitment towards achieving cleaner, healthier and sustainable rural communities, the Director General called upon all officers and field functionaries to work in a coordinated manner and ensure that sanitation services remain functional and responsive to the needs of rural communities.

The meeting concluded with directions for expediting ongoing sanitation interventions, strengthening field-level monitoring and ensuring effective implementation of the District Sanitation Plan across District Rajouri.

## Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd Holds its Annual General Meeting

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The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu today held its 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Shaurya Resorts, R.S. Pura, Jammu, with enthusiastic participation from a large number of shareholders.

The Annual General Meeting provided an important forum for the shareholders to take stock of the functioning and performance of the Bank and deliberate upon measures for its further growth and development.

The shareholders participated actively in the proceedings and offered valuable suggestions aimed at ensuring the smooth functioning of the Bank, strengthening its services and enhancing its outreach.

Chairman of the Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu, Parveen Kumar Sharma, presented the Directors' Report before the General Body and apprised the shareholders about the activities and performance



of the Bank. The accounts of the Bank for the financial years 2017-18 to 2025-26 were also presented during the meeting for consideration and deliberation by the members. The General Body conceded and approved the annual accounts and reports for the financial year ending 2026. S. Charanjeet Singh Raina and Ashwani Puri, both members BOD, Karunesh Gupta member BOM and Neeraj Anand Member Advisory Committee also addressed the august house on the occasion. Other members of the management who participated included Varinder Singh Jamwal, Suresh Gupta, Sachin Gupta,

Suneel Mahajan, Rahul Sharma, Nitin Vaid, Mamta Dogra, Rishiv Choudhary and Manish Gupta.

The active participation of shareholders and the suggestions put forth by them reflected their keen interest in the progress and development of the Bank. The deliberations focused on further improving the functioning of the institution, strengthening member-oriented services and ensuring sustainable growth.

The management acknowledged the valuable suggestions and feedback received from the shareholders and emphasized the importance of collective ef-

forts, transparency, accountability and sound cooperative principles in taking the Bank forward.

The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu reiterated its commitment to providing efficient and inclusive banking services, with particular focus on extending financial services to the unserved and underserved sections of society and contributing to greater financial inclusion.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment by the management and shareholders to work collectively for the continued growth, strengthening and development of the Bank in the years ahead.

## CEO Shrine Board reviews arrangements ahead of I-Day celebrations at Katra

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With a view to ensuring enhanced security for seamless pilgrimage and smooth conduct of the forthcoming National event, a comprehensive review meeting was held today chaired by Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board at the Spiritual Growth Centre (SGC), Katra to take stock of the preparedness and arrangements.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the arrangements for the Independence Day Celebrations, which will be organized at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex, Katra wherein, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB will unfurl the National Flag and inspect the parade comprising contingents of the JKP, CRPF, Shrine Security, NCC and children from different schools in the region.

The meeting also reviewed the arrangements for the cultural programme to be presented during the celebrations. It was decided that the programme would be designed in keeping with the spirit of the national occasion and would also highlight socially relevant themes such



as "Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan".

The concerned quarters were also directed to ensure that proper and timely invitations are extended to prominent citizens, local representatives, stakeholders and residents of Katra so as to facilitate wider public participation in the national celebrations.

The meeting laid emphasis on strengthening security arrangements in and around the Shrine area, Katra town and the Sports Complex, besides ensuring close coordination among all stakeholders for the safety and security of pilgrims and the smooth conduct of the national event.

The concerned agencies were directed to maintain heightened vigilance and undertake necessary preventive measures. The meeting also stressed regular security drills to pre-

vent impersonation and ensure that only duly registered and authorized service providers are engaged in pilgrimage-related services. The need for enhanced area domination, surveillance and preventive security measures was also discussed. It was also decided that additional security personnel will be deployed at identified vulnerable and strategic locations, while technology-enabled monitoring through the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and other available surveillance systems will be utilised for real-time monitoring and prompt response to any emerging situation.

The Superintendent of Police, Katra and Commandant, CRPF apprised the meeting of the security arrangements being put in place and assured coordi-

nated deployment of personnel and resources for maintaining a secure environment during the celebrations.

The meeting further stressed the importance of close and continuous coordination among the stakeholders for crowd regulation, traffic management, parking, emergency response, communication and prompt handling of any exigency.

The meeting was attended by SSP, Reasi; Addl. CEO, Jt. CEO, SMVDSB; SDM, Katra; Dy. CEO, Asstt. CEOs, SMVDSB; Tehsildar, Bhawan & SMVDSB; ACF, SMVDSB; SDPOs of Katra and Bhawan, besides senior officers of the Army, Police, CRPF, Railways, Fire & Emergency Services, intelligence agencies and other concerned departments.

## DC reviews implementation of social security, labour welfare schemes in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today convened a meeting of officers from the line departments to review the implementation of social security and labour welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and schemes.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, senior officers from concerned departments and representatives from various banks.

The DC conducted a comprehensive review of the registration status and cov-



erage achieved under the social security and labour welfare schemes in the district.

He stressed upon the officers to adopt a coordinated approach to maximize enrolment under the welfare schemes.

Executive Engineers and

other concerned officers were directed to prepare and submit, by Monday, division-wise and work-wise lists of all labourers/workers engaged in their respective jurisdictions and ensure their enrolment under PMJBY and PMSBY at the earliest.

The DC called for close coordination among departments and banking institutions to achieve maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries and ensure that the intended benefits of these social security schemes reach the grassroots level.