

DC Ramban chairs DLRC, DCC Meeting; Stresses meeting priority sector targets

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC), District Level Consultative Committee and District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting to assess the performance of banks and review the implementation of the financial inclusion and social security schemes in the district, with a special focus on the Priority Sector.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Sha-keeb Ahmed Rather; GM DIC Ravinder Anand; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; Lead District Officer RBI Sorabh Gupta; LDM Davinder Singh; Director RSETI S. Harvinder Singh; Cluster Head J&K Bank Nirdesh Sharma; AGM NABARD Nikhil Sharma and senior officers of District Administration and Bankers.

The meeting was informed that the district's Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio has increased by 3.68%, reaching 71.68% as on June 30, 2026, compared to the previous fiscal year ended on March 31, 2026. An amount of ₹92.79 crore has been spent under the Priority Sector, achieving 13.20% of the ₹702.83 crore Annual Credit Plan



(ACP) 2026-27 targets. The Non-Priority Sector saw a credit outlay of ₹117.61 crore.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Bankers to achieve the targets under priority sector especially Education, Housing and Social Infrastructure. He directed bankers to work in close coordination with all line departments for better implementation of schemes and service delivery. The DC instructed banks to organize more awareness camps in uncovered areas to sensitize the public about various social; security, financial inclusion and youth and Job ori-

ented schemes.

Calling for swift processing of loan cases under PM VISHWAKARMA and KCC, the DC stressed on timely benefits to local youth. He also directed Departments and Bankers to intensify their efforts to achieve the targets under PMEGP and other schemes providing loans to the youth under Mission YUVA. He also directed the officers to take lead in implementation of PMMY, PMSBY, PMJJB and APY schemes in the district.

The DC instructed Bankers and Departments to adopt a structured approach for achieving 100% performance under all gov-

ernment-sponsored schemes, especially Mission YUVA and other job oriented schemes.

Chairing the District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the performance of the institute. He also emphasized the need to enhance market-relevant training, increase the number of eligible cases and ensure financial and marketing linkages to empower the unemployed youth. Meanwhile, Director RSETI presented an overview of the achievements, ongoing initiatives and training programmes.

'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' to ensure service, welfare and benefits to last person: Sat

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BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) chaired a series of meetings at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to finalize the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', being organized to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, besides reviewing upcoming programmes of the Kisan Morcha and Mahila Morcha.

BJP J&K General Secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, Kisan Morcha President Rakesh Pant and Mahila Morcha President Neha Mahajan participated in the meeting. Kisan Morcha Prabhari Karan Singh and Seh-Prabhari Romi Khajuria, Mahila Morcha Prabhari Venu Khanna, and Seh-Prabhari Shailja Gupta were among the other prominent present in the meetings.

The month-long Seva Sankalp Abhiyan from September 17 to October 17 will turn the birthday celebrations into a sustained campaign of public service, with blood donation camps and a range of social-welfare initiatives aimed at di-



rectly benefiting people and strengthening the BJP's grassroots connect with society.

Sat Sharma said that the BJP would celebrate Prime Minister Modi's birthday not merely through programmes, but by dedicating the occasion to service and public welfare. He said PM Modi's journey represents 25 years of uninterrupted public service, from becoming Gujarat Chief Minister on October 7, 2001, to leading the nation as Prime Minister, marked by consistent efforts towards strengthening the country and transforming governance.

"The real celebration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday is to serve the people. Every pro-

gramme must create a benefit on the ground, reach the needy and take the message of good governance to every doorstep. Our cadre must ensure that the welfare initiatives and landmark decisions of the Modi government, which have transformed the nation and brought major benefits to Jammu & Kashmir, reach the people in every village and locality," Sat Sharma said.

He directed the Kisan Morcha and Mahila Morcha to intensify their field activities, maintain direct contact with farmers, women and other sections of society, understand their concerns and help connect eligible people with government welfare initiatives.

"Our politics is centered

on Seva. We must not only speak about development, we must become the bridge between the people and the benefits of development. The last person and the last household must feel the impact of good governance," Sat Sharma added.

Baldev Singh Billawaria said the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan would provide an opportunity to strengthen the BJP's people-to-people connect through meaningful welfare activities and dedicated service.

Gopal Mahajan said that the campaign would take the message of development, welfare and good governance to the grassroots while enabling party workers to understand and address genuine public concerns.

SWD concludes Assessment Camps across Kishtwar

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The Department of Social Welfare, Kishtwar today concluded a series of assessment camps organized to list Divyangjan and senior citizens across the district.

Conducted on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and Director Social Welfare Ranjeet Singh, the camps were conducted with active participation of eligible beneficiaries.

The assessment camps were organized in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (AL-IMCO) for identification and assessment of eligible persons requiring assistive and prosthetic aids under the Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) schemes of the Government of India. The concluding camp was held today at Nali, Bunjwah, covering beneficiaries from far-flung areas of the region.

The assessment camps were conducted under the overall supervision of the District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Parveez Qazi.

As per the detailed camp-wise assessment figures, a total of 268 beneficiaries were assessed during the camps. This includes 230 senior citizens assessed under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).

The remaining 38 beneficiaries were assessed under the ADIP Scheme for eligible Divyangjan. Camp-wise participation included 144 beneficiaries from Kishtwar, 22 from Dachhan, 54 from Paddar and 48 from Bunjwah.

The assessment camps were held at different locations across the district as per the notified schedule. The first camp was con-



ducted at TRC Kishtwar on August 21, followed by a camp at Panjdhar, Dachhan, on August 22. The next camp was organized at Panchayat Ghar, Tiaryi, Paddar, on August 24, while the concluding camp was held today at Nali, Bunjwah.

It is pertinent to mention that the Department of Social Welfare, Kishtwar organized the assessment camps with the objective of extending the benefits of Government welfare

schemes to eligible beneficiaries residing in far-flung and remote areas of the district, thereby facilitating their access to assistive devices and other necessary aids closer to their places of residence.

The assessment camps at Marwah and Warwan have been postponed and their revised dates will be notified separately by the Department of Social Welfare, Kishtwar, after consultation with the AL-IMCO authorities.

DC Ganderbal chairs District Level NCORD Committee Meeting

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired the monthly meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee to review the measures being undertaken by various departments to curb drug abuse and strengthen enforcement, prevention, awareness and rehabilitation efforts across the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the action taken by different departments and stressed upon strengthening inter departmental co-ordination and adopting a sustained, result-oriented approach to tackle the menace of drugs.

The Assistant Controller Drugs, Ganderbal, was directed to intensify inspections and coordinate closely with the Police Department for strict action against drug peddling, violations by drug sellers and illegal sale or distribution of drugs. He also directed that cases involving violations be pursued promptly and appropriate action be taken as per law.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the ARTO to expedite the process for



cancellation of driving licences, as per rules, in cases involving persons found engaged in drug peddling.

He further directed that prosecution of drug peddling cases be intensified and stressed that strict action be taken against those found involved in drug peddling or facilitating the illegal distribution of drugs. He also called for effective measures to discourage drug consumption, particularly among youth.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to strengthen surveillance of courier and other channels vulnerable to transportation of drugs, in coordination with the Police Department, to prevent the movement and distribution of narcotic substances.

He further directed the concerned departments to ensure installation of CCTV cameras at identified vulnerable locations to

strengthen surveillance and deterrence against drug-related activities.

Reviewing preventive measures, the Deputy Commissioner directed that wild cannabis plants be identified and destroyed at the block and panchayat level, with regular field level monitoring to prevent their spread.

The Deputy Commissioner also called for intensification of awareness programmes across the district, particularly in educational institutions and among youth and communities, focusing on the harmful effects of drug abuse, prevention, counselling and rehabilitation.

All departments were directed to ensure regular conduct of awareness activities and submission of Action Taken Reports (ATRs) regarding the directions issued so that progress can be effectively monitored.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised that

combating drug abuse requires a whole of society approach, with coordinated efforts involving enforcement agencies, health institutions, educational institutions, local administration and community stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the District Administration to take strict, coordinated and sustained measures against drug abuse and drug peddling and called upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards making Ganderbal a safe, healthy and drug-free district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kangan, Deputy Director Prosecution, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Ganderbal, District Youth Services & Sports Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, ARTO Ganderbal, all Tehsildars, ETO Excise Department, representative of IB, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Ganderbal, Sales Tax Officer, District Manager NRLM.

Director Agriculture-K visits SM Farm Padgampora

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Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, on Sunday visited the Seed Multiplication Farm at Padgampora, Pulwama, to assess ongoing activities and review the progress of seed production initiatives.

During the visit, the Director specifically inspected the different blocks, Seed processing Plant and workshop where he evaluated the current status of activities related to seed multiplication.

He reviewed the overall working of the Farm, including field operations, crop management practices, and preparations for



quality seed production to meet the region's agricultural requirements, as the harvesting season of major cereal crops is commencing shortly.

The Director emphasized the critical role of departmental seed multiplication farms in achieving self-re-

liance in quality seeds for various crops, to support farmers and enhance agricultural productivity in Kashmir.

Farm Manager, Padgampora, Malik Reyaz Ahmad, was also present on the occasion and provided detailed insights into farm

management, infrastructure, and day-to-day operations. The Director interacted with field staff and officers, directing them to adopt modern scientific practices and work in a mission mode to ensure timely availability of certified seeds to the farming community. He reiterated the department's commitment to upgrading seed multiplication farms, across Kashmir, and strengthening post-harvest management for better outcomes. This visit underscores the Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir's continued focus on strengthening seed infrastructure and promoting sustainable agriculture practices across the valley.

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As part of the strategic interventions under the J&K Startup Policy aimed at encouraging youth to become problem-solvers and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset, the J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), District Centre Baramulla, organized its first Startup Idea Challenge 2.0 of the year at Government Degree College (GDC) Sopore today.

Around 60 students registered for the boot camp, with several participants pitching innovative ideas addressing diverse problem statements and real-life challenges.

The ideas presented by the students focused on promoting tourism, improving utility management, addressing day-to-day household problems,



waste management, and post-harvest management, reflecting the participants' creativity and problem-solving approach.

The panel of experts comprised Dr. Syed Muzaffar, Principal, GDC Sopore; Anayat Sheikh, Senior Manager, J&K Bank;

Mohd. Saleem, Founder, Chinar Naturals; Dr. Nadia Bhat; and Dr. Iffat, Associate Professors, GDC Sopore.

The programme aimed to identify promising and innovative ideas among young students and connect them with the wider

startup ecosystem, while encouraging them to explore entrepreneurship as a pathway to solving local challenges and creating sustainable opportunities.

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