

DC Ramban convenes Public Outreach Camp at Ind Directs officers for time-bound redressal of public grievances

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alias Khan today convened a public outreach camp at far flung Panchayat Ind in Sub-division Gool, ensuring responsive, accountable and people-centric governance. Most of the issues raised during the camp were addressed on the spot, while directions were issued for resolution of the remaining grievances in a time-bound manner.

The Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by PO ICDS Abdul Qayoom, SDM Imtiaz Ahmed, ACD Sheraz Ahmed, district and sectoral officers, Executive Engineers and other concerned officials, interacted with locals and listened to their demands and grievances. The residents from Ind, Mahakund, Dachan Gool-C, Dehda and Chachwa Panchayats sought up-gradation of existing and construction of new roads, augmentation of education facilities, healthcare services, drinking water, irrigation, telecommunications and other civic amenities.

Responding to the demands, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to address the same in a time bound manner. The Executive Engineers of PMGSY and PWD were asked to immediately undertake repair of potholes and damaged stretches to ensure motorability of roads connecting Panchyat Ind



and adjoining areas. He further directed the officers to remain available in the field and personally monitor the progress of road restoration works.

Addressing concerns regarding shortage of teaching staff in government schools, the Deputy Commissioner directed the CEO to undertake school-wise rationalization to ensure the smooth functioning of the same. The DC also directed the CEO to take up repairs of leaking roofs and damaged school infrastructure on priority.

Taking note of poor mobile connectivity in Ind and surrounding areas, the Deputy Commissioner di-

rected BSNL and private service providers to conduct a field survey to identify gaps in network coverage and take necessary measures for improving the services.

Regarding drinking water supply, the DC directed the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department to expedite pending mechanical works in Ghora Gali area and ensure early completion of the ongoing schemes to provide reliable tap-water supply to households.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department to conduct an immediate assessment of damaged irrigation channels

(kuls) in the area and initiate necessary restoration works.

The DC assured the public that issues requiring intervention at higher levels, including the provision of higher-secondary lecturers and major road upgradation works would be pursued vigorously with the concerned authorities.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to depute a medical team, along with an ambulance, doctor, paramedical staff and essential medicines to the area once a week to strengthen healthcare services for the local population.

DC Kathua reviews implementation of Mission YUVA in Billawar subdivision

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of Mission YUVA in sub-division Billawar.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of applications under Mission YUVA and took detailed feedback from the concerned officials, motivators and Yuva Doots regarding the number of applicants, processing of cases and status of loan disbursement.

The DC stressed upon the Yuva Doots and field functionaries to intensify their outreach efforts and motivate maximum number of eligible persons for availing the benefits of the Mission. He directed them



to provide necessary guidance and handholding to aspirants at every stage and ensure that the cases are fast tracked for sanction of loan amount.

The Deputy Commissioner also impressed upon the representatives from the banks to ensure speedy processing and disbursement of sanctioned loan amounts to enable young entrepre-

neurs to start their ventures without unnecessary delay. He called for close coordination between the field functionaries and banking institutions to resolve bottlenecks, if any.

The DC emphasized that effective implementation of Mission YUVA would play an important role in promoting self-employment, entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood

opportunities among the youth.

The meeting was attended by ADC Billawar Vishavjeet Singh, CPO Kathua Ranjeet Thakur, Tehsildar Billawar Surinder Singh, BDO Billawar Shailender Kumar, SDAO Billawar Ravi Kumar, besides motivators and Yuva Doots associated with Mission YUVA.

DC Rajouri directs for making comprehensive arrangements for Janmashtami celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today convened a meeting to review the preparedness for Janmashtami celebrations and issued directions to concerned departments for ensuring safe, smooth and well-coordinated festivities across the district.

??The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for making available adequate public amenities and essential services. The Jal Shakti Department was directed to ensure uninterrupted water availability, including deployment of water tankers wherever required.

??The Health Department was asked to keep ambulances and medical teams readily available at key locations to provide medical



support during the celebrations.

??The Municipal authorities were asked to undertake cleanliness and sanitation measures at places expected to witness large gatherings. For effective traffic management, the DySP Traffic was directed to take steps for effective regulation of vehicular movement and identification of designated parking areas to prevent congestion and in-

convenience to the public.

??The Fire & Emergency Services Department was instructed to position fire tenders at strategic locations as a precautionary measure and ensure prompt response in case of any emergency.

??The Deputy Commissioner also directed the ADCs and SDM Thanamandi to ensure similar arrangements in their respective subdivisions and

personally monitor the preparations to facilitate peaceful and hassle-free Janmashtami celebrations across the district.

??SSP Naresh Singh, ADC Ravi Kumar Sihag, ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan, DySP Traffic Mohammad Aijaz, DySP Headquarter and other concerned officers attended the meeting, while other officers participated through virtual mode.

3-day Capacity Building Programme on 21st Century Skills concludes at DIET Reasi

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A three-day Capacity Building Programme on 21st Century Skills concluded today at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Reasi.

The objective of the programme was to equip teachers with contemporary knowledge, competencies and professional skills required to meet the evolving demands of education in the 21st century.

The resource persons namely HoD Vandana Magotra; Lecturer & HOD Bindiya Langer; Master Rattan Sharma; Teacher Sanjeev Proach and Teacher Ritika Rajput deliberated upon critical components of 21st century learning, including critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, digital literacy, life skills and



value education. The sessions remained interactive and focused on practical classroom transactions.

A special awareness session on the Three New Criminal Laws – Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Ad-

hiniyam (BSA) was also organised by the DIET authorities. The session was led by Teacher Babu Bhatti, who explained the key provisions of the three new criminal laws in detail, the inherent legal reforms and their relevance for educators and citizens. The programme was held under the guidance of

the Principal Deepak Kumar Gupta and coordinated by HoD Riaz Hussain and Coordinator B.D Dubey.

The participating teachers appreciated the initiative of DIET and stated that such programmes will go a long way in making teaching-learning more effective and learner-centric.

PM Vishwakarma: Awareness programme on Branding & Marketing held at Poonch

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An awareness programme on Branding and Marketing under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was organized today here at Dak Bungalow, with the objective of sensitizing artisans and other stakeholders to various opportunities, government schemes and marketing avenues available to them.

General Manager DIC Naheem Un Nissa Bhatti addressed the participants and highlighted the importance of skill development, entrepreneurship, branding and effective marketing in strengthening the economic prospects of traditional artisans.

The programme commenced with a welcome address and brief introduction by Assistant Director, MSME-DFO Jammu Vinu Jee Koul. Joint Director MSME-DFO Jammu Amit Kumar Tamaria also addressed the gathering.

During the technical session, Prof. Zaffar Iqbal of Government Degree College Poonch delivered an informative session on Marketing and Branding. Industry Promotion Officer Raman Jeet Singh ap-



prised the participants about the various schemes of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Jammu and Kashmir.

Assistant Director, Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Poonch Jyoti Choudhary highlighted the schemes and initiatives of the department, while District Nodal Officer JKEDI Poonch Aamir Shafiq elaborated on the role of

JKEDI in skill development and entrepreneurship promotion.

A session on the use of Artificial Intelligence tools for artisans was conducted by Ajay Pal Singh, Consultant, PMVK SLPMU.

Lead District Manager Sanjeev Kumar Rasotra provided detailed information regarding financial assistance and credit facilities available through banks. Senior

Manager IPPB Anil Mathur also briefed the participants regarding IPPB services and QR generation.

The programme concluded with an interactive question-answer session, where participants raised queries regarding various schemes, financial assistance, marketing and entrepreneurship opportunities. The vote of thanks was presented by Vinu Jee Koul.

DLSA Jammu reviews preparedness for 3rd National Lok Adalat - 2026

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A meeting regarding timely disposal of cases in the 3rd National Lok Adalat of 2026 and updation of disposal data on the NJDG Portal was convened today in the Office of the Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority Jammu.

The meeting was chaired by I/C Principal District & Sessions Judge / Chairperson, DLSA Jammu Sonia Gupta. The meeting was attended by Civil Judge (Sr. Division) / Secretary, DLSA Jammu Maleeka Sharma along with the Presiding Officers of the Benches constituted for the National Lok Adalat.

During the meeting, the Chairperson deliberated upon various aspects for successful conduct of the 3rd National Lok Adalat



scheduled to be held on Sept 12, 2026. The Judicial Officers were impressed upon to ensure timely and effective disposal of cases identified for the Lok Adalat and to make sincere efforts for achieving maximum settlement.

Special emphasis was laid on timely and accu-

rate up-dation of disposal data on the NJDG Portal.

The Judicial Officers were directed to ensure that disposal data is up-dated promptly without any delay.

The meeting also focused on adopting a proactive approach to secure higher disposal in the forthcoming Lok Adalat

by identifying maximum eligible matters, making effective settlement efforts and ensuring that the Lok Adalat is conducted in a meaningful and result-oriented manner. Various other issues relating to co-ordination, identification of cases and timely reporting of disposal figures were also discussed.