

DC Kupwara reviews Pradhan Mantri TB Muk

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Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the PM TB Muk

The meeting was attended by the District Programme Officer ICDS, SDMs, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer Kupwara, District Tuberculosis Officer, and all Block Medical Officers, Labour officer, District Youth Officer.

District Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. Gh. Hassan, gave a detailed block-wise presentation covering all parameters related to the TB Muk

While acknowledging the overall efforts of the District Tuberculosis Officer and the Health Department, the DC



directed underperforming Block Medical Officers to improve their performance and ensure targets are achieved within the stipulated timelines.

He instructed all Block Medical Officers to make optimal use of Handheld X-Ray machines through Nikshay Camps in high-risk villages, and to work in close coordination to enhance screening coverage across their jurisdictions.

DC directed intensified active case finding, using all available diagnostic tools, and asked BMOs to sensitize medical staff and mobilize healthcare workers at the block level for sustained community engagement.

He further instructed the deployment of mobile medical units in border and hard-to-reach areas to ensure no vulnerable population is left out of the screening drive.

Directions were also given for prompt identification and treatment of TB patients, along with strengthened Differentiated TB Care and nutritional support for patients undergoing treatment.

The DC directed all blocks to submit weekly progress reports to enable close monitoring of outreach, screening and testing efforts, and stressed on stronger inter-departmental coordination to sustain momentum under the campaign.

He commended the contribution of frontline healthcare workers, ASHA workers and community volunteers, stating that their sustained efforts remain central to achieving the goal of a TB-free Kupwara, in line with the broader whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach being pursued under the Pradhan Mantri TB Muk

DC Pulwama Reviews Progress of Development Works under Capex Budget 2026-27

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Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, today chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Meeting Hall of the Administrative Complex, Pulwama, to review the physical and financial progress of development works being executed under the District Capex Budget 2026-27 and other related schemes.

At the outset, Joint Director Planning/Chief Planning Officer, Pulwama, Aashiq Hussain Khanday, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the overall progress of works under the District Capex Budget, covering various regular and area development sectors. The presentation included the status of administrative approvals, tendering, allotment and execution of works, along with the financial and physical progress achieved so far.

The meeting reviewed the progress under key sectors including Minor Irrigation, Roads & Buildings, School Education, Youth Services & Sports, Health, Urban Development, PHE, NFB, Untied Grants, DDC, BDC and PRI Grants, besides Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) and Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP). The status of new as well as ongoing works



was discussed in detail.

Dr. Qayoom took a sector-wise review of the works and sought detailed feedback from the concerned officers regarding the present status of projects, particularly those pending at different stages of approval, tendering and allotment. He directed the officers to remove bottlenecks, expedite pending processes and ensure that all eligible works are taken up and completed within the stipulated timelines.

While reviewing the status of works under various

components, Dr. Qayoom directed the concerned officers to speed up the processes relating to pending estimates, administrative approvals, tendering and allotment. He stressed upon the executing agencies to ensure the timely execution of works under various components. The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed works under Archives and Heritage, including restoration, preservation and maintenance of heritage sites across the district. Progress under UT Capex Tribal and the Dharti

Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) was also reviewed. The DC directed the concerned agencies to ensure timely implementation of works aimed at improving infrastructure and basic amenities in tribal areas.

He further directed all executing agencies to strictly adhere to quality parameters, prescribed procedures and approved timelines, while ensuring close coordination among departments at every stage of project implementation. He called for intensified field-level monitoring and directed senior officers to personally review the progress of works.

Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reiterated that timely completion of development projects, quality execution and effective utilisation of public funds must remain the priority of all concerned departments. Among others, the meeting was attended by Superintending Engineers of R&B and KPDCL; Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama; Chief Education Officer; Chief Medical Officer; Executive Engineers of concerned departments; District Youth Services & Sports Officer; Chief Executive Officer of Municipal Council Pulwama and Executive Officers of various Municipal Committees; besides other concerned district and sectoral officers.

MLA Kulgam inaugurates school building at GHSS Hanger

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Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Kulgam, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, today inaugurated a newly constructed three-storey 10 rooms academic block at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Hanger, constructed at an estimated cost of Rs1.43 crores.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by the ACD, Bilal Ahmad Kamgar, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kulgam, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Exen R&B, Fayaz Ahmad Kar, Principal of GHSS Hanger, Masroor Ahmad Ganie, other officers, dignitaries, teachers and students of the institute.

Speaking on the occasion, M. Y. Tarigami underscored the vital role of upgraded public infrastructure in fostering quality education. He noted that equipping government in-



stitutions with modern, spacious classrooms is essential for creating a conducive learning environment for local youth and preparing them for future challenges.

"Our children are talented, but they need a

proper environment to learn, to dream and to compete. If we want quality education, we must first give quality infrastructure to our public institutions", said the MLA.

Chief Education Officer Kulgam commended the

execution of the project, highlighting that the additional multi-storey facility will significantly address space constraints, accommodate growing enrollments, and support diverse curricular and co-curricular activities.

DC Pulwama Chairs District NCORD Meeting

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Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, today chaired the District-level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) meeting at the Meeting Hall of the Administrative Complex, Pulwama, to review the measures being undertaken to curb drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking in the district.

At the outset, the District Social Welfare Officer, Pulwama, gave a detailed presentation on the initiatives undertaken to combat the drug menace under the Nasha Muk

The Deputy Commissioner sought a detailed appraisal from the concerned departments regarding the progress made in the implementation of anti-drug measures and stressed the need for a unified and coordinated approach involving all stakeholders to effectively address the menace.

Emphasising the need to protect the younger generation from substance abuse, the DC stressed upon the concerned officers to ensure drug-free campuses in all educational institutes. He directed them to formulate a detailed action plan for



strengthening preventive measures, awareness activities and monitoring mechanisms in and around educational institutions.

The functioning of the Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF), Pulwama, and Drug De-Addiction Centre, Tral, was also reviewed in detail.

On the occasion, Dr. Qayoom sought feedback regarding treatment facilities, patient admissions, counselling services and rehabilitation measures.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure effective counselling, timely

treatment, regular follow-up of recovered individuals and their gradual integration into society through skill development, livelihood opportunities and other suitable support mechanisms.

He called for optimal utilisation of the available treatment and rehabilitation facilities and stressed the need for proper profiling and follow-up of drug-affected persons to facilitate their sustained recovery and social reintegration.

On the occasion, SSP Pulwama, Sahil Sarangal, and SSP Awantipora, Sajad Ah-

mad Shah, apprised the meeting of the enforcement measures being undertaken by the Police against drug peddling and trafficking. They also briefed the chair on the ongoing efforts to strengthen surveillance and action against those involved in narcotics-related activities.

Later, the meeting also reviewed the status of NDPS cases registered across the district.

During the review, the Deputy Director Prosecution presented a detailed overview of cases under investigation, prosecution and trial.

Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need for close coordination among the Police, Prosecution and other concerned agencies to ensure expeditious investigation and effective prosecution, with a view to improving conviction rates and strengthening deterrence.

Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination, intensify preventive and enforcement measures and maintain sustained focus on the campaign to safeguard the youth and contribute towards the objective of a drug-free Pulwama.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners of Pulwama, Awantipora and Tral, and other members of the committee.

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Acting on the issues raised by general public during the Public Outreach programme held yesterday at Town Hall Bandipora, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a meeting to review the functioning and repair of street lights in Bandipora town and deliberate on the regulation of E-Auto services and roadside parking.

During the meeting, it was noted that while street lights had been installed at various locations across Bandipora town, a majority of them were presently defunct and required immediate attention. The DC directed the concerned departments to prioritise the restoration of street lights at key locations, including Nusso Stand, Jamia Masjid, Street Vendor Market and Kaloosa Tri-Junction.

The DC directed the Power Development Department (PDD) to submit estimates for the repair of High-Mast lights. Regarding



the repair of antique lights, it was decided that the matter would be taken up with NHPC. PDD was also directed to hold deliberations with the concerned contractor for undertaking the repair and restoration of defunct street lights.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Municipal Council Bandipora, was directed to submit estimates for the required repair works and ensure timely action in coor-

dination with the concerned departments.

The meeting also deliberated on the issues concerning E-Autos and roadside parking, which were also raised during the Public Outreach programme. The DC stressed the need for effective regulation and directed the concerned authorities to conduct enforcement drives against illegal and unauthorised roadside parking. She fur-

ther emphasised that the existing car parking facilities must be utilised effectively and warned that punitive action would be taken against violators.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Executive Engineer PDD, ARTO Bandipora, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Bandipora, President Traders Federation and other concerned officers.

DC Kulgam Reviews Progress of Mission YUVA, Calls for Transparency & Strict Monitoring

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Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and implementation of Mission YUVA in the district, with a focus on transparent beneficiary selection, effective handholding and timely establishment of sanctioned units.

The meeting was attended by Rahil Amin, Assistant Director Employment, Kulgam; Iftikhar Ahmad Padder, Lead District Manager (LDM), Kulgam; Cluster Head, J&K Bank, Kulgam; besides officers and officials from the District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC), JKEDI, J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission



(NRLM) and the Mission YUVA team.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a detailed, indicator-wise review of the implementation of Mission YUVA in the district. The

discussions covered the status of SBDU verification, rejection cases, capacity-building programmes, the role and performance of Motivators, and the onboarding of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for estab-

lishment of income-generating activities under the mission.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure that all applications are scrutinised and processed strictly as per the prescribed guidelines. He stressed that transparency, fairness and proper verification must be maintained at every stage of beneficiary selection and approval.

While reviewing cases sanctioned under Mission YUVA for commercial vehicles, the DC directed the Assistant Director Employment to ensure close and regular monitoring of the establishment and operationalisation of the sanctioned units.

He emphasised that the mission must result in sustainable livelihood opportunities, viable