

Orientation Session on enforcement of Non-Biodegradable Material Act held

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A meeting-cum-orientation session on effective enforcement of the J&K Non-Biodegradable Material (Management, Handling and Disposal) Act, 2007, Plastic Waste Management Rules and other applicable provisions was held on Saturday at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The session was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, J&K Pollution Control Committee (PCC), Vasu Yadav, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib.

During the session, the concerned departments/officials were oriented about the legal provisions governing non-biodegradable material and plastic waste, including the prescribed fine structure and compounding powers under SRO-243 of 2011 and relevant provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

On the occasion, detailed discussions were held on the standardized procedure for identification and documentation of violations, filling



and issuance of Compounding Challan-cum-Money Receipt, realization and accounting of the compounding amount, maintenance of records and submission of monthly returns.

The meeting also deliberated on the procedure to be followed in cases where violators refuse to compound the offence, including initiation of proceedings before the competent Magistrate/Executive Magistrate.

During the session, emphasis was laid on coordinated enforcement through joint, sector-wise inspection drives covering commercial

hubs, tourist locations and municipal areas. It was informed that enforcement of the Solid Waste Management provisions will commence from next week, with dedicated inspection teams already constituted for conducting field inspections and taking action against violations.

The officers were also asked to identify field-level challenges and ensure effective implementation of the provisions within their respective jurisdictions. The inspection teams were directed to undertake regular field visits, ensure proper documentation of violations

and follow the prescribed procedure while initiating enforcement action.

The session further focused on standardizing revenue deposit and accounting procedures and establishing an integrated mechanism for spot fine collection and legal prosecution against violations.

Among others, the meeting was attended by representatives from the District Administration, J&K Police, municipal bodies, J&K Pollution Control Committee, Forest Protection Force, Wildlife Department, Revenue, Tourism and other concerned departments.

SKIMS Soura holds One-Day Workshop on Early Genetic Screening and Diagnosis in Baramulla

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Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, Baramulla, organised a one-day workshop on “UMMID: Early Genetic Screening, Diagnosis and Counselling for Healthier Future” at Dak Bungalow, Baramulla.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baramulla, Syed Altaf Hussain Musavi, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The workshop brought together healthcare professionals and public health workers with the objective of creating awareness about the early identification, screening, diagnosis and counselling of genetic and metabolic disorders among pregnant mothers and newborns. Speaking on the occasion, ADC Baramulla highlighted the importance of early screening and timely diagnosis of genetic and metabolic disorders, saying that early identification can facilitate appropriate intervention and counselling, thereby contributing towards a



healthier future for children and families.

He appreciated the efforts of SKIMS Soura and the health department for organising the awareness-oriented programme and stressed the need for strengthening coordination between healthcare institutions and field-level health workers for effective implementation of genetic screening initiatives.

An interactive session was also held during the workshop, wherein participants engaged with the experts

and discussed various aspects related to genetic and metabolic disorders, screening procedures, identification of high-risk cases and counselling.

Experts from SKIMS Soura and GMC Baramulla delivered presentations and shared their expertise with the participants.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the capacity of public health workers in identifying pregnant mothers and newborns requiring screening for genetic and metabolic disorders and en-

suring timely referral for further diagnosis and management. During the programme, Awards of Appreciation were also presented to Block Medical Officers, participants, healthcare workers in recognition of their contribution and active participation in promoting awareness and early screening of genetic and metabolic disorders.

The programme was attended by Block Medical Officers, doctors, public health workers and other stakeholders.

Dir Agri Kashmir reviews expenditure status of Srinagar, Ganderbal districts

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Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review implementation status of different schemes, in Srinagar and Ganderbal districts, with respect to achievement of physical and financial targets allocated for the current financial year.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal, Deputy Director Planning, Drawing and Disbursing Officers and other senior officers of the department.

During the meeting, the Director undertook a detailed review of the physical and financial progress of various schemes, implementation of approved programmes, expenditure position and progress of ongoing developmental activities in both districts. He



also assessed the field-level implementation of various farmer-oriented initiatives and took feedback from the concerned officers regard-

ing the challenges being faced in execution.

Sartaj Ahmad Shah stressed the need for ensuring timely and effective im-

plementation of all departmental programmes, with particular focus on achieving the prescribed targets within the stipulated timelines. He directed the officers to maintain close field-level coordination, accelerate the pace of implementation and ensure optimum utilisation of available resources.

The Director further emphasised that the benefits of various government schemes and initiatives should reach the farming community in a transparent, efficient and time-bound manner. He called upon the officers to remain proactive in addressing field-level issues and strengthen their outreach to farmers.

The Director laid special emphasis on Aatmanirbharta in Pulses and instructed the concerned officers to achieve all the targets earmarked for the year for implementation of the scheme.

Commissioner launches SMC education initiative for children of sanitation workers

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Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, on Saturday formally launched an education initiative aimed at supporting the academic aspirations of children of the Corporation's sanitation workers.

The initiative was inaugurated in the presence of Joint Commissioners, sanitation workers and their children and parents, besides representatives of participating educational institutions.

The programme seeks to facilitate scholarship-based coaching and academic support for eligible students, particularly those studying in Classes IX to XII and those aspiring to pursue competitive examinations such as NEET and JEE.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the Commissioner said the initiative was rooted in the Corporation's recognition of the contribution made by its sanitation workforce and its responsibility towards creating meaningful opportunities for their children.

“Those who work every day to keep our city clean deserve to see their children move forward with dignity, confidence and opportunity. Education can be one of the strongest pathways to make that possible. This initiative is an investment in the aspirations of the next generation,” he added.

Faz Lul Haseeb said the



initiative should not be viewed merely as an assistance programme, but as an effort to build a sustained ecosystem of opportunity, mentorship and educational advancement.

The initiative has been structured as a collaborative effort, with participating educational institutions extending academic support to eligible students. The Private Coaching Centres Association of Srinagar has facilitated the participation of its member institutions.

SMC will facilitate the identification and verifica-

tion of eligible students through a transparent mechanism. The programme will cover students across Classes IX to XII as well as those preparing for NEET and JEE, in accordance with the prescribed eligibility and selection modalities. The Commissioner said that the larger objective was to ensure that the contribution of the sanitation workforce translates into greater opportunities for the generation that follows. The presence of sanitation workers and their children at the inaugural

programme gave the initiative a distinctive human dimension, placing their educational aspirations at the centre of the Corporation's intervention. Commissioner Faz Lul Haseeb expressed appreciation to the institutions that have joined the initiative and called for sustained collaboration to progressively widen its reach. The initiative is envisaged as an evolving platform through which SMC will continue to strengthen educational opportunities for eligible children of its sanitation workforce.

ADC Anantnag reviews progress under PM-SYM Scheme

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In order to review the progress and implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Scheme in the district, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Vikas Ahlawat, today chaired a meeting with the concerned stakeholders at DC Office.

During the meeting, the ADC reviewed the status of enrolment under the scheme and emphasized that all eligible unorganised

workers must be registered on the PM-SYM portal. He directed the concerned officers to identify and address gaps through enrollment drives in both rural and urban areas to ensure wider coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

The ADC stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination among the concerned departments, Common Service Centres (CSCs) and local bodies to accelerate enrolment. He directed that awareness camps be organised across all Blocks and

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to sensitise eligible workers about the benefits of the scheme and facilitate their registration.

Ahlawat emphasized that VLEs, CSCs and KGCs must play a proactive role in mobilising and enrolling eligible workers. He further directed the Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO), Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) and Executive Officers of Municipal Committees to mobilise resources and ensure achievement of the enrolment targets within the stipulated time-

frame.

The ADC called for time-bound action, regular monitoring and coordinated efforts by all stakeholders to ensure maximum coverage of eligible unorganised workers under the PM-SYM scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer MC Anantnag, Executive Officers of Municipal Councils and District Coordinator, CSCs Anantnag, among other concerned officials.

Neha Mahajan undertakes four-day Kashmir tour, reviews organisational activities

SRINAGAR, 05 SEPTEMBER 2026: BJP Jammu and Kashmir Mahila Morcha President Adv. Neha Mahajan undertook a four-day organisational tour of Kashmir from September 1 to 4, during which she visited Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian districts, held organisational meetings, interacted with party workers and local residents, and reviewed preparations for programmes to be organised under the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.

The tour began on September 1 with a visit to Aishmuqam village in Pahalgaon constituency of Anantnag district, where Adv. Neha Mahajan, accompanied by Mahila Morcha State General Secretary Er Urvasi Gupta, held an organisational meeting at the residence of the Mahila Morcha General Secretary. District BJP president Rakesh Koul, District Mahila Morcha president Huma Jan, State Vice Presidents Sunita Raina and Rumesa Wani, besides other party Karyakartas, participated in the meeting. Discussions focused on strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level and ensuring active participation of Mahila Morcha



workers in the upcoming programmes.

On September 2, Adv. Neha Mahajan, along with party Karyakartas, participated in a protest march from Lal Chowk Ghanatagar towards the Secretariat, raising concerns over what the party described as the NC Government's failure to fulfil promises and commitments made to the people. The protest sought accountability on issues concerning the public and highlighted the party's stand on unfulfilled assurances. On September 3, she visited District Kulgam, where she held an organisational meeting at the Party Office. District BJP president Farooq Ahmed Rather, District Mahila Morcha president Mehbooba Akhter and State Vice President Sunita Raina were present. The

meeting reviewed organisational activities and preparations for the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan, with emphasis on strengthening grassroots outreach and mobilising Mahila Morcha workers.

The tour concluded on September 4 with a visit to District Shopian, where Adv. Neha Mahajan chaired an organisational meeting at the Circuit House. District BJP president Raja Waseem, District Mahila Morcha president Shaheena, Working President Nurat and State Vice President Sunita Raina attended the meeting. Organisational preparedness, upcoming programmes and public outreach were discussed in detail.

During the four-day tour, Adv. Neha Mahajan also interacted with local residents, listened to their con-

cerns and assured them that their genuine issues would be taken up at the appropriate platforms for necessary follow-up.

Emphasising the importance of sustained grassroots engagement, Adv. Neha Mahajan called upon Mahila Morcha workers to remain connected with the people and actively participate in the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan, making the Prime Minister's birthday celebrations a meaningful occasion of service and public outreach.

She said that BJP Mahila Morcha would continue to work with dedication towards strengthening the organisation at the grassroots and ensuring that the welfare-oriented initiatives and development vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi reach every section of society.