

Div Com Jammu reviews status of NAPS-PRAGATI implementation

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 11: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today chaired a meeting to review the status and to decide the way forward for proper implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-PRAGATI in Jammu Division.

Director, Skill Development Department, J&K, Dr Owais Ahmad; Managing Director, JPDCL G P Singh; all Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division; Director, Geology and Mining J&K; Excise Commissioner J&K; Regional Officer, NHAJ, Jammu; senior officers of NHIDCL, NHPC, BRO/SAMPARK and other concerned departments attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

Director, Skill Development Department, J&K, Dr Owais Ahmad briefed the Divisional Commissioner on the progress achieved under the scheme and apprised the meeting about establishment and candidate registration, apprenticeship



targets, participation of CPSUs, contractors and private establishments and issues related to e-KYC and portal data.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the Deputy Commissioners and concerned departments to ensure registration of all eligible establishments, with special focus on major establishments having 30 or more employees, besides bringing eligible contractors, vendors, project-level establishments, industries, hotels, private schools and other establishments on the NAPS portal.

He further directed major CPSUs and organisations to register their eligible projects separately, wherever applicable and ensure that their contracting agencies also register and engage apprentices. The DCs were asked to undertake establishment-wise mapping in their respective districts and designate Nodal Officers for regular monitoring and reporting.

Emphasising time-bound action, the Divisional Commissioner directed all concerned to complete the registration exercise and achieve the

assigned targets by the stipulated deadline. He also stressed resolving e-KYC and other technical issues promptly so that actual registration figures are accurately reflected on the portal.

The Divisional Commissioner underscored the need to maximise apprenticeship opportunities for local youth by strengthening coordination among departments, CPSUs, industries and private establishments and linking eligible youth with workplace-based training and employment opportunities.

RDD team inspects progress of developmental works in Warwan Block

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, SEP 11

Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Manoj Kumar today visited Block Warwan and conducted a comprehensive review of the implementation of the developmental schemes and programmes in the block.

During the review meeting, the ACD took a detailed assessment of the implementation of VB-GRAM-G, with particular emphasis on Person-Days (PDs) generation as per the prescribed normative allocation, especially against the funds released for the first quarter (Q1). He directed the field functionaries to ensure maximum generation of PDs before commencement of the pause period from 15 October to 13 November, while simultaneously focusing on both wage employment and creation of durable community assets.

The ACD stressed upon 100% e-KYC of left-out Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Card (GRGC) holders and skilled/semi-skilled workers. He also reviewed the status of pending material payments and directed the concerned officials to ensure timely and uninter-



rupted payment of wages under VB-GRAM-G, besides timely settlement of admissible material liabilities. The progress under District Capex/UT Capex and ABDP/APDP was also reviewed.

Later, the ACD undertook an extensive field visit and inspected developmental works at Afti, Margi, Sukhnie, Choidraman and Basmina. During the inspections, he instructed the field staff to

install Citizen Information Boards (CIBs) at every worksite for greater transparency and public awareness.

The ACD also interacted with locals and sensitized them to the provisions and benefits of the newly implemented VB-GRAM-G Scheme.

The visit also covered Sukhnaie, the last Gram Panchayat/village of the district, underscoring the administration's commit-

ment to reaching the remotest areas and ensuring effective implementation of developmental programmes and welfare schemes on the ground.

The ACD was accompanied by BDO Warwan Irshad Ahmed Waza, along with Junior Engineers, Panchayat Secretaries, Panchayat Account Assistants, MIS Operator, Gram Rozgar Sahayaks and other field functionaries.

Javed Rana reviews development and flood relief measures in Surankote

SURANKOTE, SEPTEMBER 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today chaired a meeting to review development works and post-flood relief and restoration measures in Surankote.

The meeting was attended by MLA Surankote, Chowdhary Akram, SDM Surankote Farooq Khan, and senior officers and Heads of Departments from Jal Shakti, Rural Development Department (RDD), PWD, Irrigation & Flood Control, PDD, Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied departments.

While chairing the meeting, Minister directed the Jal Shakti Department to submit a detailed DPR for strengthening and improving the water supply



system of Surankote town. He also directed the department to formulate detailed proposals for lift irrigation schemes, particularly in areas where irrigation kuls have been damaged due to the recent floods, resulting in disruption of agricultural activities, especially paddy cultivation.

The Minister directed the Forest Department to further intensify its efforts and ensure visible progress on the ground. He also impressed upon all departments to adopt a people-centric approach, remain accessible and re-

sponsive to public grievances, and ensure timely delivery of services.

The departments were further directed to organise awareness and facilitation camps at the grassroots level and disseminate information regarding government schemes, relief measures, assistance and developmental initiatives through various channels so that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries.

Emphasising the need for coordinated and result-oriented functioning, the Minister called upon all officers to work with

dedication and remain committed to the welfare and betterment of the people.

Earlier, MLA Surankote highlighted various key issues and developmental concerns pertaining to his constituency and sought timely intervention for their resolution.

SDM Surankote Farooq Khan made a detailed presentation on the damages caused by the recent floods and cloudbursts, the corrective and restoration measures undertaken by the administration so far, and the future course of action. The presentation covered damage to residential houses, agricultural land, irrigation infrastructure, roads, power and water supply systems and other public infrastructure, besides the relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken by different

MVD, District Police conduct surprise enforcement drive; E-Challan 32 Vehicles

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The Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Ramban, in coordination with the District Police, today conducted a joint surprise enforcement drive at various locations in Banihal. The team conducted checking of vehicles at T-Chowk, Railway Station Chowk, Treva Bridge and Parnote.

During the enforcement drive, led by ARTO Varun Bhasin, the MVD team checked 217 vehicles, out of which 32 vehicles were e-challaned for various violations of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The violations included overcharging, overloading, operating without valid permits, use of curtains on vehicle windows and operating without valid fitness certificates, among other offences.

Vehicles found plying without the required statutory documents



were challaned, while those involved in serious violations were seized as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The expected amount of

the e-challans is approximately ₹ 273500. In addition, seven vehicles were seized for serious violations.

Furthermore, the de-

partment has recommended suspension of five Driving Licences (DLs) for violations of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

DC inspects NH-44 Four-Laning works on Ramban-Banihal stretch



RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 11: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alys Khan today conducted an extensive inspection of the ongoing works under the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) Four-Laning Project between Ramban and Banihal, reviewing the progress of key viaducts, tunnels and other critical infrastructure components. The Deputy Com-

missioner was accompanied by SSP Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamid, Project Director NHAJ Shubham Yadav, SDM Ramsoo Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah, SDM Mohammad Naseeb Bajran and other concerned officers.

The team reviewed the ongoing construction works at Digidol, Panthyal, Magerkote, Ramsoo, Nachilana Gangru and Kishtwari Pather, taking

on-site feedback regarding the pace of execution, traffic management and other issues pertaining to smooth progress of the prestigious national project.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Project Director NHAJ and executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on all ongoing components and ensure coordinated efforts for timely completion of the vital NH-44 infra-

structure. He stressed the need for close monitoring of works at critical locations and prompt resolution of bottlenecks to maintain momentum on the project.

Keeping in view the ongoing seasonal movement of nomadic livestock and the Fruit trucks, along with the expected increase in vehicular traffic, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to focus on road maintenance for the convenience of commuters, transporters and fruit-laden vehicles and others.

At Gangru, the Deputy Commissioner specifically directed the construction agencies to clear and properly maintain the road shoulder to facilitate double-carriageway movement.

The Deputy Commissioner also called for effective inter-agency coordination among NHAJ, traffic police and executing agencies to ensure seamless traffic regulation, road safety and uninterrupted movement of vehicles during the ongoing construction works.

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Bandipora, Nazir Ahmad Mir, today chaired a meeting in his office chamber to review the progress and implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) - PRAGATI in the district.

The ADC, who has been designated as the Nodal Officer for NAPS in District Bandipora, took a detailed review of the progress made under the scheme and held discussions with the concerned officers regarding the measures required for its effective implementation.

During the meeting, the ADC emphasized the im-



portance of strengthened coordination among all concerned departments, institutions and stakeholders for ensuring wider coverage of the scheme and creating maximum apprenticeship opportunities for the youth of the district.

The ADC directed the concerned officers to ensure that the targets assigned under NAPS are achieved within the stipulated timelines and, preferably, well before the prescribed deadlines. He called for regular monitoring of

progress and timely follow-up at every level so that the assigned targets are accomplished in a result-oriented and time-bound manner.

He further stressed upon the officers to identify and facilitate suitable apprenticeship opportunities and ensure active participation of eligible establishments and institutions, with the objective of providing youth with practical skills, workplace exposure and better employment prospects.

The ADC underscored that effective implementation of NAPS would play an important role in bridging the gap between skill development and employment and called upon all stakeholders to work with commitment and a coordinated approach for realizing the objectives of the scheme in the district.