

Model Youth Gram Sabha held at EMRS Salia

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Model Youth Gram Sabha was organized today at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), Salia, Anantnag, under the aegis of the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, attended the program as the Chief Guest. Tehsildar Mattan, Principal EMRS Salia alongwith officials, staff, and students of the school attended the event.

At the outset, the Principal briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the functioning of the school, the facilities available, and various activities being undertaken for the welfare and development of the students. She stated that the school is on the right track to function as a premier institution for the education and overall development of students from the tribal community.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the initiative and encouraged the students to work hard, remain focused on their studies, and actively participate in other meaningful activities. He interacted with the students and urged them to acquaint themselves with various aspects of local governance so they can become agents of positive



change in their community. He further advised them to enthusiastically take part in games and sports besides pursuing innovative and creative ideas with full passion and confidence.

Dr. Bilal asked the school authorities to work with sincerity and dedication for the welfare of the students. He assured them of the District Administration's full support for the institution's further growth and development.

Highlighting the role of the Gram Sabha as a vibrant democratic platform, the

DC said these institutions provide people with adequate opportunities to participate in the governance process at the grassroots level according to their requirements and aspirations. He noted that during the proceedings, fruitful discussions are held where people present their ideas and plans regarding various projects and schemes. The same are then curated in a more practicable manner, often in tune with their requirements and aspirations, he observed.

The program provided

students with an opportunity to participate in a simulated Gram Sabha and gain an understanding of grassroots democratic institutions, civic responsibilities, and local governance. Students actively participated in discussions on various issues related to local self-governance, education, and community development.

On the occasion, a series of cultural items on multiple themes showcasing tribal traditions and way of life besides yoga sessions were presented by the students.

ADDC Budgam reviews progress under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, RDSS

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Budgam, Vivek Agarwal, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the district.

The ADDC reviewed consumer enrolment, application processing, vendor selection, rooftop solar installations, inspections and subsidy disbursement under PM Surya Ghar. While significant progress has been achieved, he expressed concern over the gap between vendor selection and actual installations.

He directed empanelled vendors to clear pending cases on priority and asked



KPDCL officers to undertake weekly monitoring, ensure timely inspections and expedite net-metering to facilitate speedy subsidy disbursement. Under RDSS, the meeting reviewed feeder segregation, conductor replacement, LT line reconductoring, installation of poles and distribution

transformers, and smart metering. The ADDC directed officers to accelerate ongoing works and complete the remaining projects within stipulated timelines.

He also stressed close coordination among KPDCL, JAKEDA, financial institutions and empanelled vendors to resolve pending is-

sues, facilitate consumer financing and achieve 100 percent saturation under both schemes. The meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning Budgam, Javed Ahmad, Executive Engineer KPDCL Budgam, concerned officers and representatives of empanelled solar agencies.

DC Bandipora reviews Water Conservation Plan, stresses coordinated action

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a meeting to review the Water Conservation Plan and progress of related measures in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the status of water conservation initiatives and sought feedback from the concerned departments on measures being undertaken to conserve and efficiently manage water resources.

The DC stressed the need for close coordination among Jal Shakti, Agricul-



ture, NHPC, Municipal Committees and other stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of the Water Conservation Plan. She called for focused

efforts at the field level and timely completion of planned interventions for sustainable water management.

Senior officers from Jal

Shakti, Agriculture, NHPC, Municipal Committees, Planning department and other concerned departments attended the meeting.

Forest Department observes Forest Martyrs Day at Shankaracharya Hills

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The Forest Department today observed Forest Martyrs Day at Shankaracharya Hills, Srinagar, paying solemn tribute to forest personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The gathering was headed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force (PCCF & HoFF), Sarvesh Rai, and was attended by senior officers of the Department, including the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir; Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle; Joint Director, FPF Kashmir; Joint Director, Soil Conservation, Kashmir; Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs); Deputy Director, FPF Srinagar; Range Officers; and other field staff. The gathering was also attended by Nazir Benazir, CAMPA NGO Member.

The PCCF, along with senior officers of the Depart-



ment, paid floral tributes at the Martyrs Memorial in honour of the fallen.

Speaking on the occasion, the PCCF highlighted the challenging conditions under which forest personnel discharge their duties ranging from encounters with wild animals to confrontations with timber smugglers. He paid rich tributes to the Forest Mar-

tyrs who made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of their duties, ensuring the ecological security of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

As a mark of remembrance, the Department also planted conifer saplings under the banner "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam" in honour of the

Forest Martyrs at Balwan Srinagar.

A similar event was organized at Kashmir Forest Training School, Chitarnar Bandipora wherein the Principal of the Kashmir Forest Training School along with the concerned staff and trainees paid rich tribute to Forest Personnel who laid their lives in the line of duty.

DC Srinagar reviews for Urs at Ziyarat Dastgeer Sahib, Sarai Bala

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11:- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Friday visited Ziyarat Dastgeer Sahib at Sarai Bala, Amirakadal to review and finalize arrangements for the smooth conduct of the annual Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA).

The DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Joint Commissioner SMC, Suhail Ul Islam, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Executive Engineer R&B, Khalid Mehmood, Executive Engineer KPDCL, Tassaduq Nabi, Executive Engineer Water Works, Aijaz Rafiq, DySP Traffic, Mehboob Ul Haq, District Health Officer, Dr Rubeena, Tehsildar South, Sajad Rasool Shah, besides senior officers from SMC, Fire & Emergency



Services, Police, UEED and other line departments.

During the visit, the DC took onsite review of the arrangements pertaining to drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation, traffic and parking management, street lighting and medical facilities. He directed all concerned De-

partments to ensure close coordination for the safe, peaceful and hassle-free observance of the Urs.

Interacting with members of the Shrine Management Committee, the DC sought their suggestions regarding facilities and arrangements for devotees expected to participate in large numbers

during the Urs.

While chairing a meeting with Officers at the Shrine, the DC stressed the need for all line Departments and stakeholders to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in advance to facilitate devotees visiting the Ziyarat during the Urs days.

The DC emphasized uninterrupted power and water supply at the Shrine, besides ensuring proper sanitation and cleanliness around the venue. He also directed the concerned agencies to put adequate firefighting arrangements in place, particularly during the Urs days.

Regarding medical facilities, the Department of Health was asked to establish a First Aid-cum-Medical Camp at the Shrine to provide immediate medical aid to devotees.

ADDC Kupwara reviews progress under NAPS-2

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 11: In order to review the progress achieved through the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS-2) in district Kupwara, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Ghulam Rasool, today chaired a meeting of concerned officers at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, Kupwara.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on various aspects concerning the effective implementation of NAPS-2 in the district. The ADDC took a comprehensive review of the progress made by different departments and institutions and stressed the need for coordinated and timely action to achieve the assigned targets.

The meeting discussed, among other issues, the identification of establishments and their registration on the NAPS Portal; registration of apprentices/candidates on the portal; uploading of actual Apprenticeship Contract



documents; completion of e-KYC of all registered apprentices; and review of the progress achieved by each department/institution.

The ADDC also reviewed the bottlenecks, if any, being faced by the concerned departments in the implementation process and called for their timely resolution. He emphasized the importance of close monitoring and inter-depart-

mental coordination to ensure that the benefits of the apprenticeship programme reach eligible candidates in the district. He directed the concerned officers to formulate and adhere to a time-bound action plan for completion of the assigned targets and ensure that all pending activities, including registration, documentation and e-KYC, are completed within the stipulated

timelines. The ADDC underscored that effective implementation of NAPS-2 would provide valuable apprenticeship opportunities to local youth while strengthening their employability and industry-oriented skills. The meeting was attended by ADC Handwara, Principals of GDCs, SDM Karnah, SE R&B, ACD and other concerned officers.

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11:

Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Airforce line will be observed due to which power supply to Peerbagh, Cooperative Colony, Jeelanabad, Hyderpora, Nadru, PHQ, Airport, Sheikhpora, Friends Colony, Humama Heights, Tawheed Bagh and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 01 PM on 14 September 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Batapora-Gagren Tapline will be observed due to which power supply to Shopian Town, Gagren, Memandhar and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 13 September 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Alasteng Nagbal line (Gadoora Tapline) will be observed due to which power supply to Fethapora, Gadoora, Tulbagh, Tulbagh, Shairpathri, Kachan and adjoining areas will be af-

ected from 10 AM to 12 Noon on 14 September 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Sarnal Akhura Tapline will be observed due to which power supply to Anchidora, Chee, Prakashpora, Nambal, Akhura and adjoining areas will be affected from 08 AM to 02 PM on 12 September 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Lassipora-Reshipora line, 33 kV Lassipora-Keegam line and 33 kV Lassipora Buildtech (Pulwama

B) line will be observed due to which power supply to Zainapora, Chitragam, Awneera, Reban, Aglar, Suggan, Turkawangam, Nagbal, Pakherpora, Hawal, Rajpora, Rahmoo, Keegam, Gulshanabad, Akhal, Chararipora, Hotline, Tenghar, Koil, Tengguna, Pinglena, Gundipora, Gangoo, Arihal, Achan, Oudoora, Ahgam, Lassipora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08 AM to 02 PM on 13 & 20 September 2026.