

ADC reviews enforcement of NGT guidelines in Bhaderwah

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal, today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the implementation of National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines. He directed stakeholder departments to intensify measures for environmental protection, sanitation and scientific waste management across the subdivision.

The ADC stressed strict and effective implementation of environmental norms and called for daily monitoring of waste collection systems, along with the mandatory sharing of geo-tagged photographs on a daily basis to ensure transparency and accountability.

He directed the concerned authorities to ensure 100 percent door-to-door waste collection in rural areas, including coverage of the BDO office areas, while similar arrangements are to be strengthened in the town and municipal areas. He also called for completion of waste collection sheds in the town, municipality and



rural areas.

Special emphasis was laid on maintaining cleanliness in marketplaces. The ADC directed the concerned agencies to deploy separate vehicles for collection of waste from fruit and veg-

etable markets and chicken shops.

He further ordered strict action against littering in markets, including the issuance of challans to persons found spreading or dumping litter.

The meeting was attended by CEO BDA, PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti, (I&FC), AO BDA, UEED, REW, BMO, BDO, AEE PHE, EO MCB and other officers and officials from various departments.

Rajouri admin discusses Rural-Urban Convergence for Waste Segregation, Processing

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 15: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to deliberate on rural-urban convergence for effective segregation, collection, processing and disposal of dry and wet waste in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for segregation of dry and wet waste at source to ensure scientific and efficient waste management. He directed the Rural Development Department and Municipal bodies to chalk out a comprehensive convergence plan for collection and disposal of

wet and dry waste in peri-urban areas.

The Deputy Commissioner said that Municipal Council Rajouri and Municipal Committee Sunderbani shall be accorded first priority under the convergence initiative. He stressed coordinated efforts between rural and urban local bodies to establish an efficient waste management mechanism in areas adjoining municipal limits.

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) Rajouri also made a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed mechanism for collection,

segregation and disposal of wet and dry waste in rural areas.

The DC called for close coordination among all concerned departments and directed that the proposed convergence plan be implemented in a systematic manner, with focus on source segregation, proper collection and scientific processing of waste.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC, Malik Zada Sheraz Ul Haq; ADC Rajouri, Ravi Kumar Sihag; ACD, Sheraz Chowhan; EO MC Rajouri, Ashiq Rafiq Malik and EO MC Sunderbani, Dilip Kumar.

DC Ramban reviews functioning of Revenue Deptt

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Revenue Department.

He assessed the progress achieved in land record digitization, Digital Crop Survey (DCS), besides execution of Departmental building projects.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan; SDM Gool Imtiaz Ahmed; SDM Ramsoo Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah; Executive Engineers of PWD Divisions Ramban and Banihal and all Tehsildars of the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of the new and ongoing construction works of Revenue Department buildings at Naibat, Tehsil and Sub-divisional levels taken up under the Capex Budget. The PWD



department was asked to expedite the execution of all ongoing works. The DC also set deadlines for completion of various projects. The Tehsildars were directed to monitor the progress.

Reviewing the progress of the Agristack Digitization initiative, the Deputy Commissioner directed the department to expedite the implementation and achieve the prescribed targets within the stipulated

timeline. He also directed the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, all SDMs and Tehsildars to ensure completion of the Digital Crop Survey (DCS) across the district within the prescribed timeline.

District admin Kishtwar organises Capacity-Building Workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 15: The district administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Directorate of Industries and Commerce Jammu, today organized a comprehensive capacity-building workshop on the implementation of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma presided over the event, attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma, CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani, ACR Idrees Lone, GM DIC Mohsin Raza, ACD Manoj Kumar, ACP Neeraj Sharma, DSWO Tariq Parveez

Qazi, CAO Kushal Chandel, DNO AYUSH Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal besides other District officers and staff from various other departments.

The workshop focused on fostering integrated infrastructure development, strengthening multi-modal connectivity and ensuring better synergy among line departments for speedy and result-oriented execution of projects in the district.

In the course of the session, the Technical Officer of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan Santosh Kumar Rai gave a detailed demonstration of the PM Gati Shakti portal and apprised the participants about its key components, functionalities and



the mechanism for feeding and managing data on the platform. The deliberations laid emphasis on orienting the officers with GIS-enabled spatial planning instruments, unified digital data ecosystems and geo-tagged mapping of infrastructure under the PM Gati Shakti architecture. The need for seamless sharing of departmental datasets, detection of infrastructural deficiencies, prevention of overlapping of works, augmentation of last-mile linkages and synchronized planning of roads, utilities and other public assets was discussed at length.

The participants were further sensitized to the significance of technology-led and data-backed

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of stakeholder departments, execution agencies and vendors to review the progress of various power sector schemes in the district.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC), S. Ajay Pal Singh, officers of concerned departments, representatives of executing agencies and vendors.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), installation of Smart Meters and implementation of rooftop solar projects across the district.



Reviewing the RDSS works, the DC directed the concerned agencies to expedite execution and ensure timely completion of projects aimed at strengthening power distribution infrastructure, enhancing operational efficiency and improving consumer satisfaction. He resolved the bottlenecks highlighted by executing agencies by issuing directions to the concerned officers and assured full administrative support.

The DC laid special emphasis on the effective implementation and wide promotion of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, aimed at encouraging households to adopt rooftop solar systems for reducing electricity bills and promoting sustainable, reliable and eco-friendly power supply. He directed the Executive

Engineer to closely coordinate with the vendor responsible for solarization of government buildings to ensure timely progress. Specific targets were fixed for AEEs, JEs and other concerned officials and agencies to accelerate installations while maintaining quality standards. Junior Engineers were directed to ensure maximum coverage under the scheme within the stipulated timelines.

Reviewing Smart Meter installation, the DC directed the executing agencies to expedite the process and ensure mandatory installation and activation of meters within the prescribed timelines.

He further stressed immediate installation of Smart Meters for all electricity connections, particularly households and Government offices that have installed rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

FDA, Police seize, destroy 600 kg unsafe Paneer in Jammu

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Food and Drugs Administration- J&K, has seized around 600 kg of paneer valued at around ₹1.50 lakh during an enforcement operation in Jammu.

Acting on specific information, the Food Safety Team, in coordination with the Jammu Police, intercepted a passenger sleeper bus arriving from Punjab. During inspection, around 20 cartons of paneer were found being transported without adequate temperature-control arrangements and without requisite labelling and traceability par-

ticulars, including details of the supplier and consignee.

The consignment was accordingly seized by the Food Safety Team, and a legal sample was drawn and forwarded to the designated Food Laboratory for analysis in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Considering the perishable nature of the commodity and the observed transportation conditions, the seized consignment was subsequently transported to the designated dumping yard of the Jammu Municipal Corporation and approximately 600 kg of paneer was disposed of/destroyed as per the prescribed procedure, in the

presence of the concerned authorities.

The FDA J&K reiterated that food business operators dealing in perishable food commodities are required to ensure compliance with the prescribed requirements relating to safe transportation, temperature control, hygiene, labelling and traceability.

Further, as stipulated under Regulation 2.1.14(2) of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011, every manufacturer, distributor or dealer selling an article of food to a vendor is required to provide a warranty in Form E, either separately or

through the bill, cash memo or label, as prescribed.

The FDA, J&K, further emphasized that strict enforcement and surveillance of food commodities will continue across the Union Territory, with particular focus on the safe handling, transportation and sale of perishable food products, to protect public health and ensure compliance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

Consumers are requested to report any suspected unsafe or adulterated food product through Toll-Free Helpline No. 104 or email at cfsjandk.fnd@jk.gov.in

JKAACL organises 2-day Painters' Camp on Life, Works and Times of Acharya Abhinav Gupta

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The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today organized a two-day Painters' Camp on the theme "Life, Works and Times of Acharya Abhinav Gupta" at the Academy premises, Jammu.

The camp was inaugurated by Secretary, JKAACL Harvinder Kour in presence of Special Secretary JKAACL Sonali Arun Gupta and Exhibition Officer JKAACL Irshad Tantray.

Renowned artists from Jammu and Kashmir are participating in the camp and are creating artworks inspired by the life, philosophy, literary contributions and enduring legacy of Acharya Abhinav Gupta, one of the most celebrated philosophers, aestheticians, spiritual thinkers and polymaths of Kashmir.

The participating artists include Vijay Anand,



Chetna Anand, Amit Anand, Subhash Lange and Rohit Verma. The artists are interpreting the life and intellectual legacy of Acharya Abhinav Gupta through their individual artistic expressions, bringing together diverse perspectives and contemporary visual representations.

highlighted the profound contribution of Acharya Abhinav Gupta to Indian philosophy, aesthetics, literature, spirituality and the cultural thought of Kashmir. She said that his extensive body of work continues to hold relevance even today and represents one of the finest intellectual traditions of Kashmir.

While interacting with the artists, the Special Secretary appreciated their creativity and artistic expression in portraying the life, works and contributions of Acharya Abhinav Gupta on canvas. She lauded the artists for their imagination and unique interpretation of the revered philosopher, scholar and aesthetician.

The Secretary JKAACL