

DC presides over weekly Block Diwas at Kud- Udhampur

Public raises demands related to education, drinking water, sports, connectivity

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today presided over the weekly Block Diwas programme at Kud, providing a platform to the people of adjoining panchayats to project their concerns and demands before the district administration.

The public outreach programme was attended by PO Poshan Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash, SDM Chenani Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, CEO PDA and other senior officers. Former PRI members and a large number of people from adjoining panchayats also participated.

The former PRI members and the general public projected several demands, seeking adequate of teaching staff at GHSS Kud and other educational institutions, augmentation of drinking water supply, establishment of a mini stadium to promote sports in the area, development of an eco-friendly garden, early completion of pending JJM works, improvement of mobile network connectivity, establishment of a Health Centre at Bupp, release of land compensation, construction of a footbridge and construction of a shed and boundary wall at GHSS Kud etc.

Responding to the issues and demands raised by the public, the Deputy



Commissioner assured them that their genuine grievances would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

The DC emphasized the importance of working with dedication and commitment to ensure that the people of the area are not deprived of their legitimate demands. He urged the officers to create awareness among the public about the income-generating and beneficiary-oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and the UT Government.

The DC emphasized that the primary objective of such public outreach programmes is to address the day-to-day grievances faced by people on the ground and ensure effective delivery of public services. During the Block Diwas programme, students of GHSS Kud pre-

sented a cultural programme, which was highly appreciated by everyone.

En route to Kud, the Deputy Commissioner visited Anganwadi Centre, Degolt-Ist, Project Chenani, to take stock of various activities being undertaken under the Poshan Maah campaign

and review the functioning of the centre.

The DC interacted with the children, beneficiaries and Anganwadi staff and reviewed the activities being conducted to promote nutrition, early childhood care and education, health and the overall development of children.

2 Driving Licences of NDPS accused disqualified

DODA, SEPTEMBER 16: In a significant action aimed at promoting road safety and preventing the misuse of driving privileges, Assistant Regional Transport Officer Tasleem Wani has disqualified two Driving Licences belonging to persons accused in a case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The action was taken under the directions and supervision of Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal and in close coordination with District Police.

The proceedings were initiated on the basis of recommendations and details of FIR No. 239/2026, registered under Sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Doda.

Accordingly, the Driving Licence JK0620100002783 of Mohammad Arif, S/o Mohammad Aayub, R/o Bershalla, Tehsil & District Doda — DL JK0620200001139 of Shohrab Hussain, S/o Mohammad Sharief, R/o Mohalla Akramabad, Tehsil & District Doda were disqualified.

ADDC Jammu reviews progress under HADP

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Jammu Sher Singh today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) in the district.

At the outset, a detailed presentation was given, highlighting the credit linkage across the Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and allied sectors; status of applications received and approved; establishment of units, fund utilisation, output tracking on the Kisan Sathi portal, skilling under Daksh Kisan and functioning of Kisan



Khidmat Ghars (KKGs)

The meeting was apprised that the district has registered encouraging progress under the twin programmes, with a large number of units established and a substantial share of the released funds utilised on the ground.

Notable headway was reported under flagship interventions such as Farm Mechanization and Automation, High-Density Plantation, Promotion of Vegetables and Exotic Vegetables, Round-the-Year Mushroom Cultivation, Commercial Floriculture, Bee-Keeping and Dragon

Fruit Mother Blocks, besides Dairy, Poultry and Fodder Development under the allied sectors.

Conducting a department-wise review, the ADDC directed officers to expedite the establishment of units against the allotted targets for 2026-27 and to ensure timely utilisation of released funds. He stressed upon clearing pendency in applications, weeding out inactive cases and registering genuine beneficiaries, besides maintaining GPS-tagged photo documentation for real-time monitoring.

Describing HADP and

JKCIP as transformative initiatives aimed at doubling agricultural output, boosting rural livelihoods and making the sector commercially viable and sustainable, he called for close inter-departmental convergence so that the benefits reach farmers and rural youth at the grassroots within stipulated timelines.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Lead District Manager and other concerned officers.

FQCL Jammu achieves four-year renewal of NABL Accreditation

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The Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory (FQCL), Jammu, Directorate of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, has achieved a significant milestone with the renewal of its NABL accreditation for a further period of four years, up to August 2030.

The renewal has been granted by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) following a satisfactory assessment of the laboratory's compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, the internationally recognized standard for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.

The laboratory was assessed by a team of NABL assessors on August 1 and 2, 2026. During the two-day assessment, the assessors thoroughly reviewed



the laboratory's documentation and quality management system, infrastructure, equipment, technical procedures, quality standards, records and technical competence of laboratory personnel. The laboratory was found satisfactory and in conformity with the applicable requirements.

The renewed Certificate of Accreditation No. NABL0926JK19415 is valid from August 12, 2026 to August 11, 2030. The revised scope of accreditation covers Chemical Test-

ing of Neem Coated Urea under the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985 including Biuret Content, Moisture Content, Oil Content, Particle Size and Total Nitrogen. The formal decision regarding renewal was conveyed by NABL vide communication dated September 15, 2026, confirming the renewal of accreditation based on the satisfactory assessment and corrective action submitted by the laboratory.

Today, the renewed NABL Accreditation Cer-

tificate was presented to Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta, by Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Roshan Lal Bhat and Assistant Bio-Chemist Jammu, Deepak Singh in the presence of analysts and supporting staff of FQCL Jammu. The certificate presentation programme was attended by Analysts Pardeep Bhatia, Pooja Kour, Aparna Ganjoo, Babarpreet Singh and Sanjeev Gupta, besides supporting staff Virinder Gupta and Narayan Vishal.

ACD Kishtwar reviews progress of development schemes in 4 Blocks

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 16: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Assistant Commissioner Development (Additional District Programme Coordinator-VB-G RAM-G), Manoj Kumar today chaired a meeting to assess the progress of developmental schemes in Blocks Inderwal, Mughal-aidan, Thakrie and Pad-dar.

The meeting reviewed the implementation and progress of VB-G RAM-G, PMAY-G, District/UT Capex, CDF, APDP and other developmental schemes. Review of VB-G RAM-G focused on assessing generation of Person-Days (PDs) against the normative allocation and the 1st Quarter release. The performance of individual Gram Panchayats



was examined in detail. Taking serious note of low PD generation in certain Panchayats, the ACD directed the concerned functionaries to improve their performance.

The ACD further stressed on 100% e-KYC of skilled and semi-skilled mates, proper geo-tagging of assets and timely processing and payment of wages to GRGC holders.

While reviewing PMAY-

G progress, the ACD directed immediate completion of Category-A houses. He directed the concerned officers to examine the delays and initiate recovery proceedings in cases under Category-B, where beneficiaries have failed to utilise assistance as prescribed. Reviewing the progress under

District/UT Capex, CDF, APDP and other heads, the ACD stressed immedi-

ate physical and financial completion of ongoing works, with close monitoring at the field level.

Taking serious note of instances of poor performance and failure to discharge assigned duties, show-cause notices were issued to three officials — one from Block Mughal-aidan and two from Block Thakrie. A termination notice was also served upon one official of Block Paddar for unsatisfactory performance and failure to discharge assigned responsibilities.

The meeting was attended by Bhushan Sen, BDO Mughal-aidan; Zahid Rashid, BDO Inderwal; Ishtiyaz Ahmed, BDO Thakrie; Rajesh Sharma, BDO Paddar; Kewal Kumar, Executive Engineer, REW Kishtwar; AEEs, AEs and other concerned field staff.

DC Rajouri chairs public outreach camp at Thanamandi

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As part of the Weekly Block Diwas initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a public outreach camp at Thanamandi to listen and ensure on-the-spot redressal of public grievances.

The local residents and public representatives projected a number of issues and demands pertaining to roads, mobile connectivity, infrastructure and other essential services. The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing and took detailed feedback from the concerned officers regarding the issues raised.

The Deputy Commissioner

assured that all issues pertaining to different departments have been duly noted and genuine concerns shall be redressed in a phased manner. He stressed the need for adopting a solution-oriented approach and urged the public to work hand in hand with the district administration for timely resolution of their grievances. Officers from various departments also responded to the issues raised by the public and apprised the gathering about the action being taken and the measures proposed for addressing the concerns.

Highlighting the immense tourism potential of Thanamandi, the Deputy Commissioner said that the area, known for its scenic beauty



and natural attractions, has significant potential for further development as a tourist destination. He emphasized

the need to make concerted efforts towards strengthening connectivity and improving infrastructure to facilitate the

movement of tourists and boost local economic activity.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Border Roads Or-

ganisation (BRO) to expedite the ongoing work on the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road. He also informed that a committee has been constituted for assessment of losses caused by the recent floods. He directed the committee to complete the assessment and submit its report at the earliest so that further necessary action could be initiated on the basis of the findings.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated that the Weekly Block Diwas initiative provides an effective platform for direct interaction between the administration and the people. He called upon all departments to ensure effective follow-up on the issues raised during such outreach programmes.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected High School Manyal. He took stock of the condition of the school infrastructure and observed that some of the rooms were old and in a dilapidated condition. He directed the PWD and Education Department to take necessary corrective measures and ensure that the safety of students and staff remains the foremost priority.

Among the others who were present at the event included PO ICDS, Harpal Singh; SDM Thanamandi Abid Hussain Shah; ACD, Sheraz Chowhan; CPO, Maqsood Ahmed; ACP, Mohd Rafeeq; DDE, Mohd Nawaz Choudhary; DSHO, PP Sagotra; CEO Education Mohd Hafiz and other district and sectoral officers.