

Mission Director POSHAN J&K reviews implementation of schemes in Kishtwar

Inspects Anganwadi Centres, interacts with Sanginis, Sahayikas

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Mission Director POSHAN J&K Sajad Hussain Ganai today visited District Kishtwar. He reviewed the implementation and progress of POSHAN initiatives, inspected Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), Creche AWCs and interacted with Sanginis and Sahayikas.

The District Programme Officer, ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma apprised the MD of the current status of the implementation of the schemes in the district and the overall functioning of the Department.

The MD POSHAN J&K was accompanied by the Accounts Officer, POSHAN J&K, Masood Ahmad Mattoo.

The Mission Director also inspected Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and Creche AWCs and interacted with beneficiaries to assess the ground-level delivery of services.

On the occasion, various stalls were also set up by the Anganwadi Workers to display low-cost nutritious recipes and Teaching Learning Material (TLM). The Mission Director appreciated the efforts of the AWWs and lauded their creativity and dedication.

Later, the Mission Director chaired a meeting with the CDPOs and other concerned officers to assess the progress of the interventions under Mission POSHAN in the district.

The Mission Director directed the concerned officers to ensure timely generation of APAAR IDs, Aadhaar IDs and ABHA IDs for all eligible beneficiaries. He also instructed them to expedite the repair, renovation and upgradation of Anganwadi Centres to improve overall condition, infrastructure and functionality.

Emphasizing the need for wider coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), the Mission Director directed the officers to conduct a dedicated PMMVY Registra-



tion Drive to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are identified and enrolled under the scheme.

He further stressed the importance of strengthening coordination with the Department of Health for the effective conduct of Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) and Anaemia Camps at Anganwadi Centres.

The Mission Director also issued directions for strengthening infrastructure and improving service delivery across all AWCs, with particular emphasis on Bal Vidyalayas. He directed the concerned officers to ensure Face Recognition and e-KYC of all eligible beneficiaries in a timely manner.

Reviewing the distribution of Take-Home Ration (THR), the Mission Director called for improved monitoring through the Face Recognition System (FRS) to ensure transparency, accountability, and timely delivery to beneficiaries.

During his field visit to various Anganwadi and Creche AWCs, the Mission Director assessed the availability of facilities and the delivery of services at the grassroots level. He also interacted with Sanginis and Sahayikas, seeking feedback on their field-level experiences and the implementation of POSHAN schemes.

The Mission Director emphasized the need for effective implementation, close inter-departmental coordination, and continuous monitoring to strengthen service delivery and ensure that the intended benefits of Mission POSHAN reach all eligible beneficiaries in a timely and efficient manner.

The meeting was attended by CDPO Kishtwar, Rahida Lone, Supervisors, AWWs, AWHs and other staff of the ICDS Department, Kishtwar.

DC Ganderbal reviews Road Safety Measures

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 29: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee at the VC Room, DC Office, Ganderbal, to review road safety measures and implementation of the road safety plan in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the road safety plan formulated by the PW(R&B) Department, Ganderbal, and took detailed stock of the proposed works and interventions aimed at reducing road accidents and improving safety for commuters and pedestrians.

The DC directed the concerned agencies to ensure time bound completion of all proposed road safety works and stressed upon the officers to accord priority to measures aimed at preventing accidents, particularly at identified accident-prone areas and black spots. The Deputy Commissioner directed the departments to ensure installation of crash barriers at vulnerable stretches, particularly along identified accident prone locations,

besides installation of adequate and clearly visible road signages and retro reflective signage along the roads for improved visibility and guidance of motorists.

He further directed the concerned agencies to identify and address accident-prone areas and black spots on priority and ensure necessary engineering and safety interventions at such locations. He also called for installation of speed breakers at appropriate locations in accident-prone and populated areas to regulate vehicular speed and enhance pedestrian safety. The DC stressed upon the concerned departments to ensure proper maintenance and repair of footpaths and other pedestrian facilities and directed that necessary measures be taken to make roads safer and more accessible for pedestrians.

Reviewing traffic management measures, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Municipal Council Ganderbal to install traffic lights at Towheed Chowk and ensure their timely operationalisation for effective regulation of traffic at the

busy intersection. He also directed the concerned agencies to ensure appropriate traffic safety measures along the Hospital Road.

The DC directed the concerned agencies to ensure that road diversions are properly marked and equipped with adequate safety measures, including appropriate signage and visibility arrangements. He further stressed upon the concerned departments to ensure necessary measures at blind bends and other vulnerable stretches to alert motorists and minimise the risk of accidents.

The DC emphasised close coordination among the concerned departments for implementation of road safety measures and directed that all agencies regularly inspect vulnerable stretches and take corrective measures without delay. He also directed NHAI and BEACON/BRO to ensure availability of ambulance services for emergency response along the concerned road stretches and directed that the toll-free contact numbers of the ambulance/emergency services be prominently publicised for the convenience of the general public.

The DC stressed upon all concerned officers to ensure strict compliance with road safety measures and directed that the progress of the works be regularly monitored. He called for a coordinated approach involving the R&B, NHAI, Traffic Police, Municipal Council and other concerned agencies to minimise accidents and improve overall road safety in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kangan, Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Kangan, Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Ganderbal, Executive Engineer KPDCI Ganderbal, Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti Division Ganderbal, Executive Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Division Ganderbal, Assistant Regional Transport Officer Ganderbal, Deputy Superintendent of Police Ganderbal, Executive Officer Municipal Council Ganderbal and representative of NHAI and BRO, besides other concerned officers.

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Legislators raise public issues during Zero Hour

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29: The Legislators, during the Zero Hour of J&K Legislative Assembly, today raised various issues of public importance.

MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen raised the issue of unfilled vacancies in the educational and health institutions of Banihal Constituency. He sought installation of CT Scan at SDH Banihal. Additionally, he raised the issue of rationalization of Patwar Halqas and GQ Circles commensurate to the population growth.

MLA Pattan Javid Riyaz Bedar sought the attention of Government towards upgradation of CHC Pattan into the SDH hospital in view of the high foot fall to this health facility.

MLA Bahu Ch. Vikram Randhawa asked the Government to withdraw the notices issued by JMC to the shopkeepers of Jammu.

Legislator Surjeet Singh Slathia seconded the issue raised by the MLA and said that CLU provisions were not in vogue then, therefore the affected shopkeepers should not be compelled to furnish the same.

MLA Kupwara Mir Mohammad Fayaz sought upgradation of schools in his area besides provision of

SRTC buses for the students as they have to cover long distance to reach their educational institutions.

MLA Eidgah Mubarak Gul sought the intervention of government to promote Kashmiri language in schools and protection of city water bodies by carrying out their fresh demarcation and dredging.

MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq appealed the Government to consider withdrawal of FIRs registered against juveniles during protests against killing of Ayatollah Khamenei on the pattern of Ladakh recently. He also sought a policy for providing pensionary benefits to journalists in J&K.

MLA Rajouri Iftkar Ahmed sought the intervention of the government to appoint full fledged Registrar at BGSBU besides enhancing the Grant-in-Aid to the varsity. Additionally, he sought Cath lab and MRI facility at GMC Rajouri.

MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar requested for inclusion of six far-flung roads in the annual plan of the district besides seeking measures to tide over the water crisis in Kishtwar district.

MLA Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi sought formulation of some scheme on the pattern of ReT to fill vacancies of teachers in far flung areas of J&K.

MLA Gulabgarh Er. Khurshid Ahmed raised the issue of shortage of staff in the health and educational intuitions of his constituency. He also raised land compensation issues of farmers of his constituency.

MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal sought assessment of losses caused by Hydro projects. He also raised the issue of the shortage of electricity and other public infrastructure in his constituency.

MLA Anantnag East-Shangus Riyaz Ahmad Khan sought intervention of the government for upgradation of irrigation facilities and restoration of water bodies in his constituency. He also sought completion of works on road connectivity projects.

MLA Jammu west Arvind Gupta sought initiation of second phase of Bone and Joint Hospital Jammu besides deployment of specialist doctors in this health facility.

MLA Bijbehara Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri raised the issue of lifting the educational bar on MTS posts and sought implementation of Minimum Wages Act for consolidated employees of the government.

MLA Khansahib Saif-ud-Din Bhat raised the issue of land issue of Degree College. He also sought attention of government towards defunct irrigation schemes in his area.

MLA Mehraj Malik requested the government to initiate recruitments at local level besides establishing a separate Hill Development division for Chenab region. He also called for lifting the educational bar on MTS posts and demanded enhancement of risk allowance of eligible employees.

MLA Surankote Choudhary Mohammad Akram sought relief for the families and farmers affected by recent floods besides allotment of 5 marlas of land in favour of households damaged in these floods.

MLA Tral Rafiq Ahmad Naik raised the issue of establishment of Fruit and Vegetable Mandi at Tral, macdamisation of roads in his constituency besides promotion prospects for Accounts Assistants recruited in 2019. MLA Sonawari Hilar Akbar Lone sought the intervention of government to address the connectivity issues in his constituency besides construction of hospital building and playgrounds.

Regional workshop on “Adoption, Implementation of ECSBC and ENS” begins in Srinagar

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A two day regional workshop on “Adoption and Implementation of ECSBC and ENS”, organised by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) today commenced in Srinagar.

The workshop was inaugurated by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Power Development Department, Ashwani Kumar.

The workshop is being attended by senior officials, experts and representatives from State Designated Agencies and concerned departments from various States and UTs of the northern region to deliberate on implementation of energy-efficient building codes and share experiences, challenges and best practices.

Addressing the gathering, the ACS emphasised the importance of energy efficiency and energy conservation in achieving sustainable development. He highlighted that conservation of energy is a collective responsibility requiring the active participation of all sections of society.

Ashwani Kumar stressed the need to adopt energy-efficient practices in homes, offices, industries and public institutions. He underlined the importance of creating greater public awareness regarding the judicious use of electricity and avoidance of energy wastage.

The ACS appreciated the role of BEE and J&K SDA in promoting energy conservation through awareness and capacity-building initiatives. He called for greater adoption of energy-efficient technologies and practices across different sectors.

Director General, BEE, Krushna Chandra Panigrahy, emphasised the importance of Centre-State collaboration, breaking institutional silos and strengthening communication for effective implementation of ECSBC. He also underlined the critical role of energy efficiency in strengthening India's energy security and in achieving the country's Net-Zero target by 2070.

Welcoming the dignitaries and participants, Sanjay Sharma, Chief Electrical Inspector and Head, SDA J&K, highlighted the enormous energy-saving potential of the building sector. He also elaborated the importance of effective implementation of ECSBC and ENS for maximising energy savings in the building sector. He briefed the participants on some of the key energy-sector reforms and initiatives being undertaken in J&K, and apprised the gathering of BEE-supported initiatives relating to energy conservation and e-cooking.

During the workshop, Pravatinalini Samal, Director, BEE and Dr. Abhishek Sharma, Director, BEE reviewed the progress of ECSBC implementation, check testing and market surveillance activities. The challenges being faced by State Designated Agencies in implementing energy-efficiency programmes were discussed, with participants sharing their experiences and deliberating on possible solutions, support mechanisms and strategies for strengthening implementation.

BEE reiterated its commitment to provide necessary technical assistance and support to States and UTs for effective adoption and implementation of ECSBC and other building energy-efficiency initiatives.

The workshop is expected to further strengthen the coordination among BEE, State Designated Agencies and concerned departments and facilitate more effective implementation of energy-efficiency measures in the building sector.

MLA's call on Javed Rana, raise constituency specific issues

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29: Members of the Legislative Assembly Abdul Majeed Bhat and Irshad Rasool Kar today called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here and discussed various issues pertaining to development and welfare of their respective constituencies.

During the meeting, the legislators apprised the Minister of the issues and developmental requirements concerning their constituencies, particularly those related to water supply, infrastructure and other public utility services. They also highlighted the need for timely completion of ongoing works and execution of priority projects to address the demands of the people.

The Minister assured the Legislators that their concerns would be examined on priority for speedy redress. He stressed the importance of coordinated efforts between the concerned departments and the elected representatives for effective implementation of developmental programmes and timely resolution of

public grievances.

Javed Rana reiterated the government's commitment to ensure equitable development and strengthening of essential public services across Jammu and Kashmir.

He directed the concerned officers to examine the issues raised and take appropriate action within the prescribed timelines.

Similarly, a number of people from the respective areas also raised various area-specific issues and apprised the Minister of their concerns and developmental requirements.

Secretary RDD reviews Reform Utsav preparations; calls for special Gram Sabhas across J&K on Oct 2

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Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the nationwide Reform Utsav, to be observed on October 2 as part of the People's Plan Campaign (PPC).

The meeting was attended by Secretary in RDD, Rachna Sharma; DG Rural Sanitation, Anu Malhotra; Mission Director NRLM, Shubhra Sharma; Directors RDD Kashmir and Jammu, Reyaz Ahmad Wani and Shahnaz Akhtar; CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar; COO Himayat, Rifat Kohli; senior officers, ACDs, ACPs and other concerned officials.

The Secretary stressed that Reform Utsav should go beyond a ceremonial exercise and become a platform for taking governance reforms closer to citizens at the grassroots. He directed the RDD&PR Department, as the nodal department, to coordinate with all concerned line departments for organising Special Gram Sabhas in every Panchayat across J&K on October 2. He said the Gram Sabhas should enable the citizens to understand key reforms, their practical benefits and the development priorities of their respective areas.

Reviewing the preparations, Asad directed the ACDs and ACPs to coordinate with their

respective Deputy Commissioners and convene inter-departmental meetings on priority to finalise the arrangements. He also directed that scheme-specific IEC material should reach every Panchayat well before the event and that all designated nodal officers should be



fully conversant with their responsibilities.

The meeting reviewed IEC material, creatives, banners, radio jingles and audiovisual content relating to VB-G RAM G, Lakhpati Didi, IWMP, Panchayati Raj and SBM-G.

The Secretary directed that communication should focus on clearly explaining what has changed under the reforms and how these changes benefit rural households, rather than merely reproducing scheme guidelines.

While reviewing VB-G RAM G communication, he directed the officers to highlight key reforms relating the employment, wages, attendance and planning besides displaying sanctioned works and explaining the planning process.

For Lakhpati Didi, he called for showcasing the success stories of rural women along with information on available support and opportunities.

The Secretary also directed the ACPs to create special group titled “Reform Utsav”, including all BDOs and Panchayat Secretaries, for seamless dissemination of IEC material, instructions and updates to every Panchayat.

Calling for close supervision, Asad directed the officers to ensure broad participation, proper documentation of proceedings and timely reporting. He emphasised that the Special Gram Sabhas should be meaningful, participatory and focused on taking reforms to the people.