

DDC Bandipora reviews progress on JJM , stresses timely completion of schemes

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 01: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a meeting of the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) to review the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district, with focus on geo-tagging of water sources, post-monsoon water quality testing, Jal Arpan activities, Har Ghar Jal certification and Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) coverage.

During the meeting, it was informed that geo-tagging of all water sources in the district is scheduled to commence from October 2, 2026 and is targeted for completion by December 31, 2026. It was also apprised that post-monsoon water quality testing of all water sources will commence from October 2 and will be undertaken in a systematic and time-bound manner.

The meeting further reviewed the status of Jal Arpan activities in certified villages and the progress towards formal certification of villages reported as Har Ghar Jal. It was informed



that efforts are being made to minimise the gap between villages reported as Har Ghar Jal and those formally certified, with 100 percent certification of all reported Har Ghar Jal villages being targeted.

The DDC directed all concerned implementing agencies to ensure completion of JJM schemes within the stipulated timelines and maintain close monitoring of physical progress. She called for timely identifica-

tion and resolution of bottlenecks affecting the execution of schemes.

Directions were also passed to ensure 100 percent FHTC coverage across the district, with the concerned agencies asked to undertake close monitoring and coordinated efforts to achieve the target.

The DDC further directed all concerned officers and implementing agencies to maintain close coordination and undertake regular mon-

itoring to ensure effective and timely implementation of JJM activities across the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Maqbool; Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Circle Bandipora, Anbreena Anjum; Executive Engineers; Project Manager (DPMU, JJM), Shaye Ahmad; and Executive/Junior Engineers, along with other concerned technical staff.

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 01

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today extended his warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, which will be observed across the country on October 2.

The Minister paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 157th birth anniversary, recalling his profound contribution to India's freedom struggle and the enduring relevance of his ideals of truth, non-violence, self-reliance,

Swadeshi, cleanliness and Sarvodaya. In his message, Satish Sharma said that Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy continue to inspire generations and remain deeply relevant in addressing the challenges facing society today.

"Gandhiji showed the world that truth and non-violence are not merely ideals but powerful instruments for bringing about lasting peace, social harmony and positive transformation. His message of Satya, Ahimsa, Swadeshi, Swachhata and Sarvodaya continues to guide humanity," the Minister said.

He called upon the people, particularly the youth, to draw inspiration from Gandhiji's life and work and translate his principles into

action in their everyday lives.

Satish Sharma emphasized that cleanliness, social responsibility, compassion and respect for fellow citizens are essential for building a progressive and harmonious society. He urged people to make cleanliness and civic responsibility a collective movement and contribute towards creating cleaner and healthier communities.

The Minister also underscored the importance of promoting self-reliance and supporting local initiatives, enterprises and products, in keeping with the spirit of Swadeshi and Gandhiji's vision of an empowered society. "Gandhiji's legacy reminds us that nation-building begins with

individual responsibility. Let us reaffirm our commitment to truth, non-violence, cleanliness, social harmony and service to society, and work collectively for a peaceful, prosperous and progressive Jammu and Kashmir," Satish Sharma said. He urged citizens to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti not merely as a day of remembrance but as an opportunity to renew their commitment to the values that Mahatma Gandhi championed throughout his life.

The Minister expressed hope that the occasion would inspire renewed efforts towards strengthening unity, harmony, cleanliness, social responsibility and inclusive development across Jammu and Kashmir.

DC Udhampur reviews pending building permission cases at BOCA meeting

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 01

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of the Building Operation Controlling Authority here at Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by CEO Patnitop Development Authority Rakesh Dubey; Divisional Forest Officer; SDM Chenani; Town Planner and other officers from the concerned departments.

The meeting reviewed the pending cases related to building permissions, including construction of new residential and commercial buildings, repair and renovation of existing structures



and development of land by local hereditary residents.

During the deliberations, the Authority examined the cases in detail and accorded approvals subject to applicable rules, regulations and specific conditions, particularly in matters concern-

ing change in land use.

The DC directed the CEO Patnitop Development Authority to convene BOCA meetings regularly to ensure prompt disposal of applications received from citizens and timely decision-making on pend-

ing cases.

The DC further advised to involve Wildlife Warden Jammu and Assistant Director Tourism Batote in the BOCA proceedings to facilitate coordinated examination of cases.

DC Udhampur flags off awareness vehicle to promote public awareness on VB-G RAM G Scheme

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 01

District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today flagged off an Awareness Vehicle here from the district headquarters to generate awareness among rural populace regarding the objectives, provisions and benefits of the VB-G RAM G scheme.

The initiative is aimed at taking information about the scheme to the grassroots level and ensuring that rural residents are well-informed about its provisions, implementation mechanism and the benefits available to them.

The event was attended



by ADC Prem Singh; CPO Uttam Singh; DSEO Darshan Kumar; ACD Om Parkash and ACP Ashwani Hansa, besides other officers and officials of the Rural Development Department.

The Awareness Vehicle will traverse across rural areas and Gram Panchayats of the District, disseminating information about the scheme and facilitating direct outreach to rural households. The awareness cam-

paign is aimed to encourage greater community participation and motivate rural residents to take an active role in the planning and implementation of developmental initiatives under the scheme.

ADC inspects ongoing development works across Sub-District Bhandarwah

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 01

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today conducted an extensive tour of Sub-District Bhandarwah to review the progress of ongoing development works and assess public facilities.

The ADC was accompanied by the Assistant Engineer (AE), staff members of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department and contractors associated with the ongoing projects.

He inspected the Veterinary Hospital at Pasri and reviewed the facilities and ongoing development works. He also visited the Sub-District Hospital (SDH), where he inspected the newly constructed Emergency and patient wards, besides reviewing the ongoing fencing work



around the hospital premises.

He directed the concerned officials to ensure quality construction and timely completion of the works.

He further visited Gov-

ernment Girls Higher Secondary School, where he inspected the ongoing toilet construction work. He stressed adherence to prescribed quality standards and completion of the works within the given

deadlines.

The ADC also inspected the Sports Stadium near Degree College and Power Grid Station Drudoo to review the ongoing works and infrastructure development.

Mega Cleanliness, Shramdaan Programme held at Budhal Old under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 01:

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, a mega cleanliness and Shramdaan programme "Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" was organised today at Block Headquarters Budhal Old as part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 Campaign.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and officials, former PR representatives, students, youth, sanitation workers, volunteers, civil society members and the general public. A cleanliness awareness rally was also organised, during which participants raised awareness regarding cleanliness, sanitation, responsible waste management and the importance of collective community action.

Detailed awareness was imparted regarding the provisions and objectives of the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026, with emphasis on source segregation of waste, four-way segregation, door-to-door waste collection, responsible disposal of waste, reduction, reuse and recycling of waste, home composting and proper management of different categories of solid waste.

The participants were also sensitised about the importance of avoiding littering and dumping of waste in public places and



ensuring proper handover of segregated waste to the designated collection system.

The participants were further apprised about the role of Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs), their responsibilities towards scientific management of waste and the importance of registration and compliance. Emphasis was also laid on strengthening community participation in Plastic Waste Management, functioning of Plastic Waste Management Units (PWMUs), RRR ini-

tiatives and other local waste management facilities.

Additionally, a special cleanliness and Shramdaan drive was undertaken around the Block Headquarters.

Officers, officials, students, youth, sanitation workers and local residents actively participated in the cleanliness activities, including removal of accumulated waste, cleaning of public spaces and improvement of the surrounding areas. The activity also fo-

cused on transformation and improvement of identified Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) and prevention of re-dumping of waste at the cleaned locations.

Addressing the gathering, the Additional Deputy Commissioner Dil Mir highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in achieving sustainable cleanliness and effective solid waste management.

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Mohammad Rafiq emphasised the importance of Jan Bhagidari