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DC reviews progress of water supply schemes, AMRUT 2.0 works, utility

UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 08: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today convened a meeting with officers of the concerned departments to review the progress of ongoing water supply schemes, works under AMRUT 2.0 and shifting of utilities in the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh and other officers concerned.

The DC undertook a detailed review of various components of the water supply schemes, including filtration units, storage



structures, pumping equipment, electrical substations and civil works. He also reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under AMRUT 2.0 and assessed the status of utility-

shifting works.

The concerned departments were asked to complete the shifting of utilities at the earliest to avoid any hindrance to the execution of ongoing projects. The ex-

ecuting agencies were instructed to mobilize adequate manpower and machinery and expedite the pace of work to achieve the stipulated targets within the prescribed timelines.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department was directed to set monthly targets for the ongoing works and ensure their regular monitoring for timely completion.

The DC directed the executing agencies to strictly adhere to all prescribed guidelines, technical specifications and quality standards of the schemes.

DC Ramban reviews arrangements for Navratras, Mahanavmi, Dussehra festivals

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 08

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of district officers and representatives of religious organisations to review arrangements for the festivals of Navratras, Mahanavmi and Dussehra. The meeting was convened to ensure adequate facilities and essential services for smooth, safe and hassle-free celebrations across the district.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; members of civil society, representatives from religious organisations and senior officers from various departments entrusted with essential and emergency services.

Directions were issued to the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water, adequate sanitation and cleanliness in and around religious places and Ramleela venues, besides proper regulation of traffic during the festive pe-



riod. Instructions were also issued to the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities, including food grains, LPG and other necessities.

The Health Department was directed to keep emergency medical facilities and ambulances ready, particularly at major congregation sites. The Fire & Emergency Services Department was also asked to keep fire tenders and trained teams on standby throughout the festivities.

Directions were issued to all enforcement depart-

ments to conduct joint market-checking drives, particularly to ensure prescribed rates, quality, hygiene and compliance in respect of edible items. He also directed all departments to work in close coordination and ensure timely redressal of issues to make the festive season safe, hassle-free and joyful for the residents of Ramban district.

Issues raised by representatives of the organising committees were resolved on the spot by issuing necessary directions to the concerned departments.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Ramban laid stress on

close coordination between the Police Department and Ramleela and other event-organising committees to ensure effective security, traffic management and maintenance of law and order during the festivities.

He also called upon religious leaders and event organisers to deploy adequate volunteers for crowd management at the venues and remain vigilant to ensure the safety and security of devotees and visitors. He urged the organisers to immediately inform the police and concerned authorities about any suspicious activity or emergency situation.

Training-cum-awareness session on narcotics control held at Udhampur

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 08

A one-day training-cum-awareness session on Narcotics Control was conducted today by the Narcotics Control Bureau here in collaboration with District Administration Udhampur.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh presided over the training-cum-awareness session.

At the outset, Superintendent NCB Jammu Kapil Sharma delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation covering various aspects of the NDPS Act, investigation techniques, capacity building and inter-departmental coordination, enforcement intelligence and operations, demand and harm reduction, control of precursors and synthetic drugs and rehabilitation strategies for persons affected by drug addiction.

Addressing the participants, the ADC stressed the importance of effective



inter-departmental coordination in combating the drug menace. He directed the concerned departments to intensify awareness activities regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and ensure effective preventive measures across the district. He emphasized the need to educate peo-

ple, particularly the younger generation, about the dangers of addiction and to work collectively towards creating a drug-free environment in the district. The training session witnessed active participation from officers and officials of various departments, reflecting a coordinated and mission-

oriented approach towards preventing drug abuse and strengthening narcotics control measures in the district.

The session was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan, besides senior officers and officials from various departments.

DC Samba inaugurates mega plantation drive under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 08

Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today inaugurated a mega plantation drive at Mansar Morh, organised by the Municipal Council (MC) Samba in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department, as part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.

The plantation drive aims to strengthen green cover, promote ecological conservation and enhance the visual and environmental quality of public spaces across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner planted a tree sapling to mark the launch. She appreciated the coordinated efforts of the Municipal Council and Forest De-



partment towards promoting sustainable environmental practices and creating greener public spaces.

Senior officers from the District Administration, Municipal Council and Forest Department along with civic staff, students and volunteers, participated actively in the plantation drive. A variety of native, shade-giving, flowering and fruit-bearing saplings were planted along roadside stretches and available open spaces.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of collective community participation in environmental conservation and called for sustained efforts to protect and nurture the saplings planted under the campaign.

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 08

To champion female education and academic excellence, the District Administration Samba on Thursday organized a special felicitation ceremony for the district's top-performing female students ahead of the International Day of the Girl Child. Led by Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan, the event celebrated these young achievers by presenting them with advanced learning tablets under the flagship Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative.

Curated by the District Social Welfare Office, the celebration was designed



to go beyond recognition and offer tangible empowerment through digital enablement. By equipping these exceptional minds with modern technological tools, the initiative ensures they remain highly competitive and well-prepared for both higher ed-

ucational pursuits and future competitive examinations.

Commending the students for their outstanding dedication, DC Ayushi Sudan reaffirmed the administration's unwavering commitment to bridging the educational digital di-

vide. She emphasized that providing unrestricted access to modern educational resources is paramount to nurturing the district's brightest talents, ensuring that every young woman has the tools required to transform her ambitions into reality.

Josh Team launched in Jammu District under TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

JAMMU, OCTOBER 08:

Synchronizing with the national level programme, District Administration Jammu too launched the JOSH Team under the TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan here from the Deputy Commissioner's Office today.

After watching the live broadcast of the national level programme, the District Jammu proceeded with its launch in presence of Member Legislative Assembly Rajeev Bhagat;



Member Legislative Assembly Garhu Ram; Member Legislative Assembly Surinder Bhagat, besides Chief Medical Officer Dr Narinder Bhatial; CPO and DTO Jammu Dr Anu; all the Block Medical Offi-

cers; NCC Cadets and My Bharat volunteers.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the representatives from TB Mukh Panchayats, NCC Cadets and My Bharat volunteers.

The Chief Medical officer sensitised the participants to the goals of Josh-team. He emphasized the importance of community participation and awareness in making Jammu district TB free. He also encouraged the Josh team members, including NCC Cadets, My Bharat volunteers and TB Mukh panchayat representatives to actively spread awareness about TB and support the ongoing TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.

Dr Ritu champions J&K Heritage & Inclusivity for Specially Abled at "The Inclusive Human Centric Summit & Awards 8.0" in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, OCT 08: Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh of Jammu & Kashmir participated as a panelist alongside prominent royal leaders, cultural custodians, and industry visionaries at "The Inclusive Human Centric Summit & Awards 8.0 (WE – Willful Evolution)," held on October 6th and 7th, 2026, at the Radisson Hotel, MG Road, New Delhi. Organized by Ask Insights in association with The Times of India, the national summit brought together representatives from across diverse fields to deliberate on diversity, human-centric leadership, and societal transformation.

The conference featured an engaging panel discussion titled "Queens of India," moderated

by Padma Shri awardee Dr. Niru Kumar, Founder of Ask Insights and a national pioneer in diversity and inclusion. Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh shared the panel alongside distinguished royal women leaders—Rajkumari Gitanjali Shah of Tehri Garhwal, Maharani Raseshwari Rajya Laxmi of Jaisalmer, and Maharani Shailaja Katoch of Kangra-Lambagraon—as well as Anshu Khanna, Founder of Royal Fables, and Mayank Jain, Co-Owner & Director of Greenways Sarees. The session offered a thought-provoking perspective on leveraging cultural heritage as a constructive force for modern social impact, women's empowerment, and inclusive de-



velopment. In her address during the panel, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh emphasized the rich culture and heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, while passionately highlighting the vital importance of inclusivity for the specially abled across every sector of society. She advocated for equal opportunities, active integration, and dignity for specially abled individuals in education, corporate workplaces, arts, and community leadership. The thought-provoking session and discussions were warmly received and widely appreciated by the audience, which saw the presence of representatives from several leading industries, corporates, NGOs, and distinguished

guests. The two-day summit was graced by prominent national figures, including Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Former President of India, who delivered the Chief Guest address, and Ira Singhal, IAS, Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India, who served as Guest of Honor.

Reflecting on the collaborative session, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh noted that traditional heritage is a living legacy—one that carries a profound responsibility to uplift every section of society, empower the specially abled, foster empathy, and drive meaningful, human-centric evolution for all.