

DC Kathua reviews implementation of solid waste management rules

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting here at the DC Office Complex to review the implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the waste management practices being presently followed and stressed the need for effective implementation of the prescribed rules governing collection, segregation, transportation and scientific disposal of solid waste. He directed the concerned departments to ensure strict compliance with the applicable rules and emphasised the identification and proper management of bulk waste generators. He further directed the concerned authorities to issue notices to industrial units for ensuring compliance with the prescribed solid waste management norms.



The DC called for strengthening monitoring mechanisms, promoting waste segregation at source and intensifying public awareness campaigns to discourage indiscriminate dumping of waste. He stressed coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to improve sanitation standards and ensure environmentally sustainable waste management practices.

ADC Kathua Sachin Jamwal, CPO Kathua Ranjeet Thakur, ACP Ajeet Kumar, AO Akhil Kumar, CEO MC Kathua Amit Sharma and representatives from concerned departments were present in the meeting.

MVD intensifies Road Safety drive across Doda Town

DODA, OCTOBER 14: Motor Vehicle Department, led by ARTO, Kuldeep Kumar, has intensified road safety enforcement across Doda town.

The MVD team is conducting regular vehicle inspections, fitness checks and document verification drives to ensure strict compliance with traffic rules and prescribed safety standards.

The enforcement drive is being carried out on the directions of Transport Commissioner J&K Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal, to improve road safety, ease congestion and promote responsible driving practices.



forcement team, comprising Deputy Traffic Inspector (DTI) Karan Singh Manhas, Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) Rakesh and other field staff, checked vehicles for valid registration certificates, driving licences, fitness certificates, insurance documents and other mandatory papers. Vehicles were also inspected for compliance with prescribed safety standards and applicable transport regulations.

During the enforcement drive, the team issued 11 challans and imposed a cumulative fine of Rs.49,700 for various traffic and transport-related violations detected during the inspections.

DC Reasi reviews progress of development works at Shiv Khori Shrine

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi and Vice Chairman of the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board Kumar Abhishek on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of ongoing developmental works and the status of infrastructure and facilities at Shri Shiv Khori Shrine.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed works being executed by various departments, including the construction and repair of stairs, roads, waiting halls, cafeterias, shelters and water points, besides other amenities along the shrine track. The progress of works at Shiv Khori Helipad, including fencing and other security-related infrastructure, was also reviewed.

He directed the concerned departments and executing agencies to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing works in accordance with prescribed quality standards. He stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination and directed the officers concerned to undertake regular site inspections to monitor the progress and quality of works and address any bottlenecks affecting their timely completion.



The meeting also reviewed the availability and operational status of essential amenities for pilgrims, including water coolers, benches, fans, water purifiers, generators and CCTV cameras. He emphasised the need to ensure that these facilities remain functional and adequately maintained for the convenience of pilgrims.

Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar, Executive Officer Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board Anprej Singh, Executive Engineers of the JPDCL and the Public Works (R&B) Department, Tehsildar Pouni and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

District-Level Nasha Mukh pledge held at Samba to mark 6 Years of anti-drug campaign

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The District Administration Samba, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare on Wednesday organised a pledge-taking ceremony here at the Conference Hall of the District Administrative Complex Nandani Hills to mark six years of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), an initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

All district officers present at the ceremony took the pledge, reaffirming their collective commitment to combating drug abuse and promoting a healthy and drug-free society.



Similar pledge-taking ceremonies were also held at the block level across the district to ensure wider participation and strengthen awareness against substance abuse.

The initiative aimed to sensitise officials and the general public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encourage collective responsibility in the fight against substance abuse.

The District Administration Samba reiterated its commitment to intensifying awareness activities and mobilising all stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan and contribute towards a drug-free India.

Devotional Song Competition entered into its 3rd day
Former Winner Rajan Gill enthralled the audience in AIDSC

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All India Devotional Song Competition as a part of Navratra Festival 2026 being organized by SMVD Shrine Board, Deptt. of J&K Tourism, PTC Network in association with SMVD Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, J&K Bank, Nice Gems, Nidheesh Builders Jammu Pvt. Ltd. 92.7 Big FM, Yog Ashram Complex with active support of District Administration and the local host Community entered in its 03rd day today, was inaugurated at Yog Ashram Complex in the evening by lighting of a traditional lamp by Rakesh Dubey CEO Patni Top Development Authority, in presence of Gopal Singh CEO Katra Development Authority, Rajesh Raina Assistant Director Tourism, Former Winner Rajan Gill of All India Devotional Song Competition, Swami Yoganand ji Maharaj, Kirti Khajuria Chairman All India Devotional Song Committee & President Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra Rakesh Wazir, Sr. Vice President HRAK Virender Kesar, Subash Kumar, Gopal Singh and others.



On the third night, Aditya from Jammu took 1st position, whereas 2nd position was bagged by Ojasvi Sharma from Udhampur & 3rd position was shared by Barbee Staniz Edzes from Jammu and Vicky Gill from Karnal Haryana among the 13 auditioned participants and were provided with the cash prizes of 10,000/-, 5,000/- and 3,000/-, by the distinguished guests.

The Devotional Song Competition was adjudged by the panels of experts in music including Dr. Surinder Sharma Head of the department Govt. Degree College Sanjoli Himachal Pradesh, CL Verma, Ex Chairman, Post Graduate University of Himachal Pradesh, & Anupama Sharma Professor Music degree colleges Parade Jammu.

Former winner Rajan Gill enthralled the audience with his powerful voice and people were seen dancing on his tunes. The proceeding of Competition was conducted by Sh. Rakesh Wazir who is also the Chairman of the said Competition, who while speaking on the occasion said that tomorrow i.e. on 15.10.26 renowned singer Johny Sufi will perform in the event besides giving his services as Judge in the competition. He further said that daily renowned singers including Shanker Sawhny, Suraj Singh, Naveen Punjabi, Sonali Dogra besides others will perform in the event. The live telecast of the event is available on PTC Punjabi Gold from 9 PM onwards daily.

GDC Ramban hosts awareness camp on Self-Employment schemes under YEP

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Government Degree College Ramban, in coordination with Department of Industries and Commerce, on Wednesday organised a one-day awareness camp-cum-outreach programme to promote self-employment schemes being implemented by the Industries Department.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, with over 100 students attending the programme hosted under the guidance of Principal of the college, Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri.

Functional Manager District Industries Centre Swaroop Kotwal served as the resource person. He shared comprehensive information about PMEGP and other government schemes designed to encourage young people to establish their own enterprises. He elaborated on the objectives, benefits and procedures of these schemes and apprised the students of the opportunities available to aspiring entrepreneurs. He also encouraged students to explore self-employment as a viable career option and make use of the support provided by the government.



The programme was moderated by Prof. Naroam Singh, who coordinated the proceedings and facilitated an interactive session between the resource person and the students. The session enabled students to gain a better understanding of the various schemes and their potential role in promoting entrepreneurship and economic self-reliance.

The initiative proved to be a valuable platform for sensitising students to the importance of entrepreneurship and acquainting them with the government's efforts to promote employment opportunities among youth.

At the conclusion of the programme, Assistant Professor Dr. Varun Sharma delivered the formal vote of thanks.

He expressed gratitude to the College Principal, the resource person, the organisers and the participating students for their valuable contributions to the successful conduct of the awareness camp. Rafiq Ahmad provided technical support for the smooth conduct of the event.

Central Team reviews Lumpy Skin Disease situation in J&K

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Dr Sudam Bagh, Deputy Commissioner (Livestock Health), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries Government of India, accompanied by Dr Sandeep Pandita, Technical Assistant, M.S. Institute of Animal Health and Biological Production, R.S. Pura, Jammu, (Liaison Officer), today undertook an extensive field visit to the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)-affected districts of Samba, Kathua and Jammu and assessed the prevailing situation.



Dr Bagh inspected several LSD-affected villages and assessed the ground situation including the challenges faced by livestock farmers and the measures being undertaken to contain the disease.

As part of the outreach initiative, mineral mixture, wound-dressing materials and disinfectants were distributed among livestock farmers. He also held interactions with officers from the Animal Husbandry Department and participated in awareness and sensitisation programmes to educate farmers about disease prevention, biosecurity measures, hygiene and appropriate livestock management practices.

As part of the disease surveillance and diagnostic exercise, teams from DDR&P, led by Dr Abhimanyu Chauhan, Lab Officer, Talab Tillo, collected samples from LSD-affected cattle in Samba and Kathua districts.

Similarly, a team from the District Investigation Office (DIO), Jammu, led by Dr Ravinder Singh Thakur, Lab Officer, collected samples from affected cattle in Jammu district. These sample-collection activities were undertaken to facilitate laboratory investigation and support the assessment of the disease situation. Livestock Development Officer R.S. Pura Dr Muddassir Nazar also accompanied the visiting officer during the field tour of Jammu district.

Furthermore, a meeting with officers of Jammu district was convened at the Directorate of Animal Husbandry. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the prevailing LSD situation, discuss field-level interventions and emphasise the importance of co-ordinated efforts, effective disease surveillance, timely reporting and sustained farmer awareness to strengthen disease-control measures.

The visit underscored the importance of close coordination between the Central Government and the Animal Husbandry Department of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in addressing the LSD outbreak and safeguarding livestock health and the livelihoods of livestock farmers.