

# DC Budgam reviews essential services for Air Force Station Srinagar

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting to review issues concerning essential services and infrastructure requirements at Air Force Station Srinagar, Budgam, and directed the concerned departments to ensure timely provision of all requisite facilities for smooth functioning of the station.

The meeting discussed key issues related to power supply, water supply infrastructure, emergency access roads, solid waste management, public safety and other essential requirements.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned power authorities to expedite the completion of the dedicated 33 KVA feeder line and ensure reliable backup power arrangements for the Air Force Station.

The Jal Shakti Department



ment was directed to expedite the required water supply infrastructure, ensure uninterrupted emergency water supply and take necessary measures to augment the existing water supply scheme to meet the station's requirements.

Emphasising the importance of emergency preparedness, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to coordinate with Air Force authorities and expedite the identification, survey and

development of emergency access roads.

He also stressed timely resolution of issues related to land requirements, regulatory clearances and other infrastructure works.

The meeting also reviewed issues concerning solid waste management, stray dog management and leopard movement in and around the Air Force campus.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Administrative Officer, Air Force

Station Srinagar; Superintending Engineers of EM&RE, Hydraulic and R&B Circles; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Budgam; Divisional Forest Officer, PP Division, Budgam; Executive Engineers of R&B, KPDCL, Electric Division-II Srinagar and Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Budgam; Executive Engineers of PHE Mechanical Division and PHE Srinagar Division-I; and Tehsildars of Budgam, Chadoora and B.K. Pora.

# JKEDI Baramulla concludes three ESDPs under RAMP Scheme, 85 Candidates Trained

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The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), District Centre Baramulla, successfully concluded three Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme, with 85 out of 90 registered candidates successfully completing the training.

One programme was conducted at the Chinara YUVA Centre, while the other two were organised at Government Degree College Baramulla. The programmes aimed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with essential knowledge and skills in entrepreneurship, business management, financial planning, marketing and



various government schemes to promote self-employment and enterprise creation.

The valedictory session

was conducted by Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo, who encouraged the participants to utilise the knowledge and skills acquired during the

training to establish their own startups and contribute towards building a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem.

# DC Pulwama chairs District NCORD Meeting

**PULWAMA, OCTOBER 15:** A meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held today at Circuit House Pulwama under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, to review the overall drug situation in the district and assess the progress of enforcement, prevention, rehabilitation and awareness measures under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA).

At the outset, a detailed presentation was made before the Chair covering the status of mass and IEC campaigns under NMBA, rehabilitation and counselling services, functioning of the Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) and Drug De-Addiction Centre (DDAC) Tral, training of departmental functionaries, action against illicit cultivation, vehicles seized in NDPS cases, action taken against driving licences involved in drug-related activities and the status of cases pending before the NDPS Court.

The presentation also highlighted the extensive awareness and outreach ac-



tivities conducted across Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies and educational institutions, besides the progress achieved in counselling, rehabilitation, follow-up and community participation.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner called for comprehensive hotspot mapping of areas vulnerable to drug availability, supply and consumption, with the Police Department and concerned agencies tasked to identify the complete chain through

which drugs enter, move and reach consumers. He stressed the need to break the entire drug ecosystem and called for close coordination among departments to identify the source, movement and distribution network and take effective action against it.

The DC stressed the need for identification, naming and shaming of persons involved in the drug trade, strictly as per law and due legal procedure, while directing the Police and concerned agencies to intensify

efforts to track the backward linkages and supply networks behind drug-related cases.

He called for intelligence-based investigation to identify those financing, supplying and facilitating the drug trade rather than limiting action to the end users.

The DC emphasized that the fight against drug abuse requires a balanced approach combining enforcement with compassion, counselling, rehabilitation and social reintegration. He stressed the need for proper tracking and follow-up of persons affected by substance abuse and those who have undergone rehabilitation to prevent relapse. He further called for mapping trained counsellors and sharing their details with the Police and other concerned agencies, wherever required, for coordinated counselling, follow-up and intervention. He also stressed that all telephonic counselling sessions should be properly registered along with relevant patient identification details to ensure continuity of treatment and follow-up.

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora-1, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), celebrated Women Farmers' Day to recognise the significant contributions of women farmers to agriculture, food security and rural development.

Head, KVK Bandipora-1, Dr. Tariq Sultan highlighted the vital role of farm women in agricultural development and emphasised the need to empower them through scientific guidance, skill development and the adoption of modern agricultural technologies.

On the occasion, Scientists from KVK Bandipora-



1, highlighted the importance of improved agricultural practices and suitable technologies for enhancing farm productivity and reducing the drudgery of farm women.

They emphasised the role of agricultural extension, awareness programmes and capacity-building initiatives in strengthening the participation of farm women and rural youth in

sustainable agriculture.

The programme focused on women-friendly farm tools, post-harvest management, food processing, value addition and entrepreneurship.

# NCST Member Dr. Asha Lakra visits Baramulla, interacts with ST Representatives

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Dr. Asha Lakra, Member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), visited Baramulla and interacted with representatives of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community at Dak Bungalow, Baramulla, to review issues related to tribal welfare, constitutional safeguards, and the implementation of government welfare and development schemes.

During the interaction, ST representatives presented various grievances and demands concerning the welfare and development of tribal communities. They raised issues relating to basic amenities, education, healthcare, employment, livelihood opportunities, and infrastructure in tribal-populated areas.

The representatives emphasised the need to introduce Gojri and Pahari languages into the education system to promote inclusive and culturally responsive learning for tribal children. They also highlighted gaps in road connectivity, drinking water, electricity, sanitation, skill development, and economic empowerment.

A key demand was the effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act in the region, in line with its implementation in other parts of the country. The representatives also sought to strengthen the concerned departments through adequate staffing, resources, and infrastructure to improve service delivery to tribal communities.

They further called for



the effective implementation of constitutional safeguards and improved access to scholarships, social security measures, and other government welfare schemes for eligible ST beneficiaries.

A presentation was delivered during the meeting, outlining key initiatives, the status of welfare schemes, and development interventions undertaken for tribal communities in the district. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr. S.F. Hamid, Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla Gurinder Pal Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore S.A. Raina, and district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, assured that the district administration would extend full support in addressing the concerns raised by the ST representatives and would

coordinate with the concerned departments to ensure timely implementation of welfare and development measures.

The meeting focused on identifying service-delivery gaps, strengthening inter-departmental coordination, and ensuring the effective implementation of government programmes for tribal communities.

The concerned officers were directed to examine the issues raised by the representatives and take appropriate action for their timely redressal. Emphasis was placed on strengthening monitoring mechanisms, improving access to essential services, and ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of applicable government schemes.

# DDC Shopian reviews performances of Jal Shakti & Irrigation Department

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Charandeep Singh, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Jal Shakti Department, Irrigation and Flood Control to assess the progress of ongoing works and service delivery in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC took a detailed review of ongoing works and directed the concerned officers to expedite their completion before the onset of winter.

He particularly stressed the completion of balance works under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to achieve full implementation of the Mission at the earliest.

Emphasising the need to ensure adequate and regular potable drinking water supply to all habitations of the district, the District Development Commissioner directed officers to maintain prescribed water quality standards and ensure proper functioning of water supply infrastructure.

The DDC set activity-wise targets for completion of works and Har Ghar Jal cer-



tification of villages.

He called for close monitoring, effective coordination and prompt resolution of bottlenecks to achieve these targets within the stipulated timelines.

Stressing the redressal of public grievances must receive priority and directed officers to respond promptly to drinking water and other service-related concerns. He also emphasised prioritising works that

address pressing public needs and provide tangible benefits to the people.

Reviewing irrigation works and flood control measures, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to expedite execution while ensuring quality and adherence to approved specifications.

The DDC instructed the departments to intensify field inspections and ensure accountability in achieving

the assigned targets. He also orders Withholding Salaries of Irrigation Department over poor performance.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Shopian/Pulwama, Executive Engineers of Jal Shakti PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control Divisions, besides engineers of the concerned departments.