

DC Kathua calls for expeditious implementation of ABHIM

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting with the Health Department functionaries to assess the progress of the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (ABHIM) in the district, with a special focus on the establishment of Block level Public Health Laboratories.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Vijay Raina briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the project, outlining its key components, objectives and proposed implementation, with emphasis on strengthening public health laboratory infrastructure at the block level.



The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for close coordination among the concerned officials to resolve bottlenecks, wherever encountered and ensure timely implementation of the project as per prescribed guidelines.

He directed the concerned officers to visit the sites identified for Block Public Health Laboratories and assess their suitability. The representatives from HSCC India Ltd. were directed to personally visit Sub Division Bani along with a team from Health department and local administration to finalise the site and put up the fresh report by Friday next week.

The meeting was attended by CPO Ranjeet Thakur; Medical Superintendent AH GMC Dr Neeraj Nagpal, BMOs and other concerned officers of the Health Department.

DC Udhampur inspects sewerage treatment plant-III at Sui

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Ananth Dwivedi, today visited Sewerage Treatment Plant-III at Sui to assess its operational status and the functioning of the sewerage treatment infrastructure.

During the visit, the Executive Engineer UEED briefed the DC on the operational status and functioning of all three Sewerage Treatment Plants in Udhampur.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh and other district officers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit.

The Deputy Commissioner also visited Devika Ghat and inspected the ongoing construction of the protection wall at Devika Cremation Ghat. He directed the executing agency to expedite the pace of work by deploying adequate manpower and machinery and ensure its completion within the stipulated time-frame, while maintaining the prescribed quality standards.



Secretary PD&MD reviews key Developmental Initiatives, Departmental Priorities

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16: Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department (PD&MD), Dr. Owais Ahmed held an introductory meeting with the officers and officials of the Department to review its functioning, the progress of key developmental initiatives and the priorities for effective implementation of various programmes.

During the meeting, the status of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) was reviewed. The package comprises 53 projects sanctioned at a total cost of ₹70,244.55 crore, with an aggregate physical progress of 89%. The progress of the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) was



also discussed, with 123 out of 124 identified issues reported as resolved.

The meeting also reviewed various important initiatives, including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Census 2027, Family ID, data harmonization, Vibrant Villages Programme-II and the Aspirational Districts, Blocks and Panchayats Programme. The Department's role in strengthening project monitoring, statistical systems, evidence-based planning and evaluation of developmental schemes was also discussed.

Progress under public-private partnership (PPP) initiatives and capacity-building activities through the Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG) was reviewed. Preparations for the 6th National Conference of Chief Secretaries and the forthcoming Northern Zonal Council meeting were also discussed.

Prabhari Officer reviews TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16 : State Prabhari Officer for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Joint Secretary of DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, today virtually chaired a high-level review meeting to evaluate the implementation of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) in the UT of J&K.

The comprehensive review was attended by Mission Director NHM J&K, Athar Amir Shafi Ul Khan, along

with the Director Health Services of Jammu and Kashmir, State Tuberculosis Officers (STOs), Chief Medical Officers (CMOs), District Tuberculosis Officers (DTOs) and Programme Management Unit NHM J&K.

Presenting the progress of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme across the Union Territory, Mission Director NHM J&K, highlighted the steady advancements made in grassroots screening, expansion of diagnostic networks, and enhanced tracking through the Ni-kshay

portal. He underscored that the health administration is fully dedicated to optimizing field operations, strengthening differentiated TB care, and expanding nutritional support networks to drive down morbidity and mortality. During the deliberations, the Prabhari Officer emphasized the crucial need to act as an effective bridge between the UT Government and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Government of India, to proactively address and fulfill any program deficiencies.

AHD organises Awareness-cum-Veterinary Camp at Dongroo Mohalla- Doda

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The Animal Husbandry Department organised a one-day awareness-cum-Veterinary camp here at Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) Dongroo Mohalla to sensitise livestock farmers about animal healthcare, disease prevention, scientific dairy management and various government welfare schemes. As many as 81 farmers participated in the camp.

The programme aimed to promote preventive animal healthcare, improve livestock management practices and familiarise farmers with departmental initiatives aimed at enhancing animal productivity and strengthening rural livelihoods.

During the camp, informational pamphlets on animal diseases and preventive measures were distributed among the participants. Additionally, one kilogram of mineral mixture was provided to each participating farmer to promote balanced animal nutrition and improve the health and productivity of dairy animals.



Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Irfan Ali Wani, addressed the gathering and interacted with the farmers. He provided detailed information about major livestock diseases, including Rabies, Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), highlighting their transmission, symptoms, preventive measures and the importance of timely veterinary intervention.

Special emphasis was laid on Rabies awareness and prevention, considering its serious public health implications. Dr. Wani advised farmers to avoid contact with suspected infected animals,

ensure anti-rabies vaccination of dogs and cats and promptly report suspected cases to the concerned authorities. He stressed that anyone bitten or scratched by a potentially rabid animal must immediately wash the wound with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes and seek urgent medical attention for assessment and appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis.

Dr. Wani also highlighted various government schemes and welfare initiatives being implemented by the department, encouraging farmers and rural youth to explore self-employment opportunities in the dairy

and livestock sectors and avail themselves of available technical guidance and departmental assistance.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeon LDC Mohalla Dr. Ifran Shah elaborated on departmental schemes, explaining their benefits and the procedures for accessing the available assistance and services.

Dr. Naveed Anjum sensitised the participants to scientific dairy management practices, emphasising balanced feeding, proper animal housing, adequate drinking water, cleanliness, regular health monitoring and timely veterinary care. He highlighted that adopting these practices can improve milk production, maintain animal health and enhance the profitability of dairy farming.

The camp concluded with an emphasis on strengthening farmer awareness, promoting scientific livestock-rearing practices and ensuring better utilisation of departmental services and welfare schemes for the sustainable development of the livestock sector in Doda district.

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Ananth Dwivedi, today chaired a meeting with officers of the Health Department to assess the progress of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and review the measures being undertaken to achieve a TB-free Udhampur.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh and other concerned officers.

At the outset, District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Anil Saloch gave a detailed presentation on the district's performance under the campaign, highlighting the status of tuberculosis detec-



tion, screening coverage, treatment outcomes.

While reviewing block-wise progress, the DC assessed the status of TB testing, screening and treatment success rates. He directed the DTO and the concerned BMOs to intensify screening activities, strengthen follow-up mechanisms, mobilize field teams effectively and ensure the achievement of assigned targets within the stipulated timelines.

The DC further instructed the Health Department to expand TB testing, strengthen diagnostic facilities and ensure the early identification of suspected

SCERT Jammu organises one-day Consultative Meet to Review and Vet Research Studies under Samagra Budget

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The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K, Divisional Office Jammu, under the leadership of Director Dr. Naseem Javid Chowdhary and the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director Divisional Office, organised a one-day consultative meet to review and vet significant research studies, including action research, undertaken by its Research Cell under the Samagra budget for the academic session 2025-26.

The programme commenced with a cordial welcome by Manu Vasudeva, followed by the presentation of the concept note by Dr. Rohini Sharma, Coordinator.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor emphasised the importance of evidence-based research, innovation and constructive academic feedback in strengthening educational practices. She encouraged researchers to translate their findings into practical interventions to improve

teaching-learning processes and student learning outcomes.

The academic deliberations featured insightful presentations of research studies by Principal Investigators, focusing on key areas of educational development. These included "Evaluating the Effectiveness of the NIPUN Bharat Mission in Advancing Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Skills among Early Learners: A Pathway to Impactful Education" by Anil Sharma, "From Textbooks to Terrain: Mapping Local History of School and Village for Engaging Secondary Students in Historical and Cultural Inquiry" by Paawan Vivek and Dr. Meenakshi Chandan and Dr. Sunita Sharma; "Status and Impact of Vocational Education in Secondary Schools" by Yogesh Kumar and Saba Rashid; "An Analytical and Comparative Study of CBSE and JKBOSE (Pedagogy and Syllabus) of Science Core Subjects of Higher Secondary Classes of Jammu Division" by Deepak Kumar and Manjusha Kapoor; and "Development of Supplementary Educational Resource Material on Dis-



aster Management for Classes I to V" by Pushpa Bhat, Convenor and Kewal Krishan Sharma, Co-Convenor, with members, including, Purshotam Singh, Navneet Gupta, Anamika Vaid, Dr. Rohini Sharma, Amit Sharma, Farhat

John, Dr. Meenakshi Chandan, Pooja Sharma, Arsh Kour, Paawan Vivek, faculty of SCERT, Jammu Sonia Chowdhary, DIET Jammu Brahm Dutt, DIET Reasi, Dr. Sandeep Singh, HSS Ligri, Kishtwar, Karan Mengi, GHS Sersundwan, Reasi, Haroon Rashid, HSS Boys, Mandi, Poonch Sushil Kumar, HSS Kotli Bhaga, Reasi

The research studies were critically reviewed by a distinguished panel of academicians and scholars, consisting of Dr. Mohammad Zubair Kales, Principal Government Degree College Ghagwal; Prof. Jaspal Singh Associate Professor Centre for Distance and Online Education University of Jammu; Dr. Yudhbir Singh Associate Professor Department of Geology University of Jammu; Dr. Rakesh Bharti Assistant Professor Government College of Education Jammu; Dr. Sushma Bala, Associate Professor, Government College of Education, Jammu; Dr. Ainee Ambreena, Head, Department of History, Government Degree College, Kathua; Ashwin Kushwaha, Department of Library & Information, University of

Jammu, Deepak Sharma, Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha; Rajkumar Chadda, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Sunderbani and Rajesh Hali, Senior Academic Officer, SCERTJK (Central). Their valuable observations, critical insights and recommendations enriched the academic deliberations and contributed to strengthening the quality, relevance and practical applicability of the research studies.

The scholarly sessions were facilitated by Dr. Neeraj Jandial, Convenor, Research Cell, Jammu Division. A dedicated organising team comprising Rukhsana Gulbadan (Associate Coordinator), Dr. Jyoti Sudan, Poonam Sharma, Monika Dogra, Wajida, Arsh Kour and Dr. Balgar Singh contributed substantially to the successful conduct of the consultative meet.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Sandarve, who expressed gratitude to the leadership, participating experts, researchers and organising team for their valuable contributions.