

DDC reviews VB-G RAM G implementation stresses effective monitoring in Reasi district

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REASI: A day-long training-cum-workshop on the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan under VB-G RAM G was organised Wednesday by the Rural Development Department here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, Reasi, to sensitise field functionaries about the implementation framework and operational requirements of the scheme.

Addressing the workshop, the District Development Commissioner Kumar Abhishek called upon Gram Panchayat Secretaries and GRSSs to ensure effective implementation at the grassroots level.

He also urged the technical staff to make full use of the training and seek necessary clarifications on different aspects of the VB-G RAM G portal, particularly with regard to works and related procedural requirements.

The DDC stressed strict adherence to the permissible categories of works under VB-G RAM G and



cautioned against any unauthorised change or deviation from approved Panchayat works. He said that such deviations could invite action and may also result in rejection of proposals on the portal.

He further directed the concerned officials to ensure that Gram Sabha and Ward meetings are con-

ducted properly and the Perspective Plans and Annual Action Plans are prepared and duly approved before being uploaded on the portal, along with the required resolutions and supporting documents.

Emphasising the importance of accurate and timely data entry, the

DDC called upon field functionaries to develop a clear understanding of the portal and the implementation framework. He said that coordinated efforts at the Panchayat level were essential for effective implementation of the Mission and for the creation of durable and quality assets in rural areas.

Resource persons gave detailed demonstrations of different features of the portal and explained the procedures for making entries and uploading the requisite documents.

Participants also raised queries and discussed practical issues being encountered during field-level implementation.

Additional District Development Commissioner Krishan Lal; Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar; Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar; Assistant Commissioner Development Mukesh Sharma; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Block Development Officers and other concerned officers and officials were present on the occasion.

One-day NITI TARA Capacity Building, Orientation Programme held at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: A one-day Capacity Building and Orientation Programme on NITI TARA (Toolkit for Analysis, Review and Action) was held today in the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, New DC Office Complex Kishtwar. Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma chaired the Orientation session.

The programme was organised for district- and block-level officers to enhance their technical understanding and operational knowledge of the NITI TARA platform for the saturation of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), besides planning and monitoring of development works on the basis of data in Aspirational Block Marwah. The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need to use technology for planning and monitoring development works. He directed the officers to make best use of the NITI TARA platform for taking decisions based on facts and ensuring better results



for the welfare of the public. Master Trainer Rajkumar Saklani delivered a detailed session on the purpose, features and use of the NITI TARA platform, including how to access the platform, check and study the available data, track important indicators and identify gaps in development.

The participants were made aware of the importance of using NITI TARA for data-based planning, proper monitoring of progress, identifying priority areas and taking informed decisions. The platform was described as a useful tool to improve the implementation of devel-

opment works and achieve better results at the district and block levels.

The programme also laid emphasis on better coordination among different departments for effective monitoring and timely completion of developmental works.

The meeting was attended by PO ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma; CPO Akhil Thakur; ACD Manoj Kumar; ACP Neeraj Sharma; DSWO/DIO Tariq Parveaz Qazi; CMO Dr. Sanjay Bhat; DSHO; DIO NIC Faizal Khan; LDM Praveen Kumar; BMO Dr. Sajjad Hussain; besides other concerned officers and officials.

Doda starts preparations for Launch JOSH Teams, felicitation of TB Mukht Panchayats

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DODA: The health department Doda has started preparations for the launch of JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams and the felicitation of TB Mukht Panchayats scheduled to be held on October 8, 2026 across the country.

In this regard, a virtual review meeting was convened by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma, which was attended by District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) Dr. Raj Kumar; Block Medical Officers, Divisional ASHA Coordinator, District ASHA Coordinator, District Nodal Officer, NTEP, besides Senior Treatment Supervisors (STS) and other concerned officials and field functionaries. The CMO reviewed the preparedness for the district-level programme and discussed the key components and requisite actions to ensure successful conduct of the events

scheduled for October 8, 2026. The meeting discussed the plan for organising district-level activities, community mobilization, orientation sessions, inter-sectoral coordination and overall preparedness for the programme. "The district-level activities will be organized in a coordinated and meaningful manner, with active participation from health personnel, ASHAs and other stakeholders, so as to strengthen community engagement and reinforce the collective commitment towards TB elimination and improved public health outcomes," Dr. Vinod Sharma emphasized. The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned to remain closely coordinated and ensure that the necessary arrangements are completed well in advance for the successful conduct of the JOSH Teams launch and TB Mukht Panchayats felicitation programme on October 8, 2026.

MMU holds medical camps at Bari, Bhargran, 121 individuals avail healthcare services



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DODA: The Health Department Doda, under Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) initiative, Wednesday organized free medical camps at Bari and Bhargran villages of Medical Block Assar.

As many as 121 individuals were examined at the twin camps.

They were provided free medical consultation with

screening and diagnostic tests, besides essential medicines.

The health team also sensitized the public about preventive healthcare practices and the importance of timely medical consultation for early detection of diseases.

In addition, awareness regarding the JK Sehat App was imparted to the beneficiaries.

They were provided

hands-on assistance and guidance for completing registration, enabling them to access various digital health services with greater ease.

The initiative reflects the department's continued efforts to bring essential healthcare services closer to the community and strengthen the delivery of preventive and primary healthcare at the grassroots level.

‘We Will Do It, reflects India’s confidence, collective resolve’

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Sarpanch Advocate Devraj Sharma today said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call of "We Will Do It" has the potential to generate a new wave of confidence, optimism and collective determination among Indians, particularly the youth, farmers, entrepreneurs and people living in the border and strategically important regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reacting to Prime Minister Modi's address at the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha in New Delhi, Sharma said the slogan is not merely a political statement but a call for collective national action aimed at transforming India into a developed nation by 2047.

He said the Prime Minister's emphasis that

140 crore Indians together will build a developed India carries a powerful message that the responsibility of nation-building cannot be confined to the government alone. Every citizen, he added, has a role in strengthening the economy, improving social infrastructure, promoting innovation and ensuring that the benefits of development reach every section of society.

"The most inspiring aspect of 'We Will Do It' is the confidence behind these words. India is no longer looking at its future with hesitation; it is looking ahead with determination. This confidence will particularly inspire our young generation to believe that goals once considered impossible can be achieved through hard work, discipline, innovation and collective effort," Sharma said.

He said the Prime Minister's reference to India's achievements in reducing poverty, expanding infrastructure and strengthening its economic capabilities demonstrates that large-scale transformation is possible when policy initiatives are combined with sustained implementation.

Sharma said the message of Viksit Bharat 2047 has special relevance for Jammu and Kashmir, which has witnessed significant changes in infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, digital services and development initiatives in recent years. He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have enormous potential and can make a major contribution to India's journey towards becoming a developed economy.

"Jammu and Kashmir is not merely a strategically

important part of India; it is also a region of immense human, natural, tourism, agricultural and entrepreneurial potential. The confidence generated by the

'We Will Do It' vision should reach our villages, border areas, youth, farmers, traders, students and aspiring entrepreneurs," Sharma said.

SMVDU Architecture student secures 4th Rank in COA National Awards 2026

KATRA: Mohaib Mushtaq, a student of the School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has secured an impressive 4th position in the Council of Architecture (COA) National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis 2026.

Competing under Zone-1, Category A (Architectural Project), Mohaib's thesis titled "The Last Museum" was recognized by the distinguished zonal jury for its creative approach and design excellence.

He was formally presented with a Certificate of Achievement during the award presentation. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, congratulated Mohaib on the achievement and appreciated his dedication and creativity, noting that the recognition reflects the University's commitment to academic and design excellence.

Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Head, SoALD, along with the faculty members, also congratulated Mohaib for bringing laurels to the University.

Martyrs' sacrifices strengthen India’s resolve to protect its unity and sovereignty: Jasrota

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KATHUA: Former Minister and Jasrota MLA Rajiv Jasrota today paid floral tributes to martyr Rifleman Surinder Kumar Sharma on his Shaheedi Diwas at a solemn programme organised at Village Garinari, Panchayat Amala, and recalled his supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.

Rifleman Surinder Kumar Sharma, son of Bui Lal Sharma and Pushpa Devi, attained martyrdom on October 7, 2000, while serving with 29 Rashtriya Rifles during Operation Rakshak in the Srinagar-Pattan area. Paying homage to the brave soldier, Rajiv Jasrota said the nation would forever remain indebted to the martyrs who laid down their lives to protect the country's unity, integrity and sovereignty.

Jasrota said the sacrifices of soldiers are not confined to the battlefield but have a lasting impact on the security, strength and future of the entire nation. Every drop of blood shed by a martyr strengthens India's resolve to defeat forces inimical to peace and protect the country's territorial integrity, he added.

He said remembering martyrs is a solemn national responsibility and their sacrifices must continue to inspire generations. The courage and dedication displayed by soldiers serving in difficult and challenging circumstances demonstrate the highest ideals of patriotism, duty and devotion to the motherland.

Jasrota said the Bharatiya Janata Party has always accorded the highest honour to the armed forces, martyrs, veterans and their families.

Guest lecture on ‘Indian Knowledge System Through the Ages’ held at SPPND GDC Samba

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SAMBHA: The Department of History, SPPND Government Degree College, Samba, organized a guest lecture on "Indian Knowledge System Through the Ages" at the Resource Centre of the college.

The programme commenced with a warm and formal welcome to the distinguished resource person, Prof. Jigar Muhammad, Historian and Former Dean, University of Jammu, by the worthy Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Nirlape Kour, who appreciated his presence and contribution to the academic enrichment of the students.

Delivering the lecture, Prof. Jigar Muhammad spoke extensively on the

rich and diverse traditions of the Indian Knowledge System that evolved through the ages. He particularly highlighted the significance of India's intellectual, cultural, scientific and philosophical heritage and discussed its relevance in the contemporary context.

His insightful lecture provided students with a deeper understanding of India's knowledge traditions from an academic and historical perspective.

The lecture was followed by an engaging question-and-answer session, in which faculty members and students actively participated and interacted with the resource person on various aspects of the theme.

The programme was organized under the guid-

ance of Prof. Ranjodh Singh Jamwal, Head, Department of History, with the whole-hearted support and cooperation of Prof. Rajani, Dr. Suchitra Singh Jamwal, Dr. Bilal Nazir, other faculty members and students.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Ranjodh Singh Jamwal, who expressed gratitude to the worthy Principal, the resource person, faculty members and students for their valuable support and participation in making the programme a success.

The lecture provided a valuable academic platform for students to engage with India's rich knowledge traditions and understand their continuing significance in the contemporary world.



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HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Civil Secretariat, J&K.

(NOTIFICATION)

Jammu, the 29th of September, 2026

Subject: Tentative Seniority List of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers of Health & Family Welfare (Gazetted) Service, J&K, as on 01.09.2026.

Whereas, the posts of Block Medical Officers and equivalent posts in the Health & Family Welfare (Gazetted) Service are required to be filled by posting of Medical Officers strictly in accordance with their seniority, as prescribed under the relevant Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO-325 dated 12.07.2013;

Whereas, on the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee/Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission, 95 Block Medical Officers/Medical Officers were regularized/confirmed against the posts of Chief Medical Officers and equivalent posts vide Government Order No. 296-JK(HME) of 2023 dated 10.04.2023;

Whereas, while considering the aforesaid proposal, the DPC/JKSPSC observed that a number of officers recommended for regularization against the posts of Chief Medical Officers and equivalent had not served in the feeding cadre of Block Medical Officers and equivalent posts and that no seniority list of the said feeding cadre had been framed by the Department;

Whereas, the matter regarding preparation of the seniority list of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers was examined by the Department and, pursuant to the deliberations held in the meeting convened under the Chairmanship of Director Finance, Health and Medical Education Department on 13.05.2025, it was decided that the seniority of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers shall be determined/prepared in accordance with the applicable Recruitment Rules and the seniority of the feeding cadre of Medical Officers;

Whereas, the Department, vide communication dated 19.06.2026, requested the Directors of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir to furnish the requisite information in respect of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers in the prescribed format. The information furnished by the Directorates of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir vide communications dated 03.08.2026 and 27.08.2026, respectively, has been examined and scrutinized by the Department;

Whereas, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Teli, figuring at Serial No. 235 of the Medical Officers' Seniority List-2020, was the last officer considered for regularization/confirmation/promotion against the post of Chief Medical Officer and equivalent. Accordingly, the present exercise for preparation of the seniority list of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers has been undertaken with reference to the Medical Officers figuring from Serial No. 236 onwards of the said seniority list, subject to verification of records and the applicable rules;

Now, therefore, the Tentative Seniority List of Block Medical Officers and equivalent officers of the Health & Family Welfare (Gazetted) Service, J&K, as it stands on **01.09.2026**, as **Annexure-A**, is hereby issued for information of all concerned and inviting objections/representations, if any.

The officers concerned, who have any objection to their placement, date of appointment, date of regularization, seniority position, category status or any other relevant entry reflected in the tentative seniority list, may submit their objections/representations to the **Human Resource Management (HRM) Branch, Health and Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K**, within **15 days** from the date of issuance/publication of this tentative seniority list.

The objections/representations shall be supported by relevant documentary evidence and shall clearly indicate the specific entry/issue against which the objection is being preferred. Objections not supported by documentary evidence or received after the prescribed period shall not ordinarily be entertained.

The reserved category status of the officers, as reflected in the earlier seniority records, shall be subject to verification/authentication of the requisite valid category certificates by the competent authority. Accordingly, the officers claiming the benefit of reserved categories, particularly **RBA, ALC and SOC**, shall furnish valid and duly authenticated category certificates to the Department within **15 days** from the date of issuance of this tentative seniority list.

In case an officer fails to furnish the requisite valid category certificate within the prescribed period, his/her category status shall be liable to be treated as **Open Merit (OM)**, subject to the applicable rules and verification by the competent authority. In case any certificate is subsequently found to be false, fake, invalid or otherwise not in accordance with the prescribed requirements, the category status and consequential benefits, if any, shall be liable to be withdrawn/cancelled ab-initio, besides initiation of appropriate action under the rules.

It is clarified that the seniority list issued vide this notification is **tentative in nature** and shall not confer any vested right upon any officer in respect of seniority, promotion, confirmation or appointment to any higher post. The final seniority shall be issued after examination and disposal of the objections/representations received from the concerned officers and verification of the relevant service records/documents.

The issuance of this tentative seniority list shall also be subject to the outcome of any court case(s), tribunal proceedings or other judicial/legal proceedings, if any, having a bearing on the seniority of the officers included therein.

The tentative seniority list is issued without prejudice to the rights of the Government to make corrections/modifications in the list on the basis of any factual discrepancy, clerical error, subsequent verification of records or any order/judgment of a competent court/tribunal or competent authority.

The said Tentative Seniority List will be available on the official website of Health Department www.hme.jk.gov.in. The list shall also be available in the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir.

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