

Brochure Showcases transformative Initiatives

# DC Minhas releases booklet Visual Highlights of Development under District Capex Budget

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**KATHUA:** District Development Commissioner Dr Rakesh Minhas Tuesday released a dedicated booklet titled 'Visual Highlights of Development under District Capex Budget 2024-25'.

Compiled by the Chief Planning Office, the booklet captures the breadth and impact of developmental initiatives carried out across the district during the last financial year.

The publication reflects a focused and inclusive approach adopted under Dr. Minhas's leadership, aiming to align government initiatives with grassroots-level needs and aspirations. By prioritizing genuine public demands during the preparation and execution of the Capex Budget, the district administration has succeeded in translating policy into meaningful on-ground transformation.

The documented highlights include progress made in education infrastructure, healthcare ac-



cessibility, water resource management and community development. Special attention has been given to rural areas, with initiatives that address long-standing challenges while promoting resilience, equity and opportunity.

The administration also made key interventions to improve rural connectivity, safety, and environmental sustainability. New infrastructure supporting youth engagement, health awareness, and social upliftment forms a central part of the district's developmental narrative over the past

year. Efforts to strengthen power infrastructure and address critical service gaps in remote areas have also been underscored in the booklet, showcasing a holistic approach to rural transformation. These steps have collectively enhanced the quality of life and boosted economic potential for residents across various regions of Kathua.

Dr. Minhas commended the efforts of all stakeholders, including the District Development Council, field departments and community members, whose collaboration made these

achievements possible. He emphasized that the visual compilation not only serves as a record of accomplishments but also as a motivation for future goals.

The launch of this maiden visual booklet is a significant step by District Administration Kathua towards transparent governance. It offers citizens a clear glimpse into the district's development journey and is available on the official website: [www.kathua.nic.in](http://www.kathua.nic.in). ADDC, ADC, CPO and ACD were also present on the occasion.

## Assessment camp for Specially Aabled Persons held at Surankote

**POONCH:** The District Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), on Tuesday organized an Assessment Camp for Persons with Disabilities here at Dak Banglow Surankote.

The camp was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal and supervised by District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Waheel Ahmed Batt. The initiative was part of the flagship ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances) Scheme, aimed at identifying eligible beneficiaries and assessing their needs for assistive devices and prosthetic aids. The focus was on empowering individuals from re-

mote and underserved areas.

A dedicated team of medical professionals and technical experts conducted thorough assessments to ensure that each individual receive customized and appropriate support devices. The camp witnessed significant community participation, with local residents, beneficiaries, and community leaders expressing appreciation for the initiative. They highlighted its impact on enhancing mobility, independence, and dignity among differently-abled and elderly populations.

These outreach initiatives are vital in fostering inclusive growth, enhancing accessibility, and upholding the commitment to leaving no one behind in the journey of social and economic development.

## Anti-drug IEC Campaign witnesses widespread participation

**KISHTWAR:** In continuation of its efforts to combat the menace of substance abuse, the District Administration Kishtwar under the Supervision of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, on Tuesday conducted the Panchayat-Village level Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign activities across the District.

The initiative, launched across all 13 blocks of the district, witnessed enthusiastic participation from diverse sections of society, including local residents, youth, students, educators, and community leaders.

The campaign aims to sensitize the masses about the devastating consequences of drug addiction and to

galvanize collective action towards building a "Nasha Mukti" (Drug-Free) society.

As part of this ongoing initiative, awareness programs are being conducted every Monday in various panchayats by resource persons designated by the District Administration.

These included resource persons from eight key departments, including Health, Police, Education, Rural Development Department (RDD) and others.

These sessions are designed to ensure sustained engagement and knowledge dissemination at the grassroots level.

The main focus of today's event was the selection of educational institutions as venues for the events.

# DC CONSTITUTES COMMITTEE Implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan-Catch the Rain Campaign reviewed

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**POONCH:** District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal convened a meeting today to assess the progress of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign and to discuss the Action Plan for the fiscal year 2025-26. The meeting, held at the DC complex, brought together officers from various line departments.

The District Development Commissioner reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the year 2024-25. He underscored the critical need for water conservation in view of growing challenges related to water



scarcity in the region. The functionaries of stakeholder departments provided

updates on the initiative, detailing the advancements made under different

schemes. The DDC directed the planning department to constitute a water conservation committee, comprising PO ICDS, DFO, PO IWMP, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and Irrigation and the Chief Agriculture Officer. He emphasized the need for a thorough study of the campaign to ensure effective implementation in the current financial year.

The DDC stressed the importance of proper documentation of all programs and activities conducted under the Abhiyan to ensure transparency and effectiveness. He urged all officials to complete targeted projects within prescribed timelines, advocating for dedication and efficiency in their work.

# Management Development Program for MSME units begins at Kishtwar

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**KISHTWAR:** The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Tuesday started a 6-day Management Development Programme (MDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme here at ITI campus.

The programme was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan.

Supported by the World Bank, the RAMP scheme is a flagship initiative aimed at strengthening the capabilities and performance of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Union Territory.

The scheme focuses on enhancing market access, technology adoption, finan-

cial inclusion, and capacity building, while promoting greater synergy between central and UT-level institutions for the development of the MSME sector.

The training programme, organized by the JKEDI District Centre, witnessed the participation of 18 local MSME units.

The initiative will provide entrepreneurs with practical insights into business management, operational efficiency, and institutional support mechanisms. Participants will also benefit from interactive sessions with domain experts and officials from relevant departments.

Officials and faculty from JKEDI and ITI Kishtwar were also present at the inauguration. The MDP under the RAMP scheme is a strategic step towards building a self-reliant MSME ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, aligning with JKEDI's



mission to bridge the development gap between UT-based enterprises and their national counterparts.

# IIM Jammu's MBA Program Recognized by CFA Institute

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**JAMMU:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu has achieved a significant academic milestone with its flagship MBA program officially accepted into the prestigious University Affiliation Program (UAP) of the CFA Institute, USA. This collaboration is aimed at integrating the CFA Program's Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) into IIM Jammu's curriculum, thereby reinforcing the institute's commitment to delivering globally relevant education in finance

and investment management.

The affiliation will provide students access to the CFA Institute's learning ecosystem, including exclusive scholarships, preparatory resources, and industry-aligned content.

The CFA Institute, globally recognized for setting high standards in investment education, acknowledges academic institutions that embed a substantial portion of the CFA Program curriculum into their coursework.

The partnership is expected to significantly benefit

students in terms of career readiness, placements, and global recognition in roles such as investment management, equity research, portfolio analysis, and corporate finance.

Through this strategic affiliation, IIM Jammu joins a select group of elite institutions worldwide recognized by the CFA Institute for academic rigor and curriculum alignment with the evolving needs of the investment profession.

This affiliation program serves as a testament to potential students, companies, and all stakeholders

that the MBA curriculum at IIM Jammu adheres to international professional practices.

Dr Praveen Kumar, Assistant Professor, Finance and Accounting is the principle contact person at IIM Jammu who serves as the primary point of contact for CFA Institute's University Affiliation Program. The collaboration holds particular significance for IIM Jammu as it facilitates the integration of practical knowledge into its curriculum, offering unique insights into the global industry.

# Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at Behramgala, Nail

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**RAJOURI:** In commemoration of Ambedkar Jayanti, a day honoring the legacy and contributions of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the Indian Army hosted a special celebration alongwith civilians.

Behramgala and Nail were adorned with vibrant colors as civilians gathered to join Indian Army in paying homage to the profound impact of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's ideals on our nation's fabric.

A lecture on importance of Education was organized during the celebration. Aim of the event was to foster the values deeply cherished by Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on unity, equality and social justice.

This celebration featured a rich tapestry of activities including informative exhibition and insightful talks, all aimed at highlighting

Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's enduring legacy and his pivotal role in shaping modern India.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage with personnel of the Indian Army, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect. The Indian Army extends its heartfelt gratitude to all members of the community who participated

in this auspicious occasion and joined hands in celebrating the ideals of justice, equality and empowerment championed by Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar.

The event also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and the people of these regions. It showcased Indian Army's commitment towards service to the nation.

## NOTICE

I, Gajendra Koul F/o Akshra Koul do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly written in my daughter's 8th Class marks card Bearing Roll no: 8080078 Registration no: JA-23-V111-00822 (Session 2023-2024) My name has been wrongly as Gajander Koul Instead of Correct name Gajendra Koul I have applied for the above correction in the office of Principal DIET Jammu. Objection, if any may kindly be conveyed to The Principal DIET Jammu within seven days.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR, JAMMU**  
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**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Short e-NIT No. 03 of 2025-26 Dated 12-04-2025  
Expression of interest (EOI) for Consultancy service (Through e-procurement mode)  
**(TWO COVER SYSTEM)**

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division Bakshi Nagar Jammu** invite Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of consultant for Architectural and allied Engineering Consultancy Services from Registered firms /Consultants/Agencies under Indian Partnership Act/Societies Registration Act or registered companies under companies act **empanelled with Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu's office Memorandum No. CEJ/TS/14102-28 Dt. 17-11-2022 under Category "B" for the following purpose.**

S.NO	Particular	Tender fee	Earnest Money
1	Expression of interest EOI for Consultancy service for executions of the Works building Bridge Roads costing upto 1to 3.00 Cr. Under RandB Division Bakshi Nagar Jammu for the works AA shall be got Accorded upto 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 50,000/-

The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of Quantities set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/ downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.in](http://www.jktenders.in) as per the schedule given below

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-04-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12-04-2025 to 24-04-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	16-04-2025 at 1300 Hrs in the Office of <b>Executive Engineer, PWD (R&amp;B) Division Bakshi Nagar Jammu.</b>
4	Bid submission Start Date	12-04-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	24-04-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical (Online)	25-04-2025 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of <b>Executive Engineer, PWD (R&amp;B) Division Bakshi Nagar Jammu</b>
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online).	To be notified after technical bid evaluation

No :- EE/R&B/  
Dated :-

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Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Bakshi Nagar

# Army organises Medical camp for Gujjar and Bakarwal Communities

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**POONCH:** In a committed effort to support the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities in preserving their traditional seasonal migration, the Indian Army recently organized a Dera Registration and Medical Assistance Camp at Kotli Kalaban.

This initiative ensures a safe, organized, and seamless movement of deras as they embark on their annual journey to the highland pastures north of the Pir Panjal range.

The Gujjar and Bakarwals, who practice nomadic pastoralism, undertake arduous bi-annual migrations with their livestock. These journeys are not only vital for their sustenance



but are also a testament to their rich cultural heritage

and traditional ecological knowledge.

As part of the camp, Dera owners were registered and provided with laminated QR codes containing authenticated digital data related to the dera and livestock.

This modern solution enables smoother coordination and secure verification at checkpoints along the migration route, improving both safety and efficiency. Recognizing the significance of proper documentation, the Indian Army coordinated with local civil administration to facilitate the renewal and updating of migration permits.

This collaboration ensures that the community's traditional practices are recognized and supported within contemporary gov-

ernance frameworks. In addition, a medical camp was organized to address the healthcare needs of both the nomadic families and their livestock.

Army medical teams provided health check-ups, essential medicines, and valuable advice on maintaining well-being throughout the challenging journey. The initiative was warmly welcomed by the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, who expressed deep appreciation for the Army's continued support.

These efforts not only uphold their traditional way of life but also strengthen the bond of mutual trust and cooperation between the Indian Army and the local populace.