

# Mahant Rohit Shastri discusses 'Drug-Free J&K campaign' with Manoj Sinha

**Calls to turn anti-drug campaign into a mass movement**

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**JAMMU:** The President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avam Vedic Sansthan Trust and State Awardee, Mahant Rohit Shastri, paid a courtesy visit to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, at Lok Bhavan, Jammu.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri appreciated the 100-day intensive campaign being launched from April 11 under the "Drug-Free Jammu & Kashmir Campaign," an initiative of the Lieutenant Governor.

Mahant Rohit Shastri stated that the comprehensive campaign being launched under the leadership of Manoj Sinha is a commendable and visionary initiative. He expressed confidence that it would play a significant role in bringing positive change in society.

He appealed to the general public to actively participate in making this campaign a success, emphasizing that the involvement of every citizen is essential. He urged all sections of society—especially youth, parents, teachers, and social organizations—to

come forward and join this anti-drug movement. He added that only through awareness, counseling, and collective efforts can the problem of drug abuse be effectively controlled. Mahant Rohit Shastri also highlighted that the role of religious and social institutions is extremely important in this direction. He assured full support from his organization and stated that the Trust would organize awareness programs, camps, and public outreach initiatives to educate people about the harmful effects of drug abuse.



# 3-day Divisional-level awareness programme concludes in Udhampur

DC flags off Padyatra under Nasha Mukta Udhampur Abhiyan

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**UDHAMPUR:** The three-day Divisional-level awareness Programme concluded today with the District Administration Udhampur, in collaboration with School Education Department, organizing a padyatra to promote Nasha Mukta Udhampur Abhiyan, with the message 'Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life.'

The padyatra was flagged off from Domail Chowk by Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Joint Director School Education Udhampur—Reasi Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehra and Chief Education Officer Subash Gupta.

Briefing the media, the



Deputy Commissioner informed that a series of activities were conducted across the district during the three-day programme to sensitize students and other stakeholders on essential issues such as road safety, environmental protection, mental health, drug de-addiction and career guidance. He emphasized the

need to promote responsible behaviour and strengthen grassroots outreach.

The DC stated that the main objective of organizing the padyatra was to educate people about the harmful effects of drug and substance abuse. He reiterated that awareness and education are the most powerful tools in the fight against drug abuse.

# DHO reviews implementation of NVBDCP, stresses Micro-Planning, Field Intensification

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**DODA:** To review the functioning of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) in the district, District Health Officer Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting of Malaria staff and field functionaries at his office chamber here Friday.

At the outset, the Malaria staff presented indicatorwise progress and highlighted various activities carried out under the NVBDCP across the district. The meeting focused on reviewing surveillance activities, preventive measures, awareness campaigns and field level interventions undertaken to control vector borne diseases.

After a detailed review of the progress, the DHO impressed upon the concerned staff to devise a



comprehensive micro-plan followed by a structured tour plan to further intensify activities under the programme. He emphasized strengthening surveillance, ensuring timely reporting, enhancing community awareness and improving field monitoring to achieve

better outcomes. Dr. Sharma also stressed the importance of coordinated efforts, regular field visits and close monitoring to ensure effective implementation of the programme and prevention of vector-borne diseases in the district.

# Awareness Drive concludes in Kishtwar More than 2000 individuals participate in final day rally

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**KISHTWAR:** The three-day district-level awareness programme organized by the Department of School Education, concluded successfully Friday, witnessing enthusiastic participation from the line departments, teachers, students and civil society members across the district.

The programme focused on key social themes including road safety, social awareness, environmental protection, mental health, drug de-addiction and career guidance.

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On the second day, a district-wide grand poster-making and slogan-

writing competition was organized across educational institutions, drawing large-scale participation from students.

The main district-level event was held here at Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, where students from various schools participated in the poster-making competition.

An awareness session on road safety was also conducted during the event. District Traffic Inspector Anil Raina was the resource person. He shared valuable insights on traffic rules, safety measures and responsible road usage.

On the concluding day, a grand awareness rally was organized from the New DC Office to TRC Kishtwar.

The rally was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner and saw participation from over 2,000 individuals, including officers from the line departments, students, teachers and civil society members.

Participants carried IEC posters conveying messages on



environmental protection, road safety and social responsibility.

The Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) distributed road safety IEC materials among the participants.

Similar rallies were also taken out by the educational institutions across the district, spreading awareness through impactful slogans such as

"Plant Trees and Save the Earth," "Nazar Hati, Durghatna Ghati," and "Say No to Drugs, Save Lives," among others.

ADDC Vinod Kumar Behnal; ACD Manoj Kumar; ARTO Tasleem Wani; CEO Sanjay Dogra; Dy. CEO Masood Ahmed Qazi; ZEO Ashok Kumar; DTI Anil Raina and other district officers

# DSEJ organises Rally on Drug De Addition



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**JAMMU:** As per the Directions from the Directorate of School Education Jammu and Chief Education Office Jammu to organise Three Day Divisional Level Awareness Programme on the Third Day a Rally was organised by The Students and the Staff of Government Girls Higher Secondary School Rehari under the Guidance

and Leadership of Principal Jyoti Parkash Shastri and the support of all the School Staff

The students carried The Placards on the All the topics Including Drug De Addition, Traffic Rules, Career Counselling and Environment Awareness.

The Rally tried to crest Awareness Among the Relevant Topics To save the future of our coming Generation.

# DC Kathua reviews arrangements for JKSSB Junior Assistant Examination

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**KATHUA:** Deputy Commissioner Ka thua Rajesh Sharma Friday reviewed the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the upcoming JKSSB examination at a meeting held in the DC Office Complex, here.

The JKSSB written examination for the post of Junior Assistant is scheduled to be held on April 19, 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner held a detailed discussion with concerned officers regarding the arrangements being put in place to ensure the seamless conduct of the examination. It was informed that 10 examination centres have been established across the district for the purpose. The meeting reviewed key aspects including drinking water facilities, power supply, seating arrangements, security deployment and videography at all examination centres. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of close coordination among all stakeholders. He directed them to work in a coordinated manner to ensure smooth and fair conduct of the examination. He also briefed officers on their roles and responsibilities for efficient execution of the process.



The Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the designated officers to strictly adhere to the protocols laid down by JKSSB to maintain transparency and fairness during the examination process. The Police Department was directed to ensure adequate security arrangements, including proper frisking and deployment of personnel

at all examination centres. General Manager DIC Mushtaq Chaudhary; ADC Vishavjeet Singh; RTO Surinder Sharma; ACR Vishav Partap Singh; SE PWD Arun Gupta; Tehsildar Vikram Kumar; DIO Rajinder Diga; CMO; Dr Vijay Raina; Dy SP HQ Ravinder Singh, besides other concerned officers, were present in the meeting.



# DC reviews progress of ABDP, Sampoonata Abhiyan 2.0 in Aspirational Block Marwah

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**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of the Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) and Sampoonata Abhiyan 2.0 in the Aspirational Block Marwah.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed key performance indicators across major sectors, including health and nutrition, education, agriculture and allied activities, basic infrastructure, drinking water supply, sanitation, financial inclusion and social development.

A detailed sector-wise assessment was carried out, focusing on the status of ongoing works, identification of critical gaps and measures required to expedite the implementation of various schemes and projects in the block.

The meeting was informed that all six indicators under Sampoonata Abhiyan 2.0 have been fully saturated. The Chief Education Officer (CEO) was directed to improve transition rates at the secondary and higher secondary levels.

Further, the Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) was instructed to intensify efforts for the expansion and promotion of micro-irrigation facilities in Marwah and Warwan areas to enhance agricultural productivity and support the farming community.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) was directed to complete the NQAS certification process and expedite the generation of ABHA IDs in the block to strengthen healthcare delivery systems.

While reviewing the progress of revolving funds for Self Help Groups (SHGs), the Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over the slow pace of implementation and directed the concerned departments to achieve targets in a time-bound manner.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Lead District Manager (LDM) to increase banking access points in Sub-Division Marwah, with special emphasis on establishing ATM facilities.

The DC underscored the importance of timely execution, inter-departmental coordination and focused monitoring to ensure the effective achievement of the objectives of the Aspirational Blocks Programme for the socio-economic upliftment of the people of Marwah.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Vinod Kumar Behnal, PO ICDS Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma, CPO Akhil Thakur, ACD Manoj Kumar, ACP Neeraj Sharma, DSWO Tariq Parveez Qazi, AD FCS&CA Shafqat Ali Keen, CAO Kushal Chandal, CHO Sajid Mustafa, DSHO Dr. Jameel Nasir, CEO Sanjay Dogra, BDO, Executive Engineers, along with other officers and officials.

# NDRF holds Disaster Mgmt Awareness, Training Programme at GDC Billawar

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**KATHUA:** The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Activity Club, NSS & NCC unit of Government Degree College Billawar, in coordination with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), organized an Awareness and Training Programme on Disaster Management in the college premises, Friday.

The event was organized under the patronage of the College Principal Dr. Alka Sharma.

The NDRF team, comprising around 30 trained personnel and led by Deputy Commandant Parveen Singh, conducted the programme. The event witnessed active participation from the college faculty, non-teaching staff and students, making it a highly engaging and informative session.

The Deputy Commandant provided valuable insights into the role, responsibilities and functioning of the NDRF



in managing the disaster situations. The session aimed at creating awareness and building preparedness among the participants.

The NDRF team conducted detailed live demonstrations on handling different disaster scenarios, including earthquakes, fire incidents, floods, accidents and drowning cases. The demonstrations focused on practical approaches using

simple techniques and easily available household items, making the training highly relevant and accessible.

After the demonstrations, the participants were given an opportunity for hands-on training, where students and staff actively engaged with the NDRF team to practice the techniques demonstrated during the session.

# Mega Awareness Rally held in Doda to promote drug-free society, sense of social responsibility

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**DODA:** A grand Awareness Rally was organized today by the School Education Department, marking the culmination of the 3-day Divisional Level Awareness Programme.

The rally commenced from Government Higher Secondary School Boys and marched towards the Sports Stadium via Clock Tower. A large number of students, officials and the general public participated in the Rally.

The event was attended by MLA Doda West Shakti Raj Parihar; ADC Anil Kumar Thakur; ASP Headquarters Mohd Aslam; Joint Director Education Mohd Asfaq; DYPSP Headquarters Krishan Rattan; CEO Bhushan Kumar Pathak; Dr. Anis Ahmed along with School heads and officials from the Health, Traffic and other Departments.

The programme was effectively coordinated by District Nodal Officer Education Department



Umesh Kumar, who ensured smooth execution and active participation across all levels.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC emphasized the district administration's firm resolve to make all 237 panchayats of Doda drug-free. He urged students to act as ambassadors of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and spread awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse. The MLA also called for strict action against drug peddlers and appealed to society to

safeguard children from the menace of substance abuse.

The rally witnessed massive participation from students of the government and private schools, who carried banners and placards highlighting themes such as environmental protection, anti-drug campaign and career awareness. Slogans promoting a drug-free society and social responsibility echoed across the town, making the rally a vibrant and impactful awareness drive.