

DC Bilal for time-bound, quality redressal of public grievances

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, today directed officers to ensure time-bound and quality redressal of public grievances received through the JK Samadhan and CPGRAMS portals, adding that prompt response by concerned officials is essential to enhance public service delivery. He also called for the speedy disposal of offline grievances pertaining to various departments to clear pendency in the district. The public must get the benefits of responsible and accountable governance which focuses on expeditious and quality grievance redressal, he remarked. The DC issued these directions while chairing a comprehensive review meeting of all departments at Dak Bungalow, Khanabal. Principal GMC Anantnag, ADC, GM DIC, SE PWD, ACR, CPO, SDMs, ACD, Executive Engineer R&B, Jal Shakti, PDD and I&FC, all district and sectoral officers attended the meeting. On the occasion, the DC took a de-



tailed review of the JK Samadhan and CPGRAMS grievances of each department and enquired about the status of their resolution. He was informed that out of 5418 grievances received on JK Samad-

han and 5908 on CPGRAMS, 4934 (91.07 percent) and 5350 (84.90 percent) respectively have been resolved so far. Further, a total of 03 and 19 grievances in different departments are pending resolution above 28 and 60 days respectively. Taking note of the grievances pending above 28 & 60 days, the DC directed the concerned departments to immediately resolve the same adding it should be a norm that no grievance remains unresolved beyond 28 days. Regarding status of citizen registration on JK Samadhan, Dr. Bilal directed the departments to make efforts to push the figures to 100 percent from current 89 percent, in near future. Asking officers to personally monitor the grievance redressal process on JK Samadhan and CPGRAMS Portals, the DC directed them to make proper analysis of grievances received with special focus on their nature and place of origin. The mapping of data will shift the approach of redressal from mechanical to organic one, helping departments to take corrective measures at administrative and grass root

levels ab initio and avoid recurrent public concerns, he noted. He further directed that a uniform format be devised to help the officers to analyse the grievances received and submit details regularly. Committees shall be constituted to test check the quality of grievance redressal and performance of departments will be rated as per the actual public satisfaction, he said. Stating that quality grievance redressal shall no way act as an impediment, the DC enjoined upon the officers to minimise any delays, ensuring grievances do not become chronic and turn into complaints. At conclusion, the DC announced that the district is working to launch a Digital Arzi Management System enabling him to keep track of the offline grievances forwarded to the concerned departments. Further, a provision for the citizens to directly register grievances has been provided in the system, featuring a WhatsApp Chatbot that will interact with applicants in real time. To make the process smooth and seamless, proper training of the officials will be held soon, the DC said.

DC Budgam emphasis timely completion of hospitals in Budgam

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BUDGAM: In a follow-up review meeting, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today assessed the progress of the under-construction 125-bedded hospital and the 100-bedded Critical Care Unit (CCU) at Reshipora Budgam. The DC conducted a comprehensive review of both projects, which are being developed to significantly enhance healthcare infrastructure and ensure improved medical services for the people of the district. During the meeting, the DC took a detailed appraisal of the proposed hospital infrastructure, including building arrangements, functional requirements, and floor-wise facilities. He emphasised that the hospital must be developed as a modern, patient-centric institution equipped with all essential healthcare services. A detailed status of the 100-bedded CCU, a G+3 structure, was also reviewed. The CCU is envisioned as a key facility for strengthening emergency and critical care services in the district. Officials informed that since the project was handed over in May 2024, substantial physical progress has been achieved. Major works including pile cap casting, plinth level columns, plinth beam RCC, and ground floor slab have been com-

pleted. Construction of upper floors is progressing steadily, with nearly 50% completion of the first and second floor slabs, while AAC block masonry work is also underway. It was further informed that the remaining work on the second floor slab is targeted for completion by mid-April 2026, and the overall project is expected to be completed by September 2026. The DC directed the executing agency to ensure optimal utilisation of resources to accelerate the pace of work. He stressed strict adherence to quality standards, safety norms, and timelines. He reiterated that the 125-bedded hospital and the 100-bedded CCU at Reshipora Budgam will play a transformative role in strengthening healthcare delivery, particularly in critical and emergency care services. The DC instructed officers to maintain close coordination, promptly address bottlenecks, and ensure timely completion of both projects for the larger public benefit. He further reiterated that the district administration remains committed to augmenting healthcare infrastructure and providing accessible, quality medical services to the people of Budgam. The meeting was attended by JD Planning, SE R&B, officials from Jal Shakti, CMO, concerned executive engineers, and other officers.

DC Shishir reviews preparation of District CAPEX Budget 2026-27

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SHOPIAN: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian Shishir Gupta today chaired a meeting to review and discuss the preparation of the District CAPEX Budget 2026-27. At the outset, the DDC emphasized the importance of timely and comprehensive planning for the upcoming financial year. All departments were directed to prepare and submit well-structured, realistic, and need based proposals in line with the developmental priorities of the district.

The meeting primarily focused on identifying priority sectors, ensuring optimal allocation of resources, and streamlining the planning process for effective implementation of works under CAPEX 2026-27. Officers were instructed to give due importance to projects of public utility and long-term impact. During the deliberations, review of District CAPEX 2025-26 was also discussed. It was highlighted that the district achieved 100% physical targets, reflecting effective execution and monitoring of developmental works across sectors. The DDC stressed the need for

improved coordination among departments and adherence to timelines to avoid delays in project execution. Emphasis was also laid on maintaining quality standards and ensuring transparency in implementation. The meeting also discussed tourism development proposals, with departments directed to identify potential sites and submit viable, project based proposals under CAPEX 2026-27. Emphasis was laid on developing basic infrastructure, improving accessibility, and creating facilities to promote tourism and generate local em-



ployment. Officers were further directed to ensure timely submission of inputs, removal of bottlenecks, and proactive planning to facilitate smooth execution of works in the upcoming financial year.

The meeting was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; CEO, Dubjan Peer Ki Gali Development Authority, Rouf ul Rehman; ACD, Mu-

zafar Ahmad; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Zainapora, Bilal Ahamd; CPO, CEO, CMO, CAO, CHO, Executive Engineers of R & B, Irrigation, PHE, REW, KPDC, and other concerned officers.

ADC Handwara chairs meeting on digitization of backlog mutations



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HANDWARA: Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi on Friday chaired a meeting to review the progress of digitization of backlog mutations across the sub division. During the meeting, a detailed assessment of pending mutation cases was carried out. The ADC emphasized the importance of timely and accurate digitization of revenue records

to ensure transparency, efficiency, and ease of access for the public. He directed all concerned Tehsildars to expedite the process and clear the backlog within the stipulated timeframe. The ADC stressed the need for close coordination among revenue officials and instructed Tehsildars to closely monitor the progress at the field level. He also underscored the importance of maintaining data accuracy and adhering to prescribed guidelines

during the digitization process. Officers were asked to identify bottlenecks, if any, and take immediate corrective measures to ensure smooth and speedy completion of the task. The ADC reiterated that digitization of land records is a key step towards strengthening governance and improving public service delivery. The meeting was attended by Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, and other concerned revenue officials.

DC Srinagar finalizes arrangements for Baisakhi festival

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SRINAGAR: In order to review the arrangements for upcoming Baisakhi festival being celebrated on April 14, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Akshay Labroo today at Meeting Hall of the DC Office. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Superintendent of Police, Umar Shah, Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic, Er Ambreen Anjum, Deputy SP Traffic, Zaheer Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Yamin Ul Nabi, Executive Engineers PDD, Officers of Health, Legal Metrology and other Departments, besides President and members of Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee Srinagar. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed assessment of the preparations and arrangements being put in place by the line departments and Gurudwara Prabandhak Commit-

tee for smooth and seamless celebrations of the festival in Srinagar District. The DC stressed on ensuring better arrangements well in advance with regard to safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, first-aid, sanitation measures, smooth transport and adequate parking facilities and other related arrangements. He also asked the concerned Departments to ensure proper sanitation and immediate repairing of defunct lights in and around the Gurudwara Chatti Padshahi, Baghat Barzulla, HMT and other prominent Gurudwaras in the City. The DC laid emphasis on adequate arrangements of fire-fighting measures particularly near the Gurudwara Langar on the occasion. He instructed the concerned to make adequate transport and parking facilities on the occasion, so that devotees do not face any inconvenience while traveling to or from Gurudwara Chatti Padshahi. Earlier, members of Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee put forth the demands for smooth and hassle-free celebrations of the festival in order to review the arrangements for ensuing Baisakhi festival being celebrated on April 14.

SEBI organizes regional investor awareness seminar to promote financial literacy

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SRINAGAR: Regional Investor Awareness Seminar was successfully organized by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Srinagar. The initiative aimed to promote financial literacy and enhance investor awareness among stakeholders connected with child care institutions. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials of the Department of Social Welfare, along with representatives and beneficiaries from several child care institutions, including Palaash/Paresha, Intellectual Home, Observation Home, and the Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA). The program was designed to equip participants with essential knowledge on financial planning, prudent investment practices, and the importance of making well-informed financial decisions. Key sessions covered a broad

range of topics such as an introduction to the securities market, strategies to identify and avoid fraudulent investment schemes, and the critical role of SEBI in protecting investor interests. SEBI officials underscored the importance of extending financial awareness initiatives to grassroots levels, particularly targeting vulnerable and underserved communities. The seminar also featured interactive sessions that encouraged active engagement, allowing participants to seek clarifications and deepen their understanding of core financial concepts. The Department of Social Welfare expressed sincere appreciation for SEBI's efforts and emphasized the value of such collaborative initiatives in empowering individuals associated with child care institutions through financial education. The program concluded with a strong and impactful message advocating responsible investing and reaffirming the collective commitment to fostering a financially aware and informed society.

DC Akshay conducts site review of fencing and allied upgradation works

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SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Friday conducted a detailed site inspection of ongoing fencing along the sides of historic Old City Bridges and allied upgradation works in the Shahr-e-Khaas areas of the district, underscoring the administration's firm commitment to strengthening pedestrian safety and urban infrastructure. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Superintendent Engineer R&B Shabir Ahmad, Executive Engineer R&B, Arif Hazari, Tehsildar South, Sajad Rasool Shah and other concerned Officers. On the occasion, the DC reviewed progress fencing along the sides of the bridges of Old Zainakadal, Aali kadal and New Zaina Kadal over the river Jhelum where ongoing fencing works are at an advanced

stage and nearing completion. The works have been carried out to enhance pedestrian safety and prevent accidents in high-density areas. While assessing the works, the DC directed the executing agency to maintain strict adherence to quality standards and timelines, emphasizing precision, durability and coordinated execution. He directed for completing the works within a weeks time. The DC also reviewed the status of ongoing road repair and upgradation works across stretches in the area including Bulbul Lanker. He laid emphasis on expediting progress while ensuring minimal inconvenience and disruption to public movement in the area. Reaffirming that pedestrian safety remains a top priority, the DC stated that all major works are being carried out in a synchronized and well-coordinated manner and will be completed at the earliest.

DC Kulgam reviews preparedness for 100-Day NMBA

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, today chaired a meeting of officers to review preparedness for 100-day intensive campaign under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) aimed at curbing drug abuse in the district. During the meeting, the DC reviewed the operational and awareness preparedness and dis-



posed the action plan for organising awareness programmes across the district as part of the campaign. The meeting was informed that a series of awareness activities involving students, youth, volunteers, civil society organisations and the general public will be conducted to generate mass awareness against drug abuse. Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasised the

need for coordinated efforts among departments and called for active participation of educational institutions, youth groups and community members to make the campaign successful. The DC further directed officers to ensure effective implementation of the campaign at the grassroots level and encourage community participation to make the initiative a mass movement against the drug menace.

DC Anantnag directs identification of terror victims for receiving housing benefits

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of the Revenue Department to review its functioning, besides smooth execution of government priorities. During the proceedings, the DC took a detailed stock of the digitization process and the uploading of backlog mutations and issued instructions for their completion within the specified timeframe. On technical progress, the meeting was informed that against a target of 90686 back log mutations,

12559 have been uploaded and 10648 approved so far, with the DC emphasizing the need to upload and approve the remaining mutations in a time bound manner. On the occasion, the DC directed Tehsildars to identify the terror victims, who have lost family members or got permanently disabled due to terror incidents so they can be provided the housing benefits. He stressed that the identification process be completed within three days positively adding any previous government support should not impede their eligibility for these new benefits. Regarding key public and strategic

assets, the DC asked the revenue officers to immediately resolve Right of Way (RoW) issues affecting telecom towers, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), Panchayat amenities, and other vital infrastructure facilities. He remarked telecom upgradation remains a top priority of the government and administrative working must be aligned with these priorities. Furthermore, the DC directed the completion of the mutations for land already transferred to telecom companies to ensure the seamless installation of towers and related infrastructure across the district.

Drug peddler nabbed in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Crime Branch Anti-Narcotics Task Force Kashmir continues its unwavering drive against narcotics trafficking by recovering Charas and arrest of 01 accused person at Abanshah Road Zainakote. A specific input was received at Police Station Anti Narcotics Task Force Kashmir that a drug peddler namely Gulzar Sofi has acquired contraband as Charas and is going to sell the same to other drug peddlers at Abanshah Road Zainakote Srinagar. In this regard, case FIR No. 07/2026 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station ANTF Kashmir and investigation was set into motion. During investigation and acting on the specific intelligence input, a dedicated team of ANTF Kashmir established a naka at Abanshah Road Zainakot HMT Srinagar and recovered approximately 0.397 Kg of Charas from the possession of Gulzar Ahmad Sofi son of Gh Ahmad Sofi resident of Zainakot HMT Srinagar who was apprehended on the spot and taken into custody.