

Emphasis laid on effective implementation of HADP

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SAMBA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Samba Ayushi Sudan on Wednesday reviewed the implementation and progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project in Jammu & Kashmir (JKCIP) at a District Level Committee (DLC) meeting held in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.



Agriculture and Allied Departments, who had applied online through the HADP and JKCIP portals.

The DDC held detailed deliberations on the status of major projects under HADP and JKCIP. The chair reviewed and discussed the list of feasible beneficiaries for final selection and approval under various

A total of 342 proposals were approved under different projects of HADP, while 47 were approved under JKCIP across Agriculture and Allied sectors.

The DDC reiterated the importance of scaling up the coverage of allied sector schemes, particularly in

Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry and Horticulture. She emphasized the need for timely establishment and effective tracking of units under the Kissan Sathi Online Tracking (KSOT) system to ensure proper on-ground execution.

She called upon all stakeholders to work in close coordination for promoting sustainable agriculture in

the district. Stress was also laid on extending benefits to a larger number of beneficiaries and maximizing farmer enrollment under the Daksh Kisan training programme and the Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) initiative to enhance the overall impact of HADP and JKCIP.

The DDC further directed the concerned officers to ensure speedy implementation of approved cases and

provide necessary hand-holding support to all beneficiaries.

Earlier, the District Development Commissioner handed over keys of tractors to two beneficiaries belonging to the ST category under the SMAM scheme for the year 2025-26.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, General Manager DIC, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, DDM NABARD, District Officer HPM, District Sericulture Officer, Lead District Manager, District Agriculture Officer (Extension) and other concerned officers.

People sensitized about flagship schemes

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UDHAMPUR: To take the governance at the doorsteps of the people and strengthen the grievances redressal mechanism at the grassroots level, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa on Wednesday convened a public outreach camp in the far-flung area of Basantgarh.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation of a large number of people and former PRI members from adjoining areas.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Wahid-ul-Rehman; Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash and other district officers were also present. The public projected several issues and demands, seeking adequate staff in educational institutions, repair and blacktopping of local road, augmentation of power infrastructure, improvement of mobile network connectivity, development of Bas-

antgarh Fort, promotion of the area on the tourism map, construction of a BDO office, provision of kerosene oil and development of a playground at Chakaal.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner also visited a Kiwi and Apple Orchard of Sanjay Seyalia established under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme. He appreciated the farmer's innovative efforts of branding Kiwi tea and developing a nursery for propagation of kiwi plants, including red kiwi varieties.

During the camp, district officers from line departments sensitized the public to the flagship schemes, including PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, Pension and State Marriage Assistance Scheme, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana and PM Jan Dhan Yojana. They urged people to avail maximum benefits of these welfare initiatives.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner directed concerned officers to organize financial awareness and inclusion camps to educate the public about social security and welfare schemes.

Responding to the issues raised by the public and former PRIs, the DC issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers to address genuine grievances on priority. Several issues were resolved instantly through effective departmental coordination.

Highlighting the significance of such outreach initiatives, the DC stated that these camps are aimed at bringing the administration closer to the people by facilitating direct interaction between citizens and officials. He emphasized the importance of promoting income-generating and livelihood-oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and the UT Government to enhance socio-economic development in rural areas.

Rattan raises concerns for security of NC MLAs

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JAMMU: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) in Jammu, launched a scathing attack on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's administration over the withdrawal of security cover of NC legislators and the party headquarter, Nawa-e-Subha Srinagar where party chief Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah Hon'ble Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and other Senior party functionaries used to sit and hold party meetings.

Gupta termed the move "selective, vindictive, and dangerously irresponsible," move which puts the lives of several leaders at serious risk. He said the administration's action exposes a clear bias, alleging that security has been withdrawn only

from Kashmir-based leaders while those aligned with the BJP remain untouched.

"This is not just negligence it is targeted harassment," Gupta said. "If those who hold the Tricolour are not safe, how can the flag itself be safe in Kashmir?"

He reminded the administration of the recent security lapse in the firing incident Dr Farooq Abdullah, calling it alarming that instead of strengthening protection after such an incident, the LG administration chose to scale it down.

He asked Manoj Sinha's administration to come clean: "Either declare Jammu and Kashmir completely safe for all political actors, or stop playing politics with security."

You cannot selectively expose NC and allies leaders to danger while shielding BJP's.

NHM employees observe strike for pending demands

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JAMMU: On the call of the UT Level Coordination Committee of All J&K National Health Mission Employees Association (JKNHMEA), NHM employees across Jammu District on Wednesday observed a 48-hour strike in letter and spirit at all District and Block Hqs across Jammu Division.



The protest was held in support of long-pending demands of NHM employees, including formulation of a comprehensive job policy, immediate pay revision, social security benefits including retirement benefits, extension of EPF benefits to all cadres, implementation of Equal Pay for Equal Work, loyalty benefits, and other genuine issues concerning NHM employees.

The protest was held under the leadership of Provincial President, NHM Jammu Division, Dr. Vikas Sharma, with the aim of

drawing the attention of the Govt and concerned authorities towards the genuine and long-pending issues of NHM employees.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders highlighted that NHM employees have been working tirelessly for the past nearly two decades, rendering dedicated healthcare services even in challenging circumstances. Despite their significant contribution to strengthening the public healthcare system, their services are yet to be regularized and they continue to work with-

out job security and adequate social benefits.

During the protest, leaders and members of J&K Medical Employees Federation and J&K EJAC also extended their full support and joined the protest demonstrations of NHM employees at various venues across the district, expressing solidarity with their genuine demands.

The Association has appealed to the Hon'ble Lieu-

tenant Governor, Chief Minister J&K, Health Minister and concerned authorities of Jammu & Kashmir to take immediate steps for the resolution of the long-pending issues of NHM employees and ensure justice to thousands of healthcare workers who have been serving the people with dedication and commitment.

The Association further reiterated that NHM employees will continue their peaceful struggle until their genuine demands are addressed and a comprehensive policy ensuring job security and social protection is implemented.

The Association expressed heartfelt gratitude to all NHM employees across Jammu Division for their active participation and for reposing trust in the leadership of the Association.

People dejected by hike in price of gas cylinder: Shiv Sena

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) has launched a strong attack on the government over the steep ₹195.50 hike in commercial gas cylinder prices and the artificially created shortage in the market.

State President Manish Sahni said that while the government keeps beating the drum of "all is well," it is simultaneously dropping an inflation bomb of ₹195.50 overnight, directly burdening the common man.

Sahni further stated that in the last three months (January to April 2026), the price of 19 kg commercial gas cylinders has increased by nearly ₹500.

RECRUITMENT RALLY (TANGTSE) FOR PORTER COMPANY 2026-27

- Recruitment Rally (Tangtse) for enrolling 200 Porters for raising of Army Porter company will be held at 19 Armoured Regiment, Durbuk under the aegis of Headquarters 3 Inf Div, District Leh from 06-07 April 2026 (Female) and 09-11 Apr 2026 (Male), with effect from 0700 hr onwards.
- Eligibility Conditions.**
 - Individuals to be citizen of India (Male & Female).
 - To be medically fit.
 - Should be between 18 years to 40 years of age as on 06 Apr 2026.
- Pay Scale.**
 - Basic Pay: Rs 18,000/-
 - DA: As per the government's applicable rates.
 - Field + High altitude Allowance: As per the area of employment.
- Documents Required.**
 - Application form for recruitment as porter with 08x Passport size photographs.
 - Next of Kin certificate and Aadhar Card (alongwith 06x Joint Photographs duly attested by Sarpanch).
 - Character Certificate duly signed by Sarpanch (format enclosed).
 - Police verification form duly signed by police authorities (format enclosed).
 - Medical Certificate from Civil Govt Hospital (format enclosed).
 - Birth Certificate.
 - Indemnity bond.
 - Volunteer Certificate.
 - Willingness Certificate.
 - SBI Bank Details alongwith copy of front page of Pass Book.
 - Original and 03x Photocopy of Aadhar Card/Passport/Ration Card/Voter ID duly signed by Sarpanch.
 - Registration certificate from District Labour Office.
 - Skill Proficiency certificate (Electrician, Plumber, Carpenter and Painter etc), if any.
- Interested individual should be present at 19 Armoured Regiment (Durbuk) on 06-07 Apr 2026 (Female) & 09-11 Apr 2026 (Male) from 0700 hr onwards. Entry will be restricted to 200 candidates per day on basis of First come first serve.
- Interested individual should be willing to work at any area as detailed.
- Selection of Female Porters.** 25% priority will be accorded to Female Porters.
- Fitness Test**
 - Physical Test.** Carry 20 Kgs of load at an incline of 30° for a distance of 100m. For male max time to two minutes and for female time to three minutes would be given.
 - Medical Test.** A Medical test will be conducted for all candidates during the recruitment by the authorized Officer.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR APPLICATION & DOCUMENTATION



THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, LEH

No: - 2545-54/MCL/Estb/2026 Dated: - 01.04.2026

Subject: Trade License Validity Extension & Commencement of Renewal Process

NOTICE

In continuation to this office notification regarding the extension of validity of Trade Licenses issued by the Municipal Committee, Leh, it is hereby informed to all business and trade establishments operating within the jurisdiction of MC Leh that the process for **renewal and issuance of Trade Licenses** has commenced with effect from **01st April, 2026**.

Further, in order to facilitate ease of compliance and enhance service delivery, the Municipal Committee, Leh has introduced the option for renewal of Trade Licenses for extended periods of **3 years and 5 years**, in addition to the existing provisions.

All concerned establishments are hereby advised to apply for **fresh issuance or renewal of Trade Licenses (as the case may be)** through the official online portal:
<https://www.serviceonline.gov.in>

All existing license holders are hereby directed to apply for renewal of their Trade Licenses **on or before 30th June, 2026**, failing which action, including penalties & late fees, shall be initiated as per the provisions of the Municipal Act and applicable Bye-laws. It is further notified that operating any trade or business without a valid Trade License shall attract penal action under the relevant provisions of the Act and rules framed thereunder.

This notice is issued for information and strict compliance of all concerned.

(Stanzin Rabgaïs)
Executive Officer,
Municipal Committee, Leh.

Hanuman Jayanti to be celebrated on April 2: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: Among those who have been blessed with immortality in this world is Lord Hanuman, the devoted follower of Lord Ram. There are differing beliefs regarding the birth date of Lord Hanuman. Some devotees celebrate it on Kartik Krishna Chaturdashi, while others observe it on Chaitra Shukla Purnima. Both views are mentioned in religious scriptures.



Regarding Hanuman Jayanti, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, explained that the Chaitra Purnima tithi begins on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:07 AM and ends on Thursday, April 2 at 7:42 AM. Since the full moon (Purnima) tithi prevails at sunrise on April 2, Hanuman Jayanti will be celebrated on Thursday, April 2.

Lord Hanuman, considered the 11th Rudra form of Lord Shiva, is believed to be present wherever the Ram-charitmanas is recited. He was blessed with the eight siddhis: Anima, Laghima, Mahima, Garima, Prapti, Prakamya, Ishitva, and Vashitva. When Sita saw Hanuman in Lanka, she blessed him:

"May you be immortal and a treasure of virtues, and always dear to Lord Ram."

Lord Hanuman is also known by many names such as Bajrang Bali, Maruti, Anjani Putra, Pavan Putra, Sankat Mochan, Kesari Nandan, Mahavir, Kapish, and Shankar Suvan.

Worship Method (Ritual Method)

If you cannot visit a temple, take a bath in the morning and prepare a worship space in the northeast corner of your home. Sprinkle holy water, place a red cloth on a wooden platform, and install idols (or supari if idols are unavailable) of Lord Ganesha, Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman, and Hanuman.

Offer saffron-colored cloth, apply vermilion mixed with jasmine oil to Hanuman's idol, and offer boondi laddoos. Light a jasmine oil lamp, offer sweet paan with cloves, and place a coconut after circling it over your head eight times. Offer on black gram and present five ghee chapatis as bhog.

Reciting Hanuman Chalisa 5 or 11 times on this day is considered highly beneficial and fulfills wishes. Students especially benefit as it enhances memory and success in studies.

Many devotees observe fasts and offer sindoor (vermillion) to Hanuman idols. This tradition comes from the belief that Hanuman once covered his entire body in sindoor for Lord Ram's long life.

Reading Sundarkand from Ramcharitmanas is also considered highly auspicious. Devotees chant Ha-

numan Chalisa, Sundarkand, and Ram Raksha Stotra on this day. "Om Lakshman Pranadatare Namah" for serious health issues. "Naasai Rog Hare Sab Peera, Japat Nirantar Hanumat Beera" for general well-being

Worshipping Lord Hanuman is believed to reduce the malefic effects of Rahu and Shani.

It is advised to donate according to one's capacity. Charity brings prosperity and happiness to the family.

NOTICE

I, Stanzin Delak S/o Nawang Mingur R/o Housing Colony, Leh-Ladakh UT do hereby inform that I have lost my Contractor Card No. D-626. Now, I am applying for issuance of duplicate Contractor Card. Objection, if any, conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days of this publication.

NOTICE

I, Nissar Hussain S/o Abul Hassan R/o Chanchik, Kargil-UT Ladakh do hereby inform that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Passport as Nissar Hussain instead of Nissar Hussain. Also, my D.O.B has been wrongly recorded as 05-12-1960 instead of 04-07-1963. That my actual name is Nissar Hussain and my actual D.O.B is 04-07-1963. Now, I am applying for correction of my name and D.O.B. Objection, if any, conveyed to Regional Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days of this publication.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD
Muthi Akhnour Road, Jammu/Zam Zam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar
(www.jkssb.nic.in)

Subject: Final Selection List for the 3478 posts of Constables in J&K Police, Home Department notified vide No. JKSSB-Scry/35/2025-03 (7802335) Dated: 20.02.2026 under Item Nos. 1,2,5&6- Update thereof

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) received an Indent for 4002 posts of "Constable" in J&K Police from the Home Department vide Indent dated 27.06.2024, out of which 3478 posts were advertised vide Notification No. 01 of 2024 dated 16.07.2024;

Whereas, the Board conducted the OMR-based written examination on 01.12.2024, followed by Physical Standard/Endurance Tests and Document Verification in accordance with the prescribed procedure;

Whereas, the Provisional Selection List was notified vide Notification dated 05.12.2025 and, after consideration of representations received, the Final Selection List was notified vide Notification No. JKSSB-Scry/35/2025-03 dated 20.02.2026;

Whereas, 99 cases pertaining to OBC candidates were kept withheld for want of certain clarification regarding the validity of their OBC certificates

Whereas, the matter was accordingly taken up with the General Administration Department vide this office letter No. JKSSB-Scry/35/2025-03 (7815594) dated 15.12.2025 and General Administration Department, vide letter no No: GAD-MTGORBIV/7/2024-09-GAD (7378804) Dated:03.03.2026 clarified the validity of OBC/OSC certificates, thereby necessitating review of withheld cases;

Whereas, 27 candidates figuring in the Final Selection List who were declared medically unfit by the respective Medical Boards, were asked to appear before the Appellate Medical Board for further medical examination and on re-examination 22 cases were cleared by the Appellate Medical Board

Whereas, 46 candidates remained absent from the medical examination despite having been given an additional opportunity to appear before the Medical Board

Whereas, consequent upon these developments, the affected portions of the Final Selection List have been revised by excluding ineligible candidates and including next eligible candidates strictly in order of merit, along with consequential adjustment of preferences;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the decision taken by the Board in its 343rd Meeting, the **Updated Final Selection List** for the posts of Constable in J&K Police is hereby notified and shall be available on the official website of JKSSB.

The recommendations of the selected candidates are subject to the fulfillment of all eligibility conditions and verification of documents by the appointing authority. It is further notified that:

- The above Final Selection List shall be subject to the outcome of OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in the competent court of law.
- The List shall also be subject to the outcome of such inquiry, involving any candidate(s), as figuring in this List.
- The formal recommendations to the concerned Indenting Department shall be made separately.
- The candidate(s), whose recommendations are kept withheld, shall submit the requisite documents/ certificates within a period of **fifteen days**.
- The Selection of the candidates has been made on the basis of Self-declaration/Certificate submitted by them and if at any stage, it comes to the light that any candidate(s) has submitted false information or has secured selection on the basis of fake documents/certificates, the selection shall be liable to cancellation at any stage.
- The selection and the candidature of the candidates shall be strictly governed by the provisions of regulations 44, 45 & 46 of the J&K Services Selection Board (Business & Procedure) Regulations, 2022.
- The candidates figuring in the Final Selection List shall have no claim of appointment, till, the final verification of their character, antecedents and requisite documents, certificates /testimonials /reports, etc. is being done by the Appointing Authority

By Order.

Sd/
(Atul Kumar), JKAS
DIP/J-25/26
Secretary J&K Services Selection Board

No. JKSSB-Scry/35/2025-03 (7802335) Dated: 24.03.2026