

Fuel, LPG stock position: DC calls for close check on hoarding, overcharging

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan Friday chaired a meeting to review the stock and supply position of LPG and petroleum products in the district.

ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Director FCS&CA Niamatullah Sheikh, other FCS officials and representatives from Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation attended the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the available stock of petroleum products, operational status of petrol pumps, availability of LPG cylinders and the overall supply chain mechanism to ensure uninterrupted availability of fuel to consumers across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Assistant Director FCS&CA and TSOs to closely monitor the sale and stock position of LPG, besides carrying out inspections of LPG sale counters.

The Assistant Director FCS&CA informed the meeting that the district has adequate stocks of petrol, diesel and LPG with the delivery of supplies without any disruption.



The Deputy Commissioner emphasized close coordination between enforcement authorities and oil companies to ensure timely replenishment and smooth distribution of supplies. He directed the AD FCS&CA and other officers to keep a close check on hoarding, black-marketing and overcharging of petroleum products and LPG cylinders.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress of e-KYC of LPG connections and directed representatives of LPG companies to complete the remaining targets at the earliest. Officials of the FCS&CA Department were instructed to extend full support to LPG dealers in reaching out to left-out connection holders.

Warning against black-marketing, illegal hoarding and overcharging, the Deputy Commissioner said any attempt to create artificial scarcity shall be viewed seriously.

BJP reviews Org programs, Prashikshan camps, finalizes Foundation Day program

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma CA, chaired a series of organizational meetings at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to review ongoing activities and finalize preparations for the party's Foundation Day on April 6.

J&K BJP Vice-Presidents Bharat Bhushan, Rakesh Mahajan, and Rekha Mahajan, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, and Gopal Mahajan, former Minister Bali Bhagat, former MLA Ashwani Sharma, former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Secretaries Reema Padha, and Pawan Sharma, All Cell Incharge Ved Sharma, senior leader Parduman Singh, and other senior leaders of party were present in the meeting.

Sat Sharma took a comprehensive review of the party's organizational structure and ongoing programs. He appreciated



the efforts of party leaders in successfully organizing Prashikshan (training) camps at various levels across Jammu & Kashmir, stating that they play a vital role in strengthening ideological clarity, leadership skills, and organizational discipline among party workers.

Sharma stressed the importance of continuous capacity building, noting that well-trained cadre is the backbone of a strong and effective organization. He

directed leaders to ensure that these training initiatives are conducted regularly and effectively at booth, mandal, and district levels.

Sat while reviewing the preparations for the upcoming Foundation Day, elaborated on the detailed schedule of programs to be organized across the Union Territory from April 5 to 12. He instructed party leaders to ensure proper decoration of all-party offices, hoisting of the party flag, and organization of booth-level

gatherings with maximum participation.

He stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party was founded with the sole aim of serving the nation and society. He said that party's sole mission is to work tirelessly for the upliftment of every section and to take India to the position of VishavGuru. Every BJP activist must see himself or herself as an institution, committed to the ideals of nationalism, service, and good governance, he said.

PTTI Vijaypur observes National 'Sadhana Saptah'

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VIJAYPUR: A week-long programme marking the observance of "National Sadhana Saptah" commenced at the Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI), Vijaypur.

On the occasion, Ranjit Singh Sambyal, IPS, Principal PTTI Vijaypur, inaugurated the programme and appreciated the initiative, highlighting its importance in fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and reflection on best practices.

He emphasized that such efforts contribute significantly towards improving service delivery. The Principal urged all participants to actively



engage in the programme and enhance their learning by undertaking various courses available on the iGOT Karmayogi portal, as well as through resources provided by the Karmayogi Bharat and Capacity Building Commission.

He further informed that a comprehensive schedule of lectures and activities has been planned for the week. Sessions will be conducted by Gazetted

Officers and subject experts, focusing on discipline, physical fitness, mental resilience, and spiritual awareness, aimed at the holistic development of staff and trainees.

Among others present on the occasion were Shri Davinder Gupta, DySP; Satish Kumar, DySP; Khushwant Singh, DySP; Raj Kumar; and Asif Iqbal, Senior Prosecuting Officers of the Institute.

Samba launches intensive crackdown on Fertilizer Control Order compliance

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SAMBA: An intensive enforcement drive was conducted Friday in District Samba to assess the compliance with Fertilizer Control Order in the District.

Director Law Enforcement Balbir Singh led the inspection team comprising Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Jammu Sanjay Anand; Assistant Director Law Enforcement (ADLE) Jammu Kuldeep Singh; District Agriculture Officer (Extension) Sanjay Badyal; Enforcement Inspector Yog Raj Sharma along with field officers and staff of the Agriculture Department.

During the drive,



surprise inspections were conducted at the premises of several fertilizer dealers. The inspection teams thoroughly examined stock registers, sale records and Point of Sale (POS) data to detect any discrepancies, hoarding, diversion or unauthorized sale of

fertilizers. Detailed verification of stock recorded in POS machines was carried out and cross-checked with the physical stock available at the premises of the dealers and retailers.

During the inspection in the District, notices were

issued to six dealers where discrepancies and violations were observed.

Earlier, similar enforcement drives were conducted in other districts and notices were issued to four dealers in Udhampur, two dealers in Doda, four dealers in Rajouri and six dealers in Kathua.

The erring dealers have been given two day time to submit their explanations, failing which strict action, including cancellation of licenses, shall be initiated as per rules.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Law Enforcement Balbir Singh emphasized that the department is committed to ensuring strict adherence to the Fertilizer Control Order and warned

that any violation, including hoarding, black marketing or diversion of fertilizers, will not be tolerated. He further stated that such enforcement drives will continue across all districts to safeguard the interests of farmers.

Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Jammu Sanjay Anand reiterated the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in fertilizer distribution. He stressed that ensuring timely availability of quality agricultural inputs to genuine farmers remains a top priority of the department and that regular monitoring and surprise inspections will be intensified.

ADC conducts surprise inspection of Gas Agency, Petrol Pumps in Bholderwah



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BHADERWAH: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah, Sunil Kumar Bhutyal Friday conducted a surprise inspection of a gas agency and petrol pumps to assess their functioning and ensure compliance with prescribed regulations.

The ADC was accompanied by Tehsil Supply Officer and other officials

from the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA).

The inspection focused on the availability of essential supplies, proper functioning of dispensing units, adherence to safety norms and transparency in pricing. The team carried out a thorough verification of records and interacted with staff to ensure efficient and consumer-friendly service delivery.

DAJ Anil Gupta reviews Agri push, Fertilizer Enforcement in Billawar

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BILLAWAR: Director Agriculture Jammu (DAJ) Anil Gupta, Friday visited Sub Division Billawar, where he chaired a meeting to review agriculture activities and enforcement of Fertilizer Control order.

The meeting was attended by Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officers of Kathua, Hiranagar, Basohli and Billawar along with SDL SMS Billawar, AEOs, Agriculture Assistants (Input) and the Law Enforcement team. The Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Jatinder Kumar joined through virtual mode.

The Director reviewed ongoing agricultural activities and issued key directions to strengthen fertilizer regulation, promote sustainable practices and enhance farmer outreach. He



stressed strict monitoring of fertilizer sale centres, directing officers to ensure regular physical verification of stock and its reconciliation with POS data to prevent discrepancies, hoarding or diversion.

He also reviewed preparations for the next

phase of the Viksit Bharat programme. He called for launching mass awareness campaigns by organizing camps to educate the Farmers about judicious use of fertilizers, balanced nutrient management and departmental schemes.

Special emphasis was laid on the "Dharti Mata Bachao

Abhiyan" to promote soil health and sustainable farming practices.

Reiterating adherence to the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) 1985, the Director emphasized proper record main tenance, transparency in transactions and prevention of overcharging.

Indian Army organizes sewing classes and distributes sewing machines in Thanamandi

RAJOURI: The Indian Army, under Operation Sadbhavana, organized a "Sewing Classes and Distribution of Sewing Machines" event in Thanamandi.

The initiative aimed to empower local women by enhancing their skills and promoting socio-economic development in the region. The training focused on stitching and tailoring, providing women with practical skills to explore livelihood opportunities and support their household income.

The participants displayed remarkable enthusiasm and dedication throughout the course. At the conclusion of the programme, certificates and sewing machines were distributed to all trainees, recognizing their hard work and encouraging their continued progress.

Operation Sadbhavana continues to foster goodwill, development and positive change in the region, with this initiative strengthening the bond between the Army and local communities.

The event was well-received by the local population, reinforcing the Army's commitment to nation-building and community welfare.

Army observe World Autism Awareness Day

REASI: The Indian Army conducted an awareness lecture at Tender Feet School, Keri, to mark World Autism Awareness Day.

The event aimed to promote understanding and inclusion for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Students were educated about the signs, challenges and importance of early intervention for autism. Emphasis was placed on empathy, patience and the role of families, teachers and peers in creating an inclusive environment.

The session encouraged active student participation, fostering a compassionate approach towards individuals with autism. The Army reaffirmed its commitment to community outreach, inspiring the youth to contribute positively to society.

Mission YUVA review meeting held at Bhaderwah

BHADERWAH: The weekly review meeting regarding Mission YUVA was held Friday in the office chamber of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal.

The meeting was attended by Branch Manager J&K Bank Bhaderwah Rajesh Bhandari; AEO Agriculture Karan Singh; BPM NRLM Aakash Jaswal; AEO Agriculture Javid Iqbal; Junior Assistant Employment Department, Sarvesh Singh and BHD DECC Kamran Manzoor. During the session, discussions were held regarding progress, challenges and future strategies for strengthening the Mission YUVA programme at the grassroots level. Emphasis was laid on coordination among departments and timely execution of schemes.

The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned officers to work in close coordination and accelerate efforts for the successful implementation of Mission YUVA in the Bhaderwah area.

Legal awareness campaign on POSH Act held at Katra

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REASI: Under the visionary leadership of Khalil Choudhary, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Reasi) and the able guidance of Pooja Gupta, Secretary, DLSA Reasi, an awareness programme on the Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH) Act, was conducted at Legal Literacy Club (LLC) Katra.

The session aimed to spread awareness regarding the provisions of the POSH Act, emphasizing the rights of women to a safe and secure working environment and the mechanisms available for redressal of complaints



related to sexual harassment at the workplace.

During the programme, the participants were sensitized to the definition of sexual harassment, preventive measures, role and responsibilities

of employers and the importance of Internal Complaints Committees (ICC). The PLVs also highlighted the legal remedies and support systems available under the Act.

DEO flags off IEC Van to spread awareness on Panchayat Electoral Roll Revision-2026

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UDHAMPUR: District Election Officer Udhampur Minga Sherpa Friday flagged off an Information, Education and Communication Van here from the DC Office Complex to generate mass public awareness regarding the Annual Revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll 2026.

The flag-off ceremony was held in the presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh and Deputy District Election Officer Babu Pradeep Kumar along with other concerned officials.

Interacting with media persons, the DEO informed that the IEC Van shall traverse across the district to disseminate information about the ongoing revision



process. The initiative aims to educate citizens on procedures related to inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of names in the Panchayat electoral rolls.

Emphasizing the significance of accurate and updated electoral rolls, the DEO stated that these are

essential for strengthening grassroots democracy. He urged all eligible residents, particularly new voters who have attained the age of 18 years as on April 1-2026—to verify their details and ensure their names are included in the electoral rolls within the stipulated time frame.