

# Jan Bhagidaari Week: Jan Sunwai, Tribal Welfare Camps organised across Kishtwar

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**KISHTWAR:** In continuation to the 7-day "Jan Bhagidaari Sabse Door-Sabse Pehle" Mega IEC Campaign, the District Administration Kishtwar, under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and the guidance of Additional District Development Commissioner (Nodal Officer) Vinod Kumar Behnal, organised Jan Sunwai, Awareness cum Benefit Saturation Camps on across various remote tribal areas of the district.

On Day 04, the camps were conducted at Village Lossain in Block Paddar and Village Kukerwas in Block Drabshalla. On Day five, the outreach camps were organised at Village Renai in Block Marwah, Village Piyas in Block Nagseni, Village Chandali in Block Drabshalla, Village Bhata in Block Mughal Maidan and Patnazi in Block Bounjwah.

The initiative aims to strengthen last-mile delivery of government welfare schemes, enhance public awareness and ensure saturation coverage in far-flung tribal regions.

The camps witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers, officials, local residents, public representatives and stakeholders,



facilitating direct interaction between the tribal population and the government departments.

During the camps, several services and registrations under financial inclusion schemes were provided on the spot. Departmental informative stalls were established by the Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, FCS&CA, Education, J&K Bank, Forest, JPDCL, ICDS, Health, Agriculture, Revenue and other Departments to disseminate awareness regarding welfare schemes and citizen-centric services among the tribal population.

Medical health check-up camps were also organised by the Department of AYUSH at Village Piyas Block Nagseni, Village Patnazi Block Bounjwah and at Village Bhata Block Mughal Maidan.

Special awareness sessions on the Solid Waste Management Rules were conducted and the Nasha Mukht Pledge was administered to all participants as part of the ongoing 100 Days Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan campaign at all the venues across the District.

Public grievance redressal programmes were

also held during the camps to ensure prompt resolution of public concerns and strengthen administrative outreach in remote areas.

Beneficiaries were sensitised to flagship welfare schemes, including PMJJ-DY, PMSBY, Mission YUVA, PM Ujjwala Yojana and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana along with other UT and Centrally Sponsored schemes.

Awareness sessions under the 100 Day Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyaan were also conducted at all locations to educate youth and local residents about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

## ADC Bhaderwah reviews functioning of GHSS Chinta

**BHADERWAH:** Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal conducted an inspection visit to Government Higher Secondary School Chinta to review the functioning of the institution and assess the overall educational environment.

During the visit, Principal of the school Som Shaker Sharma along with staff members of the institution, briefed the ADC about academic activities, infrastructure and other facilities available in the school.

The ADC emphasized the importance of maintaining quality education, discipline and proper facilities for students.

The ADC Bhaderwah is among the senior district officers nominated for inspection and monitoring of the educational institutions in the subdivision.

The inspection was aimed at strengthening the education system and ensuring better academic standards and infrastructure in government schools across the region.

## DC reviews Monsoon, flood preparedness measures in Udhampur



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**UDHAMPUR:** Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday chaired a meeting with officers of the line departments to review pre-monsoon and flood preparedness measures across the district.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on several critical aspects related to disaster preparedness and emergency response. These included cleaning and desilting of drains, nullahs and water channels, establishment and functioning of integrated control rooms, daily reporting mechanisms during the monsoon season, monitoring of river gauge levels and seasonal water channels, identification of flood-prone, land-

slide-prone and other vulnerable areas.

The meeting also reviewed preparedness programmes and mock drills, fogging operations and preventive measures against water-borne and vector-borne diseases, availability of essential commodities and medical supplies in vulnerable areas, conduct of Swachhta drives and awareness campaigns and ensuring safe and potable drinking water supply during the monsoon season.

The Deputy Commissioner issued necessary directions to all concerned departments to remain fully prepared and maintain a high level of readiness to respond promptly to any untoward situation or

emergency during the monsoon period.

Stressing the importance of inter-departmental coordination, the DC directed all departments to maintain close liaison and ensure effective communication for timely and efficient emergency response.

Departments were further instructed to assess the requirement of rescue and emergency response equipment and submit a detailed inventory of essential resources needed for effective disaster management and rescue operations.

Meanwhile, Deputy Controller Civil Defence was directed to conduct regular mock drills to strengthen preparedness and enhance response mechanisms for any emergency situation in the district.



## Kindergarten Graduation ceremony celebrated with enthusiasm, passion

**JAMMU:** A colourful and joyous Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony was celebrated Saturday at S.D. Tara Puri Public High School, Gandhi Nagar Jammu with great enthusiasm and excitement.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a warm welcome of the distinguished guests. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sh. Vikram Randhawa, Hon'ble MLA Jammu South.

The event was also graced by the President of the School Management Committee Sh. B. M. Sharma, Vice President M. L. Sharma and other esteemed dignitaries of the management committee.

The tiny graduates, dressed in graduation gowns and caps, mesmerized everyone with their confidence and innocence.

A variety of colourful cultural items including welcome songs, dances, rhymes and speeches were presented by the students, which received huge applause from the audience.

In her address, the Principal Ms. Neeru Puri welcomed the guests and congratulated the young grad.

## Railways to temporarily augment New Delhi-SMVD Katra special trains with additional coaches

**JAMMU:** Reiterating its commitment to providing a comfortable and convenient travel experience to rail passengers during the summer vacation and festive season, Jammu Division has taken a significant step.

To cater to the high demand received from Jammu Division and to ensure smooth management of the heavy additional passenger rush on the route, it has been decided to temporarily augment Special Train No. 04081/04082 running between New Delhi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra with one additional sleeper coach.

Details of coach augmentation and days of operation of the train are as follows: Train No. 04081 (New Delhi to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra): This train departs from New Delhi every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. One additional Sleeper Class coach has been added to this train for the period from 22.05.2026 to 27.05.2026.

Train No. 04082 (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to New Delhi): This return train departs from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Similarly, one additional Sleeper Class coach has been added to this train for the period from 23.05.2026 to 28.05.2026.

Commenting on the additional coach facility in the train, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Uchit Singhal stated:

"The total capacity of the train will now increase to 22 coaches, which will enable hundreds of additional passengers to avail confirmed tickets daily.

Along with this, we are also closely monitoring our other important and prestigious 'Premium Trains' passing through Jammu Division, such as the New Delhi-Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express and the Jammu Tawi-Sealdah Express.

Additional coaches are also added to these trains from time to time to ensure the highest standards of passenger amenities and safety. Our endeavour is to ensure that no passenger travelling to or from Jammu faces any inconvenience during their journey."

## DC Kathua reviews Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026 arrangements at Lakhanpur

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**KATHUA:** Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma Saturday visited the Lakhanpur Corridor and chaired a meeting at the DDC Council Building to review preparedness and arrangements for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026.

The meeting was attended by SP Operations Brijesh Sharma; ADC Mahima Madan; CPO Ranjeet Thakur; IAS Probationer Nidhi; district officers and Nodal Officers designated for 36 Lodgement Centres.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of infrastructure development and augmentation works undertaken along the Lakhanpur Corridor, the principal road entry point for pilgrims entering Jammu and Kashmir during

the annual pilgrimage.

He assessed the progress of new infrastructure, repair and renovation works, beautification measures and pilgrim-centric facilities being created at various locations.

The DC also conducted an on-site inspection of ongoing construction and repair works. He held detailed discussions with officers regarding the layout and positioning of key amenities, including registration facilities, sanitation units, resting areas, drinking water points, signage and other support infrastructure.

He directed the executing agencies to ensure that all facilities are developed in a systematic and pilgrim-friendly manner, keeping in view the anticipated footfall and smooth movement of yatis.

Reviewing the arrangements

at the lodgement centres, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the Nodal Officers to undertake regular visits and closely monitor the progress of works. He asked them to ensure that all deficiencies in amenities are removed well in time, adding that the required works have already been tendered and should now be completed within the stipulated timelines.

Emphasising quality asset creation, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to maintain prescribed standards in execution and ensure that the facilities created under the Yatra arrangements are durable, functional and capable of serving pilgrims efficiently.

The meeting was informed that six e-KYC counters and twelve RFID counters would be established at Lakhanpur for smooth registration, verification

and movement of pilgrims. It was further informed that ADC Kathua Mahima Madan has been designated as the Yatra Nodal Officer for overall coordination and monitoring of arrangements. RFID-based tracking remains an important component of the Yatra management system for pilgrim safety and facilitation.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat and Executive Officers of Urban Local Bodies to ensure optimum deployment of sanitation staff across the corridor and lodgement centres. He stressed maintaining high standards of cleanliness and hygiene to provide a litter-free and sanitised environment for the visiting pilgrims.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner State Taxes

Joginder Jasrotia, inspected various sections of the State Taxes Building at Lakhanpur, which will also be utilised during the Yatra period. The officers reviewed the availability of accommodation space, utility services, sanitation arrangements and other facilities proposed to be used for pilgrim management and support activities. The DC directed the concerned officers to undertake all necessary improvements and ensure that the infrastructure is fully prepared well before the commencement of the Yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner called for close coordination among all stakeholder departments and reiterated that every effort should be made to ensure smooth, safe and hassle-free conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026, scheduled to commence on July 3.

## DC Rajouri reviews SDG data updation, 5G Infra mapping

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**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma Saturday chaired a meeting to assess the progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) data updation and verification of 5G Street Furniture mapping in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of updation of data on the designated portal under the Sustainable Development Goals framework for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. He took a department-wise review of the progress made in uploading and verification of data related to various SDG indicators.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all con-



cerned officers to ensure timely and accurate updation of data on the portal. Stressing the importance of coordination among departments, he asked the officers to clear all pending entries without delay and maintain transparency and consistency in reporting for

effective monitoring of developmental indicators in the district.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the verification of ground status of 5G Street Furniture mapping and inclusion of left out infrastructure across the district. He directed the

concerned officers to carry out proper field verification and ensure that all uncovered locations are included in the mapping process.

Highlighting the importance of strengthening digital connectivity and infrastructure, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized coordinated efforts among departments for timely completion of the exercise and submission of accurate reports for effective implementation of 5G infrastructure development in the district.

Among others, ADDC Rajouri Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, CPO Maqsood Ahmed and DSEO Sandeep Sharma attended the meetings, while other concerned officers participated through virtual mode.

## DC Udhampur flags off IEC Van to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

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**UDHAMPUR:** To strengthen the ongoing campaign against substance abuse, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday flagged off an Information, Education and Communication Van from the DC Office Complex.

While briefing the media, the Deputy Commissioner informed that the IEC Van shall travel across different blocks and Panchayats of the district to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free society.

Reiterating the administration's commitment towards eradicating the menace of drugs, the DC stated that the fight against

drug abuse is a continuous process which requires sustained and collective efforts from all sections of society.

He further emphasized that combating drug abuse is a shared responsibility of the administration and the public and urged citizens to actively participate and join hands with the District Administration in making Udhampur a drug-free district.

The programme was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta and other officers.

Meanwhile, the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishav Vidhayala organised an awareness rally to promote the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

## Dharmarth Trust organises awareness prog under 'Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan'

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**JAMMU:** Under the ongoing "Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan" initiated by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dharmarth Trust Saturday organised a comprehensive awareness programme at the Central Office, Jammu, with an aim to educate people, especially the youth, about the growing menace of drug abuse and its devastating impact on society.

The programme witnessed participation from social activists, prominent citizens, youth volunteers, academicians, and members of civil society who collectively expressed serious concern over the increasing involvement of youngsters



in substance abuse.

During the programme, Ashok Sharma (IPS Retd.), Secretary of the Trust, threw light on the modus operandi adopted by drug peddlers to trap innocent

youth. He informed that peddlers initially provide narcotic substances free of cost or at minimal rates to develop addiction and later exploit victims financially

and mentally through organised illegal networks operating through social contacts and digital platforms.

The Secretary appreciated the dedicated efforts of

the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Police Administration headed by the Lieutenant Governor for taking stringent action against drug traffickers and anti-social elements.

He said that continuous anti-drug drives, awareness campaigns, arrests, and strict surveillance have created fear among those involved in the illegal trade of narcotics. The Secretary also emphasized the vital role of parents and society in combating the drug menace. He advised parents to maintain regular communication with their children, monitor their activities and friend circles, and encourage participation in sports, education, and spiritual activities.

The Secretary said that the Trust, under the patronage of Dr. Karan Singh, Hon'ble Chairman Trustee, and other Trustees of Dharmarth Trust, remains committed to supporting initiatives aimed at safeguarding society, particularly the younger generation, from the menace of drug abuse.