

# DC Samba chairs Mega Block Diwas at Nonath, Ghagwal

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**SAMBA:** Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan Friday chaired a Mega Block Diwas-cum-Public Outreach Programme at Panchayat Nonath in Sub-Division Ghagwal to listen the grievance, developmental concerns of local residents and ensure their prompt redressal.

During the programme, the Deputy Commissioner patiently listened to various issues raised by the public regarding water scarcity, power supply, road connectivity and other basic amenities.

Assuring the people of timely resolution of all genuine concerns, she directed the concerned departments and executing agencies to take immediate necessary action to address the issues highlighted during the outreach programme.

Several public grievances were resolved on the spot, while directions were issued to the concerned officers to formulate an effective action plan for the early redressal of pending issues, particularly those related to water



and power supply in view of the prevailing summer season.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner handed over the keys of a Milk ATM along with a vehicle under the Integrated Dairy Development Programme (HADP). Sponsored by the Animal Husbandry Department, the project has been established with a total subsidy of ₹9.46 lakh under the 50 percent subsidy component in favour of Jagdish Lal, a resident of Sanoora.

The Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated two Bulk Milk Coolers (BMCs) of 500-litre capacity each along with two 5 KVA generator sets established under

the JKICP Scheme with a total subsidy of ₹12 lakh under the 100 percent subsidy component. The units have been sanctioned in favour of SHGs Mata Vaishno and Om Namah Shivay of Nonath.

Appreciating the efforts of the Animal Husbandry Department in promoting dairy entrepreneurship and strengthening rural livelihood opportunities, the Deputy Commissioner urged youth and Self Help Groups to avail themselves of the benefits of various Government welfare schemes including HADP, Mission YUVA and Financial Inclusion initiatives, for socio-economic upliftment and livelihood generation.

Acknowledging the support of general public, the Deputy Commissioner also called upon Mahila Nigrani Samitis and Youth Clubs to play a proactive role in spreading awareness against drug abuse and supporting the District Administration and Police in eradicating the drug menace from society.

The programme was attended by SDM Ghagwal, CPO Samba, CMO Samba, CEO Samba, Executive Engineers of various departments, Tehsildar Ghagwal, BDO Ghagwal, District Officers and other concerned stakeholders, besides public representatives, members of Self Help Groups and a large number of local residents.

# DC Kishtwar inaugurates Paddar Premier League 2026

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**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma Friday inaugurated the Paddar Premier League 2026 Cricket Tournament at Chhatargarh Stadium, Gulabgarh, Paddar amid enthusiastic participation of youth and local residents.

The sporting event is being organised by the local administration of Paddar in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kishtwar along with other stakeholders. The initiative aims to promote sportsmanship, youth engagement and healthy recreational activities in the region.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the organisers and encouraged the youth to actively participate in sports and constructive activities for overall personality development, as part of the ongoing 100 Days Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan launched by the



Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, on April 11, 2026.

During his visit to Gulabgarh, the Deputy Commissioner also held a public grievance redressal interaction at the office of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Paddar. He patiently listened to various issues and demands projected by the local residents and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for prompt redressal of genuine

grievances.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the functioning of mandatory RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Yatra Slip counters established at Paddar to facilitate smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage arrangements for the ongoing Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2026.

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He also reviewed the arrangements and availability of essential commodities being put in place for the convenience of pilgrims during the ongoing Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2026.

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# SCARD Bank depositors seek Sat's intervention for release of over delayed own-payments

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**JAMMU:** A delegation comprising nearly one hundred members representing around 22,000 depositors of the Jammu and Kashmir State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (JK SCARD Bank) called upon J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The aggrieved depositors submitted a memorandum highlighting their grievances and sought the personal intervention of Sat Sharma to ensure the release of their hard-earned savings invested in the government-guaranteed, 60-year-old banking institution.

While sharing their ordeal, the members of the delegation expressed deep anguish over the prolonged delay in repayment of their matured fixed deposits. They informed that several depositors and their families have been pushed into severe financial distress due to the non-payment of their dues.

The delegation stated

that at least nine depositors reportedly died prematurely after suffering immense mental stress caused by the financial uncertainty. They further said that many families had to postpone or cancel marriages due to financial constraints, while students faced difficulties in depositing educational fees on time. The depositors also highlighted hardships in meeting medical expenses and emergency treatment requirements.

The delegation informed Sat Sharma that despite repeated assurances from the concerned authorities, including statements made by the Secretary, Commissioner, and the Minister for Co-operatives, even on the floor of the Assembly, no concrete steps have been taken so far.

They pointed out that although the bank was closed on February 13, 2026, the appointment of a liquidator is still pending, thereby causing unnecessary delay in settlement of claims of genuine depositors since April 1, 2025.

They termed the situation as a serious case of administrative apathy leading to fi-

nancial embarrassment and immense mental agony for thousands of affected families.

The delegation appealed to Sat Sharma to personally take up the matter with the concerned authorities to ensure immediate redressal of the issue and early release of payments to the depositors.

They emphasized that more than one lakh family members are directly or indirectly affected by the crisis and urgently require relief.

After patiently hearing the grievances of the depositors, Sat Sharma assured the delegation that he would strongly take up the issue with the concerned authorities to solve the matter in a time-bound manner.

He said that the genuine concerns of the depositors cannot be ignored and that every effort must be made to safeguard the interests of innocent citizens who invested their savings in a government-backed institution.

He reiterated that he stands firmly with the affected families and will continue to pursue the matter vigorously until justice is delivered to the depositors.

# Army organise drug free Bharat pledge ceremony at Dalhori, Rajouri

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**JAMMU:** Social worker Ritesh Gupta from the Akhnoor region honoured the members of the Harimandir Shivghat Team for their outstanding contribution in the field of social service. On this occasion, Ritesh Gupta appreciated the efforts of the team and stated that the Harimandir Shivghat Team is setting a remarkable example of selfless service, inspiring many people in society today.

He said that the team has been actively working for a long time in maintaining cleanliness, management, and upkeep of various cremation grounds. In particular, the team has made significant contributions towards the cleanliness and maintenance of the Brutamandi Cremation Ground and the Chandiya Cremation Ground.

**RAJOURI:** The Indian Army organised a pledge ceremony on "Drug Free Bharat" at Higher Secondary School Dalhori, Rajouri to spread awareness against drug abuse and promote a healthy, disciplined lifestyle among the youth.

The event aimed to motivate students to stay away from drugs and actively contribute towards building a drug-free society. During the programme, students were educated about the harmful effects of drug addiction on health, family and society.

The Indian Army also highlighted the importance of discipline, education, sports and constructive activities in shaping a bright future.

Students were encouraged to become responsible citizens and active ambassadors of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

They enthusiastically took a pledge to remain away from drugs and to spread awareness among their peers, families and local communities.

The session included interactive discussions and motivational guidance, which received an encouraging response from the students. The Indian Army continues to conduct such awareness initiatives to strengthen social responsibility and support nation-building efforts.

# Rakesh holds Yuva Morcha meeting at BJP Headquarters

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**JAMMU:** BJP State Vice President Rakesh Mahajan today chaired an important meeting of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, regarding the nationwide campaign "12 Years of Trust, Development and Public Welfare."

The meeting was jointly attended and the stage was shared by BJYM State President Arun Prabhat, State General Secretaries Ranjit Singh and Khajuria Ji along with other senior office bearers of the organisation.

Being the Prabhari of BJYM at the state level for this campaign, Rakesh Mahajan addressed the gathering and discussed in detail the various responsibilities assigned to different morchas during the ongoing fortnight-long programme.

He emphasized that Yuva Morcha will actively participate in every activity under the campaign and will play a significant role in making the programme successful across Jammu & Kashmir.

Mahajan said that the special responsibility entrusted to Yuva Morcha regarding exhibitions at the

state and district levels will be carried out with full dedication and seriousness.

He further stated that the youth wing will ensure impactful exhibitions showcasing the achievements and public welfare initiatives undertaken during the last 12 years.

He added that all district-level programmes and campaign activities will be conducted in an organized and effective manner with active participation of party workers and youth activists. Referring to the guidance of BJP J&K President Sat Sharma, Member Parliament Rajya Sabha, and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organisation), Mahajan said that the responsibilities assigned to all morchas must be fulfilled with commitment, discipline and organisational strength.

The meeting was attended by all state office bearers, district presidents, district general secretaries and members of the state executive body of Yuva Morcha.

Addressing the meeting, BJYM President Arun Prabhat reviewed the schedule of monthly meetings at mandal, district and state levels.

# Director FCS&CA conducts 2 days tour of Bani-Basholi

**JAMMU:** In order to have a field outreach with consumers and employees of the department, Director FCS&CA, Jammu, Rajesh Kumar Shavan visited Basohli and Bani.

The Director met with the employees and interacted with them to have first-hand information about the functioning. He reviewed the supplies of essential supplies.

In Basholi he visited Food store and Fair price shops. The officer also interacted with consumers and received feedback about civil supplies. In Bani the director inspected stores, Fair price shops and gas outlets. He directed the officials of department to work with dedication and transparency to come upto full satisfaction of public. He warned for any kind of unfair trade in the market and directed for regular checking and sampling.

It is pertinent to mention that Mr Shavan is on 5 days field tour to kathua-Basohli-Bani- Lawang Sarthal, Bharderwah and Chirala (Doda) to oversee the functioning of the department and have meetings with consumers, traders and other stakeholders.

# IIM Jammu concludes 19th Batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program

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**JAMMU:** Indian Institute of Management Jammu concluded the 19th Batch of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), Ministry of Education, Government of India, at the Vedanta MDP Block on 29th May 2026. The five-day residential programme, organized by the Executive Education & Consultancy (EE&C), IIM Jammu, brought together 12 participants from institutions across India and served as a dynamic platform for academic leadership, collaborative learning, institutional excellence, and professional development.

The valedictory ceremony was attended by Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE&C), IIM Jammu, Dr. Eshika Aggarwal and Dr. Bijoy Rakshit, Program Directors, IIM Jammu.

The Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP), conducted from 25th to 29th May 2026, was designed to equip faculty members



and academic professionals with leadership competencies, strategic perspectives, and transformative insights required to effectively navigate the rapidly evolving higher education ecosystem.

The programme featured engaging sessions, interactive discussions, peer learning opportunities, and deliberations on leadership, institutional growth, academic excellence, and emerging educa-

tional challenges. The participants expressed their appreciation for the enriching learning experience, insightful sessions, and collaborative environment fostered during the programme. The valedictory ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates and a vote of thanks by Dr. Bijoy Rakshit, Program Director followed by the national song and anthem.

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Through such initiatives, the Indian Institute of Management Jammu continues to strengthen its commitment towards fostering academic leadership, institutional excellence, and capacity building while contributing to the development of a robust academic ecosystem aligned with the vision of a knowledge-driven and Viksit Bharat.

# Arvind inaugurates lane development works worth Rs 22 lakh in Ward No 26

**JAMMU:** MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta on Friday inaugurated lane development works worth Rs 22 lakh in Ward No. 26 of the Jammu West Assembly Constituency, reaffirming his commitment towards strengthening civic infrastructure and ensuring better public amenities for the residents. The project has been undertaken to improve local connectivity, sanitation and overall infrastructure in the area, and is expected to provide significant convenience to the residents of the locality.

Speaking on the occasion, Arvind Gupta said that the BJP remains committed to inclusive development and

the upgradation of basic infrastructure across Jammu West. He stated that the focus is on ensuring quality public facilities and addressing the day-to-day concerns of the people through planned developmental initiatives.

"Development of lanes, roads and civic infrastructure directly impacts the quality of life of the people. Our endeavour is to ensure that every locality receives improved facilities and modern infrastructure in a phased and systematic manner," Gupta said.

He further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, development-oriented governance and

public welfare continue to remain the top priorities, with special emphasis on strengthening grassroots infrastructure.

Arvind Gupta also interacted with local residents and assured them that all genuine public issues related to civic amenities, drainage, sanitation and infrastructure development would continue to be addressed on priority.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Hardeep Singh Mankotia, Kushant Prajapati, Atul Bakshi, Indresh Gupta, Mangal Singh Chib, Karan Sharma, Kunti Jasrotia, Sudesh Sharma, Arti Khajuria, Manu Bali and Vikas Bali, besides local residents and party workers.