

DC Indu reviews arrangements for I-Day celebrations in Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the smooth and successful celebration of Independence Day 2026 across the district. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the preparedness for the main function at Bandipora as well as the arrangements being made at the sub-divisional, tehsil and block levels.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive review of the preparations relating to security, traffic regulation, venue management, seating arrangements, power supply, drinking water, sanitation, healthcare services, fire and emergency response, transport, parking facilities, cultural programmes and overall public convenience. The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to complete their assigned responsibilities well in advance and ensure seamless coordination for the success-



ful conduct of the national event. She stressed that every department must work in close coordination to ensure that all arrangements are put in place without any lapse. The Deputy Commissioner urged the Police and other security agencies to make foolproof security arrangements and prepare a comprehensive traffic management plan to ensure smooth movement of vehicles and the public. She also directed the Health Department to deploy medical teams equipped with ambulances and emergency medicines

at the venue. The Executive Engineers of PDD and PHE were directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply and adequate drinking water facilities at all venues, while the Municipal Council and other concerned departments were directed to maintain proper sanitation and cleanliness. The Fire and Emergency Services Department was asked to remain on alert with adequate firefighting arrangements. The Chief Education Officer was directed to coordinate cultural and patriotic programmes. The Youth Services and Sports Depart-

ment was also asked to make necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the programme. The Deputy Commissioner further directed all Heads of Departments and field officers to ensure proper flag-hoisting arrangements at their respective offices and illuminate government buildings in accordance with the prescribed protocol to create a festive and patriotic atmosphere across the district. The Deputy Commissioner also directed all concerned departments to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Flag Code of India during flag-hoisting ceremonies. She deliberated on various provisions of the Flag Code and instructed officers to ensure that the national flag is hoisted and handled strictly in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. She further directed all field offices to share their flag-hoisting location plans well in advance with the District Administration to facilitate hassle-free arrangements and ensure effective coordination across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner also Initiated the Prelude for Activities to be organised in the run-up to Independence Day celebrations. She directed BDOs to identify Swachh Walls for theme based wall paintings to raise awareness regarding waste management in line with independence Day Celebrations. The Deputy Commissioner also asked BDOs to take up roof top rain water harvesting in every block of the District. She emphasised that these activities should promote community awareness while encouraging active public participation ahead of the national celebrations. The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora, Nazir Ahmad Mir; ADC Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl; ACR Bandipora; ACP Bandipora; officers from the Police, Army, CRPF and BSF; SDMs (virtually); Chief Planning Officer; Chief Education Officer; Chief Medical Officer; Executive Engineers of various departments; ARTO; District Youth Services and Sports Officer; Block Development Officers; Tehsildars; and other concerned officers.

DIO Shopian accorded warm send-off on retirement



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SHOPIAN: District Administration Shopian today accorded a warm and affectionate farewell to District Information Officer (DIO), Showkat Hussain Ganie on his transfer to Kulgam. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone, ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz and officers and officials of the District Information Centre (DIC) Shopian bid him a fitting farewell and acknowledge

his dedicated services to the district. Speaking on the occasion, the DC lauded the outgoing DIO for his professionalism, commitment and outstanding contribution towards effective dissemination of government initiatives and developmental activities. He appreciated his sincere efforts in strengthening public outreach and wished him continued success in his new assignment at Kulgam. The officers and officials recalled their association with Showkat Hussain Ganie and appreciated his teamwork,

dedication and cordial working style. They conveyed their best wishes for his future endeavours. Expressing gratitude, Showkat Hussain Ganie thanked the District Administration and his colleagues for their constant support and cooperation during his tenure in Shopian. He said the memories and experiences gained in the district would always remain close to his heart. The programme concluded with the presentation of mementos as a token of appreciation and best wishes for a successful future.

Div Com Kashmir reviews preparations for Independence Day Celebrations

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SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the preparedness of various departments for the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations, emphasizing the need for advance planning, inter-departmental coordination, and timely mobilization of resources to ensure the smooth conduct of the national event. The meeting was attended by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, V.K. Birdi, Deputy Commissioners of all districts, and Heads of Departments (HoDs) of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Roads & Buildings (R&B), Power Development Department (PDD), Education, Culture, Jal



Shakti, Health, Information, Hospitality & Protocol, Traffic Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Doordarshan, SKICC, and other concerned departments. The Divisional Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of arrangements relating to security, logis-

tics, protocol, medical and emergency services, venue management, full-dress rehearsal, event execution, and post-event coordination. To ensure seamless arrangements, Garg directed the Chief Engineer, R&B, to make comprehensive arrangements for tentage,

seating, stage and dais, besides installing LED screens at the venue. The Chief Engineer, PDD, was instructed to ensure uninterrupted power supply with adequate generator backup and illumination of important government buildings. The Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, was directed to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water and installation of RO units at the venue. The Floriculture Department was tasked with decorating the dais and making floral arrangements at the Balidan Stambh, while the Police Department was instructed to facilitate the showering of flower petals through drones during the celebrations. The Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, was directed to ensure proper sanitation, adequate toilet

facilities, and effective dewatering arrangements in the event of rainfall. The Police Department was instructed to put in place foolproof security arrangements to ensure the peaceful and smooth conduct of the Independence Day function. The Information Department was directed to install a synchronized public address system in coordination with the R&B Department and Police to ensure uninterrupted proceedings besides installation of hoardings. The Divisional Commissioner further directed the Departments of Culture, Youth Services & Sports, and the J&K Sports Council to prepare cultural programmes and performances. He also instructed the concerned departments to organize contingents comprising per-

sonnel from the Police, other security agencies, NCC, schools, and colleges. In addition, schools, colleges, and the Information Department were asked to organize quiz and singing competitions as part of the celebrations. The Fire & Emergency Services Department was directed to deploy fire tenders and ensure emergency preparedness, while the Hospitality & Protocol Department was instructed to make appropriate arrangements for refreshments and other protocol-related requirements. The Deputy Commissioners were directed to make similar comprehensive preparations in their respective districts to ensure that Independence Day is celebrated with patriotic fervour, enthusiasm, and dignity across Kashmir.

Cultural show organized at Yusmarg



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BUDGAM: The Cultural Unit Kashmir of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organised a day-long cultural programme at the scenic tourist destination of Yusmarg, captivating visitors with vibrant performances while spreading awareness about the growing menace of drug abuse. The event showcased the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir through a variety of traditional and contemporary performances. The major attractions included the traditional Bhaand Pather, Bacha Naghma, folk music presentations, and a thought-provoking skit based on the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA), highlighting the adverse consequences of substance abuse and the importance of collective efforts in building a drug-free society. A large number of visitors, including tourists from different parts of the country, gathered at the venue and thoroughly enjoyed the performances. The programme served as a unique blend of entertainment, cultural preservation and so-

cial awareness. The event was also attended by officers and officials of the Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir. Speaking on the occasion, the officers highlighted the importance of organising cultural programmes at tourist destinations to promote tourism, preserve Kashmir's rich cultural heritage and create awareness about important social issues, particularly drug abuse among youth. Tourists and visitors appreciated the initiative of DIPR, stating that such programmes not only provide quality entertainment but also introduce audiences to the rich folk theatre, music and cultural traditions of Kashmir. They noted that the performances effectively conveyed important social messages, encouraged civic responsibility and promoted awareness about contemporary challenges facing society. The audience lauded the Department for organising cultural outreach programmes at tourist destinations, describing them as an effective medium for fostering cultural understanding, social awareness and meaningful public engagement.

DLIC Budgam approves 452 Mission YUVA cases

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BUDGAM: In a significant step towards promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship among youth, the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Budgam, under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Budgam, Vivek Agrawal, today approved 452 applications under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme. The applications had been duly verified by the Sub-District Business Development Unit (SBDU) before being placed before the Committee for approval. The meeting reviewed the proposals submitted by aspiring young entrepreneurs seeking financial assistance and institutional support under Mission YUVA. The approved cases will facilitate eligible youth in establishing and

sustaining their entrepreneurial ventures through financial assistance, handholding and capacity-building support under the scheme. Speaking on the occasion, the Chair emphasized the importance of Mission YUVA in fostering entrepreneurship and generating sustainable employment opportunities for the youth. He underscored the need for timely processing of cases and coordinated efforts among all stakeholder departments to ensure effective implementation of the scheme at the grassroots level. Among others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Director Employment Budgam, District Social Welfare Officer Budgam, Functional Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) Budgam, District Nodal Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), and Lead District Manager (LDM).

and providing farmers with a platform to learn about modern agricultural and horticultural practices, advanced technologies, and government support available under MIDH. He emphasized the importance of adopting scientific farming methods and making optimum use of government initiatives to enhance productivity and improve farmers' incomes.

District-Level Workshop-cum-Exhibition under MIDH organized at Sumbal

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BANDIPORA: The Department of Agriculture Kashmir today organized a District-Level Workshop-cum-Exhibition under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) at Sumbal, Bandipora, with the objective of creating awareness among farmers about the various schemes and interventions being implemented under the mission to promote sustainable horticulture and agricultural development. The workshop-cum-exhibition was inaugurated by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Sumbal, who appreciated the Department of Agriculture for organizing the programme



der the mission and adopt innovative technologies to achieve sustainable agricultural growth. The Chief Agriculture Officer, Bandipora, welcomed the participants and reiterated the department's commitment to extending technical guidance and institutional support to farmers for improving productivity and ensuring the successful implementation of various developmental programmes. The programme was attended by the Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Kashmir, Chief Agriculture Officer, Bandipora, along with officers of the Agriculture Department, field functionaries, progressive farmers, and other stakeholders.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Kashmir, highlighted the significance of MIDH in strengthening the horticulture sector through quality planting material, protected cultivation, mechanization, post-harvest management, and capacity-building initiatives. He urged farmers to actively avail themselves of the benefits offered un-

DLTFC conducts interview of JKREGP applicants at Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Anantnag today conducted interviews of applicants under the J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at DC Office, Anantnag. The interview session was held under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC), Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat in the presence CPO, Representative GM DIC, DO KVIB, LDM and other members of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC). Prior to the interview session, a total of 30 online applications were taken up for consideration. Out of these, 25 candidates appeared for the interview and were approved under the JKREGP Scheme, subject to the completion of the pre-



scribed formalities. The DDC encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to take advantage of the JKREGP scheme for establishing self-employment ventures and become active job providers. He emphasized that the scheme plays an important role in generating employment and strengthening the local economy. Reiterating district administration's commitment for

promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities and entrepreneurial ecosystem through credit support and handholding of beneficiaries in the district, the DDC said that multiple self employment government schemes are being implemented, instructing the members to expedite sanction process in conformity with scheme rules and guidelines.

Special Lok Adalat held in Budgam under Negotiable Instruments Act 1881

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BUDGAM: In accordance with the Calendar of Activities for the month of July 2026, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam today organized a Special Lok Adalat for cases arising under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The Special Lok Adalat was organized under the supervision of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Budgam, and under the guidance of Tabassum Qadir Parray, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Budgam. To facilitate the effective disposal of cases, Five benches were constituted including a Special Bench, each comprising of a Presiding Officer and a Member. Special Bench which was



presided over by the Chairman, DLSA Budgam and Chief LADC Budgam, Lateef Ahmad Khan, as a member. Likewise, first bench was presided over by Abdul Bari, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Budgam, with Tasneem Kawoos, Munsiff/JMIC, Budgam, as a member. Second bench was presided

over by Shafeeq Ahmad Malik, Sub-Judge, Chadoora, with Syed Raafiq Rashid, Panel Lawyer, TLSC Chadoora, as a member. Similarly, third bench was presided over by Rabyia Snobar Gulzar, Munsiff/JMIC, Magam, with Hilal Ahmad Malla, Panel Lawyer, TLSC Magam, as a member. Fourth bench was presided over

by Aiman Amin, Munsiff/JMIC, Charar-i-Sharief, with Reyaz Ahmad, Panel Lawyer, TLSC Charar-i-Sharief, as a member. The Special Lok Adalat took up for settlement a widerange of matters relating to the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, including cheque bounce cases, bank recovery mattersand pre-litigation disputes as well. Through the process of amicable conciliation and settlement, the Lok Adalat provided litigants with an expeditious, cost-effective, and mutually acceptable mechanism for resolving their disputes. A total of 235 cases were placed before the four benches, out of which 29 cases were amicably settled. An amount of Rs 6839250 was awarded towards settlement, compensation, and recovery during the proceedings.