

Justice Rajnesh Oswal inaugurates 3rd National Lok Adalat-2026 at District Court Complex Jammu

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JAMMU: The 3rd National Lok Adalat for the year 2026 was conducted today in District Court Complex, Jammu, under the guidance of Chairman DLSA/ Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina and overall supervision of Civil Judge Senior Division & Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma.

The event was graced by the presence of Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Administrative Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal along with DLSA Chairman Tahir Khurshid Raina inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Janipur.

Justice Oswal highlighted the importance of Lok Adalat in resolving



long-pending disputes through mutually acceptable settlements. His Lordship emphasized the benefits of Lok Adalat including speedy justice, reduced litigation costs and preservation of relationships, making it an attractive option for litigants seeking efficient dispute resolution.

Later, Justice Oswal along with the Principal District & Sessions Judge

inspected the Courts where the Lok Adalat benches were constituted. They also distributed cheques of the MACT settled compensation amounts to the concerned parties/claimants during the Lok Adalat proceedings.

An amount of Rs. 1,15,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Ajay Misri (claimant) after settlement. The amount was

paid as compensation by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd. An amount of Rs. 82,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Koushalya Devi (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 57,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Neeta Kanth (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 43,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Satpal Sharma (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company. An amount of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Darshan Lal (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by Liberty General Insur-

ance. An amount of Rs. 85,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Mehnaz Akhter & Ors (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company. An amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Shiwani Tahotra (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 20,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Chinta Devi (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 19,50,000/- was awarded in favour of Shakeela Banoo (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank.

Many litigants participated in the Lok Adalat

to avail the opportunity for amicable settlement of their disputes. A wide range of cases including Civil disputes, Bank Recovery cases, cases U/s 138 N.I. Act, Compoundable Criminal cases, MACT claims, Matrimonial disputes, Labour matters, Revenue cases and other compoundable cases were taken up.

Twenty Six benches comprising Judicial Officers along with Panel Lawyers/ LADCs of DLSA Jammu were constituted at District Court Complex.

In all, 904 cases pertaining to different nature were taken up, out of which 409 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered stood at Rs. 22,16,27,013/-.

Similar National Lok Adalat sittings were held at Tehsil Legal Services Committee Bishnah, RS Pura and Akhnoor.



Extension & Publicity Wing AHD Jammu concludes tour of Rajouri, Poonch districts

JAMMU: On the directions of Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, the Extension & Publicity Wing, Directorate of Animal Husbandry Jammu, successfully concluded a two-day extensive tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts, aimed at strengthening field-level outreach, creating awareness among livestock farmers about various departmental schemes and programmes and promoting scientific animal husbandry management practices.

During the tour, the team of Extension and Publicity Wing, headed by Dr. Suresh Kumar, Extension Officer, organized dedicated awareness camps at Chingus, Rajouri and Naka Manjhari, Poonch as part of the department's ongoing efforts to establish connect with the farmers especially those residing in remote and hilly areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suresh Kumar apprised farmers about various government schemes and programmes, including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS), Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP) and other initiatives aimed at promoting entrepreneurship development in dairy and poultry sectors.

A significant component of the awareness programmes was livestock disease prevention and management with particular emphasis on Lumpy Skin Disease. Farmers were sensitised regarding the clinical signs of the disease, preventive measures, vector control and the importance of immediately reporting suspected cases to the nearest veterinary centre or dispensary.

The officers and staff of the Animal Husbandry Department in twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch extended their full cooperation in facilitating the awareness programmes and ensuring good participation of the local farming community in the camps.

The awareness camp at Chingus, Rajouri, was attended by the Disease Investigation Officer (DIO), Rajouri, Dr. Sandeep Khanmotra, Ex-Sarpanch, Chingus Sanjeev Sayal, officers and staff from AHD Rajouri and a large number of farmers. Similarly, the camp at Naka Manjhari, Poonch, was attended by Ex-PR1 member, Mohammad Sadiq, other prominent citizens, officers and staff from AHD Poonch besides farmers in good numbers were also present.

DC reviews implementation of NAPS in Udhampur District

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday convened a review meeting of officers of the line departments to assess the status and progress of the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion scheme in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore; Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh and other district officers.

During the meeting, the DC also reviewed the project-wise manpower engaged under SASCI, AMRUT 2.0



and other major schemes/projects along with their registration status under NAPS.

The DC directed the concerned departments to expedite the registration of eligible business establishments and industrial units on the NAPS portal and ensure achievement of the prescribed targets by September

20, 2026, through intensive mobilisation, awareness and registration drives. He stressed the need for concerted efforts and close coordination among all concerned departments to ensure effective implementation of NAPS and maximise apprenticeship opportunities for eligible candidates in the district.

RTA approves 26 new route permits in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday chaired a meeting of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) in his office chamber to review various matters pertaining to regulation and management of passenger transport services in the district.

At the outset, ARTO Mudassir Iqbal briefed the chair about the agenda items and the proposals placed before the Authority for consideration.

After a comprehensive discussion, the Regional Transport Authority approved 26 route permits, comprising 02 heavy buses, 16 mini buses, 08



four-wheeler Magic vehicles to operate within the jurisdiction of Jammu and Kashmir.

The DC emphasized the need for prompt implementation of the approved route permits, while maintaining strict regulatory monitoring to prevent overloading, overcharging and other ir-

regularities in vehicular operations.

He also stressed the importance of close coordination among all concerned departments and enforcement agencies to ensure smooth traffic movement, passenger convenience and effective regulation of public transport services.

Political delegation calls on Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR: A political deputation comprising members of Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) from Dachhan, Thakrie and Nagseni and led by District President Ravi Parihar met with Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma here today in his office chamber at the Mini Secretariat, New DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal was also present on the occasion.

The deputation put forth

various demands and grievances before the Deputy Commissioner, seeking early commissioning of Kishtwar Airport, check on dust pollution in Dool area due to overloading of dumpers of HEPs, expediting pace of construction work of High School Kiyar-Dachhan, early construction/restoration of the wooden bridge at Surnoo, Dachhan, damaged due to recent cloudburst.

They also demanded compensation for livestock loss and damaged agricultural land due to cloudburst in the Dachhan area.

Spawn Production Lab Jammu holds Cordyceps Mushroom Trial

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu (DAJ) Anil Gupta Saturday visited the Spawn Production Laboratory where he reviewed the trial of Cordyceps mushroom production successfully undertaken by the Department.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Sanjay Anand; Mushroom Development Officer Arun Gupta and other officers from the Spawn Production Lab and Mushroom Development Scheme accompanied the Director during the visit. Anil Gupta interacted with the technical staff and took stock of the progress of the trial. He appreciated the efforts of the technical team in exploring new and high-value mushroom varieties and emphasized the need to promote mushroom cultivation as a viable and remunerative enterprise for farmers, mushroom growers and young agripreneurs in the region.

He said that Cordyceps mushroom has significant potential as a high-value crop and the successful trial at the Spawn Production Laboratory is an important step towards exploring its commercial potential in Jammu. The Director further stated that farmers, mushroom growers and young agripreneurs interested in Cordyceps mushroom cultivation will be provided training and



technical guidance through DCTC Jammu, enabling them to take up the activity in a scientific and economically viable manner.

Later, the Director also inspected the Mushroom Controlled Cropping Unit at DCTC Jammu and reviewed the facilities available for controlled-environment mushroom production. He interacted with the technical personnel and took detailed information regarding the functioning and utilization of the unit. Anil Gupta said that controlled cropping technology can enable farmers to culti-

vate mushrooms throughout the year by providing a suitable production environment, thereby reducing dependence on seasonal conditions. He emphasized that adoption of such technology can help farmers increase production cycles, improve productivity and create additional and more stable sources of income. "Besides Button mushroom, the Department is also focusing on strengthening the cultivation of Oyster (Dingri) and Milky mushroom and extend all possible technical support to farmers interested in adopting these varieties" he said.

Apprenticeship Mela held at Govt Polytechnic Reasi to boost youth employability, NAPS 2.0 enrollment

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REASI: In a major push toward youth empowerment and skill development, a grand Apprenticeship Mela was successfully organized today at the Government Polytechnic Reasi, in active collaboration with the Industrial Training Institute (ITI).

The event witnessed an overwhelming response, drawing more than 500 aspiring candidates from across the region looking to kickstart their professional careers.

The primary objective of the Mela was to bridge the gap between local youth and the industry, bridging technical education with real-world employment opportunities. A central focus of the event was raising awareness about the National Apprenticeship Promo-



tion Scheme (NAPS) 2.0, ensuring students know how to leverage government platforms for career growth.

To facilitate candidates to seamlessly navigate the regulatory onboarding, a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the NAPS 2.0 registration process was showcased. The step-by-step visual guide walked the students through profile creation, document verification and applying for active

apprenticeships online. The Mela provided a vibrant networking ground, featuring active participation from leading public and private establishments. Top employers present at the venue to interact with candidates were NHPC, Creative Engineers, Great Elegants, Madan Electrical etc. The event concluded on a high note, with organizers reaffirming their commitment to hosting similar career-oriented drives in

the future to continuously support the local student community.

The event was graced by ADDC Krishan Lal, who urged the youth to avail the benefits of such interactive industry platforms and register for NAPS 2.0 scheme.

General Manager, NHPC Satyawan emphasized the growing demand for skilled technical hands in major public and private sector projects. Polytechnique Principal Dr. Arun Bangotra welcomed the guests and highlighted that the college remains dedicated to providing practical, industry-aligned exposure to its students. Superintendent, ITI Er. Rajesh Banotra spoke on the structural benefits of apprenticeship training in transforming students into industry-ready professionals.

Kishtwar plans celebration of 6 Yrs of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan; DC reviews preparedness

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma Saturday chaired a meeting to review the preparedness for the celebration of six years of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in the district.

The department also deliberated to chart a comprehensive strategy for attracting maximum public participation and effective implementation of the campaign.

District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Tariq Parveaz Qazi, delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation, apprising the meeting about the objectives of the upcoming campaign, proposed activities and the roadmap for the district-level celebrations.

The DSWO informed the meeting that the dates for the National-level Event celebration are yet to be notified. He stated that the schedule would be com-



municated separately to all concerned as and when it is officially notified.

It was further informed that the main District-level event shall be organized at the Conference Hall New DC Office featuring live telecast of the National Level celebration. The live telecast would be organised in every government office, educational institution, health institution, Anganwadi Centre and other venues across the District.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to en-

sure effective coordination, meticulous arrangements and maximum participation. The meeting decided to chart a comprehensive District Action Plan and Calendar of Activities with the active involvement of the Rural Development Department (RDD), Education, Health, ICDS, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), Revenue, Police, CRPF and other concerned departments.

The plan will encompass awareness, sensitization, community mobilization and outreach programmes

across the district.

The DC laid special emphasis on the active involvement of youth, spiritual, religious and community-based organizations, besides Beopar Mandal, drivers, transporters and other community stakeholders.

The concerned SDMs were directed to monitor the implementation of activities at the Sub-Divisional level and ensure effective coordination among all departments and stakeholders.

NOTICE
I, Kunzes Dolma W/o Tashi Tundup R/o Village Stakmo, Thiksay, Leh District UT of Ladakh have lost the RC of my vehicle bearing Regn No LA02A-8358. The missing report in this regard stands registered in concerned Police Station. Now, I am applying for issuance of duplicate RC. Objection, if any, conveyed to ARTO Leh within 7 days of this publication.