

DC Kundal reviews functioning of SWD; emphasizes implementation of schemes

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to take a comprehensive review of the working of the Social Welfare Department.

He assessed the implementation of different welfare schemes in the district. He stressed the importance of delivering the benefits of government schemes to the last eligible beneficiary and ensuring full transparency in operations.

Stress was laid on effective implementation of all social welfare schemes, with a special focus on achieving saturation in pension coverage across all eligible categories, including old age, widow, and disability pensions. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that no eligible beneficiary should be left out and instructed the department to expedite the process of identifying and enrolling pending cases.

To strengthen outreach and improve public awareness, the Deputy Commissioner also directed the department to organise camps at the village level. These camps will serve as a platform for on the spot registration, grievance redressal, and dissemination of information regarding welfare schemes and entitlements.

Underlining the need for eradication of substance abuse, the Deputy



Commissioner called for proactive collaboration with all stakeholders to contribute to the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (Drug-Free India Campaign). He directed the Social Welfare Department to intensify awareness activities, especially targeting vulnerable groups and youth,

and to work closely with educational institutions and Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Special attention was also given to the rehabilitation and monitoring of rescued children, particularly those previously involved in child labour. The Deputy Commissioner

instructed that such children must be regularly enrolled in schools and their attendance and progress monitored to ensure they do not return to exploitative conditions. He emphasized the importance of continuous follow up and coordination with child protection services, schools, and local bodies to safeguard their rights and future.

Meanwhile, DC Vikas Kundal today visited the District Hospital Poonch, where he commended the efforts of doctors, paramedics, and the entire hospital staff for their proactive and dedicated service amid the challenging times. He was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) and Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR).

DC interacted with medical officers, nurses, technicians, and ambulance drivers, acknowledging their tireless work and commitment towards patient care. He lauded the hospital staff for maintaining standards of responsiveness and professionalism, especially under pressure.

Later, Kundal visited Muhallah Dungus, where he met with the grieving family of a 10 years old boy who lost his life due to cross border shelling.

Expressing deep condolences, the Deputy Commissioner assured the family of every possible support from the district administration.

BJP leadership visits shelling affected areas in Nowshera



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RAJOURI: J&K BJP senior leadership led by its President Sat Sharma visited the villages Kangri, Seri, Kalsian, Jhanger, Lam and Ghai Charyalla and inspected the damages caused by Pakistan's shelling in of Nowshera Assembly and interacted with the local people.

Former J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, party General Secretary and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Thakur Randhir Singh, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, District President Pritam Sharma, District Prabhari Sanjay Kumar Baru, DDCs Rajinder Sharma, and Sangita Sharma, Sukhdev Singh, Vikram Sharma and other senior leaders of the party were present.

During a public darbar

held at Kalsian, the leaders listened to grievances of the affected residents and assured them of full support.

Sat Sharma, while interacting with the media and the locals, said that the civilian areas have borne the brunt of the inappropriate military offence by the Pakistan. He said that the Pakistan, instead of acting on its terror camps, chose to wage a mini-war like situation, but failed to pursue the offence for a long period due to the bravery of our soldiers. He also said that Pakistan will not be able to forget the action it witnessed in 90 hours for the next 90 years.

During the time of trouble, he lauded the unity shown by the people to support the nation's cause, irrespective of their faiths/ religions. He also lauded the all-party delegation being

sent by India to different nations to single out Pakistan on issue of Terrorism.

“BJP raised the issue of ‘community and individual Bunkers’ with the Home Ministry and the action has already begun on the issue. The party is also committed to all the development related issues in the area particularly building, upgrading and metaling of the roads”, said Sat Sharma, while assuring the people of time-bound relief and long-term security measures.

Ravinder Raina reiterated the BJP's commitment to work for the welfare of the people. He said that for the BJP, nation is always the first and the party will take all the steps needed to secure its borders from external and internal threats. He also stressed on the BJP cadre's commitment to the development of area.

CU organises Tiranga Rally to celebrate spirit of patriotism

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JAMMU: In a vibrant celebration of patriotism and national pride, the Office of the Dean Students' Welfare, in collaboration with the Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, organized a vibrant Tiranga Rally in the campus.

The event was held under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who led the rally with great enthusiasm. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and administrative staff, who marched proudly with the Indian tricolour in hand from the university premises to its main gate and echoed the collective zeal and commitment of the university community towards the nation.

The rally marked by chants of nationalistic slogans and a display of collective pride, aimed to reinforce the values of unity,



diversity, and constitutional ethos. Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjeev Jain led the procession and addressed the participants, stressing the importance of fostering patriotism and social responsibility among the youth.

He applauded the uni-

versity community for their active involvement and highlighted the role of educational institutions in shaping conscientious citizens. Prof. Jain said that “Such initiatives inspire us to uphold the dignity of our nation and strengthen the bonds of harmony.”.

The event concluded with a pledge to promote India's rich cultural heritage and democratic ideals.

The rally was organised as part of the university's ongoing efforts to instill national pride and encourage civic engagement among students and staff.

DC Abhishek assesses damages in shelling affected Gonni village

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today visited Gonni village in the Dhangri area to assess the damages caused due to recent incidents of cross-border shelling. He was accompanied by Revenue Officers and other concerned officials.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the losses suffered by the residents and issued on-the-spot directions to the Revenue Department to expedite assessment of damages to property, livestock, and crops.

DC Abhishek Sharma also interacted with the affected families and other members of the general public at their doorsteps. He patiently listened to their concerns and assured them of swift redressal of genuine grievances. He emphasized that the district administration stands firmly with the affected families and is committed to ensuring timely relief and rehabilitation.

52nd state-level science exhibition, national science seminar hosted

KISHTWAR: District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kishtwar successfully hosted the 52nd Rajya Stariya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani and Rashtriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani 2025 today alongside a one-day seminar on “Millets for Health and Sustainable Planet.”

The event witnessed vibrant participation from over 50 schools of the district, showcasing the theme “Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future” through seven innovative sub-themes.

The event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, who extended his best wishes to the young participants. A cultural welcome by students and faculty members marked the opening, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day-long activities.

The exhibition featured student-led scientific exhibits under sub-themes including Food, Health and Hygiene, Transport and Communication, Natural Farming, Disaster Management, Mathematical Modelling and Computational Thinking, Waste Management and Resource Management.

A panel of esteemed judges—Sr. Lecturers Ramesh Kumar, Apram Sharma, Rashid Hamid Kamal, Ali Imran, and Baber Amin—evaluated the displays based on creativity, scientific approach, and

practical relevance.

In the seminar on “Millets for Health and Sustainable Planet” six students from different schools presented well-researched papers, with a Class 12 student from GHSS Girls Kishtwar winning first position, advancing to the divisional level competition at SCERT Jammu.

The seminar was effectively conducted by Lecturer Shameema Banoo and her team, with full coordination by Monika Gupta, Teacher DIET Kishtwar.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal graced the concluding session and felicitated all the winners. He lauded the creative thinking and scientific temper displayed by the students and emphasized the critical role of science in shaping a sustainable future.

Seven top-performing students from across secondary and senior secondary schools—including remote subdivisions like Paddar—secured first positions and were awarded trophies and certificates.

They will now represent District Kishtwar at the divisional level. Participants securing second and third positions were also felicitated.

District Nodal Officer RSBVP 2025, Riaz Ahmed Giri, along with Zonal Nodal Officers and the DIET Kishtwar team, was commended for meticulous planning and successful execution of the event.

The overall supervision was provided by In-Charge Principal, DIET Riaz Ahmed Butt, while Irfan Ahmed, Lecturer, delivered the vote of thanks.

Process initiated to streamline house construction permissions

DODA: In view of the increasing number of requests from stakeholders for residential construction permissions within the municipal limits of Doda town, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, today chaired a meeting in his office chamber.

The meeting aimed to streamline the process for granting construction permissions and to ensure adherence to the provisions outlined in the Housing and Urban Development Act.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ani Kumar Thakur; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas; Executive Engineers from PW(R&B), JP-DCL Division, Jal Shakti (PHE); and the Executive Officer of the Municipal Council Doda.

Officials were asked to present their inputs and assist in identifying genuine applicants who have fulfilled all required formalities, with the objective of facilitating provisional construction approvals within a regulated framework.

DC directed the concerned officers to ensure the submission of affidavits by the stakeholders and emphasized the need to fulfill all norms while avoiding any violations during house construction.

Key discussions focused on standardizing the verification process, improving transparency in granting permissions, and enhancing inter-departmental coordination to avoid procedural delays. Emphasis was placed on curbing unauthorized constructions and promoting planned urban development in line with infrastructure capacity.

Farmers imparted training on commercial floriculture

DODA: The Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens organized a one-day training program on Commercial Floriculture for farmers at Kumhari Panchayat Shangroo in Block Bhalla Doda. The program was held under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ATMA, with the objective of promoting commercial floriculture practices and enhancing farmers' income.

A large number of farmers participated in the event, reflecting their

growing interest in floriculture and aromatic crops. The session included a detailed discussion on commercial floriculture practices and cultivation of aromatic crops like lavender and rosemary. Farmers also shared their concerns related to the cultivation of marigold, lavender, and other commercial flowers. Experts responded to their queries and assured continued support from the department.

Assistant Floriculture Officer Pawan Kumar briefed the participants about

the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the district. He emphasised that apart from technical support and latest farming technologies, the department also offers financial assistance in the form of incentives to the farmers. The training program was conducted under the overall guidance of Director General Vivek Sharma and the supervision of Landscape Officer Vikrant Kumar. The event also saw participation from prominent progressive farmers including Rajinder Ku-

mar, Pritam Singh and Bans Raj, along with several women farmers.

The participants appreciated the efforts and regular support provided by the Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Jammu.

The training program served as a valuable platform for farmers to interact with experts, gain knowledge, and explore new opportunities in floriculture, ultimately aiming to improve their livelihoods through sustainable agricultural practice.

Two bovine smugglers held

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued four bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The vehicle used in the illegal transportation of bovines was also seized.

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines in an Auto load carrier bearing registration No. JK02CW-1995, a Police team headed by SHO PS Ramgarh success-

fully intercepted the said vehicle at Jhang for its checking. During checking of the vehicle, four bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Atar Ali S/o Jamat Ali R/o Kiriyan Talab Narwal district Jammu and Gulzar Ahmed S/o Bhag Ali R/o Nawabad Sunjwan district Jammu have been arrested.

A case FIR number 33/2025 under Section 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation started.

DC Rajesh Shavan assesses ground impact of governance interventions in various sectors

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today reviewed the progress made in meeting the District Good Governance Index (DGGI) indicators till March 2025.

The meeting assessed the impact of the governance interventions across all sectors based on the pre-defined parameters of the DGGI.

DC conducted a comprehensive review covering sector-specific performance in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Employment, Education, Health, Rural Development, Public Infrastructure, Jal Shakti, Banks and other departments.



DC asked the departments to focus on improving their performance and issued a string of directions. He asked for increasing poultry production through counseling and support, expanding KCC coverage, enhancing food grain production, boosting the growth of major horticulture produce, promoting crop insurance, and supporting MSME

units, among others.

DC further directed efforts to improve gender parity and retention rates of students at the secondary school level, with the support of Village Level Committee members and the Education Department, through the organization of awareness camps across all villages in the district.

Additionally, he in-

structed the RDD, Revenue, and other concerned departments to identify land for the construction of Anganwadi Centers, aiming to shift them from private accommodations to government-owned buildings on a large scale.

He further urged officers to analyze past indices to identify gaps and formulate strategies to bridge them, in order to achieve the desired outcomes. The meeting was attended by CEO KDA/ACD Kaiser Bhawani, DSEO Akhil Thakur, EO MC Mirza Muntaz Iqbal, AD Handicrafts Pardeep Shan, CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, CHO Sajid Mustafa, DSHO, Dy. CEO, Executive Engineer PMGSY and other sectoral officers.

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