

# Defence Correspondents Course 2025 commences forward area tour in J&K

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**JAMMU:** Defence Correspondents Course (DCC) -2025 comprising of Journalists from pan India, both from print and electronic media houses started the most difficult, educative and enriching module of the course, the week-long Indian Army Leg and Forward Area Tour (FAT) on Tuesday.

The participant journalists from every part of the country under Nodal officer, Lt Col Athul Sreedharan had congregated at Kochi for the DCC which commenced on 18 August 2025. The participants of the course after undergoing the Navy leg at Kochi (Kerala) and Air Force leg at Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), reached Jammu for Indian Army leg wef 01 to 06 September 2025 in Jammu region.

The Army Leg commenced with welcome address by Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, PRO (Defence) Jammu on behalf of Rising Star Corps and White Knight Corps. The DCC team visited Ratnuchak and Kaluchak Military Station to get an insight of Armoured and Artillery Equipment, training activities, obstacle crossing drills and drive in a Tank to get a feeling of battle zone.

In the coming days, the DCC journalists will be moving out to forward areas along the LoC to see the Anti



Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) popularly known as the Line of Control (LC) Fence in Poonch-Rajouri sectors. They will also visit the Corps Battle School, Sarol in order to witness the orientation training of soldiers who are newly inducted into the Corps Zone.

They will also visit forward posts on the Line of Control to witness first-hand experience, how our troops operate 24×7 on the Line of Control and in the hinterland. In addition, they will also be exposed to manning of posts/ bunkers to gain real time experience. They will also

interact with the soldiers on the forward posts as well the Awaam residing in villages closer to the LoC.

The aim of DCC is to build over time, a pool of journalists at all levels, who understand the Armed Forces and are cognizant of the domain whenever reporting on stories related to the security forces.

DCC is conducted annually by Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), MoD for journalists from the print and electronic media, to acquaint them with the nuances of the armed forces to help them become specialist Defence journalists.

## Preparations reviewed for upcoming National Lok Adalat

**UDHAMPUR:** A virtual meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the District Court Complex in Udhampur to discuss preparations for the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled for September 13th, 2025.

The meeting was attended by representatives from local banks, insurance companies and their respective advocates.

The meeting was chaired by Principal District and Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Udhampur Virinder Singh Bhau. The primary objective of the meeting was to review pending cases and discuss strategies for efficient case management and settlement of disputes through the Lok Adalat. By promoting amicable resolution, the meeting aimed to reduce court backlogs and provide relief to litigants.

# 132 bovine smuggling cases registered, 152 bovine held

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**UDHAMPUR:** District Police Udhampur continues its relentless crackdown on bovine smuggling with decisive enforcement actions taken during the months of January to August 2025.

A total of 132 cases were registered, resulting in the rescue of 883 bovines from illegal transportation.

160 persons were arrested in connection with these cases, including 152 under bovine smuggling offences and 08 under the

Public Safety Act (PSA).

Moreover, 94 vehicles used for transportation of bovines were seized and 20 registration certificates of such vehicles were cancelled. 59 convictions were secured during this period, demonstrating the district police's strong legal follow-through.

Additionally, property attachment proceedings were initiated in five cases, leading to the forfeiture of one Tata Mobile and attachment of three Mahindra Bolero pickup trucks, and one Tata Yodha, with an estimated total value of ₹51 lakh.

## Alyas Khan confirms safety of NH-44 viaduct

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**RAMBAN:** Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Varunjeet Singh Charak, on Tuesday visited the NH-44 Viaduct at Ramban following the circulation of certain posts on social media regarding its safety.

On the directions of the DC, the NHAI engineering team carried out an inspection of the structure. After examination, the engineers confirmed that the Ramban viaduct is completely safe for vehicular movement.

Emphasizing that public



safety remains the top priority of the district administration, the Deputy Commissioner urged people to act responsibly and refrain

from spreading rumors. He further warned that strict action will be taken against those indulging in rumor-mongering.

## Army conducts Medical Camp at Chapnari- Bankot in Banihal

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**RAMBAN:** The Indian Army, in collaboration with doctors from Sub-District Hospital Banihal, organised a Medical Camp at remote Chapnari, Bankot area in Banihal to benefit residents of surrounding areas as part of its commitment to community welfare.

The camp aimed to provide specialized healthcare services to people with limited medical facilities in the region. A dedicated team of Army doctors, assisted by specialists from SDH Banihal, conducted medical consultations, provided essential medicines and facilitated refer-

als to higher centers for management of serious ailments.

In addition to medical care, locals were made aware of seasonal health risks, preventive strategies and the importance of hygiene oxf self and surroundings.

The initiative witnessed an overwhelming participation, with around 435 individuals benefiting from the camp. The Indian Army, with the support of local health authorities, reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding not only the security but also the health and well-being of communities residing in far-flung and difficult terrains.

## SDM directs staff not to leave station

**MAHORE:** Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mahore Shafqat Majeed Bhat has directed the field staff of all departments to remain stationed at their duty locations and actively address public grievances as per rules.

“Reports of damage to roads, houses, crops, property and public infrastructure have been received from various parts of Sub Division Mahore. To ensure timely assistance and effective response, the field staff of all departments shall remain stationed at their duty locations and actively address public grievances as per rules,” the SDM has ordered.

The administration has further advised the public to exercise caution.

“In case of any imminent threat to houses or property due to rain or floods, residents are urged to immediately shift to safer locations, including nearby government buildings such as schools or Panchayat Ghars, in consultation with field staff of Revenue, RDD, Education and other departments. The public can contact the Subdivision Mahore control room on -849392848/9469826766,” the order reads.

The authorities have assured that all possible measures are being taken to minimize risks and extend necessary support to affected families.

# ADDC reviews rehabilitation measures in rain hit areas

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**DODA:** A detailed review meeting to assess relief measures for damages caused by recent natural disasters across the district was held. The meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Doda Roshan Lal, who is also the Chairman of the SOP Committee.

The discussions focused on damages to private property, livestock, crops, religious structures, protective walls and residential houses, along with reports of human losses and minor injuries. The meeting stressed

the urgent need for quick verification, transparent assessment and early compensation to the affected families.

ADDC Roshan Lal virtually interacted with Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Assar, Gandoh and Thathri, along with Tehsildars from Bhella and other affected regions.

Officers were instructed to expedite damage assessment surveys, maintain proper records for future disaster planning and prepare a comprehensive relief proposal for higher authorities. Special emphasis was laid on strengthening coordination among departments to ensure time-

ly assistance, accurate verification of losses and fair disbursement of compensation.

The meeting also highlighted additional measures, including the introduction of improved early warning systems, strengthening of protective infrastructure in vulnerable areas and livelihood support for affected families through compensation for livestock and agricultural losses.

ADDC directed the concerned departments to carry out field inspections promptly and submit final reports within the shortest possible time frame.

The meeting was at-

tended in person by ACR Doda, Ashraf Pervez, and the Accounts Officer of the DC Office Doda. Other officers, including SDMs of Assar, Thathri and Gandoh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Executive Engineers PWD (R&B) of Gandoh, Doda, Bhaderwah, Thathri and all Tehsildars, attended virtually.

All officers were directed to work collectively to ensure that relief measures are implemented efficiently, transparently and with compassion for the affected families.

# Dir Animal Husbandry reviews working of deptt

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**JAMMU:** Director Animal Husbandry Department Jammu Dr Sanjay Gupta convened a meeting here in the Directorate's Conference Hall to review the functioning of the department.

Chief Animal Husbandry officers of all the districts of Jammu division joined the meeting through virtual mode, while Manager Frozen Semen Bank, Jammu, Rinderpest Control Offi-

cer, Jammu, Dy. Director Planning, Extension Officer, besides officers from technical and planning sections participated in the said meeting in-person.

During the meeting a detailed review was held on progress achieved under CAPEX, HADP, CSS and NABARD components of Animal Husbandry department vis a vis expenditures incurred under each component. The Director issued on-spot directions to bridge



shortfalls wherever noticed.

While reviewing progress under flagship Na-

tionwide Artificial In-

semination Programme (NAIP) and National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD (NADCP-FMD), the chair noticed several deficiencies in data-uploading part and passed strict instructions to concerned officers to upload all pending data on designated portals at the earliest.

Concluding the meeting, the Director emphasized completion of works assigned along with efficient utilization of allotted funds in a time bound manner.

## DC orders Safety Audit of Govt buildings following recent rains

**KATHUA:** In light of recent rainfall and the ensuing risk of damage to infrastructure, the Deputy Commissioner Kathua has directed immediate safety audits of all government buildings in the district. The order encompasses school buildings, health institutions, college buildings, hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to ensure that structures are safe before being put to use.

According to the order, all district heads must oversee the conduct of safety audits prior to the functioning of such buildings. Heads of educational institutions, in coordination with Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs), have been instructed to complete safety checks before resuming classes, with the Chief Education Officer supervising the process for schools.

The Chief Medical Officer has also been tasked with ensuring audits of all hospital and health centre buildings in the district.

The initiative aims to safeguard the lives of students, staff, and the general public by preempting hazards arising from rain-induced structural damage. The Deputy Commissioner has emphasized strict compliance with the order for the welfare of all concerned.

## DC Harvinder reviews damage assessment process post rainfall

**DODA:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the assessment of damages caused by recent rains in the district.

During the meeting, the DC assessed the condition of partially, severely, and fully damaged houses across the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC Roshan Lal; ADC Anil Kumar Thakur; ACR Ashraf Pervez; ACD Din Mohammad Afaqi; Deputy Director Employment and Counselling Centre Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, Accounts Officer and other concerned stakeholders.

The DC also interacted virtually with ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Bhutyal and Tehsildars of Doda, Kahra, Kastigarh, Bhagwah, Barath Bagula, Dessa, Mohalla, Assar, Thathri, Bhalla, Bhaderwah, Chilly Pingal and Chirralla to review the damages caused by the heavy rainfall.

He directed all Tehsildars to provide accurate data and information about the damages. He further instructed them to collect photographs of damaged houses and maintain complete records for accurate estimation.

The meeting also reviewed the scale of damages to roads. The DC directed to close vulnerable roads, especially the Paddri road, for public transport.

DC further interacted virtually with BDOs of Bhaderwah, Bhellessa, Changga, Chilly Pingal, Chirralla and Marmat blocks. The main purpose of the interaction was to review restoration works under MGNREGA. He directed the ACD to ensure proper estimation of bridges and culverts was away due to the heavy rain and to prepare complete data.

## Gandhi Global family extends support to flood-affected families

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**JAMMU:** In continuation of its humanitarian mission, Gandhi Global Family (GGF) reached out to the flood-affected families residing in Jogi Gate, New Company Bagh and Kabir Colony who have suffered heavy losses to their homes and livelihood due to the recent torrential rains.

Volunteers of GGF, along with its women wing, distributed essential relief items including food packets, dry ration, sanitary products and other daily-use commodities to the affected families. The initiative was aimed at providing immediate relief to those who have been struggling to meet basic needs after the disaster.

At Jogi Gate, the drive was initiated by SP South Vivek Shekhar, Army Veteran Lt.



General Rakesh Sharma, Padam Shri Dr. S. P. Varma and carried on by other members of Gandhi Global Family. Speaking on the occasion, GGF representatives expressed deep solidarity with the distressed families, assuring them that

the organization will continue to extend every possible help to support their rehabilitation.

The drive at New Company Bagh and Kabir Colony near Poonch House was carried out in collaboration with Punjab National Bank Officers' Asso-

ciation led by General Secretary Vishal Verma. Manager Nitin Singh and Anil Bharti from PNB Talab Tillo Branch were present there to extend services. The local community expressed heartfelt gratitude to Gandhi Global Family for standing with them in this hour of crisis.

The prominent members present on the occasion included Jasvinder Singh Kuku, Mehant Rajesh Bitoo, Dr Alka Sharma, Sumi Sahi Seth, Punnit Kour, Ved Verma, Naresh Maini, Dr Jyoti Malhotra, Dr. Himani Bhutyal, Er S.k Vaid, Dalbir Chib, Reetu choudhary, Amit Gupta, Neelam Nargotra, Manish Joshi, Ankush Varma, Babita Bhat, Sanjay Bhat, Amit Varma, local prominent citizens, representatives of local administration & various NGOS.

## DC Pankaj inspects water lifting scheme at Shalimar

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**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Tuesday inspected the Water Lifting Scheme (HRT Stage-I) at Shalimar and took a detailed review of its functioning and availability of Water in the town and its peripheral area.

The HRT Stage-I Scheme and Lahalla Gravity Scheme cater to nearly 60% of the total water requirements of Kishtwar town and its peripheral areas.

During the inspection, the DC reviewed the status of water supply, assessed the functioning of pumps, and inquired about the lifting of water to the filtration plant.

He directed the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Kishtwar, to ensure the regularization of water supply to the town and adjoining areas at the earliest.

It is pertinent to mention that the Naigarh Water Supply Scheme, which caters to around 40% of the water supply for Kishtwar town and nearby areas, was

also damaged due to flash floods caused by recent inclement weather at Head Site Naigarh and Wagam Garh Padyarna. On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, restoration work on the scheme is presently underway to ensure early resumption of services.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal, ExEn Jal Shakti Kishtwar, Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, AEE Jal Shakti Kishtwar, besides other senior officers.