

National Farmers Day; Agriculture Minister reaffirms Govt's commitment towards farmers' welfare, agri promotion

'HADP to create 2.8L jobs, establish 19K enterprises, train 2.5L individuals in modern farming practices'

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JAMMU, DEC 23: Minister for Agriculture Production and Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Departments, Javed Ahmad Dar, expressed gratitude to the farming community of Jammu and Kashmir for their dedication to agriculture and allied sectors.

He lauded their pivotal role in making agriculture a cornerstone of the region's economy and cultural heritage while speaking at an event organised to commemorate the National Farmers Day 2024.

Addressing at the event, the Minister stated, "we celebrate the remarkable contributions of our farmers, who continue to uphold and sustain Jammu and Kashmir's rich agricultural legacy on this auspicious occasion." He highlighted the region's globally acclaimed produce, saying, "from the world-famous saffron of Pampore to the premium Basmati rice of Jammu, from

organic walnuts to the finest apples of Kashmir Valley, our farmers make us proud on both national and international platforms."

Detailing government initiatives to uplift the farming community, the Minister emphasized the Holistic Agricultural Development Program (HADP), a comprehensive initiative with a Rs 5,013 crore outlay over five years. The program aims to nearly double agricultural output to Rs 65,700 crore annually, create 2.8 lakh jobs, establish 19,000 enterprises and train 2.5 lakh individuals in modern farming practices.

In addition to these measures, the government has established 500 Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) as one-stop support centers for farmers, with plans to expand the number to 1,500. Outreach efforts under the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan are also being scaled up to connect with the farming community more effectively, stated the



Minister. The Minister also outlined the Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP), a Rs 1,800 crore initiative focusing on climate-smart farming, agribusiness development and support for vulnerable farming communities. Together with HADP, these initiatives bring a combined budget of Rs 6,813 crore, which is set to revolutionize agriculture and allied sectors in the region.

"The government is further providing direct financial support to small and marginal

farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, ensuring economic stability for this key segment of the population. To enhance farmers' income, the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) is promoting dairy farming as a supplementary livelihood. Moreover, the introduction of high-yield apple varieties aims to significantly boost productivity and profitability for orchardists, maintained the Minister."

The Minister added that efforts to improve irrigation in rain fed areas have been intensified with the approval of 200 borewells under NABARD funding. In another significant step, establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Precision Vegetable and Floriculture Farming has been initiated with an investment of Rs 592 lakh to advance farming techniques, he said.

He said that the government has prioritized agri-horticulture-animal husbandry projects for NABARD funding

and announced a 50.8% budget increase for the horticulture sector in the 2025-26 financial year. Additionally, the approval of a Rs 30,891.3 lakh agriculture sector budget for FY 2025 underscores the administration's commitment to growth and sustainability in the sector, he added.

The Minister reiterated the government's focus on enhancing irrigation systems, improving market access and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

"We remain steadfast in our resolve to make agriculture a profitable and sustainable livelihood for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he asserted.

Concluding his address, the Minister delivered an inspiring message to farmers "Together, we will continue to strengthen the backbone of our economy and work towards a future of prosperity, sustainability and growth for our farming community."

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation delegation explores Srinagar Smart City innovations



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Srinagar, Dec 23: A delegation of 47 officials from the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) visited Srinagar to study the city's groundbreaking Smart City projects.

The visit aimed to promote collaboration and share best practices in urban development, highlighting a shared vision of enhancing infrastruc-

ture and improving quality of life in Indian cities.

The delegation explored several transformative projects under the Srinagar Smart City Mission, including the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC), Jehlum Riverfront, Balidan Stambh, Northern Foreshore Road, Nishat Sathu, Shalimar Canal, Ghanta Ghar, and the revamped Polo View Market.

These initiatives reflect Srinagar's focus on sustainable development and urban modernization.

Officials from Srinagar Smart City Ltd. provided detailed presentations on project execution, architectural innovation, and technology integration to improve urban services. Discussions emphasized sustainability, environmental conservation, and community-centric planning as key components for shaping the city's future.

"This visit underscores the importance of inter-city collaboration in pursuing urban excellence," said an official from Srinagar Smart City Ltd. "We are delighted to share our experiences and learn from AMC's perspectives, paving the way for smarter and greener cities."

The AMC officials praised Srinagar's innovative and sustainable urban planning, commending the city for effectively blending modernization with the preservation of its rich heritage.

Udhampur Admin organises workshop on Good Governance Practices



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UDHAMPUR, DEC 23: As part of the ongoing Good Governance Week, District Administration Udhampur on Monday organised a workshop on good governance practices here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex. Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai presided over the event.

The workshop was attended by SSP Amod Ashok Nagpure; Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan; Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjit Kotwal and other district officers.

Addressing the workshop, the Deputy Commissioner

commended the efforts of all participants and emphasized the importance of collaborative endeavors to ensure good governance. She underlined the significance of public outreach camps and online services delivery in bringing governance closer to the people. The DC urged everyone to contribute meaningfully to national progress. She also stressed the importance of identifying and supporting nano enterprises to engage and empower the district's youth.

Earlier, the workshop commenced with a welcome address by Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, followed by insightful lectures by the Principals of Government PG College Boys and GCW Udhampur on the theme

"Vision of Viksit India by 2047."

The speakers elaborated on transformative initiatives such as the New Education Policy for fostering critical thinking and innovation, infrastructure development, the Smart City Mission, universal healthcare, environmental sustainability, and inclusive participation to achieve the vision of a Viksit India by 2047.

The event also featured the screening of video documentary of Labour and Employment Department showcasing the role of Mission Youth in fostering entrepreneurship among the youth, video documentary of Agriculture Department highlighting milestones under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, video documentary of Rural Development Department depicting developments of Amrit Sarovars, Swachh Bharat assets and Awas Yojana beneficiaries.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan gave a detailed presentation on the digital transformation of the Revenue Department, including online services delivery via Jansugam and Revenue Plus portals and the digitization of Jamabandis.

Kathua Admin announces Ex-Gratia relief for families affected by Fire Incident

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KATHUA, DEC 23:

The district administration Kathua has sanctioned Rs. 24 lakh as ex-gratia relief in favour of the next of kin of those who lost their lives in a tragic fire incident at Ward No. 19, Shivanagar, Kathua. The fire incident occurred at the residence of Sarista Devi and spread to adjoining houses, claiming six lives and leaving the families devastated. The financial assistance has been extended under the State Disaster

Response Fund (SDRF).

An ex-gratia relief of Rs. 8 lakh has been approved for Bharat Bhushan, the next of kin of Ganga Bhagat and Danish Bhagat. Besides, Rs. 12 lakh has been granted to Swaran Lata Raina, the next of kin of Avatar Krishan, Barkha Raina, and Takash Raina.

Similarly, Rs. 4 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of Sandeep Koul, the next of kin of Advik Raina.

The total sanctioned amount of Rs. 24 lakh will be disbursed to the affected families.

Deputy Commissioner

Dr. Rakesh Minhas expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and assured them of the administration's continued support. He also emphasized the importance of fire safety awareness and preparedness to prevent such incidents in the future.

In wake of the tragic incident, the Kathua Administration urged the public to remain vigilant and follow safety protocols to minimize the risk of fire-related tragedies.

Doda Admin organises Special Workshop to mark Good Governance Week 2024

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DODA, DEC 23:

As part of the ongoing Good Governance Week (19th to 24th December 2024), themed "Transparent, Accountable, and Inclusive Governance," a special workshop was organized today by the District Administration Doda in the conference hall of DC Office Complex.

The workshop was chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh and attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner Pran Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sudarshan Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Sunil Kumar Bhutyal, ACD, ACP and other district officers. ADC Bhaiderwah, SDMs, Tehsildars, and BDOs participated through online mode.

The workshop highlighted the district's initiatives and achievements under the Good Governance



Week campaign, including Organizing Good Governance Camps across the district to address public grievances. Substantial numbers of grievances were disposed of during the week, with special emphasis on pending cases, grievances and other online platforms. Sectoral officers shared innovative approaches adopted by their respective depart-

ments to streamline governance and ensure timely grievance redressal.

As part of the Good Governance Week activities, the District Administration plans to roll out a series of initiatives aimed at increasing public awareness about government services and encouraging community involvement in decision-making processes.

Vision document 2047 finalized for District Poonch

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POONCH, DEC 23:

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today finalized vision document 2047 for the development of Poonch here at a meeting held in the DC Office Complex. The comprehensive discussion involved key departmental goals aimed at transforming the district into a model of progress and sustainability.

The meeting focused on several critical developmental issues, emphasizing the need for improved road connectivity to every village and region within the district. The DC highlighted the importance of transforming all government buildings into green structures and enhancing horticultural production, particularly grapes. Significant attention was given to boosting the tourism sector in Poonch, with plans to promote the Seven Lakes as a major tourist attraction.

The DC also called for the establishment of forest-based industries and the implementation of pipeline gas connectivity for every household. Key initiatives such as ensuring 24/7 water connections, introducing water testing facilities, and the deployment of SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems were also discussed.

This visionary meeting marks a crucial step towards realizing the full potential of Poonch, setting the stage for a prosperous future by 2047.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all officers to collaborate and take proactive measures in bringing these plans to fruition.

DC reviews functioning of District Control Room at Doda

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DODA, DEC 23:

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh, today conducted an inspection of the control room at DC Office Doda. During the visit, the DC Doda thoroughly reviewed the functioning of the control room and interacted with the staff to assess their preparedness and efficiency in handling public grievances and emergencies.

While interacting with the staff, the DC Doda emphasized the importance of timely resolution of public issues and maintaining a responsive approach to ensure effective governance. He appreciated the efforts of the control room team and provided necessary instructions for enhancing their operational capabilities.

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh also listened to the grievances of several applicants who had come to the DC Office with various concerns. He assured them of prompt action and reiterated his commitment to delivering citizen-centric administration.

The DC Doda urged the public to approach the control room or the district administration for any assistance or issues, ensuring that no grievance goes unheard or unresolved.

Workshop on Good Governance Practices, Initiatives held in Reasi

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REASI, DEC 23:

A workshop on good governance practices was conducted in District Reasi today under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik. The event aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of governance principles among district officials. The workshop was chaired by DC while Nirmal Sharma, (Retd.) IAS, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Deputy Commissioner inaugurated the session with a welcome address, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts to enhance governance.



The Chief Guest highlighted the key pillars of good governance, including transparency, accountability, efficiency, and responsiveness. She urged the participants to prioritize these principles in their daily admin-

istrative practices, ensuring better service delivery to the public. Mrs. Sharma also underscored the significance of incorporating these practices to address challenges in the working field effectively.

Joint Working Committee reviews functioning of Cooperative department in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, DEC 23:

In compliance with the directions of the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, J&K, the 2nd Joint Working Committee (JWC) meeting was held today in district Kishtwar.

The meeting was chaired by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pawan Kotwal.

At the outset, the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal presented an overview of the department's profile in the district, including the details of various M-PACS, Dairy and Fishery Cooperative Societies already registered. He also highlighted the progress achieved since the 1st Joint Working Committee (JWC) meeting.



The ADDC emphasized the need to optimize the existing M-PACS, Dairy, and Fishery Cooperatives/Societies to better serve the public and fulfill the vision of "Sahakar Se Samridhhi." He further directed the registration of one M-PACS in the Mughalmaidan block within the current finan-

cial year. The ADDC also stressed the importance of engaging beneficiaries from line departments to register new M-PACS, Dairy and Fishery Cooperative Societies.

He instructed the Department of Fisheries to register 03 new Fishery

Cooperatives/Societies and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Kishtwar to register 08 new Dairy Cooperative Societies in underserved or uncovered Gram Panchayats.

Additionally, the Chair directed the Branch Manager Jammu Central Cooperative Bank, Kishtwar, to open bank accounts for the newly registered Dairy and Fishery Cooperatives/Societies to streamline their financial operations.

The meeting was attended by AD Fisheries, Kishtwar; CAHO, Kishtwar; Assistant Registrar of the District and Branch Manager, JCC Bank, Kishtwar.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair by the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Kishtwar.

Part of Good Governance Week 2024

District Level Public Grievances Redressal Camp held at Aspirational Block Khari

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RAMBAN, DEC 23:

In a significant step towards ensuring efficient services delivery and addressing public grievances, the District Administration Ramban, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Bascer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, organized a mega Public Grievances Redressal cum Awareness Camp at Aspirational Block Khari as part of the "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" initiative. The event marked the fifth day of the Good Governance Week 2024 and aimed to bring governance to the doorstep of rural residents. The camp was presided over by Chairperson District Development Council, Dr. Shamshad Shan, in presence of



MLA Banihal Sajad Shaheen. Senior government functionaries including ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, SDM Banihal Rizwan Asgar, CPO Dr.

Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACD Shrinath Suman, GM DIC Ravinder Anand, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed and other senior officers participated in the pro-

gram and resolved 215 public grievances on-the-spot.

The key features of the program included on-the-spot grievance redressal, addressing complaints through CPGRAMS and state portals, expedited disposal of applications seeking different services, Dissemination of best governance practices and success stories.

The camp featured stalls by different departments, including DYSS, Health, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Jal Shakti, Revenue, PWD, ICDS, Education, Handicrafts, UMEED, and more. Public representatives, along with the officers, interacted with attendees and listened to their issues and resolved the same on the spot.