

# Horticulture Department celebrates Kissan Diwas

*Felicitates progressive farmers, Neeraj Prajapati*

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, DEC 23:**

A grand event was organised today at the Directorate of Horticulture Jammu to celebrate "Kissan Diwas." The event, held under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu C. L. Sharma, was graced by the presence of a large number of farmers from different parts of Jammu and Samba district. Joint Director Horticulture Jammu Vikas Anand, Dy. Director Horticulture Salil Gupta and other officers/officials were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the farmers, the Director Horticulture laid focus on the importance of "KISAN DIWAS". He said that this day aims to promote awareness of the importance of farmers and their valuable contribution towards the overall social and economic



development of the nation. He highlighted the achievements of the Horticulture sector through various developmental programmes aimed at doubling farmers' income. The Director briefed the farmers about the flagship

scheme "Holistic Agriculture Development Programme". He impressed upon farmers to take benefits of different projects of HADP viz Farm mechanization & Automation, Production of designer plants for promotion of High

Density Plants and Rejuvenation of Orchards, Development of rainfed areas, etc. Later, the Director presented Certificates of Appreciation to progressive farmers for their remarkable achievements in the field of

Horticulture. The Department of Horticulture Jammu has started a campaign, with Cycle Man of India Neeraj Prajapati as its ambassador, to promote departmental schemes especially HADP & MIDH among the farming community. He further stated, "This campaign is a step towards reaching the grassroots level, enabling farmers to harness the full potential of these schemes, and ensuring sustainable agricultural development in the region." Neeraj Prajapati was also honoured on the occasion by handing over Certificate of Appreciation for travelling on Bicycle in Jammu Province covering distance of more than 1100 km in first phase. The proceedings of the programme were carried out by Horticulture Development Officer Dr. Nazran Khan.

# MP Mian Altaf visits Kulgam, presides over function to celebrate PMGSY Foundation Day

*Inaugurates Chawalgam-Shopian road upgraded under PMGSY III*



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**KULGAM, DEC 23:**

Member of Parliament (MP), Anantnag Rajouri parliamentary constituency Mian Altaf Ahmad today visited District Kulgam and presided over a function held to celebrate PMGSY Foundation Day at new conference hall of mini-secretariat Kulgam. Addressing the gathering, MP

said that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been a transformative scheme through which road connectivity has been built to even the remotest areas of the country, thereby contributing significantly to the rural road network of the nation. He assured the people of taking up their land compensation issue at an appropriate forum. He

appealed to them to take care of roads and other government assets and desist from making road encroachments. The Deputy Commissioner on the occasion said that Kulgam has a good road network and PMGSY has played a vital role in constructing roads in rural and difficult terrains. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Engineer PMGSY, Tanveer Mir applauded the workers, contractors and engineers and staff who are making it possible to develop these roads. Later, the MP inaugurated a newly upgraded road of TOI Chawalgam to DB Shopian via Nilow under PMGSY III. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam Athar Amir Khan, Chief Engineer PMGSY, Executive Engineer PPMGSY, AEE PMGSY and others were present at the inauguration ceremony.

# PMKVY 4.0 to enhance craft skills of registered artisans

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**SRINAGAR, DEC 23:**

Handicrafts & Handloom Department, Kashmir, today urged registered artisans to opt for training for skill upgradation under the auspices of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, the Centre's flagship skill programme. In a press statement issued here today, a spokesperson from the Handicrafts & Handloom Department, stated that 04 crafts have been selected under PMKY 4.0 under which artisans shall be trained in enhancing their employability skills to further boost the famed handicrafts and handloom sector of Jammu & Kashmir. These crafts include Papier Mache, Copperware, Zari & Stone Carving. "Apart from this, artisans shall also be sensitized in Merchandising to boost sales," he said, adding that 650 artisans shall be trained in the first tranche and provided stipend. Highlighting the need for enhancing skills and business acumen of artisans on stand-alone basis, the spokesman advised the interested artisans to approach the Coordinator at the Craft Development Institute, Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan, Nowshera, Srinagar, for registration. "While 04 courses shall be imparted at CDI Srinagar, 1 program shall be organized at EDI Pampore for stone craft in District Pulwama," he added. The last date for receipt of registrations at CDI shall be December 31. The spokesperson further stated that PMKY 4.0 training shall involve 60 hours of lectures and 12 hours of advance skill training, spread over 12 days.

# Samba hosts Special Workshop, public Grievances Redressal Camp

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**SAMBA, DEC 23:**

As part of the ongoing Good Governance Week activity plan, the District Administration Samba today organized a special workshop and grievances redressal camp at the Tehsil Office Samba, demonstrating its commitment to responsive and citizen-centric governance. The camp, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Samba Rajesh Sharma, witnessed active participation from key district officials including the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Samba, Tehsildar Samba and others. The primary focus of the camp was to provide citizens with direct access to administrative authorities and ensure swift resolution of their grievances. The officials listened to the public grievances and took immediate action where possible, establishing a direct channel of communication between the administration and the public. This initiative aligns with the government's broader mission to enhance administrative efficiency and transparency at the grassroots level. "This grievance redressal camp represents our commitment to good governance and citizen-centric administration," said the Deputy Commissioner. "By bringing government services directly to the people, we aim to create a more responsive and efficient administrative system." The workshop is part of a series of initiatives being undertaken during Good Governance Week, reflecting the administration's dedication to improving public service delivery and addressing citizen concerns promptly.

# Poonch admin holds series of services delivery, grievances redressal camps

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**POONCH, DEC 23:**

The District Administration Poonch today organizes a series of camps across all 11 blocks to provide different services and redress public grievances of people under the campaign 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore.' The central event took place at the DC Office and Bus Stand Poonch, where Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal alongside Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, CPO, Tehsildar Haveli, and other officials, inspected the services stalls set up by different departments. The stalls offered a wide range of public services, including Aadhar enrollment, Ayushman Card registration, ABHA ID registration, online revenue services, e-services from the Road Transport Department, Labour and Employment Services, services from Social Welfare Department, Mission Youth initiatives, agriculture services, e-KYC for ration cards, birth and death registrations, and more. Similar service delivery stalls were established at both district and block-level camps, managed by the concerned officers, including Block Development Officers, Tehsildars, and Sub-Divisional Magistrates. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility to government services and foster a responsive governance framework for the residents of Poonch.

# DC Doda encourages youth to explore Business opportunities

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**DODA, DEC 23:**

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh today encouraged the youth to explore business opportunities to lead a dignified life and contribute towards the local economy. He was speaking at the inauguration of a Professional Hair & Beauty Salon here near Khan Plaza Tondwa Road Doda. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the entrepreneurial spirit behind the venture and emphasized the importance of small businesses in boosting the local economy and creating employment opportunities. He further encouraged the youth of the district to explore similar ventures, highlighting the district administration's commitment to supporting local businesses through different initiatives and schemes. The new salon promises to deliver quality services to the residents of Doda, offering a wide range of modern grooming and styling solutions.

# Dogri Manyata Diwas celebrations held at GDC Ramgarh



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**SAMBA, DEC 23:**

Department of Dogri of Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated "Dogri Manyata Diwas" to commemorate the recognition of Dogri Language by the Parliament of India in the year 2003, when it was included in the 8th Schedule of the Indian

Constitution. A Dogri 'Lok Kath' cum Poetry Recitation event was organised in the college premises. The event was organised under the guidance of the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra. The event was graced by famous Local Dogri poets Basakhi Ram Sharma,

Keemat Raj and Raj Kumar Dubey. The invited prominent poets recited their Dogri poems on different themes. Their performances provided a powerful insight into the beauty of Dogri literature and its relevance in contemporary times. In a special segment of the program, students from the host College and from Government Higher Secondary School, Gho Brahmana, Government High School, Samba and Government Middle School, Kamala, participated in the event and recited Dogri Lok Kath. The students brought the essence of traditional Dogri folklore to life, illustrating the timeless appeal of these stories that have been passed down through generations.

# Good Governance Week: Mega event promotes citizen-centric initiatives in Rajouri

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**RAJOURI, DEC 23:**

The District Administration Rajouri today successfully organized a series of events to celebrate Good Governance Week across the district. The main program was held at the PWD Dak Bunglow conference hall, presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa. Officers imparted detailed awareness to participants about schemes and services offered by their respective departments. The public's enthusiastic participation underscored the administration's commitment to citizen-centric governance. Similar programs, including grievance redressal camps, awareness sessions, and interactive events, were organized throughout the district. These efforts are part of the administration's mission to promote transparency, accountability, and efficiency in governance, ensuring inclusive develop-



ment for all. The week-long celebrations will continue with more initiatives planned to enhance public service delivery and strengthen the commitment to good governance. The event was attended by key officials, including CPO Maqsood Ahmed, ACD Vijay Kumar, ACP Sheraz Chowhan, DSHO PP Sagotra, CAHO Dr. Khalid Hussain, DSWO Abdul Raheem, Dy. Registrar CS Adnan In his address, the ADDC highlighted the government's initiatives aimed at fostering transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric governance. He encouraged partic-

ipants to actively engage with these programs and avail the benefits of schemes such as the Azaala app-a one-stop solution for grievance redressal-alongside HADP, PMAY-G, SBM, and others. Dr. Thapa also emphasized the importance of showing empathy and respect towards delivering public services, stating, "If officers perform their duties with sincerity and respond effectively to public needs as per good governance practices, it will not only benefit citizens but also brings inner satisfaction to the officers themselves."

# KVIB Ramban organises awareness program at ITI Kawbagh



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**RAMBAN, DEC 23:**

An awareness program on self-employment schemes was organized today by the Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) here at ITI Kawbagh. The event saw active participation from SBI RSETI Ramban and the District Industries Centre (DIC) Ramban, along with local aspiring entrepreneurs and trainees. The program aimed to educate participants about the government schemes designed to support entrepreneurship

and skill development. Speaking on the occasion, Director SBI RSETI Harvinder Singh, highlighted the institute's role in imparting free skill training and entrepreneurship development programs to empower local youth. He encouraged participants to register for training programs at RSETI to enhance their skills and start their entrepreneurial journey. Field Official from DIC Bansil Lal provided detailed insights into the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and the

newly launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme, emphasizing the financial and technical support available for artisans and micro-entrepreneurs. District Officer KVIB Farooq Baba elaborated the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP). He explained how the scheme helps rural youth and traditional artisans establish sustainable businesses by offering financial assistance and subsidies. The program concluded with an interactive session, where participants raised queries and received guidance on availing of these schemes. Such initiatives are pivotal in fostering awareness and promoting self-reliance among the youth of Ramban. For more information on SBI RSETI Ramban training programs, PMEGP, PM Vishwakarma and JKREGP schemes, individuals can contact the respective departments or visit their offices.

# Agriculture Directorate Jammu celebrates Kisan Diwas

*Felicitates progressive farmers for promoting best farming practices*



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, DEC 23:**

The Directorate of Agriculture Jammu celebrated Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmers Day, today in the Conference Hall, Krishi Bhawan. The event was presided over by Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvind Singh Reen and witnessed the participation of Agriculture Officers and progressive farmers from across the region. Joint Director Agriculture Extension/SLUB Jammu, Satish Sharma along with other sectoral heads and officers from the Directorate of Agriculture, were also present to mark the occasion. The event aimed to honour the immense contribution of farmers to the agriculture sector, aligning with the national initiative to recognize their hard work and dedication. As part of the celebrations, several progressive farmers from Jammu were felicitated for their exemplary efforts in

enhancing agricultural practices and ensuring food security in the region. National Farmer's Day is celebrated every year on December 23, marking the birthday of the 5th Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh, a prominent farmer's leader who introduced several policies to improve the lives of Indian farmers. In his address, the Director emphasized the importance of farmer welfare and the role of modern agricultural practices in boosting productivity. He highlighted the government's commitment to supporting the farming community through various schemes, innovations, and training programs. The Director also listed the department's ongoing efforts to encourage farmers to adopt scientific agricultural practices, produce quality agri-products, and promote local specialities and high-value exotic vegetables with a spe-

cial focus on organic farming and value addition. Additionally, balanced use of chemical fertilizers, quality seeds, seed treatment, weed management, and proper plant protection measures were emphasized for optimal crop production. The Joint Director highlighted the Department of Agriculture Jammu's ongoing efforts to educate and support farmers. The department is actively involved in a range of extension activities designed to improve soil health and fertility, promote farm mechanization, and enhance the production of food crops and vegetables. Progressive farmers shared their success stories, discussing how the various schemes provided by the Department of Agriculture have positively impacted their lives. Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer conducted the proceedings of the Programme.

# Workshop on "Sushasan Saptah" organised at Kishtwar

*DC rolls out Vision Document envisaging development initiatives*



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR, DEC 23:**

The District Administration Kishtwar today organized a workshop as part of the Good Governance Week 2024 activity and Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign scheduled from 19th December to 24th December. The workshop was organized in the Conference Hall of the New DC Office Complex in the presence and overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan. Former District Collector Ghulam Nabi Balwan was the special Chief Guest. The DC emphasized the importance of the Good Governance Week and Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore initiative. He praised Ghulam Nabi Balwan's contributions during his tenure, highlighting the significant steps taken by him to advance the District's development. He stressed the need for evolving an effective grievances redressal mechanism at the block and tehsil levels. He also outlined the

district administration's focus on transparent, accountable, and responsive Governance. The Deputy Commissioner provided insights into the "Vision Document: District Kishtwar @100," an initiative of the District administration aimed at boosting the economy, tourism, agriculture, hydel power projects, sports, entrepreneurship, skill development, social welfare, women empowerment, urban development, and environmental conservation in the District. He stated that Special emphasis would be laid on empowering women by involving them in flagship schemes. Taking the different stakeholders on board, DC Kishtwar announced a mechanism to improve literacy rates in the district. The initiative includes appointing voluntary tutors at the ward level with the goal of achieving 100% literacy rate and Nasha Mukta (drug-free) district. The DC said that the administration is focusing on strengthening 13 model pan-

chayats at par with the excellence of the governance initiatives in the District. The District Officers were directed to visit these Panchayats as per notified schedule. Counting the various other novel initiatives taken by the District administration, he highlighted that an important project like "City Forest" will promote sustainable development in the township, while construction of strategic roads will be developed to enhance connectivity in conjunction with Housing and Welfare Initiatives. Plans for establishing two land colonies or flats, a Zila Sainik Welfare Office, a Women's Skill Development Institute, and financial literacy programs were also discussed in the workshop. Sports initiatives for boosting Archery and Cricket sports in the District under Khelo India were announced in the workshop, along with an international-level cricket talent hunt starting from 24th December 2024 in the District. The Workshop also served as a platform to highlight the upcoming initiatives to be taken or already taken including a 24x7 District Control Room, formation of village-level development committees, massive Swachhta (cleanliness) drives, formation of women water conservation groups, promotion of organic farming and public grievance redressal awareness through JK Samadhan, Raabta and other public grievances redressal platforms.