

CoF Srinagar holds meeting to combat rising forest fires

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, APR 4:

A meeting focussing on forest fire prevention and management was held under the chairmanship of Conservator of Forests, (CoF) Srinagar Circle, Tawheed Ahmad Deva at Sheikhbagh Forest Complex in Srinagar today.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Forest Protection Force, Kashmir, all Divisional Forest Officers of Srinagar Circle and all Deputy Directors of Forest Protection Force and Wildlife Wardens of Kashmir Region.

The primary agenda was to address the recent forest fires that have impacted various forest divisions within the Kashmir Region.

The meeting conducted a thorough review of the current situation, analyzed the causes of the fires, and



strategized on enhanced prevention and mitigation measures.

"The protection of our forests is paramount," stated the CoF Srinagar. He added that the department

is committed to implement proactive measures to safeguard these vital ecosystems and ensure the safety of our communities.

During the meeting, it was emphasized that all forest

fire control rooms across the districts are operating round the clock.

The key strategies discussed and adopted in the meeting include, Intensifying efforts to edu-

cate the public on fire safety and the importance of preventing forest fires, enhancing surveillance and monitoring to detect and respond to potential fire hazards promptly.

Besides, Fostering seamless collaboration between the Forest Department, Forest Protection Force, Wildlife Protection Department, and other relevant agencies was also stressed upon.

Further, meeting emphasized on strict action against anyone found responsible for causing forest fire and shall be booked under relevant forest protection law.

The Forest Department reiterated their commitment to safeguarding the invaluable forest resources and called upon the public to cooperate and remain vigilant in preventing forest fires.

'Say No to Drugs': DIPR artists spread message through Cultural Programme

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JAMMU, APR 4:

A Cultural Awareness Programme on "Nasha Mukh Bharat" (Say No to Drugs) was today organised by the Cultural Unit, Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu here at JDA Club Roopnagar. The event, hosted in collaboration with District Administration Jammu, aimed to spread awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and encourage a drug-free society.

Artists of the Cultural Unit raise awareness through theme-based songs. The performers skillfully highlighted how drug addiction impacts individuals, families, and society at large.

SDPO Bakshi Nagar Satish Bhardwaj and Tehsildar Jammu North Aman Kumar Anand shared their views and also made the audience aware of the topic. They appreciated the efforts of the Department



of Information and Public Relations for organising the event to generate awareness for the audience. The whole programme was

conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu Atul Gupta and supervision of Cultural Office, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

DDC Chairman, MLA Udampur East kick start blacktopping work of 6 Km NH to Mahamaya Mandir road



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
UDHAMPUR, APR 4:

Chairman District Development Council Udampur Lal Chand today kick-started the black-topping work on the 6 km National Highway to Mahamaya Mandir road being constructed at a cost of Rs 7.38 cr. The foundation stone of the road was laid in March 2024. MLA Udampur East, Ranbir Singh Pathania, DDC Udampur-I Puran Chand and DDC Tikri Ashu Sharma, along with the officials from the PWD depart-

ment, including AEE and JE were also present at the launch of the work.

This is the first road project among 13 projects on which the black topping work is being initiated. The project was prioritised by the District Development Council under NABARD in the FY 2023-24. Another project under the same sanction- the Bridge over Dhandyal Nallah at the Krimachi Debrah road has already been completed and opened for the commuters.

The blacktopping of the road

from the National Highway to Mahamaya Mandir represents a significant infrastructure development. This project is prioritised by the District Development Council (DDC) as it holds cultural and tourism value by enhancing connectivity to religious sites like the Mahamaya Mandir. The completion of the Dhandyal Nallah Bridge on the Krimachi Debrah road, another project under the same sanction, demonstrates progress in addressing critical infrastructure needs.

The projects contribute to the overall development of the region by improving connectivity, facilitating economic activity, and enhancing access to essential services. The improved road infrastructure will significantly benefit pilgrims visiting the Mahamaya Mandir, enhancing their travel experience.

The Chairman congratulated the locals of the area for the developmental initiatives and urged the officials concerned to maintain the quality of the work. The locals also thanked the chairman for conceding their long-pending demand.

Rajouri admin mulls to take up tourism, other projects on Public-Private Partnership mode

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
RAJOURI, APR 4:

Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa today convened a meeting to discuss the projects proposed to be undertaken under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

The meeting, held in the office chamber of the ADDC, focused on exploring the feasibility of the developmental projects aimed at enhancing tourism, infrastructure, and public amenities in the district.

Dr. Thapa emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive pre-feasibility study for each proposed project to assess their viability under the PPP model.

The projects discussed during the meeting included Ropeway from Baba Gulam Shah Badshah Shrine at Shahdara to Seeri, Ropeway from Shakar Marg Darhal to Seven Lakes, Construction of a Modern Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) with Cafeteria, Parking, Public Convenience Services (PCS), Shopping Complex at Shahdara Sharief, Construction of a Modern TRC with similar facilities at Tatapani Barmandal, Development of a Modern



Park at Alpha Gate Phalyana & construction of a Cinema Hall and Multi-Storey Car Parking Facility in Rajouri Town

Dr. Thapa directed the concerned departments to submit detailed feasibility reports for each project, clearly outlining the potential benefits and sustainability of implementing them under the PPP framework.

The ADDC reiterated the administration's commitment to exploring innovative solutions for infrastructure development, with a focus on pub-

lic-private collaboration to boost tourism and economic growth in the district.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC, Fareed Ahmed Kohli; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chouhan; Chief Planning Officer, Maqsood Ahmed; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar Verma; Executive Engineer, Sardar Khan; Executive Officer Municipality, Yousaf ul Umar; and Tourist Officer, Mumtaz Ahmed.

Poonch: RTA approves 79 MUMKIN Scheme cases, sanctions 9 Minibus permits

DC orders feasibility study of newly approved routes



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
POONCH, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Friday convened a meeting of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) at his Office Chamber to discuss and strategize seamless public transport services in the district.

The meeting addressed different aspects of public trans-

port, with an emphasis on reviewing applications for road permits.

The meeting assessed and approved 79 MUMKIN Scheme cases, paving the way for applicants to own small commercial vehicles at subsidized price. Additionally, the meeting sanctioned 9 mini bus permits. However, it rejected all

9 applications for auto rickshaw permits, with a directive to promote the use of e-rickshaws.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the necessity of conducting feasibility studies for the operation of mini buses on the newly approved routes, instructing the relevant authorities to collaborate with the District Transport Inspector (DTI) to prepare comprehensive reports.

To address traffic congestion in the city, the DC, in his capacity as Chairman of the RTA, assured the provision of parking space for Tata Magic vehicles. He also urged the concerned officers to ensure proper traffic regulation and take necessary actions against violators, reaffirming the commitment to maintaining order on the roads.

In a compassionate gesture, DC Vikas Kundal presented a cheque of Rs 1 lakh to road accident victim Parambir Singh, providing immediate support to his family.

Representatives from the Sanatan Dharma Sabha shared valuable suggestions regarding key aspects of festival preparations. They sought special provision for sanitation, electricity and water supply, traffic management and adequate availability of ration supplies.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the critical importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene during the festivities. He directed the concerned departments to actively promote sanitation efforts including lime lining at festive venues, especially in and around temples.

Additionally, the DC instructed officials to visit temples to assess the ground situation and ensure readiness. The SSP was asked to make com-

ADC Nowshera reviews status of public services delivery, arrangements for upcoming festivals

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
NOWSHERA, APR 4:

Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa today chaired a meeting with officers of line departments in his office chamber to review the status of public services delivery in the sub-division.

During the interaction, the ADC emphasized the importance of dedicated and responsive governance. He urged officers to discharge their duties with commitment and adopt a proactive approach in addressing public grievances. He stressed that timely deliv-

ery of services must be prioritized so that the general public does not face any inconvenience.

Later in the day, the ADC visited the revered Mangla Devi Temple to take stock of the preparations underway for Durga Ashtami and Ramnavmi festivals. Accompanied by officers and members of the temple management committee, he conducted a detailed inspection of arrangements related to sanitation, security, water and power supply, fire safety, medical facilities, traffic and crowd management, and other essential services.

He also reviewed the arrangements made at Mangla Mata Temple and issued necessary directions for further improvement.

The ADC further directed the concerned officers to conduct market checking and inspection drives to curb overpricing and ensure the availability of quality essential commodities during the festive period.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Tehsildar, BDO, BMO, EO MC, TSO, and other sectoral officers attended the meeting and accompanied the ADC during the visit.

DC finalises arrangements for Ram Navmi celebration in Kishtwar

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
KISHTWAR, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan convened a meeting with officers from the line departments to review and finalize the arrangements for the Ram Navmi festival.

Representatives from the Sanatan Dharma Sabha shared valuable suggestions regarding key aspects of festival preparations. They sought special provision for sanitation, electricity and water supply, traffic management and adequate availability of ration supplies.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the critical importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene during the festivities. He directed the concerned departments to actively promote sanitation efforts including lime lining at festive venues, especially in and around temples.

Additionally, the DC instructed officials to visit temples to assess the ground situation and ensure readiness. The SSP was asked to make com-



prehensive security arrangements at temples across the district to ensure the safety of the devotees.

The meeting also underscored the need for seamless interdepartmental coordination

to facilitate smooth festival celebrations.

The Jal Shakti and Power Development Department (PDD) was asked to take all necessary measures to provide seamless services.

DC Shopian directs immediate reparation of Narwah Road

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SHOPIAN, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today assessed the condition of damaged segment of road at Narwah & directed concerned agencies for immediate reparations.

While visiting the site, DC took stock of the identified stretches that require immediate reparation work to facilitate the smooth movement of transportation.

Emphasizing the importance of road connectivity for local commuters, DC directed the concerned departments, including R&B Department and PMGSY to coordinate with PC Division looking after the NH 444 and expedite execution of necessary repair and maintenance works.

He also interacted with locals, who projected their grievances & demands regarding different issues.

While assuring prompt redressal, DC reiterated the administration's commitment to infrastructure development and responsive governance.

ADC, Dr Zakir Hussain Faaz, officers and other officials accompanied DC during the inspection.

Nasha Mukti Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan Doda admin gears up for Anti-Drug IEC Campaign

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
DODA, APR 4:

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh today chaired a meeting to review the preparedness for the launch of district-wide Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign on April 7, 2025 under the Nasha Mukti Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan.

The campaign, aimed at combating drug abuse, will initially start in 17 panchayats, and cover all 237 panchayats and educational institutions in the district during the current

year. The meeting was attended by DPO S-Parmjeet Singh, ASP Headquarters Shakeel Ahmed Bhatt, ACD Manoj Kumar and officers from other stakeholder departments.

The campaign will be supervised by the designated Nodal Officer and will focus on community awareness, youth engagement, and sensitization programs. It will involve the participation of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), students, ASHA workers and civil society members.

Awareness rallies, camps,

cultural events, and interactive sessions will be organized to inform the public about the harmful effects of drug addiction and encourage them to opt for a healthy lifestyle. Campaign badges were also launched after the meeting to promote community involvement.

The DC urged all stakeholders to work in coordination to ensure the success of the campaign. He emphasized the need for maximum participation, especially in rural and vulnerable areas, to make Doda a drug-free and aware district.

during the festival through regular market checks.

The Health Department was directed to make adequate provisions for medical facilities, including the deployment of medical staff, to handle any emergency situations.

The meeting also discussed arrangements for foolproof traffic management during festive processions, stage settings, and other safety measures. Relevant directions were issued to concerned authorities to ensure comprehensive preparedness.

The meeting was attended by senior officials, including SSP Javed Iqbal; ADC Pawan Kotwal; CEO KDA Rishi Kumar Sharma; ACR Idrees Lone; AD Food Shafiq Keen; EO Municipality Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal; Tehsildar Nirbhay Sharma, ARTO Tasleem Wani, Executive Engineers from PWD and Jal Shakti, AD Fire & Emergency, along with representatives from Traffic and other line departments, and members of Sanatan Dharma Sabha Kishtwar.