

Javed Rana, Javid Dar review irrigation scenario in JK

Emphasize timely execution of schemes to enhance support for agriculture

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, JUL 2:

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today had a comprehensive review of the irrigation scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was called in view of the irrigation problems being faced by the farming community besides assessing the response mechanism adopted by the department to ensure farmers are provided a reliable irrigation supply.

Legislators, Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Hasnain Masoodi, Irshad Rasool Kar, Hilal Akbar Lone and Irfan Hafiz Lone also attended the meeting and shared their concerns with respect to irrigation supply in their constituencies.

Detailed discussion was held on the working of Lift & Gravity irrigation schemes, NABARD/CAPEX/CSS projects and efficient water man-



agement for agricultural prosperity.

Javed Rana directed for effective measures to tackle the irrigation issues, especially putting an efficient response mechanism in place to address the complaints of farmers. "There is no doubt that we are facing a critical situation due to adverse climatic conditions and there are shortcomings also but we have to find solutions," he said.

It is our collective responsibility to find solutions to the

problems faced by our farming community amid the paddy farming, he said. He called for taking both short and long-term measures to augment the supply of irrigation water as per the requirements on the ground. He also asked for an assessment of both the machinery and infrastructure given the present climatic conditions.

Superintending Engineers were instructed to submit a comprehensive report outlining the potential measures for

upgrading and strengthening the existing resources in their respective areas.

During the meeting, Rana also emphasized timely project completion, regular monitoring of public services and expedited project execution for enhanced agricultural support.

The meeting centered on discussions about restoring previously existing canals that have been encroached upon, with a focus on their revival.

Rana called upon the concerned to report encroach-

ments and illegal mining that is creating a threat to the irrigation system so that appropriate action will be taken.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, gave a detailed presentation on the present irrigation infrastructure. He briefed about the functioning of Lift and Gravity irrigation schemes of the department being executed in the entire UT, status of NABARD schemes being implemented under various RIDFs and Capex Budget schemes under Capex Budget 2025-26.

Shaleen Kabra also briefed about the new schemes to be proposed under PMKSY-HKHP and status of execution of the schemes under PMKSY-HKHP. He also gave details about the schemes affected due to low precipitation.

The Additional Chief Secretary highlighted that the average gauge readings in rivers have significantly decreased, adversely impacting numerous irrigation schemes across Jammu and Kashmir.

ADC Nowshera chairs block level program on Vibrant Village Programme-2.0



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NOWSHERA, JUL 2:

A Sub Division program was organized today under Vibrant Village Programme-2.0 (VVP-II) in which District and Sectoral Officers remains present. The camp was attended by residents of five identified villages i.e. Sarya, Sehar and Chowki Handan of Nowshera Block, Pukharni of Qila Darhal Block and Village Kalal of Seri Block. Pertinent to mention that Vibrant Village Programme-2.0 (VVP-II) was launched by Government of India on 2nd of April, 2025 covering 15 states and 2 UTs including 124 villages in eight districts of Jammu and Kashmir also as a centre sector scheme with 100 percent

funding, furthering its commitment for vision of Viksit Bharat at 2047 for 'Safe, Secured and Vibrant Land borders'.

The program was organized with an objective to generate awareness among the residents of these villages and to educate them about the objective of Vibrant Village Program-2.0 (VVP-II).

Speaking on the occasion, officers emphasized on various aspects of the program which ensure gap analysis and saturation of services in the thematic areas through convergence i.e. connectivity including all weather roads under PMGSY-IV, Telecom access via digital Bharat Nidhi, Basic services such as electrification through RDSS and access to

television via the BIND Scheme, Livelihood development through eco-agri business models.

On the various thematic areas like weather road connectivity, telecom connectivity, television connectivity and electrification through convergence under existing scheme norms and also apprise them that program aims at organizing activities like fairs and festivals, awareness camps, celebration of National days, regular visits by Ministers, senior government officers from central and State/UT Government and night stays in such villages.

ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa informed that village action plan under the Vibrant Village Program-2.0 will be formulated for each village covering thematic areas and saturation of all central and UT sponsored beneficiaries based schemes. Program aims at all weather road connectivity, telecom connectivity, television connectivity and electrification through convergence under existing scheme norms.

Among others, the program was attended by program officers like ICDS Rajouri, SE PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Deputy Director Employment Rajouri, ACD Rajouri, Executive Engineers of Nowshera Sub Division and other District and Sectoral officers.

DLIC Poonch approves 40 cases under Mission YUVA

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
POONCH, JUL 2:

A District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA was convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal. The meeting aimed to review and approve self-employment cases under the NANO Enterprises component of Mission YUVA and to assess the overall progress of implementation in the district.

The session was attended by key district-level officers and stakeholders involved in the execution of the mission.

Additional District Development Commissioner Pankaj Mangotra (Nodal Officer, Mission YUVA); Khalid Wafa, General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC); Abdul Majid Tantray, Deputy Director District Employment and Counselling Centre; Chief Agriculture Officer; District Sheep Husbandry Officer; District Horticulture Officer; Assistant Director, Handicrafts/Handloom; Lead District Manager (LDM); as well as the Nodal Officers of Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) attended.

The meeting commenced with an overview of the progress made under Mission YUVA in the district, with particular focus on the promotion of NANO Enterprises aimed at generating livelihood opportunities for the local youth. The



chairperson emphasized the significance of Mission YUVA as a flagship initiative to empower unemployed youth through the provision of financial and institutional support to initiate micro-enterprises across various sectors.

A total of 40 cases were presented before the committee for consideration and approval under the NANO Enterprises category. Each case was reviewed in detail and discussed thoroughly. The proposals were examined in light of feasibility, sustainability, sectoral representation, and the potential to create employment opportunities.

Following extensive deliberations and scrutiny, all 40 cases were approved by the committee. The decision reflects the district administration's commitment to fast-tracking the implementation

process and ensuring timely support to aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Deputy Commissioner, while appreciating the efforts of all departments involved, underscored the need for inter-departmental coordination and timely follow-up to ensure smooth implementation.

The meeting reiterated the district administration's resolve to continue supporting youth-led entrepreneurship initiatives and to remove bottlenecks in the implementation of government schemes. The committee expressed satisfaction over the growing interest among the youth to benefit from such opportunities and called upon all stakeholders to sustain momentum by ensuring transparency, efficiency, and inclusiveness in the process.

Sakeena Ito felicitates NEET achievers, 10th,12th meritorious students at GDC Pulwama

Advocates for right opportunities, mentorship for youngsters

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
PULWAMA, JUL 2:

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito today visited Pulwama and felicitated the NEET achievers and meritorious students of 10th and 12th classes of various Government Institutions from Pulwama district in a special function organized at Government Degree College (GDC), here.

MLA Pampre, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik; MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie; Principal GDC Pulwama, Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Director Family Welfare and Immunization, Director AYUSH and other senior officers of district administration and education department were also present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Minister Sakeena lauded the students for their outstanding performances despite chal-



lenging circumstances. "You are the torchbearers of change, and your achievements today mark the beginning of a brighter tomorrow, not only for yourselves but for the entire region," she stated. Highlighting the role of education in shaping a resilient and progressive society, the Minister urged the youngsters to pursue knowledge with purpose and serve their communities with commitment. She

also appreciated the efforts of teachers and parents who stood behind the students through their academic journeys.

The Minister underlined that the youth must be provided with the right opportunities, mentorship and resources to excel at the national and international levels.

On the occasion, the Minister also distributed regularisation orders among CPWs.

DC Udhampur reviews performance of banks at DLRC & DCC meeting

Directs financial institutions to facilitate target beneficiaries



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
UDHAMPUR, JUL 2:

To assess the performance of banks for the quarter ending March 2025, the District Level Review Committee cum District Consultative Committee meeting was today chaired by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai, here at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC Kishore Singh Katoch, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Dr. Ashwani Hansa, and district officers from stakeholder departments.

A detailed discussion was held on several key issues, including the issuance of Kisan Credit Cards, sector-

wise lending in priority and non-priority sectors, bank-wise position of deposits and advances, the district's financial inclusion plan and the implementation of the Stand-Up India Programme launched by the Prime Minister.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to organize financial literacy awareness camps in coordination with various departments across all blocks of the district to ensure that maximum benefits reach the grassroots level.

She urged the bankers to proactively reach out to the stakeholders, improve credit-deposit ratio and Priority Sector lending to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the underprivileged sections of society.

The DC also instructed officials to adopt a public-friendly approach and work in close coordination to achieve the desired results at the grassroots level.

DC, SSP Rajouri reviews preparations for upcoming Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra

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RAJOURI, JUL 2:

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today chaired a meeting at Dak Bungalow Rajouri to review the preparations for the smooth and successful conduct of the upcoming Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra.

During the meeting, the DC took a comprehensive review of the arrangements including parking facilities, deployment of medical teams, availability of drinking water, installation of mobile toilets, security, sanitation, lodging, and other essential services.

The DC directed the concerned officers to ensure deployment of AYUSH instructors at all lodgement centres to provide basic wellness services to the pilgrims. The Tourism Department was instructed to install informative hoardings at prominent locations and set up a dedicated stall to promote local tourism and culture.

The Jal Shakti Department was asked to ensure the availability of water tankers at all critical points and conduct daily testing of water samples to maintain hygienic standards. The Executive Officers



of Municipalities were directed to provide mobile toilet facilities at all lodgement and congregation points.

To strengthen surveillance and ensure security, the DC emphasized the installation of CCTV cameras at lodgement centres. Self-Help Groups (SHGs) will be facilitated to set up stalls for local products and refreshments. The Information Department was asked to ensure that Public Address Systems are function-

al at all lodgement centres for timely announcements and information dissemination.

Instructions were also issued for the deployment of Executive Magistrates at various critical points, fire safety audits of langars, and timely arrangements for tents and bedding facilities for the pilgrims.

The Power Development Department was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply at all lodgement centres.

DC Kishtwar reviews power scenario in district

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
KISHTWAR, JUL 2:

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, chaired a meeting with the JPDCL Kishtwar to review the power supply situation in the district. The AEE JPDCL Kishtwar apprised the DC on the current status and progress of JPDCL in the District.

During the meeting, the DC directed JPDCL Kishtwar to provide day-wise progress reports on the installation

of smart meters in the town area and other parts of the district. M/S Genus, the executing agency for smart meter installation, was instructed to expedite the process as the current performance was found unsatisfactory.

PGCIL was directed to carry out the execution of underground cabling work in the town for decongestion and town facelifting. PGCIL informed the DC that the survey for the

same would be completed within a week. The Sub Transmission Authority, Doda, was instructed to expedite the completion of 33/11 KV receiving stations at Chatroo, Bounjwah and Malipeth before the onset of winter. Further directions were issued to speed up land identification for the Dool and Kuntwara receiving stations under the RR Plan of KWAR HEP and Rattle HEP, respectively.

DDC Chairman reviews plan formulation of ADP under PRI, BDC and DDC grants in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JUL 2:

A meeting was convened in the Officer Chamber of the Chairman District Development Council Udhampur under the chairmanship of Chairman District Development Council Udhampur, Lal Chand in the presence of all District Development Councillors of the district, CEO DDC Udhampur Rajinder Singh, Assistant Commissioner Development Udhampur Ashwani Hansa and all Block Development Officers of the District. The meeting aimed to discuss and review the formulation of the Area Development Plan under PRI, BDC and DDC grants and strict directions were delivered to all the Block Development Officers to ensure that only feasible works, recommended by the general public in Gram Sabhas conducted in the presence of active representatives and officials from the Rural Development Department should be included in the ADP plan.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of aligning development projects with the actual needs and aspirations of the local communities, ensuring that the benefits of development reach the grassroots level. The District Development Council Udhampur remains committed to fostering inclusive growth, development and empowerment in the region prioritising community-driven initiatives and collaborative governance.

DC Samba assesses progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) - 2.0 survey in district

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SAMBA, JUL 2:

Deputy Commissioner Samba Rajesh Sharma today convened a review meeting to assess the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) - 2.0 survey being undertaken in the district. The meeting aimed to evaluate the survey's status and ensure its effectiveness in identifying and verifying genuine beneficiaries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over the slow pace of the survey and emphasized the need for accurate and time-bound completion. He directed the field functionaries and supervisors to complete the survey within a week's time and cautioned that any laxity would not be tolerated. Furthermore, he instructed that daily progress reports be submitted to the designated nodal officer to facilitate close monitoring.

Stressing the importance of transparency, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the need for proper identification of eligible beneficiaries so that timely benefits under the scheme reach deserving households. He reiterated that due diligence must be maintained at all stages of the process.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Champa Devi Thakur; Chief Planning Officer; Chief Education Officer; District Statistics and Evaluation Officer; Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Samba; and Executive Officers of Municipal Committees Ramgarh, Vijaypur, and Bari Brahmana. All field supervisors and survey staff were also present and were issued on-spot instructions to ensure adherence to guidelines and timelines.

The District Administration Samba reaffirmed its commitment to the successful implementation of PMAY (Urban), aligning with the vision of "Housing for All".

DC Poonch reviews PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Calls for accelerated installations, mass awareness campaign

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
POONCH, JUL 2:

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to evaluate the implementation status of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district. The meeting focused on key aspects such as the progress of rooftop solar installations, registration trends, and financial disbursements under the scheme.

It was informed during the meeting that a total of 1080 applications had been received, of which 151 installations have been completed so far. Expressing concern over the slow pace, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to intensify efforts and maximize the number of installations in the coming weeks. To ensure wider public participation, the DC instructed all departments to launch a mass awareness campaign highlighting the benefits of the scheme and to simplify the registration process for citizens. He stressed the need for timely approvals, hassle-free processing, and proactive handholding of beneficiaries to ensure the scheme's success. Underscoring the importance of inter-departmental coordination, the Deputy Commissioner urged the PDD, banking institutions, and empanelled vendors to work in close synergy to resolve any technical, financial, or procedural challenges faced by the applicants.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that with collective efforts and proper implementation, the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana could significantly transform the energy landscape of Poonch while empowering citizens through sustainable and cost-effective power solutions.