

## Satish Sharma meets Google India Leadership; discusses youth empowerment, job creation, digital innovation in J&K

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR, JUL 25:**

In a significant move aimed at boosting the digital development and youth engagement in Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, today met with Ashish Wattal, Country Director of Google India, and Sanjay Dewan, Head, North States, Public Sector, Google.

During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the need to explore collaborative avenues with Google to promote the digital inclusion, entrepreneurship and employment generation for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

"J&K's youth have immense potential and it is our priority to



channelize their energy into productive and innovative sectors. Strategic partnerships with global technology leaders like Google will help us unlock new opportunities in

skilling, digital education and job creation," said the Minister.

He called upon Google to support the government in launching tailored skill development programs,

digital literacy campaigns and technology-driven entrepreneurship models, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Google team reiterated Google's commitment to digital transformation in India and expressed keen interest in working with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. They also extended support for designing the region-specific training programs, workshops and certification courses for the students, professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Minister directed the officers of the IT department to formulate a concrete action plan for initiating collaborative projects with Google, including potential pilots in IT education, cloud training, AI applications and youth innovation labs.

## Special programmes held in Udhampur schools to mark birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR, JUL 25:**

As part of a nation-wide initiative, the schools across Udhampur-including Government Higher Secondary School Chanunta, Government High School Jib, Government Higher Secondary School Sudh Mahadev and Government High School Dhandal organized special programmes to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, a pioneering statesman, educationist and architect of modern India's nationalist vision. These events formed part of a two-year nation-wide celebration from July 6, 2025, to July 6, 2027, aimed at honoring Dr. Mookerjee's enduring legacy in education, constitutional development, national integration and regional progress.

The district-level initiatives, organized under the guidance of the District Administration Udhampur and the Chief Education Officer, aim to inspire pride in his ideals and connect youth to India's historical and cultural roots.

At GHS Jib, Government Higher Secondary School Sudh Mahadev and several other institutions, students, teachers and invited speakers participated with great enthusiasm. The programmes featured speeches, presentations, and discussions on Dr. Mookerjee's life, ideology and his pivotal role in shaping India's post-independence political discourse.

Faculty members highlighted his commitment to unity, cultural integrity and national service. Students were encouraged to draw inspiration from his values and to contribute meaningfully to society. These events served not only to pay tribute to Dr. Mookerjee's contributions but also to foster historical awareness and patriotism among the younger generation across the district.

## DDC Reasi approves 143 Entrepreneurship cases under Mission YUVA

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**REASI, JUL 25:**

The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for Mission YUVA was convened today in Reasi. District Development Commissioner (DDC) Nidhi Malik chaired the meeting to review and approve cases verified by the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs).

A total of 143 cases, verified by the SBDUs were presented before the Committee and subsequently approved for financial assistance and handholding support under Mission YUVA.

The Committee, headed by DDC carried out a detailed scrutiny of each application based on eligibility, business viability, and the socio-economic background of the applicants. She emphasized the critical need to promote self-employment opportunities for local youth, particularly those from underprivileged and marginalized communities. The DDC also reviewed the district's overall performance under Mission YUVA and directed all relevant departments to ensure the prompt release of financial assistance, regular monitoring and comprehensive mentoring to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the approved projects. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fostering youth-driven entrepreneurship and promoting sustainable livelihoods through the coordinated and effective implementation of Mission YUVA across the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal; AD Employment Reasi (Member Secretary), Annie Vaid; representatives from J&K Bank, DDM NABARD, JKEDI and other concerned officers.

## Mission YUVA'; DC Poonch hands over 39 loan sanction letters to aspiring Entrepreneurs

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**POONCH, JUL 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today handed over 39 loan sanction letters to beneficiaries under Mission YUVA at a simple function held in the Conference Hall, DC Office. Additional District Development Commissioner Pankaj Magotra; Deputy Director Employment Abdul Majid Tantray; Lead District Manager Ravi Kumar and other members of the SBDU were also present.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged the beneficiaries to make the best use of the financial support provided under the scheme and contribute positively to local economic growth. The initiative, aimed at promoting youth entrepreneurship and self-employment, reflects the administration commitment to socio-economic upliftment and sustainable development in the district. The Officials present also reiterated their support in guiding and mentoring the beneficiaries throughout the implementation of their projects, ensuring successful execution and long-term impact of Mission YUVA in Poonch.

## DC Doda chairs BOCA Meeting; Approves 21 Building Permission cases

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**DODA, JUL 25:**

A meeting of the Building Operation Controlling Authority (BOCA) was held today at DC Office Complex Doda. Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, who is also the chairman of the Authority, presided over the meeting. A total of 57 cases of building permissions, both residential and commercial, were discussed. After detailed deliberations and scrutiny, 21 cases were approved and the rest were rejected and deferred with directions to the concerned officers to make good the deficiencies and submit the requisite No Objection Certificate at the earliest. The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive Officer Bhaderwah Development Authority, Chief Town Planner (attended virtually), Divisional Forest Officer Bhaderwah, Tehsildars Bhalla and Bhaderwah, Executive Engineers (XENs), and other concerned officers.

## RD&PR Department organises one-day workshop on Geotagging, Geofencing



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, JUL 25:**

To ensure greater transparency and accountability in the execution of MGNREGA works, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Jammu & Kashmir, organized a one-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on Geo-MGNREGA and Geofencing.

Separate sessions were conducted in Kashmir and Jammu divisions, targeting Master Trainers and members of the District Resource Teams, including District GIS Coordinators, Technical Assistants and other field-level officials.

The workshop focused on the updated Geo-MGNREGA Mobile App (v3.5), which now features advanced tools such as point, line, and polygon mapping, real-time GIS tracking, and photo capture from system-defined locations. These enhancements aim to ensure greater transparency and accountability in

the execution of MGNREGA works.

The training covered geotagging of assets using the upgraded mobile app, which now allows data capture across all stages of asset development - before, during, and after. Participants were trained to walk across the linear or area-based features to create accurate geospatial data and buffer zones for photographic evidence.

Three resource persons from each district participated in the workshop.

During the sessions, they explained the step-by-step use of the mobile app-from device registration and asset synchronization to map-based navigation, GPS tracking, and photo uploads.

The sessions also included hands-on practice for participants on geofencing, which enables the identification and restriction of similar work types within the same financial year and area. Trainers emphasized the importance of

meeting the 80% overlap threshold in "during" and "after" stages for validation of geotagged works.

Additional Secretary RD&PR, Waseem Raja, presided over the sessions and emphasized the critical role that technology-driven governance plays in ensuring accountability and real-time monitoring of rural development works.

He said that the integration of Geo-MGNREGA and Geofencing is a transformative move towards evidence-based implementation of MGNREGA. "It not only minimizes the chances of duplication and ghost works but also enhances transparency and citizen trust in public works," he said.

He urged all district and block-level officers to ensure that this knowledge is cascaded effectively to Panchayat Secretaries, GRSS, and Technical Assistants, ensuring 100% adoption of the new system.

### Budha Amarnath Yatra

## DC Rajouri inspects arrangements at Yatri Ground, chairs review meeting



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**RAJOURI, JUL 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today conducted an extensive inspection of the arrangements being put in place here at Yatri Ground for the Budha Amarnath Yatra pilgrims. He also chaired a review meeting at the venue to ensure seamless coordination among departments and timely completion of all preparations. The Deputy Commissioner took stock of key facilities including

power supply, sanitation and the installation of bio-toilets. He directed for separate signages for male and female facilities to ensure convenience and orderliness for the yatri. Special emphasis was laid on the fire safety audit of the venue. The concerned officers were instructed to ensure all precautionary measures are taken and necessary equipment is placed at strategic locations.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed pruning of trees in and around the venue area

to avoid any safety hazards. The availability of ambulances, deployment of medical teams, preparation of duty rosters, and deployment of AYUSH instructors were also reviewed to ensure robust health and wellness support to the pilgrims.

The BRO has been assigned the responsibility to maintain roads and ensure the Nowshera tunnel remains operational during the day-time, which is vital for smooth transportation.

To maintain traffic flow, the Traffic Police will regulate vehicular movement and oversee parking arrangements.

The SDRF teams will be deployed at designated locations to respond swiftly in case of any emergency situations. Furthermore, the Department of Tourism was directed to install informative and welcome boardings at prominent locations.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon all departments to work in close coordination and complete all assigned tasks well before the scheduled date of the Yatra to ensure a safe, comfortable and spiritually fulfilling experience for the pilgrims.

## DC Poonch visits Mandi Mandir complex to oversee preparations for Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**POONCH, JUL 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today conducted a comprehensive visit to the Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Mandir in Mandi to review the preparations for the upcoming yatra.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC, Tahir Mustaf Malik, Tehsildar Mandi, Ashfaq, Yatra Officer and other line department officers. He met with the Yatra Management Committee to

discuss essential arrangements aimed at ensuring the success of the pilgrimage. The inspection by the Deputy Commissioner focused on several key aspects of the yatra, including Lodging arrangement, ration supply, drinking water, electricity and security arrangements. He further assessed the infrastructure on the Poonch-Mandi road, emphasizing the importance of maintaining proper sanitation, lighting, and medical facilities throughout the pilgrimage route.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Langer site, toilet complex, and bath ghat to ensure the comfort and safety of the yatri. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Dashnami Akhara in Poonch to assess the arrangements for the yatri, including accommodation, toilets, Langer, sanitation, and security. He expressed satisfaction with the overall facilities and commended the committee members for their efficient management, ensuring a safe and comfortable experience for the pilgrims.

## Director Panchayati Raj stresses timely execution of PGs, PAI 2.0 data entry, PLC progress

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, JUL 25:**

Director Panchayati Raj Jammu and Kashmir Sham Lal on Friday pressed Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs) to accelerate the pace of development under the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

He was chairing a meeting to review progress of construction of Panchayat Ghars (PGs), co-location of Common Service Centres (CSCs) and the implementation of the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0. The Director outlined several key areas for immediate action, emphasizing the need for a time-bound approach.

A major focus was placed on resolving land availability issues for the construction of Panchayat Ghars. "The land availability aspects should be cleared," he stated, urging a reduction in the gap between allotted work and actual progress.

During the meeting, the Director highlighted major achievements under RGSA,

mentioning that for the financial year 2023-24, out of a target of 502 Panchayat Ghars, land had been identified for 488, with administrative approval (AA) given for 476.

Sham Lal also stressed the urgent need for accurate and timely data entry under the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0.

Noting slow progress in data entry, he called for immediate district-wise action, proactive monitoring, and accountability at all levels to ensure data digitization keeps pace with the physical progress of Panchayat infrastructure.

He issued clear directions to ensure the timely execution and visible transformation of the Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayats selected across all districts of Jammu & Kashmir.

"There must be visible changes on the ground. These Model Women Friendly Panchayats should not remain on paper; they must be centers of safety, accessibility, participation, and empowerment for rural women," he said.

The review also covered the construction of additional rooms in existing Panchayat Ghars for the co-location of CSCs, which are essential for providing digital services at the village level. Additionally, four nominations for Panchayat Learning Centres (PLCs) have been made per district as part of ongoing capacity-building efforts.

He informed that 40 PLCs have been approved under the Annual Action Plan of RGSA for FY 2025-26. Only Panchayats with existing Panchayat Ghars are to be considered.

He also instructed officers to accelerate geo-tagging of all Panchayat Ghars using the 'Meri Panchayat' mobile app, stressing that the process must be completed within a stipulated timeframe to ensure transparency and real-time monitoring.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Secretary Tahir Ahmad Magray, all Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs) and others.

## AHD Udhampur hosts Veterinary Outreach Camp at remote Kulwanta Village

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR, JUL 25:**

The Animal Husbandry Department Udhampur successfully conducted a special outreach veterinary camp in Kulwanta, one of the district's remotest villages. This initiative, part of a program to cater to neglected pockets, was carried out under the guidance of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Sanjay Gupta.

The camp, supervised by Superintendent of District Veterinary Hospital Udhampur, Dr. Anwar Hussain was held in collaboration with the Mobile Veterinary Unit Udhampur. It witnessed significant participation from local farmers who brought their animals for treatment, sought advisory services, and received consultations on various aspects of animal husbandry, including treatment, best practices, and employment generation.

Dr. Hussain emphasized the importance of transitioning towards value addition and cooperative farming to leverage better prospects and government assistance. He highlighted new government initiatives like Assisted Breed Improvement Program- Sex Sorted Semen (ABIP-SS) as crucial for Animal Husbandry



advancement.

More than 240 farmers attended the camp and approximately 47 animals received on-the-spot treatment.

"Our department is committed to provide veterinary services directly to farmers' doorsteps, and these camps are a testament to that commitment," Dr. Hussain stated on the sidelines of the event.

Farmers expressed their gratitude to the department. Tirth Ram, a dairy farmer, said "We have seen such an initiative for the first time." Naresh Singh, a poultry farmer, praised the department for supporting poultry entrepreneurship. Rashid Ahmad of Ladana village personally

thanked the department and requested more such camps. Bimla Devi shared her appreciation, expressing hope that the department's efforts would lead to a boom in milk and poultry production, creating employment opportunities for the youth in the area.

Also present at the camp were Dr. Ishfaq Jamal, VAS Jopher; Dr. Karun Gupta, VAS MVU Udhampur and Kripal Choudhary, Incharge Block Chanunta.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, later confirmed that free medicines are made available to needy farmers under the Mobile Veterinary Unit scheme, especially for inhabitants of difficult terrains.

## Mission YUVA: Loan sanction letters handed over to 29 beneficiaries at Nowshera

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**NOWSHERA, JUL 25:**

In a significant move aimed at youth empowerment and employment generation, the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Zonal Office Rajouri marked "Big Login Day" under the Mission YUVA initiative of the J&K UT Government at a special function held today at Dak Bungalow Nowshera.

During the ceremony, 29 sanction letters were formally handed over to the beneficiaries by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pritam Lal Thapa. The event witnessed the presence of Zonal

Head Rajouri Satish Kumar, Assistant General Manager Sanjeev Datta, Mohinder Kumar, CDPO Nowshera, Kumar Gokul, BDO Nowshera, and several other bank officials and dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the ADC lauded the initiative and the role played by J&K Bank in the implementation of Mission YUVA. He highlighted the importance of such programs in tackling youth unemployment by encouraging self-employment and entrepreneurship. Thapa also emphasized the need for coordinated efforts between the

Employment Department and JK Bank to ensure the scheme's successful execution.

Zonal Head Satish Kumar and AGM Sanjeev Datta reaffirmed the bank's commitment to extending all possible support to the youth under the scheme and aligned with the government's vision of economic empowerment.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sham Lal, Manager, JK Bank Nowshera, who assured continued support from the bank to help realize the goals of Mission YUVA.

## DC Bandipora distributes sanction letters of Rs.5.5 lakh relief to Road Accident victims



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**BANDIPORA, JUL 25:**

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday handed over sanction letters amounting to

Rs 5.5 lakh to the next of kin (NoKs) of recent road accident victims during a brief ceremony held at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora. The financial assistance had been sanctioned dur-

ing a Road Safety Committee meeting held earlier this week, during which six cases were approved for compensation. On the occasion, DC urged citizens to strictly follow traffic rules to prevent road mishaps.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora, Mudasir Ahmad Wani, briefed the attendees besides the general public about the provisions of the J&K Road Accident Victim Fund, under which the financial assistance was provided.

He informed that under the scheme, Rs 1 lakh is provided in case of death to the dependents, legal heirs, or close family members of the deceased; Rs 75,000 is given in case of permanent disability; Rs 50,000 for grievous injuries; and Rs 10,000 for minor injuries.