

Dy CM lays foundation stone for Ganali-Baed Gala Link road, holds public outreach programme at Dagani

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
RAJOURI, MAR 11:

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today laid the foundation stone for the Ganali to Baed Gala Link road at Village Dagani in Rajouri district. He, later, held a public outreach programme near Panchayat Ghar Dagani to assess and address the grievances and demands of the local residents. During the public interaction, a large number of villagers participated and projected several issues concerning their areas. The demands raised included establishment of a dispensary, requisition of electricity poles, construction of a mobile school building, culvert and link roads in Dagani village, irrigation canal, motorable bridge for Sangpur bridge and construction of dug wells among other civic amenities. The Deputy Chief Minister assured the public that all their genuine issues



would be taken up with the concerned departments for prompt redress. He reiterated that the government is committed to address the developmental needs of the people ensuring improved infrastructure in rural areas.

The Dy CM informed the gathering that eight new roads have been proposed for the next year to strengthen road connectivity in the area. He stated that labour camps will be organised to address employment

related concerns and other developmental issues of the region. He emphasized that the government remains dedicated to work for welfare of the general public ensuring that development reaches every corner of the district.

Later, the Dy CM also inspected crushers operating in Chatyari and directed them to operate as per norms. Among others present on the occasion were OSD to the Deputy Chief Minister Suresh Chander, ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa, Joint Director Mining Fareed Kohli, Programme Officer ICDS Harpal Singh, Chief Engineer Tilak Raj, Deputy Director Employment Mohd Nawaz, ACD Auqil Naveed, CEO Mohd Hafeez, Executive Engineer PWD Aftab Anwar, ALC Pradyot Gupta, AD Tourism Mumtaz Ahmed besides district and sectoral officers.

Satish Sharma reviews petroleum stock position in J&K, calls for ensuring uninterrupted supply



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JAMMU, MAR 11:

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Transport, IT, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the stock position and supply of petroleum products across Jammu and Kashmir in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East.

The meeting was convened to assess the availability of essential petroleum products including petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG besides evaluating preparedness in case of any potential supply disruptions arising from the ongoing geopolitical tensions. Legislators Zafar Khatana,

Saif u din Bhat and Dr Shafi Wani, Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat, Director FCS&CA Jammu / Kashmir Rifat Kohli, Dr Sagar Dattarayya, representatives of major oil marketing companies including Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), along with officers from Legal Metrology and the department's finance and distribution wings, participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Minister took a detailed review of the current stock level of petroleum products across the Union Territory, the opera-

tional status of fuel depots and LPG bottling plants, as well as the supply chain mechanism to ensure uninterrupted availability of fuel to the consumers. Satish Sharma emphasized the importance of maintaining adequate buffer stocks and strengthening coordination with the oil companies to address any potential logistical challenges. He directed the concerned authorities to closely monitor the supply situation and ensure that there is no shortage of essential petroleum products in any district.

The Minister also stressed the need for proactive planning and preparedness in light of the ongoing Middle East developments. He called upon the oil companies and departmental officials to keep contingency plans ready and maintain constant communication to ensure smooth distribution and timely replenishment of stocks.

Reassuring the public, Satish Sharma said that the government is fully vigilant and committed to safeguarding the interests of consumers. He maintained that the administration is closely monitoring the situation and all necessary measures are being taken to ensure that petroleum products remain readily available across Jammu and Kashmir.

DC reviews status of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes in Udhampur

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
UDHAMPUR, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today convened a meeting with officers of stakeholder departments to review the status and progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore; Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh and the Engineers from Jal Shakti Department. At the outset, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department briefed the chair on the subdivision-wise status of the JJM schemes and the progress achieved so far. The DC inquired about the current status of JJM schemes, the number of schemes completed and commissioned, component-wise progress of civil works, extension of timelines for pending projects, status of uploading rural piped water supply schemes, division-wise progress of FHTCs and the status of forest clearance cases. The DC expressed the need to accelerate the pace of work under the mission to ensure that set targets are achieved within the stipulated timeframe. He directed the concerned officers to intensify monitoring of ongoing projects. The officers were further instructed to undertake regular field visits in their respective jurisdictions and monitor the progress of works on the ground level.

DC Samba chairs meeting of District Level Committee on CLU

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SAMBA, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee on Change of Land Use (CLU) under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Agricultural Land Conversion for Non-Agricultural Purposes Act. The Deputy Commissioner, who is the Chairperson of the Committee, instructed the officers to ensure that no fragmentation of agricultural land or illegal conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes is allowed, as it adversely affects agricultural production in the district. The DC also directed the concerned members to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper verification of documents and completion of all formalities. During the meeting, 11 cases were reviewed. The meeting was attended by officers from various departments, including Revenue, DIC, Education and other line departments.

DC Poonch reviews performance of Urban Local Bodies

Stresses upgrading of sanitation, infrastructure development

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
POONCH, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning and performance of Urban Local Bodies in the district and to discuss strategies for strengthening civic amenities and urban infrastructure. The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of developmental activities being undertaken by the Urban Local Bodies, with particular focus on sanitation management, revenue generation, infrastructure development and overall service delivery in municipal areas. The Executive Officer, Municipal Council Poonch Khalil A Bandy presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the physical and financial status of ongoing works. The presentation covered the status of own source revenue, staff strength, sanitation management and the progress of development works being executed by the Municipal Council. Discussions were also held regarding the formulation of future plans for the upcoming financial year with emphasis on improving sanitation services, construction and upgradation of lanes and drains, and beautification of the town to enhance the overall urban landscape. Issues pertaining to compliance with the directions of the National Green Tribunal were also deliberated in detail, particularly the construction of the proposed Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), which are crucial for effective waste management and environmental protection in the town. The meeting also reviewed the progress under District Capex and UT Capex works, with the Deputy Commissioner stressing timely execution, proper planning and effective utilization of available resources to ensure sustainable urban development.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Tahir Mustafa Malik, Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer Jal Shakti, Executive Engineers of PDD, Jal Shakti and PWD Poonch/Surankote, DEPO, besides other concerned officers.

Arrangements for Eid-ul-Fitr finalized at Gool

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
RAMBAN, MAR 11:

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gool Intiaz, today chaired a meeting to review and finalize the arrangements for Shab-e-Qadr, Jamat-ul-Vida and Eid al-Fitr. At the outset, the SDM took a detailed review of the preparedness of the line departments regarding the arrangements for the smooth conduct of congregational prayers and related gatherings. Key issues discussed during the meeting included availability of essential supplies, sanitation measures, traffic regulation, parking management, uninterrupted power and water supply and healthcare facilities. The meeting was attended by Tehsildar Gool Harjeet Singh, BDO Gool Sadam Hussain, Naib Tehsildar Gundi Dharam Shakeel-ul-Rehman Shaikh, SHO Gool Sameer Ahmed Bhat, AEE PWD Taraq Ahmed, AEE Jal Shakti Rakesh Soni, TSO Gool Sham Singh, Health Department representative Dr. Shahnaz Bano, JE PDD Tanveer Ahmed Malik, Boparamandal Gool Israr Ahmed Shah and Jamia Masjid Imam Safder Ali Shah along with officials from various line departments and representatives from Jama Masjid Gool also participated in the meeting.

ADC Jammu chairs meeting to finalise preparedness for Navratras, Ramnavami



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JAMMU, MAR 11:

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ansuya Jamwal today chaired a meeting at the district headquarters to review and finalise preparedness for the upcoming Navratras Festival, Mela Bahu Fort and Ramnavami celebrations in the district. The meeting involved a comprehensive review of arrangements, including security, traffic, sanitation, medical, power, water supply, tourism and fire safety at major shrines such as the Bahu Fort Temple, Ranbireswar Temple, Raghunath Ji Temple, Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota and others. To ensure a comfortable experience for devotees, the ADC issued strict directives regarding basic

amenities. The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) was tasked with maintaining cleanliness, installing water tanks at designated spots and conducting night cleaning drives prior to the festival's commencement.

Similarly, the Jal Shakti Department will keep standby water tankers stationed at places of worship throughout the festivities. For power and lighting, the JPDC was instructed to guarantee an uninterrupted power supply, ensure the prompt repair and proper functioning of street lights and maintain adequate illumination at Bahu Fort and along all festival routes.

Furthermore, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to provide round-the-clock medical facilities at Bahu Fort

including the 24x7 deployment of dedicated ambulances.

The Police Department is set to provide robust security, which will include the installation of metal detector gates at all major temple entrances. To manage the high influx of devotees, the Traffic Police will regulate smooth vehicular movement from Bikram Chowk to Bahu Fort, supported by additional deployed personnel and extra parking facilities.

Additionally, the continuous and proper operation of e-buses will be ensured to facilitate easy transport for visitors.

To streamline administration and monitoring, Nodal Officers have been nominated for their respective jurisdictions. A Joint Control Room involving the Police, JPDC, PHE and JMC will be established at the Bahu Fort Police Post to ensure seamless inter-departmental coordination. Special Joint Flying Squads will also be formed to check product quality and prevent the overcharging of visitors.

The meeting was attended by SP Jammu South Ajay Sharma, ACG Sania Haq Khan, representatives of various religious bodies and other concerned district officers.

DC Samba reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes; Jal Mahotsav activities

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SAMBA, MAR 11:

A meeting to review the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission was held today under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan, who is also the Chairperson of the District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM). At the outset, the Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Jammu presented a detailed status report on the ongoing works and achievements under the mission in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for timely completion of all pending schemes and directed the concerned officers to ensure sustainable and safe drinking water supply to every household in accordance with the objectives of the mission.

The meeting also discussed implementation activity plan for ongoing Jal Mahotsav (March 08 to March 22, 2026), aimed at promoting awareness about water conservation, safe



drinking water and community participation. The Superintending Engineer informed the Chair about the activities being conducted, including the celebration of International Women's Day and Jal Arpan Diwas on March 08. He further informed that the department has started intensive testing of water samples in schools, Anganwadi centres and villages using Field Testing Kits (FTKs) to ensure the quality of drinking water. "Training programmes are also being organized for women members of Paani Samitis to strengthen community-level monitoring of water quality," the meeting was told.

It was further informed that the process of Har Ghar Jal certification of villages covered under the water supply scheme is progressing well. As part of the celebrations, Plumbers Day was observed on March 11, during which certificates of appreciation were awarded to plumbers for their valuable contribution in strengthening rural water supply infrastructure.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the Jal Shakti Department and emphasized the need for greater community participation to achieve the goal of providing safe and adequate drinking water to every household in the district.

Doda achieves 73.80 % Har Ghar Jal certification

DC assess progress of work on ongoing WSSs, sanitation works



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
DODA, MAR 11:

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Krishan Lal today reviewed

the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) held in his office chamber.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Roshan Lal; Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Doda (Member Secretary); ACD Din Mohammad Afaqi; CPO Manesh Kumar Manhas; Divisional Forest Officer Doda; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Tanvir Ahmed; District Social Welfare Officer Zubair Ahmed; Executive Engineers from PHE Divisions, besides Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (Mechanical) Division Khellani. At the outset, a detailed PPT presentation was given by the Jal Shakti Department highlighting the physical progress.

the progress and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) initiatives in the district here at a meeting of

DC Jammu reviews horticulture development activities in Bhalwal block

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JAMMU, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Rakesh Minhas conducted a tour of the Block Bhalwal in Akhnoor area to review ongoing horticulture development activities and interact with farmers benefiting from departmental initiatives. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the Chief Horticulture Officer, R. K. Kotwal; District Level Subject Matter Specialist (DLSMS) Rakesh Kumar Bhagat; HDO Block Bhalwal Ravinder Kumar and HDO Akhnoor Sandeep Sharma. The Deputy Commissioner inspected several orchards and horticulture units in the area, where he interacted with beneficiaries and assessed the progress of dragon fruit cultivation being promoted by the department. He inspected dragon fruit orchard of beneficiary Shamsheer Singh at Purkhoo and appreciated the farmer for switching to high-value fruit crops. Later, he visited the dragon fruit orchard of beneficiary Vijay Kumar, where he reviewed the cultivation prac-



tices and encouraged farmers to diversify towards innovative horticulture crops.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Government Fruit Plant Nursery, Garhi Mishriwala, where he reviewed the availability and quality of planting material being produced for distribution among farmers. The tour concluded with a visit to the dragon fruit orchard of Dr. Gafoor, where

the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the grower and highlighted the importance of modern horticulture practices for enhancing farmers' income.

The officers accompanying the Deputy Commissioner briefed him about the progress of horticulture development programmes in the area and the increasing interest of farmers in cultivating dragon fruit - a high-value crop.

DC reviews arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 at Udhampur



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
UDHAMPUR, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of officers from the line departments to review preparedness and arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh

along with district officers from concerned departments.

Detailed discussions were held regarding the arrangements along the Yatra route from Tikri to Chenani. The issues deliberated upon included security arrangements, provision of safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, first-aid and medical facilities, sanitation

measures, identification of stay locations, installation of temporary toilets, lodging facilities, arrangements for ladders, as well as traffic management.

The DC issued necessary directions to the heads of the stakeholder departments to ensure foolproof arrangements to ensure in advance. "All departments must work in close coordination to finalize and implement the required arrangements in a timely manner," he emphasized.

The JPDC was directed to take measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply along the Yatra route, while Jal Shakti Department was asked to arrange water tankers round the clock for the convenience of the Yatri.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of CCL, CDF schemes for strengthening cooperative sector

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
RAJOURI, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Level Cooperative Development Committee in his office chamber to discuss the modalities for effective implementation of the Cash Credit Limit (CCL) Scheme 2025 and the Cooperative Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) Scheme 2025 in the district. The meeting focused on strengthening Primary Agricultural Credit

Societies (PACS) and enhancing cooperative infrastructure across the district. "The CCL Scheme 2025 has been introduced to strengthen PACS by improving their financial capacity and enabling them to better serve farmers and rural communities," the Deputy Commissioner emphasized.

He stressed the need to diversify the activities of PACS and directed the concerned officers to focus on promoting food processing and food storage facilities through the cooperative sec-

tor. He also asked the department to ensure the involvement of farmers from remote areas so that the benefits of the scheme reach the grass-roots level.

The DC further highlighted that the Cooperative Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) Scheme 2025 would play a crucial role in strengthening the infrastructure of cooperative societies in Jammu and Kashmir, thereby improving their operational efficiency and service delivery.