

Bhimgarh Fort beautification project

MLA Reasi, DC review status of development works

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REASI, SEP 16

Member Legislative Assembly Kuldeep Raj Dubey, alongside Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik today chaired a meeting to discuss the development of Bhimgarh Fort and the utilization of funds under the District Capex Budget for its beautification and illumination.

Discussions were held on the beautification and illumination plan, proposals related to the fort recommended by the MLA and the utilization of funds within the stipulated timeframe. Meeting started with detailed deliberations on installing decorative lighting at the Fort to enhance its visual appeal.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Power Development Department to install high-quality lights with proper maintenance provisions included in the DPR to ensure durability of the same. The Executive Engineer was asked to prepare and submit the DPR to facilitate its onward submission to expedite the project's execution. Water supply arrangements at the Fort were also discussed. The



Executive Engineer PHE was asked to inspect the existing water supply lines and prepare a DPR accordingly to ensure previous supply lines are also used and water reaches within the Fort premises. "The DPR under the beautification plan must include provision for making the existing fountain functional," he was told. In addition, the DC instructed the PWD to prepare a DPR for restoration works and damage assessment of the Fort's structures so that necessary

repair and conservation measures can be undertaken promptly. The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) was tasked with the fencing of the adjoining forest area, maintaining greenery and keeping the surroundings of the Fort clean. The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) was asked to coordinate with the Department of Archaeology and Archives to chalk out a sustainable framework for the maintenance

and upkeep of the Fort.

Alongside this, discussions were also held regarding the renovation and beautification of Sula Park. The DC directed the DFO to take up the project on priority as funds are available for the Sula park.

As the meeting was informed that Baroodkhana land dispute has been resolved, the DC directed the PWD to start work by utilizing the funds already allocated.

Discussions were also held on other proposals related to the tourism sector, including beautification projects and the installation of the Indian National Flag. The DC assured that the district administration is making concerted efforts to mobilize funds from all possible sources with the vision of transforming Reasi into a beautiful and attractive tourist attraction.

ADDC Sukhdev Singh; CPO Narinder Kumar; Executive Engineers of different Departments, Tehsildar, EMO and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Vice Chairman JDA inspects development works at Gole Gujral, Udheywala Housing Colonies

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JAMMU, SEP 16

Vice Chairman Jammu Development Authority (JDA) Rupesh Kumar inspected the pace of the ongoing development works at Gole Gujral and Udheywala housing colonies, here today. The visit aimed to assess the progress of key infrastructure projects being executed by the Authority.

During the inspection, the VC reviewed different components of the development works including road construction, drainage systems, landscaping and other essential civic amenities.

He directed the engineering wing and field staff to uphold quality standards and ensure the timely completion of all ongoing projects.

Reaffirming JDA's commitment to building well-planned and sustainable colonies, the Vice Chairman emphasized the need for regular monitoring, prompt redressal of



public grievances and proactive removal of any bottlenecks hindering progress. He further stated that modern infrastructure and improved facilities remain a top priority for the Authority in enhancing the liveability of its colonies. The inspection reflects JDA's ongoing efforts to deliver improved urban infrastructure and better services to residents across its housing colonies.

Narender Kumar (Superintending Engineer, JDA), Sumir Sharma (AEE, Electrical), D.P. Singh (AEE, Mechanical), Nitin Bhuria (AEE, Civil), along with concerned Junior Engineers and field staff accompanied the Vice Chairman during the visit.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, SEP 16

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Grid Stations Katra, Poonch, Rajouri, Draba, Jaurian and Barn will remain affected on September 18 from 10 am to 3 pm. The areas affected shall be District Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch and Part of District Jammu. Part load of the Katra can be accommodated from Jhajarikotli and part load of the Siot can be accommodated on 132 KV S/C CKTL through Kalkote Grid.

Similarly, the power supply to Krishna Colony, AIR, Hospital and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 18 from 8 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Bural, Rakh Muthi, Devipur, Ballian Da Bagh, Pallwan, PHE Line BSF Jaurian, MES Troti, Bakore, Manjakote, Chambr, Dassal, Tandwal, Katarnal, Patara, Chambr Mughlan and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sanura and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 17 and 18 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Phintar, Dadwara, Bhaddu and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 17 from 6.30 am to 12.30 pm.

CS condoles demise of father of Rajesh Mattoo

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SRINAGAR, SEP 16

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, has expressed deep sorrow over the passing away of the father of Rajesh Mattoo, Operator, who left for his heavenly abode today. In his condolence message, the Chief Secretary conveyed heartfelt sympathies to Rajesh Mattoo and the bereaved family. He prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss with courage and fortitude—

SewaParv-25; Labour Commissioner J&K pitches for honouring Services of Workers; Reviews Preparations

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JAMMU, SEP 16

Labour Commissioner Jammu and Kashmir Charandeep Singh today chaired a meeting of officers of the Department to review the preparations for SewaParv 2025 to be observed from 17th September to 2nd October 2025. During the meeting, the Commissioner took a detailed review of the proposed activities to be organized across the Union Territory as part of the fortnight-long programme. He emphasized to celebrate SewaParv-2025 in a



vibrant, impactful and participative manner reflecting the true spirit of public service and outreach. Labour Commissioner directed the stakeholders

including the DLC Central, DLC Jammu, Kashmir, all Assistant Labour Commissioners, Insurance Medical Officers, Inspectors of Factories, Labour Officers and Labour Inspectors to actively participate and ensure wider awareness about the initiatives of the Labour Department. He stressed on the importance of involving workers, employers, trade unions, industry representatives and the general public in the campaign so that the benefits of the government welfare schemes and services of the department reach every section of society.

The activities outlined in the calendar issued by the department will be held at multiple venues including labour chowks, labour colonies, industrial estates, major establishments, schools, hospitals and other labour-centric places to ensure maximum participation and outreach.

The Labour Commissioner further called upon the officers to work in coordination and synergy to make SewaParv 2025 a meaningful and result-oriented exercise, aligning with the vision of public service, outreach and inclusive development.

DC Samba leads Humanitarian Medical Initiative for stranded transportation workers at Ghagwal

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SAMBA, SEP 16

In a remarkable demonstration of administrative responsiveness and humanitarian leadership, the Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudhan today inaugurated a comprehensive free medical camp at Tappal Mohl Ghagwal providing critical healthcare services to over 200 truck drivers and conductors stranded due to adverse weather conditions and flood-induced disruptions on National Highway 44. The strategic intervention represents the District Administration Samba's proactive approach to addressing the cascading humanitarian impacts of natural disasters on essential service providers who form the backbone of regional commerce and supply chains.

The medical camp executed through exemplary coordination between the District Administration Samba and the Health Department Samba, was formally launched in the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate Ghagwal K.S. Bali and Dr. Richa Arora, Block Medical Officer Samba underscoring the multi-tiered administrative



commitment to crisis response. The initiative brought together a specialized medical team from Area Hospital, Ghagwal including Ophthalmologist Dr. Surbhi Gupta and Dr. Rohit Gupta along with dedicated paramedics deployed under the supervision of Dr. Rajiv Mengi, Incharge Medical Officer AH Ghagwal and Lekh Raj Attri, Community Health Officer ensuring comprehensive healthcare delivery under challenging circumstances. The medical intervention addressed the mounting health challenges faced by

the Transport workers who have endured prolonged exposure to harsh weather conditions and uncertain living situations following recent floods and adverse weather patterns that have severely disrupted traffic movement along the vital highway corridor. Beyond providing immediate medical examinations and free medication distribution, the camp conducted crucial non-communicable disease screenings, recognizing the long-term health vulnerabilities of drivers and conductors whose occupational duties place them in vulnerable situations beyond their control.

The humanitarian crisis emerged from severe weather-induced damage to critical transportation infrastructure leaving hundreds of commercial vehicles stranded and creating unprecedented challenges for drivers and conductors far from their home bases. The administration's swift response through this medical camp not only addresses immediate health concerns but also demonstrates institutional sensitivity to the welfare of those whose services remain indispensable to regional economic continuity during infrastructure recovery periods.

This initiative exemplifies the District Administration Samba's commitment to community welfare during challenging times, transforming a logistical crisis into an opportunity for strengthened government-citizen partnerships. The successful execution of this medical camp under Ms. Ayushi Sudhan's leadership reinforces the administration's dedication to ensuring that no individual suffers neglect during natural disasters particularly those whose professional duties place them in vulnerable situations beyond their control.

DC Kishtwar finalizes preparations for Sewa Parv 2025



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KISHTWAR, SEP 16

To ensure the effective execution of Sewa Parv activities, scheduled to be observed from 17th September to 2nd October 2025, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar today chaired a meeting with concerned district officers and heads of institutions to discuss the arrangements for the fortnight-long campaign. The meeting focused on ensuring active public participation, inter-departmental convergence, and comprehensive community outreach, aligning with the spirit of Sewa Parv — a nationwide celebration of selfless service and inclusive development. As part of the launch of Sewa Parv 2025, a Mega Swachhata drive is scheduled to be held on 17th September 2025

(9:00 AM) at the historic Chowgan Ground. The drive will witness active participation from officers and staff of all line departments. During the meeting, the officers briefed the DC on planned activities, including cleanliness drives, community meals for the needy, health check-ups camps, blood donation camps and nutrition awareness campaigns under health initiatives. The meeting was also informed about the capacity-building workshops being held to promote key government schemes such as PM-KISAN, Ayushman Bharat, and other flagship initiatives. The campaign will also witness a variety of cultural and educational activities — including essay competitions, wall paintings, art and slogan

contests, and donation drives for underprivileged students. The DC directed key departments — including Jal Shakti ICDS, Forest, Education, Technical Education, Higher Education, Rural Development, Health, Municipality, ITI, Information, and Social Welfare — to organise targeted activities to ensure outreach at the grassroots level. The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma, ACR Idrees Lone, DSWO Zubair Ahmed, DIO Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, DFO Marwah Vishal Chaudhary, CEO Sanjay Dogra, CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, other concerned officers and representatives from GDC Kishtwar, ITI, Government Polytechnic College.

DC Rajouri rolls out activity plan for Sewa Parv 2025 160 locations to host variety of activities

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RAJOURI, SEP 16

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today rolled out the activity plan for the Sewa Parv 2025 campaign in the district. Addressing a press conference, he informed that the campaign will commence on 17th September and culminate on 2nd October 2025.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the campaign aims to spread the spirit of service, community participation, and cleanliness. "Special focus has been laid on Swachhata drives, community plantation drives and hosting of health camps across the district," he added.

He further informed that 160 locations have been identified for tomorrow's activities where Government Degree Colleges, schools, Rural Development Department officials and local communities will participate in plantation drives, Swachhata rallies,



and awareness events. The main objective is to ensure active public participation at all levels and spread the message of the campaign. Listing the inaugural day activities, he said medical camps will be organized at four locations where dieticians and specialists will provide free health check-ups and consultations to the locals. Similarly, financial inclusion camps will also be held at other four locations to create awareness about government schemes and financial services.

The Deputy Commissioner further stated that the government offices across the district will also undertake special cleanliness drives. A variety of activities have been planned till the end of the campaign on October 2, which coincided with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He urged the citizens of Rajouri to actively participate in the campaign and contribute towards making the district cleaner, greener, and healthier.

GCW Parade organises host of awareness activities

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JAMMU, SEP 16

Science Club, in collaboration with Department of Botany and Eco Club of Government College for Women Parade Ground Jammu celebrated International Ozone Day to commemorate the

signing of the Montreal Protocol on the substances that deplete the ozone layer.

The event was held under the guidance of Principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. The theme for the International Ozone Day 2025 is "From Science to Global Action" which

highlights how scientific knowledge of ozone depletion led to global action. The theme emphasizes the continuing need for both scientific monitoring and international cooperation to protect the ozone layer. The event started with the pledge in which students

and faculty members took an oath to make efforts for the preservation of the ozone layer by promoting the use of ozone friendly goods and services. The program proceeded with the poster making competition, in which the students from different streams participated.