

DC Rajouri reviews, finalises arrangements for Samvidhan Diwas celebrations

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RAJOURI, NOV 24

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review and finalise the arrangements for the celebration of Samvidhan Diwas being observed on November 26, 2025 across the Country. The DC laid special emphasis on organising activities aimed at spreading awareness about the Constitution of India and promoting citizen participation. He informed that a "Run for Equity" and a documentary screening on the Constitution would be held on the day. The DC directed educational institutions to organise pledge-taking ceremonies, special morning assemblies, quiz competitions, open dialogues, Gram Sabha debates and other informative activities related to the Constitution. He also instructed schools and



municipalities to conduct wall art and put up thematic displays, highlighting constitutional values. To ensure wider participation, the DC instructed the District Information Office to intensify publicity for the online quiz competition on MyGov.in and other citizen-engagement activities. Highlighting the importance of taking the celebrations to every corner of the district, the

DC directed the ADCs and SDMs to ensure that Samvidhan Diwas is celebrated in each sub-division with enthusiasm. He further directed municipalities to establish "Samvidhan Chowks" as symbolic spaces dedicated to constitutional awareness. The Deputy Commissioner urged all departments to work in close coordination to ensure that Samvidhan Diwas is celebrated with dignity, awareness and

active public involvement across the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC Malikzada Sheraz ul Haq; ADC Chander Prakash; ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan; Additional SP, Birkam Kumar; ACD Auqil Naveed; DSWO Abdul Raheem; Ex. En PWD Atif Anwar; Ex. En PDD Abdul Rasheed; CEO Mohammad Hafeez; Tehsildar HQ Insha Khalid and other district and sectoral officers.

DC Shopian Chairs NCORD meeting Calls for strengthening surveillance in hot spot areas

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SHOPIAN, NOV 24

The District-Level NCORD Committee Meeting was today convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta here at Mini-Secretariat to review the measures being taken to curb drug and substance abuse and break the chain of narcotics in the district. During the meeting, The DC took department-wise review of enforcement actions, counselling interventions, awareness programmes and monitoring mechanisms adopted by all concerned departments and stressed the need for strong inter-departmental coordination, and intensified action against drug peddlers. The meeting also discussed the issues of enforcement and inspection of drug stores, coaching institutes, Surveillance in Hot spot areas, IEC Campaign in drug abuse.

DC Reasi inaugurates "Didi Ki Raso" canteen to promote women empowerment, community development

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REASI, NOV 24

In a significant move towards women empowerment and community development, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today inaugurated the "Didi Ki Raso" canteen here at Government Boys Higher Secondary School. The canteen chain is being operated by Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the aegis of District Urban Development Agency (DUDA) formed under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The facility offers affordable, nutritious, home-cooked meals to students, faculty and visitors.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Project Officer DUDA Udhampur-Reasi, Jaffar Azad Bhatt, EO Municipal Council, the Principal of the school and other officials. Addressing the gathering, the DC appreciated the SHG members and the concerned departments



for launching the initiative. She emphasized the importance of economic independence of women, noting that the venture "Didi Ki Raso" will enhance the confidence, skills and leadership abilities of the SHG members. "The initiative serves a dual purpose of providing Women SHG a sustainable source of income and ensuring access to healthy & hygienic food at reasonable prices to the community," she said. The Deputy

Commissioner further reiterated that the district administration is committed to holistic and inclusive development and similar initiatives will be promoted across Reasi to ensure community participation in local development. An Araucaria plant was planted at the canteen site, symbolizing harmony, prosperity and environmental consciousness aligning with the administration's focus on sustainable development and community well-being.

Medical Camps organised across District Doda under MMU

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DODA, NOV 24

A series of Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) medical camps were organised today at multiple locations across this mountainous district. The health outreach initiatives were aimed at providing a wide range of healthcare facilities directly at the doorstep of the public, particularly those residing in far-flung and underserved areas.

In Medical Block Ghat, a medical camp was organized at Village Khal. Dr. Mirza Nadeem Beg, with the assistance of the local health staff and the MMU team, screened 79 patients and provided essential diagnostic services and medical support. Similarly, another camp was held at Village Drone Jamani in Medical Block Thathri. Dr. Ikhlaj Hussain, supported by the local health staff and MMU team, provided necessary medical consultation and care to 68 patients.

Free medicines were provided to all beneficiaries as per requirement at both camps. Apart from medical consultations, the staff also raised awareness among the community on hygiene, disease prevention and the importance of timely healthcare seeking behavior. The Health Department Doda continues its commitment to ensuring accessible and quality healthcare services for all sections of the population.

Sham Lal Sharma chairs PAC meeting



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JAMMU, NOV 24

A meeting of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) held today under the Chairmanship of MLA, Sham Lal Sharma, to examine the CAG's Audit Para pertaining to the Revenue and Disaster Management, Relief

Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Department. Members, Mubarak Gul, Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurez), Balwant Singh Mankotia, Qayyum Jamshaid Lone, Sajad Shaheen and Muzaffar Iqbal Khan were present in the meeting. He directed the senior

officers of the departments to submit their replies regarding Audit para's within the time frame. The Chairman said that the PAC plays a crucial role to ensure accountability and transparency in government spending. He added that non-

seriousness on part of any official would not be tolerated by the committee. Secretary, JKLA, Manoj Kumar Pandit, Director, Finance, Revenue; Special Secretary, DMRR&R; Director Finance, DMRR&R and other senior officers of concerned departments

Secretary Transport asks for effective implementation of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Policy in J&K

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JAMMU, NOV 24

Secretary, Transport, Avny Lavasa, today asked the department for effective implementation of the Registered Vehicle Scrapping Policy in Jammu & Kashmir. She exhorted upon the officers to generate awareness about the policy and encourage the vehicle owners to take advantage of the benefits outlined under the policy. The Secretary emphasized the importance of widespread publicity and awareness campaigns to ensure that the general public, especially vehicle owners of old, unfit vehicles are fully informed about the opportunity to scrap their vehicles through Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSF).

The government order issued in this regard outlines the guidelines for implementation of the Motor Vehicle (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. These guidelines aim to reduce

pollution, enhance road safety and foster the circular economy through responsible vehicle recycling. The policy targets vehicles that are 15 years old or more, as well as those that are unfit for road use due to accidents, disasters or natural wear and tear. Vehicle owners can voluntarily scrap their vehicles at a Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) and receive a Certificate of Deposit (COD), which will serve as a key document for availing of incentives on purchase of new vehicles. The owners of vehicles that are scrapped will benefit from fiscal incentives including exemptions in road tax (up to 26% for non-transport vehicles and 16% for transport vehicles) if they opt to buy new vehicles within a specified period.

The Secretary Transport informed that the scrapping process will be carried out in a scientifically sound manner to promote recycling and minimize environmental impact, in line with the Environment Protection

(End of Life of Vehicle) Rules, 2025. The implementation of the policy is expected to create a thriving business ecosystem in the vehicle scrapping and recycling industry. This will not only contribute to the economic development of Jammu & Kashmir but also create significant employment opportunities in various sectors including automotive dismantling, recycling, and logistics. To facilitate the scrapping process, the government will provide incentives and land bank support for setting up RVSFs across Jammu & Kashmir. The existing industrial policies will offer fiscal incentives for establishment of these facilities, which will play a key role in modernizing the local auto industry. All RVSFs will need to comply with the Motor Vehicle (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 and undergo environmental clearance from the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee. Avny Lavasa asked the department to undertake

a comprehensive communication campaign targeting the vehicle owners across all regions of Jammu & Kashmir. She also stressed that the initiative would not only help in reducing pollution but would also create a ripple effect by stimulating business growth, generating employment and improving the efficiency of the automotive sector in the region. "The Registered Vehicle Scrapping Policy is a forward-thinking initiative that will benefit both vehicle owners and the economy. It is crucial that we engage with the public and businesses to make this a success," said the Secretary. She assured that the Transport department would continue to monitor the progress and ensure smooth implementation of the policy.

The Transport Department of Jammu & Kashmir is committed to improving road safety, reducing traffic congestion and supporting environmental sustainability.

Udhampur girl Pritama Devi shines at Sub-Junior National Judo Championship

DC felicitates young athlete for winning Silver

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UDHAMPUR, NOV 24

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today felicitated Pritama Devi, the silver medalist at the Sub-Junior National Judo Championship and Chief Judo Coach, Suraj Bhan Singh for bringing pride to the district. Pritama Devi, daughter of Yashpal and a resident of Shivnagar, Devika, Udhampur, bagged a silver medal in the Sub-Junior National Judo Championship held in Hyderabad, Telangana, from 16 to 20 November 2025. Pritama has been consistently training at the Subhash Stadium Indoor Complex Judo Hall under the expert coaching of Suraj Bhan Singh, Chief Judo Coach, J&K Sports Council. This year, 16 players from Jammu & Kashmir, including 8 boys and 8 girls participated in the



national championship. In addition to Pritama's silver medal in the minus 40 kg weight category, athletes from Ganderbal, Kashmir, secured two bronze medals, marking a strong overall performance by the UT contingent. While congratulating the young athlete, the DC commended Pritama's

dedication, discipline and hard work. She also acknowledged the pivotal role of Coach, Suraj Bhan Singh in nurturing the emerging talent in the region. Highlighting the significance of the sports, the DC remarked that Judo serves as an empowering and effective self-defense discipline for girls.

DHSJ organises Workshop on Bio-Medical Waste Management

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JAMMU, NOV 24

The Directorate of Health Services Jammu (DHSJ) today organised a Skill Enhancement Workshop on Bio-Medical Waste Management at its Conference Hall to promote safe waste handling practices across the Jammu Division.

The programme witnessed participation of Nodal Officers, paramedical staff from different health institutions and was inaugurated by Assistant Director Health Education Bureau, Dr. Simmi.

In her inaugural address, Dr. Simmi highlighted the importance of proper segregation, storage, transportation, and disposal of bio-medical waste in ensuring patient



and staff safety, as well as environmental protection. A team of expert resource persons consisting of Dr. Anju Sidha Coordinator Pollution Control Board, Manglesh Kumar, Finance Head Anmol Health Care and Ayaz Ali conducted detailed sessions on Bio Medical Waste Management Act 2016, updated Bio-Medical Waste

Management Rules, segregation protocols and colour-coding, on-site handling and safe transportation, use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Common errors and corrective actions, documentation, reporting and compliance requirements.

The resource persons delivered practical demonstrations and engaged participants in interactive discussions to enhance hands-on understanding. They emphasized adherence to regulatory norms and the need for continuous monitoring to ensure compliance at all health facilities. At the end, certificates of participation were given to all the participants by Director Health Services Jammu.

Impactful Environmental Plantation Drive held at GBHS Barsoo

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PULWAMA, NOV 24

A highly impactful Environmental Plantation Drive commenced with a vibrant Cultural Event was today organised at Government Boys High School (GBHS) Barsoo, Awantipora today. The program was organized by IRP-23rd Battalion in collaboration with Forest Department under Civic Action Programme. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation including students, teaching staff, Forest Department employees, and other members from the local community.

The initiative aimed to foster environmental awareness and promote cultural heritage among the youth and local residents. The plantation drive was spearheaded in collaboration with the Forest Department, highlighting the need to conserve the environment and inspiring the attendees to contribute actively towards building a greener future. Native saplings were planted in the school premises, with expert guidance provided to students and staff on sustainable plantation techniques and long-term care of trees. The lively cultural event

showcased the diverse talents of the students through various performances, including music, dance, and art displays. Participants were demonstrated exceptional skills and performances were felicitated with prizes to encourage continued engagement and development of their talents. The Forest Department officials conducted interactive environmental sessions and addressed the importance of sustainable practices in daily life. The event provided an excellent platform for dialogue,

collaboration, and learning, reinforcing the significance of environmental stewardship and cultural preservation. The pledge taken by participants to care for the planted saplings and uphold environmental values marked a promising step forward for sustainable development in the region. The commitment of the IRP-23rd Battalion and the Forest Department to ongoing support, training, and resources for these initiatives was reaffirmed, ensuring continued progress toward a greener and culturally enlightened society.

ACD Doda reviews progress of RDD works, emphasizes quality and timely completion

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DODA, NOV 24

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda, Din Mohd Afagi convened a series of meetings with Junior Engineers (JEs), Block Development Officers (BDOs) and field staff of the Rural Development Department (RDD) to review the progress of RDD works across the district. The meetings focused on assessing progress,

addressing bottlenecks and ensuring adherence to quality standards. During the discussions, the ACD stressed the importance of maintaining high-quality execution of all works and directed JEs to visit work sites daily for close monitoring. He also instructed them to submit geo-tagged photographs to the ACD Office during each stage of execution to ensure transparency and real-time supervision.

The review meetings included detailed discussions on work allotments, tendering processes, and approval timelines, with directions to expedite all pending procedures. ACD Afagi urged all BDOs and field staff to ensure timely completion of development projects before the onset of snowfall, so that essential works are not affected by weather conditions.