

# DCC Rural mourns demise of Choudhary Fateh Mohammad

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural mourned the demise of Choudhary Fateh Mohammad, former two-time MLC of Congress. He passed away on January 7 at Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu.

In this connection, a condolence meeting was held on Saturday in which former minister Mula Ram, DCC Rural President, Hari Singh Chib and J&KPYC President

Uday Bhanu Chib along with party workers paid tributes to the veteran leader.

The former Minister Mula Ram recalled the contribution of Choudhary Fateh Mohammad towards welfare of the people in different capacities.

Hari Singh Chib said that Choudhary Fateh Mohammad will be remembered for his integrity, commitment and dedication towards the service of people and his efforts to strengthen the party.

## DC Pulwama visits far flung areas of district

Meets people at Ichgoza, Qasabayar Shadimarg to have on-spot appraisal of availability of essentials

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PULWAMA: While continuing with his on-spot visits to far flung areas of Pulwama, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary on Saturday visited the farthest areas of Ichgoza, Qasabayar, Sahadimarg, Rajpora, and reviewed the status of essential commodities, restoration of power supply and health-care services available.

While reviewing the Snowfall situation and the availability of essential commodities in these areas, the DC was informed that there is a sufficient stock of essential commodities available in these areas including LPG, ration, Vegetables and other essentials.

On the occasion, DC directed the officials of all line departments to work in mission mode besides coordi-



DC Pulwama, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary inspecting snow clearance work.

nating with each other to ensure uninterrupted supply of the essential items and services in the district. He directed Tehsildars, officials of R&B, Jal Shakti, PDD and other line departments to remain stationed at their locations and ensure prompt delivery of essential items and services to the public and address emergency demands with utmost pre-

paredness.

The DC also directed the concerned to conduct regular market checking to check the arbitrary rise in prices and illegal stocking.

The DC instructed line departments to remain alert, work in coordination and ensure that Snow clearance work is completed at an earliest.

Earlier, the DC visited

District Hospital Pulwama and took stock of availability of patient care facilities. On the occasion, DC interacted with patients, attendants and directed the concerned to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply besides heating facilities at the health care institution.

Choudhary emphasized on cleanliness and regular supply of essential medicines to the needy patients.

The DC directed the concerned officers to remain available for public grievance redressal and not to leave their headquarters in view of inclement weather.

During the day, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, ADC Tral, Awantipora and concerned Tehsildars inspected the respective areas to monitor the snow clearance operation.

Farmers need moral support in addition to technical guidance under prevailing condi-

## DC Kulgam visits several areas of district

Oversees Snow clearance, Power restoration, availability of essentials

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KULGAM: In order to take first hand appraisal of the situation arising due to Snowfall, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Saturday toured various areas in Kulgam town.

During the tour, the DC inspected Snow-clearance operation and took first hand assessment of other arrangements put in place to deal with challenges from the prevailing weather condition in the district.

He visited Sub Divisional Mechanical department office Kulgam where it was informed that Snow clearance operations have been

launched across the district and almost all priority 1st roads have been cleared and clearance operation on roads with priority 2nd is going on across the district smoothly.

The DC also visited Power Grid Station Kulgam and took stock of the power scenario in the district.

On the occasion, the Executive Engineer informed that all 33KV lines and stations stand charged and power supply is restored in various areas also. Besides, power restoration in other areas is being carried out and all men and machinery has been mobilized to ensure early restoration of power supply, he added.

The DC directed the concerned to carry out the restoration measures at a fast pace to restore power supply in all areas. He also directed the concerned Municipal Committees to ensure Snow clearance from all interior roads in the district.

He stressed for close coordination between line departments besides ensuring all Control Rooms established are functional round the clock for the convenience of the general public.

It was also shared that there is adequate stock of essentials available in the district.

ADC and other officers accompanied the DC during the tour.

## DC Kupwara visits various areas, inspects PHC Trehgam, BDO Office Trehgam, RS Tikker

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din on Saturday visited various areas of the district to take stock of the situation arising from ongoing heavy snowfall. He inspected several Health facilities and Government offices and checked the attendance of the staff.

During the visit, the DC visited PHC Trehgam and inspected the health facilities being provided to the patients. He also inspected the ongoing Covid vaccination of 15-17 year children and was informed that 600 doses have been given so far in the PHC. The DC directed the concerned to visit Winter Tutorial centres in the block to ensure maximum coverage of the vaccination of the target group.

He also visited BDO Office Trehgam and

checked the attendance of the staff.

On the occasion, the DC found the BDO and some of his staff absent from duty. He directed the ACD Kupwara to take action under rules against the absentees.

Earlier, the DC inspected Receiving Station and PDD Workshop at Tikker Kupwara and directed the concern Ex. Engineer to ensure power supply as per schedule to the people especially health facilities.

The DC took stock of ongoing snow clearance in Kupwara town, Trehgam, Hirri Qadirabad and other major areas and directed the officers to keep their men and machinery available in the ground so that people do not face any inconvenience.

The DC was accompanied by various officers.

## Farm Mechanization & Custom Hiring Centre: A tool for improving socio- economic status of farmers

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BUDGAM: In order to promote the agricultural sector, the Government has launched various schemes, initiatives and other farmer empowerment policies from time to time. Sub- Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), is one such scheme under which farm machinery/equipment is issued to individual farmers or SHGs on subsidized rates and 40% and 80% subsidies are provided to the aspirants for the establishment of Custom Hiring Centres (CHC) and Farm Machinery Banks on the Unit Costs of Minimum Rs. 10.0 Lacs, subject to maximum subsidy of Rs. 4.0 Lacs and Rs. 8.0 Lacs, respectively.

Like other parts of Kashmir, the Agriculture department has also adopted it in Budgam district on a large scale benefiting small, medium and large size farms.

The CHC has not only helped farmers in enhancing productivity of different crops, but also improved their socio-economic status. In Budgam, there are as many as 50 persons who have established CHCs, upbeat about it, has resulted in better quality of operations and precision in the application of the inputs, thereby resulting in increasing farmers' income. One among the beneficiaries is Abid Nazir, a 26-year old youth from Khanpora Budgam who along with other eight friends applied for CHC and successfully established it in the year 2020, under the brand name of The Turabi Group.

Nazir who is doing his masters in History subject, was like many other unemployed educated youths, with no source of earning. However, establishing the CHC not only helped him to find a decent livelihood for himself

Agricultural mechanization

## Ravinder seeks assembly constituency for Sunderbani

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JAMMU: Former MLC and Chief Spokesperson Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress (JKPCC) Ravinder Sharma has petitioned Delimitation Commission seeking a fair deal for Sunderbani, Nowshera and Kalakote by carving out a third constituency for Sunderbani out of existing two constituencies, with addition of adjoining areas, to fulfill population norms.

Referring to unconfirmed reports being discussed in public domain regarding proposed delimitation, whereby areas of sub-division Sunderbani have been divided into two parts and clubbed with a part of Kalakote, by dividing and abolishing existing constituency, the senior Congress leader said if these reports are to be believed, it is requested to the Delimitation Commission to safeguard the territorial identity and status of Sunderbani, Nowshera and Kalakote by carving out third constituency for Sunderbani besides maintaining Kalakote and Nowshera as separate constituencies.

## Candle light march of Jan 6 followed COVID guidelines, clarifies BJP Ladakh

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LEH: After Chairman /CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan tweeted saying "law must be applied equally to all" tagging with a photo from BJP's candle march in Leh on 6th January and another from Kargil suspending a religious procession on 7th January, BJP Ladakh on Saturday issued a clarification in this regard.

The clarification statement said that the candle march organized by BJP

Ladakh in Leh strictly followed all Covid-19 Guidelines, wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, and also maintained numbers of participants as per COVID protocols. BJP Ladakh claimed that the gathering was below 25 persons as per DM Order 38-DM (UTL) of 2021 dated December 30, 2021 which allows social religious gathering 'outside the containment zone' up to 50 persons for outside.

"The Candle March was

attended by only 22 people and the place was also not a containment zone. Hence, no violation has happened in the said gathering organized by BJP in Leh. BJP Ladakh is very much concerned about the prevailing Covid situation and we must support the administration in containing the disease. At the same time, we also appreciate the religious organisations of Kargil for their full cooperation yesterday," the statement added.

## Dir AP&FW Deptt visits various districts of South Kashmir, takes stock of functioning of offices amid current weather scenario

Directs officers to remain available on duty for redressal of farmers' problems

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SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare (AP&FW) Department, Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal on Saturday conducted surprise visit to district Pulwama, District Shopian, Anantnag, Kulgam and Processing Plant at Seed Multiplication Farm Padampora.

Amid heavy snowfall and current weather conditions, Director Agriculture asked the Chief Agriculture Officers of concerned districts of Kashmir Division to ensure that all the necessary measures are taken to educate the farmers with respect to different steps to be adopted while dealing with the present situation.

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On the occasion, the Director said,

He also called upon the officers to adhere to the weather advisories issued by the department in letter and spirit.

He further directed the officers and field functionaries to remain available to the farmers round the clock and asked the officers to remain vigilant so that the current weather situation can be tack-

tions, the Director said.

led in a smooth manner.

He also called upon the officers to work with close coordination with the allied departments so that the farmer's interests could be served under all circumstances.

During the visit Director, he also inspected hi-tech poly houses of farmers and asked them to remove the snow from the polyhouses from time to time.

## Post Snowfall: DC B'lā briefs about status of essential services

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BARAMPULLA: In view of a recent heavy Snowfall in the District, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar on Saturday briefed regarding snow clearance in the district, restoration of power and water supply besides other essential services in the Baramulla.

Speaking on the occasion, the SDM stressed upon the officers to ensure hassle free arrangements for smooth conduct of the ensuing National Event. He also directed them to follow covid-19 protocol strictly and ensure wearing of masks during the function.

The meeting was informed that the main function of the Republic Day will be held at Mini Secretariat Tangdar and the function will start with Shahnam Vadan.

On the occasion, the SDM directed R&B department to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness of the ground at Mini Secretariat.

He also directed them to keep manpower available in case of snowfall on both days of rehearsal and main function.

While the Power Development department and PHE department were directed to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply.

Besides, the Health department was directed to deploy Doctors and paramedics along with Ambulance and first aid at the venue.

Security arrangements were also discussed in the meeting.

Among others SHO Karnah and other Tehsil level officers from various departments attended the meeting.

all the major and minor internal link roads across the district. He added that all roads will be made operational for hassle free movement of the people, very soon.

Regarding restoration of power supply across towns and villages, the DC informed that maximum damaged HT and LT lines are restored and rest of the damaged lines are being restored.

While informing regarding snow clearance in the district, the DC said that National Highways are fully restored for smooth plying of vehicles, while more than 80 snow clearing machines are working on

the roads.

He also said that among 49 receiving stations, 39 power receiving stations have been made operational.

Moreover, the DC

informed that the district has a buffer stock of transformers to replace damaged ones by ensuring restoration of power supply in any affected area.

While briefing about water supply in the district, the DC said that the supply has been restored fully at maximum places, and the work for restoration of water supply is also going on in upper reaches of the district.

ADC Kupwara visits Lalab Sub division, inspects SDH Sogam, RS Lessipora, SDM office.

Info Deptt Employees hold condolence meet

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SRINAGAR: The employees of Information Department Kashmir Division have expressed deep grief sorrow over the demise of the sister of Bilal Ahmed Koul.

A condolence meeting was held in the divisional office in which all officers and officials of the divisional office participated. They prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

The employees expressed their solidarity with the bereaved family especially with Bilal Ahmed Koul and Tariq Ahmed Baba.

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KUPWARA: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat on Saturday took an extensive tour of sub division Lalab to take stock of snow clearance measures being carried out by District administration Kupwara. He was accompanied by DYSP Sogam and other concerned Officers.

During the visit, the ADC inspected SDM Office, SDH Sogam, RS Lessipora Sogam and other offices and checked attendance of the employees. While visiting SDH Sogam, the ADC inspected various sections including OPD, IPD, Emergency ward, Gyne etc. He interacted with doctors and patients and enquired about the health services being provided to the patients.

At Receiving Station Lessipora Sogam, the ADC directed the concerned Officers to provide power supply as per schedule.

The ADC took stock of the ongoing snow clearance activity in the sub division.

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