

## DC Bandipora holds public outreach program at far-flung Athwatoe Listens to public grievances, directs for timely response

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANDIPORA: In order to bridge the gap between administration and public, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman Rather, on Sunday held a public outreach programme at the far-flung Athwatoe area of Bandipora district.

The programme was organised to address the grievances of the local populace and ensure timely resolution of their issues. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the senior officers of district administration, including Executive Engineers, tehsildar Bandipora, BDO concerned, DFO Bandipora besides other concerned officials and officers. The DC interacted with a large gathering of villagers, gave patient hearing to their concerns and issues. Residents raised various matters pertaining to basic amenities like



DC Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman Rather during visit to far-flung Athwatoe area.

drinking water supply, road connectivity, healthcare facilities, education infrastructure, mobile network connectivity, and livelihood opportunities.

Taking cognizance of the grievances, DC assured the villagers of prompt action and directed the concerned officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan for addressing their issues on a priority basis.

He emphasized the impor-

tance of inter-departmental coordination and stressed upon the need for timely completion of ongoing developmental projects in the area.

On the occasion, the DC took stock of different facilities being provided to the people, including land passbooks and inheritance mutations, Ayushman Bharat Sehat Cards besides other common facilities.

On the occasion, Tehsildar

Bandipora was directed to complete the process of issuance of pending Land Passbooks and attestation of Inheritance Mutations in a week's time positively.

He also directed the concerned BDO to examine all issues regarding RDD including PMAY and developmental demands for necessary consideration in upcoming plans as per merits.

Shakeel Ur Rehman said that sincere efforts to connect with the people, understand their concerns, and work towards finding solutions are in fact the priority of district administration.

He further added, that the administration is committed to ensuring equitable development across all regions of Bandipora, and the Athwatoe area will receive due attention in terms of infrastructure development and provision of basic amenities.

The public outreach program was well-received by the villagers, who appreciated the initiative of DC Bandipora to visit their remote area and address their concerns firsthand.

Subsequently, the DC conducted extensive tour of the area and inspected the tourism infrastructure within the region and emphasized on promotion of tourism in an eco-friendly and sustainable manner.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Trailblazing Inclusive Development Sweep District Pulwama

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A groundbreaking initiative, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, is leaving an indelible mark on Pulwama District, pushing beyond geographical boundaries to herald a new era of holistic progress.

On Sunday, the Yatra reached to five more villages, reinforcing its commitment to universal inclusivity.

Committed to leaving no one behind, the Yatra has successfully educated people about various Government schemes across the District.

It embodies a pledge to universal inclusivity, fostering a transformative narrative in every corner it touches.

The community's enthusiastic participation underscores its success, with beneficiaries sharing compelling stories of transformation under the banner of "Meri



People attending VBSY programme in Pulwama.

Kahani Meri Zubani." Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) vans are traversing the entire District, spanning villages, ensuring that the message of the Hon'ble Prime Minister reaches far and wide, leaving no community untouched.

Cultural programs celebrated the unity of Pulwama District's diverse heritage, enriching its cultural tapestry. Local achievers were

felicitated for their contributions to the development of their villages, collectively contributing to the vision of a developed Nation.

At the heart of the Yatra was the collective oath-taking ceremony, where people from all walks of life pledged their commitment to transformative ideals. This symbolic gesture served as a unifying force, embodying the shared aspirations of the community.

## VBSY chronicles Ayushman Bharat's impact in Anantnag



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: In Anantnag, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra transcends mere statistics, weaving a captivating tapestry of transformed lives. At its core lies the distribution of Ayushman cards, an initiative offering comprehensive health coverage of Rs 5 lakhs per family per year.

This deliberate effort not only fortifies health infrastructure but also empowers individuals and families, fostering a resilient and healthier community. The yatra unfolds stories like that of Abdul Razaq Dar, a labourer whose life changed after an eight-year struggle with knee pain. Through Ayushman Bharat, he underwent a life-changing knee replacement, expressing gratitude for the newfound ability to stand on his feet.

Ghulam Hassan Shaksaz, supporting a family of eight with limited income, found hope through Ayushman Bharat when faced with unbearable hip pain. His admission to a public hospital not only restored his strength

but renewed hope through what he perceived as divine intervention in the form of PM-JAY SEHAT. Manzoor Ahmad Wani, a resilient farmer, endured two decades of hip pain. Ayushman Bharat provided him with a successful hip implant, bringing immense relief after years of suffering.

In Bijbehara, Nayeem Ahmad Hakeem, a barber, found hope for his fractured leg through Ayushman Bharat, marking a journey from challenge to positivity and hope for recovery.

In Pushroo village, 70-year-old Gul Mohammad Wani, a hardworking field laborer, faced a significant setback with a leg injury. Ayushman Bharat not only provided financial assistance but also brought a new lease of life and hope to his entire family. These narratives reflect the transformative impact of Ayushman Bharat in Anantnag, illustrating how healthcare becomes a beacon of hope, breaking barriers and healing lives.

Envisioned to achieve Universal Health Coverage, the initiative combines Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). Covering over 12 crore poor and vulnerable families, PM-JAY is the world's largest health assurance scheme, offering cashless access to healthcare services and mitigating catastrophic medical expenditure.

The scheme covers a wide range of medical services, including diagnostics, medicines, surgeries, and post-hospitalization follow-up care. Ayushman Bharat resonates as a resounding success, not just in Anantnag but across the nation, ensuring that healthcare becomes an empowering force, delivering need-based and comprehensive services to those who need it most.

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