

# Prabhari Officer reviews developmental milestones achieved in Aspirational Block Khawas



Prabhari Officer (Director MoRTH, Government of India) Harleen Kaur chairing meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Prabhari Officer for the Aspirational Block Khawas, (Director MoRTH, Government of India) Harleen Kaur today chaired a comprehensive review meeting here at Dak Bungalow Rajouri to assess the progress achieved in the saturation of developmental indicators in the Aspirational Block Khawas. District Development Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma welcomed the Prabhari Officer and pre-

sented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting sector-wise progress, achievements, challenges and gap analysis of the Aspirational Block. The meeting included a detailed review of the saturation of indicators pertaining to health, nutrition, education, agriculture and allied sectors, basic infrastructure and overall socio-economic development in the Block. The Prabhari Officer emphasized the need for

effective quarantine of TB patients, quality engagement with anganwadi workers and focused motivation of students through exposure visits to reduce dropout rates. Stress was also laid on introducing audio-visual smart classes, screening of motivational educational films in schools and branding of local products to enhance livelihoods. She also underscored the importance of assessing and improving per capita income as a critical indicator of

holistic development. The meeting also reviewed the progress of ongoing works being executed by the BRO on the Rajouri-Poonch National Highway. Several short videos showcasing on-ground impact of the government schemes in Block Khawas were screened during the meeting, reflecting tangible improvements in service delivery and beneficiary outreach. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Prabhari

Officer inspected stalls set up by different departments which showcased schemes, services and benefits being extended to the people of Block Khawas.

She appreciated the efforts of the district administration Rajouri, particularly in conducting effective gap analysis and adopting a focused, outcome-oriented approach for the development of the Aspirational Block.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Rajouri Malikzada; ADC Kotranka Dilmir, Sheraz ul Haq; PO ICDS, Harpal Singh; ACD, Auqil Naveed; Executive Engineer PDD, Abdul Rasheed; Executive Engineer PHE Sudesh Kumar; CEO Mohammadd Hafeez; CAO, BDO, CDPO and other district and sectoral officers.

# DHJ takes stock of Horticulture activities in Poonch district

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**POONCH:** Director Horticulture Jammu (DHJ), Gul Syed conducted an extensive two-day tour programme of Poonch District to take stock of departmental activities in the region.

During the visit, the Director attended an awareness camp organized at Tehsil Mendhar under the MIDH Scheme 2025-26. About 200 individuals participated reflecting keen interest of local farmers in horticultural development initiatives in the district.

The programme was conducted in the presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Uttam Lal; District Horticulture Officer Ajay Gupta; DL-SMS, Abdul Hamid Kohli; Assistant Director (Jammu), Sunil Gupta; DL-SMS, Sayed Mudsir Shah; MCC Niaz Ahmed along with other offi-



Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed during the meeting at Poonch.

cers and officials. The Director interacted with farmers, reviewed the implementation of ongoing schemes and emphasized the adoption of modern horticultural practices to enhance productivity and farmers' income.

Later, the Director inspected Government Fruit Plants Nursery Mendhar. He also inspected a high-density

apple orchard at Gursai. He assessed the progress of high-density plantations and advised field staff and farmers to follow best management practices to ensure better yields.

The tour reinforced the department's commitment towards strengthening horticulture development and promoting farmer-centric initiatives in Poonch District.

# Teachers' convention organised

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR:** Jammu & Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKT-JAC) organized a One-Day Teachers' Convention at Udhampur with great enthusiasm and participation. The programme was graced by Education Minister Sakina Masood Itoo as the Chief Guest. The Director, School Education Jammu, as Guest of Honour along with senior officers of the Education Department, attended the event as Guests.

The convention was held under the dynamic leadership of UT President JKT-JAC Shri Vinod Sharma Ji, UT Chairman Janab Saleem Sagar Ji, and UT General Secretary Janab Najam Jafri Ji, whose dedicated efforts were widely appreciated by the teaching fratern-



JKTJAC members honouring Education Minister Sakina Itoo.

ty. Executive Members of UT JKTJAC, Provincial and District Presidents, and a large number of teachers from District Udhampur participated in the convention, highlighting unity and collective commitment towards educational

reforms and the welfare of teachers. Representatives from District Rajouri (UT / Provincial / District Level) who attended the convention included Naresh Sharma, Shabbir Choudhary, Mangat Choudhary, Manzoor Khan, Arun Sharma, Manoj

Sharma, and Indu Bhushan and others.

The speakers emphasized the importance of strengthening the education system, addressing genuine issues of teachers, and fostering a positive academic environment. The convention concluded with a renewed resolve to work collectively for the betterment of education and the teaching community in Jammu & Kashmir.

# Modi Govt driving unprecedented development in J&K: Vibodh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Senior BJP leader and former MLC Vibodh Gupta today felicitated the newly appointed conveners of various cells of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Rajouri, at a function held at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri. Congratulating them Vibodh expressed confidence that they would work with dedication to strengthen the party's organisational structure and public outreach at the grassroots level.

Interacting with media persons after the event, Vibodh elaborated on the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the all-round development of Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the Union Territory has witnessed unprecedented progress in infrastructure, rural development and connectivity over the past few years.



Senior BJP leader MLC Vibodh Gupta briefing media.

Referring to recent political developments, Vibodh cited remarks made by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, wherein he acknowledged and praised the Central Government's role in allocating generous funds for development in the Union Territory. He said that such statements reflect the fact that even leaders from other

political parties have also recognised the commitment and sincerity of the Modi Government towards the development of J&K.

Vibodh said that significant financial support has been extended by the Centre for rebuilding and upgrading public infrastructure, particularly in areas affected by natural calamities. He mentioned that recently

approved Special Central Assistance amounting to ₹1,430 reflects the Centre's responsiveness towards the challenges faced by the UT and its commitment to restoring essential services and public assets in a time-bound manner.

Vibodh highlighted major road projects under schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and several National Highway expansions, including strategic tunnels and bridges, have significantly improved access to remote areas and boosted economic activity. He added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has moved decisively on the path of peace, stability and development, and the BJP remains committed to ensuring that the benefits of growth reach every section of society.

# Parkash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SUNDERBANI:** 359th Gurburab/Parkash Utsav of 10th Guru Sri Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj was celebrated at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Thanda Pani. Thousands of devotees participated in the Gurmat Snagam and took guru ka langer parshad. Various Sikh organization with zeal and enthusiasm. Tehsildar Sunderbani Daljeet Singh & former Member Legislative council (MLC) Ravinder Sharma also visit in this religious programme.

In this occasion Dr. Inderpaul Singh Zonal organizer Sikhs missionary college Ludhiana threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who sacrificed all their family to save the humanity and stress upon Sikh community to adopt the path shown by Guru Gobind



Singh. Singh said Guru ji said Khalsa is my form Sikh will have no caste all people are equally if any Sikh persons keep any caste then he will no my khalsa.

Singh said Guru Ji in every field of life to become true and pure Sikh for serving the

poors and needy people in the society. He also highlighted that Guru Gobind Singh Ji made five things essential to wear for a Sikh (True soldier of Great Guru), starting with the word 'K' Kaish, Kanga, Kara, Kirpan and Kacha, each having its own meaning.

# Tree plantation drive carried out

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Army embarked upon an accelerated Tree Plantation Drive at Samote on 05 Jan 2026. The initiative aimed to preserve the environment, counter rapid deforestation and promote ecological balance in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Recognising the importance of preserving natural resources and ensuring a cleaner, greener future, Indian Army organised 'Tree Plantation Drive' to highlight the critical role forests play in sustaining life and mitigating the adverse



effects of deforestation and climate change. The Drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from 25 local resi-

dents, reflecting a shared commitment toward environmental preservation. A total number of 28 saplings of various tree species including Bamboo, Acacia Glauca, Senegalia Catechu (Khair) were planted across the region. The species were carefully chosen for their ecological benefits such as preventing soil erosion, improving air quality and enhancing biodiversity. The drive also served as an opportunity to educate the local population on the long-term advantages of afforestation, emphasising

the importance of sustained efforts to protect and expand green cover. The 'Tree Plantation Drive' proved to be a grand success as it not only generated mass awareness among the local populace but also reinforced the significance of conserving nature and natural resources. Local villagers from Samote and the Awam appreciated the noble initiative undertaken by the Indian Army and pledged to adopt and nurture each sapling ensuring its growth and survival for a greener tomorrow.

# Army conducts medical patrol



Army doctor carrying out check up of patient.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Army successfully conducted a medical patrol in Peda village, Rajouri District,

providing essential medical aid to the local population residing in remote areas with no road connectivity. The event aimed to ensure that the people living in these isolated regions, who face difficulties in accessing basic healthcare services, received timely and necessary medical attention. The primary goal of this medical patrol was to promote healthy living and raise awareness about preventive healthcare measures.

In the absence of nearby medical facilities, such initiatives serve as a lifeline for local residents,

delivering vital healthcare services and ensuring that they do not face unnecessary health risks. The Indian Army provided consultations, distributed medicines and offered health screenings to address common medical concerns prevalent in the region. Furthermore, this patrol also contributed to enhancing the sense of security and well-being among the locals, fostering a prevailing feeling of harmony and cooperation between the community and the Army. It emphasized the importance of solidarity and the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to serve as a trusted partner in community welfare. The medical patrol also reinforced the Indian Army's commitment to maintaining strong ties with local communities, building trust and enhancing cooperation. Such initiatives are crucial in developing a sense of mutual respect and understanding between the Indian Army and the civilians, furthering the Army's outreach and support for the region's development.

# Director Animal Husbandry starts FMD Vaccination



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**UDHAMPUR:** Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Sanjay Gupta in presence of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Udhampur Dr. Shavetambri Khajuria, Livestock Officer Udhampur Dr. Tawheed, Ldo Jammu Dr. Zafar Iqbal and VAS's of Tehsil Ramnagar kick started Vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease under FMD Control Programme-Phase VII from Ramnagar town today on 05th January, 2026. FMD is a highly contagious Viral disease of ruminants which causes heavy loss among dairy farmers as outbreaks leads to heavy production losses.

Director DAHJ instructed field staff to complete vaccination with updation of Aadhar database of animals on Bharat Pashudhan Portal on war footing scale.

Further Dr. Gupta inspected ongoing construction work at Government Hatchery Kallar Udhampur and issued on spot directions to contractor to complete the remaining work in a time bound manner.

# Army holds beautician training course for women

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Army successfully concluded the Beautician Training Course for young women in Darhal, conducted under Operation Sadbhavana. The course was designed to empower local women by providing them with valuable skills for self-employment and economic independence. The opening ceremony, held earlier in Darhal, was attended by Army officials, the Sarpanch, Ex-Servicemen (ESM) leaders, village elders, and 25 enthusiastic young women. During the event, Army officials highlighted that the initiative was part of a larger outreach program aimed at fostering goodwill, improving livelihood opportunities and promoting women's economic empowerment.



A resource person expressing views.

Throughout the course, participants received structured, hands-on training in modern beauty and grooming techniques, along with basic entrepreneurship skills. Upon successful completion of the program, participants were awarded certification, which will enable

them to start their own beauty services or pursue employment within the beauty and wellness industry. This initiative marked another successful step in the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to skill development and community empowerment in the region.

# Lecture on winter diseases, prevention held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Army organized an informative lecture on Winter Diseases and Prevention at Hasplot, Rajouri District. The lecture aimed at educating local children and residents about the heightened risks of respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia, bronchitis, cold, flu and asthma during the



winter season. The session emphasized the importance of

preventive measures, including vaccination against influenza and pneumococcal diseases, as well as maintaining a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet and regular physical activity to reduce the likelihood of contracting winter diseases. The event was met with great appreciation from the local community, who found the

information both practical and beneficial in safeguarding their health during the colder months. This initiative was part of the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to contribute to the health and well-being of the region's population, furthering their commitment to capability development, peace, harmony and growth.

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