

Kathua Enforcement Wing collects Rs 4.31 Cr in penalties for GST violations

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KATHUA: The Enforcement Wing of the State Taxes Department, Kathua HQ-Lakhanpur, has achieved a significant milestone in the ongoing financial year 2024-25 by imposing penalties worth Rs 4.31 crore that is 52 pc increaseas compared to last financial year from Apr - Nov for Goods and Services Tax (GST)violations during the movement of goods in transit.

According to an official statement, the enforcement measures were led by Deputy Commissioner Enforcement, Kathua HQ-Lakhanpur, Pardeep Singh Manhas, targeting high-risk commodities such as metal scrap, cement, granite/marble, TMT bars,



Enforcement Wing of State Taxes Department, Kathua during the inspection.

tobacco etc. The achievement was made possible under the supervision of Commissioner State Taxes, P.K. Bhat, and Additional Commissioner Namrita Dogra.

In round-the-clock enforcement activities conducted

across Kathua district, over 4.85 lakh e-way bills were verified shows the increase of 92% as compared to last financial year from Apr-Nov, resulting in improved compliance among taxpayers and transporters. Major com-

modities penalized included marble, Kota Stone, scrap goods, furniture, electronic goods, Machinery, etc. Violations identified included transportation without valid e-way bills or e-invoices, incorrect tax rate declarations, quantity mismatches, and the use of fake GSTINs etc.

Commissioner State Taxes, P.K. Bhat, commended the Enforcement Wing's efforts, particularly in dismantling the nexus of scrap dealers violating GST provisions in the district.

The enforcement operations, led by Deputy Commissioner Pardeep Singh Manhas (JKAS) supported by Assistant Commissioners Abhishek Chander Vaidya

(JKAS) and Sona Gupta (JKAS) and STOs Surinder Gupta, Bhupinder Singh Chib, Abdul Rehman, Ranju Gupta, Rohit Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Vishal Pathak (JKAS) and Bhuvnesh Pargal (JKAS) also appreciated the dealers/drivers who operate and compliance with the regulation of GST Act, 2017.

Apart from imposing penalties, the Kathua Enforcement team has focused on educating and raising awareness among consumers and dealers about the GST Act and its rules. The business community has acknowledged these efforts as a positive step toward promoting compliance and transparency.

GDC Nowshera hosts awareness programme on AIDS

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NOWSHERA: Red Ribbon Club of GDC Nowshera join the global community in commemorating the millions of lives lost to one of the fatal disease i.e. AIDS and reaffirming our commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030.The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Take the rights Path: My health, my right" emphasizing the importance of protecting the human rights in the fights against HIV/AIDS. In this connection series of activities were organized which included Poster making, Rangoli making competition and walkathon.

The whole event was organized in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Health and medical education department. In Poster making and Rangoli making Competition, about 30 students of Sem 1st participated expressing their creativity and drawing skills by making posters and rangolis based on the given theme and spreading awareness about Myths and misconceptions about HIV AIDS. Dr. Shanin Ahmed Azad, Principal of the college also shared his views on the theme and appreciated the efforts of students and Red Ribbon



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

Club for organizing such an event to aware the masses. About 100 students along with faculty members participated in Walkathon from college campus to the main road. All the participants were given certificates at the end of the event.

SPPND GDC Samba organises 6-day computer course for non-teaching staff



Staff members participating in computer training.

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SAMBA: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of SPPND Degree College, Samba, has taken an initiative to enhance the digital skills of its non-teaching staff by organizing a 6-day Computer Training Course, started on 02nd December, 2024. The course, divided into two groups for comprehensive coverage, is being conducted by the Department of

Computer Applications of the college.

The course was formally inaugurated today by the Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Twinkle Suri, in a brief ceremony held on campus. In her address, the Principal emphasized the importance of digital literacy in ensuring seamless administrative operations and enhancing workplace productivity. She also appreciated the efforts of the IQAC team in organiz-

ing the program to empower the non-teaching staff with relevant technological skills.

The training sessions will cover a wide range of topics, including basic computer operations, office applications, email handling, and digital documentation. Each group will undergo training for six days, ensuring that every participant receives hands-on experience and personalized guidance.

This initiative reflects the college's commitment to holistic development, not just for its students but also for its staff. By bridging the digital divide, the course will enable the staff to contribute more effectively to the institution's functioning. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the staff, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to upgrade their skills in a supportive environment.

DC listens to public grievances at Drabshalla-Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: To take administration to the doorsteps of the people, District Development Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan convened a public outreach camp at Drabshalla.

The event attracted a large participation of people from Drabshalla, Kuntwara, Saroor and surrounding areas providing them an opportunity to put forth and seek on the spot redressal of their demands and grievances. Stalls showcasing beneficiary and developmental schemes offered by different departments were put up on the occasion. A wide range of grievances were projected by the public which were mainly related to the Jal Shakti Department, Roads & Buildings (R&B), Education, Power Development Department (PDD), Agriculture and others.

The Project affected families from the far-flung



DC Rajesh Kumar Shavan during the public grievances camp.

Kuntwara region raised the demand for permanent rehabilitation and basic amenities including washrooms in the main market area.

The demand for improved infrastructure, including the construction of road to Chamoti, and providing employment opportunities to local youth in HEP were also raised by DDC Member, Drabshalla-A Ashok Parihar.

Seeking provision of infrastructure for promotion of sports, the people demanded establishment of a shooting court, volleyball ground,

clarified different concerns related to power supply, while those from PMGSY provided details on the ongoing and upcoming road projects.

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department offered a comprehensive update on the progress of water schemes in the district, and assured the public of continued efforts to resolve water shortage issues.

Responding to the grievances and demands raised at the camp, the District Development Commissioner informed the attendees about the 24x7 grievances redressal Cell established by the district administration to address the public concerns within 2-3 days.

The DC provided updates on the ongoing and upcoming development projects. He assured that the rehabilitation process at Kandini is set to begin soon strictly according to the RR Plan.

Responding to the demands raised by the public, the PDD functionaries

cricket ground, and an indoor sports stadium in the area. They further demanded a fire brigade station and the promotion of tourism with the up-gradation of Bimal Nag and the organization of a snow festival at the site.

Highlighting the demands of his area, DDC member Drabshalla-B Hans Raj emphasized the need for improved infrastructure and services.

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rooms, and multi-parking facilities are being actively considered, Work on Joshana Road and Harijan Basti Road will begin in the next 3-4 days", informed the Officer.

The District Development Commissioner stated that the constitution of Village Monitoring Committees (VMCs) in the district will play a direct role in developmental activities, serving as the eyes, ears, and arms of the administration.

While emphasizing the importance of water conservation and the rejuvenation of natural water bodies like springs and bowls,the DDC urged the Pani Samiti Committees to work closely with the Jal Shakti Department to resolve water-related issues.

The demand for special bus services for students in Thatri and Salana areas, the formulation of DPRs for projected PMGSY roads and environmental issues were carefully listened to by the DC with assurance of a prompt action.

Saroori appeals for urgent stocking of essentials in erstwhile Doda, Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: With the Meteorological Department forecasting heavy snowfall in the coming weeks, Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, a Former J&K Minister, has raised concerns about the preparedness of the government to tackle the impending challenges of the harsh winter. Saroori has made a fervent appeal to the administration to ensure the stocking of essential commodities, including kerosene oil, LPG, medicines, and ration, particularly in the Erstwhile Doda district, to mitigate the hardships of the people.



Former minister GM Saroori interacting with locals.

During his visit to various parts of Kishtwar district, Saroori interacted with residents who expressed their grievances over the inadequate availability of ration and firewood in several vil-

lages. According to Saroori, locals in remote areas are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain themselves as winter has already set in. The unavailability of permissions for felling dry

trees, which could have been a source of firewood, has exacerbated their struggles.

"The situation is dire in many villages, where people are facing a severe shortage of essential supplies. There is an immediate need for the administration to take stock of the situation and ensure timely delivery of resources," Saroori stated. He stressed that the dearth of ration, coupled with the absence of firewood, is causing significant distress in these regions.

Saroori urged the government to preemptively stockpile firewood and ration in the districts before snowfall

cuts off access to remote areas. Highlighting the resilience of the people in these regions, he said, "The residents are ready to endure the challenges of winter, but the administration must step up to provide them with the basic necessities to survive."

As the winter season tightens its grip, Saroori called for proactive measures to address these pressing issues. He emphasized that ensuring adequate supplies of essential commodities is not just a necessity but a duty of the government to safeguard the well-being of the people in these difficult times.

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Battal Ballian and Industrial Area will remain affected on December 05, 06 and 07 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Baspur, Sai Kalan, Khanachak, Kotli, Abdullian, Nikowal, Kalyana and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 05 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Manjakote, Ghanbir, Dassal, Tandwal, Katarmal and adjoining areas will remain affected on

December 05 and 07 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Doda Town and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 04 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Thathri, Gandoh, Changa, Bhatyas and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 04 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarthal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 04 and 05 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Kishtwar Town and

its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 05 and 06 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Poochal, Chrehar, Dool, Galhar, Gulabgarh, Padder, Atholi and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 07 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Radio Station, Krishna Colony, Nak Bihar, Shiv Shakti Colony and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 04 from 11 am to 12 noon.

DC Rajouri calls for generation of maximum PDs under MGNREGA



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Rural Development Department in the Conference Hall, DC Office. The meeting focused on evaluating the block-wise progress of key schemes and initiatives under the department.

Reviewing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The Deputy Commissioner assessed the status of Person-Days (PDs) generated, release of wages & payments, and geo-tagging reports for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of executed works. He also assessed the status of Aadhaar-linked active workers. The progress under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-

Gramin (PMAY-G) and the AWAS Plus scheme was also scrutinized thoroughly.

Stress was laid on meeting the set targets of Person-Days generation under MGNREGA and prioritizing works related to augmentation of irrigation, watershed management, and contour bunding, while ensuring convergence with other departments for impactful results. Officials were instructed to identify and execute all those works permissible under MGNREGA. In light of the approaching winter, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to expedite work in blocks which experience snowfall, ensuring both progress and quality. Low-performing blocks were urged to increase the output. He further asked for action against Gram Rozgar

Sevaks (GRSs) with poor performance.

Furthermore, the DC highlighted the importance of updating Panchayat electoral rolls and verifying the Panchayat-wise status to ensure accurate records.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon the department to adopt a proactive approach to improve overall performance and achieve development goals within stipulated timelines.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Raj Kumar Thapa, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats (ACP) Sheraz Ahmed and Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Vijay Kumar, along with Block Development Officers (BDOs) and other concerned officials.

DC Poonch finalizes Stamp Duty Rates



Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting in Conference Hall of DC Office Complex to deliberate upon and finalize the stamp duty rates in the district, here today

As the discussion ensued, the Revenue Officers provided a comprehensive analysis of the existing stamp duty rates and appraised the Deputy

Commissioner about the percentage of hike proposed in different areas under their respective jurisdictions.

They also presented detailed justifications for the proposed increase in stamp duty rates. A threadbare discussion was held on the valuation rates received from various rural and urban areas within the

Poonch District.

The discussion ensured a fair and equitable determination of stamp duty rates that reflect the prevailing market dynamics and property values in different regions of the district.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of striking a balance between the need for revenue generation and

the overall well-being of the residents.

He stressed that the revised stamp duty rates should be reasonable and reflective of the market conditions, while also considering the socio-economic factors impacting the local population.

The Deputy Commissioner further highlighted the signifi-

cance of stamp duty as a crucial source of revenue for the government, enabling it to undertake various developmental initiatives for the welfare of the inhabitants of the district.

The deliberations held during the meeting, along with the insights shared by the attending officers, will pave the way for a fair, transparent, and judicious determination of stamp duty rates that will benefit all stakeholders involved.

The meeting was attended by ADC Poonch, ACP, ACR, DFO, SDM Surankote, SDM Mendhar, Tehsildars and other concerned officers.

Daily wagers seek release of 65 months pending wages

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti PHE Employees and Worker Association hold a meeting at PHE Complex Udhampur under the chairmanship of Som Nath District President Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees & Workers Association and Senior Trade Union Leader Jammu Province. Addressing the meeting, Som Nath appealed to the Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah and PHE Jal Shakti Minister Javed Rana to take the pending wages of 65 months (2014-2020). In the coming Assembly Budget the Govt. shall keep the provision for the pending wages so that the daily wagers will get justice.

The various long pending demands highlighted in the meeting regularization of Daily Wagers; release of pending wages; Minimum wages to the workers given

accordingly as per Govt. order that the minimum wages should be given to the workers as per Delhi UT; acute Shortage of staff; DA @ 3% should be release immediately in favour of UT Employee as Central Government has already been released.

Som Nath appealed to the Govt. to hope to fulfill the genuine demands of the daily wagers. The previous UT Govt. adopted the tal-

motal policy of the daily wagers.

Senior leaders also spoke in the meeting: Vijay Kumar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Krishan Chand, Jagdish Magotra, Sham Singh, Karan Singh, Rattan Lal, Mohan Singh, Mohinder Singh, Janit Ali, Puran Chand, Prabu Lal, Vinod Kumar, Shanker Dass, Mangat Ram, Shambu Dutt etc.

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