

SSP Doda reviews crime, operational preparedness

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DODA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Mehta, JKPS visited Gandoh, conducted a comprehensive review of Crime review meeting and operational preparedness at Kahara. The review meeting, which was attended by senior police officers SDPO Gandoh SHO PS Gandoh along with all IC Police Posts and key personnel of operational grid, focused on assessing the current security situation, operational readiness, and the effectiveness of law enforcement in maintaining peace and order within the sub division.

A review on crime registration during the year-2025 along with back log cases and disposal during the current year was held with Supervisory Officers



SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta speaking during the programme.

/SHOs who gave brief account of their work done during the current year so far in the area of crime and other allied things.

Discussion was held with supervisory officers/SHOs /IC PPs on the backlog cases as well as cases registered during the current year and their disposal. The officers were directed to

ensure maximum disposal of the under investigation cases, inquest proceedings and other allied things to minimize the pendency upto the desired level. Investigation of the timeline cases shall be completed in time bound manner. Necessary instruction were given for expeditious disposal of U/I cases, tracing out

of missing persons, arrest of absconders, surveillance on suspected persons, smugglers, conducting of Long /Short Range Patrolling besides ensuring police services to the public to the desired level.

Soon after the crime review meeting SSP Doda held a PCPG meeting at Kahara which was attended by social activists, media fraternity, prominent persons, and respectable members of business community.

The participants while speaking on the occasion, highlighted many issues like unsheduled power curtailment, Establishment of Police Station at Kahara, organizing of sports activities under CAP in the area, Destruction of Cannabis at village level, etc. A patient hearing was given to their demands and they were assured that their demands

pertaining to other departments will be taken up with concerned department for appropriate action besides issues related to Police would be resolved.

While addressing the participants, SSP Doda urged upon them to maintain brotherhood, communal harmony and strengthen the hands of Police in eradicating social crime so that a peaceful/crime free atmosphere is built up. They were also appealed to provide inputs/information to police about smuggling of drugs, bovine, forests smuggling and other illegal activities if they noticed in their neighborhood for initiation of lawful action. The participants highly complimented the efforts of police by way of conducting such public outreach programmes for listening the issues and grievances of the general public.

SSP Kishtwar reviews security & sensitizes public on new criminal laws

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KISHTWAR: To strengthen public outreach, address local concerns, and enhance legal awareness, SSP Kishtwar, Javaid Iqbal Mir, visited Warwan, where he was warmly welcomed by SHO Police Station Warwan, Insp. Sam Pal Gill, and local community members.

During the visit, SSP Kishtwar held two Police-Community Partnership Group (PCPG) Meetings-one at Inshan and another at Afti-to directly engage with the public and address their concerns. Locals raised key issues, including mobile connectivity, road infrastructure, and the availability of essential commodities, particularly in light of the ongoing holy month of Ramzan. SSP Kishtwar patiently listened to their grievances

and assured them that their concerns would be taken up with the relevant authorities for early resolution. As part of the awareness initiative, SSP Kishtwar sensitized the public about the implementation of new criminal laws, including Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) - aimed at strengthening the justice system, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) - enhancing citizen security, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), 2023 - modernizing evidence-related procedures.

The public was also briefed on various digital policing initiatives such as eSakshya, eSummons, and MedLeaPR, which are designed to enhance transparency and efficiency in law enforcement. During the PCPG meet-

ings, SSP Kishtwar also made a strong appeal to the participants to protect their children and society from the menace of drug abuse. He urged them to remain vigilant and cooperate with the police by sharing any information related to drug peddling, emphasizing that collective efforts are crucial to eradicating this growing threat.

In addition to the PCPG meetings, SSP Kishtwar also reviewed the overall security scenario in Warwan and interacted with police officers and jawans, commending their dedication to maintaining peace in the region despite challenging geographical conditions. He directed them to remain vigilant and proactive in policing efforts to ensure the safety and security of the public.

DC Reasi chairs RTA meeting



DC Nidhi Malik chairing a meeting at Reasi.

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik convened a meeting of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) to review applications for different route permits across the district Reasi.

The meeting focused on discussing various matters related to public

transport in the district and sanctioning of route permits.

During the meeting, the DC, who also serves as the chairman of the Regional Transport Authority, along with other members, meticulously reviewed applications for road permits. A total of 16 applications were

received for local route permits, of which 6 applications were approved, 2 were deferred and 8 were rejected.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised that an extra fleet of minibuses and cabs added in the district will provide a smooth and comfortable travelling experience to the people especially living in far flung areas of the district.

During the meeting the DC also urged the Motor Vehicle Department and Traffic Department to ensure proper traffic regulation and take necessary action against violators, underscoring the commitment to maintain order on the roads.

SSP Reasi, ARTO Reasi, MVD officials and other concerned attended the meeting.

VC BGSBU releases Admission Prospectus for 2025-26

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RAJOURI: Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Prof. Jawaid Iqbal released the admission prospectus 2025-26.

The prospectus, unveiled by Vice Chancellor Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, serves as a comprehensive guide for prospective students, providing crucial details on academic programs, admission procedures, eligibility criteria, and updates for the new session.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Dean Academic Affairs Prof. M.J. Warsi and Registrar Abhishek Sharma during the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Iqbal emphasized the university's commitment to academic excellence and innovation, stating, "The release of the Admission



VC BGSBU Prof. Jawaid Iqbal and others releasing admission prospectus.

Prospectus marks an important step in our ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience at BGSBU."

Prof. Iqbal also shared that BGSBU will fully implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 starting from the 2025-26 academic session, aligning its curriculum with national educational reforms. As part of this ini-

tiative, BGSBU has introduced approximately 31 new courses across various disciplines.

The Vice Chancellor said that the university will offer Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in sciences, social sciences, humanities, and languages, reflecting its dedication to holistic and flexible education.

"Additionally, undergraduate programs in regional languages such as Gojri,

Pahari, and Kashmiri, along with programs in Sanskrit and Hindi, have been introduced, promoting linguistic and cultural diversity," said Prof. Jawaid Iqbal.

The Vice Chancellor highlighted that the introduction of new academic courses at the university will significantly benefit students from the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

He mentioned that the new programs are designed

to provide enhanced educational opportunities, fostering skill development and academic growth in these regions.

On the occasion, Prof. M.J. Warsi, Dean Academic Affairs, expressed, "The introduction of these diverse programs is in line with our vision to cater to the varied academic interests of our students while ensuring they are equipped with the skills needed in a rapidly evolving world."

Sharing his views, Abhishek Sharma, Registrar, added, "This marks a significant development for BGSBU, as we not only introduce new courses but also streamline the admission process to make it more accessible for students from all walks of life." On the occasion, the principals of various degree colleges of Rajouri and Poonch were also present.

Mohan Lal honours BJP Mandal Sohal-Sungal's new team, calls for Panchayat Election readiness

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AKHNOOR: A felicitation ceremony was organized for the newly formed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mandal Sohal-Sungal team at Panchayat Sungal Lower B on Wednesday.

The event was presided over by Mandal President Shamsher Dass, with former Sarpanchs Rampal Sharma and Anju Sharma playing key roles in ensuring the program's smooth execution.

MLA Mohan Lal attended as the chief guest. Several prominent figures, including senior leader Jugal Dogra, Surinder Singh, Ganesh Sharma, former Sarpanch Mahesh Chandra, former Sarpanch Ashwani



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal along with BJP Mandal Sohal-Sungal team during the programme.

Sharma, former Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh, former Sarpanch Jagdish, former Sarpanch Prabhdayal, Sanjay Sharma, and Suman Singh, also graced the occasion.

Honoring the newly formed team, MLA Mohan

Lal Bhagat stated that this team would become the backbone of the party in the region, strengthening the organization while playing a crucial role in delivering the central government's welfare schemes to every household.

He urged all members to gear up for the upcoming Panchayat elections and spread the party's ideology among the people.

Mohan Lal shared that several projects worth crores of rupees have been initiated in the region under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He reaffirmed his commitment to the holistic development of the area and encouraged party workers to actively implement Modi government's schemes on the ground.

During the event, Mohan Lal honoured President Shamsher Das, Vice Presidents Kishori Lal, Sandesh Kumar, Sheela Kumari, Sardari Lal, General Secretaries Captain

Sham Lal and Jagdish Singh, Secretaries Sonia Sharma, Babu Ram, Arundeep, Amit Sharma, Media Secretary Anchal Singh, Treasurer Mahesh Chander, and Executive Members Asha Rani, Tilak Raj, Pardeep Kumar, Sukhdev Sharma, Satpal, Rampal, Jagdish Raj, Ashok Singh, Madan Lal, Satveer Kaur, Radha Devi, Jyoti Devi, Inderjit Singh, Surya Sharma, Dev Raj, Jagdish Singh, Prabhdayal, Anita Devi, Swarna Devi, Neela Devi, Sunita Devi, Anju Devi, Bandu Sharma, Sudesh Kumar, Anjali Devi, Keval Kumar, Balwant Raj, Ved Pal, Kailash Kumar, Jeeta Ram, and Kulwant Raj.

Vice President CTF meets CEO SMVDSB ahead of SMVD Katra Half Marathon

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KATRA: Tushar Mahajan, Vice President of the Chamber of Traders Federation (CTF), Jammu, met with Anshul Garg, CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), on behalf of One Level Up Sports to discuss the upcoming SMVD Katra Half Marathon-4th Edition, scheduled for April 13, 2025.

Mahajan highlighted the Pan-India appeal of the event, which promotes fitness and tourism in the region. This year, the marathon is expected to attract 1,000+ participants with an overall footfall of approximately 3,500+. He emphasized that with SMVDSB's support, the event can reach new heights, further boosting sports tourism in Katra.



ADC Billawar holds meeting to finalize Navratra Festival Arrangements at Mata Sukrala Devi, Mata Bala Sundari Shrines

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BILLAWAR: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Billawar, Vinay Khosla, on Wednesday convened a meeting of officers and shrine committee members at the Guest House Billawar to finalize preparations for the forthcoming Navratra festival at Mata Sukrala Devi and Mata Bala Sundari shrines, commencing on March 30, 2025.

Welcoming all the officers at the outset, ADC Khosla emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of the festival.

During the meeting, he



ADC Billawar, Vinay Khosla chairing a meeting.

directed the Health Department to depute medical staff at both shrines to provide necessary healthcare support to devotees.

To maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the shrine areas, the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Billawar, was asked to deploy adequate sanitation staff. In order to regulate the pricing of items sold at stalls near the shrines, a committee was constituted.

The Public Works Department (PWD) was entrusted with the responsibility of refurbishing and renovating the roads leading to the shrines, ensuring safe and

convenient access for pilgrims.

The Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), JKPDCL, was instructed to ensure an uninterrupted power supply and carry out necessary repairs to damaged electric poles in the shrine areas. Additionally, the Deputy Chief Education Officer (Dy CEO) and Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) were directed to deploy their staff for the smooth facilitation of the festival.

During the meeting, members of both shrine committees spoke and appealed to the public to visit the shrines in large numbers while also

maintaining cleanliness in the sacred premises.

ADC Khosla further urged devotees to participate wholeheartedly in the festival and seek the blessings of Mata in a spiritually enriching environment.

The meeting was attended by Tehsildar Billawar Joginder Singh, Deputy Chief Executive Engineer from JKPDCL and Irrigation, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Billawar, Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Billawar, local representatives, shrine committee members, and officials from various line departments.

DEO Reasi chairs meeting with representatives of political parties

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REASI: District Election Officer (DEO) Nidhi Malik today convened a meeting with political representatives to discuss various aspects of the electoral process and address their concerns.

During the meeting, representatives raised several issues, including voter list revisions, additions, deletions and corrections. The discussion also covered the rationalization of polling stations and measures to strengthen the electoral process for free and fair elections.

The DEO assured the representatives that all grievances would be addressed in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI). She emphasized the commitment of the administration to ensuring a smooth and transparent electoral process in the district.

The meeting was attended by Dy. DEO Rakesh Kumar and ERO 57- Reasi Anshumali Sharma besides other concerned.

DC Poonch conducts on-site inspection of development projects in Ajote, Degwar and Kausalia Villages



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal during visit to Ajote village.

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POONCH: In a proactive effort to monitor and expedite essential development projects, the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, conducted a comprehensive visit to the villages of Ajote, Degwar, and Kausalia today. The inspection focused on various under-construction works aimed at enhancing community facilities and infrastructure.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner meticulously reviewed the Water Supply Scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He assessed crucial components such as the pump

room, Ground Water Recharge System (GRS) and bore wells in the village of Agote Sola. DC stressed the importance of completing the work at the earliest and ensuring a reliable water supply for the residents.

Continuing his on-site evaluations, the DC inspected progress on construction of Mini Super Bazar in Agote. He directed the Executive Engineer REW to expedite the construction work to provide essential services to the locals.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the development of additional classroom buildings at the

Government Middle School Ajote under the SAMAGRA initiative, stressing the need for improved educational infrastructure.

The DC also examined the construction of a community bunker in Panchayat Kausalia, reiterating the urgency to accelerate the ongoing work.

Accompanying the Deputy Commissioner were Chief Planning Officer Mohd. Rafi, Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majid, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Engineer PWD, Intiaz, AEE REW, Mohd. Khalid, AEE Jal Shakti, Shokat, along with concerned JEs.

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