

Dulloo chairs DRC meeting of RDSS

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday chaired the Distribution Reforms Committee (DRC) meeting of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to work out strategies towards accelerating the process and achieving reduction in distribution losses in the Union Territory.

Among others the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PDD, members of the committee including ACS, Jal Shakti Department, ACS, Forests, Principal Secretary, Finance, Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Secretary, RDD, MD, JPDCL/KPDCL, Chief Engineers besides other concerned officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary described this ambitious scheme as crucially significant in turning the fate of J&K's power sector towards new dimensions. He maintained that reducing Actual Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses is the key towards revolutionizing power scenario in the UT. He asked all the concerned to play their roles devotedly for timely realization of objectives of this scheme in J&K. He said that with completion of all requisite there would be substantial increase in energy stock to be provided to the consumers at affordable rates. He enjoined upon the Discoms of both the Divisions to lay added focus on execution of these



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a DRC meeting on Wednesday.

work to ensure quality power supply and achieve targets within the deadline.

The Chief Secretary, while assessing various activities, enquired about the status of smart metering works accomplished in different districts of the UT. He also asked about the physical progress registered under each package of work awarded to PIA besides the possible deadline by which

these would be put into use by the department.

In a presentation, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad, highlighted a detailed description about the progress on RDSS works across different districts of the UT. He informed that the scheme aims at improving the quality, reliability and affordability of power supply to customers through

an efficient distribution system. He revealed that other objective of the initiative is to reduce the AT&C losses to just 12-15%, which currently revolves around 60% in the UT.

As far as the funding for this scheme is concerned, it was informed that the Government of India supports for smart metering with 22.5% per meter share and for loss reduction (LR) works it is being done on 90:10 basis shared by the Centre and the UT. It was apprised that smart metering works amounting Rs 1053 crore and LR works worth Rs 4567 crore are being undertaken in different districts of J&K.

While giving details about the smart metering, it was revealed that 14,07,045 smart meters and 88,037 system meters had to be installed in the UT. For carrying out other LR works, different project implementing agencies including PESL, NTPC and RECPDCL have been assigned tasks to complete them in different areas in a time bound manner.

JU organises program on National-level Research Paper Writing competition on 'Vision for Viksit Bharat'



JU faculty and students during an awareness programme on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Geography, on Wednesday organised an awareness program on National-level Research Paper Writing competition of Bhartiya Shiksha Mandal Yuva Ayam on the theme 'Vision for Viksit Bharat'.

After the research paper writing competition, a three-day Akhil Bharatiya Convention of selected researchers will be organized from 15th to 17th November 2024, at S.G.T. University, Gurugram, Haryana.

Dr. Rajender Charak enlightened the students regarding the competition and also encouraged them to participate in it.

Dr. Shashi Prabha, Head Department of Geography discussed in detail with the PG Students about 'Viksit Bharat' and Viksit Bharat 2047.

The four pillars of Viksit Bharat are Yuva (Youth), Garib (Poor), Mahila (Women) and Kisan (Farmers).

The Programme was attended by the faculty members of the department, Suman Khushiwa, Dr. Davinder Manhas, Dr. Tajinder Kour, Research Scholars and Students of 2nd and 4th Semester of the Department.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: It is indeed a matter of honour and pride for the entire Ravidassia community of the country that a grand temple of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidass ji is coming up in village Bartuma of Sagar district in Madhya Pradesh. This Rupee 100 crore mega project is being constructed by the MP government and its foundation stone was laid by PM Narendra Modi last year. This information was shared by Balbir Ram Rattan, National Secretary Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth, while presenting a replica of the said temple and portrait of Guru ji to Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (organization), Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul, on this occasion, said that the BJP as well as the BJP government at the centre under PM Narendra Modi, has always displayed its commitment for equal treatment to all the sections of the society and taken decisions to highlight the lives and the teachings of their saints by constructing temples, memorials, museums etc in their honour. He said that the Madhya Pradesh government

has provided land and rupees 100 crore for construction of the grand temple, which itself speak of the concern to promote the teachings of gurus and preserve for the future generations. Ashok Koul further said that the temple would serve as a centre of attraction for the tourists and the pilgrims from across the country and abroad. The arrival of people in large numbers promotes local business and opens avenues of employment for the unemployed youth, which will be a big boon for the area.

Balbir Ram Rattan, while elaborating on the details of this prestigious project, shared that the construction of grand temple is in progress and on completion, it will have a museum showcasing the personality of Guru Ravidass, besides four galleries in the museum, which will have details of Bhakti Marg, contribution to Ningun panth, philosophy of Sant Ji, his literature and social harmony.

Apart from this, Sangat Hall, Jal Kund, Bhakta Niwas equipped with spiritual and modern facilities will be available, he said.

Grand temple of Guru Ravidass coming up in MP: Balbir

Disability camp organized at SDH Nowshera



Social activist, Vinod Sharma inaugurating the camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NOWSHERA : In a significant initiative aimed at assisting specially disabled individuals in obtaining disability certificates, a disability camp was organized at the premises of Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Nowshera. This camp was held under the supervision of Dr Rakesh Magotra, Director Health Services Jammu, Chief Medical Officer Rajouri, Dr. M.L. Rana and Block Medical Officer

Nowshera, Dr. Iqbal Malik. The main objective of this camp was to facilitate the process for disabled individuals to acquire their disability certificates with ease. To achieve this, a dedicated team of district medical board officers was deputed to SDH Nowshera, ensuring the welfare of the local community.

The disability camp was inaugurated by the social activist, Vinod Sharma, Vice President of the Jammu and

Kashmir Handicapped Welfare Association (JKHWA) Rajouri. Mr. Sharma's presence and support highlighted the importance of such initiatives for the betterment of specially disabled individuals.

Chief Medical Officer Rajouri, Dr. M.L. Rana, announced that a total of 72 disability certificates were issued on the spot during the camp. This swift action was highly appreciated by the attendees, who hailed the efforts of the health department for organizing such a beneficial event.

The successful organization of this disability camp is a testament to the commitment of the district's medical authorities to improving the lives of specially disabled individuals in the region. It also reflects the collaborative spirit between the medical community and social activists in addressing the needs of the disabled population.

Surprise inspections reveal lapses in private drug de-addiction centres

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Acting on the direction of District Magistrate Sachin Vaishya, Additional Magistrates Anusya Jamwal and Shishir Gupta conducted surprise inspections of Private drug de-addiction centres in the district on Wednesday. The inspections uncovered significant discrepancies in record-keeping and operational protocols across multiple private facilities.

The inspections also revealed operational shortcomings and it was noted that several centres lacked adequate recreational facilities for the inmates, and counselling services fell short of expected standards. The inspections were conducted in the presence of a police party, Tehsildar and health professionals, besides others.



Additional Magistrates Anusya Jamwal and Shishir Gupta during surprise inspections of Private drug de-addiction centre.

In response to these findings, case files, records and documents have been seized from the erring centres for further inquiry. The district administration is going to issue notices to these centres, seeking explanations for the observed deficiencies.

The district administration, under the leadership of District Magistrate Vaishya, has taken a stringent stance against the drug menace. The administration remains committed to enhancing rehabilitation efforts for individuals grappling with drug addiction.

SWD Ramban hosts 'a Day of Advocacy' on Women Empowerment, Nasha Mukht Bharat, Menace of Child Labour

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: As part of ongoing series of awareness programmes on Women Empowerment and Child Labour marked as a Day of Advocacy, the Department of Social Welfare Ramban, organized a significant awareness programme here today at New Convent School focusing on the "Sankalp" initiative and the "Nasha Muqt Abhiyan" campaign. The event aimed to inform the community about the crucial role of these initiatives in empowering women and fostering a drug-free society. District Social Welfare Officer Rahul Gupta, under

the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, stressed the importance of these ongoing campaigns in addressing critical social issues and promoting growth and self-sufficiency among women. Gender Specialist Muzaima Banoo spearheaded the awareness drive, highlighting the need for community support to ensure the success of these initiatives.

In conjunction with this, the Child Helpline Ramban celebrated World Day Against Child Labour with the theme "Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour" at Government High

School Pernote. The program, supervised by District Child Protection Officer Rahul Gupta, aimed to raise awareness about child labour, child rights, and child protection laws, including the POCSO Act and the Juvenile Justice Act.

Anjum Shafi and Shahmaz Wani from the Juvenile Justice Board briefed students on the child welfare initiatives and the mechanisms in place to safeguard their rights. Social workers and legal experts provided valuable insights into government schemes and resources available for child protection and welfare.

Certificates of participation were also presented to students to acknowledge the active involvement of attendees. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, recognizing the efforts of all participants and organizers in advancing child welfare and women's empowerment.

No unscheduled power cuts, shutdown only with permission at Ramban: DM RAMBAN: District Magistrate Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary finalised the preparations for the Eid-ul-Azha today at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex.

Reviewing the arrangements made for the joyous Eid celebration, the DM sought feedback on the steps taken by the respective departments for supply of essential commodities, sanitation water and power supply, market regulation to keep check on overpricing and quality of items. The DC directed the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to make adequate supply of essential commodities like foodstuff, LPG, etc across the district.

The PHE and PDD departments were instructed to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply throughout

the festival period, while asking the authorities to avoid unscheduled power cuts. He directed to get prior permission from the DM's office for unavoidable power shutdown.

The Traffic Police Department was tasked with ensuring smooth traffic flow on all major roads, especially near Eid Gahs, Jama Masjid and other religious places. The Health Department was instructed to maintain full preparedness to handle any medical emergencies.

The Police Department was instructed to ensure adequate security arrangements during the festival.

Youth goes missing

STATE TIMES NEWS
AKHNOOR: A youth went missing from his house at Jourian on Wednesday.

As per details, a person namely Subash Chander, son of Mela Ram, resident of W.No 02 Jourian Tehsil Jourian reported at Police Post Jourian and produced a written application that his son NameLY Harsh Nagotra (Age 22Yrs) missing from house since yesterday morning at about 08:30AM. He is working with Airtel Mobile Company and had gone to his office at Khour. As he did not return back home, he conducted search at his own level but couldn't traced them. A missing report has been entered in daily diary of Police Post Jourian. A wireless message about the missing and description of missing person has also been flashed to all the SHO/IC PPs of district Jammu.



CRIME REPORT

Two theft cases solved; three arrested, stolen property recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/POONCH: Police has solved a theft case registered at Police Station



Samba, arrested two thieves/receiver of stolen property and recovered stolen items.

A written complaint was lodged at Police Post Supwal (PS Samba) by one OmkarNath Sharma, S/o Rattan Chand R/o Dagdhore tehsil Vijaypur district Samba regarding theft of Iron bars (Saria) and other items from his shed at main road Barian, opposite Gurudwara Sahib Barian.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 162/2024 u/s 380 IPC got registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, Police arrested accused namely John Gill, son of Sucha Gill, resident of Supwal district Samba who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. On his disclosure, co accused Dev Raj alias Raju, son of Parmanand, resident of BarianChajwal tehsil Vijaypur was also arrested as dishonest receiver of stolen property in the instant case. Police has recovered stolen property including Iron bars (Saria) and Iron Grill on the disclosure of accused Dev Raj @ Raju.

At Poonch, On June 9, a written complaint was lodged at P/S Poonch by ARTO Poonch to the effect that in the intervening night of 08/09-06-2024, some unknown thief entered in the office after breaking the lock of the door and stole a printer from the office room.

On this, case FIR no. 117/2024, U/S 457/380 IPC was immediately registered at P/S Poonch and Police swung into action.

Sensing gravity of the crime, Police team headed by Insp. Kunal Singh Jamwal assisted by PSI Naresh Kumar was constituted and after generating human as well as technical intelligence it came to fore that a person namely Mohd Ishaq S/O Mohd Sadiq, Age-30 yrs R/O Bandi, Kamak Khan, Tehsil-Mandi, Distt Poonch broke down the door and confessed his involvement in the crime. On his disclosure, the stolen item was recovered and seized in the instant case.

Police team led by Insp. Kunal Singh Jamwal SHO Poonch and ably assisted by PSI. Naresh kumar ic pp Jullas, made the arrests/recovery under the supervision of Kuldeep Kumar DySP Hqrs. Poonch, ASP Mushim Ahmed (JKPS) and overall supervision of Sh. Yougal Manhas (JKPS) SSP Poonch.

8 terror handlers declared proclaimed offenders

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Court of Sub Judge Uri declared eight (08) terror handlers proclaimed offenders on the application moved by Baramulla Police.

They have been identified as Mohd Azad son of Sher Wali Mir resident of Kundi Barjala involved in case FIR No. 26/1992 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, ?Naseer Ahmad son of Gul Haider resident of Kundi Barjala involved in case FIR No. 26/1992 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, Kareem Din son of Jamal Din resident of Jabla Uri involved in case FIR No. 46/1994 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, ?Mohd Hafeez Mir son of Suleman Mir resident of Bada Gowahalan involved in case FIR No. 77/1997 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, ?Meer Ahmad son of Naik Mohd resident of Singtung Gowahalan involved in case FIR No. 83/1999 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, ?Bashir Ahmed son of Raj Mohd Awan resident of Dardkoot involved in case FIR No. 18/1999 under section 2/3 EMICO Act, ?Showkat Ahmed Paswal son of Mohd Shareef Paswal resident of Gowahalan involved in case FIR No. 101/1998 under section 2/3 EMICO Act & ?Ahad Bhat son of Abdulla Bhat resident of Souhara involved in case FIR No. 33/1997 under section 2/3 EMICO Act.

The said terror handlers are presently at PoJK/Pakistan and are working with different terrorist outfits.

Proclamation orders under section 87 CrPC have been obtained from Hon'ble Court against these eight terror handlers which have been pasted at their residences, public places with the directions of the Hon'ble Court that they will present themselves before the Court of Law within one month failing which process for attachment of property under section 88 CrPC shall be initiated against them.

3 tractors involved in illegal mining seized; 3 drivers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals at Khoresherabad & Balianharan Baramulla, Police seized 03 tractors and arrested their drivers.

Police parties under the supervision of SDPO Pattan, seized 03 tractors & arrested 03 drivers identified as Arif Ahmad Shah son of Ab Rashid resident of Khore Sherabad, Arshid Ahmad Wani son of Ab Hamid resident of Shirpora Pattan & Aadil Hussain Ganie son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Nowlari Pattan.

They were found involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals and accordingly case FIRs under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Pattan and investigations have been taken up.

Drug peddler arrested; Psychotropic substance recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered psychotropic substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Post Babareshi at a checkpoint established at Shrunz Crossing, intercepted a person identified as Sameer Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Hamid resident of Janbazpora Baramulla.

During search, 48 capsules of SpasmoProxyon-Plus was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Tangmarg where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Tangmarg and investigation has been initiated.

We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society.

We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

Stolen, lost mobile phones recovered, returned to rightful owners

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: In a first of its kind initiative, District Police Kupwara launched a public friendly operation to recover lost and stolen mobile phones to be returned to their rightful owners.

All pending complaints of such nature were worked out and phones stolen /lost as long ago as 2022 were recovered from across the UT including from other parts of the country such as Haryana.

Today, 14 such recovered mobiles were then handed over to their owners by the Police at DPO.

The owners expressed their happiness at getting their phones back which they had purchased with their hard earned money.

Kupwara Police has urged all to consider police as their friends and approach with their issues which will be expeditiously resolved.