

Div Com holds meeting to address traffic issues at various places in City

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SRINAGAR: In view of traffic congestion at different places across city due to the ongoing developmental works on roads, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Saturday convened a high level meeting to address the important issue and remove hindrances in smooth vehicular movement.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Inspector General of Police Central Kashmir, Rajiv Panday; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat; SSP Srinagar, Aashish Mishra; SSP Traffic Srinagar, Muzaffar Shah; Officers of Srinagar Smart City, R&B, Transport, NHAI besides other concerned officers. The meeting discussed the slow movement of traffic at Nishat due to the difference in



gradient level which leads to the traffic jams.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed Srinagar Smart City officers to ensure leveling of gradient by today evening through concrete to allow comfortable movement of commuters.

Besides, he directed them to create no hawkker and no halting zones at Nishat Garden by installing the signages and asked them to levy heavy fines on violation of instructions.

Further, to ensure alignment

of traffic flow there, he instructed concerned to install railings at the site.

He also instructed for completion of pending work at Box-culvert immediately without consuming further time.

The meeting discussed the construction of an underpass at Nishat and instructed SSCL to prepare DPR for the proposal envisioned by the officers.

To reduce the congestion by school vehicles on picnics, the meeting decided that the con-

cerned schools should inform the traffic police about their visiting schedule well in advance.

Also, Div Com directed concerned officers to make the circular turnaround at Nishat operational by execution of remaining developmental work.

While discussing the issue raised by SSP Traffic regarding slow vehicular movement at Nowpora, the Div Com instructed for completion of upgradation works to allow movement of traffic on both sides of the road.

Similarly, he instructed SSCL to expedite the developmental work at the interiors of Jahangir Chowk flyover. Besides, he asked DIG, CK for the shifting of CCTV Camera tower at the busiest chowk to another place.

Regarding Badyari Bridge, the meeting was informed that the construction work has been completed but the macadamization of roads need to be carried out urgently for the convenience of the general public.

The meeting was informed that the work on Hari Singh High Street shall be initiated very soon for the beautification and upgradation of the road.

Regarding repairing of a small patch of damaged road at Nowgam on Highway, Div Com directed R&B officials to get the road repaired by concrete within two days.

The meeting also deliberated regarding improvement and macadamization of service roads of flyovers and completion of Nowgam flyover on the scheduled deadline.

Dir Agriculture pitches for establishment of agro-forestry nursery

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BARAMULLA: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal on Saturday visited the proposed land for the establishment of Agro-forestry Nursery at Khadniyar Baramulla. Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the importance of different projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He said that the effective implementation of different projects could be achieved only when the implementation is done in a coordinated manner.

He said the projects under HADP are inter-connected and therefore the officers of



allied departments must work in a coordinated manner for the successful implementation of these projects.

Director impressed upon the officers to increase the awareness among the farmers regarding the HADP.

He also held an interaction with the concerned officers and was briefed by

them regarding the implementation of different projects, centrally sponsored schemes and flagship programmes in the districts.

Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla, SDAO Baramulla and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

Dist TB Society celebrates TB Free Panchayat-2023 Award Ceremony

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BARAMULLA: The District TB Society Baramulla commemorated the TB Free Panchayat 2023 achievements at Dak Banglow Sopore, recognizing and honoring 122 panchayats for their remarkable efforts in achieving TB-free status.

The event on Saturday, presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, underscored and celebrated community-led initiatives in public health. In his address, DC praised the collective dedication and hard work of the panchayats, stressing the importance of community-driven initiatives in achieving public health milestones. He emphasized the critical roles of early detection, timely treatment, and com-



munity awareness in effectively combating tuberculosis, urging continuous vigilance and collaboration among all stakeholders.

During the ceremony, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina delivered a speech, praising the dedication and perseverance of the panchayats. He highlighted the pivotal role of community-driven efforts in achieving

significant health milestones and applauded the collaborative spirit among stakeholders in the district's fight against tuberculosis.

The event was attended by senior officers including Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Baramulla, Chief Medical Officer Baramulla, District Panchayat Officer Baramulla, all Block Medical Officers of District

Baramulla, Medical Officers, MLHPs, Panchayat Secretaries, and NTEP staff.

Chief Medical Officer Baramulla Dr. Mastoor provided insights into the importance of sustained efforts in TB prevention and control, stressing the ongoing need for community engagement and support.

Looking ahead, District Tuberculosis Officer Baramulla, Dr. Hafizullah Ganie, reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at eliminating TB.

The ceremony concluded with a renewed pledge to uphold and enhance public health initiatives in Baramulla, setting a positive example for other regions.

DC Baramulla reviews KPIs on ADP, ABDP

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BARAMULLA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa on Saturday convened a meeting of all concerned officers at the meeting hall of DC Office Complex here to review the progress achieved under key performance indicators (KPIs) of Aspirational District Programme (ADP), Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) and to review the arrangements for the launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan in district.

The meeting thoroughly discussed the KPIs for the ADP including percentage of pregnant women registered for (ANC) within first trimester, percentage of pregnant women taking supplementary nutrition, number of soil health cards distributed, percentage of children fully immunized, per-



centage of schools with electricity facility at secondary level and percentage of schools providing textbooks to children.

Meanwhile, the meeting comprehensively discussed the progress on KPIs for the ABDP including Health, Nutrition, Agriculture, Social Development, Health and Nutrition and Education.

During the meeting, the DC directed the District Officers of concerned departments to review the

performance of indicators on a weekly basis and ensure 100% saturation in all KPIs of ADP and ABDP by the end of the September month. In view of the launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan campaign by NITI Aayog on 4th of July, the DC impressed on all the district level officers and block officers to make necessary arrangements for smooth and impactful conduct of the activities pertaining to their departments on the day of launch.

Minga Sherpa further directed the officers to make it a grand success so that a clear message is conveyed to all the stakeholders about the importance of this special campaign launched by NITI Aayog for achieving 100% saturation in respect of 6 KPIs indicated above.

The meeting was attended by the SDM Pattan, Chief Planning Officer Baramulla, Agriculture officer Baramulla, and other district and block level officers.

J&K Startup Policy: Dir JKEDI reviews status of registrations in Baramulla



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SRINAGAR: The Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Rajinder Kumar Sharma on Saturday reviewed the status of registrations under J&K Startup Policy and recovery of loans in district Baramulla.

On the occasion, the Director distributed the training certificates among 15 aspirants trained by the institute recently under the Tejaswini scheme in the dis-

trict. He interacted with the trained aspirants and assured them of all possible support to help them establish their business ventures.

He discussed the relevance of the training programme to their respective business ventures and sought suggestions from the trainees for any improvement or modifications needed in the current work schedule of Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs).

The Director also reviewed

the registrations, Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs), and Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs) conducted in the year 2024 so far. Detailed Project Report (DPR) formulated, Recovery status-Chronic as well as Chronic activated and demand notices issued.

General Manager, DIC, Baramulla, Nighat Alam also interacted with the trainees and motivated them to face any challenges related to the operation of their business establishments with determination.

By providing a supportive environment and necessary resources, JKEDI is empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to turn their ideas into successful business ventures.

Handicrafts Exhibition begins at Govt Arts Emporium

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce, Vikram Jeet Singh, on Saturday inaugurated a unique craft exhibition, titled 'Raising the Bar', at Government Arts Emporium.

The exhibition, organised in association with the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir, was aimed to showcase the skills of our young generation in art and craft. This event is being hosted by Kashmir Gen Z, a company that focuses on bringing out the best in art and craft within Kashmir.

The exhibition is showcasing a unique collection of innovative products including lampshades,

products made from Real Kashmiri Walnut and Deodar Wood, Willow Wicker and Papermache. There has also been an effort to make the products environmentally friendly.

According to an official statement, the departmental initiative "Know Your Artisan" has provided numerous artisans with a platform to cultivate essential skills in branding, networking and raising public awareness. These exhibitions are crucial for fostering cultural exchange, encouraging dialogue and nurturing an investor appreciation for art. They present a unique opportunity to engage with creativity and explore innovative perspectives.

Launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan in Aspirational Block-Tulail reviewed

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BANDIPORA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan in the Aspirational Block (AB) Tulail of Bandipora District.

The meeting focused on formulating an action plan to achieve saturation of six identified Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in Aspirational Block Tulail.

During the meeting, it was informed that NITI Aayog has launched the Sampoorna Abhiyan with the goal of achieving saturation of KPIs in Bandipora's Tulail block,



which has been nominated as an aspirational block.

The Sampoorna Abhiyan aims to saturate the identified KPIs within three months, starting from July 4, 2024, the launch date of Sampoorna Abhiyan. The objectives cover Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, and Social development.

Speaking on the occasion, Shakeel ul Rehman emphasized the importance of coordination among departments to achieve the target of KPIs. He urged officers to work with added dedication to ensure the successful implementation of Sampoorna Abhiyan at the grassroots level in Tulail.

During the meeting, responsibilities were also assigned to nodal officers to ensure timely progress.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADDC, Mohammad Ashraf Bhatt; Chief Planning Officer, CEO, CMO, CAO, and others. SDM Gurez and officers from Tulail block also attended the meeting through virtual mode.

SSP Jammu conducts PCPG meeting with citizens

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JAMMU: Dr. Vinod Kumar, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, accompanied by SDPO City North Jammu and SHO Police Station Pacca Danga Jammu held a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting at City Palace Jammu. The meeting was attended by a large number of prominent citizens and members of the general public from Jammu City. The SSP Jammu actively listened to the grievances and concerns of the participants, fostering a collaborative atmosphere aimed at improving community safety and security. During the meeting SSP Jammu provided the following important suggestions. Participants were briefed

and Kashmir, participants were directed to ensure proper verification of tenants to maintain a secure environment. Attendees were advised not to touch any objects found in suspicious conditions and to inform the police immediately to mitigate potential threats. The community was encouraged to share information about drug hotspots to assist in combating drug-related issues in the area. Participants were directed to promptly report any suspicious movements or activities to their respective Police Stations, Police Posts, or the PCR Jammu. Timely reporting is crucial for countering any malicious plans of Anti-National Elements (ANEs) and Anti-Social Elements (ASEs).



SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar speaking in a meeting.

on the implementation of new criminal laws to ensure better understanding and compliance within the community. Given the current security scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu

This meeting underscores the commitment of the Jammu Police to work closely with the community, enhancing trust and ensuring a safer environment for all residents.

CRIME REPORT

Drug peddler nabbed with 9 grams heroin like substance

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/ped-



dlers, Police has arrested one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 09 grams approximately heroin like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Bari Brahmana during vehicle checking naka established near Vijay Steel Factory Bari Brahmana, intercepted a swift car bearing registration No. PB01B/1176 moving from Kala Gate towards SIDCO Chowk side for its checking. During checking, 09 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of the said person. The arrested drug peddler has been identified as Ajaz Ahmed Sheikh S/o Abdul Rashid Sheikh R/o Chattabal Srinagar.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 78/2024 U/S 8/21/22/25/NDPS Act has been registered at PS Bari Brahmana.

Further investigation including investigation in backward linkages of the case is going on.

Three drug peddlers arrested, contraband substance recovered

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GANDERBAL: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police arrested 03 drug peddlers in Shopian & Ganderbal and recovered contraband substance and cash from their possession.

In Shopian, a police party of Police Post Wachi at a checkpoint established at Doublepora, intercepted a vehicle (Tata ACE Gold) bearing registration No. JK13H-0342. During search, heroin like contraband substance weighing about 05 grams and cash amount of Rs.30000 were recovered from the possession of two persons boarding the vehicle. They have been identified as Umar Noor Mohd son of Noor Mohd Bhat & Sameer Ahmad Bhat son of Ali Mohd Bhat, both residents of Wuyan Pampore. They have been arrested & shifted to Police Station Zainapora where they remain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 55/2024 under sections of law was registered in Police Station Zainapora and investigation was going on.

In Ganderbal, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Nagbal at a checkpoint established at Warpahoo Shuhama link road intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No. JK01AQ-3910 driven by Abdul Qayoom Wani son of Ali Mohammad Wani resident of Yangooro Ganderbal. During checking of the vehicle, contraband charas powder like substance weighing 3.476 Kgs was recovered. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. In this regard, Case FIR No. 157/2024, under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Ganderbal & further investigation taken up.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding drug peddlers in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace.

11 vehicles seized, drivers arrested

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BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining & transportation of minerals, police have seized 11 vehicles and

arrested 11 drivers in Baramulla.

Eleven vehicles including a tipper & 10 tractors were seized besides eleven drivers were arrested by several police parties at Chakloo, Delina Ghat, Singhpora Jheel, Nowpora, Waripora Payeen, Shrai areas of Baramulla, who were involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals. These police parties were assisted by SHO Police Station Tangmarg/ Baramulla/ Kreeri, Incharge PP Delina, Wagoora, Mirgund under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla, SDPO Pattan/ Tangmarg/ Kreeri.

The arrested drivers have been identified as Gh Mohiuddin Sofi @ Mysar son of Ab Aziz, Bilal Ahmad Sofi son of Mohd Yousuf, Aijaz Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Ramzan, all residents of Chakloo, Abdul Rasheed Mir son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Darpora, Tanveer Ahmad Rather son of Mohd Afzal resident of Kanispora, Arshid Ahmad Mir son of Ali Mohd resident of Bangdara Reshipora, Mudasir Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Mohiuddin resident of Babgund, Tanveer Ahmad Tantray son of Ab Rehman resident of Shripora Pattan, Shafat Ahmad Allie son of Mohd Akbar resident of Waripora Payeen, Danish Ahmad Naik son of Mehraj ud din resident of Check Ferozpora.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Baramulla, Pattan, Tangmarg & Kreeri and investigations have been initiated.

Police affixes GPS tracking device on terrorist associate

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BUDGAM: Acting on the directions of the competent Court of Law, Police in Budgam have successfully affixed a GPS tracking ankle on terrorist associate Mudasir Fayaz, accused of aiding terrorists in the valley. This pertains to case FIR No: 150 of 2022 under sections 18, 23, 38, and 39 of the UAPA, 7/25 of the Arms Act of Police Station Chadoora.

The use of GPS tracking gadgets in high-profile cases underscores the commitment of law enforcement to uphold public safety. These devices allow authorities to meticulously monitor the movements of high-risk offenders, thereby significantly reducing the likelihood of further criminal activities.

The installation of the GPS tracking anklets on the accused ensures that their movements can be tracked in real time and their entry into prohibited areas or leaving the geographical boundaries as set in the court order can be monitored.