

DC Reasi reviews arrangements for Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign 2025



Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chairing a meeting.

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REASI: In preparation for the upcoming 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign 2025, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik convened a comprehensive meeting with officers from all line departments to discuss arrangements for the smooth and effective execution of the campaign in the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nitin Verma, Assistant Commissioner Development

Vijay Kumar, CEO, CMO, and other senior officials from key departments.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner informed that the campaign will be observed from August 2 to August 15 in three distinct phases as a part of the nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. A wide range of cultural programs, awareness drives, and competitions will be organized to foster a spirit of patriotism and civic responsibility among the citizens.

In the first phase, schools

and colleges have been instructed to decorate their premises, including walls and boards, with Tiranga-inspired artwork. Activities like Tiranga Rangoli, Tiranga Rakhi making, and patriotic quiz competitions will be held in educational institutions to engage students creatively. The NIC has been directed to update all district-level websites with Har Ghar Tiranga themes and related links.

The second phase will include Tiranga rallies and yatras across all blocks,

lighting of public areas, decorating local markets, a Tiranga bike rally, and Tiranga melas at the district, subdivision, and block levels.

The third phase will focus on public participation with initiatives like 'Selfie with Tiranga', flag hoisting ceremonies, and illumination of government buildings to mark the culmination of the celebrations.

DC Malik underlined that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign aims to instill a deep sense of patriotism, promote awareness about national

symbols, and encourage citizens to hoist the National Flag with pride and dignity. She also stressed the importance of following the Flag Code of India and directed the CEO and GDC Principals to incorporate awareness sessions on the Flag Code in morning assemblies.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all departments to finalize preparations at the earliest and work in close coordination to ensure the successful implementation of the campaign. She added that the district administration is fully committed to making the event a grand success.

Free Urological camp held at SDH Baderwah to benefit locals

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BHADERWAH: In a bid to cater to the healthcare needs of the local population, the Health Department on Saturday organized a one-day free urological cum medicine distribution camp at the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Baderwah.

The camp was led by Urologist and Andrologist Dr. Anchal Kotwal, under the supervision of Block Medical Officer (BMO) Baderwah, Dr. Varsha Sharma.

A significant number of patients from Baderwah and adjoining villages availed themselves of the free consultation and treatment services. Beside also get all tests and medicines free of cost.

The initiative was met with widespread appreciation



from the local community, who expressed gratitude to the Health Department particularly to BMO Dr. Varsha Sharma and Dr. Anchal Kotwal for their dedicated service and outreach.

Speaking on the occasion, BMO Baderwah Dr. Varsha Sharma expressed gratitude to the higher authorities for facilitating the camp. "This was much needed, as patients from this region often have to travel to Jammu or Kashmir for specialized consultation," she said. Dr. Anchal Kotwal also shared his thoughts, stating, "I want to extend my best possible help to the people of this area."

DDC Poonch reviews implementation of Beneficiary-Oriented Schemes

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POONCH: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Vikas Kundal today chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Conference Hall of the DC Office to review the implementation of various beneficiary-oriented welfare schemes being run in the district.

The meeting aimed to assess the progress, coverage, and effectiveness of multiple welfare schemes across all stakeholder departments. Officers from concerned departments presented detailed updates, highlighting achievements and identifying bottlenecks to ensure that benefits reach all eligible recipients in a timely and efficient manner.

The schemes reviewed included PMFBY, PM Jan Dhan Yojana, Kissan Khidmat Ghars, Smart Kisan Credit Cards, Farmer Skill Development Programs, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Self Help Group formation, IHHLs, PM SVANidhi, HADP, Daksh Kisan, PMEGP, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, and Poshan Tracker coverage.

Progress under PMAY (Urban) was also discussed, with a specific focus on the number of houses completed and handed over to beneficiaries.



DDC Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

The meeting also reviewed data related to ration card holders under NFSA, NPHH, and beneficiaries identified by the FCS & CA Department, along with household tap connections under the Jal Shakti Department. The DDC directed the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti to ensure 100% household water supply coverage in alignment with ration card data.

The Irrigation Department's progress under PM-KUSUM, especially regarding the installation of solar irrigation pumps, was also discussed.

The Health Department provided insights into key indicators such as institutional deliveries, low birth weight, sex ratio, and the status of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) and

Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK). The DDC praised achieving 100% institutional deliveries across the district and directed the Chief Medical Officer to closely monitor health program implementation.

In the Education sector, infrastructure improvements such as toilet construction, drinking water availability, and school electrification were reviewed to ensure a cordial learning environment.

The DDC also took stock of the schemes implemented by the Revenue and Social Welfare Departments including the issuance of OBC, RBA, EVWS, ST, Domicile and Income certificates, along with scholarships, Ladli Beti, State Marriage Assistance Scheme,

and pension schemes under ISSS and NSAP. He instructed officers to keep beneficiary records updated and ensure seamless scheme execution.

The Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department was directed to expedite the Artificial Insemination and vaccination drives to achieve 100% target coverage.

He urged all departments to streamline procedures, enhance transparency, and eliminate delays in the disbursement of entitlements to beneficiaries.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, ADC, PO ICDS, GM DIC, ACP, CPO, ACD/CEO MC, CMO, CAO, CAO, DSWO, XEN JPDCL, AD FCS & CA, LDM and other officers from line departments.

Jugal inaugurates 7-day 'Aakanksha Haat' at Katra

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REASI: Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma inaugurated the week-long 'Aakanksha Haat' at the Spiritual Growth Centre-Katra.

The event, organized by the District Administration Reasi under the aegis of NITI Aayog's national 'Vocal for Local' campaign, aims to promote indigenous products and uplift local artisans and producers.

The inauguration ceremony was also graced by Member Legislative Assembly Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Baldev Raj Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik, ADDC Sukhdev Singh, senior officials and stakeholders.

'Aakanksha Haat' is part of a nationwide initiative launched under the 'Aakanksha' brand by NITI Aayog, focused on empowering Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and local artisans from Aspirational Blocks across India. The Katra edition fea-



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma at a stall during exhibition.

tures a vibrant showcase of traditional handicrafts, handloom items, organic produce, herbal products, and regional delicacies.

The MP accompanied by MLA and DC inspected the stalls showcasing the rich array of products from SHGs, FPOs and local producers. He lauded the creativity and craftsmanship on display, noting that the event not only celebrates India's cultural heritage but also acts as a catalyst for economic empowerment, especially for women and rural communities. He emphasized that 'Aakanksha Haat' envisions a sustainable ecosystem

connecting grassroots producers directly with consumers and institutional buyers.

The MP congratulated Deputy Commissioner and commended the efforts of the entire district administration for the remarkable performance of Thakrakote Block, which climbed an impressive 407 positions in NITI Aayog's Aspirational Blocks Ranking from Rank 420 in December 2024 to Rank 13 by March 2025. This surge reflects focused progress in key sectors such as Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Activities, Basic Infrastructure and Social

Development.

MP Jugal Kishore also felicitated officers and frontline workers for their proactive roles in implementing transformational development initiatives under the Sampoomata Abhiyan in Aspirational Block Thakrakote. Their efforts led to the 100% saturation of six key development indicators during the Sampoomata Abhiyan (July-September 2024), a significant milestone highlighted during the 'Sampoomata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh' held alongside the main event.

In his address, Jugal Kishore stated that this dual celebration marks a significant stride towards inclusive development, grassroots empowerment, and the recognition of local talent. He also underlined the importance of providing a physical marketplace for local producers to showcase and sell their products, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of promoting Vocal for Local and women empowerment.

Minister, MP advocate blending religious, scientific education in Madrassas

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MENDHAR: In a deeply engaging and intellectually stimulating inaugural ceremony at Maeca Education Public School, Mendhar, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana and Member of Parliament (Rajouri-Anantnag), Mian Altaf Ahmed, engaged with a diverse gathering of educators, students, parents and community leaders.

The event highlighted the institution's emergence as a model for integrated learning



Minister Javed Ahmed Rana and MP Mian Altaf Ahmed at the inauguration of Education Public School, Mendhar.

where traditional religious teachings are meaningfully combined with modern scientific education to produce morally grounded and future-

ready citizens. Javed Ahmed Rana emphasized that education must go beyond rote knowledge to become a transformative force for individuals

and society alike. He asserted that religious and scientific education are not contradictory but complementary, each playing a vital role in shaping

holistic individuals. Minister Rana also strongly advocated for gender equity in education, stressing the transformative impact of educating girls. Both dignitaries commended Maeca Education Public School for its visionary approach to curriculum and community engagement. They emphasised on the need for similar educational models across the region, especially within traditional madrasas, to embrace an inclusive and forward-looking approach that respects religious identity while promoting scientific literacy and civic awareness.

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R S PURA: Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu Sub Division R.S. Pura organized one day capacity building/Training Programme under Promotion of Commercial floriculture at KVK, R.S. Pura where large number of farmers took part in the programme who were later made aware by SDAO R.S. Pura Arun Jaral regarding the concept & conduct of one day training programme. He said farmers should go for diversification in Agriculture by way of adopting floriculture, Poultry, Dairy and other allied schemes of the department. Thread ware discussion on promotion of commercial floriculture regarding area



expansion under nurseries, loose flower cultivation, Shade net houses, vermicompost units and post-harvestshed etc.

Moreover Dr. Puneet Choudhary & Dr. Ravneet Kour Chief Scientist KVK also spoke during the programme. SMS Dheeraj Khajuria & SMS Rahul Sawhney spoke on Integrated nutrient management, importance of

Vermicompost etc. Vaishno Dev & Saloni Sadhotra both AEOs also spoke on different schemes of the HADP projects. Others who were present during the programme include Rajesh Choudhary, Arun Kumar, Ashish Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Aruna Kumari, Devinder Kour, Rita Devi, Shub Lata among others who were present during the programme.

Capacity building Mela organised

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UDHAMPUR: A capacity building Mela was organised on Saturday at the Government Polytechnic College, Udhampur, jointly by the Department of Employment and Skill Development, Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative aimed to promote skill development and entrepreneurship among unemployed youth, providing them with a platform to explore various livelihood opportunities, training programmes, and self-



employment schemes.

The mela was inaugurated by Lal Chand, Hon'ble Chairman, District Development Council, Udhampur who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, Chairman emphasized the importance of empowering the youth with the right skill sets, entrepreneurial mindset, and exposure to real-world market dynamics to build a self-reliant and progressive society.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local youth, skill training institutions, self-

help groups, industry partners, and government officers and officials. Various stalls, demonstrations, and counseling sessions were held to guide the participants on career paths, startup support, and vocational training options available under government schemes.

The mela is part of a broader mission to build a self-reliant and skilled workforce across the region by nurturing talent, boosting confidence, and facilitating access to training and employment resources.

Jal Shakti PHE employees demand pending wages, minimum wages act

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti PHE Employees and Worker Association held a press conference at PHE Complex Udhampur. Som Nath addressing the media persons highlighted in pending demands which include regularization of daily wagers. CP/ITI/Land Case Workers should be regularized immediately those who have completed 7 years of service as per SRO-64 and all other required formalities without any further delay and complete all pending sheets of every worker, so that as and when the wages will be released workers not to wait for long, so that they can live their livelihood and not suffer more, so a new policy should be framed immediately.

"There are no wages to the workers since last 65-70 months w.e.f. 2014-



Association Chairman Som Nath briefing media.

2020. Clear all pending wages of the workers in future with interest involvement of the then Minister in BJP and PDP Collation Government and this pending wages shall be released with interest. Moreover, the dues of workers who were retired from the department" Som Nath said.

He also said that 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. Accordingly to the minimum wages Act that nobody can be engaged in future (Regular and Daily Wagers). The UT Government Leh has enhanced the rate of daily wagers but the Lieutenant Governor has not done the same and the Lieutenant has not any power instead of the Leh UT.

Discrimination with Jammu is always on high that the rate of Daily Wagers is just Rs. 311 per day, this rate is not anywhere in whole country.

Thousands of workers are required. Workers should be engaged as per norms so that work may run smoothly and properly. e.g. Thousand workers are required in a division only and this figure is increasing day by day. The commissioned new water supply schemes in crores, but the provision of the workers are not engaged. The private workers are running the water supply and the administration is saying no words. The JJM schemes will not run without workers due to which these schemes are not running. Month by month due to retirements, many water supply schemes are going to non functional due to shortage of staff.

No worker will work for other employees who are retired and No worker will work on New Projects / Schemes. Those workers who are retired from their service for working in the department for more than 25-28 years and dues are not cleared for them. It is the duty of the worker to do his own duty. Thousands No. of exiting staff are shortfall due to which more burden on daily wagers working without wages.

Som Nath appealed to the Govt. to create a regularization policy in favour of daily wagers as soon as possible.

Senior leaders also spoke in the press conference: Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Sham Singh, Ganesh Chand, Sham Lal, Vinod Kumar, Karan Singh, Mohan Singh, Shambu Nath, Kuldeep etc.

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