

## SDRF 2nd Battalion Jammu conducts Mock Drill Exercise

**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** SDRF 2nd Battalion Jammu, in collaboration with Fire and Emergency Services department, conducted a Mock Drill Exercise at its Headquarters, here today.

A simulated scenario was created to demonstrate different types of disasters that may occur due to fire incidents & Structure Collapse etc. The SDRF Team responded in the shortest possible time i.e 25 minutes and displayed a wonderful mock drill witnessed by Navy wing,

Armed wing and about 150 civilians. The team consisted of 35 SDRF personnel and 8 Fire men from fire and emergency Services.

The officers lauded the wonderful demonstration exhibited by the team and advised them to maintain the same level of enthusiasm during real-time disaster management situations. The event was attended by all officers from the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRRR) and SDRF.



## DC Ganderbal visits Tulmulla, reviews arrangements for Kheer Bhawani Mela

**GANDERBAL, MAY 30 :** In view of the upcoming annual Mela Kheer Bhawani-2025, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today conducted an on-the-spot inspection of the arrangements being put in place at the Kheer Bhawani Temple, Tulmulla, to ensure smooth and hassle-free conduct of the religious festival.

Mela is scheduled to be held on June 3, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, and is expected to witness the participation of a large number of devotees from across the country.

During his visit, DC inspected various arrangements related to accommodation, sanitation, logistics, security, and other basic amenities for the yatis. He took a round of the temple complex and issued on-spot

directions to ensure that all necessary facilities are in place for the devotees paying obeisance at the holy shrine.



Emphasizing the importance of seamless coordination, DC directed all concerned departments to ensure the availability of essential services, and to establish a foolproof mechanism for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the festival. Earlier, DC also visited the Central University

Kashmir campus at Tulmulla, which has been designated as an accommodation site for devotees during the festival. He

clock services in place.

With all arrangements being finalized, district administration reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring

## Power shutdown

**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** Chief Engineer, JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Jakhole, Bakhta, Chainpura, some industries feeding power from r/stn No.1, IID Govindsar, Logate Industry, Sahar, Kumri Kathera, MES Janglote, Aegious Polyfilms, Nanan, Budhi, Barnoti, Marheen, Channi,

Paharpur, BOP, M/s Superior Polymers and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 01 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Manjakote, Ghambir, Dassal, Tandwal, Katarmal, Patrara, Ghambir Mughlan, Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Bhattian MES Rajouri and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 01 from 10 am to 4

pm. Likewise, the power supply to Poonch Town, DC Office, PHE, Bandichichian, Islamabad, Shahpur, Banpat, Sathra, Mandi, Loran, Sawjian and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 01 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Nowshera, Jaba Deeing Syal, Nonial, Manpur, Chowki-Jangher, Qila, Darhal, Rajpora

Laroka and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 01 from 6 am to 12 noon. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Changran, Chack Desa Singh, Manke Talab, Shiva Nagar, Durga Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 01 from 6 am to 11 am.

## Reasi records remarkable improvement in DGGI 4.0, jumps 15 ranks to secure 5th position in J&K

**REASI, MAY 30 :** Reasi district has demonstrated exceptional progress in governance by securing the 5th rank in the District Good Governance Index (DGGI) 4.0 among Jammu & Kashmir districts- a dramatic leap from its 20th position in DGGI 3.0. This leap of 15 positions is the highest improvement recorded among all districts, highlighting Reasi's dedicated efforts towards

administrative excellence and effective services delivery.

Adding to this achievement, Reasi has secured Rank 1 in Citizen-Centric Governance, emerging as the top-performing district in this critical category. This reflects the administration's strong focus on delivering quality public services, ensuring transparency, and fostering trust between the government and citi-

zens. The district has also shown improvement in 8 out of 10 key sectors assessed under DGGI 4.0. These sectors include Human Resource Development, Financial Inclusion, Legal & Public Safety, Social Welfare and Industries & Commerce, among others. The steady progress across these areas underscores the district's comprehensive and balanced development

approach.

The Reasi administration credits this success to the collaborative efforts of government officials, frontline workers, and citizens who have actively contributed to the transformation. This recognition serves as a powerful motivation to sustain the momentum and continue advancing toward higher standards of governance and public satisfaction.

## Mission YUVA implementation reviewed in District Kishtwar

**KISHTWAR, MAY 30 :** A review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of Mission YUVA in the district was convened today under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pawan Kotwal.

The meeting was attended by General Manager District Industries Centre, Dr. Rishi Sharma; ACR, Idrees Lone; SDMs of

Paddar, Marwah, and Chatroo, besides all other members of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and Business Help Desks (BHDs).

At the outset, the ADC reviewed the functioning of the SBDUs and BHDs, emphasizing the need to expedite the implementation process. He directed concerned officers to activate YUVA Doots and set

clear targets for them to ensure timely results.

Yuva Doots are responsible for identifying potential entrepreneurs, raising awareness about self-employment schemes and assisting them in accessing benefits under Mission YUVA.

Highlighting the importance of grassroots outreach, the ADC instructed departments to conduct

awareness programs at the Panchayat level to inform youth about opportunities under Mission YUVA.

Stressing on adopting a proactive and coordinated approach, the ADC urged stakeholders to work collectively to maximize youth participation and promote sustainable employment through entrepreneurship under the Mission YUVA initiative.

## Secretary School Education, visits Srinagar Schools; emphasises student-centric reforms

**SRINAGAR, MAY 30 :** Secretary School Education, Ram Nivas Sharma, today conducted extensive visit to various educational institutions functioning in Srinagar, holding exclusive interaction with the students and the teachers.

Accompanied by Director School Education Kashmir Dr. G.N. Itoo, the Secretary visited S.P. Higher Secondary School Srinagar, Girls Higher Secondary School Kothibagh and Middle School Kothibagh. He sought feedback from the students and the teachers regarding the facilities available in their respective institutions.

At the Kindergarten section of Middle School Kothibagh, the Secretary

shared moments of joy with little kids, emphasizing the importance of early child-



hood education and joyful learning environments.

Addressing the students during the visit, the Secretary urged upon them to not only focus on aca-

demic excellence but also engage actively in co-curricular activities. He

emphasized the need for students to embrace the opportunities of modern Artificial Intelligence era. The Secretary also underscored the need to

preserve Jammu & Kashmir's rich cultural heritage through education and stressed the urgent importance of improving female literacy rate. He assured that infrastructure development in schools will remain a core priority.

Later in the day, a review meeting was convened at the Directorate of School Education Kashmir, where Sharma held detailed discussions with the officers of the department including Chief Education Officers from across the Kashmir Division and other senior officials. Dr. G.N. Itoo gave a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the ongoing academic and non-academic initiatives, along with key developmental projects underway in the region.

## Bhaderwah gears up for Lavender Festival- 2025

**BHADERWAH, MAY 30:** In the run-up to the much-anticipated Lavender Festival 2025, a team of local administration led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Bhutyal today conducted a detailed inspection of venue readiness at the Sports Stadium, Government Degree College Bhaderwah.

During the inspection, the ADC took stock of ongoing preparations and issued on the spot instructions to stakeholder departments to expedite the remaining works. The stress was laid on ensuring proper sanitation, electricity supply, drinking water availability, stage setup, decoration, parking faci-

ties and other public convenience measures. The aim is to transform the

venue into a vibrant and welcoming space for tourists, guests and local residents who are expected

to attend in large numbers. The officers present on-site for the review included



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XeN R&B, Block Development Officer, Block Medical Officer and others. All departments

respective responsibilities, keeping in view the cultural and tourism significance of the festival.

## DC flags off 100-Day "TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" at Doda

**DODA, MAY 30 :** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh today flagged off a 100-day "TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" here from DC Office Complex.

The campaign aims to intensify efforts to eliminate tuberculosis through sustained awareness, screening and treatment drives across the district.

The launch event witnessed the presence of Chief Medical Officer Dr Om Kumar; Deputy CMO Dr S L Manhas; Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor and other officials and staff from the Health Department.

The DC emphasized the importance of active community participation and inter-departmental coordination to achieve the goal

of TB-free India. He urged frontline workers to reach out to the vulnerable population, especially in remote

with the Prime Minister's vision to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target.

and organize TB awareness sessions. The initiative also includes engaging local influencers, PRI members,



and underserved areas.

The "TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" is part of the national strategy aligned

During the campaign, medical teams will conduct door-to-door screening, sputum collection drives

ASHAs, and NGOs to spread awareness and remove the stigma associated with TB.

## Tourism Stakeholders meet new CEO Bhaderwah Development Authority; Suggests measures for boosting local Tourism

**BHADERWAH, MAY 30 :** In a significant step towards revitalizing tourism in the region, the Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA) held a meeting at Tilligarh Resort, Bhadarwah. The meeting brought together tourism stakeholders including hoteliers, guest house owners, homestay operators, travel agents and other service providers to interact with the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of BDA, Sunil K.

Bhutyal, who also serves as Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah. The primary agenda of the meeting was to formally introduce the new CEO and engage in an open discussion on the current challenges faced by the tourism industry in Bhadarwah.

Participants shared their concerns and suggestions, focusing on the need for better infrastructure, promotion and tourist-friendly facilities.

The CEO emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to promote Bhadarwah as a prime tourist destination. He assured the attendees that the administration is committed to address their issues and formulate strategies for the smooth management of tourist flow, especially during the peak season.

Key issues discussed included enhancing security at tourist accommodations and destinations,

maintaining hygiene standards and ensuring that all service providers adhere to a professional code of conduct. Suggestions for improving road connectivity and launching promotional campaigns were also put forward.

The meeting concluded with a call for unity among tourism stakeholders and taking proactive steps to make Bhadarwah a cleaner, safer and more attractive destination for visitors.

## Central University of Jammu Organizes Free Eye Checkup Camp

**Jammu, May 30 :** Under the esteemed guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Central University of Jammu today successfully organized a free eye check-up camp in collaboration with Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The camp provided free eye examinations and cataract screening facilities for university faculty, staff, and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Ophthalmologist Dr. Rimpika Gupta stated, "The primary objective of such health camps is to enhance healthcare accessibility and provide quality medical services to all sections of society." Dr. Vijayata Puri, Senior Medical Officer, Central University Jammu and camp coordinator, informed that the university

plans to organize more such health initiatives in future to benefit larger numbers of people. "We are committed

enthusiastic participation from university members who availed the free eye checkup facilities. The

Dr. Vijayata, expressed gratitude to all participants and the hospital team for making the camp a success.



to continuing these welfare activities to serve our university community better," she added.

The camp witnessed

expert team from Sharp Sight Eye Hospital conducted thorough examinations and provided necessary consultations.

Such initiatives reflect Central University Jammu's commitment to the health and wellbeing of its academic community.

## DC reviews progress under HADP, establishment & functioning of KKGs in Kishtwar District

**KISHTWAR, MAY 30:** District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today assessed the achievement under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) besides the establishment and functioning of Kissan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) here at a meeting.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kushal Chandel, who also serves as Nodal Officer HADP, provided a detailed update, highlighting that 29 projects under HADP are being implemented across various sectors in the district.

Regarding Kissan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs), it was informed that out of

total 65 sanctioned KKGs, 31 have been established, including 6 in the first

low joining among selected KKG Krishi Udyams, the DC instructed the CAO to

Sheep Husbandry and Animal Husbandry sectors. The meeting was attend-



phase and 25 in this month, while the remaining are at various stages of completion.

To address the issue of

invite fresh applications. The meeting also reviewed the implementation of schemes in Horticulture, Fisheries,

ed by CPO Shah Nawaz Bali; Tehsildar HQ Sunali Rani besides officers and officials of Agriculture and allied sectors.