

## ADDC Shopian chairs Block Diwas at Kathahallan Keller

Reviews developmental issues, hears public grievances

SHOPIAN, JUNE 17: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone today chaired a Block Diwas programme at Panchayat Halqa Kathahallan, Block Keller of the district. The outreach and public contact programme was held with the objective of listening to public issues and grievances for their timely redressal. During the interaction, the public projected several issues and demands related to road connectivity and macadamization, drinking water supply, dearth of staff in Primary School Kathahallan, repair of



roads, electricity, healthcare, education, irrigation and other developmental requirements. Members of the Gujjar community residing in the area also highlighted concerns regarding basic amenities, access to government welfare schemes

and recognition of Community Rights under the Forest Rights Act (FRA). The ADDC directed the concerned officers to examine the issues and take necessary measures as per rules for their resolution.

He listened patiently to the issues and grievances and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for their prompt redressal. Matters requiring higher level intervention were noted for appropriate follow up action and assured people that gen-

une public concerns would be addressed in a time bound manner. He reiterated the administration's commitment towards inclusive and participatory development and emphasized that Block Diwas serves as an important platform for strengthening public outreach, ensuring transparency, improving service delivery and accelerating developmental initiatives at the grassroots level. Officers from various departments also briefed the gathering about the implementation and benefits of various welfare and developmental schemes in the area.

## DC Pulwama reviews NEET (UG) Examination preparations

PULWAMA, JUNE 17: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Circuit House Pulwama to review the arrangements for the forthcoming NEET (UG) Examination. At the outset, the Additional Deputy Commissioner briefed the chair on the overall preparedness, including identification of examination centres, deployment of staff, implementation of SOPs, transportation plans, videography arrangements, security arrangements, and other logistical requirements. The DC also sought detailed inputs from Centre Superintendents regarding preparedness at their respective centres, including adherence to prescribed SOPs and arrangements put in place for smooth conduct of the examination. The DC directed all concerned Centre Superintendents to ensure foolproof arrangements for the smooth and fair conduct of the examination. He stressed the importance of main-



taining strict adherence to the guidelines issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and ensuring proper coordination among all stakeholders. Emphasizing the sensitivity of the examination, the DC directed for adequate deployment of magistrates and security personnel at all examination centres. Dr. Qayoom further instructed the concerned departments to facilitate seamless transportation, ensure uninterrupted power and water supply.

## Transport Commissioner reviews Transport Preparedness for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 at Sonamarg

GANDERBAL, JUNE 17: Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, today visited Sonamarg and Baltal to review the transport preparedness and arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026. He was accompanied by RTO Kashmir, Qazi Irfan; ARTO Ganderbal, Anis Ahmed and other officers of the Transport Department. During the visit, the Transport Commissioner chaired a meeting of all stakeholders, including officers of the Transport Department, Traffic Police and transport operators and other concerned agencies. The meeting reviewed the preparedness of various departments and discussed measures required to



ensure safe, efficient and hassle-free transportation facilities for the pilgrims. The Transport Commissioner stressed that only roadworthy and fit vehicles should be deployed for Yatra duties and directed the concerned officers to ensure timely inspection and fitness certification of all vehicles proposed to be engaged for the pilgrimage. He emphasized that drivers engaged for the Yatra must possess

the requisite driving skills, valid credentials and be well acquainted with the Yatra route, traffic regulations, safety protocols and emergency response measures. Taking serious note of complaints regarding overcharging by transport operators, the Transport Commissioner directed strict adherence to the notified fare structure and warned that any instance of overcharging would invite stringent action.

## MLA Mir Saifullah chairs meeting of Committee on Public Undertakings

SRINAGAR, JUNE 17: A meeting of the Committee on Public Undertakings was held today at the Legislative Assembly under the chairmanship of MLA Mir Saifullah. Legislators Ajaz Ahmed Jan, Pawan Kumar Gupta, Shafi Ahmad Wani, Rajiv Jasrotia, Mehar Ali, Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Arjun Singh Raju, Rafiq Ahmad Naik besides Chairman Bureau of Public Enterprises Talat Parvaiz, Secretary JK Legislative Assembly Manoj Kumar Pandit, Accountant General Tsewang Tharchin, DG Accounts & Treasuries Fayaz Ahmad Lone along with senior officers from Finance Department and Legislative Assembly were



present in the meeting. The Secretary, J&K LA briefed the meeting on the objectives and functioning of the committee, which included ensuring legislative oversight of state-owned corporations/undertakings and promoting

efficiency, economy and accountability in their operations. He also informed the members that the committee examines and reviews CAG audit reports related to public undertakings, identifies irregularities or inefficien-

cy, ensures financial discipline, verifies that the government investments are utilized properly and economically, investigates cases of mismanagement and enforces accountability. The members discussed various aspects relating to the effective functioning of the Committee and its mandate in ensuring accountability, transparency and efficiency in the functioning of public undertakings. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Mir Saifullah emphasized the importance of the Committee and highlighted its crucial role in strengthening legislative oversight of public sector undertakings. He stated that the Committee

serves as an important link between the government and the people, helping to identify and address the public grievances while ensuring that the intended benefits of various public undertakings reach the people effectively. The Chairman stressed that the meetings of the Committee should be result-oriented and focused on achieving tangible outcomes in the interest of the public. He urged all the members to actively participate in the proceedings and contribute constructively towards the Committee's work, saying that collective efforts and meaningful discussions are essential for enhancing the Committee's effectiveness.

## DC Budgam reviews arrangements for International Yoga Day

Directs Officers to ensure District-Wide Celebrations

BUDGAM, JUNE 17: In connection with the upcoming International Yoga Day, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today chaired a meeting at Conference hall Budgam to review and finalize the arrangements for the district-level celebration of International Yoga Day to be observed on June 21.



and emotional well-being, the DC emphasised the need for maximum public participation and awareness. He directed that International Yoga Day be celebrated in all Government and Private Schools, Colleges, and all

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs across Budgam district to ensure the message of healthy living reaches every section of society. The DC further instructed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) to

actively coordinate and supervise Yoga Day celebrations at their respective subdivision headquarters in collaboration with line departments, educational institutions and local stakeholders to ensure enthusiastic participation at the grassroots level. The meeting reviewed arrangements relating to sanitation, drinking water, seating, medical aid, security, transportation, logistics, publicity and other essential facilities. Officers from the Youth Services & Sports, Health, School Education, Higher Education, AYUSH, Information, Police and other line departments

briefed the DC on their preparedness and action plans for the event. The district-level celebration on June 21 will witness participation from government officers, students, athletes, NCC and NSS cadets, healthcare workers, Yoga enthusiasts and members of the general public, collectively promoting the message of fitness, wellness and a healthy lifestyle. The DC urged all departments to work in close coordination to ensure flawless arrangements and make International Yoga Day celebrations a grand success throughout Budgam district.

## Pulwama gears up for Yoga Day celebrations DC finalizes preparations, stresses wider public participation

PULWAMA, JUNE 17: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a meeting at the Administrative Complex Pulwama to review and finalize arrangements for the observance of the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026 across the district. During the meeting, the Additional Deputy Commissioner Pulwama gave a detailed presentation outlining the proposed programme and arrangements for the district-level event as well as activities planned at the sub-divisional and institutional levels. The meeting was informed that the main district-level Yoga Day function will be held at the Hockey Turf near Boys Higher Secondary School, Pulwama, where a mass yoga session will be organised. Similar events will also be conduct-

ed at sub-divisional levels including at Awanti Swami Temple, Awantipora and Government Degree College Bajwani, Tral, besides educational institutions, AYUSH centres, Amrit Sarovar sites and other designated locations across the district. Reviewing the preparations, the DC called for the involvement of elected representatives, political workers, general public, members of various associations, civil society organisations, youth groups, students, government officials, ex-PRI members, ex-DDC members and former ULB representatives in the celebrations. The DC also reviewed the arrangements related to sanitation, drinking water, power supply, medical assistance, traffic regulation, security, seating arrangements, public address systems, live streaming facilities and other logistical requirements at the venue.

## Three-day workshop on SQAAF begins in JKBOSE



SRINAGAR, JUNE 17: Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), which has been designated as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, organized a three-day workshop titled "SQAAF in J&K: Implementation and Way Forward" from today. Twenty eminent educational experts, administrators and other stakeholders are participating in the programme for the effective contextualization and implementation of the

School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) in Jammu & Kashmir. The workshop seeks to develop a comprehensive roadmap for implementing SQAAF in Jammu & Kashmir, including institutional mechanisms, capacity-building strategies, monitoring frameworks and school support systems required for successful operationalization of the framework. The participants shall undertake a detailed analysis and review of the SQAAF Portal developed by

JKBOSE for the Union Territory, as a digital platform to facilitate self-assessment for Government and private schools. The portal on operation will be instrumental in data collection, quality monitoring, evidence-based evaluation and continuous school improvement. Technical sessions are being conducted to ensure the portal's functionality, usability and alignment with the objectives of the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework.

## ADDC Anantnag reviews progress of Agriculture, allied sectors

Stresses timely completion of HADP, JKCIIP targets

ANANTNAG, JUNE 17: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) (District Nodal Officer, HADP/JKCIIP), Anantnag, Vikas Ahlawat, today chaired a review meeting of Agriculture and allied sectors to assess the progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIIP), and related initiatives in the district. During the meeting, a detailed review of key performance indicators was undertaken, including Daksh Kisan completion, Krishi Udyami (KU) registration and reporting, farm registrations, e-KYC, JKCIIP applications, approvals, credit linkages, fund utilisation and implementation of CSS/flagship schemes. While reviewing the progress, it was informed that 20,720 farmers have been enrolled under Daksh Kisan, out of which 15,811 farmers have successfully completed the course, achieving 76.31%



completion. The district has also recorded registration of 55,341 farmers, with 25,836 farm registrations completed under the prescribed framework. The meeting was informed that 154 Krishi Udyamis have been onboarded in the district, with 8,900 daily reports submitted, reflecting continued monitoring of

field-level activities. Under tracking initiatives, 15,180 units have been tracked through the OTA platform, achieving 95.59% progress. Reviewing the JKCIIP progress, it was informed that against the targeted Farmer Organisations in JKCIIP blocks, 5,752 applications have been received, of which

3,679 applications have been approved. The meeting also reviewed the status of credit applications, sanctions and disbursement under various interventions. Addressing the meeting, the ADDC directed all concerned officers to intensify field-level monitoring, ensure expeditious disposal of pending cases and improve convergence among departments for achieving the targets under HADP and JKCIIP. He emphasised timely completion of registrations, KYC approvals, application processing and effective implementation of schemes aimed at enhancing the income and livelihood opportunities of farmers. The officers were further directed to conduct regular reviews at their respective levels and ensure that bottlenecks affecting implementation are resolved promptly. The meeting was attended by CAO, CAHO, DD Fisheries, CHO, DSHO, DSO, AMO HPM, SDAOs, BVOs, HDOS, Inspectors, AEOs, Sericulture Assistants and other officials of Agriculture and allied departments.