

DC Samba convenes Block Diwas at Ramgarh

Reviews progress of development works, addresses public grievances

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Deputy Commissioner Samba Dr. Rupesh Kumar today convened a Block Diwas meeting at Community Hall, Chani Fatwal in Block Ramgarh to review development issues and address public grievances.

A large number of locals, public representatives and officers from line departments participated in the programme. During the interaction, residents raised several issues and demands pertaining to road connectivity, drinking water supply, power, healthcare, education and civic amenities.

The public representatives and residents of Ramgarh demanded installation of solar street lights, strengthening of healthcare facilities at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), construction of a volleyball court, installation of CCTV cameras, opening of a library, provision of community banking facilities and introduction of an e-bus transport service.

The residents also demanded regular drinking water supply, rationalisation of power supply and early completion of projects being executed by the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the Public Works Department (PWD).



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The Deputy Commissioner patiently listened to the grievances and demands raised by the public and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for the prompt redressal of the same. He directed the PMGSY authorities to put in extra efforts for proper maintenance and renovation of roads and install night reflectors at vulnerable and accident-prone locations to enhance road safety.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress of ongoing development works being executed by the PWD and PMGSY. He instructed the concerned officers to obtain all requisite approvals and expedite the execution of pending works. Emphasising the need for timely completion, he directed the executing agencies to ensure that the roads are made motorable at the earliest for the convenience of the public.

He further directed the officials of the Medical Department to ensure the availability of basic facilities at the Primary Health Centre to strengthen healthcare services and improve access to medical care for residents of the area.

Emphasising responsive governance and efficient public service delivery, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure the timely resolution of public grievances and effective implementation of developmental programmes at the grassroots level.

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DC Poonch reviews functioning of ICDS, Social Welfare Department

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex to review the working of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Social Welfare Department.

The meeting was attended by District Programme Officer Fareed Ahmed Kohli; District Social Welfare Officer Joginder Mangol; Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) of the six projects—Haveli, Mandi, Surankote, Bafliaz, Mendhar and Balakote—and Tehsil Social Welfare Officers.

At the outset, the District Programme Officer briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the implementation of various ICDS schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Poshan Tracker, Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), growth monitoring and the Face Recognition System (FRS).



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The meeting also reviewed key parameters, including the infrastructure of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), anaemia screening, payment of honorarium, expenditure under

SNP and the human resource position.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure that all complaints related to ICDS services, the functioning of Anganwadi Centres and the Supplementary Nutrition Programme are resolved within seven days.

He also directed the CDPOs to organise regular counselling sessions for mothers and pregnant women to raise awareness about hygiene, maternal nutrition, exclusive breastfeeding, institutional deliveries and the importance of regular growth monitoring.

Emphasising transparency and accountability, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for regular field visits by CDPOs and Supervisors to monitor the functioning of Anganwadi Centres and ensure the effective implementation of welfare schemes. He further directed the officers to ensure 100% saturation of all beneficiary-oriented schemes so that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended benefits.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated ICDS Poonch for achieving 100% coverage in Aadhaar seeding and measurement of beneficiaries and urged the officers to maintain the same level of performance and commitment.

DDC Doda reviews progress of District, UT plan works

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess the physical and financial progress of works undertaken under District and UT Plan for the current year.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anil Kumar Thakur; Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Manesh Kumar Manhas; Superintending Engineers of PWD (R&B) and Jal Shakti (Hydraulic) Circles; Chief Education Officer; Executive Engineers of the concerned departments; Executive Officer of Municipal Council/Committees of



Doda, Baderwah and Thathri; Block Development Officers (BDOs); officials from JPDCL and other concerned officers and officials.

During the meeting, a detailed review was conducted of the physical and financial progress of developmental works initiated by the Rural Development Department (RDD), PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti, Education, Health

and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). The status of allotted, ongoing and completed works, financial expenditure and progress against approved targets were examined, with emphasis on timely execution and effective utilisation of available funds.

Taking block-wise review under the RDD sector, the DDC directed the concerned officers to expedite the execution of all

allotted works and ensure 100% achievement in both physical and financial terms within the stipulated timelines.

Taking serious note of delays in the execution of certain works, the DDC directed the concerned departments to ensure that all allotted works are taken up without further delay. He instructed the officers to identify contractors who have failed to commence or execute allotted works and initiate appropriate action, including blacklisting wherever warranted, strictly in accordance with applicable rules and contractual provisions.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of works under the PWD (R&B) sector, including road infrastructure and projects related to Education, Health and other public infrastructure.

Progress of ongoing works in Municipal area Baderwah reviewed

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal on Saturday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works being taken up in the Baderwah town (Municipal area).

Detailed discussions were held on the civic issues, ongoing developmental projects and measures to improve public amenities.

The concerned authorities were directed to remove encroachments along Irrigation channels and ensure proper monitoring of developmental works at Munahi-Kul.

The Jal Shakti Department was instructed to address water leakage issues, maintain proper drainage and take immediate steps to prevent the overflow of water from service stations onto roads to ensure public convenience and road safety.

The Municipal Committee was directed to construct additional public toilets across the town, install dustbins at suitable places and ensure the proper



maintenance of streetlights. The department was also instructed to make necessary arrangements for a new kitchen shed at the Community Hall and undertake chain-link fencing along the riverside to enhance public safety.

Additionally, the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department was directed to

expedite the ongoing lane and drain construction works, address public grievances and ensure the timely completion of all assigned projects within the stipulated timeframe.

The department was further asked to complete the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of remaining areas within two days.

The meeting was attended by officials in both virtual and offline modes. CEO BDA and Executive Engineer R&B participated virtually, while Executive Engineer Irrigation, Executive Officer MCB, Junior Engineer R&B and Junior Engineer Jal Shakti attended the meeting in person.

DC Kishtwar flags off 50 students for Horticulture Exposure Visit under HADP

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today flagged off a group of 50 college students for a One-Day capacity-building/Exposure Visit under Project 321 of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The exposure visit has been organised by the Department of Horticulture under the guidance of Chief Horticulture Officer Sajid Mustafa.

During the One-Day capacity-building/Exposure visit, the students will visit a private orchard nursery at Dadpeth and the Model Orchard-cum-Nursery at Damber, Chatroo, to gain practical exposure to modern horticultural practices.

The students will receive technical guidance on various cultural operations and nursery-raising techniques for different



fruit crops. They will also be sensitised to various schemes and initiatives of the Department of Horticulture. The initiative aims to promote horticulture as a viable avenue for youth entrepreneurship, while

encouraging skill development, practical learning and self-reliance through the adoption of modern horticultural practices.

Chief Horticulture Officer Sajid Mustafa; HDO Nagseni, Abdul Rouf

Zargar; In-charge Head KVK Birjesh Kumar; Scientist KVK Amitesh Kumar; besides other officers and officials of the Department of Horticulture were present on the occasion.

DC reviews traffic management system in Udhampur Town

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Ananth Dwivedi, today convened a meeting with officers of the concerned departments to review traffic management issues in Udhampur town and discuss measures to ensure smooth traffic flow and ease congestion.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, ARTO Mudassir Iqbal and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on key traffic-related issues, including the proposed one-way traffic movement from Slatia Chowk to Gole Market, relocation of reharies, regulation of vehicle halting time, entry of goods vehicles, streamlining of bus



operations for Ramnagar and adjoining areas, identification of suitable land for parking accidental and abandoned vehicles, creation of temporary parking spaces and improvement of overall traffic management.

The DC directed the Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council to ensure proper marking of designated parking spaces

across the town and arrange for garbage lifting early in the morning to prevent inconvenience to commuters and the general public. He stressed the need for effective enforcement measures to decongest roads, prevent traffic violations and ensure the smooth movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

The ARTO and traffic

police were directed to identify designated stopping points for vehicles to ensure orderly movement and prevent unnecessary halting on busy roads.

The CEO Municipal Council was further instructed to take necessary measures for relocating reharies operating in congested areas to facilitate the free movement of traffic and pedestrians.