

## Central Prabhari Officer ADP visits Baramulla

Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Sept 26: Central Prabhari Officer, Rajeev Kumar Tiwari today visited Baramulla and took a review of Baramulla under Aspirational District Programme (ADP) at Dak Bungalow, here.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar presented a welcome address and briefed the chair about the progress and achievements made under the Aspirational District Programme.

Central Prabhari Officer ADP emphasized that a robust strategy for waste management must be planned for ground water recharge and sustainable development.

Informing the chair, Dr Sehrish said that Baramulla has recently been identified and taken up for Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan under NMBA 2.0. She further informed that pledge taking ceremonies were conducted across district Baramulla with campaigns about Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

The chair was also informed that the District Administration recently launched 'Nayi Soch' which is an initiative under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and will also generate awareness on women welfare schemes.

On the occasion, Central



CPO Rajeev Kumar Tiwari with DC Baramulla Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar chairing a meeting.

Prabhari Officer launched Dashboard of Anemia Mukht Baramulla. The dashboard will reflect all the components of IEC activities undertaken under Anemia Mukht Baramulla.

The meeting also discussed the progress of school education in the district. Informing the chair, CEO Baramulla said that enrollment drives were conducted across the district for saturation in gross enrollment ratio.

It was given out that under Bunyadi Taleem Muhim, seven educational zones have been identified where monitoring assessment will be carried out by one hundred identified volunteers in 80 schools of the district.

Central Prabhari Officer directed the School Education Department to scale up the efforts to minimize the dropout rate. He asserted that school education is an important parameter of human

resource development.

While reviewing the agriculture sector, the chair was briefed that 93102 families have been covered with Kisan Credit Cards which amounts to 787.78 crores.

Also, 230 ha of agricultural land has been brought under high value crops including Broccoli and Lettuce and about 125 ha has been covered under high density plantation and sprinkler irrigation.

Under the Rejuvenation programme of water bodies, it was given out that 710 water bodies have been rejuvenated in the past two years with stone bed structure developed along with a mesh laid on the top of the water body.

It was also given out that 59 Amrit Sarovars have been developed out of 152 Amrit Sarovars identified for development.

Later, the Prabhari Officer paid visit to dumping site for waste disposal at Jetty Khawaja Bagh Baramulla to take appraisal of solid liquid waste management.

Central Prabhari Officer also visited Hygam Wetland Reserve where he was appraised about management of the wetland.

Among others, Joint Director Planning Mohammad Yousuf, Additional Superintendent of Police, Assistant Commissioner Development Yar Ali, Chief Education Officer G M Lone were present in the meeting.

## 21640 units established in J&K under PMEGP

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SRINAGAR, Sept 26: After the Centre's major push to local manufacturing, J&K Government has established 21,640 units under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) exceeding the target by a massive 544% with total capital of Rs 2101 crore across Jammu and Kashmir.

The PMEGP has worked wonders for Jammu and Kashmir and the UT leads ahead of all other states in self-employment opportunities under the PMEGP.

In 2021-22, KVIC had set a target of 3,360 PMEGP units in J&K but buoyed by the

and Doda. As many as 16,807 (78 per cent) of the 21,640 PMEGP units in J&K belong to the service sectors like beauty parlour, boutiques, embroidery, mobile/computer repair shops and food outlets.

This is followed by 1,933 units (9 per cent) under rural engineering and biotechnology like steel fabrication and steel furniture, artificial jewellery making, vermi-compost and bio-fertilizers units.

With record 21,640 manufacturing and service units, J&K stands way ahead of bigger states like Uttar Pradesh (12,594 units), Madhya Pradesh (8082 units), Tamil Nadu (5972 units), Karnataka (5877) and Gujarat (4140 units). A massive 1.73 lakh new employment in J&K in 2021-22, under PMEGP alone, is also the highest across all states and UTs in India.

The Central Government approved the introduction of new credit linked subsidy programme called PMEGP by merging the two schemes that were in operation like Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural employment Generation Programme (REGP) for generation of employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in rural as well as urban areas.

PMEGP is a central sector scheme administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME). The Scheme is implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), a statutory organization under the administrative control of the Ministry of MSME as the single nodal agency at the National level.

KVIC scripted golden chapter of industrial growth and employment boom in Jammu & Kashmir. In the year 2021-22, KVIC in J&K established the highest number of manufacturing and service units under its flagship scheme PMEGP and created the highest number of jobs in comparison with all other states and UTs in India.

Recently, J&K Bank was ranked number one by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (GoI) under the Khadi India Awards for its excellent performance in implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in North India.

## DGP reviews security arrangements ahead of Union Home Minister's visit

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: The Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh visited Baramulla today where he chaired a meeting at the conference hall, District Police Office to review the security arrangements ahead of Union Home Minister's visit to the UT. He was accompanied by ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar.

During the meeting, security arrangements for the Union Home Minister's visit including the routes and locations were discussed in detail. Deployment of manpower from different forces and intelligence agencies was also discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K. Pole, DIG NKR Udaybhaskar Billa, SSP Baramulla Rayees Mohammad Bhat, ASP Baramulla R K Parihar and jurisdictional SDPOs.

Addressing the officers the



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting.

DGP stressed for greater synergy among different agencies and forces, being deployed for the security of VVIP. The DGP emphasized upon the officers to keep an eye on the activities of suspicious elements who always try to find an opportunity to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the UT. He directed the officers that proper briefings should be made to the personnel put on security duties at different locations of venues.

The DGP stressed for utilization of technology & security gadgets including CCTV cameras en-route the visit and locations. He said that a comprehensive commu-

nication network must be ensured to be established to coordinate among the agencies involved in the security arrangements.

While discussing traffic arrangements, the DGP asked for diversion of public transport to alternate routes so that common commuters do not suffer due to security reasons.

DIG NKR and SSP Baramulla briefed the DGP about the required security arrangements put in place in connection with the VVIP visit.

They apprised him about the security measures being taken in their respective jurisdictional areas.



AAP leaders and volunteers during a protest in Jammu.

## AAP volunteers stage protest against delayed transportation of apple crop from Kashmir

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: For prolong delay in transportation of apple crop from Kashmir valley causing huge losses to apple traders and growers, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today held a protest demonstration outside Press Club Jammu accusing Jammu and Kashmir Government for failure to ensure timely transportation of crop.

The protest was led by senior leaders of Aam Aadmi Party including BR Kundal, OP Khajuria, Namrata Sharma, Jagdeep Singh along with volunteers who raised slogans against J&K LG Administration and Government of India for leaving apple traders on God's mercy.

Addressing media persons during this protest, AAP leaders said that apple crop is back bone of J&K and especially of Kashmir's economy and timely transportation of apple crop is prerequisite for attaining monetary benefits of apple crop as apple is a perishable item and gets rotten if not transported timely.

"Presently thousands of apple crop laden trucks are stranded due to closure of highway putting apple

crop traders, growers and truckers in a state of distress," the leaders said. They added that a huge quantity of apple crop is either getting damaged or is on the verge of damage due to delay in transportation of crop.

They accused J&K Government for doing nothing for public welfare except beating drums of publicity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed Government and making hollow slogans of development.

"Entire Jammu and Kashmir machinery is looking busy in managing affairs for upcoming visit of Home Minister Amit Shah and there is no one from Government side to pay concern towards plight of masses," AAP leaders further said.

They also said that recently J&K Government and Traffic Police made some statements and claims of facilitating movement of trucks but things don't seem much good on ground and thousands of trucks are still stranded.

The leaders further demanded an immediate assessment of apple crop loss and necessary aid for affected farmers instead of turning blind eye towards them.



People at newly opened children hospital at Bemina in Srinagar. —Excelsior/Shakeel

## 500-bedded paediatric hospital Bemina begins operations

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: The authorities today formally closed the Children Hospital at Sonwar while the newly constructed 500-bedded paediatric hospital at Bemina was thrown open for the general public.

On the day, a huge rush of people was witnessed at the hospital who reached there from differ-

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ent corners of Kashmir while the authorities further informed the general public that more facilities would be put in place at the hospital soon.

"We had already conveyed to the general public about the shifting of the facilities to Bemina and today all the facilities at G. B. Panth hospital were closed at 10. All the facilities that were available at GB Panth, and more than that, will remain available here," Dr. Nazir Chowdhary, Medical Superintendent of the hospital said.

He said that the G.B. Panth hospital, capacity was for just 240 beds and the one that has come up at Bemina has a strength of 500 beds.

"The patients from GB Panth will also be shifted soon

to the new building. We have already conveyed it to the SSP and the traffic authorities which will facilitate the same," he said.

It is to be noted here the 500-bedded Hospital, officials said, will change the outlook of Pediatric Healthcare in Kashmir and is going to have specialities like Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Pediatric Neurology, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Pediatric Nephrology, Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Hematology, Pediatric Orthopedics, Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Nutrition.

In 2013, the Government began the process of establishing a 200-bedded hospital which was then upgraded to 500 beds in 2015. Then in 2019, the Government sanctioned the conversion of the 200-bedded Maternity Hospital and the 300 bedded Paediatric Hospital, taking the capacity to 500-beds.

In July, last year, the Administrative Council (AC) headed by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded fresh administrative approval to the construction of a 500-bedded paediatric hospital at Bemina, Srinagar at an estimated cost of Rs. 114.81 crores.

## DC Bandipora reviews winter preparedness; calls for prompt response to public grievances

Excelsior Correspondent

BANDIPORA, Sept 26: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed today chaired a meeting to review winter preparedness of departments in the district.

The DC on the occasion took stock of department-wise initiatives and works to be undertaken by the District Administration for winter preparedness.

He directed the concerned officers to make necessary arrangements well in advance and asked for framing and executing department-wise action plans for the preparedness.

Dr. Owais directed all the departments to ensure that a robust mechanism is put in place to minimize disruptions of essential services to the general public during winter season.

During the meeting, the DC directed the PDD to set specific timelines for replacement of transformers in far-flung/ remote areas of the district and also keep a buffer stock of transformers during the winter months.

While reviewing the preparedness of the MED and Beacon, the DC laid emphasis on ensuring uninterrupted road connectivity. He also directed the concerned officers for deployment of snow clearing machinery and equipment for snow clearance on essential, main and internal roads as and when required.



The officers of the Mechanical Engineering Department appraised the chair that four more snow clearance machines have been provided to Bandipora for quick and robust clearance of roads during winter.

Dr. Owais directed all the concerned to ensure availability of essentials including medicines, fuel, ration and other essential items.

He also directed the concerned departments for setting up of Control Rooms to redress the winter related complaints of the public on fast track basis and to ensure a prompt response system.

District Programme Officer, Mohd Ashraf Hakak, ADC Bandipora Waseem Raja, ADC Bandipora Ab Rashid Das, ACR Bandipora Parvaiz Rahim, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, SDM Gurez, Executive Engineers of R&B, PMGSY and other concerned attended the meeting.

## J&K Bank establishes special counter at SMVD Bhawan on Navratra

Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA, Sept 26: On the eve of Navratra, J&K Bank today established a Special Counter at its Business Unit in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan to offer fresh cash currency and note exchange facility to the devotees visiting the famous Shrine.

CEO, Shri Mata Vaishno



CEO SMVDSB Anshul Garg with JK Bank's GM and Divisional Head Sunit Kumar inaugurating special counter at SMVD Bhawan.

Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Anshul Garg and Bank's GM & Divisional Head Jammu, Sunit Kumar inaugurated the Fresh Cash/Note Exchange Counter in presence of Zonal Head Udhampur Rajesh Gupta, SDM Sudhir Bali, Tehsildar Anil Charak, Manager Bhawan Pardeep Jamwal, DSP Bhawan Nikhil Rasgotra, Head Pandit Gopal Sharma, officers of the Bank besides devotees from different corners of the country.

Earlier, while welcoming the dignitaries General Manager Sunit Kumar thanked the Shrine Board for its continuous patronage and support to the bank and assured of best services to the SMVD Board, devotees and public at large.

A team of officials has also been dedicated full time to assist the board for management of cash received as public offering at the shrine". Sunit Kumar said, adding that the bank has established three branches and installed nine ATMs starting from Katra to the Bhawan to provide easily accessible banking services to the devotees visiting the shrine from different parts of the country besides facilitating fresh cash, exchange of notes on special occasions like Navratra.

The function concluded with vote of thanks from Zonal Head Udhampur Rajesh Gupta.

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