

CS emphasises on integrated tourism development across Jammu region

Assesses the roadmap for transforming it into a diversified tourist destination

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JAMMU, NOV 22

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review the works and initiatives undertaken by the Tourism Department for promoting and strengthening tourism across the Jammu region. The review focused on evaluating progress, enhancing infrastructure, and formulating strategies to position Jammu as a vibrant, year-round tourism destination.

The meeting was attended by ACS Tourism; ACS, PWD; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; CEO, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Deputy Commissioners of Jammu, Reasi and Udhampur; Managing Director, JKTDC; Director Tourism Jammu, and other senior officers of the department.

Emphasising the immense tourism potential of the region, the Chief Secretary directed the department to intensify promotion and publicity of existing and emerging tourism circuits while ensuring timely completion of all ongoing works. He underscored the need for a comprehensive strategy to convert the massive influx of pilgrims into multi-day tourists by encouraging them to explore leisure, heritage, adventure and spiritual experiences beyond

traditional pilgrimage routes. He stressed on proactive use of digital platforms and social media, including collaboration with influencers, to expand outreach and attract national as well as international tourists. He noted that the initiation of adventure activities such as rafting, paragliding, bungee jumping and water sports would transform Jammu into a round-the-yeartourism hub while simultaneously creating significant employment opportunities for local youth.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of key pilgrimage circuits including Katra–Shivkhori and Uttarbehni–Purmandal, alongside adventure circuits covering Aithem Jammu, Chenab Rail Bridge, Baradari (Reasi) and RanjitSagar Lake (Kathua). He also took stock of promotional initiatives in Patnitop–Sanasar, Surinsar–Mansar, Rajouri–Poonch and the leisure circuits of Bani–Bhadarwah, Sinthan and Wadwan.

During the meeting, ACS Tourism Ashish ChanderVerma presented a comprehensive overview of departmental initiatives, highlighting a multifaceted approach focused on thematic circuits, heritage experiences, adventure tourism, infrastructure augmentation and promotion of offbeat

destinations. These efforts aim at increasing tourist footfall and encouraging longer stays by offering customised experiences aligned with diverse interests.

Director Tourism Jammu, Dr Vikas Gupta, detailed the works executed and promotional efforts undertaken across various circuits. He elaborated on the Katra–Shivkhori circuit, integrating major religious centres including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Shivkhori and historic sites such as Krimchi Temples, Raghunath Temple and Ranbireshwar Temple.

He informed that works worth ₹3.55 Cr have been completed at Shivkhori during the current year, while DPRs amounting to ₹44.53Cr have been prepared for infrastructure development at Katra under the PRASAD scheme. Additionally, works worth ₹11.50 Cr have been undertaken at the Uttarbehni–Purmandal circuit to boost tourism.

The meeting was also apprised of the development of an Adventure Hub and Food Village at Aithem Jammu, establishment of a rafting centre at Baradari, and exploration of bungee jumping, zipline and paragliding with the assistance of professional agencies at world famous Chenab Rail Bridge. Proposals

for water sports at RanjitSagar Lake and promotion of border tourism at Suchetgarh and Gharana were discussed in detail. A comprehensive rejuvenation and development plan for Mansar under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 was also deliberated upon, including ongoing and proposed infrastructure works aimed at enhancing visitor convenience and overall experience.

The Tourism Department highlighted its promotional efforts through FAM tours of Bollywood celebrities, strengthened social media engagement, and organisation of thematic events such as the Dogri Food Festival and cultural evenings at Suchetgarh, Bhadarwah and other places. Extensive publicity campaigns have also been conducted in major cities across the country, the meeting was apprised. The meeting was further apprised that a Half Marathon will be organised annually on the third Sunday of March, capitalising on Jammu’s pleasant weather and peak tourist season. This initiative to be started this year is going to be launched in December, aiming at establishing Jammu as an independent and holistic tourist destination offering world-class facilities and diverse experiences to its visitors.

DC Kathua reviews status of screening, treatment under TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

29,733 presumptive tests conducted this year so far

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KATHUA, NOV 22

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NTEP) in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess the block-wise performance and ongoing interventions under the programme.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Medical Officer, District Tuberculosis Officer and District Programme Coordinator. BMOs of Bani, Basohli, Billawar, Hiranagar and Nagri Parole participated in the meeting virtually.

At the outset, the Chief Medical Officer apprised the meeting about the current scenario of TB screening and treatment in the district. It was informed that against the annual target of 21,450 presumptive TB tests, 29,733 tests have been conducted so far. The meeting was also informed that X-ray examinations have been carried out for 55 percent of the vulnerable population under the programme. It was further given out that under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana,

financial assistance amounting to Rs 4.25 Lakh has been transferred to the bank accounts of the TB patients.

Giving further details, the District Tuberculosis Officer informed the Deputy Commissioner about the shortage of testing staff in several Block Medical Offices. Taking note of the issue, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to submit a detailed report on staff shortage so that the matter can be taken up with higher authorities for timely redressal.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Block Medical Officers to mobilise their field staff and ensure measurable improvement in performance indicators, particularly in blocks showing lower outputs. He further directed the BMOs of Hiranagar and Basohli to enhance X-ray examination data and streamline related diagnostic processes.

Emphasising the need for sustained efforts to achieve TB elimination targets, the Deputy Commissioner called upon all BMOs to intensify efforts and improve their progress across key parameters of the NTEP.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 event organised at Bhagwah

DODA, NOV 22:

As part of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025, an awareness programme on nutrition and child care was organised at Bhagwah today. The event was attended by District Programme Officer ICDS Akhtar Hussain Qazi as the Chief Guest. CDPO Kishore Kumar, supervisors, Anganwadi workers, helpers, women, children and locals were also present on the occasion. The programme began with the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan pledge and Vande Mataram, followed by cultural performances and demonstrations on balanced diets, hygiene, anaemia prevention and supplementary nutrition through nutrition stalls put up at the venue. Children actively participated,

adding vibrancy to the event. Supervisors and Anganwadi workers shared success stories and field experiences. The programme highlighted the importance of community participation in maternal and child healthcare. Addressing the gathering, Akhtar Hussain Qazi appreciated the efforts of CDPO Bhagwah and urged parents to adopt healthy dietary practices and avail Anganwadi services for immunization, nutrition and counselling. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by CDPO, Kishore Kumar. Certificates and mementos were presented to supervisors and Anganwadi workers in recognition of their dedicated services.

District Level Sardar@150 Unity March taken out in Samba

SAMBA, NOV 22: To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, MY Bharat Jammu under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in collaboration with the District Administration Samba, organised the Sardar@150 Unity March – District Level Padyatra in the District today.

The Padyatra commenced from the historic Bamu Chak Temple at Daug Village,

Ramgarh- a revered 200 year old landmark. The Unity March was flagged off by MLA Ramgarh, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, who appreciated the initiative for strengthening community spirit and promoting national integration.

The event was graced by Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Samba; Chitterpal, DIG BSF, Narayan Prakash, Commandant 101 BN BSF; Champa Devi, ADDC Samba; Jagdish Singh, ADC Samba and other District

Officers. They joined the participants and encouraged the youth to uphold the values of unity, discipline and patriotism.

More than 1000 individuals, including officials, youth, students, community members and local residents, enthusiastically took part in the Padyatra.

Slogans promoting national unity echoed throughout the route. The participants carried the National Flags symbolising togetherness, pride and the spirit of harmony.

Light after shells: Indian Army Doctors gave New Vision to Civilians caught in Pakistan’s Fury post Operation Sindoor

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UDHAMPUR, NOV 22

For countless souls across the rugged, remote borderlands of Jammu and Kashmir, life had become an exercise in enduring the silent tyranny of darkness, their world reduced to indistinct shapes and memory.

Into this pressing need, an Advanced Surgical Eye Camp at Command Hospital Northern Command Udhampur, roared into existence, representing a monumental and compassionate healthcare offensive.

The advanced surgical eye camp successfully screened a total of 1500 individuals, including serving personnel, dependents, Veer Naris (war widows) and local civilians.

The initial comprehensive screening skilfully conducted by a diverse team of ophthalmologists stationed across the operational area of Jammu and Kashmir, was instrumental in mobilizing patients from remote, far-flung border regions under the leadership of Maj Gen Sanjay Sharma, Commandant Command Hospital Udhampur. Individuals journeyed from places like Poonch, Jammu, Rajouri, Ramban and Udhampur, overcoming significant geographical barriers to seek care.

The pinnacle of the camp's success was the deployment of cutting-edge, specialized ophthalmological equipment, representing the world's current best practice, which facilitated sophisticated cataract, retina and vitreous surgeries.

Among the countless

beneficiaries the story of Surinder Singh, a 72-year-old patriarch from Poonch, resonates with a particular, heartbreaking intensity. Surinder Singh was not merely battling blindness for 2-3 yrs, he was carrying the heavy, indelible scars of loss. He had witnessed the unfolding tragedy in his very neighborhood during 'Operation Sindoor,' where the relentless shadow of conflict stole the lives of his neighbors—the vital breadwinners, the pillars of their families.

He transformed his gratitude into action, becoming a tireless champion who used his restored sight and his intimate understanding of grief to personally mobilize those fellow citizens paralyzed by sorrow and hardship. Similarly, Abdullah Shafeeq, a retired soldier, 56-year-old from Mendhar, proved pivotal in coordinating and facilitating the provision of these specialized ophthalmological facilities to residents impacted by the recent conflict. The camp delivered life-changing results, perhaps best exemplified by Rajkumari Devi, 96 yrs, having received the gift of clear sight, now has the precious ability to witness the world in full clarity. The genesis of this impactful medical mission lay in a shared vision of service, conceptualized by the Honourable Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, following a request from the Honourable Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha. Responding swiftly to this call for vital healthcare outreach, Shri Rajnath Singh personally instructed the Army Chief,

General Upendra Dwivedi, to ensure the immediate and successful conduct of this specialized camp within the operational area of Udhampur.

The critical responsibility for executing and overseeing the camp’s successful completion was entrusted to Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, the Northern Command Army Commander, underscoring the mission’s dual purpose: to provide expert medical care while showcasing the compassionate, human face of the Indian Army. Rooted in its commitment to the nation, the Army has consistently been a forefront pillar in delivering essential medical facilities under the banner of Operation Sadbhavna, driven by an unwavering spirit of nationalism and patriotism.

To guarantee clinical excellence, the Army Chief further directed the highest echelons of military medicine—DGAFMS Surg Vice Admiral, Aarti Sarin and DGMS Army Lieutenant General, C G Muralidharan—to meticulously plan and execute the camp's operations.

This advanced surgical camp was led by Brigadier Sanjay Kumar Mishra, a globally recognized and exceptionally renowned ophthalmologist in India. As the most highly decorated officer of the Army Medical Corps, his exceptional surgical skill is underscored by the fact that he has also had the distinct honor of operating on two serving Presidents of our nation. Brigadier Mishra's clinical leadership was paramount during

the camp, where his team successfully performed more than 400 intricate surgeries. This impressive tally included complex procedures for cataracts, glaucoma, and retinal ailments, executed with the invaluable assistance of a highly specialized team of ophthalmologists and dedicated paramedical staff from the Army Hospital (Research & Referral).

The advanced surgical camp, spanning from the Himalayan foothills of Dehradun to the vast plains of Jaipur, then through the greenery of Bagdogra and culminating in the remote villages near Jammu, was a profound demonstration of perseverance, successfully delivering over 2000 sight-restoring surgeries despite overwhelming difficulties.

The dedicated ophthalmologists and their teams faced a continuous logistical battle, meticulously transporting and setting up delicate, high-tech surgical equipment across thousands of Kilometer, often converting rudimentary community halls into sterile operating theatres while grappling with inconsistent power and limited sanitation in far-flung areas.

The monumental effort was compounded by the intense physical and mental fatigue of performing complex, back-to-back procedures on long-neglected "mature" cataracts, requiring immense skill and stamina, all while working quickly to earn the vital trust of remote communities and establish crucial, yet challenging, post-operative follow-up care for every patient.

NOTICE

I, Taiba Kossar, (KKG Malhut) D/o Abdul Gani R/o Malhut. Teh & Distt. Rajouri. I have applied for Fertilizer, Seed and PP Chemical Licnese. Objection if anybody to report office Rajouri within 7 days of publication of this notice.

In the Court of Executive Magistrate Class 1st Balakote (Poonch)

In the case of:-
Ch.Asif Iqbal
R/O Village Dhargloon
Tehsil Balakote District Poonch.

In the matter of:- Application for making entry in the birth/deth record of BDO Balakote.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the applicant named mentioned above has filed an application for making in entry in the Birth/Death record of BDO Balakote.Notice issued in the name of general public that in case anybody having the objection regarding the entry in the Birth/Death record of BDO Balakote. Petitioners self spouse namely in respect of the

S. No.	Name	Parentage	DOB
1.	Inaya Fatima Iqbal	Ch.Asif Iqbal.	30-03-2021

Tehsil Balakote District Poonch, he/ she can file objection to same if any within 07 days of publication of this notice, falling failing petition shall be decided in accordance with law.
Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 0-11-2025

Executive Magistrate
1st class Balakote
(Poonch)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division Jammu

Near DG(P) Residence Bikram Chowk, Jammu

Phone No.: 0191-2439734

Subject:-Change in Nomenclature of Work.

Ref:-This office e-NIT No. EE/PMGSY/J/18 of 2025-26Dated :- 13.11.2025 issued vide endorsement No. EE/PMGSY/J/3929-35Dated :- 13.11.2025.

CORRIGENDUM-01

Please read the Nomenclature of work floated at S.No-08 of the above mentioned NIT is as under:-

“Permanent Restoration on Road from Lalyal to Chinore Farm under Package No. JK05-208, Block-Marh District Jammu, Length-2.350 Kms”

Instead of

“Permanent Restoration on Road from Lalyal to Chinore Farm under Package No. JK05-193, Block-SatwariDistrict Jammu, Length-2.350 Kms”

Also Condition No.29 (k) and 29 (n) in the above mentioned NIT No. may be treated as “Cancelled”.

Rest all the terms and conditions will remain same as already advertised.

No.-EE/PMGSY/J/4082-89
Dated:21.11.2025
DIP/J-8235/25

Sd/-(Er.Bhopinder Kumar Banotra)
Executive Engineer
PMGSY Division
Jammu.

