

Javid Dar visits Agricultural Farms at Padgampora, Allowpora; reviews agriculture development schemes

Reviews Seed Multiplication Units; emphasises quality seed production

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today visited Allowpora and Padgampora Agriculture Farms, to review its working and assess implementation of agricultural development schemes.

During the visit, the Minister took a detailed appraisal of the activities being carried out at these government run farms. He lauded the consistent efforts being made towards enhancing the agricultural productivity and seed quality. He appreciated the Agriculture Department in vigorous development of farm infrastructure and sustainable farming practices, which he said are pivotal to boost farmers' income and self-reliance.

The Minister interacted with the officers and local farmers, seeking feedback on a variety of farm development and farmer welfare initiatives. He reviewed the research and



adoption of best farming practices, emphasizing the need to support farm and proper linkage and extension service to local farmers.

The Minister listened to scores of farmers who apprised the Minister of various issues concerning the agricultural allied sectors. These included betterment of irrigation, enhanced support for farm machinery modernisation and adoption of best farming practices. The need to provide support to the Farm spanning over hundreds of kanals of land and its proper linkage and

extension services with local farmers was highlighted. On the occasion, MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie and MLA Shopian, Shabir Ahmad Kullay apprised the Minister of issues concerning their respective areas. These included removing encroachments on sericulture land and its proper usage, development of Allowpora farm, provision of insurance cover to apple and other crops besides macadamisation of roads.

The Minister listened to the development demands and

grievances of the people. He assured that the government is committed to ensure holistic and comprehensive development of the sector. He lauded the efforts of local farm institutions and research and development centres in ushering vibrant modernization of post harvest management systems. He asked the people to take full benefits of government sponsored schemes aimed to uplift the farm income.

The Minister was accompanied by MLAs from Rajpora and Chanapora, Deputy Commissioner Shopian; Deputy Commissioner Pulwama; Director, Agriculture Kashmir; ADDC Shopian; ADC Shopian; JDI Agriculture; Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama; Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Pulwama; Chief Agricultural Officer Pulwama; Chief Horticultural Officer Pulwama; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Pulwama; Assistant Director Fisheries Pulwama and other district and sectoral officers were also present on the occasion.

Exciting Inter-School Zonal Level competitions held across educational of zones District Kishtwar

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The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Kishtwar, in continuation to its unwavering commitment to youth engagement and sports development, organized a series of thrilling Inter School Zonal Level Competitions across various zones of the district.

These events, held under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan and the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Jaffer Haider Sheikh, witnessed enthusiastic participation and showcased the rising passion for sports among the local youth.

Zone Kishtwar conducted a mega sports event across multiple venues including Chowgan Ground, ITI Ground, and GHSS Boys. Students competed in a

wide array of disciplines such as Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Tug of War, Badminton, Chess, Carrom, Yoga, and Rope Skipping. A total of 200 students participated, creating an electric atmosphere full of energy, excitement, and sportsmanship.

Zone Nagseni held a focused competition in Rope Skipping for All Age Groups (AAG) at Bhartiya Vidya Mandir, with 110 enthusiastic participants. The students displayed remarkable agility and coordination, a testament to their training and commitment.

Zone Paddar organized competitions in Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Tug of War specifically for girls from various High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools. A total of 90 girls showcased their athletic prowess, turning the event into a powerful display of women empowerment through sports.

Zone Drabshalla hosted Athletics and Badminton competitions for the U/17 boys and girls, attracting 80 participants. These events brought attention to emerging talent in track, field, and racquet sports within the zone.

The successful execution of these competitions was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs), sports officials, and ground-level staff, who ensured seamless coordination and strict adherence to competition guidelines.

DYSSO Kishtwar applauded the collective efforts of all zones and emphasized the department's ongoing commitment to nurturing a strong sports culture in the region. He reiterated that such competitions are vital for holistic development and play a crucial role in channeling youthful energy toward positive and productive pursuits.

SANJY-2025

Registration Camp for Service Providers held at Dessa

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An awareness-cum-registration camp was organised for individuals providing services during annual Shri Amarnath Nath Ji Yatra (SANJY) here at village Bhata in Dessa. The event, organised by the Labour Department, witnessed on the spot registration of Pithuwalas, Ponywalas and Palkiwalas.

The camp was organised on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, Labour Commissioner, Charandeep Singh and under the supervision of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Nehal Pandit.

It aimed to simplify and streamline the registration process, making it more accessible for service providers. The goal is to ensure that those involved in SANJY-2025 do not have to travel long distances for registration, thereby saving their time and effort.

The camp was organised in coordination with the Animal



Husbandry Department to facilitate a smooth registration process for the stakeholders involved.

Similar registration camps are scheduled to be conducted by the Labour Department in Kastigarh and Doda in the coming week to cover more service providers across the district.

Additionally, a permanent registration desk has been set up at the Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Doda, to assist service providers who may have missed the camps.

The Labour Department continues to work in coordination with other departments to ensure that all eligible service providers are registered well in time for SANJY-2025.

Rana reviews development activities in Rajouri

Assesses relief measures for victims of cross border shelling

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RAJOURI, MAY 17

In the aftermath of recent hostilities, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment, and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today visited Rajouri to assess the situation and relief measures.

The Minister, firstly, chaired a meeting with the district officers and elected representatives to review the development initiatives being implemented in the district.

During the meeting, Javed Rana emphasised that ensuring safety and security of border residents is among top priorities of the government. He directed the officers to expedite the identification and construction of community bunkers.

The Minister instructed the concerned departments to ensure timely disbursement of compensation among the affected families. He stressed the importance of ground level assessment for strategic



infrastructure development in vulnerable regions.

DDC Chairperson besides MLAs from Rajouri and Budhal constituencies raised several key issues including shortage of staff in the health department.

The Minister assured them of timely resolution of their issues and concerns while reiterating government's commitment towards meeting public aspirations and prioritising the needs of public representatives. He informed about various measures being taken to improve socio-economic conditions, education and healthcare of underprivileged people, ensuring that the

benefits of development reach them.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that in view of the vulnerability of border areas to cross-border shelling and to ensure safety of civilians residing in towns near the Line of Control, ward-wise teams have been constituted under the aegis of respective Municipal Committees for identification of suitable land for construction of community bunkers/underground shelters. He also informed that community trenches are also being dugout in the border areas under MGNREGA.

The meeting was attended by

DDC Chairperson, Advocate Naseem Liaqat; MLA Budhal, Javed Iqbal Choudhary; MLA Rajouri, Iftikhar Ahmed; Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan; DDC Member Rajouri, Sai Abdul Rashid; DDC Member Darhal, Iqbal Malik; DDC Member Dhangri, Rameshwar Singh; DDC Member Doongi, Khalid Hussain; DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma and DDC Member Moughla, Shamim Akhter.

Besides, ADC Rajouri, Chander Prakash; CPO, Maqsood Ahmed; ACR, Mohd Jhangir Khan; ACD, Dr. Auqil Nuvaidd; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DDE, Mohammad Nawaz Choudhary; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma; CAHO, Dr. Khalid Hussain; DSWO, Abdul Raheem; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; Executive Engineer PDD Rajouri, Mohammad Rashid; Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri; Shahid Mustafa and other officers attended the meeting.

Tributes Paid to martyr ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa at Rajouri

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RAJOURI, MAY 17

A solemn condolence meeting was organized today to pay heartfelt tributes to the late Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who attained martyrdom during a tragic cross-border shelling incident. Floral tributes were paid to the departed soul as a mark of respect.

DDC Chairman Rajouri Advocate Choudhary Naseem Liaqat, led the tributes, acknowledging Dr. Thapa's invaluable contribution to the district and his exemplary leadership. The Vice Chairperson of the District Development Council Rajouri, Shabir Khan also remembered Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa's dedication and service and expressed his deepest



condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul's eternal peace.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, while speaking on the occasion recalled Dr. Thapa as a dedicated officer whose people-centric approach and commitment to development had a lasting impact on Rajouri. He lauded his selfless service to the community. The Deputy

Commissioner urged the officers to draw inspiration from Dr. Thapa's exemplary work ethic, selflessness, and commitment to public service. He advised them to imbibe these qualities in their own lives, striving to make a positive impact in the community and uphold the values that Dr. Thapa embodied. The condolence meeting was attended by the Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan;

DDC Member Rajouri, Sai Abdul Rashid; DDC Member Thanamandi, Abdul Qayoom Mir; DDC Member Darhal, Iqbal Malik; DDC Member Dhangri, Rameshwar Singh; DDC Member Doongi, Khalid Hussain; DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma; DDC Member Seri, Sangeeta Sharma; DDC Member Moughla, Shamim Akhter.

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Ex-Servicemen meet DC Poonch, offer voluntary support for emergency services, project demands

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A delegation of Ex-Servicemen led by District President Subedar Major (Retd) Akhlaq Khan and District Vice President Captain (Retd) Mohammad Shokat Choudhary today met Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal to discuss implementation of welfare schemes for army veterans and extend their voluntary support for disaster and emergency services.

The delegation projected several pressing demands, including the construction of individual and community bunkers in border areas, better medical facilities and other welfare measures for retired personnel and their families.

In a significant gesture of service and solidarity, the delegation also

expressed their willingness to assist the administration during natural disasters, emergencies, and the border crisis in collaboration with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). Many ex-servicemen have already submitted their names as volunteers at the office of the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Poonch.

The Deputy Commissioner assured them of full cooperation and lauded their continued commitment to national service, even after retirement. He emphasized that their experience and discipline are invaluable assets to the district administration.

This meeting underscores the dedication of ex-servicemen to both national and local welfare and marks a meaningful step toward closer coordination between veterans and civil authorities in Poonch.

BDO assesses academic activities, monitors progress at GHS Gandoh as Prabhari Officer

DODA, MAY 17: As part of the district administration's initiative to improve the standard of education and ensure smooth functioning of government schools, Block Development

Officer (BDO) Jakyas Anup Kumar today conducted inspection visit to Government High School (GHS) Gandoh in his capacity as the designated Prabhari Officer.

During the visit, BDO Anup Kumar interacted with students and staff, assessing the academic environment and overall functioning of the institution. He motivated the students to focus on

their studies and avail themselves

of every opportunity for personal and academic growth. He also stressed the importance of discipline, regular attendance, and participation in extracurricular

activities. The visit was aimed at identifying challenges faced by the school, including issues related to infrastructure, student levels, and staff percentages.

availability. As a mentor, BDO Jakyas also evaluated the teaching standards and discussed remedial measures with the teachers to improve students' pass percentages.