

CS emphasizes leveraging PMGS portal for data-driven development

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today convened a meeting of the concerned Administrative Secretaries to review the layers integrated into the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) portal and explore its potential in facilitating the holistic infrastructure planning and development across J&K.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of utilizing the PMGS portal as a unified digital platform for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), particularly for infrastructure-related projects such as roads and connectivity. He directed the concerned departments to proactively integrate their planning processes with the PMGS framework for synchronized and data-driven development across the UT.

A key highlight of the meeting was the emphasis on building a digital land bank.

The Chief Secretary called for uploading of land parcel data already identified and digitized by the GIS wing of the Forest Department onto the portal. This, he noted, would enable various departments to make optimal



use of available land resources for future developmental initiatives.

Recognizing the broader utility of the PMGS portal, the Chief Secretary also directed that it be used to map and analyze key social sector indicators including those related to health, education, power and water supply to enable more targeted interventions. He cited examples such as TB prevalence, anaemia rates, female literacy, school dropout rates and other sector-specific parameters that could benefit from data-backed monitoring and interventions. The portal, he stressed, should evolve as a critical tool in improving the service delivery and achieving developmental outcomes in real terms.

Moreover, Chief Secretary emphasized the need to map disaster-prone zones, including flood, landslide and avalanche-vulnerable areas within

the UT using the portal. This would strengthen the disaster preparedness and planning capabilities by enabling evidence-based resource allocation and response planning, he added.

The Department of Industries & Commerce gave a detailed presentation during the meeting, showcasing numerous examples where PMGS portal data had been effectively utilized to aid decision-making and enhance ease of living. They demonstrated cross-sectoral use cases spanning Agriculture, Planning and Industrial Development, highlighting the platform's potential to foster integrated governance.

Later, the Chief Secretary chaired a review meeting of the Industries & Commerce Department to review implementation of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme in the UT.

During the session, Chief Secretary took note of the department's efforts in formalizing MSMEs, enhancing Udyam portal registrations and undertaking capacity building initiatives for unit holders. He also reviewed the conduct of Buyer-Seller meets, progress on skilling and management programmes and the general outreach to stakeholders under the scheme.

Stressing the importance of a robust decision support system, the Chief Secretary called for immediate API-level integration of critical databases, including those of financial institutions, power utilities, EPFO, GST and the Udyam portal.

Such integrations, he said, are vital for accurate diagnosis and referral of cases to the MSME Health Clinic, which is envisioned to act as a catalyst in the revival and handholding of sick units across J&K.

DC Budgam visits PHC Soibugh, assess Healthcare Services & infrastructure

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today conducted an extensive visit to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Soibugh to assess the availability and quality of healthcare facilities.

During the visit, DC undertook a detailed inspection of the infrastructure, ongoing operations, availability of essential medical equipment, staff strength, and stock position of medicines at the facility.

He interacted with hospital staff and patients to understand ground-level challenges and service delivery gaps.

Dr Bilal emphasised the crucial role of PHCs in delivering timely and accessible healthcare to people, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas like Soibugh. He said PHCs are the first point of contact for the public with the health system and strengthening them is a



key towards ensuring quality healthcare for all.

DC directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Budgam to promptly assess and submit a proposal for all necessary works and interventions required to improve the functioning of PHC Soibugh.

This includes augmentation of essential medical

infrastructure, addressing staff shortages, and ensuring regular supply of medicines and diagnostics.

He also laid emphasis on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the hospital premises, improving patient care and grievance redressal mechanisms, ensuring uninterrupted power and water supply,

enhancing maternity and emergency care facilities.

DC assured that all feasible support from the district administration will be extended to uplift the standard of healthcare delivery at the PHC.

He was accompanied by CMO Budgam, BMO Soibugh, and other concerned health officials during the visit.

DC Kulgam flags-off a group of 54 progressive orchardists to SKUAST-K

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In a significant step towards empowering farmers with modern horticultural practices, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today flagged-off a group of 54 progressive orchardists from Mini-Secretariat Kulgam to SKUAST-K (Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Kashmir) as part of a Capacity Building Programme under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The tour has been organized by the Chief Horticulture Officer, Kulgam.

Before flagging-off the group, DC interacted with



the orchardists and urged them to take full advantage of the exposure visit by actively engaging with experts and adopting innovative horticultural practices.

He emphasized that such initiatives are vital for en-

hancing productivity, improving quality, and ensuring sustainable income for farming communities.

It was informed during the tour that the orchardists will engage in interactive sessions with scientists at SKUAST-K,

where they will learn about technological interventions and innovations in horticulture.

They will also witness practical demonstrations on the establishment and management of orchards, with a special focus on High-Density Plantation techniques.

This initiative aims to equip farmers with the knowledge and skills required for sustainable and high-yield horticultural practices, ultimately enhancing productivity and income generation in the sector.

Present on the occasion were ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah, Chief Horticulture Officer, Mohammad Ramzan, Chief Agriculture Officer, Farooq Ahmad and other officers.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan: Stage show on drug abuse awareness held at IHM, Rajbagh

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As part of the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan, Cultural Unit Srinagar of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), in collaboration with the Institute of Hotel Management, Rajbagh Srinagar, organized a stage show based on the theme of drug abuse awareness.

The event was held in the auditorium of the Institute, where a group of local theatre artists delivered a moving performance high-



lighting the devastating impact of substance abuse on individuals and society.

Audience, especially students, responded with deep appreciation and expressed their desire for more such meaningful initiatives.

Nirmata Kumari, Princi-

pal of the Institute, stressed the importance of addressing such critical issues through creative mediums.

Burhan Hussain, Cultural Officer, emphasized the transformative power of theatre in fostering

awareness and social responsibility.

The programme concluded with a powerful pledge by students and staff to stand united against drug abuse and promote a healthy, conscious society.

DLSA Budgam convenes review meeting of Legal Aid Defence Counsels

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District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam today organized a review meeting of all Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCs) of Budgam at the office chamber of the Secretary, DLSA Budgam.

Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam chaired the meeting to assess the performance of the Legal Aid Defence Counsels and to ensure that they are meeting the standards of service delivery.

The meeting was attended by Lateef Ahmad Khan (Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel), Javaid Ahmad Mir and Nazeer Ah-



mad Wagay (Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsels), as well as Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels.

During the meeting, the counsels shared their experiences; highlighted challenges faced in the field, and offered constructive suggestions for enhancing the delivery of legal aid services. Key points of discussion in-

cluded ensuring quality legal representation, expediting the disposal of pending cases, and improving coordination among the counsels to strengthen access to justice.

Secretary DLSA stressed the importance of providing efficient, accessible, and high-quality legal aid services. She reaffirmed

the commitment of DLSA Budgam to delivering free and effective legal assistance to the underprivileged and marginalized sections of society.

The meeting concluded with a shared resolve to further streamline legal aid mechanisms and improve the overall efficiency of legal service delivery in the district.

CS assesses implementation of SBM-Urban, AMRUT 2.0 in J&K

SRINAGAR, JULY 30:

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and the status of sewerage treatment infrastructure across urban areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, which was attended by Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner, JMC; MD, AMRUT; Director, ULB, Kashmir; Jammu and others, also reviewed progress under the flagship Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0.

While assessing the ongoing initiatives, the Chief

Secretary underlined the importance of ensuring scientific disposal of waste and maintaining high level of urban cleanliness.

He observed that hygienic and ambient environments are preferred by the residents and emphasized that sanitation must remain a top priority for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Calling for a mission-mode approach, Dulloo directed the concerned departments to fast-track all pending projects and complete them in a time-bound manner.

He instructed for formulating a robust Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan for the upkeep and

continued usability of old community toilets across urban areas.

The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of adhering to norms prescribed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to prevent pollution of water bodies. He called for effective micro-planning of waste management and optimization of the capacity of existing Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs), aligning with establishment of new facilities with local requirements to ensure comprehensive cleanliness.

Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Mandeep Kaur,

briefed the meeting about the implementation of Solid Waste Management (SWM) under SBM (Urban) 2.0.

She informed that Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) are being developed for dry waste, while Compressed Biogas (CBG) and compost plants are being set up for processing wet waste. Besides, legacy waste is being addressed through bioremediation and Demolition (C&D) waste plants are also coming up in Jammu and Srinagar, she added.

Devansh Yadav, Mission Director, SBM Urban, shared granular details of infrastructure being developed under the mission.

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To promote apiculture and strengthen agriculture-based livelihoods, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today flagged-off a group of 25 beekeepers for a one-day exposure tour to Lal-mandi, Srinagar.

The tour is part of a 7-day training programme being conducted under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM).

Organized under the centrally sponsored NBHM scheme, the tour aims to provide practical exposure to the participants. During the visit, beekeepers will be taken to a Honey Processing and Quality Control Lab, where they will gain hands-on insights into



modern techniques of honey extraction, processing, branding, and mar-

keting. Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized the

Pencak Silat championship 2025 kicks-off in Bandipora

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District Pencak Silat championship 2025 was inaugurated today at Army Goodwill School, Bandipora, by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri.

Over 250 young athletes from various schools and clubs across the district are participating in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the vibrant sporting culture of



the district, noting that it consistently nurtures talent that excels at higher

levels. It was informed that the championship also serves

as an official selection platform for the upcoming State-Level Pencak Silat Championship.

A pledge ceremony under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan was also held to promote sports and a drug-free society.

The inaugural function was attended by several dignitaries, including Padma Shri awardee Faisal Ali Dar, Second-in-Command 14RR Major Vehbas Dubey, Vice President of the District Sports Advisory Board, and Principal of Army Goodwill School besides others.