

Satish undertakes extensive tour of flood-affected areas of Jammu district

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today undertook an extensive tour of flood-affected areas of Jammu district to take stock of the situation and review the ongoing rescue and relief operations in the aftermath of recent floods.

Accompanied by senior officers of district administration, officials from the Food & Civil Supplies, Transport, PHE, PDD, RDD and allied departments, the Minister visited low-lying and worst-hit localities, interacted with the flood victims, and assessed the extent of damage caused to residential houses, agricultural fields, public utilities and road networks.

Expressing solidarity with the distressed families, the Minister conveyed deep concern over the hardships faced by the people and assured them of unwavering government support in this hour of crisis.

He directed the administration to provide immediate relief in the form of ration, clean drinking water, medicines, and temporary



shelter facilities to all affected families.

Satish Sharma instructed the Food & Civil Supplies department to keep adequate stocks of ration and essentials available in every affected area and to ensure uninterrupted supply chains, especially to the remote and cut-off pockets. He also directed the Transport department to restore road connectivity on war footing so that relief material and essential services reach the people without delay.

Taking serious view of the damage caused to public infrastructure, the Minister asked officials of the concerned departments to prepare a comprehensive

assessment report of losses for immediate submission to the government, so that adequate compensation and rehabilitation packages can be extended to the affected families at the earliest.

He further stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination among the Civil Supplies, Health, PHE, PDD, Rural Development, and Transport departments for providing timely relief and effective restoration of services.

He also emphasized ensuring special attention to vulnerable groups, including women, children, elderly, and differently-abled, during the relief and

rehabilitation process.

While interacting with local representatives and community members, the Minister appreciated the efforts of the district administration, police, and volunteers who have been working tirelessly in carrying out rescue and relief operations. He urged them to continue their dedicated service until full normalcy is restored.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, Satish Sharma assured that all possible measures will be taken to mitigate the sufferings of the people besides long-term rehabilitation and flood-prevention measures will also be initiated.

DDC Doda reviews damages to RDD & Forest sectors due to incessant rains

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh today chaired a review meeting in his office Chamber to assess the damages caused to the Rural Development Department (RDD) and Forest sectors due to the recent spell of incessant rains across the district.

The meeting was attended by DFO Shahbaz Ul Rehman; Additional District Development Commissioner Roshan Lal; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar and Assistant



Commissioner Development. All other Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs), besides Block Development Officers (BDOs) joined the meeting virtually.

The DDC took detailed feedback from the concerned officers regarding

the extent of damage, losses to infrastructure, and measures taken for immediate restoration. He emphasized the need for timely assessment and submission of detailed reports so that necessary relief and restoration works can be initiated without delay.

The DDC directed the departments to work in close coordination and ensure that essential services are restored promptly in the affected areas. He also stressed on proactive measures to mitigate further damage and safeguard public assets.

DC Udhampur flags off relief Van for flood affected areas of Chenani

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today flagged off a van loaded with relief material for the flood-affected families of Chenani area. The relief material was handed over to the Sewa Bharti Unit Udhampur for further distribution among the victims.

While interacting with media persons, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the community support and the dedicated efforts of Sewa Bharti in extending timely assistance to the affected families.

She congratulated the organization for its humanitarian contribution and emphasized that collective efforts are vital in



mitigating the hardships of flood-hit people.

The DC informed that the relief material, comprising ration and other essential items, is meant exclusively for the families impacted by the re-

cent flood.

She further added that various teams are tirelessly working on the ground to assess the damages caused and to ensure effective relief and rehabilitation measures.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh, President Sewa Bharti Unit Udhampur Brij Narayan Raina and other officers and prominent citizens were present.

Rana reviews facilities at Gujjar-Bakerwal PG Boys Hostel Jammu

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Tribal Affairs Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana, today conducted a comprehensive review of the Gujjar-Bakerwal PG Boys Hostel in Jammu, interacting with students and assessing the current facilities as well as identifying key areas for improvement.

Accompanied by Director Tribal Affairs, Mohd Mumtaz Ali, the Minister announced several key initiatives designed to empower the students and provide them with the tools for personal and professional growth.

In order to provide better counselling and accessibility for tribal students in competitive exams, the Minister directed for identification and selection of coaching institutes that would provide specialized



training to postgraduate students in Administrative Services and other competitive exams.

Similarly, for uplifting the students academic progress, the Minister announced that Tablets would be provided to all PG students residing in the hostel and Director Tribal Affairs was tasked to submit a proposal for this initiative, so that the

students have access to the latest technology to facilitate their studies and enhance their learning experience. To promote physical fitness and recreational activities, Rana committed to providing sports kits to all residents.

In terms of infrastructural development, the Minister emphasized the urgent need for repairs and renovation

of the hostel, particularly the drainage system, which was severely damaged by recent floods.

Later, the Minister also reviewed the condition of the Aquafland at Sunjawan, with plans to assess suitability of land for construction of additional hostel accommodation to address growing demand for more residential space for students.

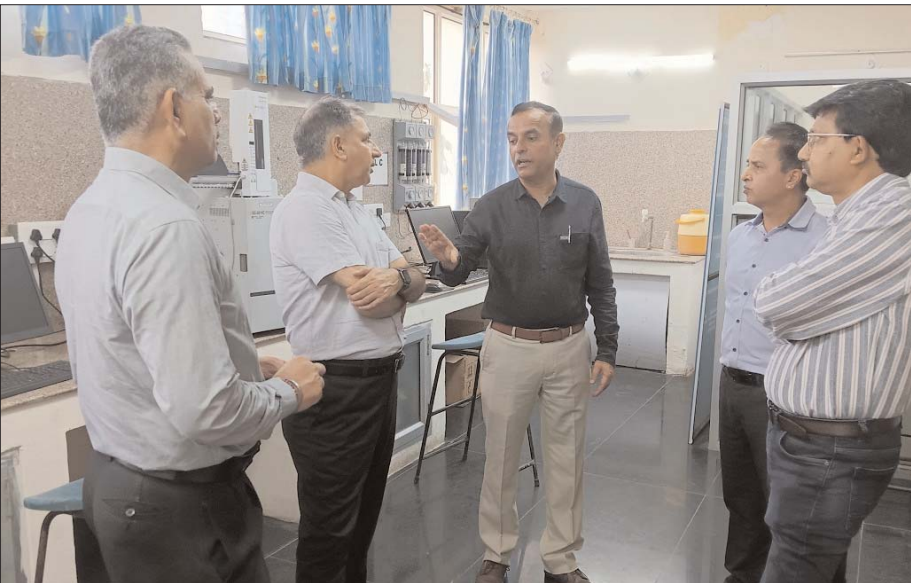
Director Agriculture reviews functioning of Sections, Offices under Directorate

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Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today conducted an on-the-spot inspection of all key sections under the administrative control of Directorate of Agriculture Jammu and reviewed functioning, punctuality, cleanliness and overall efficiency of each section.

The Sections/Offices inspected included Establishment, Development, Legal, Plant Protection Office, Planning, Accounts, Assistant Director Law Enforcement, Agriculture Chemist, Potato Development Office, ASCO (I&P), Pesticide Laboratory, Fertilizer Laboratory, Soil Testing Laboratory, Plant Health Clinic, Library, Auditorium and the premises of the Directorate.

The Director issued instructions for strict punctuality across all sections, directing officers and staff to regularly mark attendance



in both register and the biometric system. He warned the employees against absenteeism. He stressed the importance of maintaining cleanliness in every section and across the Directorate premises.

Special instructions were given to the Estate Officer to ensure overall cleanliness of the premises and to take up repair and maintenance works of the Auditorium and Library on priority.

The Director further instructed staff of all laboratories including the Pesticide Lab, Fertilizer Lab, Soil Testing Lab and Plant Health Clinic to function with full efficiency, strengthen their testing and reporting mechanisms, and achieve their assigned targets within the stipulated time frame. He emphasized that laboratories should work in a result-oriented manner, adhere to quality standards and contribute effectively towards timely delivery of services to the farming community.

Anil Gupta emphasized that all section heads and lab incharges must ensure efficiency, discipline and time-bound performance, with strict compliance to the directions issued.

DHSJ accords warm send off to Dental Surgeon HEB, Head Assistant

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Dr. Sunita Verma, Dental Surgeon Health Education Bureau (HEB) Section Directorate of Health Services Jammu was accorded a warm send off on her superannuation after rendering more than 36 years of service in the department.

A function was organized in the premises of the Directorate where Director Health Services Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar wished her success in her



new journey of life.

Deputy Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, CMO Jammu Dr. Harbakh Singh, Officers and Officials complimented Dr. Sunita Verma for her contribution in Health Ed-

ucation Bureau section of Directorate.

The staff of Directorate wished her good health and prosperous post retirement life.

Meanwhile, the Directorate bid warm send-off

to Ramesh Chander Head Assistant on his superannuation after rendering 35 years of service in the Department.

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar while speaking on the occasion wished him good health and success in his future endeavors. Dy. Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma and Chief Medical Officer Jammu Dr. Harbakh Singh complimented him for his hard work. The staff wished him good health and prosperous post retirement life.

Mission YUVA Udhyan Jagriti 4.0: Orientation and awareness program organised at Doda

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An awareness meeting under Mission YUVA's Udhyan Jagriti 4.0 was held today in the office chamber of the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) to deliberate upon strategies for motivating youth towards entrepreneurship and self-reliant ventures.

The meeting was chaired by Nodal Officer SBDU (ADDC) Roshan Lal. He welcomed the participants and emphasized the significance of Mission YUVA in creating awareness among students and youth about self-employment opportunities, particularly in agriculture and allied sectors.

Deputy Director Employment Rafiq Ahmad Jaral gave a detailed overview of Mission YUVA and Udhyan Jagriti 4.0.



opening an entrepreneurial culture among youth, targeting outreach in educational institutions and community groups.

As part of the action plan, it was decided that Nodal Resource Persons in colleges will deliver 3-hour awareness lectures on September 1, 2025, using pre-designed presentations and promotional videos. Each college will

submit photographs, attendance data and feedback forms.

Similarly, Block Programme Managers (BPMs) of NRLM will conduct awareness drives among Lakhpati Didis and successful entrepreneurs to spread the message at the grassroots.

Addressing the participants, the ADC stressed that youth must be guided

towards self-reliant enterprises, especially in agriculture and allied sectors, which are both viable and promising in the District. He underlined the need to shift the mindset of the younger generation away from over-dependence on government jobs towards entrepreneurship, remarking that "everyone cannot become a government employee."