

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## STD organises 'Dealers Meet' at Jammu

### Additional Commissioner listens to grievances of taxpayers during meet

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Additional Commissioner State Taxes Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra on Friday stressed on 100% return filing compliance and also warned the taxpayers over consequences of fraudsters using fake or multiple QR (quick response) codes and showing sale suppression. The Additional Commissioner made these remarks while chairing 'Dealers Meet' with taxpayers of Circle A and Circle-C of Jammu, organised by Sales Tax Department (STD) as part of 'Know Your Dealer' initiative. During the meet, the Additional Commissioner also reviewed the financial position of first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25 ending this June and held deliberations on devising strategy for revenue argumentation for remaining three quarters. Appreciating the dedica-

tion and honesty of Jammu Old City's dealers, the Additional Commissioner said that Jammu City's taxpayers traditionally remained obedient and file their respective taxes on time, which is expected in future too. She laid stress on 100% return compliance and clearing all the blocked payments. She also encouraged the business representatives to openly share their grievances with concerned STOs.

Highlighting an analysis, the Additional Commissioner said, "We have noticed that some food vendors, restaurants, hoteliers and other traders are receiving payments through multiple UPI accounts to hide their actual turnovers aimed to show suppressed sale and avoid issuing tax invoices". She added that such trend is in notice of the department and soon a drive will be launched to check these violations. Namrita Dogra also urged the taxpayers to keep their

stock positioning and directed STOs for frequent inspections of stocks in case of mismatch.

"All taxpayers should keep their stock position and sales aligned with tax statements to ensure transparency. We have noticed many cases where dealers are not aware of non-compliance and notices we issue because their own phone number is not registered with department, so I urge you all to register GST with personal email and mobile numbers to receive timely notifications and communications from the department," the Additional Commissioner said.

She also advised them to use HSN code properly to avoid any red flagging identification.

At the outset, State Tax Officer, Circle-A and State Tax Officer Circle C briefed the attendees about agenda of meeting and introduced the dealers, of different sectors like automobiles, restaurant & entries, hotels,

work contracts, garment, electronics, paints & varnishing, service sector, tuition centers, consultancies, mobile and other retail sector.

The meeting was part of Commissioner State Taxes P K Bhat's, initiative under 'Know Your Dealer' initiative, launched to increase communication of circle level officers with the taxpayers to know their trade specific grievances and shortfalls.

The meeting was pivotal for getting feedback from taxpayers and to make them aware of the consequences of non-compliance and tax evasions with a view to create deterrence amongst the taxpayers.

One to one discussion was also held with each representative of business to assess sector wise business and tax position. On the spot directions were also issued to non-compliant dealers to clear their ITC's reversals and rectify mismatches.

## JKBOF delegation meets Divisional Head

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Today A delegation of the JKBOF Jammu unit, under the leadership of Federation President Kapil Nanda, along with Unit President Anil Sharma and General Secretary Sunil Bhu, and office bearers Com. Abishek Baru, Com. Nikhil Grover, Com. Hardutt, Com. Satinder Kour, Com. Sudesh Gupta, and Com. Pushp raj nagra. General Secretary Workmen association Com. Guneet Singh also accompanied the delegation, met with Divisional Head Mr. Sunit Gupta, GM, and submitted a memorandum re-



garding the delay in the wage settlement agreed upon between banking trade unions and the Indian Banks Association on March 8, 2024.

The delegation also dis-

cussed the growing unease among the bank staff due to the delay in the implementation of the wage settlement.

Other affiliated units of the Federation in Kashmir,

Delhi & Maharashtra has submitted the memorandum to Management through their respective Divisional Heads to expedite the implementation of the wage revision.

## DC Kishtwar reviews functioning of School Management Committees

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In a significant move to enhance the functioning and progress of School Management Committees (SMCs) in District Kishtwar, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a comprehensive meeting at the VC room of the New DC Office Complex in Kishtwar.

The meeting witnessed the participation of key educational stakeholders, including CEO Kishtwar R.K. Vesheshta, Principal DIET Kishtwar Prahlad Bhagat, Dy CEO Masood Qazi, DNO SMCs Kishtwar, all Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs), Zonal Nodal Officers (ZNOs), and executives from the India Education Collective.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to discuss and review the status of various initiatives aimed at strengthening SMCs.

Key points of discussion included An in-depth review of the current status and ongoing efforts to fortify the SMCs in the district, Baseline Survey Status-Evaluation of the baseline survey conducted for the SMCs to understand their current functioning and identify areas for improvement, Orientation Schedule-Planning for the completion of orientation sessions for the remaining SMCs to ensure they are well-prepared to fulfill their



roles, Monitoring and Outcomes- Assessment of the monthly SMC meetings, focusing on monitoring mechanisms and the outcomes achieved, Verification by Village Level Workers (VLWs)-Ensuring the verification of SMC formation and functioning by VLWs to maintain accountability and transparency, Steering Committee Meetings- Scheduling and planning of upcoming Steering Committee meetings to oversee the progress of SMC initiatives.

During the meeting, all concerned participants provided updated figures and information related to their respective roles and responsibilities. This collective sharing of data and insights was instrumental in painting a comprehensive picture of the current state of SMCs in the district.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance

of collective and collaborative efforts from all stakeholders to strengthen the role of SMCs in Kishtwar. He highlighted the need for a unified approach to address the challenges faced by these committees and to enhance their effectiveness.

DC Kishtwar particularly urged the executives from the India Education Collective to develop a comprehensive plan for conducting orientation programs for ZNOs and VLWs.

CEO Kishtwar was asked to frame format for VLWs who can issue Zero Drop out Certificate for each panchayats.

These sessions aim to clearly define their roles and responsibilities and provide essential training to the implementing officers and officials. Such training is crucial for effective monitoring and achieving tangible results in infrastructure development and educational

outcomes through SMCs, leveraging community participation.

In addition, he stressed the importance of bridging communication gaps within the functional System and improving their overall functioning. He called for better communication systems to ensure that all SMCs in the district are well-coordinated and aligned with the district's educational goals.

The Deputy Commissioner concluded the meeting by reiterating the administration's commitment to enhancing the educational landscape of Kishtwar through empowered and effective School Management Committees. He assured all participants that their collective efforts would significantly contribute to the holistic development of the district's educational infrastructure and outcomes.

## IWMP Kishtwar discusses Production System & Livelihood Plans with self help groups at Affani



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A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Phulail Singh, Assistant Commissioner Development Kishtwar who is also holding the charge of Project Manager, Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) Kishtwar, at the Panchayat Ghar in Affani, to discuss the preparation of plans under

the production system and livelihood component.

The meeting was attended by employees of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Self help groups, members of the Watershed Committees, and local residents. The objective of the meeting was to involve the community in the planning process and ensure that their needs and aspirations are taken into account.

During the meeting, the

Project Manager emphasized the importance of community participation through Self help groups in the successful implementation of the programme. The NRLM employees presented an overview of the production system and livelihood component, and the Watershed Committees shared their experiences and suggestions.

The locals actively participated in the discussion, sharing their ideas and con-

cerns regarding the plan. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the way forward, and the Project Manager assured the community that their inputs would be incorporated into the plan.

The meeting was hailed as a success, and it is expected that the collaborative effort will lead to the development of a comprehensive plan that addresses the livelihood needs of the community.

## ADDC Rajouri holds comprehensive review of RDD sector

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In a significant move to bolster rural development initiatives in the district, Additional District Commissioner Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Rural Development Department.

During the meeting, the progress made under various flagship programs, including PMAY and Awas Plus, Aadhaar seeding, person days generated under MGNREGA, SBM-G and other schemes was meticulously reviewed.

The ACD provided a detailed briefing on the status of these schemes. It was informed that out of 62314 houses under PMAY and Awas Plus, the work on 43213 houses is complete. While taking review of the progress made on persons days generation under MGNREGA, it was appraised that 297350 PDs have been generated as on date. Taking note of the court cases of RDD, the ADDC stressed the importance of timely filing of replies. He also reviewed the activities under SBM-G and the updation of GPDP on the PDI portal. While taking note of the ac-



tivities as a part of the ongoing Swatchta Pakhwada, he directed for ensuring maximum participation in the initiative.

The ADDC emphasized the importance of timely completion of works as a crucial factor in maximizing the benefits derived from rural development initia-

tives. He also stressed that timely completion of works, ensuring that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries, maintaining transparency and accountability and close monitoring of progress are essential. He also directed the officers to make dedicated efforts and work with added zeal to

meet the expectations of the rural masses.

The comprehensive review meeting demonstrated the unwavering commitment of the district administration to rural development, underscoring the impact of various schemes and initiatives on the lives of its residents.

## KVK Kathua organises vocational training on value addition under ARYA Project

KATHUA, JULY 26: A two-day workshop for Kohinoor Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) of block Barnoti was organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua.

The program was organised with a focus on value addition for realising better profits in collaboration with Manager cum Chemist, Department of Horticulture, Kathua under the leadership of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Dr. B. N. Tripathi, under the aegis of Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu Dr. Amr-ish Vaid.

The vocational training programme on value addition was organized with the objective of Attaining and Retaining Youth in Agriculture and make them self-reliant in which more than 40 trainees participated.

The aim of the programme was to develop the skill of the youth in processing so that they will become job providers rather than job seekers.

Chief Horticulture officer Kathua was the Chief guest of the programme and DDM NABARD Amit Kumar and Manager cum Chemist Kathua Vinay Vilas, was the Guest of Hon-



our during the programme.

At the outset, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua Dr. Vishal Mahajan welcomed the participants of training Programme and highlighted the role & importance of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in skill development of rural youth. He briefed about the importance of entrepreneurship development.

While welcoming the participants, he said it was imperative for farmers to adapt to the emerging situations and learn how to add value to their produce so that they can get better returns. Both the Central and UT governments were implementing various schemes, including subsidy addition and FPOs can avail the same, he said.

He practically demonstrated the manual operation of continuous band sealer for sealing different type of products. Continuous band sealers are a go to option for sealing bags and pouches.

He motivated the farm women to go for value addition of different products like pickles, anola candy, gulkand, aamchoor powder, badiyan etc. He said Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua will provide the facility of sealed packing to all the groups who are associated in value addition Horticulture business.

Chief Horticulture Officer Ashwani Khajuria briefed the participants about different types of schemes related to horticulture under HADP Project.

DDM NABARD Amit Kumar gave Power Point Pre-

sentation on Formation and Management of Farmer Producer Organisation. MCC Vinay Vilas explained the FPO group about Processing of seasonal fruits and vegetables. He practically demonstrated the manual operation of continuous band sealer for sealing different type of products. Continuous band sealers are a go to option for sealing bags and pouches.

He motivated the farm women to go for value addition of different products like pickles, anola candy, gulkand, aamchoor powder, badiyan etc. Kamal kumar, Canning Instructor Practically demonstrated the participants about preparation of different types of pickles like mango, bitter gourd, chili and Mango Chutney at KVK Kathua.