## Satish meets deputations; reiterates govt's commitment to people-centric governance

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today met several deputations at Srinagar and had extensive interaction with them to take stock of their concerns, demands and developmental aspirations.

The deputations highlighted a range of issues related to public service delivery, availability of essential commodities, strengthening of transport infrastructure, improvement in IT-enabled services, promotion of sports activities and welfare measures for youth. Besides, matters concerning local infrastructure, employment opportunities, consumer welfare and effective implementation of govern-



raised.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to each deputation and assured them that all their genuine issues would be examined and addressed in a time-bound manner. He emphasized that regular public outreach and direct engagement with the citizens form the cornerstone of effective

ment's firm resolve towards people-centric and transparent governance, Satish Sharma said that the present administration is committed to ensure that the policies and programmes are aligned with the real needs of the peo-

The Minister stressed the importance of leveraging technology to improve the

in service delivery, particularly in sectors like food supplies, transport and information technology. He also highlighted the government's focus on empowering the youth through enhanced sports infrastructure, skill development initiatives and increased opportunities for participation at district, state and national level.

# **Lieutenant Governor releases** 4th Edition of "Kartavya Marg"

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha released the 4th edition of "Kartavya Marg", annual in-house magazine published by Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, at Lok Bhawan today.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the editor and everyone associated with the publica-

applauded Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust for its commitment and dedicated efforts towards promotion of India's ancient knowledge traditions, folk culture, astrology, and Vedic sciences, while fostering moral awareness, and cultural pride within society.

He said the complete knowledge system rooted in the Vedas and encompasses a holistic worldview

ideals in our present-day life. The Lieutenant Gover-"Our ancient texts like nor observed that the In-Vedas and Upanishads are a dian culture, ethics and valtreasure of knowledge in ues help in navigating mathematics, medicine, complex challenges and physics, botany, chemistry, cultivating virtues to proarts and humanities. Varimote harmony and one-

ness in the society.

"Our ancient knowledge system and embedded wisdom offer a blueprint for a successful modern world while ensuring the well-being of all, roadmap for sustainable development and innovation and a holistic framework to effectively deal with issues like climate change to build a sustainable future," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, informed that the annual publication is brought out in Hindi, Sanskrit, English, and Dogri, ensuring that its message of knowledge, culture, and values reaches readers from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Members of the Trust, including Prof. Sharat Sharma, Dr. Vishav Gupta, Shir Rajeev Sharma, Shri Vinay Agrawal, Shri Vinay Jamwal, Shri Nigam Gupta, Shri Rakesh Gandotra, Shir Naresh Raina, Shir Lucky Sharma, Shri Prabodh Sharma, Shri M.L. Verma, Dr. Vivek Arva, Shri Yoginder Singh, and Shri Satish Jandyal were present on the occasion.

## **ADDC Jammu discusses implementation of SC** directions to prevent student suicides

JAMMU, DECEM-BER 19: Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu Sher Singh chaired a meeting today at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office to discuss the implementation of Supreme Court directions regarding the prevention of student suicides in higher educational institutions.

Chief Planning Officer Jammu Ajaypal Singh alongside other officers and representatives from key educational, medical, social welfare and allied departments attended the

The meeting deliberated



on the role and responsibilities of higher education institutions and line departments in ensuring student well-being.

Discussions focused on mental health support systems, early identification of stress indicators, counselling mechanisms and

Emphasis was placed on adopting preventive, supportive and responsive measures aligned with the framework suggested by the National Task Force constituted Supreme Court.

The Chair stressed the

stitutional approach to strengthen counselling services, awareness programmes and referral mechanisms, particularly in colleges, universities and hostels. Officials were directed to ensure strict adherence to guidelines, enhance inter-departmental coordination and submit actionable inputs for the formulation of a district-level action plan.

The meeting concluded with directions to all stakeholders to work proactively toward creating a safe, supportive and student-friendly academic environment across Dis-

# Workshop on packaging, branding held for artisans, weavers at Udhampur

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS** JAMMU, DEC 19

Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology Srinagar, on Friday successfully organised a one-day capacity building workshop on packaging and branding under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance scheme at Udham-

The workshop aimed to bridge the gap between traditional craftsmanship and contemporary market requirements by equipping participants with modern skills and market-oriented

Joint Director Handicrafts Jammu Mamta Devi graced the occasion as the chief guest. She emphasized



the transformative role of effective packaging and branding in converting traditional crafts into sustainable and profitable livelihoods. Assistant Director Handloom Roopali Mahaian attended as special guest. Assistant Director Handicrafts & Handloom

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role in connecting the

younger generation with

their traditions and cul-

tural heritage. He said the

young generation must in-

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Udhampur Ujwal Sambyal and other departmental officials were also present on the occasion.

The workshop featured comprehensive technical sessions focusing on modern packaging techniques, innovative branding ap-

tion and strategic market positioning. Expert faculty from NIFT Srinagar shared practical insights aligned with contemporary design sensibilities and evolving national and international market trends, enabling artisans to add value to their products and enhance their commercial viability.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from artisans, weavers and departmental officials and concluded with an interactive session where participants' queries were effectively addressed.

The initiative was widely appreciated as a meaningful step toward empowering artisans and promoting the handicraft and handloom heritage of Jammu & Kashmir through innovation, professionalism, and market-driven skill develop-

#### DC Ramban inaugurates week-long "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign, listens to public issues at Batote about key welfare schemes

RAMBAN, DECEM-BER 19: The District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, today formally launched Good Governance Week-2025 with the inauguration of the flagship outreach campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" across all blocks of the

The initiative aims to strengthen last-mile delivery of government services and promote transparent, responsive and citizen-centric governance.

The Deputy Commissioner presided over the largely attended inaugural function held at Block Batote, marking the beginning of a week-long intensive public outreach programme. The campaign



nance directly to the doorsteps of citizens, especially in rural and remote

During the event, the Deputy Commissioner inspected stalls set up by ICDS, Health, Agriculture Production, Banks, Sheep

Horticulture, Revenue, Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Labour Department, Jal Shakti, FCS & CA, Animal Husbandry, JPDCL and other line departments. These stalls provided on-the-spot services, guidance and awareness

ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed; ACD Sheraz Ahmed, along with other district officers were pre-

Key focus areas and

sent on the occasion.

of their respective sectors.

schemes highlighted during the programme included Financial Inclusion initiatives, PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana, PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana, JK Samadhan grievance registration, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Inheritance Mutation services, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, e-KYC (FCS & CA), DLC by Banks, PMAY (G) & PMAY (U), PMJAY-Sehat and BOCA registration for construction workers.

# **DRAC** approves 27 Rent fixation cases at Kathua

JAMMU, DEC 19

To finalize the Rent Assessment the use of different Government Departments, meeting of the District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

In all, 30 rent cases of buildings presently used by Government Departments including Police, Handicraft, Handloom, Ayush, Health & Medical Education, Education, JKRLM, ICDS, Revenue, FCS&CA, Geology and Mining, RDD, Library, Horticulture and PMGSY were put forth before the Committee for fixing of monthly rent.

After the thorough assessment, 27



cases were scheduled to be put up again due to some technical deficien-

Among others, the meeting was at-

Revenue, Kathua Vishav Partap Singh, XEN PWD (R&B) Kathua, Arvind Langhey along with members of all the concerned Departments whose Offices are functioning from tended by Assistant Commissioner private buildings in the District.

# CS assesses cyber security framework implementation across J&K

Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress achieved under the Cyber Security Action Plan being implemented across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of all departments, Inspector General of Police (Crime), Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations, Deputy Director General, NIC, Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA, and other senior officers con-

At the outset, the Chief Secretary undertook a comprehensive review of the initiatives launched to strengthen the cyber security architecture of the UT. He assessed the status of decommissioning of redundant government websites and sought updates on the security audit of departmental portals, installation of Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) and Unified Endpoint Management (UEM) solutions in the offices of Heads of Departments, besides other

JAMMU, DECEMBER 19: Chief measures aimed at safeguarding government digital infrastructure against emerging cyber threats.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress of key projects, including augmentation of the State Data Centre (SDC), operationalization of a Mini Security Operations Centre (SOC), adoption of official government e-mail IDs by employees, expansion of Government Drive usage, and capacity-building initiatives undertaken to promote cyber hygiene across departments.

Stressing the need for a holistic and robust protection mechanism for IT assets, the Chief Secretary directed that all concerned Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to complete the inventorization of IT assets on the e-SAM portal within the next one month to strengthen monitoring and security of government assets.

He further instructed the NIC to prepare a comprehensive action plan within a month for augmenting the capacity of the State Data Centre and implementing additional cyber security measures to



make the system foolproof across J&K. Earlier the IGP, Crime, Sujit Singh ap-

prised the meeting about a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of cyber forensic capabilities at CICE, J&K. He added that the process involves a detailed examination of existing systems, emerging requirements and future-ready initiatives aimed at strengthening cyber forensic infrastructure across the UT.

Singh further apprised that a structured three-phase approach has been adopted for this purpose. The first phase focuses on a thorough evaluation of technical specifications and proposed tools required for the establishment of CICE and Cyber Police Stations.

The second phase involves examination of these tools in the context of emerging cyber threats such as deep fakes, encrypted mobile communications and data breaches. The third phase entails comparative analysis and consultations regarding the latest tools available in the market. During the meeting, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Dr. Piyush Singla, gave detailed overview

of the implementation of cyber security

plan in J&K. He informed that the security

audit of departmental websites has been

completed, and 35 redundant websites have been decommissioned after due consultation with the concerned departments. He further apprised that EDR and UEM solutions have been successfully deployed across the Civil Secretariat complexes in Jammu and Srinagar, covering nearly 5,100 devices, with an additional 15,000 devices in HoD offices scheduled to be secured by January 2026. The meeting was also informed that 28 departments have initiated the census of IT assets following nomination of users, while 14 departments have been asked to expedite the process. With regard to the adoption of official governmente-mail IDs, it was informed that the user base has reached 1.81 lakh, with about 35,000 users added since May 2025, and 3,500 requests processed since the last review meeting.

Other cyber security initiatives discussed included deployment of 19 honey pots by the department, with CERT-In scheduled to provide training for their effective usage. It was also revealed that the white listing of USB/pen drives remains limited to 30 cases, while the number of Government Drive users has increased to 318 across departments.

CEO, JaKeGA, Mahima Madan, briefed the meeting on key interventions undertaken by the agency, including migration of select applications to the national MeghRaj Cloud, augmentation of the State Data Centre, operationalization of the Mini SOC at Jammu, which is planned to be upgraded into a fullfledged SOCand the phased migration of government websites from IPv4 to IPv6 by the end of the current year.

Emphasizing a proactive and coordinated approach to cyber security, the Chief Secretary underscored that robust digital safety mechanisms are vital for ensuring efficiency, transparency, and reliability in governance. He directed all departments to work in close coordination with the IT Department, plug existing gaps, adopt best cyber security practices, and complete all pending tasks within the stipulated timelines.

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