

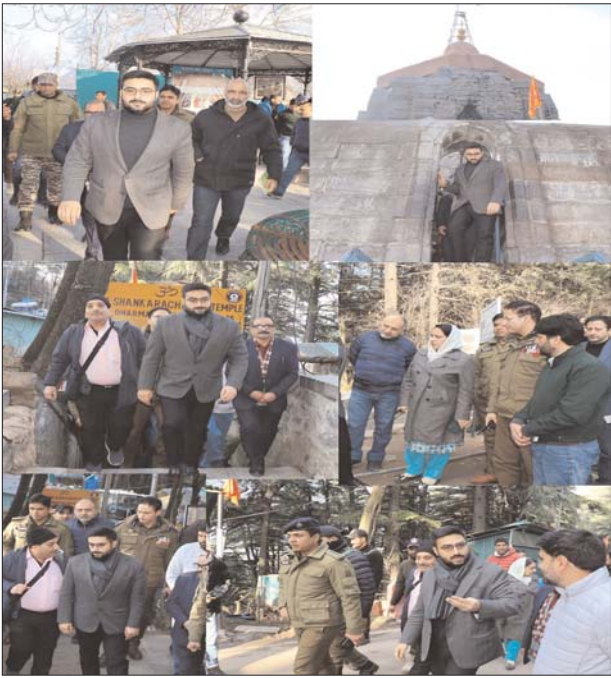
DC Srinagar, SSP Traffic visits Shankaracharya Temple

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Saturday along with SSP Traffic Police, Aijaz Ahmad Bhat visited the Shankaracharya Temple to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming festival of Mahashivratri, scheduled to be celebrated on February 14th & 15th, 2026. The festival holds immense religious and cultural significance and is observed with great devotion, particularly by the Kashmiri Pandit community.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad; Executive Engineers of PHE R&B, KPDC, Tehsildar South, Tehsildar Khanyar, Chief Sanitation Officer and other concerned, besides, Additional Secretary Dhar-marth Trust, Avisash Fotedar and Vidhu Sharma accompanied the DC during the visit.

While reviewing the arrangements on the spot, the DC directed the con-



cerned departments to ensure that all basic facilities are put in place well in advance for the devotees expected to visit the historic Shankaracharya Temple. He asked the officers of the line departments to ensure all necessary arrangements for a smooth, safe, and enriching pilgrimage experience for the devotees on this auspicious occasion.

The DC instructed for ensuring hassle-free traffic movement for the devotees, besides adequate facilities at the designated place for parking of the ve-

hicles. He also stressed for adequate shuttle bus services to ferry devotees from different parts of the city to the Shankaracharya Temple on Mahashivratri.

Stressing the importance of cleanliness, the DC directed the SMC authorities to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene at the Shankaracharya Temple premises and along the entire pilgrimage route. He also instructed for adequate arrangements for urinals and sanitation facilities. Additionally, he asked for ensuring all streetlights

from Nehru Park to the Temple are made functional. The DC further directed for ensuring uninterrupted supply of electricity and adequate drinking water facility at the venue so that Yatis do not face any inconvenience during their visit.

The DC directed for ensuring uninterrupted power supply and adequate drinking water facilities at the venue so that devotees do not face any inconvenience during their visit to pay obeisance at the Temple.

The DC also directed the Health Department to deploy a Medical team at the venue with the availability of all emergency medicines and first aid facilities.

The DC directed the officers of the line departments to ensure all necessary arrangements required for smooth stay and enriching pilgrimage for all devotees on this religious occasion. On the occasion, the DC interacted with members of the Dhar-marth Trust and organising committee of Bhandara, assuring them of full support from the District Administration for smooth celebrations of Mahashivratri at Shankracharya, Srinagar.

Chugh, Sat address Mahila Samvad in Jammu

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BJP National General Secretary and Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh, today addressed the Mahila Samvad Programme organised by BJP Mahila Morcha at Karan Palace, Mishriwala Road, Jammu.

A traditional lamp was lit by Tarun Chugh, accompanied by, Sat Sharma, MP Rajya Sabha & President, BJP Jammu & Kashmir, Sanjia Dogra, General Secretary, BJP J&K, Nand Kishore Sharma, District President, Jammu North, Neha Mahajan, State President, BJP Mahila Morcha, along with Ayodhya Gupta, Urvashi Gupta, Poonam Gupta, Anjali and other senior party leaders.

Chugh said that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, women empowerment has become the central pillar of governance and development in the country. He said the Modi Government has transformed women empowerment from a slogan into a structured national mission through strong policies, welfare schemes and socio-economic reforms focused on strengthening the status of women across India.

Chugh said that the Union Budget 2026-27 reflects the government's strong and clear commitment towards empowering women by prioritising women-centric schemes and initiatives. He said special emphasis has been laid on education, skill development and entrepreneurship for women, particularly those from rural and border regions. He added that initiatives such as girls' hostels in every district, scholarships in technical education and support for women entrepreneurs are



creating new opportunities for young girls to become self-reliant and contribute actively towards national development.

Chugh said that the abrogation of Article 370 proved to be a historic decision for the women of Jammu and Kashmir, who were deprived of several constitutional rights for decades. He said women of the Union Territory are now enjoying equal property rights and full legal protection under central laws related to domestic violence, dowry and workplace safety. Chugh said welfare schemes such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana have strengthened the financial and healthcare security of women, ensuring dignity and social justice.

Chugh said that the Modi Government has taken landmark steps to ensure greater participation of women in governance and leadership. He said the Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam will significantly increase women's representation in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, strengthening their voice in policy making. He added that schemes like Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India and self-help group initiatives have enabled women to emerge as entrepreneurs and job creators, particu-

larly in rural and agricultural sectors.

Chugh praised BJP Mahila Morcha for strengthening grassroots outreach and connecting government welfare initiatives with women beneficiaries. He said empowered women are the strongest foundation of a strong nation and added that BJP remains fully committed towards ensuring safety, dignity and economic independence of women. Chugh expressed confidence that women of Jammu and Kashmir will play a leading role in building a prosperous, peaceful and self-reliant India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sat Sharma said that women are the strongest pillar of society and the nation. He stated that the Modi Government has ensured dignity, security and economic empowerment of women through strong laws against triple talaq and domestic violence, along with welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Matru Vandana Yojana. He urged women to play an active role in nation-building.

Sanjita Dogra said that the Union Budget has opened new avenues for women, especially rural women, farmers, youth and women entrepreneurs, helping them become self-reliant and economically

strong. Nand Kishore Sharma said that Mahila Samvad programmes help connect women directly with government policies and schemes. He appreciated the Mahila Morcha for organizing the programme successfully and said women's participation is essential for building a strong and developed India.

Delivering the welcome address, Neha Mahajan said that today's woman is confident, aware and self-reliant due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She appealed to Mahila Morcha workers to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach every household.

Prominent leaders present on the occasion State Vice Presidents Neeru Anand, Prerna Nanda, State Secretaries Sonia Thakur, Ritu Thakur, Poonam Gupta, Pooja salgotra, Saroj Manhas Ex Corporators Neena Gupta, Sunita Gupta, state, district and mandal-level Mahila Morcha office bearers. A large number of Matru Shakti from different districts actively participated in the programme, making it a grand success.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Tanika Sharma.

DC Budgam reviews and approves Rent Assessment Cases for Private Buildings

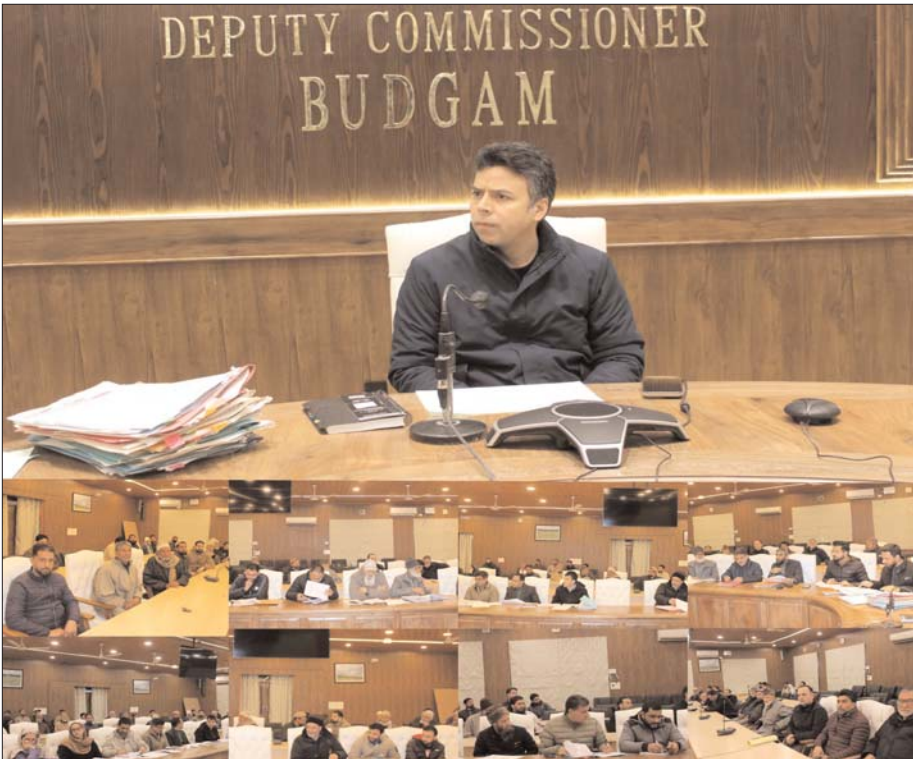
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Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, chaired a meeting of the District Rent Assessment Committee at the New Conference Hall, DC Office Budgam, to review, assess and finalize rent cases pertaining to private buildings occupied by various Government departments in the district.

During the meeting, a total of 39 rent assessment cases were taken up for detailed deliberation. The cases were examined comprehensively on the basis of relevant records, site-specific details, prevailing market rates and recommendations furnished by the concerned departments.

After due scrutiny and adherence to prescribed norms and guidelines, all 39 cases were approved by the Committee.

During the meeting the DC observed that regular and timely assessment of rents is essential to maintain transparency, financial discipline and administrative efficiency. He laid Emphasis on ensuring that rent fixation is carried out strictly in accordance with established government



procedures so as to safeguard public resources and ensure equitable treatment of private building owners.

The DC underscored that rationalization and periodic revision of rents would contribute to smoother functioning of government offices operating from private accommodations. He stressed that pendency of rent-related cases should be avoided and that all future proposals must be processed in a time-bound and systematic manner.

The DC further issued the directions to the concerned departments to expedite completion of all post-approval formalities so that the approved rent cases are implemented without any delay. He also directed that proper documentation, verification and compliance with codal provisions be ensured in all such cases to prevent discrepancies and enhance accountability.

The meeting was attended by SE R&B circle

budgam, CMO budgam, representatives from Revenue, Roads & Buildings (R&B), Education, Health, Agriculture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Social Welfare, Fire & Emergency Services, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, and other concerned departments.

Owners of the private buildings were also provided due representation during the proceedings to ensure participatory and fair decision-making.

DC Bandipora review Maha Shivratri Arrangements; Stresses cleanliness, essential supplies

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Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib today chaired a meeting to review and finalize arrangements for the forthcoming festival of Maha Shivratri (Herath) to ensure smooth facilitation for devotees across the district.

The meeting was held to assess comprehensive arrangements, including sanitation, essential supplies, and coordinated efforts by all departments to ensure the smooth and peaceful observance of the festival on February 15.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized maintaining proper cleanliness and sanitation at temple premises.



She emphasized the availability of essential items including walnuts, nadru, fish, marigold flowers, and other festival-related requirements for the community. The DC directed the concerned authorities to

carry out dredging of Nallah Ajar to prevent any inconvenience during the celebrations. The DC directed the Municipal Committee Bandipora to ensure door-to-door waste collection and maintain overall sani-

tation in the town. Taking note of waste dumping near Hanuman Mandir, Old Hospital Bandipora, she directed officials to take immediate measures to ensure cleanliness in and around the area.

BJP reviews Budget Janjagran Abhiyan programmes at Jammu

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J&K BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria reviewed various programmes being conducted in connection with the ongoing Budget Janjagran Abhiyan during a meeting held at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The meeting focused on assessing outreach initiatives undertaken by different cells and morchas to spread awareness about the key provisions and people-centric initiatives of the Union Budget 2026.

Addressing the meeting, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that the Union Budget reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive development, ensuring that benefits reach the last person in the queue. He emphasized that BJP workers must actively engage with different sections of society to explain how the budget strengthens economic stability, boosts employment, and supports vulnerable and working-class communities. The Budget Janjagran Abhiyan is not merely a programme, but a mission



to connect policies with people and ensure transparency, trust and participation, he stated.

Reiterating BJP's commitment, Baldev Billawaria affirmed that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the government remains dedicated to empowering traders, labourers, SCs, OBCs, professionals and youth, ensuring that development reaches every household and strengthens the socio-economic fabric of the nation. J&K BJP All Cells In-charge Ved Sharma focused on key central budget concerns and reviewed pending programmes related to the Union Budget. He convened representa-

tives of various cells and morchas, urging them to intensify grassroots-level interactions. He highlighted that the Union Budget has special focus on unregistered labour (shramik) through enhanced social security coverage, expansion of skill development initiatives, and increased allocation for health, insurance and housing schemes aimed at informal workers.

Ved Sharma further noted that Industry Cell, SC Morcha and OBC Morcha have effectively conducted programmes to educate unregistered labourers about employment generation schemes, skill upgradation, and welfare initia-

tives. The Trade Cell, ULB, Tourism and Professional Cells have organized traders' meetings to highlight budget provisions such as MSME credit support, simplified compliance mechanisms, infrastructure development, tourism promotion, and incentives for startups and professionals, which are expected to strengthen local businesses and generate employment in Jammu & Kashmir.

SC Morcha President Dharminder Kumar, Sham Langer, Pawan Singh, Bharat Bhushan, Deepak Kapahi, Deepak Gupta, Ajay Gupta, G.R. Bhagat and others participated in the meeting.

DC Kulgam chairs District Level Telecom Committee Meeting

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A meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan.

The meeting reviewed in detail various issues related to BharatNet, telecom tower sites, 5G street



furniture, and overall digital infrastructure in the district.

During the meeting, it

was informed that the completion target for the BharatNet project has been fixed for 15th August 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner directed BSNL, KPDC, R&B, and all concerned line departments to expedite ongoing works and ensure improved and reliable telecom connectivity across the district.

ACR Kulgam, SE R&B, and other officers were present in the meeting. Besides officials from LSA J&K and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) participated virtually.