

CS, Census Commissioner sensitise J&K officers on preparations for digital Census

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Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, in presence of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, today chaired a high-level sensitisation session to review and strengthen preparations for the upcoming Census, 2027 which will be conducted digitally for the first time across the country. The session was attended by Administrative Secretaries of various departments, senior officers of the Union Territory administration, Divisional and District administration officers and representatives of multiple government departments. Addressing the officers, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for coordinated and proactive preparations for the smooth conduct of the census operations. He stated that the meeting had clearly delineated the roles and responsibilities of each department and called upon all departments and field functionaries to extend full support to the census machinery so that the exercise is carried out in a systematic, transparent and efficient manner.

He also underscored the importance of public awareness and outreach, stressing that citizens must be encouraged to actively participate in the census process and provide accurate information. He observed that a successful census depends on the co-operation of both the administration and the public, and all stakeholders must work together to ensure the credibility and completeness of the data collected during this mega UT wide programme. Speaking on the occasion, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan expressed satisfaction over the level of preparedness and the comprehensive sensitisation carried out for officers at different levels of the administration



in Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that the discussions and briefings held during the session had instilled confidence that the census operations in both phases would be completed diligently and within the prescribed timelines.

Highlighting the significance of the census exercise, he said that census data plays a pivotal role in determining the share of states and Union Territories in various Finance Commission allocations and government development programmes. He noted that the census serves as the foundational dataset guiding policy planning and development initiatives for the next decade.

He urged officers and field functionaries to exercise utmost diligence while collecting information, stressing that the quality and reliability of census data are critical for ensuring evidence-based planning and objective policy outcomes. He also emphasised the importance of rigorous training for field staff engaged in the exercise, noting that a clear understanding of procedures and digital tools would ensure smooth and efficient operations on the ground.

During the session, Director Census Operations for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma delivered a detailed presentation outlining the strategy, methodology, administrative arrangements and digital systems planned for conducting the census operations in the Union Territory.

He informed that the Census of India 2027 will be conducted in two phases across the country. The first phase will comprise the House Listing Operations (HLO), fol-

lowed by the second phase of Population Enumeration.

To effectively manage the massive scale of the enumeration process, he apprised that a structured hierarchy of trainers had been envisaged by the Department. This includes a core team of National Trainers and Master Trainers who will subsequently train 614 Field Trainers. These trainers will further impart training to approximately 30,871 Enumerators and Supervisors at the Charge level across the Union Territory.

The field functionaries are scheduled to undergo specialised three-day training programmes between May 7 and May 25, 2026, equipping them with the required skills and operational knowledge before the commencement of fieldwork.

As per the operational plan, Phase-I (Houselisting and Housing Census) will begin with a 15-day self-enumeration window from May 17 to May 31, 2026, allowing citizens to submit their details digitally. This will be followed by 30 days of house-to-house enumeration throughout June 2026. The phase will focus on documenting housing conditions, household amenities and related infrastructure, which will form the statistical framework for the subsequent population enumeration phase.

Considering the unique geographic and climatic conditions of Jammu and Kashmir, Phase-II (Population Enumeration) will commence in September 2026 for snow-bound areas and in February 2027 for non-snowbound regions. This phase will collect detailed data on demographic, socio-economic and cultural char-

acteristics of the population. Recognising the crucial role of grassroots personnel in the census exercise, the Government has sanctioned an honorarium of ₹25,000 each for Enumerators and Supervisors, including ₹9,000 for the Houselisting phase and ₹16,000 for the Population Enumeration phase.

The Director further informed that the Census Reference Date has been fixed as March 1, 2027 for most areas, while October 1, 2026 will serve as the reference date for snow-bound regions.

The upcoming census will capture comprehensive information related to housing conditions, household amenities, assets, demographic characteristics, language, literacy, education, economic activity, migration patterns and other socio-economic indicators. Such data forms the backbone for policy formulation, planning and development programmes at the national, state and local levels.

A major highlight of the upcoming census will be digital data collection through a dedicated mobile application specifically developed for census operations. The application will be available on both Android and iOS platforms and will support multiple regional languages, including Hindi, English and Urdu in Jammu and Kashmir.

The application will also function in offline mode, enabling enumerators to collect data in areas with limited or no internet connectivity, while internet access will only be required for device registration and uploading of the collected data.

It was also highlighted that census data serves as the primary basis for delimitation and reservation of constituencies for Parliament, Legislative Assemblies, Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies, besides being extensively used by government agencies, researchers and development institutions.

Railway staff's honesty wins praise as lost mobile returned to passenger

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Demonstrating exemplary honesty and commitment to passenger service, the ticket checking staff of Jammu Division once again set a remarkable example by safely returning a passenger's lost mobile phone found on board the Swaraj Express. The incident took place under the guidance of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal. On March 9, ticket checking staff member Deepak Sharma displayed exceptional alertness and integrity while performing his duty at Jammu station. During routine ticket checking in the sleeper coach of train number 12471 Swaraj Express between Kathua and Jammu, the checking staff discovered a mobile phone left behind by a passenger. Acting promptly, the staff took the phone into safe custody and followed the necessary security procedures.

As soon as the train ar-



overed to the rightful owner. The relieved passenger expressed heartfelt gratitude to the railway authorities and the ticket checking staff for their honesty and prompt action. Praising the commendable act, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said that the Jammu Division of Indian Railways remains committed

to ensuring not only a comfortable journey for passengers but also the safety of their belongings. "Returning unclaimed luggage or valuables to their rightful owner with complete transparency is often a challenging task, especially when it is found on a moving train. The checking staff handled the situation with professionalism and integrity, which reflects the core values of Indian Railways," he said.

Singhal further added that such incidents highlight the dedication and sincerity of railway employees towards passenger service. He appreciated the efforts of the checking staff and expressed hope that their honesty and sense of duty would inspire others to uphold the same standards of service and integrity. The incident has once again reinforced the trust passengers place in the railway system and stands as a shining example of the commitment of Jammu Division staff to public service.

International Women's Day celebrated by KC College of Education

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A Poster Making Activity on the theme "Give to Gain" was organized at KC College of Education on the occasion of International Women's Day.

The activity aimed to spread the message that sharing kindness, support, and opportunities with others helps everyone grow. Students participated enthusiastically and



made creative posters highlighting the idea of giving respect, encouragement, and help to women

in society in order to gain equality and empowerment. The event was organized by the NSS Programme Officer, Ms. Priya Gupta, who encouraged students to express their ideas through art and creativity.

The Principal of KC College of Education, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the efforts of the students and praised their creativity and participation. The activity successfully spread awareness about the importance of giving support and respect to women for building a better and more equal society.

Registrar General, Census Commissioner Gol reviews preparations for Census 2027

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Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Government of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan today reviewed preparations for the upcoming Census 2027 during his exclusive visit to the Directorate of Census Operations Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The visit was focused on preparation and readiness of the Directorate of Census for conducting the processes and training workshops in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh for smooth conduct of the Census of India 2027.

Director Census Operations, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma, apprised the Registrar General and Commissioner Census, India of the working and functioning of the office.

Mritunjay Kumar Narayan interacted with the senior officials and



staff of the Directorate of office and enquired about their roles and functions. He emphasized the significance of conducting the process of Census with utmost focus, vigilance and diligence with meticulous planning and robust mechanisms in place. He also highlighted the impor-

tance of training of field officials who will visit each district during the Census 2027.

Discussion was held on the workshops for awareness and publicity of Census for connecting the general masses with the national exercise that becomes the basis of several

development and social planning at the National level.

Earlier, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner inaugurated Census e-library, medical room and canteen facility for the welfare of Census employees.

Several officers and officials of the Directorate of Census Operations Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, staff were present during the

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OFFICE THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD(R&B) NORTH CIRCLE JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. SENJ/42 of 2025-26 dated 07-03-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on percentage rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/CPWD/BRO/Railways/ MES and other State/Central Government for the work mentioned below:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of road at Km 5th on Akhnoor Sumha road to Shiv Kheri Temple Mohalla Pyt Ghar and allied links village Sungal C Tehsil Akhnoor (Under NABARD RIDF XXXI) Length = 2.30 Kms	Akhnoor	Construction Part: 307.71 Lacs Maintenance Part: 30.77 Lacs Total Cost: 338.48 Lacs	6000/=	676960/- (2% of the Advertised Cost)	18 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 31-03-2026	"A" Class (Civil)

Position of AAA = Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Jammu Vide Order No. 13 of 2025 Dated 08-12-2025 under endorsement No. CEJ/DB/12862-69 Dated 18-12-2025 for Rs. 350.00 Lacs.

Position of T.S. = Technical Sanction by Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department vide Order No. 496 of March 2026 under endorsement No. CEJZ/DB/20080-81 Dated 06-03-2026 for Rs. 338.48 Lacs.

Executing Agency = Public Works Department

The Bidding documents consist of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07.03.2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08.03.2026 to 30.03.2026
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	16.03.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B)NORTH Circle, Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	09.03.2026 From 1300 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	30.03.2026 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	31.03.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B)NORTH Circle, Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of challan through Treasury indicating the name of work and e-NIT No. favouring Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B)NORTH Circle, Jammu by crediting to 0059-PWD (Revenue) issued after issuance of e-NIT No. & Date uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt issued after the advertisement of e-NIT. The date on challan should be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date. In case of retendered, the previous Tender fee certificate shall also be entertained.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) NORTH Circle, Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:-
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in e-NIT and SBD as a part of technical bid.

Note - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
No:- SENJ/13056-63
07/03/2026

Sd/-
(Er. Pooja Wazir)
Superintending Engineer
PWD (R&B) Circle North
Jammu.

DIP/J-12568/25. Dated: 09-03-2026

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No. TLMD-II/JKPTCL/J/T/1310-12
Dated:07-03-2026

Subject - Cancellation of ENIT No.: TLMD-II/J/14 of 2025-26 Dated:06-02-2026 for the work "Re-construction of damaged boundary wall along with minor repairs / allied works and replacement of damaged electrical equipments caused due to flash floods in Aug-Sept 2025 at 220/33 KV, 160 MVA Grid station Chowadhi".

Tender Cancellation Notice

Due to Administrative reasons, the ENIT No.: TLMD-II/J/14 of 2025-26 Dated:06-02-2026 for the work "Re-construction of damaged boundary wall along with minor repairs / allied works and replacement of damaged electrical equipments caused due to flash floods in Aug-Sept 2025 at 220/33 KV, 160 MVA Grid station Chowadhi" issued under endorsement No. TLMD-II/JKPTCL/J/T/1031-34 Dated 06-02-2026 is hereby cancelled.

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