

Yasha reviews preparations for high level Zonal Cooperative Workshop at Srinagar

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Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, today chaired a high-level preparatory meeting to review the arrangements for the upcoming Zonal Review Workshop to be held at Srinagar from June 24 to 26, 2026.

The meeting was attended by the Special Secretary, Cooperative; FA/CAO Cooperative Department; Joint Registrar (Audit), Kashmir and other senior departmental officers.

During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary was informed that the workshop, being organized by the Union Ministry for Cooperation, will witness participation from the senior officers of the Union Ministry as well as the Secretaries and Registrars of Cooperative Departments from various States and Union Territories. A detailed overview of the event



framework, covering agenda, thematic sessions, resource persons and expected outcomes, was presented. Besides, the current status of preparations, including proposed venues, timelines and identified nodal officers for different functional areas was also presented.

Reviewing the arrangements, Yasha Mudgal stressed the need for comprehensive planning and coordinated management of all aspects of the event, covering arrival, stay, conference proceedings and de-

parture of delegates. She emphasized that all the arrangements must be executed in a seamless and professional manner.

The Commissioner Secretary further reviewed the protocol and liaison mechanisms, underscoring the vital importance of maintaining effective communication with the Union Ministry and participating States/UTs. She directed that robust facilitation measures be ensured to handle all protocol-related engagements without any lapses.

While taking stock of

transport, accommodation and hospitality arrangements, the Commissioner Secretary called for meticulous advance planning and efficient coordination to ensure maximum convenience of delegates. She emphasized the need for maintaining appropriate standards and ensuring consistent logistical support throughout the three-day event.

She also reviewed the conference management and venue readiness, directing that all necessary infrastructure and support systems be finalized timely in strict accordance with the established norms.

Highlighting the importance of inter-departmental synergy, Yasha Mudgal stressed the need for close coordination among all the concerned departments and agencies. She called for continuous monitoring and the development of contingency plans to ensure smooth and successful conduct of the workshop.

Rana meets public delegations in Jammu, Assures time-bound action on development issues

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today met multiple public delegations at the Civil Secretariat, listening closely to their concerns related to development and community welfare.

During the meeting, representatives from various areas raised pressing issues, particularly emphasizing the need to upgrade road infrastructure, improve water availability and strengthen essential public services.

The delegations highlighted that rural and underserved regions require focused attention, citing their unique challenges they face in accessing basic facilities.



The Minister gave a patient and attentive hearing to all submissions, acknowledging the proactive role played by the delegations in voicing the concerns of their communities. He assured them that all

genuine demands would be carefully examined and addressed in a phased, time-bound manner.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, Rana reiterated that the administration led by Omar Ab-

dullah remains focused on responsive governance, prioritizing timely resolution of public issues and ensuring balanced, sustainable development across regions and sub-regions in Jammu and Kashmir.

Satish calls for climate-resilient agroecosystems; stresses innovation, youth-led sustainable growth

JAMMU, APRIL 28:

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today called for urgent, innovation-driven measures to build climate-resilient agroecosystems in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the national conference on Sustainable and Climate Resilient Agroecosystems at SKUAST-Jammu, the Minister said the region's unique Himalayan ecology and agrarian economy place it at the frontline of climate change. He said that erratic weather patterns, shifting cultivation cycles and extreme climate events are already impact-

ing the farmers, horticulturists and pastoral communities.

"Jammu and Kashmir is a living laboratory of climate change. Our response must be immediate, locally relevant and science-based," he said.

Highlighting that nearly 60-70 percent of the population depends on agriculture and allied sectors, Satish Sharma stressed that long-term economic growth hinges on building resilient farming systems. He said Kashmir's apple economy is facing stress from rising temperatures and shorter chilling periods and urged faster research into climate-resilient varieties.

For Jammu, he highlighted declining ground-

water and erratic monsoons affecting the key crops and called for greater adoption of precision irrigation and stronger agro-advisory outreach.

The Minister also drew attention to the challenges faced by Gujjar and Bakarwal communities due to disrupted grazing patterns, urging for integrated support that blends the traditional knowledge with modern science. He further stressed the need for watershed management and soil conservation.

Emphasizing the role of technology, Satish Sharma advocated real-time weather advisories, AI-driven farming solutions, stronger market linkages and robust cold-chain infrastructure. "Technology

must connect research directly with the farmer," he said.

He also appreciated the ongoing afforestation efforts and called for scaling up ecological initiatives across both the rural and urban areas.

Urging stronger collaboration between the institutions and policymakers, the Minister called for actionable recommendations under programmes like the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

Encouraging youth participation, he said young researchers and agri-entrepreneurs will play a decisive role in shaping a sustainable future. "The future of our agriculture lies in the hands of our youth," he added.

DC Reasi reviews preparedness for summer season

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek chaired a meeting to review preparedness of departments for summer season, particularly effective management of Heatwave amid rising temperatures.

A comprehensive assessment of departmental readiness was undertaken, with emphasis on a coordinated and proactive response. The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to remain alert, respond promptly to IMD advisories and strengthen mitigation measures including establishment of dedicated cool rooms in hospitals, equipping ambulances for heat-related emergencies and regulating working hours where necessary. He stressed ensuring uninterrupted electricity and drinking water supply, maintaining adequate



stocks of ORS and essential medicines across health facilities and intensifying public awareness on heatstroke prevention, particularly for children and the elderly. He also called for provision of water for livestock, issuance of safety advisories for outdoor workers, organization of awareness camps and strengthening of fire and forest safety measures.

The Education Department was advised to regulate school timings and im-

plement safeguards for students during peak heat conditions. The Jal Shakti Department and Municipal Committees were directed to ensure uninterrupted and accessible drinking water facilities, with special focus on tourist locations. The Jal Shakti Department was further tasked with monitoring water supply schemes and preparing contingency plans, including water tanker deployment, while the Power Development Department

was directed to ensure stable power supply during peak hours. The Police Department was directed to maintain strict vigil at checkpoints and ensure availability of fluids to assist persons in distress, particularly during heat wave conditions and cases of heat stroke.

The Animal Husbandry Department was instructed to create awareness regarding livestock care during heat wave conditions and ensure availability of veterinary medicines.

The Deputy Commissioner called for intensified IEC campaigns to disseminate precautionary measures among the public and directed all departments to issue detailed advisories and submit their respective Heat Wave Action Plans for effective management.

ADC Rakesh Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, CMO, ACD, XEN Jal Shakti and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Census 2027: 3-day training for Field Trainers begins in Udhampur

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District Administration Udhampur (Principal Census Office) in collaboration with the Directorate of Census Operations J&K today commenced a three-day training programme for Field Trainers (FTs) for Phase-I of Census 2027 (House Listing and Housing Census).

The programme is being conducted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (Principal Census Officer) Minga Sherpa. The resource persons from the Directorate of Census Operations J&K including Nodal Officer Nimrat Kour and District Master Trainer Ashish Kumar Sharma and District Coordinator Ajit Raj would impart training to the Field Trainers. The Master Trainers are being



equipped to effectively train Enumerators and Supervisors for the smooth conduct of Phase-I of the Census 2027 - House Listing and Housing Census. The emphasis is on ensuring the collection of reliable and accurate data to support the nation's development. Addressing the participants, the Principal

Census Officer highlighted that Census 2027 shall be conducted in digital mode and underscored the pivotal role of Field Trainers as a vital link between District Census Authorities and Enumerators and Supervisors. He directed the FTs to perform their duties with utmost dedication & enthusiasm and ensure

that E&S are trained strictly in accordance with the prescribed training cascade. The programme is being attended by District Census Officer (ADC) Prem Singh, Additional District Census Officer DSEO, Darshan Kumar and other officials associated with census operations at the PCO level.

Chairman DLSA Jammu reviews arrangements for 2nd National Lok Adalat scheduled on May 9

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Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu R. N. Watal on Tuesday chaired a meeting in his office chamber to assess the preparations for the 2nd National Lok Adalat scheduled on May 9, 2026.

The meeting, attended by Judicial Officers, focused on ensuring comprehensive arrangements for the successful conduct of the event.



Deliberations centered on Case Identification suitable for resolution through the Lok Adalat; logistical arrangements including security of venues, infrastruc-

ture availability and manpower. Stress was laid on awareness and outreach- Promoting the Lok Adalat and its benefits among the pub-

lic, especially those with pending cases.

The Chairman urged all officials to work diligently to make the National Lok Adalat a resounding success.

He emphasized that this significant event provides a vital platform for resolving pending cases through mediation and settlement, thereby promoting access to justice and reducing the burden on courts.

The DLSA's proactive review underscores its commitment to enhancing judicial efficiency and ensuring justice for all.

District Administration, Civil Society Rajouri pay tributes to Martyr Dr Raj Kumar Thapa

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The District Administration Rajouri and Civil Society today commemorated the birth anniversary of Martyr Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa with great reverence and solemnity here at the Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial, Museum & Library.

It is pertinent to mention that the conversion of the residential quarter of Martyr ADDC Dr. R.K. Thapa into a Memorial Museum & Library, construction of a new entrance gate at the ADDC office, renaming of Dak Bungalow Rajouri in his honour, establishment of additional library at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Rajouri and installation of the martyr's statue at the entrance of ALG are initiatives undertaken by the Deputy Commissioner Abhishek



Sharma as a tribute to the martyr.

On the occasion, a documentary highlighting the inspiring life and dedicated public service of the martyr was screened, offering a glimpse into his remarkable contributions and enduring legacy. The family members of the martyr also visited the memorial, museum and library, reflecting on his life and achievements.

Floral tributes were paid to the martyr as a mark of respect, followed by a plan-

tation drive wherein a tree was planted in his memory, symbolizing his lasting impact and commitment to society.

Later, members of civil society, district officers and family members shared their heartfelt memories and experiences, recalling the life, values and legacy of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa. The speakers described him as a dedicated officer and a compassionate human being who worked tirelessly for public welfare.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC Malikzada Sherazul-Haq said that Martyr Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa remains a source of inspiration for the entire administrative fraternity. "The martyr's unwavering commitment to public service, integrity and people-centric governance continues to guide officers in discharging their duties with dedication and sincerity," he noted.

The event concluded with a collective reaffirmation to uphold the ideals and values exemplified by the martyr and to continue working with dedication towards the welfare and development of the district.

Among those present on the occasion included ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan; CPO Maqsood Ahmed; DSEO Sandeep Sharma; Principal GMC Dr. A.S. Bhatia; Medical Superintendent Shamim Ahmed; DIO Ashiq Rafiq Malik; BDO Javed Ahmed, besides other district and sectoral officers.

DDC reviews Master Plan for Development of Reasi Distt

REASI, APRIL 28:

District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a meeting to review the Master Plan for the overall development of the district.

A comprehensive discussion was held on key components of the plan, including urban planning, infrastructure development, traffic management, sanitation and environ-

mental sustainability. The DDC underscored the need for planned and balanced growth to meet the rising demands of the population while maintaining ecological balance.

Officers presented detailed updates on the status of the Master Plan, highlighting progress achieved and challenges encountered in its implementation.

The DDC reviewed key proposals aimed at

strengthening civic amenities, improving road connectivity and enhancing public service delivery. He emphasized that these measures are vital for ensuring orderly urban expansion, improving quality of life and promoting sustainable development.

Stressing timely execution of works, the DDC directed concerned departments to ensure close coordination and adher-

ence to prescribed timelines. He also highlighted the importance of adopting modern planning approaches and encouraging public participation to make the Master Plan more inclusive and effective.

The meeting was attended by MLA Reasi Kuldeep Raj Dubey; ADC Rakesh Kumar; ACR Nitin Verma; Executive Engineer PWD and officers from various departments.