

Shaurya Int'l Archers Excel at District Meet, Multiple Students Qualify for Next Level



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Continuing its impressive run in sports, Shaurya International School delivered a commendable performance in the Inter-School District Archery Competition organised by the District Youth Services and Sports Department

from May 13 to 15.

Bringing laurels to the institution, Stavya Kumar clinched the gold medal while Ishant Manhotra secured the silver medal in the Under-17 Recurve category, showcasing exceptional precision and consistency during the competition.

The school also registered strong performances

in the Indian Round category, where Dravin Mahajan in Under-14, along with Adityam Choudhary and Nimrat Kour in Under-17, secured fourth positions and qualified for the next level of the competition.

The achievement has added another feather to the cap of the institution, reflecting the growing

sporting talent among students and the school's focus on holistic development alongside academics.

School management and Principal Dr. Swati Kapoor congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and extended best wishes for the upcoming rounds of the competition.

Historic 3-day Mounгри Mela concludes

Over 60,000 devotees visit annual Shiv-Parvati Mela

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The historic three-day Shiv-Parvati Mounгри Mela concluded today with great religious fervour, enthusiasm and traditional gaiety at Sar Dabar in Tehsil Mounгри of District Udhampur.

More than 60,000 devotees and visitors from different faiths thronged the mela site during the three-day event, reflecting the spirit of communal harmony and cultural unity.

On the concluding day, Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West Pawan Kumar Gupta attended the function as the chief guest, while Mela Officer Arushi Sabharwal presided over the programme.

While addressing the gathering, the chief guest appreciated the organisers and district administration for successfully conducting such traditional fairs in far-flung areas of the district. He described these fairs as symbols of the region's rich and diverse cultural her-



itage, adding that such events not only attract tourists but also contribute significantly towards the socio-economic development of rural areas.

channelise their energy in a positive direction.

The concluding day also witnessed captivating cultural performances presented by artists of the Information Department

Cultural Wing Jammu along with local artists. Cultural troupes from various educational institutions showcased traditional folk dances, songs and cul-

tural presentations depicting the rich traditions and heritage of the area, which received huge appreciation from the audience.

For the smooth and successful conduct of the mela, the District Administration Udhampur had made elaborate arrangements for security, drinking water, power supply, medicare facilities.

DC Doda chairs Census 2027 self-enumeration awareness and training programme

DODA, MAY 17: A comprehensive awareness and training programme on the Census 2027 self-enumeration process was conducted today at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Doda. The programme was attended by district officers, sectoral officers and other concerned stakeholders and was organised under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Doda and Principal Census Officer, Krishan Lal.

It was supervised by Additional Commissioner Revenue (ACR) and Nodal Officer Census Doda, Ashraf Pervez. DSEO Doda and Additional District Census Officer (ADCO), Vijay Kumar and District Coordinator Census, Vinay Kumar Singh also participated in an official capacity.

The training programme aimed at equipping officers with the necessary knowledge and technical skills related to the self-enumeration process, digital census tools, data collection procedures and field-level coordination. Detailed presentations on Census 2027 procedures, parameters



and operational guidelines were delivered by District Coordinator Census, Vinay Kumar Singh, who also addressed key queries and explained around 33 questions related to census activities and self-enumeration procedures. Demonstrations of online self-enumeration registration in both Hindi and English were conducted for participants to ensure better understanding and smooth implementation.

During the training session, Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal enrolled himself in the self-enumeration process through the

official portal. He encouraged all citizens to actively participate and complete their registration within the stipulated period to ensure accurate and comprehensive census data for effective planning and development.

Speaking at the session, Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal emphasised that the Self-Enumeration Portal is user-friendly and transparent and an important step towards ensuring accurate and reliable census data. He appealed to all citizens to actively participate and submit correct information to make the Cen-

sus 2027 exercise successful in the district. He further directed all district and sectoral officers to intensify awareness activities at the grassroots level and encourage maximum public participation through coordinated outreach campaigns, institutional support and community engagement programmes.

Master Trainers Professor Dr. Akhter Hussain and Additional District Census Officer Vijay Kumar highlighted the methodology, procedures and practical guidance on self-enumeration and census operations.

Self-Enumeration for Census 2027 begins in Kathua; Awareness Camps held across district

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With the commencement of the Self-Enumeration phase of Census 2027, the District Administration Kathua today launched a widespread awareness campaign across the district to encourage maximum public participation in the exercise being conducted from May 17 to May 31, 2026 across Jammu and Kashmir.

As part of the initiative, special awareness camps were organized at multiple locations across Kathua by the designated Charge Officers to educate citizens about the importance and process of self-enumeration. The camps aimed to facilitate public understanding of the digital self-enumeration process and ensure smooth participation from the comfort of their homes.

During the awareness



programmes, officers sensitised the masses about the step-by-step procedure for self-enumeration and highlighted the significance of accurate and timely participation in the national census exercise. Public representatives also actively participated in the camps and appealed to the people to extend full coop-

eration in making the exercise successful.

MLA Basohli, Darshan Kumar, MLA Bani, Rameshwar Singh, MLA Billawar Satish Sharma and MLA Hiranagar, Vijay Kumar, also successfully completed their self-enumeration during the drive. The district administration team assisted and ex-

plained the complete step-by-step procedure for the digital self-enumeration process. The public representatives appreciated the initiative and appealed to the people to actively participate in the exercise for accurate and inclusive census coverage.

The officers informed that self-enumeration enables residents to submit their census details digitally in a secure and convenient manner, thereby improving efficiency and transparency in data collection.

The Principal Census Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua Rajesh Sharma urged all eligible residents to take part in the exercise within the stipulated period and contribute towards the successful conduct of Census 2027. Citizens were also advised to seek assistance from the designated officials in case of any difficulty during the process.

DC Kishtwar launches mega drive for Census 2027, targets 100% self-enumeration in district

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The District Administration Kishtwar (Principal Census Office Kishtwar), under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Principal Census Officer Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, today organised a mega awareness and launch event at the Mini Secretariat, New DC Office Complex, Kishtwar, marking the commencement of Phase I of the self-enumeration process for Census 2027. Describing the launch as a "historic day," Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma stated that the first phase of self-enumeration will run from MAY 17 to MAY 31, 2026 and urged residents of the district to actively participate in the process.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that 638 government officials have been deployed for the census exercise in the district, comprising 1 Master Trainer, 12 Field Trainers, 613 Enumerators and Supervisors and 12 Technical Assistants.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Deputy Commissioner said that Census 2027 incorporates a modern self-enumeration facility aimed at ensuring faster, transparent and error-free data collection. Citi-

zens can complete the self-enumeration process through smartphones, laptops or desktop computers by visiting the official census portal at sc.census.gov.in.

He further informed that detailed guidelines on the self-enumeration process are available on the portal. QR codes printed on banners, pamphlets and awareness materials distributed across the district can also be scanned for direct access to the portal and step-by-step instructions.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that upon successful completion of self-enumeration, citizens will receive a Unique Identification Number.

He advised the public to preserve this number carefully, as it will need to be shown to the census enumerator during household visits, following proper verification of the enumerator's identity.

Appealing for public cooperation, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised that census data plays a vital role in planning and development activities including electricity supply, water facilities, road infrastructure, employment generation, skill development and implementation of welfare schemes.

He urged the public not to pay heed to rumours or misinformation circulating on social media regarding the

census process.

He further assured that all personal information collected during the census remains completely confidential under the provisions of the Census Act.

A detailed live demonstration of the self-enumeration process was conducted by District Coordinator Census Kishtwar, Chander Shekhar and Master Trainer Ramesh Kumar (Sr. Lecturer), during which government officers and staff members at the district headquarters completed on-the-spot self-enumeration.

They informed that only one member from each household is required to complete the self-enumeration process.

An awareness vehicle fitted with a public address system, informative banners and QR scanners was flagged off from the district headquarters to disseminate information about Census 2027 across the district. Similar vehicles have also been deployed in all sub-divisions and tehsils.

Making a special appeal to the youth of Kishtwar, the Deputy Commissioner urged them to assist elderly family members in completing the self-enumeration process to ensure that every household participates independently and accurately.

MLA launches self-enumeration phase of Census 2027 in Ramban

RAMBAN, MAY 17: Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju, today inaugurated the self-enumeration phase of Census 2027 at the Municipal Council Office, Ramban, marking the beginning of public participation in the national census exercise.

On the occasion, the MLA completed his own self-enumeration, emphasising the significance of the exercise in shaping India's socio-economic future.

Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Ramban, Surdeshan Jamwal, former President of the Municipal Council, councillors, prominent citizens, a large number of locals and census staff were present on the occasion.

The initial phase, focusing on House Listing and Housing Census, allows citizens to complete the registration process independently. The Census Self-Enumeration Portal and mobile application will



remain accessible to the public from MAY 17 to MAY 31, 2026 — a period of 15 days.

Describing it as one of the world's largest data collection initiatives, MLA Raju highlighted that the census is typically conducted every ten years, adding that the current exercise began in 2026 due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He underlined its vital role in enabling the government to assess public infrastructure and living conditions, including residential facilities, tap water connectivity and LPG availability.

"Accurate census figures provide a foundational database for effective public planning, future resource allocation and targeted implementation of welfare schemes," Raju

stated. Addressing public concerns, the MLA dispelled common misconceptions about data privacy. He assured residents that the process is strictly meant for demographic data collection and has no linkage with taxation or monetary regulations under agencies such as the Income Tax Department or the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The MLA also pointed out past statistical disparities in towns like Ramban, where recorded population figures remained significantly lower than the actual resident count, resulting in disproportionate funding allocations for municipal services and upkeep. He urged all residents to register their current place of residence to ensure fair administrative funding and equitable development.

The district administration has deputed enumerators across all House Listing Blocks for subsequent field verification.