

# International Museum Day celebrated at Dogra Art Museum Jammu

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Dogra Art Museum celebrated International Museum Day with great enthusiasm and active participation from students and visitors, here today. The event was inaugurated by Member Legislative Assembly Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi as the chief guest.

Yudhvir Sethi appreciated the efforts being made by the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums towards the preservation and promotion of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region.

The programme was co-ordinated by Curator Dogra Art Museum Jammu Mukul Magotra under the supervision and guidance of Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums J&K Kuldeep Krishan Sidha.

Speaking on the occa-



the MLA reiterated the vision of the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, particularly the Gyan Bharatam Mission and emphasized the importance of preserving valuable manuscripts and cultural heritage across the country.

The celebrations aimed to connect the younger generation with the rich cultural, historical and artistic heritage of the Jammu region.

A major highlight of the event was a special exhibition curated by the Dogra Art Museum, showcasing

rare artifacts, historic manuscripts and exquisite Dogra miniature paintings drawn from the museum's prized collections. The exhibition received high appreciation from visitors and dignitaries alike.

The event also featured specially designed interactive educational programmes, including guided gallery walks, heritage quizzes and hands-on art workshops aimed at making history engaging and accessible for the youth.

A large number of students from various schools

and colleges visited the museum and explored its valuable collections depicting the vibrant history, art and culture of the Dogra region.

The visit provided young learners with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the importance of preserving cultural heritage and historical artifacts.

The celebration sought to raise awareness among the younger generation about the role of museums as important centres of education, culture and heritage conservation. Students also interacted with museum officials and gained valuable insights into the historical legacy preserved at the museum.

The event concluded with appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of schools and colleges and reaffirmed the department's continued commitment towards promoting heritage awareness across Jammu and Kashmir.

# Rana reviews departmental performance at Mendhar Sub-Division

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a review meeting at Mendhar to assess the functioning of various line departments at Sub-Division Mendhar besides evaluating the progress of various developmental and public welfare initiatives being implemented in the area.

During the meeting, the Minister had a comprehensive review of the ongoing developmental works, water supply position, functioning of irrigation infrastructure, maintenance of public utility systems and implementation of welfare schemes in the subdivision. He directed the officers and engineering staff to ensure efficient service delivery, timely completion of projects and uninterrupted public utilities for the convenience and welfare of the people.

The Minister stressed upon the engineering staff to remain vigilant in maintenance and upkeep of water supply schemes, pump stations, pipelines and irrigation infrastructure so that the people, particularly those living in rural and far-flung areas, do not face any inconvenience. He instructed the concerned departments to ensure prompt response to public grievances and maintain close coordination at the field level for smooth and effective execution of developmental works.



Emphasising the commitment of the government towards strengthening public infrastructure and improving essential services, Javed Rana said that the administration is making every possible effort to accelerate the development and provide better facilities to people at the grassroots level. He added that transparent governance, accountability and quality execution of works remain the top priorities of the government.

The Minister further directed the officers to maintain strict quality standards and ensure transparency in implementation of all projects.

Earlier, the Minister also conducted a public outreach camp at Mendhar, where several delegations, public representatives and individuals apprised him of various issues and developmental concerns affecting their areas.

During the outreach programme, which was aimed at assessing the overall development scenario and

addressing public grievances at the grassroots level, the Minister patiently listened to the concerns raised by the locals regarding drinking water supply, healthcare facilities, implementation of the Forest Rights Act, benefits under PMAY-G, road connectivity and other developmental requirements.

The delegations also projected demands for strengthening healthcare infrastructure, improving road networks, establishment of Eklavya Model Residential Schools and expediting various pending developmental works in the region.

Responding to the issues raised by the people, Javed Rana assured the delegations that all their genuine concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

He reiterated the government's resolve to deliver public services at the people's doorsteps and ensure that developmental benefits reach every section of society without delay. "We

are fully committed to deliver in responsive and effective governance while ensuring that public grievances are addressed on priority," the Minister asserted during the interaction.

Highlighting the key initiatives being undertaken by the government, the Minister said that focused measures are being implemented to provide safe drinking water to every household, strengthen healthcare services, improve road connectivity, address issues concerning tribal communities and ensure effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act across the region.

The Minister further directed the Irrigation, Flood Control and Forest Departments to prioritise water and soil conservation measures, with special emphasis on rainwater harvesting and protection of natural resources. Stressing the significance of clean and sustainable water sources in transforming communities,

# 'Jan Bhagidaari Week' takes off in Doda



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JAMMU, MAY 18

Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal today e-inaugurated the "Jan Bhagidaari Week" campaign from the District Headquarters with the objective of strengthening public participation and ensuring effective implementation of Government welfare schemes in remote and tribal areas of the district.

The week-long campaign, to be observed from May 18 to May 25, 2026, is being implemented under the theme "Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle" with a focus on reaching out to the most remote and underserved

sections of society.

The initiative is aimed at generating mass awareness regarding the Government-sponsored welfare schemes under PM JANMAN and DA-JGUA initiatives for tribal communities and residents of far-flung villages.

Addressing the officials at the launch programme, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of inclusive governance and active public participation in achieving sustainable and equitable development. He stated that the initiative is part of a nationwide campaign of the Government of India to generate awareness among tribal communities and celebrate

public participation across the country. The DC directed the district officers and concerned departments to work in close coordination and ensure prompt redressal of issues, grievances and demands of tribal people in the district. "Every eligible beneficiary must receive the benefits of various Government-sponsored schemes in a transparent and time-bound manner," he emphasized.

The Deputy Commissioner further urged all departments to make the Jan Bhagidaari Week a grand success by organizing extensive outreach activities, awareness drives, public interaction programmes and service delivery camps

across the district. "The campaign will help bridge the gap between the administration and people residing in remote and inaccessible areas while ensuring saturation of welfare benefits related to healthcare, education, rural development, livelihood generation, social welfare and other flagship Government initiatives," he added.

District officers and officials from across all departments are actively participating in the campaign to disseminate awareness and provide on-the-spot assistance to the public.

During the programme, a documentary short film, highlighting the culture, lifestyle, challenges and welfare initiatives for tribal communities was also screened. The film showcased the government's efforts towards socio-economic upliftment and inclusive development of tribal populations living in remote areas. The district administration appealed to the public, especially people belonging to tribal and far-flung areas, to actively participate in the Jan Bhagidaari Week activities and avail maximum benefits from various developmental and welfare programmes being implemented by the Government.

PO ICDS Akhtar Hussain Qazi; ACD, Din Mohammad Afaqi; besides district officers, officials from various government departments and students were present on the occasion.

# DC Kathua reviews PM-SYM Scheme implementation

KATHUA, MAY 18:

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Scheme in the district.

The meeting was convened to evaluate the registration status, identify bottlenecks in reaching out to the unorganised workforce and formulate an effective strategy to ensure maximum coverage under the Central Government's pension scheme.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Piyusha Khajuria briefed the meeting regarding the current status of registrations under the scheme and highlighted the measures being undertaken to facilitate hassle-free enrolment of eligible beneficiaries.

The Deputy Commis-



sioner reviewed the enrolment progress, awareness initiatives and overall functioning of the scheme aimed at providing social security to workers in the unorganised sector. He stressed the need for intensifying awareness campaigns to ensure maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries, particularly labourers, street vendors, domes-


tic workers and other workers associated with the unorganised sector.

Emphasizing the significance of social security for such workers, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to ensure that all eligible workers are made aware of the benefits of the scheme. He further instructed officers to work in close coordi-

ination and organise awareness camps at the grassroots level for wider outreach and effective implementation.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also chaired a meeting of concerned officers as part of week-long "Jan Bhagidaari Abhiyan" to be observed across the district.

During the meeting, Program Officer (PO) ICDS, Mohammed Syed presented a comprehensive status report detailing current departmental achievements, ongoing infrastructure works and identified welfare gaps in remote pockets. The ambitious week-long campaign aims to achieve 100% saturation of government welfare schemes, with a primary focus on reaching marginalized rural and tribal habitations under the Janjatiya Garima Utsav 2026.




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(First Phase of Census 2027)

Common queries on Self-Enumeration (SE) and their Answers (Part-1)

### WHAT IS SELF-ENUMERATION?

Self-Enumeration is an online process in which you fill and submit your household details on the SE portal ([se.census.gov.in](https://se.census.gov.in)) yourself, without waiting for an enumerator



- ❖ **Is Self-Enumeration mandatory?**  
No, it is an additional facility. If you do not do it, an enumerator will collect data during field visit
- ❖ **Can I do Self-Enumeration in any language?**  
This facility is available in Hindi, English and 14 Indian languages
- ❖ **Is internet required for Self-Enumeration?**  
Yes, internet is required to access the portal
- ❖ **Is my information safe?**  
Yes, all data is secure, encrypted and stored on government servers
- ❖ **What is SE ID and its use?**  
After submission of information, you will receive a unique 11 digit SE ID (Also via SMS/email) which must be shown to the enumerator during her/his visit to your house
- ❖ **What if SE ID is forgotten?**  
It can be retrieved using the registered mobile number on the portal
- ❖ **Will an enumerator visit after Self-Enumeration?**  
Yes, the enumerator will visit your home and confirm your details using the SE ID
- ❖ **Do I need to upload any documents?**  
No documents are required to be uploaded
- ❖ **Is help available on the portal?**  
Portal has user guide, flowcharts, tutorial videos, FAQs and tooltips

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