

CPCO Amit reviews Census 2027 preparedness with Dy Commissioner

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During the review, CPCO Amit Sharma appreciated the progress achieved by District Jammu in various Census-related activities and particularly commended the encouraging response being witnessed in the ongoing Self-Enumeration exercise. He noted with satisfaction the growing number of households voluntarily participating in Self-Enumeration and appreciated the extensive awareness and publicity drives being carried out by the district administration for promotion of Census 2027 and Self-Enumeration.

Amit observed that District Jammu, being one of the largest and most diverse districts of the Union Territory, has shown significant public participation in the ongoing digital Census exercise through coordinated field-level mobilisation, citizen outreach initiatives and thematic awareness campaigns.

CPCO Amit Sharma stressed upon maintaining strong momentum during the remaining days of the Self-Enumeration period

and directed that awareness campaigns should be further intensified across urban, semi-urban and rural areas to ensure wider public participation and timely completion of Self-Enumeration by households.

The meeting also reviewed the status of HLB demarcation and geo-tagging activities, during which it was informed that all identified House Listing Blocks in District Jammu have been fully demarcated and geo-tagged as part of the preparatory framework for Census 2027.

The progress of training programmes for Enumerators and Supervisors was also discussed in-detail. It was informed to CPCO Amit Sharma that both Field Trainer training and Enumerator & Supervisor training activities have been completed successfully and field-level Census functionalities have been fully oriented regarding digital Census applications and operational procedures for smooth conduct of Census operations.

Detailed discussions were also held regarding media

outreach initiatives, participation of dignitaries in Self-Enumeration, thematic publicity campaigns and citizen engagement activities being undertaken across the district. CPCO Amit Sharma emphasised the importance of coordinated IEC activities and digital awareness initiatives for ensuring maximum public participation in Census 2027.

The review further covered receipt and distribution of Census kit items, updation of village and urban jurisdiction records, updation of administrative boundaries on the HLBC portal and maintenance of financial and operational documentation relating to Census activities. Necessary directions were issued by CPCO regarding timely updation of records and smooth operational coordination at all levels.

Reiterating the importance of accurate demographic data for governance and developmental planning, CPCO Amit Sharma appealed to all residents of District Jammu to actively participate in the ongoing Self-Enumeration exercise and complete their Census submissions within the notified timelines. Before leaving, he wished PCO-cum-DC Jammu Rakesh Minhas and his entire team for the conduct of upcoming first phase of HLO in ongoing Census 2027 with quality data collection from all Households during entire month of June 2026.

5-Day Training Program on Soil Health Management, Exotic Crop Cultivation Begins at Kathua

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In a significant step towards innovation-led agriculture and rural empowerment, a five-day Training and Sensitization Programme on "Soil Health Management and Exotic Crop Cultivation" commenced at the Industrial Biotech Park, Gathi, Kathua.

The programme is being organised by Rapture Biotech, Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), Department of Science and Technology, J&K.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Mrs. Babila Rakwal, JKAS, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Science and Technology Department, J&K, as the Chief Guest. Among others present were Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat, Additional Director, JKSTIC, and Guest of Honour Mr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kathua.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Ms. Ambika Slathia, Director, Rapture Biotech Jammu, said that the initia-

tive aims to introduce sustainable biotechnology tools and modern economic opportunities to the farming community of the region. She stated that the programme aligns with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Start-Up India promoted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

She further briefed the gathering about the extensive technical curriculum of the programme, focusing on the importance of exotic crops, aromatic plants and medicinal plants in modern agriculture. She highlighted that cultivation of high-value crops would not only strengthen local promotion but also generate rural employment and create

import-export opportunities for farmers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Key coordinating officials present on the occasion included Accounts Officer Ms. Ishita Choudhary (JKSTIC) and Assistant Director Ms. Shruti Khanna (JKSTIC).

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Babila Rakwal stressed the importance of integrating science-driven solutions into agriculture for improving soil health and strengthening rural economies. She also interacted with local farmers and village Sarpanches, assuring them of continued administrative support for skill development initiatives.

A major highlight of the programme was the enthu-

siastic participation of women farmers from Jammu and Kathua districts. The dignitaries appreciated their active involvement and observed that women are increasingly playing a leading role in biotechnology, sustainable farming and rural entrepreneurship in the region.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the collaborative efforts of JKSTIC and Rapture Biotech Jammu in promoting scientific awareness and agricultural innovation across the region. The programme echoed the spirit of self-reliance with the call: "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan, Jai Kaushalta, Jai Udyamita, Jai Navachar."

A Paradigm of Leadership: APS Ratnuchak holds investiture ceremony

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Army Public School Ratnuchak solemnised its Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2026-27 at the Khetarpal Auditorium with great enthusiasm, dignity and patriotic fervour. The prestigious event marked the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council, ushering in a new chapter of student leadership in the institution.

During the ceremony, Mst Bavneet Singh was invested as the Head Boy, while Ms Hitasha Narania assumed charge as the Head Girl of the school.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chairman of APS Ratnuchak and the Principal, Ms Sonal Sharma, symbolising the spirit of knowledge and enlightenment. The newly elected council members were thereafter con-

ferred with badges and ceremonial sashes by the dignitaries, formally entrusting them with their responsibilities. In a solemn and inspiring moment, the members of the Student Council, led by Head Boy Bavneet Singh and Head Girl Hitasha Narania, took the oath of office and pledged to discharge their duties with integrity, dedication and responsibility while upholding the rich traditions and

values of the institution. On the occasion, the Chairman felicitated Principal Ms Sonal Sharma for her visionary leadership and also honoured members of the teaching faculty for their outstanding performance and excellent results in the CBSE Board examinations.

The faculty members were appreciated for their dedication, innovation and commitment towards acad-

emical excellence. Addressing the gathering, the Chairman congratulated the newly elected student leaders and encouraged them to lead by example and work with sincerity and discipline.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, leaving the atmosphere filled with pride, inspiration and a renewed sense of responsibility among the students.

LG Saxena inaugurates redeveloped Choglamsar Protected Forest in Leh

LEH, MAY 25: Leh city today received its first public green space with the inauguration of the restored and redeveloped Choglamsar Protected Forest, on the banks of the River Indus. The redeveloped Forest, replete with nature-oriented recreational and public amenities like nature trail, nature park, cycle track, biodiversity and wellness zones, gazebo and viewpoints, has been restored in just 45 days, following the first visit of Lieutenant Governor Shri Saxena to the forest on 7 April 2026. The forest area was then in complete shambles with broken pavements, absence of basic amenities and degraded landscapes.

Recognising its immense ecological, environmental and social significance, Shri Saxena directed the redevelopment of the Forest area with amenities like pedestrian pathways, children's play area and public conveniences. Thereafter, the works started in a mission mode and within a short span of 45 days, the restoration and redevelop-



ment works were completed. The upgraded facilities now include eco-friendly cycling tracks, dedicated children's play areas, gazebos, proper pedestrian pathways, resting spaces and study corners equipped with books and literature on wildlife and environmental conservation.

Spread over nearly 27 acres of land and located around 7 km from Leh city along the River Indus, the Choglamsar Protected Forest was established in the 1970s on a barren and erosion-prone land. Over the years, despite playing a crucial role in stabilising the In-

tain ecosystems, Choglamsar Protected Forest stands as a powerful example of ecological restoration and environmental stewardship. Our objective is not merely to develop a park, but to create a model ecological destination rooted in the principle of 'Conservation First', where conservation, education, recreation and community participation coexist in harmony," L-G Shri Saxena said.

Speaking on the occasion, Lieutenant Governor Shri Saxena described the Choglamsar Protected Forest as one of Ladakh's most valuable ecological treasures and said that the forest symbolises resilience, restoration and harmony between humanity and nature. "At a time when climate change poses serious challenges to fragile moun-

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KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No:- 15 of 2026-27 Dated: 22-05-2026

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortia between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways/MSME or any other state Government for "Replacement of worn out tank portion of existing steel OHT with GFRP for improving water supply to lodgement centers in ward no. 10 and 11 of Kathua Town under SANJY(UT CAPEX) "in District Kathua of Jammu Province in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Table: 1.1 General Details

S. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lakhs)	Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	Replacement of worn out tank portion of existing steel OHT with GFRP for improving water supply to lodgement centers in ward no. 10 and 11 of Kathua Town under SANJY(UT CAPEX)	32.00	1000/-	2% of Advertised cost	30 Days	25 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under SANJY(UT CAPEX).
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua

Table 1.2: Critical Dates

i	Publish Date	22-05-2026
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	22-05-2026
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	25-05-2026 (02:00 PM)
iv	Bid submission start date	22-05-2026
vi	Bid submission end date	29-05-2026 (4:00 PM)
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	30-05-2026 (2:00 PM)

The complete tender document consisting of qualification / eligibility criteria, General and Commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of J&K Govt. i.e., www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the e-procurement portal; www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids uploaded on the portal up to due date and time, shall be opened on the date and time (given in the table above / General information), in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua, in presence of the bidders who choose to be present. In case office happens to be closed due to a holiday, or any other reasons, on the scheduled date of opening - the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue or on any day convenient/feasible to the tender opening committee/authority of the Department during the bid validity Period which shall be duly informed to the bidders.

THE COMPLETE BIDDING SHALL BE ONLINE IN TWO COVER SYSTEM:
The Cover 1st of bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua on the time and date given in the general information of tender or any other date and time convenient to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua.

The date and time of opening of 2nd cover i.e., Financial Bids shall be notified separately. The Financial bids of qualified bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua

The bids shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening Cover 1st/Technical bid.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS REGARDING E-TENDERING PROCESS:

- The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website http://jktenders.gov.in
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendor. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.
- Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids for whatsoever reasons may be.
- All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
- The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same, as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will not be accepted.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on www.jktenders.gov.in, e-tendering portal to store important documents like Experience certificate, Balance sheet, GST Certificate, Income Tax Clearance Certificate and other related documents etc., and attach these certificates as non-Statutory documents while submitting their bids.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents or its name. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the net item rate inclusive of all taxes.
- Bidders are advised to scan their documents at 100 DPI (Dots per Inch) resolutions with Black and White, JPEG Scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF.
- The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.

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