

JAMMU & KASHMIR

84 Bn CRPF celebrates 41st Raising Day at Chanderkote- Ramban

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Central Reserve Police Force's 84 Battalion celebrated its 41st Raising Day with great enthusiasm and pride at Tactical Headquarters Chanderkote, Ramban, today.

Raised on June 1, 1985, at Group Centre CRPF, New Delhi, the Battalion has rendered distinguished and selfless service to the Nation across various operational theatres, including Jammu & Kashmir, the North Eastern States and Punjab, where it played a significant role in counter-insurgency and anti-militancy operations.

Since 2010, the Battalion has been deployed in Jammu & Kashmir and is entrusted with the crucial responsibility of securing National Highway-44, the lifeline of the Kashmir Valley, over a stretch of nearly 47 kilometres in District Ramban.

The Raising Day celebrations commenced at the Sarv Dharm Prarthana Sthal, where officers and personnel prayed for peace, prosperity, and success in the year ahead. The Battalion also paid homage to its brave martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the Nation. A ceremonial flag hoisting was conducted at the Quarter Guard, followed by a Guard of Honour presented to Commandant 84 Bn CRPF, N Ranbir Singh.

Addressing the troops during a Sainik Sammelan, the Commandant extended greetings and best wishes to all ranks and their families. He highlighted the glorious history and achievements of the Force and the Battalion,



and urged personnel to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, dedication, discipline, and patriotism.

As part of the celebrations and in support of environmental conservation, Battalion personnel planted 100 saplings in and around the campus, reaffirming their commitment towards a greener and sustainable future.

A colourful mela was also organised during the day, featuring food stalls established by various Companies of the Battalion. The stalls showcased cuisines from different regions of the country, reflecting the spirit of unity in diversity. Recreational and entertaining games added to the festive atmosphere and were en-

joyed by personnel and their families. In the run-up to the Raising Day, several competitions, including Physical Endurance Tests, Weapon Handling, Firing, Badminton, Volleyball, Pickleball and Tug of War, were organised with enthusiastic participation from Unit personnel.

On the occasion, personnel of 84 Bn. CRPF who displayed exceptional dedication and outstanding performance during the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 and were awarded the Director General CRPF Commendation Disc and Certificates were also felicitated. The commendation discs were formally presented by Commandant N Ranbir Singh in recognition

of their exemplary service and devotion to duty.

The celebrations concluded with a grand cultural evening where Battalion personnel showcased their talents through various performances. Trophies, medals, certificates and prizes were distributed among winners and runners-up of the competitions organised during the Raising Day celebrations. A Bada Khana was also arranged and attended by personnel along with their family members, adding warmth and camaraderie to the occasion.

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SANJY 2026: Div Com, IGP review arrangements at Bhagwati Nagar, Tawi River Front & Railway Station

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti today chaired a meeting with HODs and nodal officers at Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas to review arrangements and preparations for annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2026.

MD JPDCL, DIG JSK Range, DIG Traffic Jammu Zone, Commissioner JMC Jammu, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, ADC Jammu, MD JKRTC, Director Tourism, SSP Jammu, SSP Security, SSP Traffic, Director Health, Chief Engineers of executive Agencies, Joint Director Information, RTO Jammu and other officers attended the meeting.

The Divisional Commissioner took stock of the ongoing preparations and works undertaken by different departments to provide a convenient and hassle-free stay to the pilgrims at the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas before they depart to Baltal and Pahalgam base camps. The Divisional Commissioner reviewed repair and renovation works targeted to be completed by June 15. He directed stakeholder departments to install additional water cool-



ers, backup generator sets, German hangars and water taps in langar areas. He further called for augmentation of Cloak room facility, sanitation and illumination within the premises, besides ensuring availability of doctors, ambulances and sufficient stock of medicines at the base camp. The accommodation for security personnel was also reviewed.

He also called for preparing a duty roster for officials of line departments who shall remain available at the Yatri Niwas Control Room for providing immediate services, whenever needed.

It was informed that this year the Token Centre for on-spot registration and RFID shall be established at Tawi River Front, relieving the traffic and crowd issues at Railway Station. To facilitate smooth registration, the Divisional Commis-

sioner directed for making adequate arrangements of drinking water, German hangars, barricading for queue management and Toilet facilities at the Tawi River front. He also directed for providing vehicles to ferry the pilgrims between Tawi Riverfront and the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas.

Further directions were issued for installing Display Boards and Signages to guide pilgrims about the direction and distance to the tourist attraction places within and around Jammu City. Provision of hourly Bus service on the identified routes is also being made to facilitate pilgrims wishing to visit tourist spots and go for sightseeing.

The IGP Jammu directed the concerned officers for making proper arrangements for paramilitary companies. He called for

seamless coordination between the security forces and administration for timely completion of all the necessary preparations for smooth conduct of SANJY 2026. Later, the Divisional Commissioner and IGP visited Tawi River Front and Railway Station. The Div Com asked Director Health Services to set up a 5-bed medical facility at Tawi riverfront. He further called for formulating a plan for parking of vehicles bringing the pilgrims. A separate Nodal Officer shall be designated for Tawi River Front Token Centre, he informed.

Directions were also issued for formulating a meticulous traffic regulation plan and beautification of the entire Jammu city to give it a vibrant and festive look during the period of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026.

Speaker convenes meeting with Assembly Committee Chairmen; emphasizes accountability

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Speaker Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, today convened a high-level meeting with the Chairmen of various Assembly Committees to apprise them of their functions and outline their core responsibilities for ensuring robust governance.

Surjeet Singh Slathia, (Chairman Committee on Public Accounts), Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi (Chairman, Committee on Estimates), Mir Saifullah (Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings), Ali Mohammad Sagar (Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances), Nizam-ud-din Bhat (Chairman, Ethics Committee), Justice Retd Hasnain Masoodi (Chairman, Committee on Privileges), Muzaffar Iqbal Khan (Chairman, Committee on Subordinate Legislation) and Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah (Chairman, Committee on Petitions) were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Speaker underscored the pivotal role of Assembly Committees in enforcing the executive accountability. He emphasized that this is achieved through rigorous, detailed and non-partisan scrutiny of gov-



ernment policies, public expenditure and proposed legislation.

To streamline the operations and enhance the efficiency of parliamentary oversight, the Speaker issued several key directives aimed at ensuring accountability of the executive.

The Speaker took a firm stance on absenteeism, stating that the members must not absent themselves consecutively from two or more sittings of a Committee. Any such unauthorized absence will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the J&K Legislative Assembly.

He said that a minimum gap of 15 days shall be maintained between two consecutive meetings in order to provide adequate time to the Assembly Secretariat as well as the concerned government departments to efficiently process, prepare and fur-

nish the agenda items, reply thereto and related materials for the meetings.

To ensure thorough scrutiny, the Speaker stressed that only one government department be taken up for examination during a single sitting by any particular Committee. Besides, Committee deliberations must remain strictly confined to the scheduled agenda points to ensure focused and productive outcomes, he added.

The Speaker exhorted that the General Administration Department in co-ordination with the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department should ensure close coordination among various departments and the Assembly Secretariat for making the functioning of the Committees effective, meaningful and result oriented.

The Speaker asserted that a Circular should be issued by the General Ad-

ministration Department to all the departments with regard to implementation of the recommendations/Observations contained in the reports laid on the table of the House from time to time impressing upon them to strictly adhere to the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in J&K Legislative Assembly. He added that the agenda work load shall be provided by CAG.

The Speaker concluded the meeting by urging all the Chairmen to lead their respective committees with dedication, ensuring that the legislative oversight mechanism remains a powerful instrument for public welfare and transparent governance.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Secretary GAD M. Raju, Secretary JKLA Manoj Pandita along with senior officers from Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs and Assembly Secretariat.

DAJ constitutes Divisional-Level Committees to promote Khet Bachao Abhiyan

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The Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu has constituted two Divisional-Level Committees to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the month-long "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" campaign, commencing from today.

The campaign, being conducted under the supervision of Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta, aims at promoting sustainable agricultural practices, awareness generation and saturation of farmer welfare schemes across Jammu Division.

The committees shall be responsible for planning, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities under the Abhiyan, with special emphasis on Natural Farming, dissemination of information regarding Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Soil Health Card (SHC), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yo-



jana (PMFBY) and PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi.

The committees would also educate farmers on balanced and judicious use of fertilizers, organic inputs, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides and quality seeds and pesticides.

The first committee, chaired by Joint Director (Extension Sanjay Anand, will monitor activities in Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Kishtwar and Doda districts. Members include (Agriculture Economist) Tilak Raj Sharma, Raju Mahajan (PPO Jammu), Gopal Krishan (Seed Analyst), Harvinder Singh (Assistant Entomologist Jammu), R.P. Kochar (MDO Jammu),

Chander Shekher Sharma (Assistant Soil Chemist) and Vivek Mahajan (Programme Officer).

The second committee, headed by Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB) Aman Jyoti Sharma, would oversee campaign activities in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri and Poonch districts.

The members include Rakesh Sharma (DSSO Jammu), Karuna Nidhi (Dy. Director Trainings), Kuldeep Singh (ADLE Jammu), Neeraj Rajwal (Farm Management Specialist, FTC), Nirmal Prakash Sharma (DSCO Jammu), Arun Samyals (ASSO Jammu), Anurag

Verma (Training Officer, FTC) and Ravinder Gupta (Assistant Agriculture Chemist).

The committees have been directed to conduct field inspections, maintain records of field demonstrations and media campaigns, and submit daily reports along with actionable recommendations to the Directorate through the Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Jammu.

The initiative is expected to strengthen outreach efforts of the Agriculture Department and ensure wider adoption of sustainable farming practices and farmer-centric schemes across the Jammu Division.

Director Agriculture reviews implementation of "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" across Kashmir Division

SRINAGAR, JUNE 01: Director Agriculture Kashmir today reviewed the implementation of the month-long "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" during a meeting with all Chief Agriculture Officers of Kashmir Division.

The campaign is being conducted from 1st June to 30th June, 2026 with the objective of promoting sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices among the farming community.

During the review meeting, the Director assessed the preparedness and

action plan of all districts and emphasized the need for effective grassroots-level outreach to ensure the successful implementation of the mission.

He impressed upon the officers to intensify activities related to the promotion of Natural Farming, judicious and balanced use of fertilizers, soil sampling, and dissemination of Soil Health Cards among farmers. He also stressed the importance of creating awareness regarding soil health management and conservation of agricultural land for sustainable crop produc-



tion.

The Director directed the field functionaries to conduct extensive awareness programmes, demonstrations, farmer interactions, and educational campaigns involving farmers, students, and other stakeholders throughout the campaign period.

He emphasized that the active participation of educational institutions and youth would play a vital role in spreading awareness about soil conservation and sustainable farming practices.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Director said that the campaign aims to safeguard soil fertility, reduce indiscriminate use of chemical inputs, and encourage environmentally sustainable agricultural practices for long-term productivity and food security.

The officers assured the Director that all planned activities under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan would be carried out in a mission mode across the Kashmir Division during the month-long campaign.