

CPCO Amit reviews Census Operations in Bandipora

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Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO) and Director Census Operations (DCO), J&K and Ladakh, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Amit Sharma on Sunday reviewed the implementation of Census 2027 operations in Bandipora district during a comprehensive meeting held at Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner and Principal Census Officer Bandipora Indu Kanwal Chib, Joint Director Census Arun Kumar, Assistant Director Census Vijay Kumar, District Prabhari Census Ankit Kumar Gupta, Assistant Commissioner Revenue and District Nodal Officer Census 2027, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Charge Officers, Master Trainers, Supervisors and Enumerators associated with the Census exercise.

At the outset, officers briefed the CPCO regarding the implementation of Census 2027 operations and arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the ongoing House Listing Operations in the district. Speaking on the occasion, Amit Sharma emphasized the historical and national significance of Census 2027 and said that the future planning and policy framework of the country would be based on the data generated through the Census exercise. He stated that the Census would play a key role in assessing demographic changes and contribute towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

He stressed the importance of completely accurate and authentic data collection, saying that even minor inaccuracies could adversely affect governance and developmental planning for years to come.

The CPCO directed officials to carry out population enumeration with the highest level of professionalism, dedication and transparency, adding that there would be no scope for negligence in the process.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Indu Kanwal Chib assured full administrative support for smooth conduct of Census operations and informed that regular monitoring and inspections are being conducted to ensure accurate and reliable data collection. She directed officers and field functionaries to make optimum use of technology and ensure effective supervision and quality checks at every level. She also emphasized the need for creating public awareness to dispel misconceptions and fears related to Census operations.

During the meeting, Amit Sharma stressed the need for massive public awareness regarding Census 2027 and directed Census teams to properly introduce themselves before interacting with the public. He also instructed officials to sensitise people about possible cyber frauds and misinformation campaigns being carried out on the pretext of Census operations. He clarified that enumerators would only seek responses to the notified 33 Census questions and no information related to Aadhaar numbers, PAN details, bank accounts, ATM cards or debit and credit cards would be collected during the exercise.

People were advised to remain cautious against cyber fraudsters and report any suspicious activity immediately. The CPCO also informed that citizens can seek assistance or clarification regarding Census operations through the official helpline number 1855.

The meeting also discussed mechanisms for enumeration of migratory population and measures for ensuring complete and accurate coverage of all sections of society. Supervisors and Enumerators were directed to maintain continuous coordination for effective resolution of field-level issues while ensuring complete confidentiality of Census data. Amit Sharma appreciated the smooth progress achieved by the District Administration Bandipora since the commencement of door-to-door enumeration from June 1 and commended the efforts of Master Trainers, Supervisors and Enumerators engaged in the exercise. Various operational and field-level issues raised by Supervisors and Enumerators were also discussed during the meeting and addressed by the concerned officers and experts.

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American Oncology Institute (AOI) at ASCOMS Sidhra, Jammu, organized a patient-centric Cancer Survivor Meet at the Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) campus on Saturday, celebrating the resilience and inspiring journeys of cancer survivors.

The event brought together cancer survivors, their families, caregivers and doctors in a heartfelt celebration of life and hope, moving beyond the traditional clinical approach to focus on the human spirit and emotional strength of patients battling the disease.

Cabinet Minister for Transport, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma attended the programme as the Chief Guest and personally interacted with and felicitated the cancer survivors. President Chamber of Commerce Arun Gupta also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

The event provided a platform for cancer warriors to



share their personal experiences, inspiring stories of courage and determination, encouraging those currently undergoing treatment.

Several prominent NGOs and civic bodies including LBNROI, Senior Citizen Association, We Care Welfare Society, Ek Umeed, Dogra Helping Hand Foundation Trust and Rotary Club participated in the programme, reflecting a collaborative community approach towards cancer care and awareness.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional Chief Operating Officer, AOI North, said that the institute's commitment

extends beyond clinical excellence to the holistic well-being and emotional support of patients.

"This Survivor Meet is a celebration of life, courage and hope. Hearing these incredible individuals share their journeys reminds us why we strive to bring world-class and precise cancer care to the region," he said.

Facility Director AOI Jammu, Syed Ahmed Rayhan Husaini, said that honoring survivors in the presence of dignitaries and NGO partners highlighted the collective strength in the fight against cancer. "We are proud of our patients' resilience and this event serves as a beacon of hope for everyone currently undergoing treatment at our facility," he added.

The programme concluded with a felicitation ceremony in which survivors were presented with tokens of honour in recognition of their courage and inspiring journeys. American Oncology Institute (AOI), a part of Cancer Treatment Services International (CTSI), is one of South Asia's leading networks of comprehensive cancer care hospitals with a presence across multiple centres in India and the region.

Congress District Jammu Rural holds Protest against Price Rise

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Congress District Jammu Rural organized a strong protest program against the rising prices of essential commodities, particularly the recent hike in LPG cylinder prices. The event was held under the guidance of District President Neeraj Kundan.

The program was organized by All Youth Congress (AYC) President Bishnah Khushwant Singh. It was attended by prominent Congress leaders including Constituency Incharge Dwarka Choudhary, Amrit Bali and Block President Bishnah Vijay Tagotra, along with a large number of party workers and supporters.

Addressing the gathering, Neeraj Kundan sharply criticized the policies of the Union Government. He stated that the BJP-led government has completely failed to address the concerns of common people and is indifferent to their hardships. "The BJP gov-



ernment does not think about the common man. While inflation is skyrocketing and essential commodities are becoming unaffordable, the government continues to burden the poor with repeated price hikes," Kundan said.

To express their strong resentment against the recent LPG price increase, Congress workers paid floral tributes to an LPG cylinder at the protest site. This symbolic act highlighted the growing financial burden on

middle-class and low-income families due to the continuous rise in cooking gas prices.

The protest program witnessed enthusiastic participation from Congress workers who raised slogans against the anti-people policies of the central government. Speakers emphasized that such price hikes are making daily life difficult for ordinary citizens and demanded immediate rollback of the recent increase in LPG cylinder prices.

Kundan called upon all Congress workers to intensify their struggle against inflation and price rise. He assured that the Congress party would continue to raise its voice in support of the common people and fight for their rights.

The program concluded with a renewed pledge by party workers to strengthen the Congress organization at the grassroots level and mobilize public opinion against the insensitive policies of the BJP government.

Legal Awareness Programme on RTI Act held at District Jail Bhandarwah

BHANDARWAH, JUNE 07: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bhandarwah organized an awareness programme on the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 here at District Jail.

The programme was conducted by LADC Advocate Tahir Hussain Dar, under the direction of the Chairman and Secretary, DLSA, in presence of Superintendent, District Jail Hamidullah Naik.



The event witnessed active participation from jail inmates, police personnel and Para Legal Volunteers

(PLVs) Renu Devi and Mohammad Afzal.

The participants were sensitized to the objectives, significance and key provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Detailed information was provided regarding the statutory right of citizens to seek information from public authorities, the procedure for filing RTI applications and the prescribed timelines for furnishing information under the Act.

BJP will not tolerate discrimination against Jammu region: Sat

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), along with BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, chaired an important meeting of BJP MLAs at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to review the prevailing political situation, developmental concerns, and public issues across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, Deputy Leader of Opposition Pawan Gupta, other BJP MLAs, and party General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria, and Gopal Mahajan.

During the meeting, BJP legislators discussed various issues affecting the people at the grassroots level and expressed concern over the continued neglect of public grievances by the National Conference government.

The MLAs also highlighted constituency-specific



problems and developmental requirements, emphasizing the urgent need for timely intervention by the administration.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, said that BJP remains fully committed to safeguarding the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and ensuring balanced development across all regions. He stated that the people of Jammu are increasingly feeling ignored under the present dispensation, while several critical issues concerning infrastructure, civic amenities, roads, power supply, water availability, healthcare, and employ-

ment continue to remain unresolved.

Sat Sharma asserted that the BJP will strongly oppose any attempt to discriminate against the Jammu region in matters of development, resource allocation, or governance. He said that the aspirations and rights of the people of Jammu cannot be compromised under any circumstances. He emphasized that BJP legislators will continue to act as the strong voice of the people both inside and outside the Assembly and will vigorously raise every issue concerning public welfare. Ashok Koul deliberated on the series of organiza-

tional programmes from June 5 to June 21 under the nationwide campaign commemorating 12 Years of Vishwaas, Vikas and Jan Kalyan under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He shared that the programmes include special outreach initiatives, plantation drives, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan activities, Pragati Path Yatra, Viksit Bharat Sampark Sammelan, Jan Kalyan Shivirs, International Yoga Day, exhibitions showcasing the achievements of the Modi Government, workshops on natural farming, and several other public engagement activities.

Sham-e-Ghazal Organised by JKAACL in Memory of Gurudev OP Sharma Sarthi

JAMMU, JUNE 7: Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, in collaboration with Adbi Kunj, J&K, Jammu, today organised a grand "Sham-e-Ghazal" at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu, as a musical tribute to Gurudev O.P. Sharma Sarthi, the eminent litterateur, poet, lyricist, broadcaster and multidimensional personality of Jammu and Kashmir.

Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Sardar Prithpal Singh Pritam, Janab Arvin Singh Aman and Shri Suresh Sharma, Hon'ble Retired Judge, while noted writer and journalist Suhail Qazmi presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries paid rich tributes to O.P. Sharma Sarthi and highlighted his immense contribution to the literary, cultural and



musical landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. They described him as a visionary poet and a guiding force whose writings continue to inspire generations of writers, artists and music lovers. The speakers recalled his remarkable role in promoting Urdu, Hindi and Dogri literature and acknowledged his invaluable contribution towards enriching the cultural ethos of the region.

Gurudev O.P. Sharma Sarthi was widely respected for his versatile personality and outstanding contributions as a poet, lyricist, author and cultural activist. Through his literary cre-

ations and musical compositions, he touched countless hearts and left an enduring legacy in the fields of literature, art and culture. His works reflected human values, social consciousness and deep sensitivity towards life and society.

The highlight of the evening was the soulful presentation by renowned singer Shri Dharmesh Nargotra, who mesmerised the audience with a series of ghazals penned by O.P. Sharma Sarthi. His captivating performance brought alive the poetic richness and emotional depth of Sarthi's writings, earning appreciation from

the distinguished gathering and audience alike.

The programme witnessed the participation of prominent writers, poets, artists, academicians and admirers of O.P. Sharma Sarthi, who joined together to celebrate the life, works and legacy of the legendary literary figure.

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