

DC Srinagar visits Yatra Transit Camp for finalizes arrangements of SANJY

SRINAGAR JUNE 16: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Tuesday undertook a site visit of Yatra Transit Camp (YTC) at Panthachowk to oversee the arrangements being put in place for the Yatries expected to participate in upcoming annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY-2026) set to begin in July.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various facilities and arrangements put in place for the convenience, comfort and safety of pilgrims expected to participate in the annual pilgrimage during their halt at the transit camp Srinagar. He reviewed the preparedness of different departments and assessed the overall readiness of the transit camp.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that all necessary facilities including provision for drinking water, electricity, sanitation, public convenience facilities, boarding, lodging, bedding, KYC & RIDF registration counters, medical facilities, etc have been made available at the Yatra Transit Camp. The DC reviewed the condition and operational readiness of various facilities at the camp, ensuring that all arrangements were functioning effectively so that pilgrims do not face any inconvenience during their stay.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of seamless coordination among all stakeholder Departments to ensure a safe, seamless



and hassle-free experience for the yatries. He directed the concerned Officers to maintain high standards of service delivery and ensure that all facilities remain fully functional throughout the Yatra period.

The DC directed maintaining proper cleanliness and sanitation measures, ensuring availability of water, uninterrupted power supply, medical facilities, and other civic amenities, besides strengthening facilities at Langars (community kitchens) to provide wholesome meals to the pilgrims. During the visit, the DC was informed that an adequate number of bathrooms, urinals, and mobile toilets have been established at the Transit Camp for the convenience of the yatries. He was also apprised that comprehensive sanitation and cleanliness measures have been

put in place, with regular cleaning and maintenance being carried out in and around the camp premises.

Additionally, sufficient manpower has been deployed to ensure efficient management and upkeep of the facilities throughout the Yatra period.

Similarly, regarding water supply, the DC was informed that besides a dedicated water supply to the camp, standby water storage tanks with a capacity of 80,000 litres have been installed to cater to the needs of the visiting pilgrims at the halt camp.

While inspecting the arrangements made to ensure hassle free queue management at newly established registration counters for RFID and KYC registrations at the Camp, the DC directed the concerned to ensure all required machinery and elec-

tronic gadgets are functioning properly.

Regarding healthcare facilities, the DC was informed that adequate arrangements have been put in place for providing first-aid and emergency medical assistance to the yatries.

In addition, necessary measures have been taken for effective crowd management, traffic regulation and parking arrangements at the Yatra Transit Camp to ensure the seamless conduct of the temporary halt of pilgrims at the Srinagar camp. The DC was further informed that two mobile ATM machines are being deployed at the venue for the convenience of the yatries. Reviewing safety measures, the DC directed the Fire & Emergency Services Department to take all requisite fire safety measures at the camp and conduct a comprehensive fire safety audit of the Yatra Transit Camp.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, IAS Probationer, Alfred Thomas, Superintendent Engineer R&B, Tatheer Manzoor, SP South, Imtiyaz Ah, Deputy Commandant (IR), K.Sahu, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Deputy Director Information, Zubair Ahmad Lattoo, SDPO Panthachowk, Zohaib Hassan, Tehsildar Panthachowk, Muzamil Zamaan, the DC was accompanied by Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers of R&B, PDD, PHE, Fire & Emergency and other senior Officers of Police and Civil Administration.

BJP holds Pragati Path Yatra at IIM, Sankalp Sammelan at Jammu

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Bharatiya Janata Party organized a "Pragati Path Yatra" and "Sankalp Sammelan" in Jammu, highlighting the transformative journey of New India on the completion of 12 successful years of trust, development, and public welfare under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways Ajay Tamta, J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma, and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma led the "Pragati Path Yatra" at IIM Jammu. The yatra witnessed the participation of J&K BJP Vice Presidents Priya Sethi and Rakesh Mahajan, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi and Devyani Rana, and District President Rajesh Gupta.

The leaders visited the IIM Jammu campus, interacted with its Director, went around the library, reviewed the state-of-the-art infrastructure, and appreciated the institution's con-



tribution towards nurturing future leadership and excellence in higher education.

Later, Ajay Tamta, Sat Sharma, and Jugal Kishore Sharma addressed the "Sankalp Sammelan" at Jammu Club. J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, Vice Presidents Priya Sethi and Rakesh Mahajan, General Secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta and Devyani Rana, along with other senior party leaders and

workers, were also present.

Ajay Tamta, while speaking on the occasion, stressed that the last twelve years have been defined by decisive leadership, rapid infrastructure expansion, and people-centric governance. He said that the Modi government has ensured that development reaches the last person in the queue, strengthening public trust through transparency and effective implementation.

Sat Sharma said that Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed a new era of

progress with unprecedented developmental initiatives, improved connectivity, enhanced educational opportunities, and welfare schemes benefiting every section of society. He urged party workers to take the achievements of the government to every household. Jugal Kishore Sharma said that the BJP remains committed to the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" and called upon party cadres to dedicate themselves to public service with renewed energy and resolve.

MLA Kishtwar inaugurates MRI Facility at Distt Hospital

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In a landmark achievement for the healthcare sector, MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar today inaugurated and dedicated a state-of-the-art 1.5 Tesla MRI Facility at District Hospital Kishtwar, marking a historic milestone in the district's healthcare journey.

With the commissioning of the 1.5 Tesla MRI facility, Kishtwar has become the first district in Jammu & Kashmir to have such a modern and advanced MRI diagnostic facility operational at the district hospital level, significantly enhancing access to specialized healthcare services for the people of the region.

MRI facility has been established through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding provided by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, reflecting the Government's commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure in remote areas.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Shagun Parihar



termed the inauguration of the MRI facility a historic and transformative development for Kishtwar. She expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Power, Government of India and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for extending CSR support to the project, which has fulfilled a long-pending demand of the people of the district.

She stated that the installation of the MRI machine would greatly benefit patients by providing ad-

vanced diagnostic services within the district, eliminating the need for frequent referrals to Jammu and other cities for MRI examinations. She further said that MRI facility will ensure timely diagnosis, reduce the financial burden on patients and improve access to quality healthcare for thousands of people, particularly those living in far-flung and remote areas.

Reaffirming her commitment to the welfare of the people, Shagun Parihar said that continuous efforts

are being made to upgrade healthcare infrastructure and bring modern medical facilities to Kishtwar so that residents can access quality healthcare services closer to their homes.

The inauguration was widely welcomed by local residents, who hailed the initiative as a transformative development for healthcare delivery in the region. Senior officials of the Health Department, medical professionals and prominent citizens remain present on this occasion.

DC visits Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga at Barzulla Baghat on Martyrs' Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji

SRINAGAR JUNE 16: On the occasion of the Martyrs' Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Tuesday visited Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga at Barzulla Baghat to pay obeisance and participate in the religious observances held to commemorate the sacrifice of the fifth Sikh Guru.

During his visit, the DC interacted with members of the Sikh community, Gurdwara management and devotees present on the occasion. He conveyed his heartfelt message to the Sikh community and em-



phasized the enduring relevance of the teachings of

Guru Arjan Dev Ji, which continue to inspire genera-

tions to uphold the principles of brotherhood, humility, social justice and communal harmony.

Meanwhile, District Administration Srinagar had made elaborate arrangements on the occasion to facilitate devotees and ensure smooth and seamless observance of the event. Necessary arrangements pertaining to sanitation, drinking water, traffic regulation, parking management, fire safety measures and other essential services were put in place to enable devotees to participate in the religious congregation without any inconvenience.

Iqbal reviews progress on 100 Day Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Campaign in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JUNE 16: Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, who is also District Mentor under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), today reviewed the progress achieved under the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Campaign during a meeting held here.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal stressed the need for active youth engagement, robust data management and continuous monitoring to ensure success of the campaign. He emphasized that the privacy and confidentiality of data related to affected individuals must be maintained at all levels. He observed that the 100-day campaign serves as a catalyst towards a larger objective and called for formulation of long-term sustainable measures to effectively combat drug abuse.

Highlighting the importance of rehabilitation, Dr. Shahid Iqbal directed the concerned departments to



ensure proper follow-up and tracking of individuals after treatment so that recovery remains sustainable. He underscored the need to transform the initiative into a lasting movement rather than a short-term intervention.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, presented a detailed account of the district's efforts under the campaign. He informed that a comprehensive youth engagement strategy has been devised which is being implemented vigorously across the district. He elaborated on the mechanisms adopted for identification, counselling, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of substance

abuse. The Deputy Commissioner informed that two de-addiction centres are presently functional in the district including one at Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri with a 20-bedded facility and another at the Old Hospital Rajouri. He stated that the systematic counselling services are being provided and day-wise analysis of cases is being conducted to monitor the progress. Individuals requiring advanced care are being shifted to IPD services for better treatment outcomes, he added.

The meeting was informed that extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) ac-

tivities are being conducted to generate mass awareness against drug abuse. Multiple departments have actively contributed to the campaign. Schools and educational institutions have been mobilized through sports and recreational activities, including chess, volleyball and other competitions. A recently organized night tournament at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Rajouri received an encouraging response from the youth.

The Deputy Commissioner further highlighted the active participation of Mahila Nigrani Samitis in community-level monitoring and awareness generation. Special training programmes have also been conducted for the counselors to strengthen rehabilitation services. Simultaneously, efforts are being made to connect recovered youth with skill development initiatives and gainful employment opportunities, he added.

It was informed that more than 3.62 lakh events

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Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services & Sports (YSS), Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, today visited Vibrant Villages in the border area of Nowshera and convened a meeting with the district officers, prominent citizens and local residents to review the development initiatives and assess the public issues.

During the interaction, the public projected various demands and developmental concerns.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal, while responding to the issues raised, assured the people that all their genuine demands would be taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate action.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the Prime Minister's vision of transforming border villages from the "last villages" into the "first villages" of the country. He stressed the need to accelerate the developmental activities in these strategi-



cally important areas and highlighted the immense potential of sports in empowering the border youth. He said that sports infrastructure and opportunities in border areas would be strengthened to encourage greater participation of youth in constructive activities.

He also appreciated the efforts of the district administration, particularly Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, for effectively projecting the livelihood generation projects under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal lauded the cleanliness and upkeep of the border villages and remarked that the Ministry for Defence and Ministry for Home Affairs have consistently accorded priority to the development and

welfare of border areas.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Commissioner Secretary about the ongoing initiatives being undertaken under the Vibrant Villages Programme. He stated that the district administration is committed to develop the identified villages as model villages through focused interventions in infrastructure, livelihoods, tourism and heritage conservation.

The DC highlighted the youth-centric livelihood projects, including establishment of milk collection and processing centres, aimed at generating sustainable employment opportunities. He also outlined plans for promoting border tourism and religious tourism to unlock the economic potential of the region.

He informed that several heritage revival projects have been projected to preserve and promote the rich cultural legacy of the area. He said that the visit of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to the district had significantly enhanced the seriousness and commitment of the field officers towards implementation of the developmental programmes.

He also briefed the Commissioner Secretary regarding the proposed Border Marathon and its role in promoting sports, tourism and youth engagement in the border belt.

Among others, ADC Nowshera, PO ICDS, CPO, ACD, DSWO and other district and sectoral officers besides the prominent citizens and public were present on the occasion.