

Pulwama Tops Self-Enumeration Phase; CPCO Reviews Census Operations

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Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO) and Director Census Operations, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma on Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Circuit House Pulwama to assess the progress of the ongoing House Listing and Housing Census Operations (HLO) under Census-2027.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama and Principal Census Officer, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, welcomed the CPCO and highlighted the district administration's efforts to ensure the smooth, accurate and timely conduct of the census exercise.

During the meeting, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and District Census Officer presented a detailed review of the district's performance, including progress in self-enumeration, House Listing Operations, awareness campaigns, training of census staff, creation of House Listing Blocks, field operations, inclusion of migratory populations and monitoring mechanisms for quality data collection.

Praising Pulwama for emerging as a top-performing district during the self-enumeration phase, Amit



Sharma congratulated the district administration and urged census functionaries to maintain the momentum while ensuring accuracy, transparency and confidentiality of census data. He emphasized that Census-2027 is a vital national exercise that forms the basis for policy planning, infrastructure development, welfare schemes and equitable resource allocation.

The CPCO directed enumerators and supervisors to properly identify themselves during field visits and spread awareness among citizens about the importance of the census. He also stressed complete household coverage, regular field inspections,

strict quality checks and adherence to census guidelines.

Highlighting the need for inclusive enumeration, Sharma instructed officials to ensure proper coverage of migratory populations and tribal communities so that no individual or household is left out of the census process.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Basharat Qayoom said the district administration is conducting the census exercise with a zero-error approach and has established robust monitoring mechanisms to ensure accurate and comprehensive data collection. He assured full administrative support to census teams and called for strict adherence to prescribed proto-

cols.

The meeting concluded with an interactive session during which operational issues raised by supervisors and enumerators were addressed by the CPCO and senior officers. Later, Amit Sharma, accompanied by his team, conducted random field visits to inspect ongoing House Listing Operations and appreciated the efforts of census staff in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners of Tral and Awantipora, Joint Chief Principal Census Officer, Charge Officers, district and sectoral officers, supervisors, enumerators and other concerned officials.

LG Saxena attends State Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cyber Security Frameworks for State Data

LEH, JUNE 17: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, today attended the State Consultative Workshop on "Strengthening Cyber Security Frameworks for State Data", organised as part of a nationwide consultative process initiated by the Government of India to build a robust and resilient framework for protecting government data and digital infrastructure.

The workshop is being held in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who, during the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries, emphasised the need for regular and structured inter-governmental dialogue through thematic conferences led by individual ministries.

This workshop marks Stage II of the four-stage consultative process.

Addressing the workshop, the Lieutenant Governor observed that Ladakh's digital footprint is expanding rapidly with increasing adoption of e-Governance platforms, digital payment systems and Artificial Intel-



ligence in government functioning. While digital transformation has significantly improved efficiency and transparency in public service delivery, it has also heightened the risks of cyber threats, including ransomware attacks, data breaches, phishing, social engineering, supply chain compromises and unauthorised access to critical systems.

Emphasising the importance of securing government data, Shri Saxena stated that data held by government departments represents not only administrative records but also the

trust that citizens place in public institutions.

"The digital world has no borders and no checkpoints. As Ladakh rapidly embraces digital governance, security and resilience must remain integral components of our digital transformation journey. Protecting citizen data is fundamental to good governance and public trust," L-G Shri Saxena said.

The workshop deliberated upon six key thematic areas essential for strengthening cyber resilience across government systems: risk-based assessments and security moni-

toring; establishment of Security Operations Centres (SOCs) and State Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs); implementation of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and National Information Security Policy and Guidelines; security of State Data Centres and State Wide Area Networks; legacy modernisation through secure-by-design and zero-trust principles; and capacity building through the appointment of Chief Information Security Officers and strengthening cyber awareness and skills.

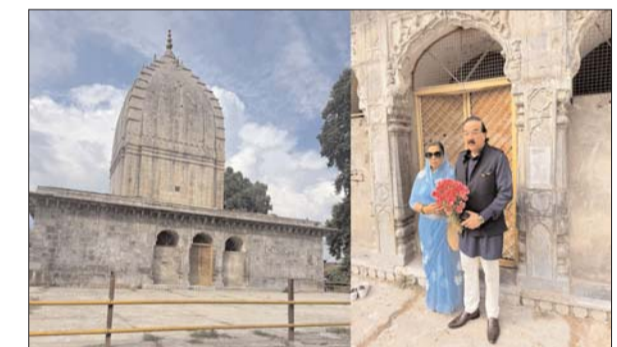
L-G Shri Saxena stressed that technology alone cannot secure digital systems and highlighted the need for leadership, governance, awareness, skilled manpower and a sense of responsibility at every level of administration. He encouraged all participants to utilise the workshop as a platform for open and constructive exchange of ideas and to develop practical and actionable recommendations that can strengthen collective preparedness against cyber threats.

Ajatshatru, Ritu Singh pay tributes to Maharaja Gulab Singh in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JUNE 17: Former Minister & Trustee, J&K Dharmarth Trust M.K. Ajatshatru Singh, along with Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh, paid rich floral tributes to the founder of the erstwhile princely State of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji, on the occasion of his 204th Raj Tilak Divas at the Maharaja's Samadhi in Srinagar on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajatshatru Singh recalled the immense contribution of Maharaja Gulab Singh in laying the foundation of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that June 17 holds immense historical significance as it was on this day in 1822 that Maharaja Gulab Singh was formally bestowed with the title of Raja of Jammu by Maharaja Ranjit Singh at the historic Jia Pota Ghat in Akhnour, an event that marked the beginning of Dogra rule and eventually laid the foundation of the modern State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh, eminent educationist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, environmental advocate, a strong voice for women empowerment and recipient of the prestigious Nelson Mandela Peace Award, paid homage to Maharaja Gulab Singh and highlighted the importance of preserving historical monuments and promoting



awareness about the region's heritage among youth. She said that the visionary leadership, courage and administrative acumen of Maharaja Gulab Singh continue to inspire genera-

tions and remain an integral part of the region's historical legacy.

Dr. Ritu Singh emphasized that heritage conservation and historical awareness are essential for

preserving cultural identity and fostering a sense of pride among the younger generation. She called for collective efforts to safeguard historical sites and ensure that the contributions of the Dogra rulers are widely known and appreciated.

The visit concluded with prayers for peace, prosperity and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir, while reaffirming the commitment to preserve and promote the rich historical and cultural legacy of the Dogra heritage.

Randhawa listens to public grievances at BJP HQs

JAMMU, JUNE 17: Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, listened to public grievances during a public outreach programme held at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. J&K BJP Swachhta Abhiyan Incharge Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal and Co-Incharge Er. T.K. Sharma coordinated the proceedings of

the grievance camp.

A large number of individuals and deputations from different areas of Jammu and its adjoining localities visited the party headquarters and apprised the MLA of various civic and developmental issues affecting their respective areas.

Among the deputations, representatives of the People Welfare Com-

mittee, Gangyal, and local residents highlighted the urgent need for clearance of lanes and drains, stating that the accumulation of waste and silt was causing difficulties during the ongoing rainy season.

Residents from Gangyal Garden, Marble Enclave, and Vasant Vihar demanded the construction of lanes and drains in their localities.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER, J&K, JAMMU
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Subject: Regulation of service, possession, procurement and consumption of liquor during social functions at Banquet Halls, Hotels, Clubs, Party Halls and other Commercial Event Venues in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Whereas, it has been observed that social functions/events are being organized at Banquet Halls, Party Halls, Hotels, Clubs and other commercial venues wherein liquor is being served, stored, transported and consumed in a manner not fully compliant with the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Excise Act, Svt. 1958, the Rules framed thereunder and the Excise Policy in force; And

Whereas, such practices have the potential to facilitate unauthorized liquor movement, tax evasion, regulatory violations and compromise public order and statutory compliance;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under the applicable provisions of the J&K Excise Act, Rules and Excise Policy with a view to ensuring strict enforcement and regulatory compliance, the following directions are hereby issued for immediate implementation by all Banquet Hall owners/operators, Hotels, Clubs, Event Organizers and all other stakeholders:

1. Prior Excise Permission - Mandatory

No liquor shall be stored, transported, possessed, served, distributed or consumed during any social occasion/function at Banquet Halls, Party Halls, Hotels, Clubs or any other commercial premises unless prior permission has been obtained from the competent Excise Authority in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Excise Act, Rules and Excise Policy in vogue.

Absence of such permission shall render the activity unauthorized and liable for action under law.

2. Absolute Prohibition on Liquor Procured from Outside J&K

No liquor brought, transported or procured from outside the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir shall be permitted for service or consumption at such functions.

This prohibition shall include liquor sourced from:

- * Other States/UTs including Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh, etc.;
- * CSD/Canteen stores;
- * Defence/Para-Military establishments;
- * Any other jurisdiction outside J&K; and
- * Any other source not permissible under the Excise laws applicable in J&K.

3. Lawful Procurement within J&K Only

Liquor intended for service during social occasions shall be procured only through duly licensed liquor vends operating within J&K and strictly in accordance with applicable Excise permissions.

Preferably, procurement shall be made from the nearest authorized retail liquor vend and the organizer shall keep complete documentary proof of purchase and lawful possession available for verification by the concerned Excise & Taxation Officer.

4. Obligations of Banquet Hall Owners/Operators:

- a. Owners, operators and managers of Banquet Halls and similar commercial venues shall ensure:
 - a. No booking involving liquor service is accepted unless the organizer furnishes valid Excise permission.
 - b. Only liquor permissible under the J&K Excise Act, Rules and Excise Policy is allowed inside the premises.
 - c. No sale, storage, distribution or consumption beyond the quantity and conditions permitted.
 - d. No unauthorized commercial service of liquor from temporary counters or unapproved arrangements.
 - e. No service is extended to underage persons or in contravention of applicable law.
 - f. Females shall not be engaged for service of liquor during the event.
 - g. Excise officials and other competent authorities shall be extended full cooperation by venue management and provided free, unhindered and immediate access for inspection, checking, verification, sampling, enforcement and compliance monitoring.

Failure of venue management to exercise due diligence shall amount to facilitation of violation.

5. Record Maintenance by Event Organizer

The organizer shall maintain and produce on demand:

- a. Copy of permission issued by Excise Department.
- b. Proof of lawful procurement of liquor.
- c. Original purchase bills/invoices from authorized liquor vends.
- d. Details of event and identity of the person responsible for compliance.

Non-production of records shall be presumed as non-compliance and may invite legal action.

6. Record Maintenance by Venue Management

Banquet Hall / Party Hall Management shall:

- a. Maintain an event booking register.
- b. Record identity and contact details of organizers (Aadhaar/PAN/Address/Mobile).
- c. Preserve Excise permissions, supporting documents and event records for inspection.
- d. Maintain such records for audit and verification for the period prescribed by the Department.

7. Enforcement, Inspection and Consequences of Violation

Any unauthorized procurement, possession, transportation, storage, service, facilitation or consumption of liquor; supply to underage persons; misconduct; nuisance; violation of permission conditions; or obstruction to Excise officials shall attract:

- a. Penal proceedings under the J&K Excise Act, Rules and Excise Policy in force.
- b. Immediate cancellation/suspension of permission granted for the event.
- c. Seizure/confiscation of liquor wherever permissible under law.
- d. Initiation of proceedings against the organizer and venue management jointly and severally.
- e. Any other civil, criminal or administrative action permissible under law.

8. Joint Responsibility and Accountability

Compliance of this advisory shall be the joint and several responsibility of:

- a. Event Organizer / Host; and
 - b. Owner / Operator / Manager of Banquet Hall / Party Hall / Commercial Venue.
- Plea of ignorance shall not be accepted as a defence.

9. Field Enforcement

All field functionaries of the Excise Department shall conduct periodic inspections, surprise checks and verification of permissions to ensure strict implementation of these directions.

These directions shall apply mutatis mutandis to all commercial venues hosting social occasions where liquor service is proposed. This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect and shall be complied with strictly and meticulously by all concerned.

Sd/-
Excise Commissioner, J&K

DIP/J-3897/26. Dated: 17-06-2026

Barkhi

Late Shri. Th. Kanshi Ram Kotwal

A year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode, the pain of losing you will never fade, but your blessings are always with us and we always feel your gracious presence around us. You will forever live in our hearts guiding and inspiring us. Barkhi of Late Shri. Th. Kanshi Ram Kotwal shall be performed on 18th of June 2026 at our residence G-6 Shanti Nagar (Toph Sherkhanian, Jammu).

Deeply Remembered by:
Nirmala Kotwal (Wife)
Dr. Suresh Kotwal and Dr. Shivani Kotwal (Son & Daughter in Law)
Rajinder Singh Kotwal & Jyoti Kotwal (Son & Daughter in Law)
Pummy Chib & Parwat Singh Chib (Daughter and Son in Law)
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| 3 | Bid Submission Start Date | 16/06/2026 |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 22/06/2026, (1600 Hrs.) |
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No: EE/PWD/DT/2026-27/1663-79
Dated:-16/06/2026

Sd/-
(Er. Sham Lal Kundal)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division,
Thathri.

DIP/J-3895/26. Dated: 17-06-2026