

LG visits Nunwan base camp, reviews on-ground arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited the Nunwan base camp with senior officials and reviewed the on-ground arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026.

The Lieutenant Governor conducted a detailed inspection and took stock of all amenities in place to ensure a smooth, comfortable, and welcoming experience for the devotees of Baba Barfani.

The Lieutenant Governor inspected the accommodation blocks, and other infrastructure at the camp. He directed the concerned officers to expedite pending works at a few remaining blocks, emphasizing that timely completion must be achieved without compromising on high



quality standards, pilgrim safety, comfort and convenience.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr. Mandeep K Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and

CEO Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department and Nodal Officer for Pahalgam Axis; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir; Shri VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; Shri Amod Nagpure Ashok, SSP Anantnag and other senior officers.

CM Omar Abdullah leads resumption of Gondola operations at Gulmarg

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today oversaw the official resumption of the Gulmarg Gondola service, marking the full restoration of operations after a temporary suspension.

The Chief Minister took a Gondola ride to Phase-I at Kongdoori, where he personally inspected the system and reviewed the extensive restoration works undertaken following a recent technical malfunction.

During the visit, officials from the J&K Cable Car Corporation briefed the Chief Minister on the technical specifics of the restoration and the stringent safety audits conducted before clearing the service for public use.

Expressing his appreciation for the dedication of the entire corporation staff, the Chief Minister lauded



their round-the-clock efforts in restoring this vital infrastructure project—one of the country's premier tourist attractions—within a remarkably short span of time. To honor their exceptional service, the Chief Minister announced a reward of ₹50,000 for each

official and crew member who participated in the swift relief and rescue operations during the technical glitch in May. During the visit, the Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Fa-

rooq Ahmad Shah, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Managing Director of the J&K Cable Car Corporation Syed Qamar Sajad, the CEO of the Gulmarg Development Authority, and other senior officers.

Dir General IMPARD reviews developmental works under Vibrant Village Programme at Kandral Samba

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Director General, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD), Rehana Batool, today visited Village Kandral in Block Ramgarh, District Samba, under the Vibrant Village Programme (Phase-II) to review the progress of developmental works and take stock of the implementation of various government initiatives in the border village.

During the visit, the Director General undertook an on-the-spot inspection of ongoing developmental projects and interacted extensively with local residents to obtain first-hand feedback on public service delivery and the impact of flagship government schemes. She gave a patient hearing to the grievances projected by the villagers and also accorded approval in principle to the proposals of developmental works already prepared by the Nodal Officer of the village, BDO Vijaypur.

Emphasising that development must be people-centric and need-based, Rehana Batool directed all the sectoral officers to



draw up a comprehensive development plan in close coordination with the local inhabitants so that community aspirations are duly reflected in every intervention. She underscored the need to leave no stone unturned in ensuring timely execution of projects and stressed effective inter-departmental convergence to accelerate the pace of development. She observed that every government scheme should find meaningful expression on the ground so as to transform the border settlement into a truly vibrant village equipped with modern infrastructure and essential civic amenities. While inspecting the de-

partmental stalls, Rehana Batool commended the sincere efforts of the participating departments for creating awareness about various government welfare schemes through informative displays, dissemination of information and provision of on-the-spot public services. She appreciated the outreach initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between the administration and the people and ensuring last-mile delivery of government services. Reaffirming the government's unwavering commitment to the socio-economic advancement of border communities, the Director General stated

that all initiatives under the Vibrant Village Programme would be implemented in mission mode, with special emphasis on strengthening infrastructure, improving essential services, generating sustainable livelihood opportunities and enhancing the overall quality of life of the people residing in border areas.

Earlier, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) presented a comprehensive overview of the Vibrant Village Programme, highlighting its objectives, achievements and the pipeline of proposed developmental interventions for Village Kandral.

Shaleen Kabra chairs UT-Level Committee Meeting on Groundwater Resource Assessment

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Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, today chaired a meeting of the Union Territory Level Coordination Committee (UTLC) convened for assessment of groundwater resource potential in Jammu and Kashmir for the year 2026.

Apart from senior officials of Central Government Water Board, the meeting was attended by Shri Manoj Gupta, Secretary Technical, JSD, CEs PHE and Irrigation & Flood Control Department and representatives of stakeholder departments.

The meeting, organised by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in pursuance of Government Order marked the commencement of the annual Groundwater Resource Assessment (GWRA-2026) exercise and reviewed ongoing groundwater management initiatives across the Union Territory. During the meeting, de-



tailed deliberations were held on groundwater resource assessment, inter-departmental coordination and data sharing, besides implementation of the National Aquifer Mapping and Management Programme (NAQUIM).

The Committee reviewed the roadmap for assessment of dynamic groundwater resources across 149 assessment units in Jammu and Kashmir and stressed the need for timely sharing, validation and integration of data by all stakeholder departments to ensure accurate and scientific assessment.

On the occasion, the Additional Chief Secretary released two significant publications of the Central

Ground Water Board including the National Compilation on Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India - 2025; and Dynamic Ground Water Resources of Jammu & Kashmir - 2025.

These publications provide an updated assessment of groundwater availability, extraction and sustainability parameters, and are expected to serve as valuable reference documents for evidence-based planning, groundwater conservation and sustainable management of water resources in the Union Territory.

The meeting also reviewed the findings of aquifer management studies conducted in parts of

Kathua district. Discussions were held on the proposed NAQUIM studies in the Jammu Urban Agglomeration and selected areas of Anantnag and Rajouri districts, aimed at enhancing scientific understanding of groundwater systems and strengthening conservation and management strategies.

Addressing the meeting, the ACS underscored the critical importance of scientific groundwater assessment, coordinated inter-departmental efforts and adoption of sustainable groundwater management practices to safeguard the Union Territory's water resources and ensure long-term water security for future generations.

Satish Sharma visits Chandanwari took stock of preparedness for SANJY-2026

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science & Technology, ARI & Trainings, and Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, today reviewed the arrangements and facilities being put in place at Chandanwari for smooth conduct of the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026.

During his visit to Chandanwari, the Minister took stock of the preparedness and reviewed the facilities being established for the annual pilgrimage. He stressed the importance of seamless coordination among all the concerned departments to ensure that adequate arrangements are put in place for the convenience, safety and well-being of the pilgrims. He emphasised that all necessary works and services must be completed in a timely manner so that the pilgrimage is conducted in a smooth, safe and well-organised manner.

Later, Satish Sharma attended a sports event at

Kashmiri Pandit Colony, Vessu.

While addressing the gathering at Vessu, Minister said that sports are a powerful instrument for shaping a healthy, disciplined and progressive society. He said that the youth possess immense talent and energy and it is the collective responsibility of society and the government to provide them with the right platforms, facilities and encouragement so that they can excel in sports and contribute positively to the society.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local youth, residents and sports enthusiasts, reflecting the growing spirit of sports and collective community involvement in the area.

Satish Sharma said that sports are not merely recreational activities but a powerful medium for building discipline, confidence, leadership and social harmony among the youth. He said that such events at the grassroots level play a vital role in channelising the energy of young people towards positive and productive pursuits, while also

helping in identifying the emerging talent.

"Events like this not only promote physical fitness and competitive spirit but

also strengthen the bonds of unity, brotherhood and mutual respect within the community," the Minister said.

SVANidhi Mahotsav held at Reasi

REASI, JUNE 25: District Administration Reasi today organised SVANidhi Mahotsav at Reasi to celebrate the success of the PM SVANidhi Scheme and promote financial inclu-

sion among street vendors.

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek attended as chief guest and felicitated beneficiaries for utilising the scheme to

strengthen their livelihoods. The programme was attended by PM SVANidhi beneficiaries, banking officials and officers from various departments.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said that the PM SVANidhi Scheme is a platform designed to link street vendors with multiple welfare schemes and financial services.

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