

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## LG meets Civil Society Groups, Business, Religious heads to discuss Amarnath Yatra

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The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha today met with Civil Society Groups, Business Leaders, and Religious Heads to discuss the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. During his interaction, the Lieutenant Governor appealed to all sections of the society to actively support and contribute to this sacred journey, which is a true symbol of social harmony and he urged the public to come forward to ensure a memorable spiritual experience for all pilgrims.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is an opportunity to showcase our culture of selfless service, compassion, and hospitality to the world.

"Let us unite across all sectors to make this year's pilgrimage a beacon of faith, unity, and devotion. As pilgrims embark on the sacred journey to Baba Barfani's cave, let us transform our devotion into compassionate action, making this Yatra a true testament to ultimate experience and human kindness," he said.

This sacred journey of devotion, dedication and faith will begin on 3 July and conclude on 28 August this year. The Lieutenant Governor said that the representatives of civil society, religious and business leaders, and social workers are the guardians of our nation's moral conscience.

"Everyone present here is a custodian of spiritual traditions. Generation after generation, we have ensured that Baba Amarnath's an-

cient spiritual heritage remains vibrant. As we prepare once again to welcome the devotees, I look to each of you for your guidance and cooperation. Your role is vital in ensuring that every pilgrim experiences respect, safety and a sense of belonging," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has shaped our faith, culture and identity since time immemorial. He said the sacred Yatra reminds us of our eternal bond with Lord Shiva, the symbol of infinite power, knowledge and compassion. Each year pilgrims come from across the country and abroad and they bring not only their prayers but also the hopes and aspirations of all humanity, he said.

"Every year the world bears witness that the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is an occasion where people of all faiths, communities and walks of life unite in the spirit of serving the pilgrims. Let us make Baba Barfani's Yatra an exemplary model of devotion and service. Let us show the world that when

devotion and service go hand in hand, the impossible becomes possible. Let us ensure that every pilgrim feels our hospitality and warmth. This is an occasion when Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and followers of all faiths in Jammu Kashmir stand together in the cause of human service. That unity is our greatest strength," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasized that over the past few years, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and other stakeholders continuously worked to make the Yatra smoother and safer. Roads have been widened, communication facilities improved and infrastructure modernized. He said Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is now equipped with world-class facilities.

During the interaction, the members of civil society unanimously extended their support and cooperation for the successful conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. They appreciated the extensive arrangements made by the Administration and the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board over the past few

years, stating that significant improvements in infrastructure, security, healthcare, sanitation and pilgrim facilities have greatly enhanced the overall Yatra experience.

The Lieutenant Governor also welcomed the valuable suggestions shared by the civil society members and other stakeholders. He assured them that all genuine recommendations would be thoroughly examined for implementation.

The interaction was attended by Shri Altaf Ahmad Wani, Shri Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi and Shri Mian Mehar Ali, Members of Legislative Assembly; Shri Nalin Prabhat, Director General of Police; Dr Mandep K Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Shri VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners, senior officials, representatives of religious and social organisations, trade and business associations, social organisations and other prominent members of civil society also participated.

## Kishtwar achieves 100% completion in Phase-I House Listing operations of Census-2027

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Kishtwar district has achieved 100% completion of the House Listing and Housing Census operations under Phase I of Census-2027, making it one of the first districts in Jammu &

Kashmir to reach this milestone. As per the progress report dated 26 June 2026, all 556 House Listing Blocks in the district stand completed.

Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner and Principal Census Officer Pankaj Kumar Sharma, the

district administration and field functionaries coordinated successfully to overcome difficult terrain and remote habitations to complete the exercise.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the commitment of all officers and officials associated with the Census operation.

He also expressed gratitude to the people of Kishtwar for their cooperation, which proved vital to completing the House Listing operations. The successful completion of Phase I has laid a strong foundation for the forthcoming Population Enumeration Phase of Census-2027.

## Director AH reviews developmental programmes, stresses timely fund utilisation

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Director Animal Husbandry Jammu Dr Sanjay Gupta chaired a review meeting at the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Talab Tillo, Jammu, to assess progress of key developmental programmes across Jammu Division.

The meeting undertook a detailed review of the implementation status of dairy, poultry and fodder development projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), CAPEX works and NABARD-funded projects. Particular attention was paid to infrastructure projects including the construction and upgradation of veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, institutional poultry farms and hatcheries and other developmental infrastructure across the division.

District-wise progress was examined and officers were directed to ensure timely completion of works and effective implementa-



tion of all approved projects.

Dr Gupta directed all Chief Animal Husbandry Officers to ensure optimum and timely utilisation of allocated funds, adhere to prescribed timelines and resolve bottlenecks at the earliest.

He also instructed districts to expedite the uploading of pending Artificial Insemination data on the designated portal to ensure

accurate reporting and effective monitoring.

Reviewing preparedness for the 8th Round of Foot and Mouth Disease vaccinations under the National Animal Disease Control Programme, scheduled for 2 July across the division, the Director directed all Chief Animal Husbandry Officers to ensure wide dissemination of information through print, electronic and social media and to

conduct village-level awareness activities so that livestock owners are well informed and maximum coverage is achieved.

Among those present were all Chief Animal Husbandry Officers of the Jammu Division, the Deputy Director (Planning), officers from the HADP cell and technical section and staff from the planning and publicity wings of the Directorate.

## Rana holds public outreach camp at Ari ; addresses public concerns

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In a direct demonstration of the government's commitment to grassroots outreach and inclusive development, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment, and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today convened a public outreach meeting at Village Ari in Mendhar.

The meeting provided a platform for the local populace to voice their developmental concerns, pending grievances and demands directly before the Minister.

The residents raised a range of issues pertaining to local infrastructure, water supply, forest-related matters and other civic concerns, seeking speedy redress of the same.

Taking cognisance of the representations made by the people, the Minister directed the concerned officers present on the occasion to ensure prompt and effective resolution of the issues raised, with specific directions issued on the spot for



matters requiring immediate attention.

Addressing the participants, the Minister underscored the pivotal role of public outreach programmes in bridging the gap between the administration and the citizens at the grassroots level. He stated that such meetings are not merely a formality but a vital instrument of responsive and transparent governance, ensuring that the benefits of government schemes and developmental initiatives reach every

household, particularly in remote and tribal areas.

"Public outreach programmes are the cornerstone of people-centric governance. It is our responsibility to ensure that every citizen, especially those in far-flung areas, has direct access to administration and that their grievances do not go unheard. The government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is fully committed to take governance to the doorstep of every individual," said Minister Rana.

The Minister also reiterated the government's resolve to accelerate developmental activities in the Mendhar constituency. He assured the public of continued focus on addressing their long-standing concerns across all sectors under his charge.

Senior officers from the concerned departments were present during the meeting and were directed to submit action-taken reports on the grievances addressed during the programme.

## Dir Seri reviews spring rearing performance, cocoon marketing support in Jammu Division

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Director, Sericulture Development Department J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, chaired a review meeting of officers of the Jammu Division at the Directorate of Sericulture, Jammu, to assess progress under various developmental schemes and departmental programmes.

The meeting reviewed the physical and financial progress of ongoing projects under CAPEX, the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Silk Samagra Scheme for financial years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26, along with the status of pending Utilisation Certificates and beneficiary details under the Direct Benefit Transfer system.



Achievements under silkworm seed production, distribution and cocoon production targets for 2025-26 were also reviewed, alongside the action plan and targets for 2026-27.

Progress on the establishment and operationalisation of the Automatic Reeling Unit in Jammu Division came up for discussion, with the Director stressing timely completion of developmental works and effective utilisation of allocated resources.

Reviewing cocoon auctions in the organised markets of Jammu and Udhampur and ongoing marketing in Kathua, the Director noted that cocoon prices during the current year averaged ₹1,400 to ₹1,500 per kg, a favourable outcome for growers.

He directed all officers to ensure timely implementation of departmental programmes, expeditious completion of pending works and strict adherence to prescribed timelines and em-

phasised strengthening sericulture activities at the grassroots level to enhance silk production and improve the socio-economic conditions of associated farmers.

Among those present were Development Officer SDD E&T Rajouri, Deputy Director E&S SDD J&K, the Research Officer, all District Sericulture Officers, Managers Seed and the concerned Seed Unit Incharges and Circle Incharges of Jammu Division.

## 5-day Peace Education Workshop concludes at Poonch

POONCH, JUNE 27:

Focussed on themes of peace, dignity, self-awareness and contentment, a five-day Peace Education Workshop concluded at the Auditorium of Government Degree College Poonch today.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma presided over the valedictory function as Chief Guest at the workshop organised by the district administration in collaboration with The Prem Rawat Foundation. The workshop aimed at enabling partici-



pants to draw on inner resources for leading peaceful, productive and meaningful lives.

Speakers included Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Ruby Naz Bhatti, Principal Boys Higher Sec-

ondary School Mandi Anwar Khan, Senior Lecturer Haroon Rathore, Inspector Ghulam Hussain, Master Trainer Poonam Sehrawat and Facilitator Dr Avinashi of The Prem Rawat Foundation, each addressing one or more of the programme's ten key themes.

The DC appreciated the efforts of The Prem Rawat Foundation and urged participants to adopt the principles of peace, dignity and responsible choice in their workplaces so that these values may positively influence society at large.

JAMMU, JUNE 27:

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has issued notices to nearly 200 private hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, lodges and other high-footfall commercial establishments within its municipal limits, directing them to obtain mandatory No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from the Fire & Emergency Services Department.

The action has been initiated under the directions of JMC Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav, who stressed strict compliance with fire safety norms, stating that public safety cannot be compromised under any

circumstances.

Dr Yadav directed all defaulting establishments to submit copies of valid Fire Safety NOCs within seven days of receipt of the notices, issued under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, read with the applicable Building Bye-Laws and Fire Safety Regulations. The Commissioner further directed the Enforcement Wing to closely monitor compliance and take stringent action against establishments found violating fire safety norms.

JMC has cautioned that failure to furnish the requisite Fire Safety NOC within

the stipulated period, or detection of any establishment operating without fire safety clearance upon verification, will invite strict legal action, including sealing of premises. The Corporation made clear that the owners, proprietors and managements of these establishments bear sole responsibility for adherence to all prescribed fire safety standards and that any untoward incident arising out of negligence or non-compliance shall rest entirely with the concerned management.

The drive has been launched in view of serious concerns regarding statu-

tory compliance and emergency preparedness. The operation of hospitals, hotels, lodges and other commercial establishments without adequate fire prevention measures, functional firefighting equipment and clearly demarcated emergency exits poses significant risks to human life and public property.

JMC has appealed to all defaulting establishments to immediately obtain the necessary clearances from the Fire & Emergency Services Department and submit them to the JMC Enforcement Wing to avoid punitive action.