

# Sakeena Itoo conducts extensive visit of Tangmarg

## Inaugurates Maternity & Child Care Block at SDH Tangmarg, School Auditorium at Tarhama, NTPHC at Lalpora

**TANGMARG, JULY 03:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today held extensive tour of Tangmarg area of Gulmarg Constituency and inaugurated various projects of public importance, including Maternity & Child Care Block and Operation Theatre at Sub-District Hospital Tangmarg, Auditorium at Higher Secondary School Tarhama and New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Lalpora.

Member Legislative Assembly Gulmarg, Peerzada Farooq Ahmad Shah; HoDs of various departments, senior officers of district administration Baramulla and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Maternity & Child Care Block and Operation Theatre at SDH Tangmarg, the Minister said that the Government is committed to ensuring that quality healthcare reaches every citizen, particularly women, children and people living in remote areas.

Sakeena Itoo added that the newly inaugurated facilities will significantly improve maternal and neonatal healthcare, enhance emergency medical services and reduce referrals



to tertiary hospitals, ensuring timely treatment closer to home.

The Minister further said that the Government is continuously investing in modern healthcare infrastructure, advanced medical equipment and better facilities across the Union Territory. She emphasized that development is being carried out with a people-centric approach, adding that strengthening healthcare and education remains among the Government's top priorities. She assured the people that every genuine public concern would continue to receive focused attention.

Later, Sakeena Itoo inaugurated the newly constructed Auditorium at Higher Secondary School Tarhama and said that quality education is the

foundation of a progressive society. She noted that modern educational infrastructure provides students with opportunities to develop academically as well as culturally and creatively. She expressed hope that the new auditorium would become a vibrant centre for learning, innovation and extracurricular activities.

The Minister also inaugurated the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Lalpora in presence of former Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah.

Addressing the public on the occasion, the Minister stated that the new health facility will improve access to quality primary healthcare for the local population and reflects the Government's resolve to provide better healthcare

services at the grassroots level. She urged the people to make full use of the upgraded health infrastructure and assured them that efforts to further strengthen public services would continue.

Speaking on the occasion, Peerzada Farooq Ahmad Shah thanked the Government for fulfilling long-pending public demands by establishing key healthcare and educational infrastructure in the constituency. He said the newly inaugurated projects would significantly improve public service delivery and benefit thousands of people. He also reaffirmed his commitment to pursuing the developmental aspirations of the people and ensuring that ongoing projects are completed in a timely manner.

# Div Com Kashmir visits Nunwan Base Camp

## Inspects facilities, interacts with pilgrims

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In order to take the stock of facilities along Pahalgam Axis of Yatra, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Friday visited various facilities including the Frisking Point, Nunwan Base Camp, Hikers Park and the Club to inspect overall arrangements during the departure of first batch of Yatris through the route.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, Chief Executive Officer, Pahalgam Development Authority, Additional Deputy Commissioner, SDM Pahalgam and other senior officers, the Divisional Commissioner assessed the preparedness of departments to ensure the smooth movement of pilgrims.

During the visit, Garg inspected the frisking point, eKYC verification and RFID registration counters, and reviewed the overall pilgrim facilitation system. He also interacted with yatris to obtain first-hand feedback on the facilities and services being provided.

Directing officers to



maintain seamless coordination, the Divisional Commissioner emphasised the need to ensure efficient, hassle-free arrangements and the availability of all essential facilities for pilgrims, with special focus on their safety, comfort and convenience throughout the Yatra.

Taking note of the heavy influx of unregistered pilgrims, Garg instructed the concerned officers to streamline the on-the-spot

registration process to minimise waiting time and facilitate quicker registration. He also directed officials to provide proper guidance and assistance to pilgrims requiring on-the-spot registration.

At Hikers Park, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the token-based RFID registration facility, while at the Club he inspected the on-the-spot RFID registration and eKYC updation process.

Appreciating the efforts of the RFID teams, he directed officials to ensure timely completion of the daily registration quota.

Stressing that a large number of pilgrims are expected to undertake the pilgrimage in the coming days, Garg directed all departments to keep the arrangements fully functional and responsive to ensure a safe, smooth and convenient Yatra experience for the devotees.

# Satish Sharma hears Public Grievances, Assures Time-Bound Redressal

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS  
JAMMU, JULY 03

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today met several public delegations from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and patiently heard their grievances and developmental concerns, reaffirming the government's commitment to responsive, transparent and people-centric governance.

A core group of the Brick & Tile Factory Industrial Estate, Pamphore, led a delegation of 118 lessees and apprised the Minister of the prolonged delay in the handing over of possession of industrial land. The delegation informed the Minister that despite completing the required formalities, the matter has remained unresolved for nearly four years, causing immense hardship to entrepreneurs and adversely affecting industrial growth and employment generation in the region.

Giving a patient hearing to the delegation, Satish Sharma assured the members that the issue would be taken up at the highest level and that every possi-



ble effort would be made to settle the issue. He said that the government is committed to promoting entrepreneurship, creating employment opportunities and ensuring that genuine investors and industrial stakeholders are not made to suffer because of procedural delays.

The Minister observed that industrial development plays a crucial role in strengthening the economy of Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized that genuine concerns of entrepreneurs deserve timely attention. He assured the delegation that the government would work in close coordination with the concerned departments to facilitate an expeditious settlement of the issue within the framework of rules.

The Minister also met a delegation of the Fair Price Shop Association, which raised issues pertaining to the functioning of ration depots, timely release of commissions and other operational matters concerning the Public Distribution System. Satish Sharma assured the association that their genuine demands would be examined sympathetically and appropriate steps would be taken to further strengthen the delivery mechanism of essential commodities across the Union Territory.

A delegation of the Kerosene Dealers Association also called on the Minister and highlighted various issues affecting dealers and consumers. The Minister assured them that the concerns raised would be

discussed with the concerned authorities to arrive at practical solutions in the larger public interest.

Representatives of the NYCs also met the Minister and submitted a memorandum regarding issues concerning their welfare and functioning. Satish Sharma assured them that the government remains committed to constructive engagement with youth and would examine their demands on merit. Besides these, several other delegations and individuals from different districts of Jammu and Kashmir met the Minister and projected issues relating to public infrastructure, civic amenities, sports facilities, consumer affairs, road connectivity, drinking water, electricity and other developmental matters.

# DC Ramban reviews SANJY-2026 arrangements at Lamber Yatra Camp, Yatri Niwas Chanderkote

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JAMMU, JULY 03

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Lamber Yatra Camp at Banihal and Yatri Niwas Chanderkote to review the arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2026 and to assess the services being provided to the pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Varunjeet Singh Charak; Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Banihal, Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan; SDM Ramsoo, Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah and other concerned officers.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner carried out a detailed inspection of the registration counters, RFID issuance facilities, accommodation arrangements, sanitation



and cleanliness measures, drinking water supply, medical services, security deployment, power, traffic management, lighting and other essential facilities established for the pilgrims.

Reviewing the services and facilities in Yatra Camp, the DC stressed that every service must be delivered with the highest standards of quality, efficiency and responsiveness. He di-

rected all officers to ensure that pilgrims receive prompt, courteous and hassle-free assistance at every service point.

The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the devotees and took first-hand feedback regarding the facilities and services available at the camp. He enquired about their travel experience, registration process, accommodation,

sanitation, medical facilities, security arrangements and overall comfort during their stay.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officials to issue RFID cards only after proper verification of all prescribed documents. He further instructed the officers to maintain continuous monitoring of all facilities and remain available

# Dosti Discussion' held at Nadihal under Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan

**BANDIPORA, JULY 03:** As part of the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan and on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, the District Administration Bandipora on Friday organised a "Dosti Discussion" interactive awareness session at Boys Higher Secondary School, Nadihal, to educate students about the ill effects of drug abuse and encourage informed life choices.

District Information Officer, Aadil Manzoor Wani, attended the programme as the Chief Guest and administered the anti-drug pledge to the students at the outset, reaffirming their commitment to stay away from narcotics and contribute towards a drug-free society.

Addressing the gathering, the District Information Officer urged students to carefully examine their choices before making decisions and to embrace whatever is beneficial while rejecting what is harmful. He said that developing the habit of evaluating one's decisions at the very beginning and

remaining steadfast on the right path helps build sound judgement and character among young people.

Highlighting the importance of self-improvement, he emphasized that skills are developed through consistent practice and perseverance. He encouraged students to make productive use of their time, strengthen their abilities and remain focused on achieving their goals.

He also called upon the youth to actively support the administration's efforts against drug abuse by staying vigilant within their communities, spreading awareness and collectively resisting the menace of narcotics.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and school staff and concluded with an interactive discussion, reflecting the District Administration's continued commitment to creating a drug-free Bandipora through sustained awareness, community participation and youth engagement under the 100-Day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan.

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