

Div Com visits Chanderkote Yatra Camp in Ramban, Langar sites and Lodgement centres in Udhampur

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the arrangements for pilgrims undertaking Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026 at Yatra camp Chanderkote in Ramban and different Lodgement centres in Udhampur.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa and Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan accompanied the Divisional Commissioner during the visit.

At Ramban, Divisional Commissioner conducted a thorough tour at the Chanderkote Yatra Camp. He inspected various facilities and services being provided to the pilgrims during their stay at the camp including food, sanitation, drinking water supply, power supply, medical facilities and security arrangements. He also reviewed food safety measures at the langar sites.

The Div Com directed the concerned officers for providing the best quality of services to all the Yatrists.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, briefed the Divisional Commissioner about the comprehensive



arrangements put in place for the convenience, safety, and welfare of pilgrims undertaking the annual holy pilgrimage.

At Udhampur, the Divisional Commissioner visited various lodgement centres and Langar sites established along the National Highway to review the facilities and essential services being provided to the pilgrims.

The Div Com assessed the accommodation facilities being extended to the Yatrists while inspecting sanitation, drinking water, electricity, healthcare, security and overall clean-

ness to ensure the comfort, safety and well-being of the pilgrims.

He also interacted with the Yatrists to obtain first-hand feedback on the services being provided. The pilgrims expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by the District Administration and appreciated the well-maintained lodgement centres, efficient civic services and the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the District Administrations to ensure the uninterrupted availability of all essential services at the lodgement centres and langer sites throughout the Yatra period. He emphasized the need to maintain high standards of cleanliness, prompt service delivery and effective coordination among all stakeholder departments to facilitate a safe, smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Varunjeet Singh Charak, Project Director, NHAI, Shubham Yadav and officers from the District Administrations, Police and other stakeholder departments.

Congress seeks SC monitored probe into Ram Mandir theft

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Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has said that all those involved in the heinous crime of loot at holy Ram Temple (Chanda Chor) should be exposed, booked and punished through a high level impartial, independent probe headed by a sitting or retired high court judge, besides the Trust should be handed over to samitis of religious/spiritual heads, Shankracharyas.

The party also sought a public apology by BJP and its National President Nitin Nabin for the display of Shri Hanuman Ji dancing in front of the cavalcade of Mr. Nitin Nabin, as it hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus and insult to the religion.

Addressing a joint press conference at Rajiv Bhawan today, JKPC Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Former Minister Shri Mula Ram, Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravinder Sharma, Ex-MLC in charge HQ Shri Ved Mahajan expressed concern over great resentment amongst people over the loot (Chandi Chori) at Holy Ram Temple and the serious revelations coming out through media and social media, which has greatly hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindus in the Country.

The Chanda Chori has taken place under the nose of BJP Govt. at the Centre and in UP, as the entire credit and control was with them and the people at the helm of affairs were selected by them, so how can they escape the responsi-



bility and are answerable for this serious incident. There were allegations regarding malpractices and corruption right from its construction regarding sale/purchase of land but now these expose have hurt the religious sentiments and shaken the faith of entire population in the management system. All those involved in this heinous and shameful crime should be identified, booked and given exemplary punishment but the people have no trust in the present SIT, so a SC monitored high level probe should be ordered besides dissolving the entire trust and its reconstitution with inclusion of Shankra Charyas, saints, religious heads etc. besides declaring the details of major donations and gifts etc.

Shri Ravinder Sharma questioned the BJP President for the betrayal over statehood after getting huge mandate from Jammu on the promise of restoration of statehood. Why BJP President did not utter a word on restoration of statehood adding that BJP has fulfilled the dreams of Shri Mukherjee at the cost of dreams, identity, status, dignity and rights of J&K People especially youths who are losing

jobs, land and resources.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla referred to the lot of inconvenience and lathicharge faced by the Amarnath Yatrists. In Jammu and enroute for the past few days. A yatri has died due to snake bite at base camp and questioned why more base camps/expansion of best shelter facilities were not created after Bhagwati Nagar, which was created by Congress Govt.

BJP gives big slogans in the name of hindu religion for vote bank politics what why more top class facilities for these summers were not created, why no local tourism or pilgrimage were promoted, The Baghe-Bhau Gandola project is not functional yet and there is only one Shikara at Tawi front. There was huge Jamming on National way between Nagrota to Udhampur etc, so the mismanagement should be removed. He demanded that LG should personally monitor the plight of Yatrists and the lack of high quality facilities for them. He accused BJP MPs and MLAs for their failures on this front, accusing them of failing Jammu on all fronts.

Former Minister Shri

Mula Ram expressed grave concern over the acute shortage of power and water especially long power cuts in rural areas causing great hardships to the farmers. The people in Jammu region are facing scorching heat and farmers are facing power crises as their tube wells not functioning without power during the sowing season of paddy. The Govt. should wake up to the sufferings of Jammu people and farmers.

The party leaders also expressed concern over the flash floods causing disruption of traffic and other damage in Batote, Doda, Kishtwar region and urged the Govt. to take up relief rehabilitation and restoration work on war footing.

The senior congress leaders expressed great concern over the atrocities being committed by the Pakistan army and security forces over the POJK people and demanded that. Centre Govt. should immediately apply diplomatic channels to put international pressure on Pakistan as POJK is integral part of India.

The PM Modi should tell his so called friend Mr. Dolald Trump to restrain Asif Mneer Pakistan Army General to stop atrocities on innocent people in PJK. The leaders disclosed that party should hold series of peaceful protests over "Chanda Chori" power and water crisis and students - NEET issue besides candle light march and statehood in different parts.

Congress Seva Dal Chief Shri Vijay Sharma and party spokesman Shri Sahit Sharma were also present in the press conference.

CPO, ACD Doda review progress of PMAY-Urban, PMAY-Gramin

DODA, JULY 07: Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Doda Manesh Kumar, along with Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda Din Mohammad Afaqi, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) across the district, with emphasis on timely completion of housing projects and effective implementation of the flagship schemes.

The meeting reviewed the overall status of sanctioned, completed and under-construction houses under both schemes. Detailed discussions were held on accelerating the pace of construction, timely geo-tagging of completed houses, updating beneficiary details on the PMAY-U portal and ensuring prompt release of benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

The Chair directed all concerned officers to maintain accurate and updated



records for effective monitoring and seamless implementation. The progress of organizing Loan Melas for eligible beneficiaries was also reviewed. The CPO emphasized the need to create greater awareness about the Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS) so that eligible beneficiaries can avail themselves of its benefits. He further instructed the concerned departments to take appropriate action in respect of non-starter beneficiaries and expedite the completion of non-starter Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC) houses.

The meeting also re-

viewed the status of geo-tagging under PMAY-U 2.0, identification of projects under the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) component and the preparation of District and Urban Local Body (ULB)-wise action plans for completion of all PMAY-U houses within the extended mission period.

Reviewing the implementation of PMAY-Gramin, the Chair assessed the status of completed and under-construction houses, pending cases and convergence with MGNREGA/VB-GRAM-G to ensure timely comple-

tion of rural housing units. He directed the concerned officers to identify bottlenecks delaying construction and resolve all pending cases on priority.

The progress of Capex works being executed under the housing sector was also reviewed. The officers were instructed to ensure quality execution of works, strict adherence to timelines and regular field monitoring for timely completion of all approved projects.

Emphasizing the objective of providing safe, secure and dignified housing to every eligible family, the Chair called upon all implementing agencies to work in close coordination, strengthen monitoring mechanisms and ensure that all pending houses are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The meeting was attended by Block Development Officers of the district, officers from JK Bank, officials of the Municipal Committees, officers of the Rural Engineering Wing and other concerned officers.

SDRF 2nd Battalion Jammu intensifies Public Safety Awareness Campaign during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra in Monsoon Season

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The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), 2nd Bn Jammu is continuously undertaking preventive awareness campaigns to ensure the safety and security of pilgrims and the general public during the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY-2026) and the prevailing monsoon season.

The campaign at various places has been organised under the overall supervision and guidance of CO 2nd Bn SDRF Jammu Mohammad Aslam keeping in view the "Monsoon Safety Advisory" for all citizens and pilgrims.

The official deployed by SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu under the supervision of Dy. SP Lalit Kumar at the Yatri Registration Point, Tawi River Front, Jammu, conducted public safety announcements using mega-

phones to educate and sensitize pilgrims about the potential dangers associated with rivers during the monsoon season.

Pilgrims were advised not to venture near or enter the Tawi River, as the water level may rise suddenly due to heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas, resulting in strong currents and flash flood-like situations that pose a serious threat to life and safety.

The pilgrims were urged to remain vigilant, follow the instructions issued by the administration and security agencies and cooperate with SDRF personnel deployed at the site. They were also requested to discourage fellow pilgrims from taking unnecessary risks near water bodies.

Similarly, personnel of SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu deployed at CD Town, Akhnoor, conducted Public Awareness Announcements at various ghats along the Chenab River.

Residents, visitors and devotees were informed that continuous heavy rainfall in the upper reaches, particularly in Doda and Kishtwar districts, has led to a significant rise in the water level of the Chenab River.

The Public was strongly advised to stay away from the riverbanks and refrain from entering the river under any circumstances. People were cautioned that swift currents, sudden increase in water level, slippery embankments and hidden underwater hazards can lead to fatal accidents within moments.

In view of the ongoing monsoon season the CO 2nd Battalion SDRF Jammu Mohammad Aslam advises all citizens and pilgrims to observe the safety precautions:

Do not approach or enter rivers, streams, nallahs, waterfalls or other water bodies during or after rainfall, never attempt to cross

overflowing bridges, flooded roads, or fast-flowing streams, stay away from riverbanks, as erosion and sudden surges in water level can occur without prior warning, avoid bathing, swimming, washing clothes, or taking selfies near rivers during the monsoon, keep children under constant supervision and prevent them from playing near water bodies, follow weather advisories and warnings issued by the District Administration, IMD and Disaster Management authorities, do not spread or believe rumours; rely only on official information and advisories, report any emergency, rising water level, landslide or distress situation immediately to the nearest SDRF, Police, or District Administration authorities, cooperate with emergency responders and immediately evacuate vulnerable areas if advised by the authorities.

JKTPO commences 7-day Exhibition at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar

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Reinforcing its commitment to promoting the products and enterprises of Jammu & Kashmir, the Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), under the aegis of the Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir has commenced a seven-day exhibition-cum-sale at Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu from 7th to 13th July 2026.

The exhibition has been organized with the objective of providing artisans, weavers, craftsmen, self-help groups, MSMEs, start-ups and local entrepreneurs from across Jammu & Kashmir with a dedicated marketing platform and enhanced market linkages. Timed to coincide with the annual Shri Amar-



nath Ji Yatra, the initiative offers exhibitors a unique opportunity to showcase and market their products to thousands of pilgrims visiting the Union Territory, while also remaining open to the general public.

The exhibition comprises 13 exhibitors showcasing an extensive range of authentic products that reflect the rich cultural and artisanal heritage of

Jammu & Kashmir. Visitors can explore handloom and handicraft products, Pashmina and woollen articles, crewel embroidery, traditional textiles, Handmade toys, dry fruits, saffron, honey, processed food products, organic produce along with a wide array of locally manufactured and value-added products from MSMEs, artisans and entrepreneurs.

The initiative is expected to strengthen market access, expand customer outreach, promote the Made in Jammu & Kashmir brand and contribute towards enhancing the visibility and commercial prospects of local enterprises.

By organizing the exhibition at Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar, one of the key transit points for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, JKTPO aims to create sustainable business opportunities for local producers by facilitating direct interaction with consumers from across the country.

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The exhibition also provides an opportunity for pilgrims and visitors to experience the unique craftsmanship, quality and diversity of Jammu & Kashmir's products while supporting the livelihoods of local artisans, craftsmen and entrepreneurs.

MVD Kishtwar, J&K Police conduct road safety awareness, vehicle fitness drive at Padder

KISHTWAR, JULY 07: Acting on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar

Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under the supervision of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Kishtwar Tasleem Javid, the Motor Vehicles Department Kishtwar in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Police, conducted a comprehensive Road Safety Awareness and Vehicle Fitness Drive at Padder. The drive was carried out in the presence of SDPO Padder Vijay Bhagat; SHO Padder Amrit Ka-



toch and Motor Vehicle Inspector Robin Parihar, with

the taglines: "Safe Vehicle • Responsible Driver • Secure Journey" and "Road Safety is a Shared Responsibility—Together, Let's Save Lives." During the campaign, vehicles were inspected to verify their road-worthiness and compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules. Road Safety Compliance Stickers were affixed only to those vehicles that were found mechanically fit and carrying all valid documents required for lawful operation on public roads.