

CS reviews measures to strengthen cybercrime prevention framework

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulo, today chaired a meeting of the Home Department to review the measures undertaken for prevention of cybercrimes in the Union Territory, with particular focus on safeguarding citizens against emerging cyber threats, including Digital Arrest scams, phishing, online financial frauds, cyber slavery, identity theft and other cyber-enabled offences.

The meeting also reviewed the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the directions issued during the previous review and assessed the progress achieved in strengthening the institutional framework, investigative capacity, public awareness and inter-agency coordination for combating cybercrime in Jammu and Kashmir.

Those who attended the meeting includes Principal Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, Law; Scientists from NIC and officers from the Department of Public Grievances.

Chief Secretary while chairing this meeting observed that while the Government has created a comprehensive institutional framework to combat cybercrime in the Union Territory, its success would lie in its effective implementation and its ability to provide timely relief to citizens affected by cyber frauds.

Emphasising the need for sustained oversight, the Chief Secretary directed the Principal Secretary, Home, to undertake regular and comprehensive reviews of the functioning of the cybercrime prevention and response framework to ensure that all stakeholder departments and agencies work in close coordination. He stressed the importance of fostering seamless syn-



ergy among the Police, banks, financial institutions, telecom service providers, Information Technology Department and other concerned agencies to strengthen preventive mechanisms, expedite response to cyber incidents and safeguard citizens' hard-earned money from organised cyber fraudsters.

Referring to the recently established Jammu & Kashmir Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (JK4C), the Chief Secretary said that the institution has been envisioned as the nodal mechanism for coordinated action against cybercrime in the Union Territory and should emerge as a robust, technology-driven platform for prevention, intelligence sharing, investigation, capacity building and inter-agency coordination.

He directed that the JK4C, headed by an Inspector General of Police and supported by senior police officers and technical experts, be provided with the requisite space and support to enable it to function to its fullest potential and effectively discharge its mandate in the service of the people.

Emphasising continuous capacity building, the Chief Secretary directed all Law Enforcement Agencies to ensure time-bound completion of CyTrain courses by police personnel and expedite the exposure visits of officers to States having established best practices in cybercrime prevention and investigation.

He observed that continuous upskilling of investigators and adoption of mod-

ern investigative techniques would significantly enhance the effectiveness of cybercrime investigations.

He expressed confidence that a well-equipped and efficiently functioning JK4C, working in close coordination with all stakeholders, would significantly strengthen the Union Territory's capacity to prevent cybercrime, improve investigation and recovery of defrauded amounts, and instil greater public confidence in the Government's ability to protect citizens in the digital domain.

Reviewing the awareness initiatives undertaken across the Union Territory, the Chief Secretary was informed by Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti that cyber safety awareness programmes have been integrated into Police-Public meetings at the police station level, with awareness campaigns being continuously redesigned on the basis of analysis of cybercrime complaint trends.

Additionally the meeting was informed that twenty-three Cyber Police Stations have been established across all police districts in Jammu and Kashmir, significantly strengthening the cybercrime investigation network in the Union Territory.

Reviewing the progress made in strengthening institutional mechanisms, the Chief Secretary was apprised that the Government has notified the establishment of the Jammu & Kashmir Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (JK4C) to provide an integrated

framework for prevention, investigation and coordination in cybercrime cases.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the implementation of the e-Zero FIR mechanism for cyber financial frauds involving amounts of ₹1 lakh and above. He observed that prompt registration of complaints coupled with seamless integration of the mechanism with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) would considerably improve the capacity of law enforcement agencies to initiate immediate action for freezing fraudulent transactions and recovering defrauded amounts.

The meeting also reviewed the utilisation of advanced cyber investigation platforms including Sahyog, Samanvaya and Pratibimb for interstate coordination, hotspot mapping, content takedown and investigation of organised cybercrime networks.

Reiterating that prevention through awareness remains the most effective strategy against cybercrime, the Chief Secretary called upon all departments to work in close coordination and adopt a whole-of-government approach to protect citizens from cyber threats.

He further stressed the need to strengthen institutional mechanisms, improve intelligence sharing, leverage technological innovations and maintain sustained public outreach to build a resilient cyber security ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

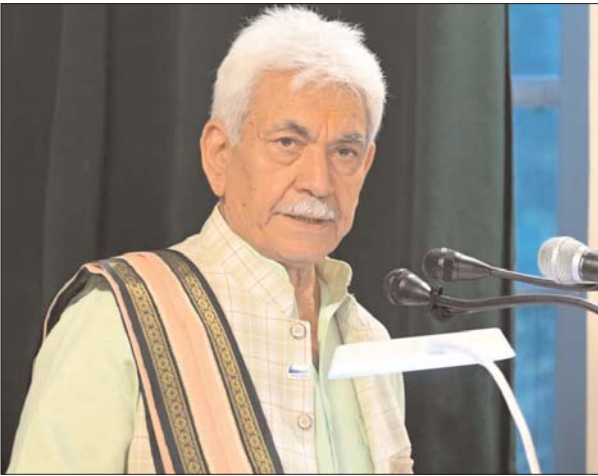
Lieutenant Governor Attends Rotary Club of Kashmir's Installation Ceremony

SRINAGAR, JULY 22: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, attended the Rotary Club of Kashmir's installation ceremony today. He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the new President and team and best wishes to the outgoing President. The Lieutenant Governor said that for over 100 years, Rotary has put humanity first through dedicated, selfless service and today it stands as a global force for human welfare, driving positive change across our country through thousands of active clubs.

"Since 2019, as Jammu Kashmir advances with unified momentum, we have also seen the Rotary Club's spirit of service in action, notably through their selfless medical initiatives across North, South Kashmir and Jammu Division. I want to tell the incoming President and executive team that they are entrusted with a vital torch, and carrying it forward with tangible impact is a profound duty placed upon their shoulders," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted three specific areas which require Rotary Club's attention.

"Appeal to the Rotary Club of Kashmir not to limit itself to scholarships or book distribution alone, but to create a pro-



fessional guidance chain, a network that connects young talents living in remote areas with experienced professionals. I want the Rotary Club of Kashmir to provide opportunities in digital education and skill development that prepare young people for a changing world," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He observed that second important area is environment protection and urged the members of Rotary Club of Kashmir to act as guardians of nature.

"We can no longer confine ourselves to tree-planting drives. We must develop an environmental protection model based on scientific methods, long-term planning and the participation of local communities, which will inspire future generations. I want the Rotary

Club of Kashmir to involve youth in this campaign and to partner with educational and research institutions. I wish to see the Rotary Club of Kashmir remembered for conserving rivers and lakes and for restoring forests to life," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the third and most important area concerns the campaign for a drug-free Jammu Kashmir. He highlighted the achievements of 100-day drug-free J&K campaign and called upon Rotary Club of Kashmir to become an active and full partner in this public campaign, because this is a fight for the future of coming generations.

"The Rotary Club possesses medical expertise and enjoys public trust. It can launch de-

addiction camps, awareness drives in colleges and universities, and livelihood and skill-development programs for youth. I know Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," is a pledge to a better public life, and contributions in these three areas will bring real change. Your work over the past two decades has proved that Rotarians in Kashmir are dedicated to selfless service. Now, as this responsibility passes into new hands, I entrust to you the task of working for a prosperous, peaceful and drug-free Jammu Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Rtn. Anil Kumar Singh, District Governor; Rtn. Dr. Tou-seef Bhatt, President, Rotary Club Kashmir; Rtn. Jagjit Singh, Outgoing President; Rtn. Adil Shah, Secretary; other office bearers of the Rotary Club Kashmir, Rotarians were present.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST; Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir; Shri Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dr. G.V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Shri Javid Ahmad Tenga, President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and prominent citizens from different walks of life also attended the installation ceremony.

DC Bandipora urges people to stay away from water bodies amid prevailing weather conditions

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Wednesday appealed to the public to stay away from water bodies in view of the prevailing weather conditions and rising water levels.

Addressing the media during her field visit to Sonerwani, Bonar Nallah and other adjoining areas, the Deputy Commissioner advised residents not to venture near water bodies and to strictly adhere to all safety advisories issued by the district administration and other concerned agencies. She also called upon parents and guardians to closely monitor their children and ensure they do not go near water bodies, stressing that extra vigilance is essential during the prevailing weather conditions.

Emphasising that no work or activity is worth



risking one's life, she said, "If life is safe, everything else can be achieved," while asking people to prioritise their safety above all else.

She appealed to the public to remain vigilant and

immediately report any emergency to the District Control Room on 7006526985 or 7006328689 for prompt assistance. The Deputy Commissioner further

called for public cooperation with the administration, asking residents to avoid movement near water bodies and remain alert until the weather situation improves.

ADC Ramban reviews arrangements at SANJY camp in Banihal

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Amid continuous heavy rainfall, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ramban Varunjeet Singh Charak today visited the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Camp at Lamber, Banihal, to review arrangements being made by the District Administration, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, for the safety, convenience and well-being of pilgrims.

The ADC, accompanied by SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan, inspected accommodation facilities, sanitation, drinking water supply, power supply, healthcare services, security arrangements and other essential amenities available at the camp. He also reviewed preparedness of departments concerned to deal with any weather-related contingency and directed officers concerned to remain alert and ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services.

Interacting with officers and officials deployed at the



camp, the ADC stressed the need for close coordination among line departments to ensure prompt response to any emergency. He directed agencies concerned to maintain round-the-clock vigil, keep adequate manpower and machinery in readiness and provide all possible assistance to pilgrims.

The ADC also interacted

with stranded pilgrims and enquired about facilities being provided, assuring them that the District Administration is committed to ensuring a safe pilgrimage despite the prevailing weather conditions.

He reiterated that the District Administration is closely monitoring the weather situation and all arrangements related to the

Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and said all departments have been directed to remain on high alert, maintain close coordination and ensure timely assistance and uninterrupted essential services for pilgrims. He also appealed to pilgrims to follow official weather advisories and cooperate with the administration for their safety and convenience.

DC reviews implementation of HADP, JK CIP, agriculture credit-linked schemes in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a review meeting with officers of line departments to assess implementation and progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), JK-CIP and other agriculture credit-linked schemes.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore and officers of departments concerned.

Chief Agriculture Officer Vikas Padha presented a comprehensive overview of the department's performance. He highlighted the implementation status of various schemes, establishment and tracking of units, financial utilisation, registration of Kisan Khidmat Ghars, credit flow under HADP, includ-



ing applications received and sanctioned, issuance of Soil Health Cards and the status of JK CIP applications in terms of coverage and approvals.

Reviewing progress, the DC directed departments concerned and banking institutions to intensify awareness and outreach efforts to ensure every eligible farmer and farming

family benefits from these flagship initiatives, and instructed departments to adopt a proactive and coordinated approach to expedite processing and sanctioning of pending HADP applications.

The DC said seamless implementation and collective efforts are essential for achieving sustainable outcomes, and

directed officers to ensure all schemes are implemented in a transparent and time-bound manner so eligible beneficiaries receive intended benefits without delay. He also instructed departments concerned to accelerate disposal and approval of JK CIP cases to improve the scheme's overall progress.

DC reviews implementation plan for Clean Himalayan Hill City initiative at Patnitop

UDHAMPUR, JULY 22: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of officers concerned to deliberate on implementation modalities of the Clean Himalayan Hill City Initiative under the Solid Waste Management programme for sustainable development of Patnitop Hill Station.

The Deputy Commissioner said the initiative is a focussed programme aimed at strengthening sanitation, sci-

entific solid waste management and environmental sustainability in Himalayan hill towns.

Reviewing the action plan, the DC directed Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority (CEO, PDA), to identify suitable locations for installation of smart public toilets, initiate procurement of required equipment and infrastructure, identify appropriate sites for installation of public dustbins and ensure operationalisa-

tion of the Solid Waste Management plant.

The DC directed departments concerned to organise stakeholder consultations and awareness programmes to promote waste minimisation, source segregation and responsible waste disposal and stressed the need for coordinated efforts among stakeholders to preserve Patnitop's pristine environment and develop it as a sustainable tourist destination.