

J&K aims to retain top national ranking in Har Ghar Tiranga-2026

CS reviews action plan for '150 Years of Vande Mataram' celebrations

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting of all the concerned Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, DCs and HoDs to review the preparations and departmental action plan for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga-2026' campaign, being organised in conjunction with the third phase of the 150 Years of Vande Mataram commemorative celebrations.

The meeting reviewed the responsibilities assigned to different departments and the logistical arrangements prepared by the Department of Culture, the nodal department, for smooth implementation of the campaign across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir from August 9 to August 17, 2026.

Emphasising the need to sustain this momentum, the Chief Secretary directed the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to ensure maximum public participation by involving every panchayat, ULB and educational institution so that Jammu and Kashmir continues to maintain its premier position at the national level.

The Chief Secretary directed that all flags procured must strictly conform to the Flag Code of India. He also instructed that procurement should be undertaken through local Self Help Groups and the Department of Posts to ensure quality and timely



availability.

Stress was also laid on extensive publicity for the campaign. The Chief Secretary directed the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and district administrations to undertake widespread awareness drives, highlighting the importance of respectful handling, collection and proper custody of the National Flag after Independence Day celebrations.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary was apprised by the Principal Secretary, Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma that Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as the leading performer in the nationwide patriotic campaign, securing the No. 1 rank in successive phases of the Vande Mataram celebrations.

The meeting was informed that the Union Territory-level flagship event will be held on August 12 in Srinagar. The event will commence from the lawns

of the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) and culminate at the Botanical Garden. Deputy Commissioners from all districts will participate virtually.

As part of the celebrations, a Tiranga Bike Rally involving the Paramilitary and J&K Police, a Tiranga Mela showcasing local handicrafts, Self Help Group products and tricolour-themed merchandise, besides a patriotic concert featuring renowned national and local artists, will also be organised.

Reviewing the nine-day programme, the Chief Secretary was informed that exhibitions on the history and evolution of the National Flag and the freedom movement would be organised at prominent public institutions and locations across the Union Territory. Educational institutions will conduct Tiranga-themed activities, including board art, walkathons,

letter-writing campaigns for armed forces personnel and Rakhi-making workshops.

The programme will also feature community singing of the National Song Vande Mataram and the Tiranga Anthem across blocks and municipal areas in accordance with the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure. A pre-event car and bike rally along the SKICC-Cheshmashahi-Botanical Garden route has also been scheduled for August 11.

The meeting was informed that 14,03,496 National Flags have been requisitioned by districts for distribution across Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate large-scale participation in the campaign.

Citizens were also encouraged to upload photographs of their participation on the official Har Ghar Tiranga portal to strengthen the spirit of public participation and national unity.

CM reviews restoration works on NH-44, directs measures for seamless traffic movement

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday travelled by road from Jammu to Srinagar via National Highway-44 to personally assess the condition of the highway and review the restoration works being carried out following the recent spell of adverse weather that triggered landslides and disrupted traffic at several locations.

During the journey, the Chief Minister was briefed by officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the executing agencies on the progress of repair, restoration and stabilisation works being undertaken along the affected stretches of the highway.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta, senior NHAI officials, Traffic Police officers and other concerned officers.

Emphasising that the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway is the lifeline of Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister directed the concerned agencies to expedite restoration works and take all necessary measures to ensure smooth, safe and



uninterrupted movement of traffic.

He laid particular emphasis on facilitating the movement of trucks carrying fruit and other agricultural produce, noting that any prolonged disruption on the highway adversely impacts growers, traders and the overall economy.

The Chief Minister also stressed the importance of coordinated efforts among

the NHAI, executing agencies, Traffic Police and the district administration to minimise inconvenience to commuters and ensure effective traffic management during the ongoing restoration works.

He instructed the officers to closely monitor vulnerable stretches, deploy adequate manpower and machinery wherever required, and complete the remaining

works at the earliest while maintaining the highest safety standards.

The Chief Minister's visit comes in the wake of the recent spell of heavy rainfall that triggered landslides, shooting stones and mudslides at multiple locations along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, leading to repeated closures of the arterial road over the past several days.

DC Srinagar inspects newly developed alternate entry gate, additional parking space at Bone & Joint Hospital

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, today inspected the newly created alternate entry gate and additional parking space at Bone & Joint Hospital, Barzulla.

The DC also took an on-site review of the ongoing Sunner Kul Bund road development works being executed to streamline traffic movement around SMHS Hospital and Super Specialty Hospital.

The inspection was undertaken as part of the District Administration's sustained efforts to improve traffic management and strengthen infrastructure around major healthcare institutions to ensure hassle-free access for patients, attendants, healthcare workers, ambulances and other emergency services.

At Bone & Joint Hospital, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the newly developed alternate entry gate along with the connecting link road and associated infrastructure aimed at facilitating smooth entry and exit of vehicles. He also inspected the additional parking space created to address parking constraints and reduce congestion around the hospital premises.

The alternate entry and parking facility would significantly ease vehicular movement, particularly during peak hours, besides ensuring uninterrupted passage for ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

He also expressed gratitude to Justice Rajnesh Oswal, the Members of the Governing Committee, M. K. Sharma, Registrar General, all the Resource Persons and the officers and staff of the Academy for their constant guidance, support and contributions towards the successful conduct of the programme.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Saiqa Sharief Khan, Trainee Civil Judge, while the proceedings were moderated by Priyanka Bhardwaj, Trainee Civil Judge. The academy-based phase of the Pre-Appointment Induction Training Programme concluded with the trainee officers poised to commence their Court Attachment, marking the next phase of their journey towards judicial service.



work in close coordination to ensure early operationalisation and efficient utilisation of the facilities.

On the occasion, the DC said that the road development forms part of the broader mobility improvement and traffic regulation plan along the Nawab Bazar-Kaksarai-Darish Kadal corridor aimed at streamlining vehicular movement through the Sunner Kul route. He said the Bund road, along with the dedicated parking facility being developed around the high-priority healthcare zone comprising SMHS Hospital, Super Specialty Hospital and the Dental Hospital, would help prevent roadside congestion and facilitate

smoother access for patients, attendants, healthcare workers and emergency vehicles through the Sunner Kul corridor.

The DC further added that the ongoing initiatives, including alternate access routes, expanded parking facilities and improved traffic management are expected to significantly improve vehicular movement and make access to major healthcare institutions more convenient for patients and attendants.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Paediatrics Hospital, Bemina and inspected the initiation of work of Foot Over Bridge near the hospital aimed at improving mobility in and around the Hospital.

J&K Judicial Academy concludes Induction Training for 39 Civil Judges

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The Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy, under the patronage of Acting Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar and the guidance of Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairman, Governing Committee, J&K Judicial Academy, today concluded the academy-based phase of the Pre-Appointment Induction Training Programme for 39 Trainee Civil Judges (Junior Division), Batch-2026.

The programme was graced by Acting Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, M K Sharma and other Judicial Officers of the registry.

In an engaging interactive session, the Acting Chief Justice congratulated the trainee Civil Judges on successfully completing the Academy-based phase of the induction programme. He said that the training had equipped them with the knowledge, skills and values essential for discharge of judicial functions effectively.

He emphasized that the office of a Judge is not merely a position of authority but a solemn constitutional trust, requiring the highest standards of integrity, impartiality, patience, humility and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Stressing that justice must not only be done but must also be seen to be done, the Acting Chief Justice exhorted the trainee officers to consciously guard against every form of bias, whether personal, social, cultural or unconscious. He asked them to ensure that every judicial determination is guided



solely by the Constitution, the law and the evidence placed on record.

The Acting Chief Justice further highlighted the contemporary challenges confronting the justice delivery system, including inadequate judicial infrastructure, shortage of judicial officers, among other challenges. He observed that these challenges call for greater efficiency, resilience and commitment from judicial officers while reaffirming that they should never compromise the quality or fairness of justice.

He urged the trainee officers to remain fearless and independent in discharge of their judicial duties, courteous and compassionate in their conduct.

He impressed upon to embrace technology as an aid to justice and pursue continuous learning and self-improvement to effectively meet the evolving demands of judicial service.

Appreciating the dedicated efforts of the Director, Resource Persons, officers and staff of the J&K Judicial Academy in successfully conducting the induction programme, the Acting Chief Justice expressed confidence that the newly appointed Civil Judges would uphold the highest traditions of the Indian judiciary and discharge their constitutional responsibilities with courage, wisdom, integrity and compassion.

In his special address to

the trainee officers, M. K. Sharma, Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, described their appointment as the acceptance of a solemn constitutional responsibility. Emphasizing that the office of a Judge is a public trust, he exhorted them to uphold the highest standards of integrity, impartiality, patience, humility and diligence in the discharge of their judicial functions. He urged them to treat every litigant with dignity, remain steadfast in upholding the rule of law without fear or favour and continue enriching their legal knowledge through constant learning and technological advancement.

Stressing that public confidence in the judiciary is earned through fairness, competence and exemplary conduct, he encouraged the officers to discharge their duties with courage, wisdom and compassion. He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the Academy, its Resource Persons and staff in successfully conducting the induction programme.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries, Naseer Ahmad Dar, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, expressed his gratitude to Chief Justice for his continued encouragement to judicial education. He said that the academy-based phase had equipped the trainee Civil Judges with a sound foundation in law, judicial skills, court admin-

istration, technology-enabled justice delivery and the core values of the judicial office. He informed the trainees that the forthcoming Court Attachment would provide them with valuable practical exposure to court proceedings and judicial administration, enabling them to translate classroom learning into courtroom practice.

Urging the officers to approach the attachment with sincerity, discipline and keen observation, he encouraged them to learn from experienced judicial officers and make the most of this formative phase of their training.

He also expressed gratitude to Justice Rajnesh Oswal, the Members of the Governing Committee, M. K. Sharma, Registrar General, all the Resource Persons and the officers and staff of the Academy for their constant guidance, support and contributions towards the successful conduct of the programme.

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MMU Camps: 170 people avail free healthcare services in remote villages of Medical Block Ghat

DODA, AUGUST 07: The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Chief Medical Officer today organised free medical camps at the remote villages of Banjoi and Sorouna in Medical Block Ghat.

The camps were organised under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner and the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer.

Block Medical Officer coordinated the camp held with the objective of providing quality healthcare services at the doorsteps of people residing in far-flung



areas. A total of 170 people availed the services at the camps.

The medical team pro-

vided a wide range of healthcare services, including general health check-ups, screening for non-

communicable diseases (NCDs) & TB, haemoglobin (Hb) testing, dental screening, health counselling and free distribution of essential medicines.

The team also conducted health education and IEC activities to promote preventive healthcare practices and healthy lifestyle habits. Beneficiaries were sensitised to the JK Sehat App and provided hands-on guidance regarding the registration process to enable them to conveniently access digital healthcare services.