

DC Bandipora reviews preparations for Har Ghar Tiranga 2026, expanded Patriotic Activities

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora, to review preparations for Har Ghar Tiranga 2026, scheduled to be observed across the district from August 09 to August 17.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed an expanded programme for this year, with greater participation from various departments and sections of society. The celebrations, dedicated to the 150-year commemoration of “Vande Mataram,” would feature a range of patriotic and public-participation activities across the district, aimed at honouring its enduring place in the country’s national spirit and encouraging people to participate in the celebrations.

During the meeting, it was informed that the campaign would feature a wide range of activities, including Tiranga rallies, cultural programmes, patriotic song and quiz competitions, painting and wall-painting activities, exhibitions and “Selfie with Tiranga” initiatives. Exhibitions would be organised by schools and colleges, ITIs and Polytechnics, while sub-divisional and tehsil-level Tiranga rallies



would also be conducted across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner laid particular emphasis on wider participation from the Education, Sports, Health and ICDS sectors. Separate rallies involving ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers would also be organised.

It was informed that a major Tiranga Rally would be held on August 12, jointly by the Police and District Administration, from Mini Secretariat Bandipora to the Stadium.

The DC directed all concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in advance, with adequate attention to the safety and convenience of participants. Participants from JNV, KV, NCC, tribal communities, national

achievers and others would also take part in colourful traditional attire.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements for event creation and timely uploading of activities on the designated portal. The DC directed all departments to designate nodal officers for their respective activities and ensure close coordination for the smooth conduct of the campaign.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the District Information Officer, Bandipora, to facilitate Public Address System and banners and undertake a dedicated social media campaign to highlight the district’s activities under Har Ghar Tiranga 2026.

The Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 campaign, from Au-

gust 09 to 17, would provide an opportunity for people across Bandipora to participate in activities dedicated to the spirit of patriotism and the 150-year commemoration of “Vande Mataram.” A Swachhta campaign along with Tiranga rallies would also form part of the celebrations.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Bandipora, Nazir Ahmad Mir; Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl; Additional Superintendent of Police Bandipora; Assistant Commissioner Revenue; Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, and district officers from various departments.

Prominent leaders join BJP, reaffirm faith in PM Modi's vision and development agenda

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Prominent personalities from Thanamandi in the Rajouri district, led by Haji Nasir Hussain, a retired Forest Department officer, joined BJP in the presence of Sat Sharma, J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP, and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP, at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan, former DDC Iqbal Malik, Mandal President Riaz Choudhary, along with other senior party leaders, were also present on the occasion and welcomed the new entrants into the BJP fold.

Welcoming the new members, Sat Sharma said that the continuous expansion of the BJP reflects the growing trust of the people in the policies and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said that people from every region and every section of society are joining the BJP because they recognize it as a party committed to nationalism, good governance, transparency, and inclusive development.



Sat Sharma stated that the BJP has transformed the political culture by placing public welfare above political interests. He said the party remains dedicated to ensuring that the benefits of Central Government schemes reach every deserving citizen without discrimination.

He expressed confidence that the new entrants would further strengthen the party at the grassroots and help carry the message of development, peace, and progress to every household in the Rajouri district.

Ashok Koul, speaking on the occasion, said that the BJP is a cadre-based organization where every worker gets an opportunity to serve society and contribute to nation-building. He said the party’s strength lies in its disciplined workers and strong organizational structure, which have enabled it to connect with the people across Jammu and Kashmir.

Ashok Koul urged the new entrants to actively engage with the people, strengthen the party at the booth level, and work with dedication to address public concerns. He said the BJP is committed to empowering every region of Jammu and Kashmir through development-oriented governance and public participation.

Speaking on behalf of the new entrants, Haji Nasir Hussain expressed gratitude to the BJP leadership for welcoming them into the party. He said they had joined the BJP after being inspired by the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party’s commitment to national unity and equitable development.

He assured the leadership that they would work wholeheartedly to strengthen the BJP in Thanamandi and Rajouri, expand its public outreach, and serve the people with sincerity and dedication.

Arrangements finalized in Kulgam for 3rd phase of ‘Vande Mataram’, ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ Campaign

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With the district gearing up to celebrate 80th Independence Day this year, District Administration Kulgam today finalized arrangements for the 3rd phase of Vande Mataram Campaign and Har Ghar Tiranga in a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam with officers of line departments at Mini Secretariat, Kulgam.

Addressing the meeting, the DC emphasized the need for meticulous execution of the campaign at all levels. The DC fixed department wise responsibilities and directed all departments to organize a specified, diverse range of activities during the campaign, starting from 09th of August and culminating on 17th August.



Special assemblies, patriotic song competitions, essay & painting competitions, Tiranga rallies by students, hoisting of National Flag under ‘Har Ghar

Tiranga’, cycle rallies, and sports events themed on national integration, Tiranga corners, exhibitions and other commemorative activities shall be organised during the campaign.

The DC further directed that iconic locations, government offices, and public spaces in the district be decorated with tricolor and that the campaign be documented through photographs and videos for wider dissemination.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kulgam, Vikar Ahmad Giri; ACR, Reyaz Ahmad Shah; DIO, Tehsildar Kulgam, EO MC Kulgam, and other district and sectoral officers.

DC Kupwara chairs meeting to finalize for Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 Campaign

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to finalize preparations for the successful conduct of the Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 campaign across the district, with emphasis on ensuring maximum public participation from all sections of society, particularly students and youth.

The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, an initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, was launched as part of the 75th anniversary of India’s independence under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and has since evolved into an annual nationwide movement encouraging citizens to hoist the National Flag at their homes. The campaign is aimed at invoking a sense of patriotism among citizens and strengthening their personal connect with the Tiranga.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the proposed activities and directed all concerned departments to ensure enthusiastic participation of students, youth and the general public through schools, colleges, ITIs and other institutions across the district.

The meeting discussed the organization of Tiranga rallies, walkathons and Tiranga Yatras across all blocks, including rallies featuring long Tiranga fabric, aimed at generating greater public participation and reinforcing the spirit of



patriotism, national unity and the vision of a Viksit Bharat @2047.

The DC stressed the need to ensure flag-hoisting ceremonies along with Tiranga-themed illumination and decoration at government buildings and offices, educational institutions, hotels, dams, bridges, airports, railway stations, bus stands and other prominent public places across the district.

The meeting also reviewed plans for Tiranga-inspired art and decoration of school walls and display boards, besides organizing Tiranga exhibitions and mass singing of the national song, Vande Mataram.

As part of the campaign, citizens will be encouraged to participate in the “Selfie with Tiranga” initiative and upload their photographs on the official Har Ghar Tiranga website, showcasing their participation in the nationwide movement.

To create a vibrant patriotic atmosphere throughout the campaign period, Tiranga-themed illumination and decoration will also be undertaken at local markets and prominent public places across the district.

To facilitate wider participation, arrangements will be made for the sale and distribution of National Flags through Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the

district, ensuring easy availability of flags to citizens.

The DC called upon all concerned officers to ensure effective inter-departmental coordination, proper planning and timely execution of all activities so that the Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 campaign is conducted successfully with maximum public participation across Kupwara district. He emphasized that the campaign should not remain limited to ceremonial activities but should serve as a platform to foster patriotism, unity and collective pride in the National Flag among citizens, particularly the younger generation.

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today said that the digital integration of artisans including specially-abled craftsmen is opening new economic opportunities for craftsmen and is strengthening the handicrafts sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this while appreciating the “Training on Digital Literacy & Market Readiness” programme organised at Town Hall, Budgam, describing it as an inspiring example of convergence aimed at empowering the artisan community.

The training was organised in collaboration with Special Hands of Kashmir under Artisan 2.0, a Conserve initiative for Artisans of Kashmir.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner said the future of handicrafts is bright, asserting traditional craftsmanship is effectively integrated with technology and modern market practices.

“The digital integration will ensure artisans and weavers get better and rightful economic opportunities for their dedication and hard work against growing demand and value for quality handmade products,” the DC observed.

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He said digital platforms have enabled artisans to showcase their products from their homes along with its information, interact directly with customers and access markets beyond geographical boundaries.

Appreciating digital handicraft platforms, the Deputy Commissioner said, “digital tools can help craftsmen understand market trends, emerging designs, production techniques and changing consumer preferences while retaining the authenticity of their traditional work.” He also appreciated buyer-seller meets, interactive market programmes and quality awareness initiatives to bring artisans closer to buyers and help them respond to evolving market requirements.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner also appreciated the participation and achievements of specially-abled artisans, he said their creativity, skills and determination demonstrate the potential of handicrafts to create meaningful economic opportunities and promote social empowerment.

The DC said District Administration is committed to support initiatives that enhance artisans’ skills, livelihoods and market access, while promoting sustainable growth of the handicrafts sector.

ADC Handwara chairs meeting to finalize arrangements for I-Day Celebrations 2026

KUPWARA, AUGUST 08: Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, on Saturday chaired a meeting in the ADC Office Chamber, Handwara, to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day Celebrations 2026.

It was informed that the main Independence Day function will be held at District Police Lines (DPL), Handwara, where a colourful and patriotic programme will be organized. In addition, Independence Day functions

will also be organized at all Tehsil and Block Headquarters, as well as at educational institutions across Sub-Division Handwara.

The ADC reviewed arrangements pertaining to venue management, sanitation and cleanliness, security, traffic regulation, power and water supply, seating arrangements, decoration, Public Address System, cultural programmes and other essential facilities.

The parade and ceremonial proceedings at the main function will witness the participation of contingents from the Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indian Reserve Police (IRP), Frontier Police Force (FPF), Home Guards, NCC cadets and school children. A Police Band will also participate in the celebrations, adding to the patriotic spirit of the occasion.

The ADC directed all officers and officials of concerned departments to ensure their participation in the Independence Day function and remain present as per the approved programme. He emphasized that active participation by officers and officials would further contribute to the successful and befitting conduct of the national celebration.

The ADC further directed all concerned departments to ensure the timely completion of their assigned responsibilities and maintain close coordination to avoid any last-minute inconvenience. He stressed that all arrangements should be put in place well in advance to ensure that the celebrations are conducted in a befitting, disciplined and patriotic atmosphere.

Cultural Unit Srinagar organises multiple programmes to mark I-Day Celebrations

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The Cultural Unit Srinagar of Information Department organised various programmes in different schools of Srinagar to mark the Independence Day Celebrations, 2026.

The activities, held at

GHS Harwan, GBHSS Jawaharnagar and GBHS Brane, included competitions in Painting, Speech, Quiz and Singing, providing young students a meaningful platform to express their patriotism, creativity and reverence for the nation and the sacrifices of its freedom fighters. The students participated with remarkable enthusiasm and wholehearted involvement, adding vibrant patriotic fervour to the celebrations.

The initiatives aimed at nurturing patriotic consciousness among young minds and acquainting them with the values of freedom, unity, sacrifice and national integrity.

The Cultural Officer Kashmir and AEEO appreciated the spirited involvement of the students and expressed gratitude to the school authorities for their valuable cooperation and support, which contributed to the successful conduct of the programmes.