

# Grand Tiranga Rally Held in Akhnoor with Patriotic Fervour

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A grand Tiranga Rally was organised in Akhnoor today, evoking a strong spirit of patriotism and national pride. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 600–650 people, including students, NCC cadets, public representatives, government officials and local residents.

The rally commenced from Government Higher Secondary School, Akhnoor, passed through Bus Stand and Radhe Chowk, and culminated at the starting point.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh and MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat participated in the rally along with SDM Akhnoor Mukhtar Ahmed Lone, SDPO Akhnoor Bharat Sharma, Tehsildar Akhnoor Naresh Kumar, SHO Akhnoor Sushil Choudhary and senior officers of various departments.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat said that the Tiranga is not merely a national flag but a symbol of the sacrifices, courage and aspirations of millions of Indians. He paid heartfelt tribute to the freedom fighters who made



supreme sacrifices during the struggle for Independence and to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives while defending the nation and its sovereignty.

He said that carrying the Tricolour is a proud reminder of the sacrifices made by these great patriots and soldiers. He called upon the youth to draw inspiration from their lives, uphold the values of patriotism, unity and discipline, and contribute towards building a strong and developed India.

SDM Akhnoor Mukhtar

Ahmed Lone, while addressing the participants, appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students, NCC cadets, officials and the general public. He emphasised the importance of nurturing patriotism and a sense of national responsibility among the younger generation.

A large number of NCC cadets and students marched with the Tricolour and raised patriotic slogans, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and national pride throughout the route.

Prominent among those

present were Vinay Gupta, Depesh Singh, Rakesh Malhotra, Daljit Chib, former Vice Chairman Kissan Advisory Board; former DDC Sharda Bhau; Bhushan Bral; Rajni Sharma; Balwinder Singh Bindu; Ayush Jamwal; Pawan Singh; Sports Club Akhnoor President Dharampal Gupta; Advocate Vishukant Sharma; Mahant Jio Pota Mandir Parmeshwar Dass; Raju Bazigar; Sham Magotra; Shamsher Singh, former Sarpanches; Councilors and several other prominent citizens.

# Rekha joins Tiranga Rally at Ghagwal

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Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu and Kashmir Vice President and Prabhari District Samba, Rekha Mahajan, participated in a grand Tiranga Rally organised by Ghagwal Mandal President Nishant Sharma in the Samba Assembly constituency under the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan.

In a rally organised by Mandal President Ghagwal Nishant Sharma, Rashpal Verma State vice President, Former DDC Suresh Kumar Falli, Mahila Morcha State General secretary Geeta Bhagat, BJP workers, local residents and enthusiastic participants joined the rally and raised patriotic slogans, creating a spirited atmosphere ahead of Independence Day.

Addressing the gathering, Rekha Mahajan called upon citizens to participate wholeheartedly in the campaign and proudly hoist the Tiranga at their homes. She said the National Flag is not merely a symbol of India's identity but also represents the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters and soldiers who dedicated their lives to protecting the nation.

"The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is a powerful people's movement that



strengthens our emotional connection with the National Flag. Every household must proudly display the Tiranga and contribute to making this campaign a resounding success," Mahajan said.

She added that the campaign promotes unity, patriotism and a shared sense of national responsibility among citizens, particularly the younger generation.

"The Tiranga inspires every Indian to place the nation above personal interests and work collectively for its progress. Our message is clear—Rashtra Pratham, Sadaiv Pratham: Nation First, Always First," she asserted.

BJP J&K Vice President Rashpal Verma said the Har

Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan has transformed the celebration of Independence Day into a nationwide people's movement. He urged citizens to hoist the Tricolour with pride and inspire younger generations to uphold the values of national unity, integrity and selfless service.

Former DDC Suresh Kumar Falli said the Tiranga represents the courage and sacrifices of India's freedom fighters and security personnel. He called upon people from every section of society to participate actively in the campaign and ensure that the National Flag flies proudly over every household in the region.

The 2026 edition of the nationwide campaign is being observed from August 9

to 17, encouraging citizens to bring the Tiranga home and strengthen their personal connection with the National Flag. Launched in 2022 under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme, the initiative has since evolved into an annual mass movement.

Ghagwal Mandal President Nishant Sharma thanked Rekha Mahajan, Rashpal Verma, Suresh Kumar Falli, Geeta Bhagat, party workers and local residents for their enthusiastic participation. He said the overwhelming response reflected the deep patriotic spirit of the people and assured that the campaign's message would be taken to every village and household across the Mandal.

# DC Srinagar takes Tehsil wise stock of Revenue services delivery, progress of AgriStack Farmer ID generation Program

SRINAGAR, AUGUST

**10:** In order to assess Tehsil-wise progress on key revenue matters, delivery of revenue-related services and the implementation of AgriStack and Farmer IDs under Digital Crop Survey across the district, a meeting of senior Revenue Officers was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, SDM West, Irfan Bahadur, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, all Tehsildars, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Manager, CSC, and other concerned.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed Tehsil wise and village-wise re-



view of the implementation of the AgriStack project and generation of Farmer IDs, besides taking a Tehsil-wise assessment of various revenue-related initiatives, with particular focus on the status of digitisation of revenue records.

The DC took detailed

feedback from the concerned Officers regarding the status of targets achieved and the areas requiring further intervention. He stressed the need for time-bound completion of all set targets and directed the Officers to intensify efforts to ensure that

the ongoing initiatives are implemented efficiently and within the prescribed timelines.

Emphasising the importance of accurate and timely digitisation of land and agricultural records, the DC called for close monitoring of the AgriStack and Farmer ID-related work at the Village and Tehsil levels. He laid stressed on time-bound achievement of set targets across the district.

The DC also stressed the importance of efficient, transparent and citizen-centric delivery of revenue services, directing the officers to ensure that revenue-related services are provided to the public in a timely and hassle-free manner under the PSGA fixed timelines. He further called for enhanced coordination among the Revenue Department, Agriculture Department and other stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of the initiatives and achievement of all set targets within the stipulated timelines.

HANDWARA, AU-

**GUST 10:** Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, on Monday chaired a meeting with concerned officers and stakeholders in his office chamber to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming Tiranga Rally in Handwara Town under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on various aspects, including security arrangements, traffic management, the proposed rally route, participation of students and the general public, sanitation, civic amenities and other logistical arrangements



required for the smooth, peaceful and successful conduct of the rally in Handwara Town.

The ADC directed all concerned officers and stakeholders to ensure close coordination and timely completion of their

assigned responsibilities. He stressed the importance of making all necessary arrangements well in advance to ensure the successful conduct of the rally.

The ADC further emphasized that the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign is an

important initiative aimed at promoting patriotism, national unity and a sense of pride in the nation, and called upon all stakeholders to ensure active public participation in the campaign.

The meeting was attended by Additional Superintendent of Police, (ASP), Handwara, SDPO Handwara, Tehsildar Handwara, Dy CEO Kupwara HQ Handwara, ZEO Handwara, officials from the Education and Physical Education Departments, representatives of Municipal Council Handwara, Auqaf Committee, Traders Federation and Transport Association, besides other concerned officers and officials.

# SC, ST, OBC & Minority Leaders Unite for Caste Census, Social Justice and Constitutional Rights

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A meeting of SC, ST, OBC and Minority leaders was held at Malik Market, Jammu, under the chairmanship of Sh. Raj Kumar Bhagat, to discuss social justice, constitutional rights, caste enumeration and reservation. The meeting was attended by Sh. Madan Lal Chalotra, Chairman, OBC Department, J&K PCC; Sh. Shamshar Bhagat, Vice Chairman, SC Department, J&K PCC; Sh. C. L. Manyal, Vice Chairman, SC Department, J&K PCC; Sh. O. P. Chadgal, Chief Engineer (Retd.); Sh. Surinder Devgowara, XEN (Retd.); Congress leader Sh. Sushil Shastri; Dr. Ram Ashok Bhagat, Retd. SP; Sh. Majid Malik, OBC leader; Sh. Hafiz Ullah; Sh. Kuleep Bhagat; Sh. Prem Sagar; Sh. Madsar Hussain; Sh. Madan Bhagat; Sh. Parkash Chand; Sh. Afiz Hussain; Sh. Sarfraz Ali, and several others.

The meeting expressed serious concern over the proposed methodology of the caste census. Participants stressed that simply asking individuals to state their caste and recording responses without proper classification could defeat the purpose of comprehen-



sive caste enumeration. The leaders demanded a transparent and scientifically designed system with an appropriate drop-down menu for OBC communities, similar to the mechanism used for SC and ST communities. They maintained that surnames and sub-castes must be properly mapped into recognised categories so that the data accurately reflects the social and economic realities of India. Without systematic OBC enumeration, the exercise could repeat the limitations of the 2011 census and fail to provide reliable data for equitable policy, representation and social justice. The meeting emphasised that reservation for SC, ST and OBC communities is an issue of

social transformation and economic emancipation and is intrinsically linked to their self-respect. Participants stressed that reservation is not merely a matter of employment or educational opportunities, but a constitutional instrument designed to address generations of social exclusion and inequality.

For SC and ST communities in particular, reservation remains essential because caste-based hatred, exploitation, persecution, injustice and atrocities have not ended. The participants strongly maintained that discussing the creamy layer in this context, without considering the continuing realities of social discrimination, is inappropriate and contrary

to the constitutional objectives associated with the vision of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and his humanitarian Constitution. They called for the protection and effective implementation of constitutional safeguards for all historically marginalised communities.

The leaders stressed that the Constitution of India is supreme, and the Treasury Benches must uphold its principles of equality, justice, dignity and representation. They criticised the Modi Government for what they described as a failure to deliver meaningful social justice since 2014 and demanded concrete action on caste enumeration, reservation and equal representation.

# DC Srinagar reviews status of works under District Capex Budget 2026-27

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, Monday convened a comprehensive meeting of all executing agencies and line departments here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the progress of works taken up under the District Capex Budget 2026-27.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Chief Education Officer, Ghulam Mohi-Ud Din, Assistant Commissioner Pan-chayats, Bashir Ahmad, Executive Engineers of R&B, PHE, KPDC, SMC, UEED, Block Development Officers and all other District and Sectoral Officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner undertook an executing-



agency-wise detailed review of the progress made in the submission of estimates, floating of tenders and allotment of works, approved under the District Capex Budget 2026-27.

On the occasion, the DC

was apprised that estimates for all approved works have been submitted and tenders for over 97 per cent of the works have already been floated, with several works allotted for execution on ground.

The DC directed all exe-

cuting agencies to fast track the pending tendering and allotment process for approved works and ensure that physical execution of all projects commences without further delay. He underscored the importance of fully utilising the ongoing working season to expedite development works, adhere strictly to prescribed technical standards and stipulated timelines to ensure timely delivery of tangible benefits to the public.

Underscoring the need for coordinated and result-oriented efforts, the Deputy Commissioner directed all line departments and executing agencies to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, adopt proactive planning and ensure optimum utilisation of available resources to expedite the implementation of developmental projects and maximise their intended benefits for the people across the district.