

Div Com Kashmir inspects preparations for I-Day Celebrations at Bakshi Stadium

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Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, today visited Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, to inspect the ongoing preparations for the Independence Day celebrations at the venue.

During the inspection, the Divisional Commissioner took stock of various arrangements, including seating arrangements, functioning of the Public Address System, overhead covering of the stands and adherence to protocol during the signing of the National Song followed by the National Anthem.

The Div Com directed the concerned officers to ensure complete preparedness of contingents from schools, colleges and the Sports Council, besides ensuring their enthusiastic participation in the ceremonial proceedings.

In view of the possibility of rainfall, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation



(SMC), to ensure that an effective dewatering mechanism is put in place and that the Fire & Emergency dewatering pump remains operational at the venue.

He further directed the concerned agencies to ensure proper floral decoration of the podium and operational readiness of all seven LED screens installed at the stadium.

The Divisional Commis-

sioner stressed upon all concerned departments to maintain close coordination and ensure that all arrangements are completed well in advance for the smooth and successful conduct of the Independence Day celebrations.

The Div Com was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, ADC Srinagar, Joint Director In-

formation and senior officers from various departments, including R&B, PHE, School Education, Higher Education, Fire & Emergency, Hospitality & Protocol, KPDC, UEED, YSS and other concerned departments.

Besides, IGP Kashmir and other senior officers of Police & Security agencies were also present on the occasion.

Free health screening camp organised for senior citizens at Thathri

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A free medical checkup cum health awareness camp was today organised for senior citizens here at Dak Bunglow Thathri.

A joint initiative of the Social Welfare Department and local Community Health Centre (CHC), the camp aimed at providing quality healthcare services to the elderly population.

A dedicated medical team from CHC, headed by BMO Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Kichloo, engaged with the elderly persons and conducted general health check-up, haemoglobin (Hb) testing, screening for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) including hypertension and diabetes, TB screening and health counselling. The beneficiaries were also provided free medicines as per their requirement.

The medical team also sensitised the beneficiaries about the importance of regular health check-ups, eating balanced diet, adopting healthy lifestyle practices, medication adherence and timely detection and management of chronic diseases.

The TSWO appreciated the Health Department



and the medical team for their support in organising the camp and providing quality healthcare services

to senior citizens. He emphasised the importance of continued coordination between the Health and So-

cial Welfare Departments to ensure that elderly beneficiaries have access to essential healthcare services.

DC Budgam presides over ICMR-SHINE Programme at MRHRU Khag

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Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today presided over ICMR-SHINE Programme held at the Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU), Khag, Budgam, in collaboration with ICMR-NICHR, New Delhi, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The two-day programme, held from today, brought together health officials, researchers, doctors, academicians and community members for discussions on health awareness, community engagement, evidence-based practices and strengthening rural health-care.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of MRHRU Khag and its partner institutions for promoting health research and community-focused healthcare initiatives.

He stressed the need to better connect health research with on-ground implementation, saying that evidence-based research should lead to real improvements in healthcare delivery and health outcomes, especially in rural and underserved areas.

He also highlighted the importance of community participation in public health efforts, noting that lasting improvements in healthcare require teamwork between health institutions, researchers, frontline workers, the district

administration and the community.

An informative session was also delivered by Dr. Mohd Caser, Scientist-C (Medical) and In-charge, MRHRU Khag, ICMR-NICHR, New Delhi, who spoke about the objectives of the ICMR-SHINE Programme and how research institutions can help address local health challenges.

The programme was attended by CMO Budgam Dr. Gulzar Ahmad, HOD SPM, GMC Srinagar Dr. Mohd Iqbal Pandith, Tehsildar Khag, BMO Khag, Dr. Mariya Amin, Assistant Professor, GMC Srinagar, Dr. Inaamul Haq, Associate Professor, GMC Srinagar, Dr. Mohd Naser, State Coordinator, State Tobacco Cell Kashmir

(DHSK), Dr. Mohd Iqbal Khan, Assistant Professor, IUST Anantipora, along with senior district officers, doctors, academicians, healthcare workers and other officials.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited PHC Khag to review the healthcare facilities available for the local population.

He inspected different wards and sections of the hospital and interacted with patients as well as medical and paramedical staff to take stock of services and patient care arrangements.

He instructed the hospital administration and staff to ensure smooth, accessible and patient-friendly services, with special focus on timely care and proper use of available facilities.

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign gains momentum in Budgam; DC, SSP flag off Bike & Bicycle rallies

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As part of the ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan along with SSP Budgam, Hariprasad KK today flagged off two major Bike and Bicycle Rallies from Sports Stadium Budgam, witnessing enthusiastic participation of hundreds of bikers and cyclists from across the district.

Organised to promote patriotism, national unity and respect for the National Flag, the rallies passed through District Hospital Road and Old Bus Adda before culminating at the Clock Tower near New Bus Stand, Budgam.

Students, youth groups, government employees and citizens from different walks of life participated in the rallies, proudly carrying the Tricolour and raising patriotic slogans along the route.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign has evoked an overwhelming public response across Budgam, with a wide range of activities being organised in schools, Gram Panchayats, blocks, tehsils and at the district level.

He particularly appreciated the enthusiastic participation of youth, noting that the Bike Rally by local youth and the Bicycle Rally



by school students reflected a strong sense of patriotism and collective ownership of the campaign. The Deputy Commissioner said the massive participation of people across the district is a matter of pride and urged citizens, particularly the youth, to continue their ac-

tive involvement and sustain the patriotic fervour till the culmination of the campaign on August 17.

Among others present on the occasion were ADDC Budgam Vivek Agarwal, Joint Director Planning, Chief Education Officer, DYSSO and other senior officers and officials.

Pertinently, the District Administration Budgam is organising a series of programmes across the district under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, adding vibrancy to the celebrations while reinforcing the message of unity, patriotism and respect for the National Flag.

DC, SSP lead Mega Tiranga Rally at Iconic Vibrant Village Teetwal under Har Ghar Tiranga

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A grand Tiranga Rally was organised today at the iconic Vibrant Village Teetwal, Karnah, as part of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign being observed from 9th to 17th August 2026, aimed at reinforcing patriotic fervour and public participation in the celebration of the National Flag.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Suse and SSP Kupwara, Tahir Gilani from HS Gundi Sharti, culminating at Teetwal ground with enthusiastic participation from students of various schools, ex-servicemen, Lumberdars, officials, and local residents.

A large number of students participated in the rally, carrying the Tricolour and showcasing their patriotism, unity, and respect for the National Flag. The participating clusters were felicitated with Certificates of Appreciation by the District Administration Kupwara for their enthusiastic participation and contribution towards the successful conduct of the event.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the overwhelming response and urged everyone to further strengthen the spirit of patriotism by actively



participating in the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and celebrating the pride and honour associated with the National Flag.

He highlighted that the campaign aims to instil a sense of national pride and encourage citizens to hoist the Tricolour at their homes, reaffirming their commitment towards the nation and its vision of a Viksit Bharat @2047.

The Sub-Divisional Administration Karnah has

already been conducting a series of events under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign to promote awareness and public participation. The Mega Tiranga Rally was coordinated under the supervision of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Karnah, Mohd Raiyaz, who was designated as the Nodal Officer for the event.

The programme concluded with a renewed pledge by all participants

to uphold the dignity of the Tricolour and carry forward the message of unity, pride, and patriotism.

The event was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Kupwara, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) Kupwara, sector officers, and officials from various departments, who actively participated in the celebrations and extended their support for the successful conduct of the rally.

Mega Tiranga Bike Rally held in Shopian to mark Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign-2026; DC, SSP flag off Rally

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 11: As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign-2026, a grand Tiranga Bike Rally was held in Shopian today to celebrate the spirit of patriotism and encourage citizens to proudly display and honour the National Flag.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Shishir Gupta, and SSP Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmad Choudhary, who also joined the rally and rode alongside the participants, leading the patriotic procession through the town.

The event was attended



by senior district officers, police officers and officials from various departments.

The rally commenced from District Police Lines (DPL), Shopian, and passed through the designated route covering Bata-

pore Bus Stand, Four Way Chowk, Clock Tower, Hospital Road and Police Station Road, before returning via Batapora Bus Stand and culminating at DPL, Shopian.

The rally was organised

jointly by the District and Police administration Shopian.

Motorcycles carrying the Tricolour moved through the town, creating a vibrant patriotic atmosphere and conveying the message of national unity, pride and collective participation in the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign-2026.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials, youth and other participants, who joined the rally with the Tricolour, reflecting their commitment to the values of unity, patriotism and national pride.