

Dharmarth Trust organises Grand Shobha Yatra ahead of Shri Krishna Janmashtami

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Ahead of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, the J&K Dharmarth Trust organised a grand and impressive Shobha Yatra, commencing from the iconic Shri Raghunath Ji Temple in the heart of Jammu city.

The Shobha Yatra was organised in collaboration with the Sanatan Dharm Sabha and Dharmik Yuvak Mandal. The procession featured beautifully decorated tableaux (Jhankis) depicting various significant episodes and important moments from the life of Lord Krishna, drawing large crowds of devotees and citizens along the route.

The Shobha Yatra commenced after the Murti Poojan at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple, which was attended by MLA Shri Yudhviri Sethi, former Minister Smt. Priya Sethi, former Minister Shri Ajay Sadhotra, President of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha Shri Parshotam Kumar Dadeechi, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, Shri Arun Gupta, President of J&K Dharmarth Trust Dr. P.S. Pathania and Secretary of the Trust Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd.).

Thereafter, Rath Poojan and Dhvajarohan ceremonies were performed before the Shobha Yatra set off from the temple premises.

The procession passed through several prominent markets and thoroughfares of Jammu, including Veer Marg, Shahidi Chowk, Rajinder Bazar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Old Hospital Road, Purani Mandi, Link



Road, Jain Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazar, Geeta Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple, Shalamar Road, City Chowk and Raghunath Bazar, before finally culminating at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple.

Thousands of devotees, along with prominent citizens, political leaders and representatives of various social and religious organisations, participated in the Shobha Yatra with great enthusiasm and devotion. Members of the Muslim community also accorded a warm and cordial welcome to the Yatra at various places en route, reflecting the spirit of communal harmony, mutual respect and brotherhood that characterises Jammu's rich cultural ethos.

Speaking on the occasion, President of the Dharmarth Trust, Dr. P.S. Pathania, extended his greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. He prayed that the sacred festival would

usher in peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Pathania said that festivals form an integral part of India's glorious cultural and spiritual heritage and play an important role in strengthening communal harmony, brotherhood and social cohesion. Such celebrations, he added, help reinforce the spirit of mutual respect and further enrich the secular and inclusive ethos of society. He prayed for peace, prosperity and the well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary of the Dharmarth Trust, Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, said that the Dharmarth Trust, under the patronage of its Chairman Trustee Dr. Karan Singh Ji and the Trustees, remains committed to preserving and promoting Jammu and Kashmir's rich religious, cultural and spiritual heritage. He said that festivals such as Shri Krishna Janmashtami provide an opportunity for people to

come together, celebrate their shared cultural traditions and strengthen the bonds of unity and brotherhood.

The Secretary appreciated the collective efforts of the Sanatan Dharm Sabha, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, volunteers, devotees, civil administration and police authorities for ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the Shobha Yatra.

Elaborate security and traffic arrangements were put in place by the District Administration and Jammu Police across the city to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the religious procession. Senior police officers remained present at various locations along the route and supervised the security arrangements to ensure that the event remained orderly, safe and incident-free. I can also make this more media-oriented with a stronger national-media headline and a sharper opening paragraph if you want.

Youth, students face serious challenges under BJP regime: Karra

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JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra led the national programme of the AICC "Chopal pe charcha" organised by DCC Jammu Urban today at Rajiv Bhawan PCC HQ Shahedi Chowk Jammu.

It was joined by Shri Raman Bhalla Working President J&K PCC, Yogesh Sawhney Ex Minister District President Jammu urban, Ved ahajan I/C HQ, Treasurer Rajnish Sharma, Senior leaders Th. Man Mohan Singh, T.S.Tony, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Sanjeev Panda, Sohith Sharma, Dawarka choudhary, Rajinder Singh, Prem Sharma, Sat pal Sapolia, Sandeep Dogra, Parveen Akhtar, Rita Devi, Ram Mangotra, Ajay kumar, Harjeet Singh Baghi, Vijay Malhotra, Rakesh Sharma, Ram Mangotra, Bushan kumar, Pardeep Bhalla, Naresh Digra, Raj Kumar, Rajinder Singh Randhawa, Sanjeev katal, Gurmeet Singh, Priyam Singh, Amna, Santosh, Sunita Sharma, Neelam and others.

A large number of prominent leaders, activists and office bearers of DCC and Block Presidents of Jammu were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering Karra said that Modi gov-



ernment and BJP are trying to divert the attention of the nation from the real issues facing them like "Chanda Chori". Students issues, economic issues, unemployment and their failures on various fronts.

He said that BJP can't hide too long from these issues being discussed and debated in every nook and corner of the country today and are glaring examples of BJP's failures.

BJP has been trying to cover up and hide behind the other issues being raised by them to divert the attention of the people from these real issues faced by people and great economic distress faced by every common man in this country.

He said that unprecedented price hike of all essential commodities, large scale unemployment faced by the youth and paper leaks and bunglings in recruitments throughout the country.

The youth and students of the country face real time challenges to their career and livelihood under Modi government and the recent students protests of students at Jantar Mantir and elsewhere in the country was the outbursts of their anger, frustration and a silent revolt against Modi government and BJP all over country.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla hit out the antiyouth, anti students and anti common people policies of BJP government and said that youth of the country is very much annoyed and angry over the policies of education and employment under present regime especially the bunglings and commercialisation of the system.

Bhalla said that youth of the country wants change in the system and leading a revolution in the society who are encouraged by the dynamic leadership of LOP

Shri Rahul Gandhi. The programme announced by the AICC shall be taken to every nook and corner of J&K.

DCC Jammu Urban President and former minister Shri Yogesh Sawhney coordinated the programme to highlight the real issues faced by the common people especially youths, students, farmers, small traders and others under the present regime which hides, distorts and diverts the attention of the nation by their tactics.

He said that common people of the country has seen through the designs and tactics of BJP government and party and is no longer ready to be hoodwinked and befooled.

Several other prominent Congress leaders and activists spoke on the occasion and took part in the interactive session and pledged to take it further to people in a sustained campaign.

CS Dulloo reviews quality, disposal of migrant property grievances across Kashmir

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Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting to comprehensively review the quality and disposal of grievances lodged by Kashmiri migrant property holders across all ten districts of the Kashmir Division under The Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRR&R), Chandraker Bharti; Secretary, Revenue; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners; Relief Commissioner (Migrant), besides senior officers of other concerned departments.

The Chief Secretary directed the Divisional and District Administrations to ensure quality, thorough and time-bound disposal of every grievance, with particular emphasis on cases pending for long periods. He stressed that every complaint must be examined comprehensively and decided strictly on merit, ensuring satisfactory resolution for the concerned property owners.

Calling for greater use of technology in the management and protection of migrant properties, the Chief Secretary directed the remaining districts to expedite completion of geo-tagged inventories of migrant properties. He observed that comprehensive digital inventories would provide a reliable asset database and strengthen monitoring, protection and management of such properties.

During the meeting, the Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chandraker



Bharti, gave an overview of the statutory framework governing migrant properties and the various Government orders and circulars issued from time to time to safeguard the interests of migrant property holders and bring greater clarity and efficiency in implementation of the Act.

A detailed presentation by the Relief Commissioner (Migrant) highlighted the progress achieved in strengthening the institutional, administrative and technological framework for protection of migrant properties and disposal of related grievances.

The review revealed significant field-level action for retrieval and protection of migrant land under the statutory powers vested with District Magistrates as legal custodians.

Between January and July 2026, 522 Kanals and 15.9 Marlas of migrant land were retrieved and secured under Superdari or handed over to the original owners. Adding that Bandipora emerged among the leading districts with retrieval of 146 Kanals and 7 Marlas, followed by Baramulla with 82 Kanals and 10 Marlas, Kulgam with 80 Kanals and 0.5 Marlas, Ganderbal with 53 Kanals and Srinagar with 50 Kanals and 16.9

Marlas.

The meeting was informed that the Online Migrant Grievance Portal (RRCM) has so far registered 12,223 complaints, covering various categories of violations, including 5,341 encroachment cases, 2,874 trespassing cases and 442 cases relating to record tampering.

Of these, 10,038 cases have been closed by the District Magistrates, while 7,605 cases have received final approval through the RRCM mechanism.

The administration has also instituted an independent Telephonic Quality Verification mechanism through the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, to assess the quality of disposal of cases shown as closed.

Of the 4,918 applicants successfully contacted during the verification exercise, 4,605 expressed satisfaction with the disposal of their cases. The remaining grievances have been flagged for further administrative scrutiny and necessary remediation.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the quality-verification mechanism and stressed that disposal figures must be matched by actual, satisfactory and legally sustainable resolu-

tion on the ground.

The review also highlighted a series of institutional and technology-driven reforms introduced to improve transparency, monitoring and accountability. The districts of Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam and Kupwara have completed geo-tagged digital inventories of migrant properties, providing a comprehensive technology-enabled mechanism for identification and monitoring of such assets.

The administration has further strengthened direct engagement with migrant property holders through grassroots outreach camps. Dedicated Additional Deputy Commissioners conducted extensive public outreach camps at Jammu during the first quarter of 2026, through which 1,878 complaints were received directly and 484 offline grievances were brought onto the unified digital platform.

The meeting was also apprised of the reforms introduced following implementation of a revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) from October 2025, resulting in complete migration of the process to the e-Office platform.

The streamlined mechanism has enabled disposal of 129 complex alienation cases in the last 11 months, as against 6,258 cases processed during the preceding 28 years, reflecting a significant improvement in the efficiency and responsiveness of the system.

The Chief Secretary directed all concerned officers to maintain sustained focus on protection of migrant properties, expeditious disposal of grievances, strict adherence to statutory safeguards and continuous improvement in service delivery, while ensuring that the interests and lawful rights of migrant property holders remain fully protected.

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 3: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar laid the foundation stones of several important development projects in Rafiabad, covering education, healthcare, public amenities and recreational infrastructure.

The projects, involving a cumulative sanctioned cost of Rs 3.29 crore, are aimed at strengthening essential infrastructure and ensuring improved facilities and services for the people at their doorsteps.

At Nowpora (Tujur Sharief), the Minister laid the foundation stone for the development of a Children's Park, to be executed by PW(R&B) Division Sopore, at a sanctioned cost of Rs 80 lakh. The facility will provide children with a dedicated space for recreation and outdoor activities while adding to the public amenities available in the area.

At Bomai, Javid Dar laid the foundation stone for the construction of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Laboratories besides an Additional Classroom Room (ACR) at Boys Secondary School Bomai under Samagra Shiksha. The project, to be executed by PW(R&B), has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs



1.44 crore.

The Minister also laid the foundation stone for construction of a Mini Super Bazar at Bomai Zaingeer, sanctioned at a cost of Rs 55 lakh. The facility is envisaged to strengthen local market infrastructure and facilitate convenient access to essential commodities for the residents.

In the health sector, the Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of a Sub-Centre at Goripora, Darapora, at a sanctioned cost of Rs 50 lakh. The health facility will enhance access to basic healthcare

services and further strengthen the rural healthcare network in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that strengthening grassroots infrastructure is central to the government's development agenda, with focused attention being given to ensuring that people in rural and underserved areas have access to quality public facilities in their vicinity.

He said that development is meaningful only when it brings visible and tangible improvements to the lives of people, adding that infrastructure in sectors such as

education, healthcare, recreation and basic amenities is being strengthened in a planned and phased manner.

Javid Dar emphasized that the projects being undertaken in Rafiabad reflect the government's commitment to balanced, inclusive and people-centric development, with priority being accorded to improving public infrastructure and enhancing the quality of services at the grassroots level.

He directed the concerned executing agencies to ensure strict adherence to quality specifications, prescribed timelines and financial discipline, stressing that public-funded projects must be completed efficiently and to the satisfaction of the people.

The Minister further underscored the need for close monitoring of ongoing works and effective coordination among departments to ensure timely completion and optimal utilization of resources.

He reiterated that the government remains committed to accelerating development in rural areas and creating a stronger infrastructure base that contributes to improved quality of life, better public services and greater socio-economic opportunities for the people.

Achal Sethi reviews NeVA preparedness ahead of Autumn Session of J&K

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Commissioner Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi chaired a high-level meeting at the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly Complex, Srinagar, to review the preparedness for implementation of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) ahead of the forthcoming Autumn Session.

Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandit, along with senior officers of the Legislative Assembly

Secretariat, attended the meeting.

The meeting focused on taking stock of the arrangements and preparedness required for the effective rollout and smooth functioning of the NeVA platform, which is aimed at facilitating digital and paperless legislative proceedings.

The Commissioner Secretary reviewed the progress achieved on various components of the initiative, including technical preparedness, digitisation and processing of legislative business, system integration and coordination among the

concerned departments and stakeholders.

Achal Sethi stressed the importance of completing all requisite technological, administrative and procedural arrangements well in advance of the commencement of the Autumn Session. He underscored that effective implementation of NeVA would enable seamless digital handling of legislative documents and business, reduce dependence on physical paperwork and facilitate efficient communication and coordination between the Legislative Assembly, legislators and government

departments.

He called for close coordination among all stakeholders and directed the officers to ensure that all pending technical and procedural requirements are completed within the stipulated timelines.

The Commissioner Secretary further emphasized that adequate preparedness and effective coordination are essential for ensuring the seamless functioning of the paperless Assembly and smooth conduct of legislative business through the digital platform during the forthcoming session.