

CEO SSCL conducts Late-Night Inspection of Lal Chowk

Directs effective maintenance of Smart City Infrastructure

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Reaffirming the focus on sustained maintenance of Smart City assets and improved public convenience, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), conducted a late-night inspection of Srinagar's Central Business District (CBD) on Monday, covering Ghanta Ghar, Sheikh Bagh Car Parking and mechanised car parking facility at Lal Chowk.

The inspection aimed to assess the condition of civic infrastructure and public amenities developed under the Smart City Mission, identify maintenance gaps and ensure prompt corrective action.

During the inspection, Dr. Basharat directed the concerned officers to address identified deficiencies on priority, initiate necessary repairs and restoration measures without delay, and ensure the timely completion of pending works, with particular emphasis on illumination, parking management and the functionality of public conveniences.

At Lal Chowk, the CEO directed regular maintenance and timely repair of streetlights, illumination systems and façade lighting to maintain the area's visual appeal and ensure adequate illumination. At Sheikh Bagh, he instructed the concerned officers to



restore and maintain the community sanitary complex near the car parking facility and expedite the completion of the public convenience facility on the first floor, ensuring that both facilities are made operational for public use.

He further directed the officers to examine the feasibility of an alternative access route at Sheikh Bagh Car Parking to streamline vehicular movement and ease congestion. At the mechanised car parking facility in Lal Chowk, the concerned officers were in-

structed to undertake necessary repairs and restore the high-mast lighting system to ensure adequate illumination.

Emphasising the need for sustained upkeep of Smart City assets, Dr. Basharat called for regular field inspections, preventive maintenance and swift resolution of operational deficiencies. He directed the concerned officers to closely monitor the progress of corrective works and ensure that all public facilities remain functional, accessible and

properly maintained.

The inspection underscores SSCL's commitment to asset sustainability, reliable public services and citizen-centric urban management, ensuring that infrastructure developed under the Smart City Mission continues to serve the people of Srinagar efficiently and effectively.

The CEO was accompanied by the Chief Engineer, SSCL; Superintending Engineer, Drainage Circle, SMC; Executive Engineer, SSCL; and other officials of SMC and SSCL.

DC Srinagar participates in Dussehra Celebrations, Bhandara at Kali Mata Mandir Magarmal Bagh

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On the occasion of Dussehra, celebrated with great reverence, which symbolizes the victory of good over evil, a devotional Bhandara celebrations were organised at Kali Mata Mandir Magarmal Bagh with all fervor and rituals.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo also paid a visit to the Mandir and participated in the Hawan and bhandara.

The event witnessed the presence of devotees from various parts of the district and paid their reverence at the temple.

The bhandara was also organized with devotees coming together at the temple to mark the festival. The gathering highlighted the importance of traditions and community participation in celebrating this auspicious occasion of Dusherra



DC Kupwara chairs meeting to finalize Action Plan under Aspirational Block Programme for Keran

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Abhishek Sharma, today convened a meeting of district and sectoral officers to formulate a comprehensive Action Plan under the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) for the border block of Keran.

During the meeting, threadbare deliberations were held on key developmental parameters, civic amenities, livelihood generation, and tourism infrastructure aimed at transforming Keran into a model block.

Addressing the officers, the DC emphasized that developmental interventions must cover every village within the block and be based on ground-level need analysis to deliver tangible, outcome-oriented results.

Focusing on the visual and ecological profile of the area, the DC instructed the line departments to renovate all government buildings across the block to create. He further directed officers to proactively institute scientific waste management systems to safeguard the local environment, alongside installing proper street lighting, standardized signages,



and ensuring regular maintenance and upkeep of existing public assets.

To tap the border region's scenic potential, the DC stressed the identification and development of additional tourist attractions and directed the Chief Executive Officer, Lolab-Bangus-Drangyari Development Authority (LBDDA), to collaborate with relevant departments to explore landscape devel-

opment and aesthetic enhancement throughout the block.

Concluding the meeting, the DC directed all participating departments to submit their sector-specific, need-based proposals without delay so that a consolidated, outcome-oriented Action Plan can be finalized for prompt execution.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive

Officer LBDDA Farooq Ahmad Baba, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad, District Programme Officer (DPO) ICDS Aijaz Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer (CPO), along with senior officers and engineers from Education, Health, Public Works (PWD), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), and Youth Services & Sports (YSS).

District Admin Kupwara organizes Special Camps across District for distribution of SVAMITVA Property Cards

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The District Administration Kupwara, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Abhishek Sharma, today organized special camps across all tehsils of the district for the distribution of property cards to eligible beneficiaries under the SVAMITVA Scheme.

The camps were organized across 12 tehsils including Handwara, Kralpora, Kupwara, Lalpora, Langate, Lolab-Sogam, Machill, Qalambad, Ramhall, Trehgam, Vilgam and Zachaldara, covering 43 villages, including remote and far-flung areas such as Machill, Chontipora, Tarathpora, Paddergund, Sharkote, Tangcheck, Sultanpur, Turkpora, Siver Thandipora and Muqam Lolab, among others.

A total of 741 property cards were distributed among eligible beneficiaries during the camps held today. The distribution process was carried out by Tehsildars and other revenue officials,



including Naib Tehsildars and Patwaris, who facilitated the handover of property cards to the beneficiaries.

To ensure effective coordination and proper monitoring of the distrib-

ution process, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad Khan, has been designated as the Nodal Officer. The District Administration informed that special distribution

camps will continue to be organized on a large scale across the district to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive their SVAMITVA property cards in a timely and systematic manner.

DC Srinagar visits UPHC Lal Bazar, presides over Registration camp for senior citizens

SRINAGAR OCTOBER 19:

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Monday visited the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) Lal Bazar and presided over an awareness cum registration camp for senior citizens aged 70 years and above under the Vay Vandana Scheme.

The programme on Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme was a part of District Administration's outreach efforts to ensure maximum coverage of eligible senior citizens aged

70 years and above under the scheme providing additional health support of Rs 5 Lakh over and above the existing cover aimed to strengthen senior citizen health security.

The DC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, IAS Probationer, Aakash Garg, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad, Tehsildar Eidgah, mohamamd Iqbal Zargar, ZMO Zadibal, Dr Rubeeza Aziz, ZMO SR Gunj, Dr Shafiqat Medical Superintendent Government Gousia Hospital, Dr Zahida Gul and

other District Officers.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner led an Awareness-cum-Registration Camp on Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme of Government organized by Zonal Medical Officer, Zadibal which witnessed enthusiastic participation from elderly residents from Lal Bazar, Mandibal, Nowshahra, Botshah Mohalla, Baghwanapora and other adjoining areas. The participants were sensitised about the benefits and advantages of the scheme and the process for registration.

Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted the significance of the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card and urged all eligible senior citizens aged 70 years and above to enrol under the scheme.

He said the initiative aims to strengthen healthcare security for the elderly by providing health coverage of Rs 5 lakh and reducing the financial burden of medical treatment, thereby ensuring greater access to healthcare and promoting dignity, well-being and a better quality of life in their later years.

DC Ganderbal felicitates winners at culmination of 70th National School Games 2026

GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 19: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, today attended the culmination ceremony of the 70th National School Games 2026 at Physical College Gadoora, Ganderbal, where she interacted with participating players and congratulated the winners for their outstanding performances.

During the event, the DC congratulated the winning teams and players for their dedication, discipline and sporting spirit. She also encouraged the runners up to remain motivated, continue working hard and view every competition as an opportunity to learn, improve and achieve greater success.

Emphasising the importance of sports in a student's life, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that participation in games promotes physical fitness, mental well-being, discipline, teamwork and leadership. She observed that sports also instil values of perseverance, mutual respect and resilience, which are essential for success in all walks of life.

The DC appreciated the Department of Youth Services and Sports for its efforts in organising the event and ensuring the smooth conduct of the sporting competitions. She under-



scored the importance of providing young athletes with opportunities to showcase their talent and encouraged students to actively participate in sports alongside their academic pursuits.

The event celebrated the talent and sporting achievements of young participants while promoting sports-

manship, healthy competition and the spirit of excellence among students.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Joint Director Sports, District Officer Youth Services and Sports, and other concerned officers and officials.