

## DC Srinagar Akshay Labroo conducts comprehensive visit of Mir Behri Dal Khushipora HMT

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**SRINAGAR:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Saturday conducted a comprehensive visit to various areas of the City and Imambargahs in interior localities of Mir Behri Dal and Khushipora HMT to review the arrangements made for the smooth and peaceful observance of Muharram processions and to also take stock of the developmental needs of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; PO, ICDS, Bureeda Majeed; Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid; IAS Probationer, Alfred Thomas; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Superintending Engineer R&B, Shabir Ahmad; CEO, Ghulam Mohi Din; BMO Hazratbal, Dr Ab Majeed; Executive Engineers R&B, Farid Khan; Executive Engineer R&B, Arif Hazari; Executive Engineer, KPD-CK, Abrar Ahmad; Secre-



tary LCMA, Mohammad Altaf Bhat; Executive Engineer PHE, Muzamil Ahmad; DSWO, Mohammad Yousuf and senior Officers from the Departments of Health, Fire & Emergency Services, Forest and other line departments.

During the visit, the DC held a series of meetings with local representatives and community members at Mir Behri Dal, Nandpora, Moti Mohalla, Zaldar Mohalla and Khushipora HMT. In the presence of Officers from all concerned departments, the DC reviewed the preparations made for Muharram and inspected facilities related to sanitation, electricity, drinking water

supply, healthcare and other essential services. On the occasion, the DC emphasized elaborate arrangements with sustained efforts facilitating the observance of important proceedings and Muharram processions. He directed the Officers to ensure seamless inter departmental coordination for proper sanitation, lighting, electricity and water supply and other essential services around the Imambaras and the procession routes.

Interacting with community representatives, the DC assured them that the District Administration has put in place all necessary measures to facilitate mourn-

ers during the Muharram period. He issued several on-the-spot directions to concerned Departments and stressed the need for sustained efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of religious proceedings and processions. The DC also listened to public issues and developmental demands raised by the residents of the areas. He assured them that genuine concerns, particularly those related to the upgradation of water supply systems, drainage infrastructure, healthcare and education facilities as well as dredging of interior portions of the Dal, would be addressed on a priority basis.

## DC Anantnag Assesses preparedness of various departments for SANJY-2026

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**ANANTNAG:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag (Yatra Officer Pahalgam Axis), Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat today visited Nunwan Base Camp Pahalgam, to assess the preparedness of various departments for the ensuing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026.

The DC was accompanied by CEO PDA, ADC, SEs R&B, Jal Shakti and KPDC, SDMs Bijbehara and Pahalgam, CMO, Tehsildar, Police Officers, Exens of various engineering wings, ULB and F&ES officials and other concerned officials.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive inspection of facilities and logistical arrangements being established for the pilgrims. He reviewed accommodation, sanitation, drinking water supply, power availability, healthcare services, security arrangements, and other essential amenities at the base camp.

Emphasizing the significance of SANJY as one of the country's most important religious pilgrimages, Dr. Bilal directed all departments to work in close coordination and ensure that every facility is put in place well before the commencement of the Yatra. He stressed the need to maintain high standards of



cleanliness, efficient service delivery, and robust emergency response mechanisms to facilitate a safe and comfortable pilgrimage experience. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress of ongoing infrastructure and developmental works at the base camp and instructed the executing agencies to expedite pending works and adhere strictly to prescribed timelines.

Subsequently, the DC chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Pahalgam Club, where department-wise preparedness and the progress of arrangements were discussed in detail. He directed the officers to ensure flawless coordination for a smooth and successful conduct of SANJY-2026.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner

interacted with representatives of Tent Associations, Trade Associations, Pony Associations, and other stakeholders associated with the Yatra. He patiently heard their suggestions and assured them that all genuine issues would be addressed on priority adding that keeping with the tradition they have a huge role during the forthcoming Yatra.

Retierating the administration's commitment to ensuring successful conduct of the pilgrimage, the DC stressed on maintaining high standards of readiness by all stakeholders so the best possible facilities are provided to the visiting devotees. The district administration is undertaking extensive measures to ensure that SANJY-2026 is conducted in a safe, organized, and pilgrim-friendly manner.

## Dr. Owais reviews progress of WVP-II in Purana Tulail & Neeru Villages of Gurez Valley

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**BANDIPORA:** Director Skill Development Department and Prabhari Officer for Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) for the villages of Purana Tulail and Neeru in Block Tulail, Dr. Owais Ahmed, today undertook an extensive visit to the two border villages to review the implementation of developmental initiatives under the Vibrant Village Programme and assess the progress of various government schemes being executed in the area.

The visit was accompanied by officers from various line departments, including Rural Development, Education, Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Public Health Engineering, Power Development Department, Social Welfare, and other stakeholder departments.

During the visit, Dr. Owais Ahmed held detailed interactions with residents, community representatives, youth, women, and local stakeholders at Government Higher Secondary School Purana Tulail and later at

Government Middle School Neeru.

The meetings provided a platform for the local population to highlight their developmental needs, aspirations, and concerns relating to infrastructure, public services, livelihood generation, education, healthcare, connectivity, drinking water supply, skill development, tourism potential, and welfare schemes.

Addressing the gatherings, Dr. Owais Ahmed emphasized that the Vibrant Village Programme envisions the comprehensive and sustainable development of remote border villages, transforming them into vibrant centres of economic activity, social progress, and improved quality of life. He underscored the importance of ensuring convergence among different government departments to deliver tangible benefits to the people and bridge developmental gaps in far-flung areas.

The Prabhari Officer stressed that the programme is not merely focused on infrastructure creation but also aims at strengthening livelihoods, promoting local entrepre-

neurship, enhancing access to essential services, and creating opportunities for youth and women. He assured the residents that all genuine issues raised during the interactions would be taken up with the concerned departments for timely resolution.

During the course of his visit, Dr. Owais Ahmed also visited Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Gurez, where he conducted a comprehensive review of the institute's functioning and infrastructure. He inspected the available facilities, assessed the status of skill development programmes being offered, and interacted with students and faculty members. He encouraged the trainees to make optimum use of the opportunities available under various skill development initiatives and emphasized the importance of vocational education in enhancing employability and self-reliance among youth.

At Middle School Neeru, the Director also interacted with students and teaching staff, inquiring about their academic activities, learning environment, and educational aspirations. He

motivated the students to pursue their studies with dedication and avail the benefits of various educational and skill development programmes being implemented by the Government.

Dr. Owais Ahmed also reviewed the status of ongoing and proposed developmental works under various schemes and sought department-wise updates from the officers present. He directed the field functionaries to maintain close coordination, ensure effective implementation of approved projects, and prepare realistic action plans based on the specific requirements of the villages.

The officers from different departments apprised the Prabhari Officer about the developmental interventions undertaken in the villages and informed the gathering about various beneficiary-oriented schemes available for local residents. They also responded to queries raised by the participants and explained the modalities for availing benefits under different government programmes.

The local residents appreciated the initiative of conducting on-the-spot consultations and expressed hope that the Vibrant Village Programme would accelerate the pace of development in the region. They highlighted several priority issues and developmental requirements, seeking continued administrative support for the socio-economic advancement of the villages. The visit forms part of the ongoing efforts of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to ensure participatory planning and effective implementation of the Vibrant Village Programme in strategically important border areas. The programme seeks to create robust infrastructure, strengthen service delivery, generate sustainable livelihood opportunities, and improve the overall living standards of residents in remote frontier villages.

The proceedings concluded with a reaffirmation of the administration's commitment to making Purana Tulail and Neeru, model vibrant villages through coordinated developmental interventions and active community participation.

## ADC Anantnag emphasises data accuracy, timely completion of Census operations

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**ANANTNAG:** A review meeting regarding the ongoing Census-2027 operations was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) who is also District Census Officer, Anantnag, Vikas Ahlawat today at DC Office.

The meeting was attended by District Statistics and Evaluation Officer (Additional District Census Officer), Charge Officers (Tehsildars and EOs of MCs) and other concerned officials.

The purpose of the meeting was to assess the progress of HLO activities, coverage of migratory population and preparedness for 2nd Phase (Population Enumeration) in snow bound areas. Detailed discussions were held on these important aspects of the Census-2027 exercise during the meeting. While reviewing the coverage of migratory population, it was informed that lists of registered grazers and Pony Walas obtained from concerned authorities have been shared with all Charge Officers to ensure comprehensive census coverage before their migration to higher pastures. The Charge Officers were directed to fur-



nish Action Taken Reports (ATRs) regarding the completion of the exercise.

The chair was informed that progress reports regarding completion of HLOs are being shared with all Charge Officers on a daily basis to facilitate regular monitoring and ensure timely completion of census activities. Regarding snow-bound areas, it was informed that 17 such revenue villages have been identified in the District after obtaining requisite information from the Tehsildars. The Charge Officers were directed to examine the requirements and furnish inputs regarding inclusion of any additional villages, if required.

The meeting also reviewed preparations for the next phase of Census operations.

The ADC issued directions to furnish necessary information regarding the estimated number of Enumeration Blocks (EBs) for the second phase of Census-2027 as per the directions received from the Directorate of Census Operations.

The District Census Officer stressed upon all concerned officers to maintain close coordination, ensure accuracy in data collection and complete all preparatory activities within the stipulated timelines. He further directed the officers to regularly monitor the progress and promptly address any issues arising during the census preparations adding that data accuracy and adherence to SOPs be ensured by all Census-2027 functionaries.

## ADDC Shopian chairs district road safety review meeting

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**SHOPIAN:** Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee to review the road safety scenario in the district and assess measures being undertaken for reducing road accidents and associated casualties.

At the outset, the chair was informed that road safety meetings are conducted regularly with the objective of minimizing road accidents and associated casualties through coordinated efforts in the areas of engineering



improvements, enforcement, public awareness and emergency response.

The meeting reviewed the status of road safety in the district, enforcement measures, identification of accident prone locations, safety audits of bridges and public buildings, action taken on

previous decisions, road safety planning for 2026-27 and recommendations for future interventions.

During the meeting, a detailed data regarding road accidents, enforcement activities and safety audits was presented before the chair. It was informed

that during the year 2026, a total of 27 road accidents were reported in the district, including three fatal and 24 non fatal accidents. The committee was further informed that 100 percent road accident cases are being monitored and uploaded on the designated road safety portal to facilitate timely analysis, monitoring and corrective action.

Regarding enforcement measures, it was informed that during the current financial year 2026-27, the Motor Vehicles Department issued 224 challans, with penalties amounting to Rs 4.10 lakh. The chair was informed

that corrective measures have been undertaken at accident prone locations and other vulnerable road stretches identified through accident analysis. Concerned departments have taken necessary interventions including installation of signages, improvement of road markings, strengthening of safety infrastructure and other preventive measures aimed at reducing accident risks.

He stressed upon the adoption of the 4E Strategy—Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Care for effective road safety management. The chair also directed the

concerned officers to intensify awareness campaigns regarding the RahVeer Scheme so that maximum people become aware of its benefits and are encouraged to assist road accident victims during emergencies. He emphasized wider publicity through educational institutions, social media platforms and public outreach programmes.

The meeting was attended by ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, Project Director NHAI, Dy.SP, DAR, Executive Engineers from PMGSY, R&B and I&FC, Dy. Sp Traffic, ARTO, representatives from BRO, and SDRF Shopian.

## Preparations completed for International Day of Yoga 2026 in Shopian

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**SHOPIAN:** In order to ensure meticulous planning and seamless conduct of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026 celebrations at the district level, a preparatory meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, in the meeting hall of the Mini Secretariat, Shopian.

The meeting reviewed in detail the arrangements and logistical requirements for the successful observance of the International Day of Yoga, which is scheduled to be celebrated on June 21, 2026, at the Mini Secretariat, Shopian. During the deliberations, a comprehensive assessment of the preparedness of all stakeholder departments was undertaken. The ADC emphasized coordinated efforts among all concerned agencies to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the event. Specific responsibilities were assigned to the concerned departments and officers for effective execution of the programme.

Key arrangements reviewed included adequate security measures, supply of yoga mats and yoga dresses, establishment of connectivity for live streaming of the event, installation of an outdoor LED screen and

Public Address System (PAS), provision of drinking water supply, refreshments, medical aid and emergency response services, deployment of mobile toilet facilities, besides other necessary arrangements.

The ADC directed all concerned departments to remain fully prepared and ensure that all assigned tasks are completed well in time so that the event is conducted in a befitting manner.

It was informed during the meeting that, in addition to the main district-level event at Mini Secretariat, parallel yoga sessions shall also be organized at GDC Shopian, GDC Zainapora, SDM Office Zainapora and Indoor Stadium Arhama.

Besides, yoga programmes will be conducted at all 11 AYUSH Arogya Mandir Centres and one AYUSH Unit in the district in collaboration with 12 Government UPS, MS, HS and HSS institutions to promote mass participation and spread awareness about the benefits of yoga.

The meeting was attended by ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; Principal GDC Shopian, Prof. Tariq Hussain Mir; GM DIC Shopian, Shurjil Naik; ASP Shopian, Rameez Raja, District Ayush Officer, district and sectoral officers and representatives of various departments of the district.

## Lead Bank Bandipora, CFL organise awareness camp on financial inclusion for fishermen at Kulhama

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**BANDIPORA:** On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, a Special Night Awareness Camp on Financial Inclusion was organized at Kulhama village of Bandipora by the Lead Bank Bandipora in collaboration with the Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL).

The programme was specifically conducted for the fishermen community of Kulhama, who remain engaged in their livelihood activities during the daytime and are generally unavailable to participate in awareness programmes. During the camp, participants were sensitized about various fi-

nancial inclusion initiatives, social security schemes, banking services and government welfare programmes aimed at improving financial security and economic well-being. Awareness was also generated regarding the growing threat of cyber frauds and the precautionary measures required to safeguard against online financial scams.

The Deputy Commissioner, who attended the programme virtually, appreciated the efforts of Lead Bank Bandipora, Centre for Financial Literacy and participating NGOs for organizing the awareness camp at a time convenient for the fishermen community. She urged the fishermen to avail the

benefits of various social security and financial inclusion schemes and emphasized the importance of financial literacy in improving their economic well-being and securing their future.

Lead District Manager (LDM) Bandipora, Liaqat Maqbool, highlighted the importance of financial literacy and urged participants to avail the benefits of various banking and social security schemes. Representatives from NGOs, RSETI and other stakeholders also participated in the programme and interacted with the fishermen community. A large number of fishermen attended the awareness camp and appreciated the initiative for



bringing important financial information and services directly to their doorstep during a convenient time.

The programme concluded with an interactive session during

which participants raised queries related to banking services, Government schemes and financial assistance programmes, which were addressed by the resource persons.