

## Delegations, public representatives call on LG Manoj Sinha in Jammu



**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**  
Several public representatives, institutional heads and delegations called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Friday and discussed a range of social, educational and professional issues. BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta met the Lieutenant Governor and held discussions on matters of public importance.

In a separate meeting, Mohammad Iqbal Ahangar, Chairman of the OBC Welfare Association, J&K UT, and former President of the Municipal Committee Doorn-Vernag, called on the Lieutenant Governor and apprised him of issues related to the welfare of Other Backward Classes. Chairman of Jammu Sanskriti School, Harpreet Singh, also met the Lieutenant Governor and

briefed him about the school's upcoming exhibition centred on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He was accompanied by Rohini Sharma, Principal and Vice Chairperson of the school, along with Ms Meena Kumari and Ms Pooja Wazir, Coordinators. The Lieutenant Governor gave a patient hearing to the delegations and assured appropriate consideration of the issues highlighted.

## CS assesses cyber security framework implementation across J&K

Sets deadlines for asset inventorization and SDC augmentation

**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress achieved under the Cyber Security Action Plan being implemented across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of all departments, Inspector General of Police (Crime), Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations, Deputy Director General, NIC, Chief Executive Officer, J&KGA, and other senior officers concerned.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary undertook a comprehensive review of the initiatives launched to strengthen the cyber security architecture of the UT. He assessed the status of decommissioning of redundant government websites and sought updates on the security audit of departmental portals, installation of Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) and Unified Endpoint Management (UEM) solutions in the offices of Heads of Departments, besides other measures aimed at safeguarding government digital infrastructure against emerging cyber threats. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress of key projects, including



augmentation of the State Data Centre (SDC), operationalization of a Mini Security Operations Centre (SOC), adoption of official government e-mail IDs by employees, expansion of Government Drive usage, and capacity-building initiatives undertaken to promote cyber hygiene across departments.

Stressing the need for a holistic and robust protection mechanism for IT assets, the Chief Secretary directed that all concerned Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to complete the inventorization of IT assets on the e-SAM portal within the next one month to strengthen monitoring and security of government assets.

He further instructed the NIC to prepare a comprehensive action plan within a month for augmenting the capacity of the State Data Centre and implementing additional cyber security measures to make the system foolproof across J&K. Earlier the IGP, Crime, Sujit Singh apprised the meeting

about a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of cyber forensic capabilities at CICE, J&K. He added that the process involves a detailed examination of existing systems, emerging requirements and future-ready initiatives aimed at strengthening cyber forensic infrastructure across the UT.

Singh further apprised that a structured three-phase approach has been adopted for this purpose. The first phase focuses on a thorough evaluation of technical specifications and proposed tools required for the establishment of CICE and Cyber Police Stations.

The second phase involves examination of these tools in the context of emerging cyber threats such as deep fakes, encrypted mobile communications and data breaches. The third phase entails comparative analysis and consultations regarding the latest tools available in the market. During the meeting, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Dr. Piyush Singla, gave detailed overview of the

implementation of cyber security plan in J&K. He informed that the security audit of departmental websites has been completed, and 35 redundant websites have been decommissioned after due consultation with the concerned departments. He further apprised that EDR and UEM solutions have been successfully deployed across the Civil Secretariat complexes in Jammu and Srinagar, covering nearly 5,100 devices, with an additional 15,000 devices in HoD offices scheduled to be secured by January 2026.

The meeting was also informed that 28 departments have initiated the census of IT assets following nomination of users, while 14 departments have been asked to expedite the process. With regard to the adoption of official government e-mail IDs, it was informed that the user base has reached 1.81 lakh, with about 35,000 users added since May 2025, and 3,500 requests processed since the last review meeting.

Other cyber security initiatives discussed included deployment of 19 honey pots by the department, with CERT-In scheduled to provide training for their effective usage. It was also revealed that the white listing of USB/pen drives remains limited to 30 cases, while the number of Government Drive users has increased to 318 across departments.

CEO, J&KGA, Mahima Madan, briefed the meeting on key interventions undertaken by the agency, including migration of select applications to the national MeghRaj Cloud, augmentation of the State Data Centre, operationalization of the MiniSOC at Jammu, which is planned to be upgraded into a full-fledged SOC and the phased migration of government websites from IPv4 to IPv6 by the end of the current year. Emphasizing a proactive and coordinated approach to cyber security, the Chief Secretary underscored that robust digital safety mechanisms are vital for ensuring efficiency, transparency, and reliability in governance. He directed all departments to work in close coordination with the IT Department, plug existing gaps, adopt best cyber security practices, and complete all pending tasks within the stipulated timelines.

## Pahari Student Wing delegation meets Secretary PAB

**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

A delegation of the Pahari Student Wing today held a constructive meeting with Secretary of the Pahari Advisory Board Sapna Kotwal. The discussion focused on the welfare and infrastructure supporting Pahari students across the Union Territory. The delegation commended the proactive efforts of the PAB toward streamlining and improving the functioning of pahari hostels across J&K, acknowledging their vital role in facilitating education.

Sapna Kotwal shared significant updates, announcing that two new pahari hostels are in the advanced stages of planning and are expected to be established shortly. This expansion aims to further augment student accommodation and support, she added. Furthermore, Sapna Kotwal outlined her upcoming schedule, indicating that she will soon embark on a tour of the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch. "The primary objectives of this visit are to engage directly with students residing in the pahari hostels, and hold

consultations with prominent members of civil society," she added. The tour is intended to get first-hand appraisal and address the concerns and needs of the community. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to the educational advancement and welfare of Pahari students in Jammu & Kashmir. The visiting delegation was comprised of Saif Qureshi, Anirudh Sharma, Rishiv Sharma, Hilal Ahmed Malik, Usman Khwaja and Sulaiman Khan.

## Revenue officials imparted skill training on digitization of land records in Poonch



**GY CORRESPONDENT POONCH, DEC 19**

The Revenue department Poonch organised a training for Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, GQs and patwaries under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP). The training focused on Digitization of the Revenue record and freezing of digitized jamaabandies. While taking stock of the progress achieved so far,

Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma emphasized ensuring accuracy, transparency and timely completion of digitization activities. He directed the Tehsildars to ensure the quality checks and integration of records with the centralized database. He also instructed the field staff to redouble their efforts in maintaining up-to-date, error-free records and ensuring timely service delivery.

## TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan

## DC Rajouri stresses intensive testing for early case detection

**GY CORRESPONDENT RAJOURI, DEC 19**

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of the TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan in the district and to strengthen strategies aimed at achieving the national goal of tuberculosis elimination.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the overall strategies and actionable plans focused on accelerating TB case detection, improving treatment outcomes and ensuring effective inter-departmental coordination. He emphasized the need for timely diagnosis, uninterrupted community and enhanced community participation to make the treatment (TPT) and lost follow-up mechanisms. The concerned officers



active TB patients, engagement of Nikshay Miras, distribution of Poshan Kits, and progress on diagnostic services including NAAT tests, microscopy and X-ray facilities. He also reviewed the functioning of the District Tuberculosis Centre (DTC), cases with consent pending, implementation of TB Preventive Treatment (TPT) and lost follow-up mechanisms. The concerned officers

were directed to intensify active case finding, ensure regular follow-up of patients, and strengthen nutritional and social support to TB patients. The meeting was attended by DSEO Rajouri, Sandeep Sharma, CMO Rajouri, Dr. Manohar Lal Rana, District Tuberculosis Officer and other concerned officials. All Block Medical Officers joined the meeting virtually.

## Workshop on packaging, designing held at Poonch



**GY CORRESPONDENT POONCH, DEC 19**

The Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Srinagar, organized a one-day capacity building workshop on packaging and branding under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme at Poonch. The workshop aimed to bridge the gap between traditional craftsmanship and contemporary market requirements by equipping participants with modern skills and market-oriented knowledge. Chief Planning Officer Poonch Shama An Ahmed graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and emphasized the transformative role of

effective packaging and branding in converting traditional crafts into sustainable and profitable livelihoods. The workshop featured comprehensive technical sessions focusing on modern packaging techniques, innovative branding approaches, product presentation, and strategic market positioning. Expert faculty from NIFT Srinagar shared practical insights aligned with contemporary design sensibilities and evolving national and international market trends, enabling artisans to add value to their products and enhance their commercial viability. Jiginder Mangol Assistant Director Handicraft and Handloom Poonch reiterated the department's steadfast commitment under the RAMP Scheme to provide

institutional support, continuous skill upgradation, and strong market linkages to the artisan community. He said that such capacity-building initiatives are vital not only for economic empowerment but also for the preservation and promotion of the region's rich cultural heritage. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from artisans, weavers, and departmental officials and concluded with an interactive session where participants' queries were effectively addressed. The initiative was widely appreciated as a meaningful step toward empowering artisans and promoting the handicraft and handloom heritage of Jammu & Kashmir through innovation, professionalism, and market-driven skill development.

## Workshop on packaging, branding held for artisans, weavers at Udhampur

**GY CORRESPONDENT UDHAMPUR, DEC 19**

Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology Srinagar, on Friday successfully organised a one-day capacity building workshop on packaging and branding under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance scheme at Udhampur.

The workshop aimed to bridge the gap between traditional craftsmanship and contemporary market requirements by equipping participants with modern skills and market-oriented knowledge. Joint Director Handicrafts Jammu Mamta Devi graced the occasion as the chief guest. She emphasized the transformative role of effective packaging and branding in converting traditional crafts into sustainable and profitable livelihoods.

Assistant Director Handloom Roopali Mahajan attended as special guest. Assistant Director Handicrafts & Handloom Udhampur Ujjwal Sanyal and other departmental officials were also present on the occasion. The workshop featured comprehensive technical sessions focusing on modern packaging techniques, innovative branding approaches, product presentation and strategic positioning. Expert faculty from NIFT Srinagar shared practical insights aligned with contemporary design sensibilities and evolving national and international market trends, enabling artisans to add value to their products and enhance their commercial viability. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from artisans, weavers and departmental officials and concluded with an interactive session where participants' queries were effectively addressed.

## 87 teachers served notices, one suspended over MDM, Academic Lapses in Poonch

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In a firm move to enforce accountability and improve the quality of education and student welfare, the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Rajouri Mohammad Hafiz has served explanation notices to 87 Masters and Teachers and placed one teacher under suspension after conducting district-wide surprise inspection of government schools. The action followed the constitution of a panel of senior officers by the CEO to monitor regularity, punctuality,

work culture, academic standards and effective implementation of the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. The inspection teams conducted comprehensive surprise inspections of government schools across district Rajouri on December 18. As per inspection reports, 14 schools were found providing substandard Mid-Day Meals not in conformity with the approved menu, raising serious concerns over students' nutritional well-being. In 10 schools, discrepancies were detected between

actual student attendance and the data uploaded on the ARMS portal. The inspections further revealed misutilization of School Infrastructure Fund (SIF) in 13 schools, while 9 schools had improperly utilized Samagra Shiksha grants. In another 9 schools, items shown as purchased were not physically available during inspection. Additionally, 15 schools failed to maintain mandatory store stock registers, indicating serious financial and administrative lapses.

## Power shutdown

**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Rehari, Karan Nagar, Manda, Governor House and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 20 from 9 am to 1.30 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Premanagar, Thathri, Dhara, Changa, Chandoh, Changa, Bhatvas, Doda Town, GMC Doda and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 20 and 21 from 9 am to 4 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Jogwan, Sohail Bhalwal, Battal and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 20 and 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to R/Sin. Devik and Jakhani will remain affected on December 21 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

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