

Amit motivates JKL DCO Officers during inauguration of Houselisting Training for Census 2027

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 JAMMU: Amit Sharma, Director Census Operations (DCO) & Director Citizen Registration (DCR), Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh inaugurated an all-important three days training programme at Jammu for officers of Directorate of Census Operations wherein they shall be given detailed training by two National Trainers, who are currently serving as Joint Director and Deputy Director here.



DCO & DCR, GoI, MHA for UTs of J&K and Ladakh, Amit Sharma chairing a training session at Jammu on Wednesday.

deep gratitude for taking several positive and visible initiatives in the Directorate since his joining in J&K and Ladakh and conducting several acts which are critical during the peaking time of Census 2027. During the inaugural address, Amit Sharma shared several unique features of upcoming Census 2027 and detailed outline about 1st

phase of Houselisting and Housing Census - Census 2027 to be conducted in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. He also mentioned that nodal officers in the shape of 'Census Prabhari' for each district would be designated from amongst the best trainees only and hence the level of understanding should

be such that queries can be addressed from all possible quarters at ground level by them. Amit emphasised that this three day training should be the strongest foundation for the successful conduct for

Census 2027 which will be the first Census through digital means after independence. He reiterated that it is a golden opportunity for achieving the goal of establishing "Census as a Service" (CaaS) and encouraged all trainees to give 100% effort towards learning all concepts thoroughly to disseminating them further to the UT administration officers, charge officers and field functionaries as it is. Amit also directed the trainees to take full benefit of the intensive training received by the two National Trainers whom they should ask and clarify all possible doubts and queries.



NATF Chairman seeks blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi for peaceful, terror-free India, world



NATF Chairman, Vishal Chopra during visit to Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan in Katra.

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 KATRA: Vishal Chopra, National Chairman of the National Anti-Terrorism Front (NATF), along with his team and advisors, paid obeisance at the holy shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan in Katra on

Monday. The delegation offered prayers to Mata Rani, seeking blessings for peace, prosperity, and progress of India, while strongly praying for a terror-free nation and a peaceful world. Emphasising harmony and unity, Chopra

also prayed for enduring peace in Jammu and Kashmir and across the globe. Speaking on the occasion, Vishal Chopra said, "We prayed to Mata Rani for India's advancement, prosperity, and overall well-being. Above all, we sought her divine blessings for a peaceful, terror-free world and lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Unity and harmony are essential in our collective fight against terrorism." The team sought divine guidance and strength to continue contributing towards nation-building and to work relentlessly for a secure, peaceful, and prosperous India.

Workshop organised for Registrars, Sub-Registrars of Jammu Province

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 JAMMU: The Department of Registration, Jammu & Kashmir organized a one-day workshop on Wednesday here at the Convention Centre for Registrars, Sub-Registrars and supporting staff from across the Jammu Province. Inspector General of Registration, J&K Dr. Bashir Ahmed Bhat was the Chief Guest. The programme was designed to refresh professional knowledge, familiarize officers with recent legal developments, procedural clarifications and best practices besides providing a platform for sharing practical field-level experiences. The workshop which was attended by about 60 officials, including Registrars, Sub Registrars, Tehsildars, State Taxes Officer and others. The sessions focused on



IG Registration, J&K Dr. Bashir Ahmed Bhat along with Registrars, Sub-Registrars.

registration of documents, stamp duty, paperless registration, digital processes and allied revenue laws, highlighting the importance of accuracy, transparency and citizen-centric service delivery. Additional Inspector General of Registration Jammu, Pankaj Gupta welcomed the participants and underscored the significance of continuous skill upgradation and legal orientation for registration personnel. In his inaugural address, Inspector General of Registration, J&K, Dr. Bashir Ahmed Bhat, emphasized the multifac-

eted responsibilities of Registrars and Sub-Registrars in ensuring lawful registration, proper revenue collection and efficient public service delivery. He further informed that the Department would shortly initiate the paperless registration module in various Sub-Registrar Offices across the Jammu Division, with the objective of enhancing transparency, efficiency and ease of service delivery. The sessions were conducted by experienced and knowledgeable resource persons, including Mohan Singh Parihar, Retired District & Sessions Judge,

representatives from Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), the Revenue Department and the Commissioner of Stamps, J&K. Participants were encouraged to actively engage in discussions, share field experiences and seek clarifications, ensuring an interactive and practical learning environment. Key Highlights of the Workshop included understanding the duties, legal powers and quasi-judicial responsibilities of Registrars and Sub-Registrars, updates on stamp duty provisions, common errors and best practices for field-level imple-

mentation, Hands-on exposure to SHCIL e-Stamping and digital platforms for secure and efficient registration, Introduction to paperless registration and NGDRS functionalities, promoting transparency and faster service delivery, Application of revenue laws, property valuation norms and compliance procedures to improve accuracy in document registration. The workshop reflects the Department's continued commitment to capacity building, operational efficiency, transparency and citizen satisfaction in registration-related services. The programme was attended by Dr. Gurvinder Jeet Singh, Registrar Udhampur; Khalid Hussain, Registrar Jammu; Virender Gupta, Registrar Reasi; Manisha Koul, Registrar Samba and Rajesh Basotra, Registrar Kathua along with Sub-Registrars of the Registration Department, their supporting staff and officers from the Stamps Revenue Department participated in the said training program both through virtual and physical mode.

VC, NIEPA inaugurates Regional SLA Review & Planning Workshop in Jammu



VC NIEPA, Prof. Shashikala Wanjari and dignitaries releasing workshop brochure.

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 JAMMU: The Regional Review and Planning Workshop of School Leadership Academies (SLAs) was inaugurated in Jammu by Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA. A three-day Regional Review and Planning Workshop of School Leadership Academies (SLAs) organised by SCERT Jammu & Kashmir; Divisional Office Jammu, under the aegis of the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA, New Delhi. The workshop organised under the guidance of Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director SCERT Jammu and Kashmir and Director School Education Jammu, brings together SLA representatives from Punjab, Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir to review progress,

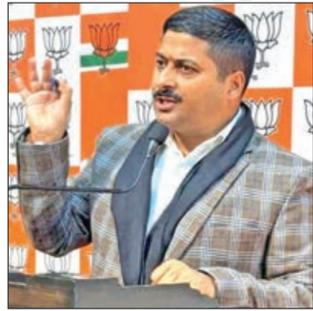
share best practices and strengthen strategic planning for school leadership in alignment with NEP 2020. Participants also include DIET Principals, Deputy Directors, Deputy CEOs, School Leadership Academy members making the programme a vibrant platform for cross-regional exchange of ideas, experiences and best practices in school leadership. Shailish Kumari, Joint Director SCERT J&K, Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary School Education Department and Mushtaq Ahmed, Joint Director, Directorate of School Education also graced the occasion. The inaugural session began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by the formal welcome address delivered by Prof. Sindhur Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT Jammu Division. Introducing the pro-

gramme, she outlined the objectives and structure of the three-day workshop, emphasizing regional collaboration, reflective review and evidence-based planning as key pillars of effective school leadership. The release of the workshop brochure marked the formal launch of deliberations and documented the roadmap for regional action planning. In her address, Prof. Shashikala Wanjari emphasized the importance of evidence-based leadership practices, inter-State collaboration and peer learning to align school education with national priorities and global benchmarks and appreciated the efforts undertaken by SCERT Jammu and Kashmir in this regard. The inaugural session was smoothly moderated by Manu Vasudev and Monica Sharma, Academic Officers, SCERT

J&K, ensuring effective flow of proceedings and time-bound conduct of the programme. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Joint Director SCERT Kashmir Syed Shabir Ahmad, who wished for the success of this workshop. During the three-day workshop, sessions will be facilitated by expert faculty of NCSL-NIEPA, Dr. Charu Malik, Dr. Gyaneshwari Longjam and Dr. Pankaj Singh focusing on leadership review mechanisms, strategic planning, professional learning communities and collaborative frameworks besides 90-minute special session on Viksit Bharat @2047 bringing together eminent academicians and policymakers as resource persons. The session will feature Prof. J. N. Baliya, Head, Department of Educational Studies, Central University; Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, Head, Department of Education, University of Jammu; Syed Shabir Ahmed, Joint Director, SCERT Kashmir; and Sheetal Pandita, Deputy Secretary, School Education Department. The programme is expected to culminate in State/UT-wise and regional action plans, strengthened inter-State collaboration and a shared vision for school transformation through effective leadership.

India-EU FTA, Davos endorsement show Modi's India is unstoppable: Gaurav

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 JAMMU: B-JP Spokesperson and Convener, International Affairs, Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, Gaurav Gupta on Wednesday said that the strong global endorsement of India's economic rise, highlighted by developments at Davos 2026 and the imminent India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA), reflects the unstoppable momentum of New India under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gupta said that European Commission President Ms. Ursula von der Leyen's description of the India-EU FTA as the "Mother of All Deals" is a powerful validation of India's growing economic clout, diplomatic credibility and strategic importance on the global stage. He noted that the agreement, now nearing finalisation, will create an unprecedented market of nearly two billion people, accounting for almost one-fourth of global GDP, and will significantly reshape global trade dynamics with India at its core. Calling the FTA a historic breakthrough, Gupta said it will turbocharge Indian exports, strengthen resilient sup-



ply chains and unlock vast opportunities for Indian businesses, particularly MSMEs, startups, youth and innovators. He added that the agreement will also deepen cooperation in critical areas such as clean energy, defence manufacturing, advanced technologies and sustainable development. Highlighting Europe's growing strategic confidence in India, Gupta pointed out that the forthcoming State Visit of European Council President Antonio Luis Santos da Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who will attend India's 77th

Republic Day celebrations as Chief Guests, is a strong diplomatic statement. He said their co-chairing of the 16th India-EU Summit with Prime Minister Modi will set a clear, results-oriented roadmap for a future-ready strategic partnership. Gupta emphasised that these achievements are the direct outcome of Prime Minister Modi's bold economic reforms, investor-friendly policies, regulatory stability and proactive global diplomacy, which have positioned India as a trusted and indispensable global partner. Referring to global sentiment at Davos 2026, Gupta cited remarks by S4Capital Chairman Martin Sorrell, who said "Modi is on fire," while describing India as a rare bright spot of growth amid a slowing global economy. He noted that while global growth remains below 3 percent, India is projected to grow at around 6 percent, making it one of the strongest-performing major economies. Gupta said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is not merely participating in global affairs but actively shaping the global economic order with confidence, credibility and conviction.




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