

CM lays foundation of two commemorative gates at Hazratbal Shrine



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday laid the foundation stone for two commemorative gates — Bab-ul-Salam and Bab-ul-Noor — at the revered Dargah Hazratbal, marking a significant step toward preserving the shrine's heritage while enhancing its infrastructure and the overall experience for devotees and visitors.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zaidal Tanvir Sadiq, and other concerned officials.

The twin gateway structures, featuring artistic calligraphy and aesthetic enhancements, are being constructed at a total cost of Rs 129.68 lakh, with each gate estimated at Rs 64.84 lakh.

CS inaugurates 3-day exhibition on Sharda paintings



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday inaugurated a three day exhibition of Sharda Calligraphy paintings by eminent artist Subash C Razdan at the G R Santosh Gallery, Kala Kendra, Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma; Padma Shri Rajinder Tickoo; Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums K K Sidha; Secretary Kala Kendra Dr. Javaid Rahi; noted art historian Dr. Lalit Gupta; acclaimed artist Gokal Dambi and eminent writer P N Koul. The event was organized by Kala Kendra Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said that the exhibition is unique as it highlights Sharda, the ancient Kashmiri script with a history of thousand years. He emphasized the need to revive and preserve this script, which forms an important cultural link to the roots and identity of Kashmir. He appreciated that Kala Kendra, as a premier centre for art in Jammu & Kashmir, continues to provide essential support and facilities to local artists in the fields of visual and performing arts.

Atal Dulloo also highlighted that the Gayan Bhartam Scheme, launched by the Prime Minister, will significantly contribute to preservation, conservation and documentation of cultural heritage, ensuring continuity of knowledge for the future generations.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the work of Subash C Razdan and urged the public to visit the exhibition to witness this rare art form.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal Secretary Culture informed that the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages has recently signed an MoU with the University of Kashmir to introduce a Diploma in Calligraphy, aimed at promoting and conserving calligraphy traditions in Sharda, Urdu and Devanagari scripts.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. Javaid Rahi stated that the exhibition is showcasing 50 works of Subash C Razdan. The objective of the event is to exhibit age-old Sharda script, artistically portrayed through rare calligraphy paintings that are exceptional both in visual and expression, he added.

Speaking at the event, Gokal Dambi noted that the exhibition reflects a continuity of cultural ethos preserved over centuries.

Dr. Lalit Gupta described Razdan's work as rich, distinct and deeply rooted in spirituality and Shaivism.

Padma Shri Rajinder Tickoo remarked that the artworks open new dimensions of Kashmiri Shaivism-inspired art and stressed the need for their proper documentation.

Central & WR intensify drive against counterfeit ticketing-Strict action against Offenders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Central Railway & Western Railway have jointly strengthened enforcement measures to tackle the increasing cases of Fake Ticketing. This is in view of the increasing number of cases of passengers detected travelling on fake / forged / counterfeit tickets in recent times.

Ticket checking activities will be intensified across the suburban network of Central & Western Railway. Special Ticket Checking teams will be deployed to check at stations and in trains to detect and curb irregular travel & travelling on counterfeit tickets.

As part of the enhanced checks, passengers are required to carry a valid identity card and produce it to the Ticket Examiner. The identity card must correspond to the details on the season ticket presented.

The Railways are taking

a tough stand against individuals involved in generating or using fake tickets. Passengers are strictly warned against adopting any fraudulent means to obtain or produce counterfeit travel tickets.

Offenders will face stringent action under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)-2023 including 318(2), 336(3), 336(4), 340(1), 340(2), and 3/5 which deal with cheating & forgery and related offences. Punishments include fines and imprisonment of up to 7 years, or both.

Central & Western Railway appeal to passengers to travel with valid tickets issued by authorised vendors or from railway station booking counters or through ATVM.

Passengers can also download the UTS app on their mobile phones and book tickets through Mobile UTS app.

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Message

I am happy to know that All India Civil Defence and Home Guards Day is being celebrated on 6th December 2025.

All India Civil Defence and Home Guards Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the selfless service, dedication, and courage displayed by lakhs of volunteers belonging to these organisations. Their tireless vigilance, unwavering resolve and compassionate response in emergencies not only protect the society but also inspire future generations to uphold the highest ideals of duty, honour and service to the nation. I am confident that members of these organisations will continue to service humanity with renewed commitment.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings and felicitations to all those associated with these organizations and wish them continued success in their future endeavours.

(Droupadi Murmu)

New Delhi
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Message

I am happy to know that Home Guards and Civil Defence is observing its 63rd Raising Day on 6th December.

I commend the unwavering dedication of the officers and volunteers of the J&K Civil Defence, Home Guards & SDRF for their distinguished and selfless service to the nation.

This force is a formidable strength for the administration, not only providing vital auxiliary support to the police in maintaining law and order but, most importantly, serving as a first responder during critical emergencies. Their actions reflect an unparalleled spirit of public service and commitment to the noble duty of protecting citizens in distress.

In recent times, the role of Home Guards and Civil Defence has been indispensable during natural calamities across Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, I extend my heartiest greetings to all officers, members, and volunteers of the Home Guards and Civil Defence organization and wish them success in their future endeavours.

(Manoj Sinha)

Atal Dulloo
IAS

Chief Secretary
Jammu & Kashmir

Message

I am pleased to know that the Home Guards, Civil Defence UT J&K is observing its 63rd Raising Day. On this occasion, I extend warm greetings and felicitations, to all the officers and members of the organization.

The Homeguards, Civil Defence have rendered selfless service to the nation. Their contribution to the community has been praiseworthy. Besides contributing as an auxiliary support to the Police and Civil Administration, Homeguards & Civil Defence play an important role in harnessing community efforts during times of crises. I am confident that the spirit of service, courage and patriotism of all those associated with the organization will enable them to serve with even greater enthusiasm in future.

I wish the Homeguards, Civil Defence UT J&K success in its future endeavours.

(Atal Dulloo)

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Message

On the occasion of Home Guards and Civil Defence Raising Day, I extend my warm greetings and sincere appreciation to all Officers, Volunteers, and personnel of the Home Guards and Civil Defence Organisation.

This day reminds us of the vital role played by these organisations in strengthening the overall internal security and emergency response framework of our Union Territory. The commitment, discipline, and selfless service demonstrated by our Home Guards and Civil Defence volunteers in assisting the civil administration, police, and disaster response agencies have been exemplary. Their presence has always been a source of confidence for citizens during natural calamities, public safety duties, rescue operations, major events, and humanitarian relief.

I call upon all personnel to continue working with the same level of professionalism, integrity, and devotion to duty, upholding the highest standards of service to the nation.

On this special day, I convey my heartfelt best wishes to all members of Home Guards and Civil Defence and their families. May they achieve new milestones in serving our people and protecting our motherland.

(Chandraker Bharti) IAS

Message

On the occasion of the 63rd Raising Day of Homeguards and Civil Defence, my heartfelt greetings and gratitude to the dedicated men and women of the organization.

Your unwavering commitment to the national objective and utterly selfless service are invaluable, especially during crises.

Nalin Prabhat
Director General of Police

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Home Minister and Cooperation Minister
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MESSAGE

This occasion of the 63rd Foundation Day of the Home Guards and Civil Defence Organization is a matter of immense joy and pride for all of us. Celebrating this day is a moment of special happiness, as today this organization has grown into a strong family of over 1 million volunteers, who continue to fulfill their national service responsibilities with determination, discipline, and excellence.

Your contribution has been crucial in accelerating our efforts to strengthen national security and civil protection under the leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister. Your consistent diligence, dedication, and commitment to national interests have established these organizations as reliable and indispensable pillars of the country's law and order, administrative machinery, and disaster management.

Your prompt and effective response to challenging situations such as the Maha Kumbh Mela, election duty, and flood and disaster situations has consistently proven your operational capability. Mock drills such as Operation Abhyas and Operation Shield have effectively demonstrated the organization's collective efficiency and readiness. Furthermore, the Border Wing Home Guard's participation in military exercises along the western border has provided them with experience, excellent coordination skills, and tactical proficiency.

On this important day, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your dedication, devotion and spirit of service to the nation and wish the Home Guards and Civil Defence family a bright, safe and inspiring future.

(Amit Shah)

Sunil Kumar Jha, IPS
Director General

Message

Homeguards, Civil Defence and SDRF is observing "63rd Homeguards & Civil Defence Raising Day-2025" on 6th of December, 2025.

On this occasion, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all personnel of the Civil Defence and Homeguards organizations. I also offer my sincere appreciation for the unwavering and selfless service of Civil Defence and Homeguards, who stand by the people during calamities and moments of adversity.

These organizations continue to be a vital strength of our community, fostering resilience and providing crucial support in times of crisis. During the recent floods in Jammu & Kashmir in 2025, these organizations played an exemplary and indispensable role by extending timely assistance and relief to affected citizens.

I commend the steadfast efforts of the Homeguards, Civil Defence, and SDRF, and convey my best wishes for the successful release of the souvenir.

(Sunil Kumar Jha)

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Message

On this solemn occasion of the 63rd Annual Raising Day of Civil Defence and Home Guards, I extend my greetings and best wishes to all officers, volunteers and staff of these esteemed organisations. Your unwavering commitment and preparedness in an increasingly complex and fast-paced world stand as a strong testament to the resilience and self-reliance of our nation, Bharat.

Since their inception, Civil Defence and Home Guards have consistently served as dependable pillars of support to the civil administration, particularly during emergencies and crises. Your prompt and disciplined response during wars, floods, fires, natural calamities and other contingencies, along with your crucial assistance in major events such as the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has earned widespread trust and appreciation.

Your role in strengthening community, resilience, promoting communa harmony and safeguarding vulnerable sections of society is deeply valued. The quiet yet resolute manner in which you discharge your duties reflects the highest traditions of public service and voluntary commitment to national cause.

In the spirit of service to the nation, there is firm confidence that all ranks of Civil Defence and Home Guards will continue to discharge their responsibilities with professionalism, integrity and excellence. Your readiness, training and agility significantly contribute to enhancing public confidence and to furthering our collective endeavour of nation-building.

It is earnestly hoped that both organisations will attain even greater heights in the years ahead, facing emerging challenges with the same fortitude, discipline and courage that you display today. May you and your families be blessed with good health, safety and continued success in all your future endeavours.

(A.G.Mir) IPS

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