

# CS pushes for faster reforms to boost Ease of Doing Business

**SRINAGAR, AUGUST 8:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review implementation of compliance reduction and deregulation reforms recommended by the National Task Force, headed by the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, to ensure Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) across the country. The meeting was attended by senior officers including Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Commissioner Secretary, Forest; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department; Secretary, Law and Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu, among others. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took stock of the progress on key reform areas. He directed all the departments to ensure time-bound and full compliance with the agenda set by the Task Force. Emphasizing the urgency and importance of the exercise, he asserted that there is no scope for



laxity or delays and administrative heads must regularly monitor the status of implementation to ensure that reforms are grounded effectively. He further stressed the need to upload the evidentiary proof of compliance across all priority areas without further delay, underscoring that these reforms are critical to improve the overall ease of doing business. The Chief Secretary called for mission-mode implementation of regulatory changes. He directed the Industries & Commerce department to complete all documentation and reporting requirements promptly by assisting the departments in implementing them smoothly. Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, informed the meeting that 434 reform points span-

ning various departments have already been successfully implemented. However, few specific reform points were returned by the Task Force with observations for further refinement. He assured that as the nodal department, Industries & Commerce is proactively addressing these gaps and will ensure timely compliance uploads for the pending areas in coordination with the respective Departments. Providing further insights, Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu, Arun Kumar Manhas, outlined several key reform areas identified for immediate action. These included adoption of flexible zoning regulations in master plans to facilitate mixed land use in development projects, simplification and digitization of the Change of Land Use (CLU)

process and rationalization of minimum road with norms for industrial units in rural areas. The reform points that came under discussion also spanned around amendment of building regulations to minimize the land loss in industrial and commercial plots, removal of restrictions on women working in hazardous sectors, review of working hour limits under factory laws, lifting restrictions on business hours for commercial establishments and provision for fire NOCs through third-party empanelled agencies along with few others. These reforms, he noted, are geared towards building a robust and business-friendly industrial ecosystem in the Union Territory. It is pertinent to mention that the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), launched by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), is a flagship initiative of the Government of India which aims to simplify regulatory frameworks and enhance the ease of doing business across the country.

# Every effort will be made to address issues of Ladakh, including last mile: LG Gupta

**LEH, AUG 08:** The UT Administration is committed to the welfare of the people of Ladakh, and every effort will be made to address the issues of the people of the region, including those living in the last mile. This was stated by Hon'ble Lt Governor Shri Kavinder Gupta during his meeting with a delegation comprising Tsewang Chuskit and Tsetan Angmo, residents of Shayok, led by Vice-President, Ladakh Buddhist Association, Kunzes Dolma. The Lt Governor gave this statement after the delegates informed him about the issues faced by them due to the blocking of the Nubra-Pangong road via Shayok for the last weeks due to a mudslide. The del-



egates informed the Lt Governor that the matter was informed to officials from PWD and Border Roads Organisation (BRO), but no progress has been made to clear the road to date. The delegates also requested the Lt Governor's intervention in bringing

Shayok village in the actual line of control (ALC) category due to its proximity to DBO. After giving a patient hearing to the delegates, Lt Governor stated that the UT Administration would write to BRO to clear the road at the earliest so that

the livelihood means and income of the people living in that belt are not affected. The Lt Governor also met C Phuntsog, the former Chief Secretary of the erstwhile state of J&K and delegates comprising members of the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA), Kargil.

## Principal Secretary Culture Deptt, Div Com review final arrangements for Tiranga rally

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Principal Secretary, Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri jointly chaired a meeting of officers to finalize the arrangements regarding conduct of a massive Tiranga rally of over ten thousand participants on the boulevard road from SKICC to Botanical Garden on August 12. Addressing the meeting, the Principal Secretary directed for installation of theme based selfie points at SKICC and Botanical Garden with QR facility for uploading the photos. He further emphasised deployment of NCC volunteers to facilitate the participants in uploading photos at selfie points. He also directed the Commissioner SMC for theme based colour coating of trunks of trees and plants along the rally route. Besides, he stressed on installation of hoardings for sensitizing the participants for honoring the national flag code.



On the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the transport plan for participants besides reviewing the arrangements for Shikara Tiranga rally in the Dal lake. He emphasised the decoration of Shikaras with tricolour for an impressive display of fascinating views of the rally.

Meanwhile, he reviewed the arrangements for drinking water facility and electricity at the venue and issued a slew of directions to the concerned departments. He also directed the concerned departments for installation of theme based stalls and holding of exhibition at SKICC.

Further, the Div Com reviewed preparation for presentation of cultural programmes, band performances of BSF and felicitation of VVIPs and war heroes. He also directed for establishing First Aid Camps and deployment of ambulances for any medical emergency.

## DC Kathua chairs introductory meeting with focus on public-centric governance

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired his first introductory meeting with District and Sectoral Officers in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex after assuming charge. He emphasised the need to evolve a result-oriented, inclusive and responsive governance model aimed at holistic development and efficient public service delivery. The meeting was attended by ADDC Kathua Surinder Mohan, ADC Kathua Vishavjeet Singh, CEO BDDA Atul Gupta, CEO BDDA Babu Ram Tandon, ADC Basohli Pankaj Mangotra, ADC Billawar Vinay Khosla, ACR Vishav Partap Singh, ACD Akhil Sadotra, CPO Ranjit Thakur, GM DDC Mushtaq Chaudhary and Executive Engineers from PWD, Jal Shakti and JPDCL, along with other district officers. The Deputy Commissioner outlined a governance framework based on accountability, transparency, work culture and efficiency. He directed officers to ensure effective field-level implementation of government schemes and flagship programmes so that benefits reach the grassroots level. He called



for a positive approach and upscaling the good work already being done in various sectors. Underlining the need for a coordinated administrative effort, the DC urged all departments to work in close synergy, remove procedural bottlenecks and expedite the execution of development works. While reviewing the progress of major targets under District Capex, he stressed the importance of achieving tangible results through time-bound project completion. The DC also directed officers to maintain a compassionate and respectful approach towards the public while delivering services.

Reviewing arrangements for the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations, the DC asked all departments to work in close coordination with the District Administration to ensure the event is celebrated in a befitting manner. The meeting also discussed other important issues, including the menace of drugs, the implementation of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, and spreading awareness about the JK Samadhan portal for grievance redressal and the JK Sehat application for availing health services. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of stakeholders on the

sub-theme of the School Education Department in view of the upcoming Fifth National Conference of Chief Secretaries. The meeting aimed to gather feedback from all stakeholders on the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. The DC impressed upon the need to obtain inputs from all concerned stakeholders on the prescribed template so that the execution of NEP-2020 can be restructured accordingly. He urged participants to go through the key aspects of the policy and furnish valuable suggestions by filling the template within the stipulated time frame.

## Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in full swing across Ramban

**RAMBAN, AUGUST 08:** The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is being celebrated with great enthusiasm across district Ramban. Under the leadership of the District Administration, all departments and sections of society are organising a series of patriotic activities that blend the spirit of nationalism with community engagement. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta, SSP



Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, Addl. SP Mujeeb-ur-

Rehman and other key officers from the district administration, police and allied departments

participated in various events held across the district. In a mega event, girl students tied self-made Tiranga Rakhis to soldiers with the slogan "Tiranga Rakhi Har Veer Ki Kalai Per." The celebrations began at the District Police Lines Ramban, where Rakhis were tied to J&K Police and CISF jawans. This was followed by a visit to the Army Camp Maitra, where students extended the gesture to soldiers of all ranks.

## Director RDD reviews functioning of Block Bishnah

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Director Rural Development Department (RDD) Shahnaz Akhter today conducted a comprehensive review of the functioning of Block Bishnah and assessed the progress of various development schemes being implemented in the area. During her visit, Shahnaz Akhter inspected several ongoing and completed works under key schemes including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGN-REGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and Capex (CD & Panchayat) schemes. She underscored the importance of strict adherence to the guidelines of each scheme and directed the field staff to ensure timely completion of all works. Emphasising the need for transparency and account-



ability, she instructed officials to maintain proper records and ensure the installation of Citizen Information Boards (CIBs) at work sites to promote public awareness. Akhter stressed the importance of achieving the intended objectives of

the schemes, ensuring that benefits effectively reach the grassroots level. The Director was accompanied by Superintendent Engineer REW Jammu Rajesh Kumar Agastam, Joint Director Administration Avleen Kour Bali, Er. Dan-

ish Rasool Mir, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Jammu Ravinder Singh Rana, Deputy Director (Planning), Block Development Officer Sonia Devi, along with other officers and field functionaries of the department.

## District Development Council Poonch finalises annual action plan for FY 2025-26

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A meeting of the District Development Council (DDC) Poonch was convened today at the Conference Hall of Dak Bungalow under the chairmanship of DDC Chairperson Tazeem Akhter. The meeting witnessed the participation of key officers including District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pankaj Magotra, ACR, ACP, ACD, along with all district officers and DDC Members. The primary agenda of the meeting was to review the physical and financial progress made under the last year's Capital Expenditure (Capex) budget and



initiate discussions on formulating the action plan for the upcoming financial

year 2025-26. During the session, ADDC Pankaj Magotra

welcomed the participants and presented a detailed overview of the progress made so far, using a PowerPoint presentation. The discussions focused on developmental priorities for the next financial year, with a strong emphasis on addressing local needs. Various DDC members raised pertinent issues and demands related to their constituencies, highlighting concerns regarding ongoing and future development projects. After a comprehensive discussion, DDC Chairperson Tazeem Akhter, in consultation with all DDC members, finalised the Annual Action Plan for the financial year 2025-26, ensuring that it aligns with both the needs of the people and the available resources.