

Lt Governor conducts extensive tour of Budgam
**‘Government is committed to inclusive socio-economic development of J&K’,
Lt Governor**

**Dedicates 12 developmental projects worth 58.51 Cr for public welfare, lays e-
foundation of projects worth Rs 27.87 Cr**

Meets various public delegations, elected representatives and students

*Visits pious Charar-i-Sharif shrine, prays for lasting peace in valley and interacts
with locals*

- **Issues instructions for ensuring MGNREGA payments within 15**
- **Ensure seamless issuance of Domicile Certificates for PRC holders**
- **Directs for saturation of CSS, 100% AADHAR seeding of beneficiaries**

Srinagar, September 3: ‘Inclusive socio-economic development of all the districts across J&K is the top priority of the government’, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha made these remarks during his visit to district Budgam **today**. He further promised efficient administration and doorstep delivery of public services during his day-long visit to the district.



The visit was the latest in a series of continuous district and public outreach meetings initiated by the Lt Governor for taking the first-hand appraisal of the peoples’ issues and the development scenario therein.

During the visit, the Lt Governor also laid e-foundation stone of seven projects worth Rs 27.87 crores and dedicated 12 developmental projects worth 58.51 Cr for public welfare.

The Lt Governor was accompanied by Sh. Baseer Ahmad Khan, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Sh. BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole; Commissioner Secretary to Government, Department of Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez; Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education, Sh. Talat Parvez Rohella ; Secretary Tourism, Sh. Zubair Ahmad; IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar; Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, Sh. SA Mirza; heads of various departments, besides District and Sectoral officers.



A detailed district profile with vital information with details of projects and expenditures of the district was also given by the Deputy Commissioner. Implementation of welfare schemes status of Health and education system running in the district, the status of priority sectors like Agriculture, PHE, R&B, PDD, I&FC, PMGSY, RDD, Social Welfare and other sectors was also put forth through this presentation.



In a review meeting with district officials, the Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner to review all upcoming developmental projects and to fix reasonable timelines for their completion.

The Lt Governor, on the occasion, impressed upon the officers to inculcate team spirit and show dedication in the public delivery system, always remain sensitive to the issues of common people.



Taking stock of the power sector, the Lt Governor sought details regarding the implementation of schemes of the Union Government like the IPDS and SAUBHAGYA. He took note of the high rate of failure of power transformers in the district and passed strict directions to improve the rate.

Reviewing enrolment of beneficiaries under the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram, JSSK and Pradhan Mantri Matri Vandana Yojana, PMMVY, the Lt Governor remarked that enrolment under these schemes need to be ramped up and the process expedited. Also, the Lt Governor instructed that the data pertaining to eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) be updated at the earliest.

The Lt Governor remarked that the Ayushman Bharat scheme has emerged as revolutionary milestone introduced by Govt. of India for poor and underprivileged people and directed to identify the remaining eligible beneficiaries who shall be brought under the ambit of this scheme.

The Lt Governor particularly enquired about the targets achieved in social sectors like Health, Social Welfare, Education, Dairy Farming, Horticulture and Agriculture. He sought details about the status and achievements made under flagship programmes of the government like MGNREGA, Ayushman Bharat and PM KISAN. Regarding MGNREGA, the Lt Governor also directed that the wages be paid within 15 days of the work.

Issuing explicit instructions regarding 100% saturation of Aadhaar linkage of beneficiaries with various social welfare schemes for DBT, the Lt Governor

directed that the same should be achieved by [September 30](#), this year. The Lt Governor further added that IT related issues regarding issuance of Domicile Certificates should be sorted out at the earliest to ensure hassle-free delivery of certificates.

The Lt Governor appreciated the enthusiasm shown by people applying for Domicile Certificates and directed the concerned officers to speed up the process of issuance and delivery of the same without much hassle. He also directed to ensure seamless issuance of Domicile Certificates for PRC holders without requiring additional documents.

The Lt Governor took serious note of the low literacy rate in the district and impressed upon the concerned officers to pay special attention and efforts to ensure that the literacy ratio in the district is improved.

While reviewing the progress under Jal Shakti the Lt Governor directed the concerned to speed up the process of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission on mission mode to cover targeted households of the district.

Similarly, under R&B, the Lt Governor said that macadamisation of all roads is prime priority and efforts are on to cover maximum of roads before the impending winter season.

On Back to Village programme, the Lt Governor exhorted upon the officers to ensure to complete at least two works in every panchayat across the district.

Earlier during the visit, the Lt Governor inspected Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Budgam, being built under the Prime Minister Development Project (PMDP) and took a review of the pace of ongoing work. He directed the executing agencies to speed up the construction so that the stadium is dedicated to the local youngsters and sports enthusiasts as early as possible.

During his visit, the Lt Governor exclusively met with various delegations and discussed their issues at length. The delegation of Municipal Committee Budgam demanded a community hall and submitted a memorandum of their other demands. Municipal Committee Charar-i-Sharif also submitted a memorandum and demanded that public amenities at Charar-i-Sharif Ziarat.

The delegation of Sarpanchs and BDO raised the issue of vacancies on various positions of BDO in several blocks of the district. Delegation of political leaders also raised issues of public interest, particularly about the need upgradation of road network and issue of water shortage in certain areas among others.

Members of Chamber of Commerce also presented issues pertaining to MSMEs, regulation of prices and mining of minor minerals and up-gradation of the Industrial Estate. The delegation of handicraft and handloom artisans apprised the

Lt Governor about the issues faced by them because of Covid pandemic and demanded some relief package for their rehabilitation.

Other delegations which included members of Chamber of Small Scale Industries, agriculturists, horticulturists, sportspersons and students, members of ST community, Public delegations from Chadoora, Chrar-i-Sharif and Budgam towns also met with the Lt Governor and apprised him of their most pressing issues.

Giving a patient hearing to each delegation, the Lt Governor assured that the government is committed for effective implementation of the 73rd and the 74th Amendments for empowering Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies. He assured that all their genuine demands/issue will be examined on priority and addressed on merit as early as possible.

Taking note of the various vacant posts of BDOs, the Lt Governor issued on spot directions to fill up the same on priority. He also assured that recruitment drives by the Army, Police and other paramilitary forces shall also be conducted soon.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT administration's inclination on developing road network in the district and assured the delegations that their road connectivity issues shall be considered on priority.

Later, the Lt Governor visited Chrar-i-Sharif town where he paid obeisance at the Chrar-i-Sharif shrine and prayed for lasting peace in the valley. He inspected the complex and interacted with locals. Taking note of the delay in construction of Khanqa(Mosque), the Lt Governor directed the Chief Secretary to initiate an enquiry and ascertain the facts regarding the delay. Directions were also issued for a safety audit of the Khanqah complex by an IIT Roorkee expert team.

A similar enquiry was also ordered to ascertain the reasons for the unwarranted delay in execution of works in Holy Hazratbal Complex under the PRASAD scheme.

The projects dedicated to the public include PHC, Siobugh, Budgam (Rs 11.90 crore) under PMDP; NTPHC at Parisabad (Rs 3.55 crore) under Languishing Projects; NTPHC at Lalpora (Rs 3.55 crore) under Languishing Projects; 1x18 Mtr. Span Steel Girder Bridge at Sebdan (Rs 2.06 crore) under Languishing Projects; 2x20 Mtr. Span Steel Girder Bridge at Khag (Rs 3.64 crore) under Languishing Projects; Upgradation of roads PMGSY which include Shanipora Khansahib Road (Rs 7.24 crore), Budgam-Hayatpora Road (Rs 7.91 crore), Aripanthan-Malpura Road (Rs 7.72 crore), Khoipora-Khag Road (Rs 2.77 crore), Yechgam- Arampora

Road (Rs 1.79 crore) and Khag-Abandara Road (Rs 2.06 crore); and Evacuation Of Power 33KV Level For 132/33KV Grid Station Budgam (Rs 4.3 crore) under Languishing Projects.

The projects whose e-foundation stone was laid by the Lt Governor include 100 Bedded Girls' Hostel at Khansahib, Narbal and at BK Pora (Rs 3.06 crore each) under Samagra Shiksha; PHC, Nasrullahpora, Budgam (Rs 3.99 crore) under State Sector; Play Field at Sikhnambal, Rangreth (Rs 5.71 crore) under Languishing Projects; Fruit & Vegetable Market, Kremshore (Rs 612 crore) under Languishing Projects; and 10 MVA Receiving Station At Rangar, Chadoora (Rs 2.87 crore) under PMDP Urban.