

Panchayati Raj system is finally taking roots in J&K: Lt. Governor

Calls for active public participation for strengthening the Panchayats

Reasi, November 27: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu visited Panchayat Dheerti of block Panthal of Reasi district to get a first-hand experience of the ongoing “Back to Village-2” programme here today.



Sh. BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Verma , Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ms. Indu Kanwal Chib, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, SSP Reasi, Rashmi Wazir and various district officers, Panchayat representatives and locals were present on the occasion.



In his remarks, the Lt. Governor observed that the Panchayati Raj system is finally taking roots in Jammu and Kashmir and called upon the people to come forward with enthusiasm and actively participate in Gram Sabhas to identify the development issues, report them at the appropriate forum and supervise the execution on ground, thereby strengthening Panchayats in true sense.



The Lt. Governor highlighted the important role of organising awareness campaigns to sensitize people about various welfare schemes being run by the Government. He further said that the Government has rolled out an effective mechanism for the completion of languishing projects in a stipulated time frame.

Speaking on sustainable development, the Lt. Governor emphasized on adopting scientific approach while executing development projects in J&K with special focus to be laid on protecting forests and other natural resources.

The Lt. Governor informed that the Union Government is going to launch “Har Ghar Jal”, an ambitious scheme, which would ensure supply of tapped water to every household of the country.

While speaking on the occasion, Sh. BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary said that strong efforts have been put in to strengthen Panchayati Raj system in J&K as a result of which, J&K has emerged with one of the most “forward-looking” Panchayati Raj systems in the country.

Earlier, the Lt. Governor laid the foundation stone of the boundary wall of Government Middle School, Moori under Back to Village programme in convergence with MGNREGA. The Lt. Governor and the Chief Secretary also planted tree saplings in the school compound.

The Lt. Governor also assured that all the genuine demands and issues put forth by the public and Panchayat representatives during the programme would be looked into meticulously by the Government and redressed at the earliest. In addition, an extensive follow up on the previous phase of B2V programme would be done, so as to address all the genuine development related and other needs of the people and make concerted efforts to fulfil them all, he added.