

# Div Com reviews Independence Day arrangements

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Baseer Ahmad Khan convened a high level officers' meeting here to review the arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day Celebration in the districts of Kashmir valley and Ladakh region.

DDC Srinagar, IGP Traffic, DGP Central zone, Medical officer, RTO Kashmir, Chief Engineers of various departments, senior civil and police officers, officers from BSF, CRPF, ITBP & SSB, Joint Director Information, Deputy Director Planning and other concerned officers were present in the meeting while as District Development Commissioners of the Valley including Leh and Kargil districts participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Divisional Commissioner was apprised by the concerned officers regarding arrangements made for smooth conduct of Independence Day celebrations in every district of the Kashmir Division.

The meeting was informed that the main function will be held at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar where the Chief Guest will unfurl the National Flag and take salute during the march past.

Various contingents of J&K Police, JKAP, BSF, CRPF, Fire & Emergency Services, Forest Protection Force, NCC cadets, ITBP, SSB, SDRF and Home Guards are participating in the march past, officials said.

The Div Com directed all Deputy Commissioners to felicitate young sports persons on this day to mark their recognition belonging to their respective districts. He also asked them to involve maximum number of youth on this national level event.

Khan also directed all Deputy Commissioners to organize Independence Day celebrations at Tehsil and Sub Divisional level so that large chunk of population is involved in the function.

Reviewing the security arrangements, the Divisional Commissioner asked for sensitization of security in and around Bakshi Stadium. The Traffic department was directed to indentify space for parking of vehicles near the venues.

Other arrangements which were discussed include arrangement of seating, installation of CCTV cameras, illumination of buildings on the eve of August 15, barricading, PAS for VIP speech, availability of dewatering pumps and SRTC buses, besides fire tenders.

The Divisional Commissioner directed PDD & PHE for uninterrupted Power & water supply in the prescribed locations in the valley. He also directed Health department to deploy adequate number of medical camps at the locations in the valley with proper staff, ambulance and Medicare facilities.

The meeting took various decisions to further upgrade the arrangements of the 70th Independence celebrations in the valley including Leh & Kargil.

He further called for close coordination among the concerned Departments for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the Independence Day.

