

Amit reveals UT Ladakh to be 1st State/UT in Bharat to complete all Census work by Sep 26 during Kargil Census Review Meeting

Kargil, June 19, 2026: Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO)/ Director Census Operations (DCO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma, IAS, Chief Principal Census Officer / Director Census Operations J&K and Ladakh today chaired a comprehensive review meeting in the Conference Hall, Baroo, Kargil to assess the progress of the ongoing House Listing Operations (HLO) of Census 2027 in Kargil district in which Vijay Kumar, Assistant Director and District Census Prabhari Sadique Hussain was also present.

From Kargil district, the meeting was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner Kargil Ghulam Mohd, JKAS, Chief Planning Officer Kargil K Mohd Hussain, along with Charge Officers of Kargil Municipal Committee, Tehsils Kargil, Drass, Shakar Chiktan, Shargole, Sankoo, Taisuru and Zanskar, Supervisors, and technical assistants associated with Census operations.

Additional District Development Commissioner Kargil welcomed the Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO)/ Director Census Operations (DCO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Amit Sharma in the meeting and Chief Planning Officer Kargil presented a brief on the status of the census work/activities in Kargil district.

In his presidential remarks, CPCO Amit Sharma revealed that UT of Ladakh shall be the 1st amongst all UTs/States in the nation to complete Census work in the month of September 2026 itself and the reference date for Census figures here shall be 1st October, 2026 - 0000 hours.

Amit described Census as one of the most important national exercises, stating that reliable Census data forms the foundation for evidence-based governance, developmental planning and equitable distribution of resources. He further clarified that the data collected from residents of the nation under both phases of Census 2027 is non-shareable to any outside agency or department or individuals and non-admissible even in the Court of Law, which is clearly mentioned under Section 15 of Census Act, 1948.

Further, while reviewing the progress of Census operations in Kargil district, CPCO Amit Sharma appreciated the preparedness of the district and noted that conducting Census in Ladakh's vast, mountainous terrain with scattered settlements and remote border villages requires meticulous planning and coordinated field-level execution which is being done very well here.

He stressed the importance of maintaining the highest standards of accuracy during data collection and directed enumerators and supervisors to ensure that every entry is recorded correctly and verified thoroughly. Amit also cautioned that even minor errors or conceptual misunderstandings could affect the quality of Census data and impact long-term policy planning.

CPCO Amit Sharma passed explicit directions to Charge Officers and Supervisors in UT of Ladakh to ensure regular field inspections and quality checks to maintain data integrity. He emphasized strict adherence to Census guidelines and called for comprehensive coverage of all households, including those in remote habitations, border areas and seasonal settlements.

The meeting also reviewed training activities, awareness campaigns, supervision mechanisms and field-level monitoring arrangements aimed at ensuring comprehensive and error-free Census operations across Kargil district especially regarding the coverage of all migratory population in higher reaches of the district.

Later, CPCO Amit Sharma briefed the media on the progress achieved under the ongoing House Listing Operations of Census 2027 in Kargil and highlighted the extensive preparations undertaken for the

smooth, accurate and timely completion of the exercise, wherein he appealed to the people of Ladakh, especially residents of Kargil district, to extend full cooperation to Census enumerators and provide accurate information, reiterating that robust Census data is essential for inclusive development and future planning.

