

## CEC, DC Kargil Conduct Extensive Tour of Barsoo Block; First-Ever Visit to Remote Itchu Village

Kargil, October 27, 2025: The Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, along with the Hon'ble Executive Councillor for RDD, Cooperative, FCS&CA and ZDA, Er Ponchuk Tashi and Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, Councillor Barsoo constituency Sheikh Ansari conducted an extensive tour of Barsoo Block to inspect ongoing developmental works and review the activities being carried out by various departments.

In a historic development, for the first time in the history of Kargil, both the CEC and the Deputy Commissioner visited Itchu village — a remote settlement not connected by road or communication. The dignitaries, accompanied by a team of officers, trekked nearly 10 to 15 kilometers on foot to reach the village, symbolizing the administration's deep commitment to reaching the most inaccessible regions of the district.

During the visit, the CEC and DC interacted with the villagers and heard their grievances and developmental needs. The residents of Itchu raised several demands, including the restoration of the irrigation canal, construction of a double-storey school building, development of a footpath, repair and re-laying of the water pipeline, construction of greenhouses, early disbursement of pending compensation for houses damaged by heavy rains, and addressing the shortage of teachers in the local school.

Responding to these issues, CEC Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon assured the villagers that every household in Itchu will be provided with a greenhouse to promote sustainable livelihood. The Deputy Commissioner announced that local students from the village will be given training in electrician and plumbing works so that they can provide essential services in the area on an honorarium basis. Both dignitaries assured the public that all genuine demands would be addressed with utmost seriousness and executed in a phased and time-bound manner.

The CEC and DC also visited other villages including Bartoo, Taiket, Khandi, Humburtik, Thela, and Shargandi, where they met with residents, received public memorandums, and addressed local gatherings. They issued on-the-spot directions to officers of different departments for immediate redressal of public grievances and assured that all possible assistance would be provided by the LAHDC Kargil and the District Administration. The visiting officers also received appreciation from the villagers for their dedicated efforts and hands-on approach to governance.

Addressing the public gatherings during the tour, CEC Dr. Akhoon emphasized that the primary motive of the visit was to personally experience the challenges faced by the people and to find practical, on-the-spot solutions with the help of technical experts from various departments. He directed concerned officials to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the issues and projects highlighted by the villagers and to resolve pending works at the earliest.

Dr. Akhoon reiterated that LAHDC Kargil is fully committed to the welfare and holistic development of the people, especially those living in remote and far-flung regions like Itchu, which remain disconnected by road and communication. He further stated that the visit was aimed at understanding the ground realities and ensuring that no region is left behind in the journey of development.

The CEC, EC and DC were accompanied by Chief Engineer/SE PHE/I&FC, ACR, SE R&B Circle, DPO, ICDS/CEO, TDA, SDM Sankoo, Chief Agriculture Officer, Divisional Forest Officer, Executive Engineer KDA, Executive Engineer SVD, Executive Engineer, PHE, Executive Engineer PMGSY, Executive

Engineer, I&FC, Dy. Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer R&B, Assistant Director Tourism, Executive Engineer Mechanical, Executive Engineer, REW, Project Director KREDA, among others.

