

CM Omar Abdullah holds pre-budget consultations with legislators of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal

Pre-budget meeting with public representatives aimed at understanding public aspirations to make Budget citizen-centric: CM

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, JAN 23:

Continuing the series of pre-budget consultations ahead of the forthcoming Budget Session, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Civil Secretariat here with Members of the Legislative Assembly from Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts.

The meeting was attended by Minister Javid Ahmad Dar, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D. Vaidya, Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts, and other senior officers. During the deliberations, legislators from Srinagar sought enhanced budgetary allocations in the Budget 2026-27 for priority developmental projects and key public welfare initiatives, keeping in view the significance of Srinagar as the summer capital. MLAs Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mubarak Gul, Shamim Firdous, Tanvir Sadiq, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Salman Ali Sagar and Mushtaq Ahmad Guru presented constituency-specific development plans and raised issues related to infrastructure development and overall public welfare.

A wide range of issues were discussed, including enhancement of financial assistance under social welfare schemes, housing for economically weaker sections, welfare of handicraft and handloom artisans, road widening projects, allocation for



a special capital city fund for Srinagar and Jammu cities, traffic decongestion measures, development of parking slots, beautification of Sonar Kol and Kut Kol, construction of community halls, restoration of water bodies, improvement of sports infrastructure, vertical housing projects, restoration of Dal Lake, Anchar Lake, Khushal Sar and Gilsar interiors, development

of an efficient drainage system.

The legislators stressed the need for scientific waste management at the Achan landfill site to address foul smell and environmental hazards. Concerns relating to drinking water quality, upgradation of sewage treatment plants, widening of interior roads, and removal of traffic bottlenecks were highlighted.

The MLAs further emphasised the need to create employment opportunities for the youth of Srinagar and urged that adequate provisions be made in the annual budget. Similarly, MLAs from Budgam-Ali Mohammad Dar, Dr Shafi Ahmad Wani, Saif-ud-Din Bhat and Aga Muntazir and MLA Kangan Mian Mehar Ali highlighted constituency-specific developmental needs and public welfare issues.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah himself represents Ganderbal Constituency in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister assured the legislators that the priorities identified for their respective constituencies, along with initiatives aimed at overall public welfare, would be duly considered and incorporated in the forthcoming Budget.

He emphasised that pre-budget consultations with public representatives are vital to understanding public aspirations and incorporating them into the Budget 2026-27, with the objective of making it more public-friendly and citizen-centric.

The Chief Minister also urged the legislators to closely monitor ongoing development works to ensure quality execution and timely delivery of services. Additionally, he directed them to submit assessment reports on damages caused by the recent spell of gusty winds across the Kashmir Valley.

CM Omar Abdullah reviews situation after severe wind storms & snowfall across J&K

Focused attention should continue for restoration of power & clearing of roads at the earliest: CM



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SRINAGAR, JAN 23:

Amid inclement weather conditions following widespread snowfall, gusty winds and snow storms, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday evening chaired a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review the overall situation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Minister Satish Sharma; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Chief Secretary, R&B, Anil Kumar Singh; IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar

Labroo; Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Faz Lul Haseeb; heads of various departments, and other senior officers. The Divisional Commissioner Jammu and all Deputy Commissioners from the Kashmir Valley and Jammu division participated in the meeting through virtual mode. During the meeting, the Chief Minister took a detailed assessment of the impact caused by heavy snowfall, rainfall, and strong winds that have prevailed since last evening. The Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu briefed the Chief Minister on the prevailing ground situation and the progress of

restoration efforts. This was followed by a district-wise appraisal by the Deputy Commissioners, focusing on the status of essential services, including electricity supply, drinking water, road connectivity, and other basic facilities affected due to snow accumulation and high-velocity winds across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister appreciated the Divisional and District Administrations for their swift and effective response in minimising public inconvenience. He directed them to maintain the same level of preparedness and coordination in view of the prevailing weather advisory to ensure uninterrupted functioning of essential services.

Emphasising priority restoration, the Chief Minister stressed that road connectivity and power supply must be restored at the earliest to avoid public hardship. He also sought regular updates on restoration measures to ensure seamless delivery of public services.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah further directed the concerned authorities to carry out a timely assessment of damages caused by the inclement weather so that affected families are provided immediate assistance.

Govt committed to boost sports infrastructure across J&K, provide facilities in far flung areas: Deputy Chief Minister

Inaugurates ASMITA Khelo India Women's League -North Zone Kickboxing Tournament 2026

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JAMMU, JAN 23:

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today asserted that the government is committed to boost sports infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir, with emphasis on providing quality facilities to youth in far-flung and border areas.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating the ASMITA Khelo India Women's League - North Zone Kickboxing Tournament 2026 at the Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

Addressing the gathering as chief guest, the Deputy Chief Minister extended a warm welcome to the women athletes and officials from all North Zone States and Union Territories, terming the event a significant step towards promotion of sports and women empowerment in J&K.

"The present government is focused on ensuring equitable development and providing essential facilities, including sports infrastruc-



ture, in villages across far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir. This will empower our rural youth to showcase and further hone their sporting talent," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister lauded the ASMITA initiative for creating meaningful opportunities for women athletes and for strengthening sports at the grassroots level.

"It is encouraging to see our young boys and girls participating in sports with such energy and commitment. This gives us confidence that the future of our country is in safe and capable hands," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

The Deputy Chief Minister observed that J&K harbours national unity, peace and stability as of paramount impor-

tance. He emphasised the need for collective strength to ensure a peaceful and resilient nation.

Describing J&K as a land of natural beauty, cultural richness and harmony, he welcomed the visiting teams and delegates to experience its warmth and hospitality. He reiterated the government's commitment towards

peace, development and inclusive progress in J&K.

Expressing happiness over the participation of distinguished guests and delegates from across the country, he said that their presence reflected goodwill and encouragement. He added that such sports events stand as a strong testament to government's resolve to nurture women athletes and strengthen the overall sports ecosystem in the region.

The tournament is witnessing participation of around 600 women athletes and 100 officials representing nine States and Union Territories of the North Zone, making it one of the largest women's kickboxing events in the region.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Santosh Agrawal, President, WAKO India Kickboxing Federation; Sanjay Yadav, Senior Vice President, WAKO India Kickboxing Federation and Gaurav Chopra, Vice President, Kickboxing Association of Jammu & Kashmir.

Piyush Singla reviews progress on Meghraj cloud service



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JAMMU, JAN 23:

Secretary, Information Technology Department (ITD), Piyush Singla, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the hiring and operationalisation of Megh Raj Cloud Services, a flagship initiative aimed at strengthening the government IT infrastructure and accelerating digital transformation in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended by the CEO, JaKeGA; State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC, Special Secretary IT Department; Deputy

Secretary, IT Department; representatives of NICSI; National Government Cloud (NGC) and other officers, ensuring comprehensive stakeholder participation. During the meeting, representatives of the National Government Cloud (NGC) briefed the participants on MeghRaj Cloud 2.0, outlining its architecture, service offerings, security framework, compliance standards and onboarding process for Government Departments. Detailed deliberations were held on conceptualization, scope definition and imple-

mentation framework of the project to ensure to settle the payment modalities. The Secretary stressed on following the GFR guidelines and organising proper training of the module besides close alignment of NICSI with Cloud committee. While briefing the participants, the Secretary highlighted that MeghRaj 2.0, implemented under the National Government Cloud (NGC) framework and facilitated by NICSI, represents a next-generation cloud eco-system designed specifically for government workloads.



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Labour Commissioner J&K reviews implementation of PM-SYM Scheme

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JAMMU, JAN 23:

The Labour Commissioner, J&K, Charandeep Singh today reviewed the implementation and progress of the PradhanMantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme at a meeting with all Assistant Labour Commissioners (ALCs) of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, it was informed that 85,954 unorganised workers have been registered under PM-SYM in Jammu & Kashmir till date. The Labour Commissioner reviewed the ongoing registration drive and noted that necessary plans have already been put in place to further accelerate enrolment under the scheme, with a special



focus on intensified field-level activities.

The Labour Commissioner directed all ALCs to continue the registration drive in a mission-mode and further strengthen awareness and sensitisation through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, awareness camps and direct interaction with unorganised workers.

Emphasising inter-departmental coordination, he also

instructed the officers to take on board other line departments and stakeholders to ensure faster and wider registration of eligible beneficiaries under PM-SYM, so that the benefits of the scheme reach every unorganised worker.

The PradhanMantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) is a flagship social security scheme of the Government of India aimed at providing old-age protection to unorganised workers. Under the scheme, workers in the age group of 18 to 40 years can enroll by making a nominal monthly contribution, with an equal contribution by the Central Government. On attaining the age of 60 years, the beneficiary is entitled to a minimum assured pension of Rs3,000 per month.

DLSA Udhampur convenes first meeting of Under Trial Review Committee -2026

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UDHAMPUR, JAN 23:

District Legal Services Authority Udhampur held its inaugural Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting of 2026 pursuant to directives from National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) and J&K Legal Services Authority (J&K LSA). The meeting convened at Conference Hall DLSA aimed to comprehensively review under-trial prisoner cases and expedite the release of eligible individuals who have endured protracted detention without trial.

Kalpna Revto, Chairperson DLSA/ Principal District & Sessions Judge Udhampur chaired the meeting which was attended by Sumati Sharma, Sub-Judge/Secretary DLSA Udhampur; Prem Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; Sandeep, Additional DSP Udhampur representing Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur; Reyaz Ahmed, Assistant Superintendent District Jail Udhampur along with Satish Kotwal, Munshi District Jail Udhampur representing

Superintendent District Jail, Udhampur and Pawan Gupta, Chief LADC Udhampur.

The Committee meticulously reviewed cases based on Supreme Court and NALSA guidelines, focusing on prisoners lacking adequate representation or detained without trial. Key discussion points included conducting regular meetings to track progress, maintaining a consolidated data sheet to monitor prisoner cases and preparing quarterly reports to ensure the benefits of legal provisions reach the intended beneficiaries.

Director Information administers NVD pledge to officers, employees of DIPR at Jammu



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JAMMU, JAN 23:

In connection with the observance of National Voters' Day, Director Information and Public Relations, Nitish Rajora today administered the National Voters' Day (NVD) Pledge to officers and officials of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) at Media Complex here. On the occasion, the Director along with the officers and officials of DIPR readout the pledge, reaffirming commitment to the democratic values enshrined in the Constitution of India and uphold the principles of democracy, exercise their electoral rights responsibly and encourage greater participation in the electoral process.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Information highlighted on the significance of this year's theme 'My India My Vote' of NVD, adding that the theme reflects the strengthening democratic institutions and fostering awareness about the importance of informed and ethical voting. Emphasizing on the role of DIPR regarding SVEEP activities of Election department, the Director urged DIPR personnel to actively contribute towards spreading voter awareness and promoting inclusive participation in elections.