

## J&K Govt sets...

Order No. 144-JK(HME) of 2026, the committee has been tasked with examining the functional necessity of engaging ministerial staff on duties during Sundays and holidays in government hospitals and health institutions. The committee will be chaired by the Principal, Government Medical College Jammu, while Director Health Services Jammu, Director Health Services Kashmir, and Chief Accounts Officer, Government Medical College Rajouri will serve as members.

As per the terms of reference, the panel will assess the nature of duties performed by ministerial staff during roster duties on off days, review existing rules and regulatory frameworks regarding such engagements, and recommend categories of ministerial staff who may be required to perform compulsory duties on Sundays and government holidays for the purpose of granting 2½ days' pay and allowances. The committee will submit its recommendations after examining the operational requirements of hospitals and health institutions under the Health and Medical Education Department.

## Terrorist killed along...

killed in the general area of Jhangar in the Nowshera sector around 3 pm on Tuesday, while he, along with another associate, was trying to sneak in from across the border.

Based on the documents and intelligence inputs, the deceased has been identified as Hamza Yousof, a resident of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Yousof was a senior operative of LeT's launchpad module assigned to facilitate the infiltration of armed terrorists into the Indian side, officials said, describing his killing as a major setback for the proscribed outfit.

A huge quantity of arms and ammunition, including an AK-type rifle with two magazines, two pistols with four magazines, 58 rounds, three hand grenades, one mobile set, two SIM cards and some Pakistani currency were recovered from the possession of the slain terrorist. However, his associate managed to escape and cross back to the Pakistani side during the encounter, officials added.

This was the second infiltration bid foiled by the army in the Rajouri sector this month. On March 4, army troops opened fire on infiltrating terrorists in the Turkandi area, forcing them to retreat. Earlier, the army foiled an infiltration bid in the Sunderbani area of Rajouri during the intervening night of February 19-20, recovering some arms and ammunition. "A robust operational posture and heightened alert continue across the sector. The wall stands vigilant - every infiltration bid will fail," the army had said.

## Rs 423-crore projects...

(Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment) works 2025-26, a total of 43 projects with an estimated cost of Rs 423.86 crore have been undertaken across the PHE and I&FC sectors in Jammu and Kashmir," Jal Shakti Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra said while briefing Jal Shakti Minister Javed Rana.

Kabra, who spelt out the financial position of the department and the progress of projects being executed under the UT capex budget and centrally-sponsored schemes, said that as per the status of Har Ghar Jal certification of villages, 1,379 villages had been reported under the programme by February 21, 2026. "Of this target, 874 villages have been certified so far," he said. Kabra also stressed the need to minimise the gap between completed and operational schemes by ensuring the timely commissioning of finished projects so that the intended benefits reach the public without delay. On the creation of in-village Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme (RPWSS) IDs, the official said that over 17,000 habitations are to be covered under the programme and directed the officers to accelerate the process to facilitate better monitoring and effective tracking of scheme implementation.

Regarding the UT Capex Budget 2025-26, he said that out of 762 works across different sectors, 551 have entered the execution stage while 161 have already been completed. Up to 745 works-about 97 per cent-have received administrative approval, with 726 projects tendered and 644 allotted to executing agencies, he added.

Among the sectors, the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Jammu has taken up 523 projects, of which 364 are currently in progress, and 143 have been completed, he said. In the Public Health Engineering (PHE) sector, work has commenced on 113 out of the 129 allotted projects in Jammu, while nine projects have already been completed in Kashmir.

Kabra further said that the department has taken several measures, such as the installation of backup power sources at critical PHE infrastructure, to address the issue of erratic power supply during the peak summer months. As part of these efforts, 308 water supply schemes have already been equipped with backup power through DG sets to ensure uninterrupted water supply to consumers, he added.

## Energy crisis: Don't...

Targeting DMK in the cash for jobs scam, he said when jobs were sold for money, the dreams of the middle class and poor were destroyed.

"The whole of Tamil Nadu has made up its mind to throw out DMK regime," Modi said. On the international airport status for Madurai, he said the Centre brought the world to the doorstep of the city. Also, he underscored a new terminal for Tiruchirappalli airport, which is 'modern, also fully immersed in culture of TN.' He could feel the pulse of the state very clearly that a desire for change was gaining huge momentum. He took a keen interest in connecting with Tamil people, and when it came to respecting TN and its culture, the Centre has always been at the forefront. It was a matter of pride that C P Radhakrishnan, a son of TN, has become the Vice-President.

Recalling his "divine experience" in the city two years ago, he said it was a privilege to be among the people again in Tiruchirappalli, "a land of courage and faith." AIADMK chief

Edappadi K Palaniswami, BJP state president Nainar Nagenthran, AMMK founder TTV Dhinakaran and PMK leader Dr Anbumani Ramadoss among others participated.

## Additional charge of...

to ensure the smooth functioning of the Juvenile Justice Board at Kishtwar. The order stated that the Principal Magistrate, JJB Doda will hold the additional charge of Principal Magistrate, JJB Kishtwar with immediate effect until further directions are issued.

## J-K's fuel stock...

also, we maintain supply for about 15 to 20 days," Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Anshul Garg told reporters here.

He said there is no need for panic as the government is closely monitoring stocks of all three fuels. "Our control room as well as the food and civil supplies department is monitoring this daily. We are comfortably placed in terms of stocks," he said. Garg said with minimal disruption on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, there is no need to worry.

"I would like to appeal to the public to solely rely on official updates for supply position. There is no need for panic buying. Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir are keeping close watch on this situation. If any decision needs to be taken, it will be communicated by the government," he added.

He said there was a restriction issued by the Centre for commercial LPG but it was not applicable to domestic consumers, hospitals and educational institutions. "If any violation is noticed, deputy commissioners will take remedial measures so that the public does not face any inconvenience for any essential service," he added.

## New Himachal LG...

gratitude to Droupadi Murmu and Narendra Modi for allowing him to serve. "I thank the Honourable President and the prime minister for giving me this opportunity. After seven months, I have been given a chance to work in a large state. Their wishes and expectations would be that everyone in society is taken along and that work is done for the betterment of Himachal," Gupta said.

Responding to a question about reports of people from Jammu and Kashmir allegedly facing harassment in Himachal Pradesh, the governor said, "Absolutely. I have not had much time yet, but good relations should exist between Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal." He said Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh share deep cultural and historical links and that mutual respect and goodwill should be preserved.

"Our language, culture and civilisation are similar. During the rule of the Dogra rulers, Himachal was also part of their state. Even today, songs here mention places like Chamba and Kangra. That mutual love and affection should be maintained," Gupta said. Gupta earlier on Thursday resigned from the post of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh after serving the Union Territory for over eight months.

The 66-year-old Gupta was appointed as the LG of the Union Territory on July 18, 2025. He was the third LG since it was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019. A senior BJP leader from Jammu, Gupta has previously served as deputy chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. He has also been the Mayor of Jammu.

## No delay in...

commissioners to ensure proper and timely disposal of complaints registered by Kashmiri Pandits on the dedicated portal regarding their immovable properties and assets left behind in the valley. During the meeting, the chief secretary took a comprehensive review of the range of measures undertaken by the government from time to time for the rehabilitation of different migrant categories, including Kashmiri Pandits, West Pakistani Refugees and displaced persons who migrated from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The spokesman said a detailed assessment was made regarding the implementation of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP 2015) and the steps being taken to improve the delivery of services to Kashmiri migrants, Jammu migrants and other displaced persons residing in the Union Territory. The chief secretary reviewed the status of the construction of transit accommodation being developed across various districts of Kashmir for migrant employees recruited under the relief package. Taking a location-wise appraisal from the executing agencies, he directed them to ensure completion of these projects within the stipulated timelines and with all required facilities in place. Dulloo also reviewed the status of Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) in respect of employees appointed under the relief package.

He observed that necessary clarifications and directions have already been issued to address procedural bottlenecks faced by departments and stressed that there should be no further delay in granting employees their rightful benefits as per the rules in force.

Emphasising the importance of responsive grievance redressal, the chief secretary directed the deputy commissioners to ensure quality disposal of complaints registered by migrants on the dedicated portal regarding their immovable properties and assets left behind in the valley. He instructed the relief commissioner to deploy officers to districts to monitor the grievance disposal process, stressing that affected individuals should be taken into confidence while resolving such issues on merit. Principal Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Chandraker Bharti said out of a total of 6,000 flats planned under the project, 4,128 flats have already been completed, while the remaining 1,872 flats have been phased for completion in stages with 584 flats to be completed by the end of

March, 832 by June and 456 by September this year.

He apprised that the two-storey community hall at Jagti is nearing completion with approximately 90 per cent of the work already executed. Regarding the PoJK Bhawan project, he said the complex comprising an administrative block, amphitheatre and Balidan Stambhis is expected to be completed by January next year. The meeting was also informed that land has been identified at Purkhoo in Jammu for the construction of additional flats for migrant families.

## Chief Secretary reviews...

Deputy Commissioners and representatives from NHA, BRO, SAMPARK and NHIDCL attended the meeting through video conferencing. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the implementation of key road safety initiatives, including enforcement drives by the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) and Traffic Police, functioning of the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) portal, and the rollout of the PM Rahat Scheme aimed at providing immediate assistance to road accident victims.

The Chief Secretary directed all departments concerned to ensure timely uploading and verification of accident data on the iRAD portal to facilitate accurate analysis and prompt corrective measures, particularly at identified black spots. He called for strict implementation of all the Supreme Court directions in letter and spirit with mandatory submission of reports of each major mishap happening on the roads here. The Chief Secretary emphasized strict enforcement of the road safety policy on ground besides taking of engineering measures by the concerned executing agencies involved in construction of roads here.

The Chief Secretary stressed the need for stronger coordination among departments including Transport, Traffic Police, Health, Public Works and district administrations to ensure effective implementation of road safety measures. He directed for the utilization of road safety fund in favour of accident victims besides effectively implementing the PM Rahat scheme for saving the lives of such individuals.

He also directed that District Road Safety Committees must hold regular meetings and prepare district-level action plans aimed at reducing accidents and improving traffic management. He also instructed road construction agencies to regularly conduct road safety audits of existing and new roads and ensure prompt rectification of hazardous locations to minimize accident risks.

The Secretary Transport, Avny Lavasa took this occasion to inform the meeting that the Transport Department, in coordination with other agencies, has been undertaking detailed analysis of road accidents through the iRAD portal, which helps identify accident hotspots and enables data-driven interventions.

She elaborated that the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) system digitally records accident data and supports scientific accident investigation besides helping in taking corrective measures eventually to reduce the occurrence of such mishaps leading to loss of precious lives.

The Secretary Transport further informed that stakeholders have been directed to ensure timely punching and verification of accident data on the portal. Training programmes are also being conducted in coordination with the National Informatics Centre to improve the quality and timeliness of accident reporting, she added.

Integration of electronic Detailed Accident Reports (eDAR) with judicial systems is also being pursued to streamline the accident reporting and compensation process, she apprised the meeting.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation of the Prime Minister's Road Accident Victims' Hospitalization and Assured Treatment (PM Rahat) Scheme, which provides cashless treatment to accident victims during the critical "golden hour" upto the amount of Rs 1.5 lakhs in each case. It was revealed that the accident analysis carried out through the portal has helped identify 16 major accident hotspots across J&K, including locations in districts such as Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi and Srinagar. She added that since June 2022, over 3,800 accidents have been reported in Jammu district alone, while around 1,500 accidents were recorded in Srinagar, highlighting the need for targeted interventions in high-risk corridors. The review also highlighted the extensive enforcement measures being undertaken by the Traffic Police and Motor Vehicles Department to curb violations and ensure safer roads.

The IGP Traffic, M.Suleiman reported that strict action is being taken against traffic violators under the Motor Vehicles Act. During 2025, a total of 15,947 vehicles were seized, while 786 vehicles have already been seized during 2026 so far for serious violations.

To strengthen enforcement, he added that the department has also deployed modern traffic management equipment including breath analysers, body-worn cameras, speed detection devices, reflective safety gear, traffic cones and LED traffic batons for field units.

Additionally, it was highlighted that 16 Highway Patrol Vehicles and 19 Interceptor Vehicles have been deployed for enhanced patrolling and monitoring on national and state highways, enabling swift action against traffic violations.

About the PM Rahat Scheme the Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan gave out that this scheme aims to ensure immediate hospitalization of road accident victims without financial constraints and facilitates coordination among police, hospitals and the Transport Department.

Regarding its implementation the Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul informed that all districts of the UT had been onboarded under the scheme. Necessary financial and digital infrastructure, including RBI and PFMS accounts, has been established and live entry of accident cases under the scheme started from March 9, 2026.

The Transport Commissioner further apprised the meeting about the Road Accident Victim Fund (RAVF) being utilized to support accident-related interventions and relief measures.

He divulged that ₹1226.10 lakh has been received under the fund, out of which ₹1153.10 lakh has already been released to RTOs and ARTOs, while ₹73 lakh remains available for further utilization.

Reiterating the government's commitment to safer roads, the Chief Secretary called for greater use of technology, strict enforcement of traffic laws and enhanced public awareness campaigns to significantly reduce road accidents across Jammu and Kashmir.

## J&K Govt nominates officers...

Order No. 311-JK(GAD) of 2026 dated March 11, issued by the General Administration Department, sanction has been accorded to the nomination of three officers to facilitate coordination, logistical arrangements and other preparatory activities related to the conference. The nominated officers include Shailendra Kumar, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department; Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Youth Services & Sports Department; and Faz Lul Haseeb, IAS, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

## CM Omar reviews...

presence nationwide. The review meeting was attended by Resident Commissioner J&K Ramesh Kumar and senior officers of the Resident Commission and concerned departments.

They presented updates on the ongoing projects, budgetary requirements as well as future development plans aimed at strengthening the institutional infrastructure outside Jammu and Kashmir. While reviewing the progress of multiple infrastructure projects being handled by the J&K Resident Commission, the Chief Minister stressed that all upcoming and renovated JK House properties must showcase the rich cultural heritage and distinctive identity of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Ensure that the new constructions and restructuring of existing properties carry a local touch of Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural legacy so that these government assets reflect a unique blend of heritage and modern functionality," the Chief Minister said. The meeting reviewed the status of J&K government properties in Dwarka and 5, Prithviraj Road in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Amritsar and Mumbai and also discussed proposals for expansion and modernisation of facilities meant for officials, students, patients and visitors from Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was informed that the government has initiated steps to establish a new JK House in Dwarka, New Delhi, to augment accommodation and administrative infrastructure for J&K officials and visitors. Similarly, the government is pursuing the development of a JK House at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai to enhance J&K's presence in the country's financial capital.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised that these government properties should serve as symbols of pride for Jammu and Kashmir and showcase its cultural richness and architectural identity. "These institutions must make J&K proud of its properties and should stand as dignified representations in different regions of the country," he said, directing the officers to ensure quality infrastructure and timely completion of projects.

While reviewing the proposed JK House in Amritsar, the Chief Minister asked the concerned authorities to take up the issue of land consolidation with the Punjab government. He said that the presently available land parcels are scattered and may not serve the intended purpose of building a functional government facility.

The Chief Minister instructed the officers to request the Punjab government to allot a single, consolidated plot so that a properly planned JK House can be developed in Amritsar. Regarding the Navi Mumbai project, the officers informed the Chief Minister that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs 29.56 crore has been submitted to the administrative department along with a capital expenditure proposal of about Rs 30 crore for construction of the facility.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of entrusting the execution of the project to government-owned agencies in Maharashtra to ensure smooth and hassle-free construction. The Chief Minister advised the officers to study similar government properties established by other states and Union Territories across the country so that best practices in infrastructure development, architecture and service delivery can be incorporated into the upcoming J&K facilities.

"Benchmark these projects with the best state guest houses and institutional facilities across the country so that Jammu and Kashmir develops world-class infrastructure for its residents visiting these cities," he said. The Chief Minister stressed that efforts should be made to complete these projects within the shortest possible timeframe so that new facilities for officers, students, patients and other visitors from J&K are made available at the earliest.

The meeting also deliberated on the allotment of construction and renovation works to agencies such as the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for efficient execution of projects. Earlier, Resident Commissioner Ramesh Kumar gave a comprehensive presentation to the Chief Minister on the status of various government properties managed by the Resident Commission, including offices, staff quarters, guest houses and VIP accommodation facilities.

He highlighted several development proposals including the upgrade of VIP rooms into suites at the Chanakyapuri JK House Complex, redevelopment of the Rajaji Marg property in New Delhi and extension of guest house facilities at 5, Prithviraj Road. The meeting also reviewed the condition of other properties under the Resident Commission's management in cities such as Chandigarh, Amritsar, Malabar Hill in Mumbai, and Sirsa in Haryana.

## One-Day Refresher Training Programme on AEP held at DIET Samba

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS

SAMBA, MAR 11:

A One-Day Refresher Training Programme under the Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) was organized at DIET Samba in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education and the J&K AIDS Control Society. The orientation event was coordinated by the office of Chief Education Officer.

The programme witnessed the participation of teaching officials including lecturers, masters and teachers from 50 Government Higher Secondary and High Schools of the District.

The Chief Education Officer Yashpaul Sharma was the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the significant role of teachers in guiding adolescents through this critical and

transformative stage of life. "Schools must function as safe and supportive spaces where students receive proper guidance on mental health, life skills, emotional well-being and awareness about substance abuse and other health-related concerns," he emphasized. Expert sessions were delivered by resource persons from the School Education Department, DIET and the Department of Health Services. The sessions focused on different components of the Adolescence Education Programme, including life skills education, adolescent health awareness, mental well-being and preventive strategies against risky behaviours.

Additionally, Deputy Director Academics, Dr Yasir Hamid Sirwal delivered an informative and insightful session highlighting the objec-

tives and practical implementation of the programme in schools. He encouraged the participants to actively engage with students, promote open communication and foster an environment where adolescents feel supported, confident and well-informed.

The trained teaching officials will now act as School Counsellors and resource persons in their respective institutions, spreading awareness and providing guidance to students across the district under the framework of the Adolescence Education Programme.

The programme concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders to continue collaborative efforts in promoting healthy, informed and responsible adolescence among students in District Samba.

## Legal awareness camps held across Reasi District

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS

REASI, MAR 11:

Under the visionary leadership of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi Khalil Choudhary (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge) and the able guidance of Secretary Pooja Gupta, awareness programmes to promote NALSA Schemes 2024 and NALSA helpline Number 15100, besides generate public awareness about "Prohibition of Child Marriage" was organised today by the Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) at Mahore Court Complex and Dewah Mahore.

The participants were sensitized to the provisions of the Prohibition of Child

Marriage Act and the importance of ensuring proper age and consent before marriage. The PLVs also informed the participants about the government assistance schemes available for the welfare and protection of women, children and other vulnerable sections of society.

Further, the participants were made aware about the NALSA Helpline Numbers, through which citizens can seek legal advice and assistance in case of any legal issues or violations of their rights.

Another awareness programme was organized by the Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of TLSC Katra at Panchayat Akhli to generate public awareness

regarding the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1985.

The PLVs sensitized the residents about the legal consequences of demanding dowry as enshrined in Dowry Prohibition Act, 1985. "Demanding or giving dowry is a punishable offence and the public shall stand against this social evil," the speakers stressed. The participants were also informed about the free legal aid services provided by the Legal Services Authorities for the needy and marginalized sections of society. The PLVs further urged the community members to report cases of dowry harassment and seek assistance from the Legal Services Authority whenever required.

## DC reviews fire safety measures in Kishtwar Township

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS

KISHTWAR, MAR 11:

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review fire safety arrangements in Kishtwar town and its adjoining areas, with a focus on strengthening emergency response infrastructure.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed the need for installing additional fire hydrants in the areas where fire brigade vehicles face difficulty in accessing narrow lanes and congested localities.

The DC directed the Executive Engineer, PHE to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the installation of additional fire hydrants in such areas to ensure timely response during fire emergencies.

It was informed that the installation of additional fire hydrants shall be undertaken in the first phase within the town area, prioritizing locations where fire brigade vehicles cannot easily reach.

In subsequent phases, the facility will be extended to other areas facing similar accessibility challenges. The initiative aims to strengthen fire safety preparedness and enhance the capability of emergency services to effectively tackle fire incidents across Kishtwar town and surrounding localities.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, CEO Municipal Council Kishtwar Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, Ex-En Jal Shakti Kishtwar Rohit Wadera, Incharge Fire & Emergency Kishtwar, besides other officers and concerned Staff.