

Sakeena Ito reviews admissions in Govt Degree Colleges across J&K

Calls for emerging technology courses, diversified academic offerings, measures to boost enrolment

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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

Maintaining that student welfare should remain the top priority, Minister for Higher Education, Sakeena Ito, today said that sustained reforms in the higher education sector are essential to make colleges more accessible, inclusive and responsive to the aspirations of students.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing a comprehensive review meeting held to assess the ongoing admission process in the Government Degree Colleges across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, Sakeena Ito had a comprehensive review of the admission status across Government Degree Colleges. She directed the Higher Education Department and college authorities to strengthen awareness and outreach initiatives in the institutions with comparatively low enrolment to ensure wider access to higher education.

The Minister emphasised that Principals and faculty members should actively engage with the students and parents to enhance awareness about the academic programmes, scholarship opportunities and career pathways available in Government Degree Colleges.

Reviewing the admission figures, Sakeena Ito was informed that colleges have recorded a significant rise in



student admissions this year after the government introduced several measures to simplify and ease the admission process.

Sakeena Ito, who has been closely monitoring the admission process, reiterated her commitment towards strengthening the higher education sector in Jammu and Kashmir. She said that it is the prime concern of the present dispensation to ensure that every eligible student gets access to quality higher education.

"The new reforms have helped reverse the declining trend in college admissions witnessed over the past few years and we hope that the admission figures would exceed 50,000 after the completion of next two rounds of admissions," asserted the Minister.

She said that legacy colleges continue to witness higher demand, which is

encouraging but stressed the need to further strengthen the higher education system by expanding the choice of courses and enhancing student welfare measures to make colleges more attractive for the aspiring students. She added that walk-in admissions have been facilitated through an in-house online portal to ensure that no eligible student is denied access to higher education. She informed that the Principals have been given flexibility in the admission process to take student-centric decisions in the best interest of students.

She stressed the need to rationalise course offerings, upgrade infrastructure and create academic opportunities that respond to the changing needs and aspirations of the students. She directed the officers to closely monitor the admission trends and take all necessary measures to improve enrolment, particularly

in colleges where the admissions remain below expectations.

The Minister also sought inputs from the Principals on the persistent decline in admissions in certain subjects and asked them to suggest measures to arrest the downward trend. She stressed that the neighbouring colleges should offer diversified courses rather than identical programmes, so as to optimise academic resources and provide students with a wider range of educational opportunities.

Stressing the importance of ensuring uninterrupted academic activities, the Minister directed all the colleges to make arrangements for commencement of classes at the earliest so that the students do not suffer any academic loss.

Sakeena Ito emphasised the need for rationalisation of faculty across colleges and directed the Higher Education Department to ensure optimum utilisation of teaching staff by deploying faculty in a manner that strengthens academic standards and addresses gaps in colleges facing low admissions.

The Minister emphasised the need to introduce new courses in emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence and other future-oriented disciplines, to align higher education with evolving academic and industry requirements. She also called for structural reforms across colleges to ensure a more balanced and uniform distribution of admissions.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation holds meeting at Assembly Secretariat



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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

A meeting of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation was held today at the Assembly Secretariat under

the chairmanship of its Chairman, MLA Muzaffar Iqbal Khan.

Legislators Hilal Akbar Lone, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Peerzada Feroze

Ahamad, Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh and Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi were present in the meeting.

The Chairman highlighted the important role of the Committee in scrutinizing the subordinate legislation and ensuring that the rules framed by various departments are consistent with the provisions and intent of the parent legislation. He emphasized the significance of the Committee's work in strengthening legislative oversight and promoting transparency and accountability in governance.

DC Samba reviews performances of banks at DLRC-DCC meeting

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SAMBA, JUN 23:

A meeting of the District Level Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) for the quarter ended March 2026 was held today in the Conference Hall, District Administrative Complex, Nandani Hills.

Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan chaired the meeting and reviewed the performance of banks under the Annual Credit Plan for the financial year 2025-26. The meeting also reviewed the progress achieved in the implementation of Government-sponsored self-employment and social security schemes. The meeting was convened by Lead District Manager (LDM), SBI Nishu Suppal and attended by LDO, RBI; DDM, NABARD; Chief Agriculture Officer; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer; District Sheep Husbandry Officer; AD Fisheries; District Coordinator, J&K Bank; representatives of SBI, PNB and J&KB; besides officials of other sponsoring Government



departments and banks.

The LDM informed the house that banks operating in the district recorded deposits of Rs. 9,219.18 crore and advances of Rs. 5,334.06 crore as on March 31, 2026. The CD Ratio of the district stood at 57.86%. Achievement under the Annual Credit Plan for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 3,536.90 crore against an annual target of Rs. 3,760.20 crore, registering an achievement of 94%. Under the Priority Sector, banks achieved Rs. 1,922.93 crore against the annual target of Rs. 2,056.22 crore, while under the Non-Priority Sector, the achievement stood at Rs.

1,613.97 crore against the annual target of Rs. 1,775.27 crore, registering an achievement of 95%.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive review of self-employment schemes, with special focus on PMEGP, JKREGP, KCC, HADP, PMAY, NRLM and NULM. She impressed upon the banks to achieve 100% digitization of bank accounts. She further advised all sponsoring agencies and banks to spread awareness among the public about the self-employment schemes launched by the Government and motivate eligible beneficiaries to avail benefits of the same.

MLA Farooq Shah chairs meeting of Committee on Petitions

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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

A meeting of the Committee on Petitions of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was held today under the Chairmanship of MLA Peerzada Farooq Ahmad Shah Assembly Secretariat, Srinagar. The meeting was attended by Legislators Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Javid Riyaz (Bedar), Sheikh Ahsan Ahmad (Pardesi), Shagun Parihar besides Additional Chief Secretary, PDD Ashwini Kumar, Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department Mandeep Kour along with other concerned officers. The Committee deliberated in detail on two petitions including non-compliance of the Court Order regarding fixation of Junior Engineers (Electrical) and post-retirement recovery from a retired Assistant Plumber.

During the meeting, the Committee held detailed discussion on both matters and sought comprehensive information and relevant records from the concerned departments. It directed the departments to furnish complete details and factual reports pertaining to the issues raised in the petitions for consideration in its next meeting. The Committee emphasized the need for timely submission of the requisite information to facilitate effective examination and disposal of the petitions.

ZSWO celebrates raising day at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JUN 23:

Zila Sainik Welfare Office Udhampur today celebrated the raising Day of Rajya Sainik Board. An impressive programme was organised in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex to commemorate the invaluable service and sacrifices of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families.

Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Zila Sainik Welfare Officer Rajesh Gupta presided over the function. Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, officers from various departments, Ex-Servicemen, veterans, Veer Naris and their family members were also present. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner extended his greetings and lauded the exemplary service, courage and sacrifices of the Ex-Servicemen fraternity and Veer Naris. He informed that the district administration is committed to the welfare, rehabilitation and handholding of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families. The Zila Sainik Welfare Officer highlighted various issues and demands concerning the Ex-Servicemen community. The DC sensitised the participants about the Government welfare schemes, flagship programmes and directed the concerned departments to address the genuine grievances of Ex-Servicemen on priority.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged Ex-Servicemen to actively participate and spread awareness about the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan launched by the Lieutenant Governor. He called upon them to motivate the public, particularly the youth, to stay away from drug abuse and contribute towards building a healthier and drug-free society.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated that the District Administration Udhampur would extend every possible support for the welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families and ensure prompt redressal of their genuine concerns.

Deputations, legislators call on Satish Sharma; highlight public issues, development concerns



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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

Several deputations, public representatives and legislators today called on Satish Sharma and apprised him of various public issues, developmental requirements and sector-specific concerns from their respective constituencies.

Among those who met the Minister was a deputation from Kulingam, Kupwara, which projected several issues concerning the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, augmentation of sports infrastructure, improvement of transport facilities and execution of various developmental works in the area. The deputation sought early intervention to ensure better public service delivery and accelerated development.

A deputation of Rehbar-e-Khel also called on the Minister and raised issues related to their regularization, service conditions and other long-pending service matters. The members

urged the government to take a sympathetic view of their genuine demands and ensure an early resolution.

Another deputation representing the J&K Wholesale Meat Dealers Association highlighted issues concerning the interstate transportation of meat, including logistical and regulatory challenges affecting the smooth movement and supply of meat into Jammu and Kashmir. They requested for appropriate measures to streamline the process and safeguard the interests of traders while ensuring uninterrupted supplies to consumers.

Legislators who called on the Minister included the MLAs from Kupwara, Langate, Beerwah, Lal Chowk, Chadoora, Khansahib, Rajpura and Sonawari. They projected a wide range of constituency-specific issues. They sought the Minister's intervention for early completion of key infrastructure projects, strengthening of essential public services, augmenta-

tion of transport facilities, improvement of sports infrastructure and effective implementation of welfare and development schemes. They also stressed the need for coordinated efforts among various departments to address the aspirations of the people.

Giving a patient hearing to all the deputations and legislators, Satish Sharma assured them that every genuine issue would be examined on priority and appropriate directions would be issued to the concerned departments for prompt action. He reiterated that the government is committed to transparent, responsive and people-centric governance, with special emphasis on timely grievance redressal and equitable development across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister directed the concerned officers to maintain close coordination with the public representatives and stakeholders, regularly monitor the progress of developmental works and ensure time-bound resolution of public grievances. He stressed that strengthening public service delivery, improving infrastructure and addressing the concerns of all sections of society remain among the government's foremost priorities.

The deputations and legislators expressed gratitude to the Minister for assuring expeditious consideration of the issues and demands projected during the meeting.

Javid Dar holds meeting with Legislators; reaffirms commitment to responsive governance

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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperatives and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today held a meeting with the legislators at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, during which a wide range of developmental and public welfare issues concerning their respective constituencies were discussed.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, was also present during the meeting.

The legislators who called on the Minister included Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Hasnain Masoodi, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad Shah, Irshad Rasool



Kar and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir.

The legislators apprised the Minister of various developmental requirements and public issues in their constituencies. They projected demands related to strengthening rural infrastructure, improving public services, augmenting agricultural support systems and

expediting the implementation of ongoing developmental and welfare initiatives.

Responding to the legislators, Javid Ahmad Dar assured them that all issues and concerns projected during the meeting would be examined and taken up with the concerned departments for appropriate action.

The Minister reiterated the government's unwavering commitment towards balanced and inclusive development across Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that sustained engagement with the elected representatives remains crucial for addressing the public grievances and ensuring effective delivery of services at the grassroots level. He maintained that the government is focused on accelerating the developmental activities, strengthening institutional mechanisms and ensuring that the benefits of welfare and development programmes reach every section of society.

The Minister further assured the legislators of his full support and cooperation in resolving genuine public issues and addressing developmental aspirations of the people in their respective constituencies.

Sakeena Ito reviews functioning of SMHS, Super Speciality Hospital Srinagar

Directs strict maintenance of hygiene standards in Wards, other facilities

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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito today chaired a meeting and took comprehensive review of the functioning of SMHS Hospital and Super Speciality Hospital, Srinagar, assessing patient care facilities, healthcare delivery mechanisms and overall hospital management. The meeting was attended by Principal GMC Srinagar, Medical Superintendents of SMHS Hospital and Super Speciality Hospital, HoDs of various super specialities and other concerned officers. During the meeting, the Minister held detailed assessment of diagnostic facilities and other critical services available at these facilities. She also held deliberations on quality of medical services, availability of medi-



cines, sanitation and staff responsiveness.

Reviewing the overall functioning of these prestigious medical institutions, the Minister stressed the need to ensure that patients receive timely, efficient and compassionate healthcare. She directed the hospital administration to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene across all wards, corridors

and public spaces, emphasizing that a clean hospital environment is fundamental to quality healthcare and infection prevention.

Sakeena Ito instructed officials to strengthen sanitation protocols through regular monitoring, prompt waste disposal and periodic inspections to ensure that hygiene standards are consistently maintained. She also called for special atten-

tion to patient waiting areas, washrooms and common facilities so that visitors and attendants experience a safe and dignified environment.

The Minister underscored the importance of coordinated teamwork among doctors, nursing staff, paramedics and support personnel in delivering seamless healthcare services. She urged hospital authorities to remain responsive to patients' concerns and address operational challenges without delay.

Reviewing infrastructure and service delivery, the Minister directed the concerned officers to identify gaps requiring immediate intervention and expedite measures aimed at improving efficiency, reducing inconvenience to patients and enhancing the overall healthcare experience.