Sagar reviews Winter Power Preparedness in Srinagar; Zainkote Grid Station to be Augmented at a cost of Rs. 89.46 Crore

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, NOV 9:

Minister for Power Development Department (PDD), Revenue, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) and Elections, Ali Mohammad Sagar, today visited Zainkote and Bemina to review the power supply scenario, assess winter preparedness and inspect key power infrastructure in Srinagar.



The Minister was accompanied by MLA Hazratbal, Salman Sagar, Managing Director JKPTCL, Managing Director KPDCL, Chief Engineers, Executive Engineers and other senior officers of the Power Development Department.

During the visit, the Minister reviewed the functioning of the existing power infrastructure and stressed the need for ensuring reliable, uninterrupted and quality power supply, particularly during the winter months when electricity demand witnesses a significant increase.

At Zainkote Grid Station, the Minister was informed about the proposed major augmentation of its capacity from the existing 450 MVA to 780 MVA at an estimated cost of Rs. 89.46 crore. The project is aimed at strengthening the transmission network and meeting the growing electricity requirements of Srinagar and its adjoining areas, including Shari-Khas.

The augmentation will also strengthen power supply to the 132/33 kV Grid Station at Waganpora and GIS Khanyar. It was informed that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been approved and the tendering process is scheduled to be initiated by November 10, 2026. The Minister also inspected the 132/33 kV, 200 MVA Grid Station at Bemina, which caters to several densely populated areas of Srinagar, including Bemina, Qamarwari, Karanagar, Fatehkadal, Barbar Shah, PC Depot, JVC and adjoining localities through its associated receiving stations. He directed the officers to ensure timely completion of all ongoing and proposed works, remove operational bottlenecks and maintain close coordination to minimise power disruptions during the winter season. The Minister also visited the Overview Data Centre at Bemina and took stock of its functioning and related infrastructure. Emphasising the importance of strengthening the power transmission and distribution network in view of Srinagar's expanding urban landscape and rising electricity demand, Sagar called for a proactive and coordinated approach to winter preparedness. He directed the concerned officers to remain responsive to public grievances and ensure prompt resolution of power-related issues.

Public representatives, delegations, citizens call on CM Omar Abdullah in Jammu



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, NOV 9:

Several public representatives, delegations, professionals and citizens today called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here and discussed a range of issues concerning public welfare, development and various sectors. Former Minister Sukhnandan Choudhary called on the Chief Minister and discussed issues of public importance.

MLA Chenani Balwant Singh Mankotia met the Chief Minister and discussed developmental issues, public welfare concerns and other matters pertaining to his Assembly constituency.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. B. N. Tripathi, also called on the Chief Minister and discussed various matters related to the university.

A delegation of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), led by its Chairman Sanjay Aggarwal, met the Chief Minister and discussed issues concerning the automobile industry in Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. Abhinav Gupta of ASCOMS, Jammu, also called on the Chief Minister. The interaction provided an opportunity to acknowledge his professional accomplishments.

A delegation led by Principal of British International School, Sainik Colony, Jammu, accompanied by teachers and students, also called on the Chief Minister. The students interacted briefly with him during the meeting.

Several other individuals and citizens also called on the Chief Minister during the day.

Department of Agriculture Jammu celebrates Vishwakarma Day

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, NOV 9:

The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu today celebrated Vishwakarma Day with religious fervour and enthusiasm here at the Seed Processing Unit and Government Agriculture Workshop, Talab Tillo. The celebrations were graced by Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, Anil Gupta.

Addressing the officers and workers, He highlighted the significant role of agricultural mechanization in transforming the agricultural sector and enhancing farm productivity.

The Director emphasized that farm mechanization plays a crucial role in improving productivity, efficiency and quality in the cultivation of both food and non-food crops. He stressed the need to embrace modern agricultural tools, machinery and technologies to promote sustainable farming practices and accelerate agricultural growth.

Special Puja ceremonies, dedicated to Bhagwan Vishwakarma, the divine architect and patron of artisans, craftsmen and engineers, were organized at the Seed Processing Unit and Government Agriculture Workshop, Talab Tillo. The ceremonies included traditional worship of tools and machinery along with prayers for the safety, well-being and prosperity of all workers and machine operators. The celebrations concluded with the distribution of Prasad among the participants. During the programme, the Director interacted with the workshop staff and inspected the machines and equipment installed at the workshop and Seed Processing Unit.

Meanwhile, Vishwakarma Puja was also performed with devotion at Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore and Seed Multiplication Farm Chakrohi, where officers and employees participated in the religious ceremonies.

The programme was attended by Joint Director (Inputs) Sanjay Anand; Joint Director (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma; Joint Director (Extension) Suresh Kumar Khajuria; Deputy Director (Central) Sanjeev Rai Gupta; Agriculture Economist Tilak Raj Sharma; Plant Protection Officer Raju Mahajan; Agriculture Research Engineer Firdous Ahmad Tak; Agronomist (VIS) Bhabishan Singh Jasrotia; ASCO (I&P) Sanjeev Mehta; DSCO Nirmal Prakash; Potato Development Officer Ravi Sharma; Assistant Agriculture Engineer Bharti Thusoo, besides other senior officers, technical staff and employees of the department.

Javid Dar assures JK NOPRUF delegation of examining teachers' service issues



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SRINAGAR, NOV 9:

A delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir National Old Pension Restoration United Front (JK NOPRUF) led by its General Secretary, Sakoon Manir today called on Minister for Agriculture Production, Finance, Mining and Cooperative Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar and apprised him of a range of long-pending service related issues concerning the teachers and employees across Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation submitted a detailed memorandum seeking Minister's intervention for addressing the issues pertaining to pensionary benefits, career progression, transfer policy and other matters affecting the teaching fraternity.

During the interaction, the delegation sought extension of benefits of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to eligible Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) teachers whose recruitment advertisements were issued on or before December 24, 2009, including those engaged subsequently, in accordance with Government Order No. 305-F of 2026.

The delegation highlighted the need for convening regular Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings to clear the long-pending promotion cases of eligible teachers to the post of Masters. They also urged for formulating a separate, transparent and comprehensive transfer policy for ReT teachers.

Other major issues brought to the Minister's attention included formulation of a suitable transfer policy for Reserved Category and PM Package employees serving in Kashmir, acceptance and onward submission of OPS-related cases of all eligible employees to the Finance Department and expeditious disposal of pending intra-district transfer cases of Reserved Category and PM Package employees.

The representatives emphasised that these issues have a direct bearing on the professional security, career advancement, pensionary entitlements and overall welfare of teachers and other employees, warranting their timely consideration and resolution.

Javid Dar assured its members that the genuine issues raised in the memorandum would be examined and addressed in a phased manner.

The delegation was comprised of Manir, UT General Secretary, JK NOPRUF; Binny Tandon, Provincial President, NOPRUF Kashmir; Sudesh Kumar, District Organiser, NOPRUF Doda and Faiz Ahmed, District Advisor, NOPRUF Doda.

DC Jammu reviews implementation of HADP, JKCIP



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, NOV 9:

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting to review the progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP) across agriculture and allied sectors. The initiatives under the twin flagship programmes envisage modernisation of the agricultural and other farm activities, besides promotion of agro based entrepreneurship.

The officers briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the physical and financial progress achieved under different components of HADP and JKCIP in their respective departments. The DC was informed about the number of applications received, approved and units established on the ground, along with the status of output tracking and skilling of beneficiaries through the Daksh Kisan portal.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the department-wise targets and achievements in sectors including agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and sericulture. He also took stock of the utilisation of funds released under the schemes.

Stressing timely implementation, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to clear pending applications at the earliest and ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the eligible farmers in a time-bound manner.

DC Poonch reviews progress of RDD works under District plan

Directs completion of tendering process by month-end

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
POONCH, NOV 9:

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a review meeting in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Poonch, to assess the physical and financial progress of of the Rural Development Department works being executed under the District Capex Budget 2026-27. The DDC took a detailed review of the status of works, including Administrative Approval (AAA), tendering and allotment. He emphasized the need to accelerate the pace of execution and ensure timely completion of all development works. Expressing concern over delays in the tendering process, the DDC directed Rural Engineering Wing (REW) to accord top priority to pending tendering and ensure that the entire process is completed by the end of the current month. He asked REW functionaries to avoid unnecessary delays and take effective measures to expedite the process. The DDC further directed to maintain close coordination and ensure that development works are taken up and completed within the stipulated timelines while maintaining quality standards.

The meeting was attended by the Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Executive Engineer REW, Chief Planning Officer (CPO and others, The Block Development Officers (BDOs) joined through video conferencing.

DLSA Udhampur celebrates Legal Services Day 2026 with Week-Long awareness campaign



JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
UDHAMPUR, NOV 9:

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Udhampur celebrated Legal Services Day by organizing an awareness programme in the Conference Hall-District Court Complex, here today.

As part of the celebration, the DLSA Udhampur organized a week-long legal awareness campaign commencing from November 3, 2026. The campaign was formally inaugurated on November 3 and included six (06) awareness programmes conducted at various schools and colleges across the district. The initiative aimed to spread awareness about legal rights, free legal aid and the importance of access to justice among students and the general public.

The programme held today was graced by Chairperson District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Kalpana Revo as the Chief Guest.

Judicial Officers, President Bar Association, Panel Lawyers, staff members and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of the DLSA also attended the programme.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Panel Lawyer Sanjeet Kumar Bavouria, while the welcome address was delivered by Secretary DLSA Sumati Sharma (Sub-Judge), who welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants.

A special attraction of the programme was the participation of renowned local poets and poetesses, namely Advocate Swatantra Dev Kotwal, Anu Atri, Naseem Akhter, Rekha Thakur, Ranjeet Bhagat and Kusam Antra.

They enthralled the audience with their beautiful poems and songs in Dogri and Gojri languages, adding a cultural touch to the celebration and making the occasion more lively and memorable. As a gesture of respect towards nature and environmental awareness, saplings were presented to the Chief Guest and other Judicial Officers. The initiative also conveyed the message of environmental protection and the importance of nurturing nature.

At the conclusion of the programme, the Chief Guest distributed certificates among the special participants in recognition of their valuable contribution and participation in making the celebration meaningful.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Chairperson District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Kalpana Revo. The chairperson expressed her gratitude to all the Judicial Officers, Bar representatives, Panel Lawyers, staff members, Para Legal Volunteers and special participants for their presence and valuable contribution to the successful conduct of the programme.

The programme concluded on a positive note, reflecting the commitment of the DLSA towards spreading legal awareness, promoting access to justice and strengthening the spirit of legal services among all sections of society.

Similar awareness programmes were also organised by TLSC Ramnagar at Anganwari Centre, Village Jhansi, Village Anganwari Centre Khagote and Sub-Judge Court Ramnagar, TLSC Majalta at Panchayat Ghar Majalta and TLSC Chenani at Munsiff Court Chenani.

DLSA Jammu celebrates Legal Services Day with inmates of Muskan Home for Children

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, NOV 9:

District Legal Services Authority Jammu, under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA Tahir Khurshid Raina and supervision of Civil Judge (Senior Division) Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma on Monday organised a visit to Muskan 'Home for Children' Channi Rama to mark Legal Services Day. The Muskan 'Home for Children' Channi Rama is a specialised care and support centre for mentally challenged children.

The visit was conducted under NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024. Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma led the visit along with Advocate Kavita Raina and PLVs Dawood Ibrahim and Sahil Khosla.

During the visit, the children were sensitised in a very simple, loving and child-friendly manner about their rights, the concept of good touch and bad touch, the right to be heard, the right to free legal aid and the role of DLSA in protecting children. She also explained the salient features of the NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024, which aims to provide legal services to children in a safe, sensitive and non-intimidating environment, with special focus on children in need of care and protection, children in conflict with law and children with special needs.

Various co-curricular activities were also organised for the children to make the day joyful and memorable for them. The children, together with the team of DLSA Jammu enthusiastically made beautiful paintings and colourful Diwali greetings in which they expressed their happiness, love and festive spirit in their own innocent and creative way. Thereafter, the children who love singing and dancing, happily performed songs and dances. All the children participated with great excitement and happiness and everyone including the staff and the visiting team enjoyed the performances wholeheartedly. The team interacted warmly with the children and the staff of the Home, enquired about their well-being, their daily routine, their education, health and other facilities and assured them of all possible legal assistance from DLSA Jammu. Stationery items and sweets were also distributed amongst them by the Secretary, DLSA Jammu.

