

Tabletop Exercise on Glacial Lake Outburst Floods Conducted in District Kulgam

KULGAM JULY 03: The Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRRR), in joint collaboration with the Union Territory Disaster Management Authority (UT DMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Kulgam, conducted a Tabletop Exercise on Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) in District Kulgam.

The exercise was held under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Viqar Ahmad Giri (CEO DDMA) and attended by Dr Aamir, Chief Executive Officer-ERO, DMRRR, and Sanober Jameel, Deputy Secretary, DMRRR, Civil Secretariat, J&K UT and Consultant DDMA Kulgam Mohammad Hanan.

Officers from various departments participated, including the Sub-Divisional Magistrate DH Pora, Bashir-ul-Hassan, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Reyaz Ahmad Shah, DYSP Ayoub Rather, Civil Defence and SDRF in-charge, Engineers from all concerned de-



partments, CRPF Officers, Tehsildars of all Tehsils, along with teams from SDRF, Fire & Emergency Services, Aapda Mitra Volunteers, and other disaster response units.

During the session, Dr Aamir emphasized the importance of preparedness and proposed the execution of mock drills near Kousarnag Lake, a potential GLOF

risk site. He stressed the need for the deployment of medical teams during drills, the formation of additional volunteer groups, and the active involvement of all stakeholders in strengthening community-level disaster response.

The initiative reflects the administration's proactive approach toward GLOF disaster preparedness and re-

silience-building in vulnerable areas of South Kashmir.

The exercise simulated multiple disaster scenarios to test the preparedness and response capabilities of all agencies involved.

Detailed deliberations were held on communication strategies, evacuation procedures, and the deployment of critical emergency response units.

'Centre should restore Statehood without any delay'

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JULY 03**

Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, has strongly dismissed speculative media narratives suggesting that fresh Assembly elections would be mandatory following the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here today, the senior NC leader termed these assumptions as "constitutionally unfounded and democratically misleading."

He was responding to recent remarks by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who stated he has no objection to dissolving the current Assembly if statehood is restored. While welcoming Omar Abdullah's statement, he clarified that "dissolution of the Assembly is not a constitutional com-

pulsion, but rather a political choice."

Citing the constitutional framework, Rattan Lal Gupta emphasized that the reorganisation of states and Union Territories is governed by Article 3 of the Constitution of India, which empowers Parliament to create new states, alter boundaries, or change the status of existing territories. It was under this provision that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 was passed—leading to the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two UTs: Jammu and Kashmir (with a legislature) and Ladakh (without a legislature). "The Constitution does not mandate the dissolution of a UT's Legislative Assembly while elevating it to statehood," he said, adding "Parliament can simply amend the existing Act to convert the UT back into a state, without disbanding the present Assem-

bly. Legally, if government of India would introduce a reorganization bill in parliament changes the status from UT to State, defines thereby the structure of legislature, governance and transition provisions, then parliament can choose to continue the existing Assembly as the first legislative Assembly of the new State of J&K.

Drawing historical context, the senior NC leader pointed out the 1987 example of Goa, where the UT was granted statehood and its legislature continued briefly before being dissolved for fresh elections. "Even then, there was no constitutional obligation—only a political will to start afresh under new circumstances," he said.

On the larger question of statehood restoration, Rattan Lal Gupta expressed concern over the continued delay despite repeated assurances from the Centre.

"The Government at the Centre keeps saying statehood will be restored at an appropriate time, but now it is the most appropriate time to restore statehood to J&K, he said.

Highlighting the return of peace and normalcy in the region, he noted, "We've had record-breaking tourist footfall, successful conduct of the G20 summit, a smooth Amarnath Yatra underway, etc. What further evidence does the Centre require to acknowledge normalcy and restore the democratic dignity of J&K?"

The Provincial President asserted that the current J&K Assembly—elected under the UT structure—still represents the people's will and should not be undermined by speculative narratives. "This is the people's government. And the law allows for its continuation even as Jammu and Kashmir transitions back to full-fledged statehood."

MLA conducts Extensive Tour of Akhnoor Town, Directs Swift Action on Development, Rain Damage Restoration

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In a proactive move to assess monsoon-related damages and expedite development works, MLA Mohan Lal conducted a comprehensive tour of Akhnoor town on Wednesday. Accompanied by officials from various key departments, the MLA visited multiple affected areas and chaired a review meeting to issue necessary directives for time-bound execution of critical projects.

Prominent among those present were Municipal Committee Executive Officer Tahir Hafeez, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department Rocky Mahajan, Executive Engineer PWD Sunil Dogra, Assistant Engineer Electric Department Farooq, Assistant Executive Engineer Flood Control Department Sanjeev Choudhary, AEE Irrigation Anil, and other concerned engineers.

During the visit, the MLA inspected areas including Jia Pota, Geeta Colony near Kameshwar Temple, Bus Stand, and surrounding regions impacted by recent rains. He instructed that



road widening projects in the town be initiated within a week and emphasized immediate cleaning of all major drains to prevent water-logging.

He further directed the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for upcoming municipal works and outlined several key projects to be prioritized. These include the construction of a Jhula bridge, an Asthi Visarjan Ghat, beautification of the town's historic ponds, and a new concrete bridge from Gurha

Brahmana to Guda Patan. He also instructed PWD to clear accumulated soil over storm drains near Pulli Temple and ensure complete restoration of roads and lanes affected by pipeline laying under the AMRUT Scheme.

Major Concern Over Damage to Jia Pota Promenade, Calls for Investigation serious concern over the partial collapse of the Jia Pota promenade—constructed at a cost of several crores—MLA Mohan Lal ordered the Tehsildar of

Akhnoor to conduct an immediate inquiry into the matter. Locals reportedly alleged that prolonged drainage-related work by the PWD Electric Wing caused water accumulation, weakening the foundation and leading to the damage.

The MLA emphasized that strict action will be taken against any official or contractor found negligent. "Public money cannot be allowed to go to waste due to carelessness. Accountability is non-negotiable," he said.

Arvind holds public darbar at BJP headquarters

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Arvind Gupta, J&K BJP Secretary and MLA from Jammu West, held a Public Darbar at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, which saw an overwhelming response from the public.

Deputations from various sections of society, visited party headquarters to highlight pressing civic and administrative issues.

During the Darbar, dozens of deputations presented their grievances related to key public service departments such as Revenue, Public Health Engineering (PHE), Power Development Department (PDD), Public Works Department (PWD), and Urban Local Bodies.

Prominent among the concerns raised were the attention seeking condition of



roads and the urgent need for blacktopping and repairs. Water scarcity emerged as a major issue, with residents pointing to erratic PHE supply and inadequate distribution infrastructure. Several deputations also reported frequent power cuts and voltage fluctuations. The malfunctioning and absence of street lights in many areas were flagged as significant safety concerns, while others highlighted the long-pend-

ing repair and construction of lanes and drains. Issues related to ration card, exclusion from beneficiary schemes, and delays in receiving benefits under government welfare programs such as Ayushman Bharat were also brought to attention.

Arvind Gupta gave a patient hearing to each deputation and promptly directed that the grievances be forwarded to the concerned de-

partmental officials for immediate action. Emphasizing the need for timely redressal, he assured the public that all genuine concerns would be addressed on priority.

Speaking to the media and attendees, Gupta remarked that the massive turnout at the Darbar is a testament to the people's trust in the BJP's model of transparent and responsive governance. He underlined that the party is committed to ensuring that governance remains citizen-centric and inclusive, particularly for the underprivileged.

Reiterating the BJP's guiding philosophy, Arvind Gupta stated that the party, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is firmly committed to the mission of Antyodaya, uplifting the last person in the queue.

3-day traditional Sarthal Devi Yatra begins with religious fervor

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Three-day long traditional Shri Ashtadash Bhuja Mata Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra commenced with great religious fervor early today morning by performing Hawan at Gori Shankar Mandir, Sarkoot in which number of couples offered Aahuti and Puran Aahutis.

Impressive Shoba Yatra was taken from Gauri Shankar Mandir by Sanjeev Parihar, Vice Chairman, Shri Sarthal Devi Management Council which passes through different locations of Kishtwar town. The locals of various localities accorded warm welcome to Shoba Ya-



tra and served refreshment to the pilgrims.

On the occasion, MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar, DC Pankaj Sharma, DDC Chairman Pooja Thakur, heads of various religious organisations participated in the Yatra.

The Shobha Yatra along with pilgrims proceeded to-

wards Sarthal Devi Ji Bhawan from Bus Stand Kishtwar in buses and other vehicles. Tomorrow morning a Maha Yajya will be performed at Sarthal Devi Mandir.

District Administration along with police had made all the necessary arrangements at Sarthal and Kisht-

war for the welfare of devotees.

The Yatra was organized by Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Trust under the patronage of Sh. Vikramaditya Singh, Chairman Trustee of the Trust.

Vikramaditya Singh, in his message, extended warm greetings to all devotees and people of Kishtwar on this auspicious occasion and prayed for peace, prosperity and well being of all.

Arjun Singh, Manager J&K Dharmarth Trust, Bhaderwah, also participated in this three-day long traditional Yatra.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Tahir Hanif, S/o Mohd Hanif, R/o Rajdhani, Thana Mandi, Rajouri, have applied for registration of D-Class Card in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Rajouri.
Any objections in this regard may be communicated to the concerned office within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dr Jyotsna appointed Member of INTACH's HCCD Advisory Committee

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JULY 03:**

Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Director of the Amar Mahal Museum & Library, Jammu, has been appointed as a Member of the Heritage Craft and Community Division (HCCD) Advisory Committee by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

Daughter of Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Jyotsna Singh is a noted cultural activist



and heritage conservationist. She is also the founder of the much-acclaimed Tawi Festival, which celebrates the diverse cultural traditions of the region.

The appointment was confirmed through an official communication from INTACH, stating that the HCCD Advisory Committee

has been reconstituted as of May 7, 2025.

Dr. Jyotsna Singh's inclusion in this prestigious committee reflects her long-standing contributions to the promotion and preservation of art, culture, and heritage in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

As a member of the HCCD Advisory Committee, Dr. Jyotsna Singh will play a key role in offering expert guidance and advice towards strengthening INTACH's initiatives focused on heritage crafts and community engagement across India.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI
DEAPRTMENT PHE MECH. DIVISION SOUTH JAMMU**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 21 OF 2025-26 Dated: 02.07.2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE (Mech) South Division Jammu, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ registered in DIC or any other state/centre/UT Government (for similar nature of works) for below mentioned works. The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Upgradation of LT electric sub- station along with installation of on load Tap changer Transformer and allied works at CPS Boria under AMRUT 2.0	100.00/-lacs	3000/-	Rs 2,00,000/-	180 days	90 Days

Position of AAA : Accorded
Position of T.S : Sanctioned
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE (Mech) South Division Jammu .
Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date	03.07.2025 (10:00 AM)
II	Document Download Start Date	03.07.2025 (10:00 AM)
III	Clarification Start date	04.07.2025 (12:00 PM)
IV	Clarification End date	04.07.2025 (4:00 PM)
V	Pre-bid meeting date	07.07.2025 (1:00 PM)
VI	Bid submission Start date	08.07.2025 (10:00 AM)
VII	Bid submission End date	22.07.2025 (3:00 PM)
VIII	Date of Bid opening	23.07.2025 (3:00 PM)

1.

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

2.

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

3.

The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE (M) South Division Jammu Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu. The cost of tender documents should be in form of e-challan/single window challan of JMC (Jammu Municipal Corporation)

4.

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of e-Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

5.

The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non- responsive.

6.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.

7.

Queries by email if any should be made at xmechsouth@gmail.com.

8.

Pre-Bid meeting: As site visit is strongly recommended, the bidders are advised to attend/hold pre-bid meeting with the tender inviting authority to seek any required clarifications. A bidder requiring any clarification on any issue of the tender document may take up the same with the tender inviting authority through e-mail xmechsouth@gmail.com.

9.

Interested eligible bidders can also depute their authorized representative to visit the site and attend the pre-bid meeting as per the pre-bid meeting schedule.

No. PHEJ/MS/1423-27
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