

Executive Committee of Home for the Aged & Infirm Reviews Functioning

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Home for the Aged & Infirm was held today at the Home premises under the chairmanship of its President, Er. Pankaj Gupta, to review the overall functioning of the institution and deliberate on key administrative, financial and welfare-related issues.

During the meeting, the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting held on December 26, 2026 were confirmed. The Income and Expenditure Accounts for the month of December 2025 were presented before the Committee and approved after detailed deliberations.

The Committee took note of visits by eight institutions and individuals during December 2025, who expressed appreciation for the quality of care, facilities and overall management of the Home. The enrolment of new Life Members during



the month was also approved following scrutiny of the prescribed application forms and receipt of membership fees.

Other important issues discussed included recovery of rent from shopkeepers, renewal of pending lease deeds, pay revision of employees, addition and alteration to the existing struc-

ture, progress on the provision of lifts, issuance of surplus stock, and interaction with inmates and staff to assess their welfare.

The meeting was held under the guidance of the President, Er. Pankaj Gupta, while the proceedings were conducted by the Secretary, Dr. Dinesh Gupta. The meeting was at-

tended by S/Shri Prem Gupta, IGP J&K (Retd.), Patron; Vijay Gupta, Joint Secretary; and Executive Committee members Shri Sat Pal Sharma, S. Ratandeep Singh Anand, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Dr. Roopali Slathia, S. Rajinder Singh, Shri Vijay Dhawan, Dr. Ritesh Gupta and Mrs. Sudha Gupta.

BJP reviews preparations for Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan

JAMMU, FEB 10: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria addressed an organizational meeting held at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to review and finalize the broad outline of the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026. The meeting focused on strengthening the party's organizational structure through systematic ideological and organizational training.

J&K BJP Vice Presidents Priya Sethi, and Rajiv Charak

and Prashikshan Mahabhiyan Convenor Parneesh Mahajan also shared their views and stressed on collective efforts to make the campaign a success.

While addressing the meeting, Baldev Singh Billawaria emphasized that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is a crucial initiative aimed at enhancing the ideological clarity, organizational discipline, and leadership skills of party workers at all levels.

He said that the training programme will be conducted in a highly planned, competitive, and meticulous

manner, ensuring meaningful participation and outcome-oriented learning. He stressed that detailed observation, structured modules, and proper coordination will be key to making the Mahabhiyan a grand success across Jammu and Kashmir.

Priya Sethi, while sharing her views, highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in implementing the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan. She said that training programmes play a vital role in grooming dedicated activists who can effectively communicate the party's ideology

and public welfare initiatives to the grassroots.

She urged all organizational units to work in close coordination to ensure smooth and impactful execution of the campaign.

Rajiv Charak underlined that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is not merely a formal exercise but a transformational process for strengthening the party from within. He stressed the need for discipline, punctuality, and seriousness in district- and mandal-level workshops so that the objectives of the programme are fully achieved.

Alexander Memorial School holds farewell party

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A farewell party was given to the class X of Alexander Memorial School on 10th February, 2026. Rev. Hemanta Digal, Presbyter-in-charge St. Paul's Church, CNI, Jammu, Mr. Anthony Ignatius and several other members of the Managing Committee were present.

The Administrator, Mrs. Esther William & Principal Mrs. Marshlaw Khokhar, welcomed the guests and the outgoing students and Rev. Hemanta Digal gave an impressive sermon.

The students of class IX enthralled the audience by presenting a Farewell song, a colourful cultural programme comprising dance, music and Titles for each students which was



highly appreciated by all.

Abraham Moses Khokhar, Aditi Arora and Amrish Singh were given certificates of merit and cash prizes for excellence in Computer Literacy Programme by Alpha Informatix.

Miss Mehar Kalyan was

given the title of Best Dress Girl and Aron Sotra was given the Best Dressed boy award after an exciting Modeling & Catwalk.

After the refreshment to the outgoing students, the Principal, Mrs. Marshlaw Khokhar, bid adieu to them with a heavy heart

and wished for their successful and prosperous future.

Master Abraham Moses Khokhar was declared Master Alexian and Miss Upsana Gill was Crowned Miss Alexian. The programme ended a sumptuous lunch.

Mega Health Screening Camp for HIV & Hepatitis Held at District Jail Bhaderwah

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On the directions of the Director General of Police, Prisons J&K Sh Deepak Kumar (IPS) and Deputy Commissioner Doda Sh Harvinder Singh (IAS), and under the able guidance of the Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Tanveer A Rather, a mega health screening camp for HIV and Hepatitis B & C was organised for jail inmates at District Jail Bhaderwah, on 09-02-2026.

The camp was organised by the District Surveillance Unit (IDSP), Doda, in collaboration with District Jail Bhaderwah, with active support from Government Medical College Doda and Sub-District Hospital Bhaderwah.

The programme was graced by the presence of Superintendent District Jail Bhaderwah, Shri Hamid Ullah Naik, Block Medical Officer Bhaderwah, Dr. Versha Sharma; along with officials from the CMO Office and BMO Office Bhaderwah.

A dedicated medical team from GMC Doda and SDH Bhaderwah conducted screening for Hepatitis B & C, along with general health check-ups. In addition, NCD screening, TB screening, and eye screening were carried out for more than 100 inmates lodged at District Jail Bhaderwah.

The primary objective of the camp was to ensure early detection of communicable and non-communicable diseases among inmates, facilitate timely referral and treatment, and promote preventive healthcare practices within the prison premises, thereby



strengthening inmate health and well being.

Speaking on the occasion, the Superintendent District Jail Bhaderwah Sh Hamid Ullah Naik expressed his gratitude to the higher authorities including DG Prisons J&K, District Administration Doda, and the Health Department for organising such an important and much-needed health initiative.

He appreciated the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders and emphasized the significance of regular health screening camps in safeguarding the physical

and mental well-being of inmates.

Later, an awareness session was also conducted for the inmates, focusing on personal hygiene, mental health, disease prevention, overall well-being, and the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle even within custodial settings.

The health team comprised Dr. Nasir Masood Indrabi, Dr. Sandeep Chander, Dr. Saima Khateeb, Mr. Tariq Hussain (Pharmacist), Shri Sanjay Kumar (Senior Ophthalmic Technician), Mrs. Ruby Banoo (FMPHW), besides other

supporting staff from GMC Doda including Mr Puneet Shan and Ms Saima.

The initiative was widely appreciated for strengthening healthcare services and promoting health awareness among the prison population.

The programme was successfully coordinated by Mr. Umar Anayat (Epidemiologist), Mr. Mashhood Latif, Mohd Salim Bandy, and Mr. Faizan A. Tramboos from the Health Department, Doda, whose efforts ensured the smooth and effective conduct of the camp.

Sat raises urban mobility and rural livelihood issues of Jammu & Kashmir in Rajya Sabha

NEW DELHI, FEB 10: Jammu & Kashmir BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha),

Sat Sharma CA, forcefully raised crucial public-interest issues concerning urban mobility and rural livelihood

generation in Jammu & Kashmir during the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha, and obtained detailed responses from the concerned Union Ministries.

Raising an unstarred question in the House, Sat Sharma sought comprehensive information regarding the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for Jammu city, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable, integrated and future-ready urban transport infrastructure. Responding on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Union Minister Tokhan Sahu informed the House that the CMP for Jammu has been prepared as a long-term integrated urban transport framework, aimed at promoting public transport, reducing traffic congestion and emissions, improving road safety, ensuring multimodal integration, and encouraging Transit-Oriented Development.

The plan envisages phased


implementation, ranging from traffic management and bus system strengthening in the short term to the introduction of mass rapid transit systems in the long term. It was further informed that 100 buses have been sanctioned for Jammu under the PM eBus Seva Scheme to strengthen urban mobility.

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DIRECTIVE

**Construction and Maintenance of road from L055-T01 Km 64th to Dhar Mahanpur,
Package No. JK07-161, Block Basohli, District Kathua (Length 21.850 Kms)**

- Whereas, the above-mentioned work was allotted to you vide NTP No. SE/PMGSY/J/3300-08 Dated 21-10-2022 and was completed on 01-08-2023 and is under 3rd Year Defect Liability Period.
- Whereas, during the site visit of the undersigned on 04-02-2026, it has been observed that "from the 7th km onwards" the various stretches of road has been deteriorated due to choked side drains, blocked catch pits, damaged Hume Pipe Culverts (HPCs), eroded berms/shoulders, defective black-topped surface and poor condition of road furniture, thereby posing serious safety hazards to vehicles and pedestrians, including accidents or damage to vehicles.
- Whereas, the Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division Kathua has repeatedly reported that despite issuance of several notices, no effective maintenance has been carried out as per clause 32.4 of SBD and the condition of the road continues to remain unsatisfactory.
- Whereas, your continued failure to discharge contractual obligations despite repeated opportunities amounts to gross violation of contract conditions, SBD provisions and PMGSY guidelines governing maintenance during Defect Liability Period.

"Neglecting the Road Maintenance exacerbated the effects of rain leading to the deterioration of road conditions during rainy season. If the road would have maintained by you properly as per schedule and as per clause 32.4, especially "Cleaning of surface drains including reshaping to maintain free flow of water and the Cleaning of culverts and pits for free flow of water", the damage of the road was averted. The poorly maintained drainage system saturated the road base and subgrade which compromised the structural integrity of the road".

"Neglecting timely maintenance of pavement also led to a range of consequences with various cost implications. Small issues like cracks or potholes can quickly become larger and more serious problems if not addressed promptly. The cost of repairs escalates significantly for more extensive damage, as more materials, labour, and time are required to fix them. Failure to carry out resurfacing maintenance at the appropriate time soon leads to the need to carry out strengthening overlay works, which is at least twice expensive as resealing. Similarly, if the overlay is not carried out soon enough, major deterioration sets in and pavement reconstruction will be required, which is at least three times more costly than an overlay. If the required maintenance are not carried out, drainage will become ineffective and surface defects will worsen, both of which result in water penetrating the structure of the pavement and accelerate the pavement deterioration".

Keeping in view of the above, you are hereby finally directed to mobilize men and machinery immediately and maintain the road from the 7th km onwards without any further delay.

"Treat this as final notice, no further correspondence shall be done from this office, if the work shall not commence within next three days, by or before 12th of February 2026, the termination of the contract shall be initiated as per clause 33.1, 52.1 and 52.2(c) of the SBD".

Further, as per circular issued from the office of Chief Engineer PMGSY JKRRDA Jammu vide no. CEJ/PMGSY/25646-66 dated: 29/01/2026, you are instructed to submit the revalidated Bank Guarantees to this office within three days which expired on 19.10.2023. As per Clause 46.2 of SBD, the Performance Security shall be valid until a date 45 days from the date of issue of certificate of completion of construction work and maintenance work subject to the condition that if the Performance Security is in the form of a Bank Guarantee, the period of validity of Bank Guarantee could be one year initially; however, the Contractor would get this Bank Guarantee extended in such a way that an amount equal to five percent of the Contract Price is always available with Employer until 45 days after the lapse of the Defects Liability Period. If the Contractor fails to maintain the above Performance Security, the Employer would recover the same from any dues payable to the Contractor. The matter should be treated as MOST URGENT.

Sd/-
Er Abhishek Gupta
Superintending Engineer
PMGSY Circle Jammu.

DIP/J-11313/25 Dated: 10-02-2026