

Chief Secy reviews Rs 3440.43 cr plan for flood restoration works

Calls for strict timelines in execution of projects

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The Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the comprehensive plan for utilization of funds earmarked for works related to the permanent restoration of damages caused by floods and associated calamities in 2025.

The meeting besides the ACS, PDD; ACS, Finance; ACS, PWD; Principal Secretary, DMRR&R was attended by Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, YS&S; Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department.

The Deputy Commissioners also attended the meeting through video conferencing from their respective offices.

The Chief Secretary emphasised upon all Departments to accord necessary administrative approval and technical sanction to ensure that works are tendered and completed without any delay.

He called for submission of work-wise completion details in due course and stressed that each project must be executed strictly as per the approved list and within the prescribed estimates. He enjoined upon the Departments to expedite approvals so that tendering is completed promptly and execution of works is taken up by June this year.

The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of strict adherence to the guidelines issued by the Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for recovery and reconstruction. He observed that the Ministry is going to have its focus on

the execution of these works therefore demands highest priority on our part as well. He directed all departments to ensure that project proposals are aligned with the PDNA findings and that there is no duplication of funding across different schemes, particularly between R&R and SASCI components.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Shailendra Kumar, underscored the need to fix strict timelines for each stage of implementation to ensure timely completion of all projects. He assured that the UT share would be made available without any hindrance to facilitate smooth execution of these works.

He advised the departments that necessary department-wise allocations would be made on BEAM-Stofacilitate timely uploading of works taken up under these additional components, over and above the budgetary allocations. He further stressed that this would help in ensuring their early execution and completion.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation was made by Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chan-

draker Bharti outlining the component-wise allocation of ₹ 3440.43 Cr, structured across multiple funding streams to address both immediate relief and long-term resilience.

Highlighting the need for capacity building, the Principal Secretary further revealed that the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has been requested to conduct training programmes for officers and officials of line departments and districts. These programmes aim to strengthen institutional capacity for effective project formulation, implementation, and monitoring.

The Principal Secretary apprised that the largest share of ₹ 1579.09 Cr has been approved under the Recovery & Reconstruction (R&R) component of the UT Disaster Response Fund (UTDRF) as Central Financial Assistance based on the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA). This includes ₹ 1421.118 Cr as Central share and ₹ 157.909 Cr as UT share.

Moreover it was divulged that the funds are aimed at permanent restoration of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, irrigation systems, and public assets,

with a focus on adopting a "build back better" approach to enhance disaster resilience. The Central share is to be released in three installments of 30%, 40%, and 30%, subject to utilization conditions.

In addition, ₹ 330.34 Cr has been approved by the High-Level Committee (HLC) under SDRF/NDRF norms to cater to immediate and residual impacts of disasters including floods, flash floods, landslides, and cloudbursts. This component is intended to meet urgent restoration and relief requirements in accordance with prescribed norms and sector-specific needs.

The meeting further reviewed the strategy to spend ₹ 1431 Cr Special Additional Central Assistance under SASCI component, which provides supplementary support for critical gaps and resilience-oriented interventions not fully covered under other funding mechanisms.

It was emphasized that this funding window would be utilized judiciously for priority sectors requiring additional financial backing, while ensuring no overlap with R&R allocations.

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In a significant step towards strengthening access to justice and expanding outreach of legal services to the grassroots level, Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority in the august presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and other Companion Judges of the High Court at Jammu today flagged off a fleet of Multi Utility Vehicles for District Legal Services Authorities of the Jammu Province, at High Court Complex, Janipur, Jammu.

These vehicles have been procured under the guidance of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) with the objective of strengthening the delivery of legal aid and welfare services, particularly in far-flung, rural, remote and underserved areas of the Union Territory.

Chief Justice appreciated the initiative and observed that access to justice must not remain confined to courtrooms alone, but should meaningfully reach every citizen, especially



those belonging to vulnerable and marginalized sections of society. He emphasized that such initiatives are essential for taking justice to the doorsteps of the people.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, also appreciated the launch of the vehicles and stated that the same would greatly enhance the outreach and efficiency of District Legal Services Authorities. His Lordship further observed that this initiative marks another important step in making legal services more accessible to the common people.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar also expressed that similar Multi Utility Vehicles are planned to be launched shortly for districts of

Kashmir Province as well, so that the benefits of this initiative reach every region of the Union Territory in an equitable manner.

While interacting with media persons, Shazia Tabasum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, highlighted that the vehicles shall be utilized for conducting legal awareness programmes, facilitating outreach camps, extending assistance to beneficiaries under various legal aid schemes, supporting Para Legal Volunteers, and ensuring better coordination of legal services activities at the district level. She further stated that the initiative would significantly strengthen the institutional capacity of District Legal Services Authorities in

serving the people more efficiently.

The vehicles shall also be used for carrying out awareness campaigns relating to legal aid, women and child rights, senior citizens' welfare, victim compensation, mediation, Lok Adalats, drug de-addiction awareness, child protection, and other welfare-oriented initiatives undertaken by Legal Services Institutions from time to time.

The programme was attended by M. K. Sharma, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Judicial Officers, officers of the Registry, Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Administrative Officer, other officials of J&K Legal Services Authority, staff members and other dignitaries.

DC Srinagar assesses progress of major developmental project

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In order to review the status of proposed major developmental projects and ongoing infrastructure works in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today chaired a comprehensive meeting of senior Officers here at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Chief Engineer SSCI, Abdul Qayoom Kirmani, Superintending Engineer R&B, Tatheer Manzoor, Joint Commissioner, SMC, Suhail ul Islam, Collector Land Acquisition R&B, Syed Farooq, SDM West, Irfan Bahadur, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Executive Engineers of R&B, PHE, KPDC, City Drainage, UEED & SMC Tehsildars South, Tehsildar Shalteng



and other Officers.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a comprehensive assessment of the progress in planning and execution of utility shifting for both proposed and ongoing works, emphasizing the need to further expedite the process to accelerate overall project execution.

The DC was given project wise appraisal regarding the current status of esti-

mate preparations and utility shifting for key development projects and ongoing infrastructure works including 4L Flyover from Parimpora to Dalgate Junction, Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover, Vehicle Under Pass (VUP) at Moominabad, Panthachowk flyover, FOB at Children's Hospital Beminia, expansion of Boulevard road and Vehicle Under Pass (VUP) at Nowgam Railway Cross-

ing.

The DC was apprised that the encouraging progress has been achieved in the preparation of estimates of proposed major infrastructural projects with several key projects at advanced stages of finalization.

On the occasion, the DC emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination in timely addressing issues related to land acquisition, clearances and utility relocation. He stressed the need to work diligently on designs, technical feasibility and cost estimates to ensure that DPRs are robust, accurate and ready for timely submission and approval.

The DC directed Officers and Engineers to work with due diligence and ensure that all projects incorporate land acquisition costs in their DPRs for seamless and uninterrupted execution of major infrastructure development projects across the district within set timelines.

DC Kathua felicitates health staff for achieving National Quality Assessment certification

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today felicitated healthcare staff for their exemplary performance in securing National Quality Assessment Certification, at a ceremony held in the DC Office complex here.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the dedication and hard work of the teams, stating that such achievements reflect the district's strong commitment towards delivering quality healthcare services.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Vijay Raina informed that the district has achieved 20 certifications so far, with an additional 8 certifications expected in the coming month.

During the ceremony, the Block Teams including BMOs, MLHPs, staff and ASHA workers from Bannu Chak, Tarda and Jandore Hukmi were honoured for

their outstanding contributions. Certificates were presented by the Deputy Commissioner in recognition of their efforts towards maintaining high standards in healthcare delivery.

Certificates were also given away to the qualified internal assessors for their role in strengthening the quality assessment process. The Deputy Commissioner further acknowl-

edged the tireless efforts of the staff involved in preparing Primary Health Centre (PHC) Kharote for inauguration and felicitated them with appreciation certificates.

Kumar. The sessions would cover key aspects of census methodology, digital data collection and field-level execution.

The programme is being attended by designated Field Trainers from the Education Department, who will further impart training at the grassroots level.

Additional Deputy Commissioners of Billawar and Basohli, besides Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Hiranagar and Bani, attended the session through virtual mode.

JAMMU, APRIL 23: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Thursday commenced a three-day field training program for census operations across areas falling under its jurisdiction. The initiative has been undertaken in pursuance of a communication received from the ORGC/ Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, regarding the scheduling of training sessions.

Principal Census Officer (Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation) Dr. Devansh Yadav directed all concerned officers to actively participate in all sessions and strictly adhere to the prescribed training modules. "The success of the census exercise depends upon disciplined execution and thorough preparedness at every



level," he emphasized.

Dr. Yadav further highlighted the critical importance of accuracy, transparency and inter-departmental coordination during the whole census exercise. He underscored that a well-trained and committed workforce forms the backbone of credible and efficient data collection, which is essential for informed planning and developmental initiatives.

The training program, being conducted from April 23 to April 25, 2026, has been designed for Field Trainers, Census Clerks-in-Charge and Technical Assistants. It aims to equip participants with the requisite skills, technical know-how and operational guidelines to ensure the smooth and efficient conduct of the upcoming Census activities. The program is being conducted under the supervision of Rajeev Kumar

Khajuria, City Census Officer and Joint Commissioner (Administration). Besides Ankush Kapoor, Chief Informatics Officer, JMC (Master Trainer, Census 2027), Nimrat Kaur, Nodal Officer Census for JMC along with Jatinder Kumar, Master Trainer from the Directorate of Census Operations, are managing the logistical and technical arrangements to ensure seamless execution of the training sessions.

DC Kathua inaugurates 3-day training programme for Field Trainers

KATHUA, APRIL 23: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma who is also the Principal Census Officer, today inaugurated a three-day training programme for Field Trainers for Census 2027 Phase-I (House Listing & Housing Census) here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

In his inaugural address, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of the Census as a vital tool for evidence-based planning and governance.



He urged the participants to approach the training with utmost seriousness and dedication to ensure accuracy, reliability and timeliness in the conduct of census operations.

The training sessions are being conducted by District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO) Sidharth Anand and Master Trainer from Directorate of Census Operations- J&K Sanjay

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