

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Dy CM chairs Sub-Committee meet on Gair Mumkin Khads in Jammu

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Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today chaired a meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted to examine the issues related to Gair Mumkin Khads in Jammu and Kashmir at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The Committee stressed on protection of all flood zone areas, however, asserted on identification of chronic areas of Gair Mumkin Khads to effectively address the long-standing public concerns across all districts.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, as members of the Sub-Committee.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, briefed the Sub-Committee on the current status of Gair Mumkin Khads.



The Deputy Chief Minister directed that chronic areas of Gair Mumkin Khads be identified on priority. Stressing on protection of all flood prone areas, he instructed the concerned departments to submit detailed reports in a time-bound manner. He further sought inputs and suggestions to address the issues faced by the public concerning Gair Mumkin Khads.

Speaking on the occasion,

the Deputy Chief Minister underscored the importance of pro-public and practical decision-making to ensure the amicable redressal of genuine grievances. He directed the concerned authorities to expedite and ensure timely completion of zone-wise mapping, particularly in chronic areas.

The Sub-Committee held detailed deliberations on the existing status of Gair Mumkin Khads, daryas and

nallahs, along with related concerns, with the objective of providing relief to the public wherever warranted.

The Deputy Chief Minister also called for sensitization of all stakeholders and emphasized the need for scientific mapping of Gair Mumkin Khads, nallahs and adjacent non-cultivable waste lands.

The members of the Sub-Committee put forth valuable suggestions and highlighted various public concerns requiring urgent attention.

Putting forward his suggestions, Minister of Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Javed Ahmad Rana said that coordinated efforts are required by the concerned departments to ensure timely resolution of public concerns.

Speaking at the outset, Minister Agriculture Production, Javid Ahmad Dar asserted on addressing the genuine concerns of the public.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Secretary Revenue Rajeev Ranjan, Chief Engineer I&FC, Special Secretary Revenue, and other concerned officers.

EPFO conducts Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0

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The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) organized its flagship public outreach programme Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 at the premises of JK Oil Industries, Phase-3rd Industrial extension Area, Gnagyal, Jammu with the objective of strengthening stakeholder awareness and improving service delivery at the grassroots level.

The programme was presided over by Sh. Devinder Singh, Enforcement Officer along with team member Sh. Bal Krishan, Enforcement Officer, who highlighted the importance of proactive engagement with employers and employees to ensure timely and accurate access to EPFO services. He emphasized that such outreach initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing transparency, compliance, and trust in the social security framework.

During the programme, participants were apprised of major Government initiatives aimed at expanding social security coverage and strengthening labour wel-



fare. It was informed that the Employees' Enrolment Scheme 2025, operational from 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026, provides establishments with a significant opportunity to enroll eligible employees and regularize pending records in a simplified manner with minimum penalty of Rs. 100/-.

The gathering was also briefed on the forthcoming implementation of the Four Labour Codes, which seek to consolidate and modernize labour laws. These reforms are expected to ensure fair wages, safer workplaces, comprehensive social security, and enhanced welfare measures,

contributing to the national vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Special focus was placed on the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY), with detailed discussions on its objectives, benefits, and implementation framework. It was informed that 2,371 establishments and 35,118 employees in Jammu Division have already registered under PMVBRY, reflecting encouraging progress in formal employment generation.

To streamline the registration process for the employers, the establishment modification request functionality is being provided

on the PMVBRY registration page, enabling employers to submit PAN change requests.

Senior representatives from JK Oil Industries, Gangyal, Sh. Kshitiz Agarwal, Partner, Sh. Jungbahadur Singh, HR Executive, Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Accountant among others along with Sh. Bal Krishan, Enforcement Officer, were present during the programme.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation and reaffirmed EPFO's commitment to extending efficient, accessible, and responsive social security services across Jammu Division.

JKEDI hosts District-Level Credit Facilitation meeting to strengthen Startup Financing under DBRAP

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A District Level Credit Facilitation Meeting involving 25 startups was successfully organised today at the District Centre Jammu of the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute under the District Business Reforms Action Plan (DBRAP), an initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.

The meeting was held in pursuance of directions from Director JKEDI Khalid Jahangir to institutionalize District Level Credit Facilitation Meetings as a structured mechanism for strengthening coordination between startups and financial institutions. The initiative aligns with DBRAP objectives of improving access to finance, enhancing regulatory transparency and promoting ease of doing business at the district level.

The session witnessed active participation from key financial stakeholders. Jammu & Kashmir Bank was represented by AGM (Incharge GSS & FID) Nishu Mahajan and Senior Manager Government Sponsored Schemes Mohit Hans. The office of the Lead



District Manager was represented by Mohammad Imran Choudhary from State Bank of India, Rail Head Complex.

The meeting commenced with an overview of DBRAP reform priorities and the agenda by District Startup Nodal Officer JKEDI Jammu Rajesh Kotwal. Emphasis was laid on creating a transparent and time-bound credit facilitation ecosystem, reducing information asymmetry and enabling startups to effectively navigate institutional financing channels.

Serving as an interactive platform, the session enabled direct engagement between startups and banking representatives. Startups were sensitised about

various government-sponsored schemes operational at the district level, with detailed guidance on documentation requirements, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and procedural aspects for availing credit support under relevant Central and UT schemes. Banking officials addressed queries pertaining to eligibility criteria, appraisal processes, timelines and loan disbursement mechanisms, thereby promoting clarity and predictability in credit access.

Participating startups expressed appreciation for the initiative, particularly highlighting the value of direct interaction with banking officials and improved clarity on credit procedures.

"This platform has made the credit process much more transparent and approachable. Direct engagement with banks has helped us better understand requirements and timelines, which will significantly support our growth plans," said a participating startup founder.

The meeting concluded with a collective reaffirmation by all stakeholders to strengthen coordinated efforts towards improving credit facilitation systems. The initiative reflects JKEDI's continued commitment to advancing DBRAP reform objectives by fostering a supportive, transparent and efficient startup ecosystem in Jammu.

Rural economy, livestock sector key focus of govt policies: Javid Dar

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The Jammu and Kashmir Veterinary Doctors Association, Jammu, today organized a one-day technical conference at the Convention Centre, Jammu, on the theme "Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health."

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister lauded the indispensable role of veterinarians in safeguarding the animal and public health. He highlighted that veterinary professionals render critical services across diverse domains including field operations, farms, clinics, laboratories and aquaculture, thereby ensuring livestock well-being and strengthening food safety systems.

Emphasizing the sector's economic significance, the Minister stated that healthy and productive livestock are key towards enhancing food production, increasing



farmers' income, generating employment and fostering sustainable economic growth. He underlined that a robust and well-equipped veterinary network is vital for strengthening the rural livelihoods and building resilience within the agricultural ecosystem.

Javid Dar further stated that under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the government is consistently formu-

lating policies aimed at the growth and development of the rural economy, with a strong focus on the livestock sector.

The Minister assured that the issues and demands raised by various speakers during the conference would be addressed on a priority basis.

Earlier, the Minister inspected exhibition stalls set up at the venue and interacted with the veterinary

doctors and other stakeholders, appreciating their contributions and innovations in the field.

The conference witnessed participation from veterinary experts, professionals and stakeholders, who deliberated on the emerging challenges and explored innovative solutions in the livestock sector, reaffirming the pivotal role of veterinarians as true guardians of food and health.

Census 2027: Training for Field Trainers begins in Rajouri

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A three-day Training Programme for Field Trainers (FTs) for Census 2027 commenced today at Government Boys' Model Higher Secondary School Rajouri.

A total of 36 Field Trainers from 18 designated charges are participating in the programme. The training sessions are being conducted by Master Trainers- Assistant Director from the Directorate of Census Operations Sunil Kumar and Senior Lecturer GHSS Koteranka Vaneet Kumar.

District Coordinator Rahul Kumar also participated in the programme.



During the training, participants shall be acquainted with key aspects of census methodology, data collection techniques, use of digital tools and field-level coordination mechanisms to ensure accurate and efficient enumeration.

The district administration reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth, transparent

and effective conduct of Census 2027 through systematic capacity building and comprehensive training of personnel.

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Demonstrating a strong collective commitment to eradicate drug abuse, a Unity March/Marathon on Drug Awareness was organized today at Sub-Division Assar under the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan.

The march commenced from Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) and culminated near the SDM Office, drawing active participation from around 200 students, officials and members of the civil society. The initiative aimed to sensitize the public—especially the youth—about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of adopting a healthy, disciplined lifestyle.

The programme was at-

Youth led Unity March spurs fight against drug abuse in Assar



tended by District Programme Officer Akhter Husain Qazi; Assistant Commissioner Development Din Mohammad Affaqi; CDPO Nissar Hussain and Naib-Tehsildar Praban Kumar Sodhi.

The presence of the Principal of GHSS Assar, Zonal Physical Education Officer, SHO Police Station Assar

and other departmental officials further strengthened the impact of the event.

The event symbolized unity, awareness and shared responsibility in tackling the menace of drugs. It also highlighted the administration's proactive approach through awareness campaigns, community engagement and youth empower-

ment initiatives. The programme concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to actively contribute towards building a drug-free Jammu & Kashmir, reinforcing the message that a united society can effectively combat drug addiction and secure a healthier future for the coming generations.