

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Javid Dar inaugurates Rs 3.5 cr Fruit & Vegetable Processing Unit in Marh

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In a major boost to agricultural infrastructure in Jammu region, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Wednesday inaugurated a state-of-the-art Fruit and Vegetable Aggregation, Processing, Grading and Packing Unit at Marh, Jammu.

MLA Marh Surinder Kumar Bhagat, Managing Director JKHPMC, Mohamad Farooq Dar, Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Sanjay Gupta, Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Sayed and Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Dr Syed Moin-ul-Haq were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that establishment of the processing unit will play a transformative role in strengthening post-harvest management, boosting processing capacity and significantly reducing post-harvest losses. He said the facility will add 100 metric tonnes of storage capacity, ensuring value addition and creating better marketing opportunities for the farmers at both local and national level.

He highlighted that Marh, known as the vegetable hub of Jammu district, con-



tributes significantly to vegetable supplies across the region, making the installation of such a facility crucial for the farming community.

"The Rs 3.5 crore project will provide farmers with modern post-harvest infrastructure, helping minimise crop damage and ensuring improved returns through better grading, packing and storage facilities," the Minister said.

Reiterating the government's commitment towards farmers' welfare, Javid Ahmad Dar said the Jammu and Kashmir government is ensuring the availability of high-quality seeds and fertilizers to maximise farm productivity. He added that exotic varieties of vegetable seeds and fruit

plants are being made available through departmental channels.

The Minister further informed that Centres of Excellence have been established across all districts to provide quality seedlings and technical support to the farmers. He assured that the demands and concerns raised by MLA Marh Surinder Kumar Bhagat would be addressed on priority, adding that several initiatives have already been taken to facilitate the farming community.

He directed the field functionaries and departmental officers to work tirelessly for resolving farmers' issues and to intensify awareness campaigns regarding welfare schemes being imple-

mented by the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Marh Surinder Kumar Bhagat appreciated the department for establishing the processing unit in his constituency and termed it a landmark step for strengthening the agricultural economy of the area.

Earlier, Managing Director JKHPMC briefed the gathering about the significance of the project, stating that the unit will play a pivotal role in enhancing the farmers' income, promoting agriculture and horticulture produce and increasing shelf life of perishable products by two to three times through advanced pre-cooling and storage facilities.

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The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, today launched the book, "Healer in Exile: The Untold Story of Dr. Sushil Razdan" authored by his son Sachin Razdan.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor said that Dr. Sushil Razdan stands among India's leading neurologists and his contributions in the medical field remain unmatched.

"The story of Dr. Sushil Razdan's life conveys a significant lesson of committing yourself to the selfless service of others. It is a sacred duty to place the needs of the person before you above your own and see society not merely as a city or village, but as a community of responsibilities, where true fulfillment lies in dedicating one's strength to the care of its most vulnerable population," the Lieutenant



Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the central message of this book is profound and what makes a doctor truly exceptional is not only skill in treatment, but the ability to serve with compassion.

Today, some experts in healthcare claim that artificial intelligence will transform the healthcare sector and it will deliver treatments with flawless precision. I hold a different view.

Technology can indeed support diagnosis and treatment in important ways, but it cannot replace the spirit of service.

No instrument of AI can embody or substitute this essence of care with compassion," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Dr. Sushil Razdan bore the anguish of being uprooted from his soil. He said the pain of leaving behind roots and cherished

homes defies expression and like countless fellow Kashmiri Pandits, Dr. Razdan endured this sorrow, yet he remained steadfast, striving to preserve his heritage, values and spirit of self-less service.

"Dr. Sushil Razdan has touched millions of lives, ensuring with utter devotion that patients recover to nurture families and contribute to nation-building," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Speaker LA reviews progress on new complex, emphasizes timely completion

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Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, today convened a meeting with the senior officers to review progress on construction of the new Legislature Complex at Jammu.

Secretary, Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi; Engineer-in-Chief Purshotam Kumar, Chief Engineer R&B Jammu Rajesh Kumar; Secretary, JKLA, Manoj Kumar Pandita; Director Finance PWD HK Prashar, SE R&B, South Circle Jammu Arit Gupta, and other senior officers of concerned departments and Assembly Secretariat were present in the meeting.



Threadbare discussion was held on the issues pertaining to early completion of the new Assembly Complex including provision for Central Hall, committee cum meeting rooms, seating capacity, library, Media room etc.

A detailed presentation about various phases of project execution was presented by the Executive Engineer in charge of the project

through a PowerPoint Presentation. The Speaker was apprised that Central Hall has been proposed as it is one of the basic requirements of the Legislative Assembly. It was also informed that there is a provision for 5 committee cum meeting rooms with the seating capacity ranging from 50 to 100 chairs.

Regarding the space for the Library and Media

room, it was apprised that there is sufficient space for both requirements.

The Speaker, after reviewing the progress of development works of Assembly Complex emphasized the timely completion of the project while maintaining high quality standards. He directed the executing agency to complete the project within the stipulated time frame.

Yasha Mudgal reviews progress on Centrally Sponsored Computerization of PACS

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Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, today chaired a meeting to review progress on the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) under Phase-II across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Special Secretary, Cooperative Department, FA/CAO Cooperative Department, Joint Registrar (Audit), Deputy Registrars of the Cooperative Department and other senior officers of the Department.

During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary was informed that the Union Ministry of Cooperation, has approved 171 PACS for coverage under this phase in J&K. It was further highlighted that while 8 out of 20 districts have successfully com-



pleted the identification and approval process through their respective District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committees (DLIMCs), progress remains pending in the remaining districts.

Yasha Mudgal reiterated that PACS, being grassroots-level cooperative institutions, play a pivotal role in providing credit and essential services to farmers

and rural populations. She emphasized that the computerization initiative, envisioned by the Government of India, aims to strengthen these societies through digital enablement, ensuring greater transparency and modernized service delivery.

Taking serious notice of the slow progress in the remaining districts, the Commissioner/Secretary issued

a stern directive to all the Deputy Registrars of the lagging districts. She ordered the immediate expedition of the approval process and set a hard deadline of May 5, 2026, for completion of all DLIMC approvals, making it clear that timely completion of formalities is non-negotiable for the onboarding and digitization of these societies.

The Commissioner Secretary underscored that the success of this centrally sponsored initiative depends on accountability and proactive follow-up at the district level. She called for rigorous monitoring to ensure that the structural benefits of the scheme, primarily improved efficiency and transparency, reach the rural communities within the stipulated timelines.

The meeting concluded with directions for enhanced coordination among the field functionaries and strict adherence to all procedural requirements.

Secy RDD directs DCs to prepare District Sanitation Plans for door-to-door waste collection

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Secretary, Rural Development (RDD) & Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today chaired a high-level review meeting under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen and directed all Deputy Commissioners to prepare comprehensive District Sanitation Plans within one week for universal door-to-door waste collection across rural Jammu & Kashmir.

The Secretary said the District Sanitation Plans must begin with Panchayat-wise mapping of existing rural sanitation infrastructure created by the Department, including Segregation Sheds, Plastic Waste Management Units (PVMUs), compost pits, soakage facilities, waste collection points, transport vehicles and other sanitation assets, so that these are effectively integrated into the waste collection chain.

He instructed districts to design Panchayat-wise collection routes, assess manpower needs and establish linkages between household waste collection and scientific processing/disposal facilities. He added that cluster-wise review meetings would be held after submission of district plans.

The Secretary stressed that several sanitation assets in the past had been created at unsuitable locations and therefore future planning must ensure optimum utility, accessibility and long-

term sustainability.

He further directed strict implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026, making four-stream segregation at source mandatory—wet waste, dry waste, sanitary waste and special care waste. Domestic hazardous waste such as medicines, paints and thermometers, he said, must also be separately handled.

To ensure sustainability, Mohammad Aijaz Asad said that dedicated allocation for door-to-door collection, segregation and operation & maintenance of sanitation assets. However, he emphasised that user charges must be regularly collected so that the system remains financially viable.

He observed that waste management should not become a "leaking bucket" dependent only on repeated government funding, adding that long-term success depends on community ownership, cost recovery and efficient local management.

Emphasising citizen participation, he said strong IEC campaigns are essential and identified tourist destinations, markets, hospitals, schools, urban-rural fringe zones and legacy waste sites as special focus areas.

District administrations were also directed to maintain zero tolerance against roadside dumping, animal dung accumulation along village roads, choked drains and open burning of waste.

The Secretary asked districts to verify sanitation coverage data, especially where limited coverage has been reported and directed

Assistant Commissioners Panchayats to reconcile figures with Deputy Commissioners before finalisation of plans.

J&K govt deliberates on Multi-Channel Messaging API Solution -Enabled Citizen Service Delivery Ecosystem

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In a significant step towards strengthening the digital governance and enhancing citizen service delivery, the Information Technology Department today convened a comprehensive meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary, Information Technology, to deliberate upon the adoption of a Multi-Channel Messaging API Solution for seamless delivery of government e-services to the citizens.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Piyush Singla Secretary, Information Technology Department and was attended by senior officers and officials of the Department, including the CEO,

JaKeGA, Director Finance, Additional Secretary IT, Head SeMT, Consultant SeMT, and representatives of empanelled System Integrators (SI's) under the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

The deliberations focused on leveraging a conversational multi-channel communication platform to improve the accessibility, efficiency and responsiveness of government services. During the meeting, technical presentations and Proof of Concept (PoC) demonstrations were reviewed, highlighting multiple citizen-centric use cases such as grievance redressal, service delivery notifica-

tions, application status tracking, dissemination of government schemes and public information and interactive citizen support services.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary IT emphasized that the initiative is aimed at bringing the government services closer to the citizens by utilizing widely adopted digital communication platforms, thereby ensuring ease of access, real-time interaction, and an improved user experience. He further observed that integration of Multi-Channel Messaging API Solution based services has the potential to significantly strengthen inclusive governance, particularly in remote and underserved areas of the Union Territory.

The empanelled agencies also presented their technical capabilities for deployment of secure, scalable and efficient solutions in compliance with the guidelines and standards prescribed by the MeitY Government of India.

The Information Technology Department is presently evaluating the PoCs and technical proposals submitted by the participating agencies and shall finalize the implementation strategy accordingly.

This initiative marks another significant milestone in the Government of Jammu & Kashmir's vision of harnessing technology-driven governance to deliver accessible, efficient and people-centric public services.

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NOTICE

- The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2029 for "Implementation of Bus Sectionalizer at 400 kV level of 400/220 kV Bikaner-II PS".
- The beneficiaries of the Transmission system are: (a) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (b) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (c) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (d) Punjab State Electricity Corporation limited (e) Haryana Power Purchase Centre (f) Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd. (g) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (h) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (i) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (j) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (k) Chandigarh Electricity department (l) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (m) North Central Railway (n) New Delhi Municipal council. (o) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board. (p) Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd.
- Capacity of the transformer, number of bays of the transmission system: detailed below
- Approved capital cost of the project (Rs. in lakh)-Rs. 8.22 Crores
- Capital cost on the date of commercial operation (Rs. in lakh):

| Asset | Asset Name | SCOD | DOCO | Approved capital cost of the project | |
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| | | | | FR | Actual |
| 1. | 400 kV Bus Sectionalizer Bay 428 of 400 kV Bus-1B (Bus-3) and 400 kV Bus-1 at 400/220 kV Bikaner-II PS | 31.12.2024 | 19.12.2025 | 410.95 | 389.19 |
| 2. | 400 kV Bus Sectionalizer Bay 429 of 400 kV Bus-2B (Bus-4) and 400 kV Bus-2 at 400/220 kV Bikaner-II PS | 31.12.2024 | 23.01.2026 | 410.95 | 391.72 |

Authority which has approved the Capital Cost: Board of Directors

6. Details of tariff:

| Assets | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
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| Asset-1 | 0.00 | 21.00 | 82.81 | 89.56 | 91.79 |
| Asset-2 | 0.00 | 14.42 | 85.57 | 92.21 | 94.29 |

7. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website <https://www.powergrid.in/en/powergrid-bikaner-transmission-system-limited-0>

8. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiary through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

s/d
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Project In-charge

Place: Bikaner
Date: 22.04.2026

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