

JAMMU & KASHMIR

CM meets legislators, Vice Chancellors, other delegations at Civil Secretariat

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today met legislators, Vice Chancellors and various delegations at the Civil Secretariat here and discussed a wide range of issues concerning regional development, public welfare, higher education, healthcare and infrastructure.

A delegation of Members of the Legislative Assembly comprising Javid Iqbal (Budhal), Muzaffar Iqbal Khan (Thanamandi), Choudhary Mohammed Akram (Surankote) and Iftikhar Ahmed (Rajouri) called on the Chief Minister and discussed various developmental and public welfare issues concerning the Pir Panjal region.

MLA Kulgam M.Y. Tarigami and MLA Shopian Shabir Ahmad Kullay also separately met the Chief Minister and apprised him of various matters related to their respective constituencies.

MLA Budgam Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi also called



on the Chief Minister and discussed the overall situation in the Budgam constituency, besides matters related to the forthcoming holy month of Muharram-2026.

Vice Chancellor of Cluster University Srinagar Prof. Mohammad Mobin met the Chief Minister and apprised him of the recent progress and developmental initiatives undertaken by the university.

Vice Chancellor of Central

University of Kashmir Prof. A. Ravinder Nath also called on the Chief Minister and briefed him about the developmental progress and academic initiatives of the university.

Director of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie also met the Chief Minister and apprised him of various issues and developments concerning the institution.

Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan

Construction Company Arjun Dhawan also called on the Chief Minister and briefed him on various ongoing works being executed by the company in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all the delegations and reiterated the government's commitment to inclusive development, strengthening public institutions and addressing public concerns in a responsive manner.

RGCIRC, IAP, SMGS Hospital organise Oncology CME on Pediatric Cancer Care

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Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC), in association with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Jammu Branch, and the Department of Pediatrics, SMGS Hospital Jammu, organised a focused Oncology Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on Friday to enhance awareness regarding early diagnosis and referral of pediatric cancers.

The academic programme brought together pediatricians, clinicians and healthcare professionals for interactive scientific sessions aimed at strengthening diagnostic vigilance and improving oncology care pathways for children.

The CME focused on the importance of early detection of childhood malignancies, timely referral to specialised oncology centres and accurate interpretation of routine clinical findings in everyday pediatric practice.

Expert faculty members from RGCIRC shared practical and case-based insights to help bridge the gap between primary clinical evaluation and specialised cancer care.



The first scientific session was delivered by Dr. Anjali Pahuja, Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncology at RGCIRC, on the topic "Malignancy or Mimic? When to Refer...". She highlighted the importance of identifying early warning signs of pediatric cancers, especially in cases where symptoms resemble common childhood illnesses.

Dr. Pahuja stressed the need for greater clinical suspicion among pediatricians and general physicians when symptoms persist, recur or present with unusual features. She also underlined the significance of timely referrals, stating that early diagnosis and in-

tervention considerably improve treatment outcomes and survival rates in children suffering from cancer.

The second session was conducted by Dr. Payal Malhotra, Consultant, Pediatric Hematology Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at RGCIRC, on "Decoding the CBC in Office Practice." Her presentation focused on practical interpretation of Complete Blood Count (CBC) reports during routine pediatric consultations.

Dr. Malhotra explained how subtle abnormalities in CBC parameters can often serve as early indicators of underlying hematological malignancies in children.

She also discussed common CBC variations, referral protocols and the importance of correlating laboratory findings with clinical evaluation for timely diagnosis.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the contributions of faculty members, clinicians and partner institutions for their active participation and academic collaboration. Organisers stated that the initiative reflects RGCIRC's continued commitment towards advancing cancer care through medical education, capacity building and collaborative knowledge-sharing across the country.

DC Kathua reviews progress of Self Enumeration & NMJKA

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of the district officers to review the progress achieved under the ongoing Self Enumeration initiative of Census 2027 and the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA).

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed appraisal of the measures being undertaken to promote Self Enumeration. He directed officers to intensify public awareness and outreach efforts to encourage citizens to avail the digital facility from the comfort of their homes.

Emphasising the importance of citizen participation, the DC stressed the need for extensive sensitisation campaigns highlighting the ease, convenience and benefits of Self Enumeration. He directed all departments to actively publicise the initiative through awareness camps, public interactions and social media platforms. The officers were further asked to involve elected representatives, community leaders, prominent citizens, educational institutions and other stakeholders in motivating the public to adopt the digital mode of self-enumeration.



The DC underscored the importance of establishing facilitation and awareness camps at prominent locations to assist citizens in completing the self-enumeration process and resolving any queries related to the initiative. He called upon all departments to work in a coordinated manner to maximise public participation and ensure wider dissemination of information regarding the ongoing exercise.

Reviewing the implementation of the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the DC directed all district and sectoral officers to ensure regular conduct of awareness, outreach and community engagement ac-

tivities under the campaign. He stressed that every activity undertaken by departments must be properly documented and uploaded on the designated NMJKA portal for accurate representation of the district's efforts and achievements.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised that timely and quality reporting is essential for effective monitoring of the campaign. He instructed officers to ensure that events are conducted in a meaningful manner, supported by proper photographic documentation, attendance records and activity reports besides ensuring events uploading on prescribed portal. He further directed

that daily reports of all NMJKA-related activities should invariably reach the DC Office in the prescribed format for consolidation and review.

The DC called upon all officers to maintain close coordination and ensure effective implementation of both programmes at the grassroots level.

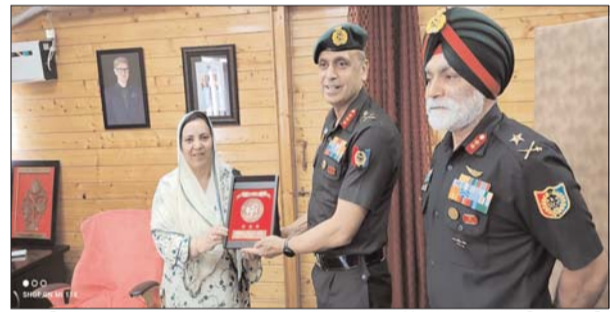
Among others present in the meeting included, ADC Mahima Madan; ADC Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra; ADC Billawar Vinay Khosla, PO ICDS Mohammed Syed Khan; RTO Surinder Sharma; IAS Probationer Nidhi, SDM Hiranagar, DSWO, DSEO and other concerned officers were also present.

DG NCC calls on Sakeena Itoo at Srinagar

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Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Lt. General Virendra Vats today called on Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, and apprised her of the activities and outreach programmes being undertaken by the NCC across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, the Director General highlighted the role of the NCC in shaping youth through discipline, leadership, patriotism and community service. He informed the Minister about various initiatives being carried out to encourage greater participation of



students in NCC activities, especially in remote and border areas of the Union Territory.

Lt. General Virendra Vats also briefed the Minister about the ongoing training programmes, adventure activities, awareness campaigns and social service initiatives being conducted by NCC units in J&K. He underscored the organisa-

tion's efforts towards youth empowerment and nation-building by engaging cadets in constructive and character-building activities.

He also briefed the Minister about the participation of J&K Youth in NCC, especially the girls/women folk.

The Minister appreciated the contribution of the NCC in nurturing discipline, confidence and a spirit of ser-

vice among the youth. She lauded the organisation for providing young students with opportunities for personality development, leadership training and national integration.

The Minister also assured the Director General of all possible support from the Government for carrying out various activities across J&K for the welfare of youth.

Sakeena Itoo reiterated the Government's commitment towards supporting initiatives aimed at empowering the youth and promoting their holistic development.

ADG, NCC, Major General, Anupinder Bevlvi was also present.

CS led SEC clears UNDP collaboration, Advanced disaster response measures for J&K

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired the meeting of the State Executive Committee (SEC) of the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRR&R) to review and approve a series of significant initiatives aimed at strengthening disaster mitigation, preparedness and response mechanisms across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Principal Secretary, DMRR&R; Commandant General, SDRF; Commissioner Secretary, Law; Secretary, Revenue; besides other senior officers of the DMRR&R.

During the meeting, the SEC deliberated upon several key agenda items concerning disaster preparedness and resilience-building measures in the UT and accorded approval to a number of important decisions aimed at enhancing the institutional and operational capacity of the administration to effectively deal with natural disasters and emergencies.

Among the major deci-



sions taken was the formal approval for entering into partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for implementation of disaster mitigation measures in various districts of Jammu and Kashmir. The Committee also approved constitution of a Project Steering Committee to oversee coordination and effective implementation of the programme. The committee will be headed by the Principal Secretary, DMRR&R and co-chaired by UNDP along with several other members from concerned Departments.

In order to strengthen technological preparedness and scientific assessment capabilities, the SEC also

approved procurement of Digital Terrain Models (DTMs) for vulnerable districts to facilitate simulation, prediction and mitigation of natural disasters. The Committee further gave nod for procurement of satellite phones for high-risk subdivisions and tehsils across all districts to ensure seamless communication during emergency situations and disaster events.

The meeting also discussed the constitution of hazard-specific task forces for disasters such as earthquakes, floods, Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) and landslides. These task forces would comprise experts and members drawn from reputed national and local institutions including

IITs, universities and other technical organizations to provide specialised inputs for disaster risk reduction and preparedness planning.

In another significant decision, the SEC revalidated funds amounting to Rs 10.69Cr for procurement of rescue and emergency response equipment to ensure safe, secure and efficient conduct of the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the need for robust preparedness, coordinated response mechanisms and adoption of modern technology-driven systems to minimize risks and strengthen resilience against disasters across the Union Territory.

Training Programme on IPMS Portal organised at Directorate of Agriculture

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A training-cum-awareness programme regarding the rollout of the Integrated Pesticide Management System (IPMS) Portal in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir was organised today at the Conference Hall Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu. The programme witnessed participation from pesticide distributors from across the Jammu region.

The training programme was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India- Krishi Bhavan- New Delhi. Experts delivered a detailed presentation and live demonstration of the IPMS Portal and its stock



management modules. The session focused on the operational aspects of the portal including product uploading, stock maintenance, inventory management and digital compliance procedures aimed at ensuring greater transparency and efficiency in pesticide regulation and monitoring.

The distributors actively interacted with the organis-

ers through video conferencing. A healthy and constructive discussion was held wherein the participants raised several queries and sought clarifications regarding the implementation and functioning of the portal. The organisers addressed the concerns comprehensively and provided necessary guidance for smooth on-boarding and effective

utilisation of the IPMS system.

Speaking on the occasion, Plant Protection Officer Raju Mahajan urged all pesticide distributors to complete the requisite portal-related formalities and exercises within a fortnight so as to ensure the smooth and successful rollout of the IPMS Portal in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders towards strengthening transparency, accountability and digital governance in pesticide management through the effective implementation of the IPMS initiative in the Union Territory.