

## CM Omar reviews PMGSY implementation across J&K, stresses timely completion of rural road projects

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) across Jammu and Kashmir, with a particular focus on expediting ongoing works, improving rural connectivity and addressing bottlenecks affecting project execution.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Additional Chief Secretary, Mining, Ashwini Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (R&B), Anil Kumar Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Sheetal Nanda, besides senior officers of the Public Works Department and other concerned departments.

The Chief Minister reviewed the status of PMGSY works under various phases of the programme and took stock of the progress achieved in providing all-weather road connectivity to rural habitations across Jammu and Kashmir.



He was briefed on the ongoing projects, newly sanctioned works and the roadmap for completion of pending road and bridge projects.

Emphasising the transformative role of rural road connectivity in improving the quality of life in remote areas, the Chief Minister directed the concerned departments to ensure timely execution of all sanctioned works while maintaining the highest standards of

quality. He stressed the need for close inter-departmental coordination to resolve issues affecting project implementation, particularly those relating to statutory clearances and other procedural requirements. He called for regular monitoring of works at all levels to ensure adherence to timelines and avoid unnecessary delays.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the implementation strategy for PMGSY-IV and directed the concerned authorities to expedite preparatory processes so that sanctioned works are taken up in a time-bound

manner. He underscored the importance of extending reliable road connectivity to eligible rural habitations, especially those located in remote and border areas.

During the meeting, the officers presented an overview of the progress achieved under different phases of PMGSY and outlined the action plan for completion of the remaining works. The Chief Minister directed that all pending issues requiring inter-departmental coordination be addressed on priority to facilitate seamless execution of the programme.

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## Javid Dar holds meeting with Legislators; reaffirms commitment to responsive governance

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperatives and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today held a meeting with the legislators at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, during which a wide range of developmental and public welfare issues concerning their respective constituencies were discussed.

The legislators who called on the Minister included Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Hasnain Masoodi, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad Shah, Irshad Rasool Kar and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir.

The legislators apprised the Minister of various developmental requirements and public issues in their constituencies. They projected demands related to strengthening rural infrastructure, improving public services, augmenting agricultural support systems and expediting the implementation of ongoing developmental and welfare initiatives.



Responding to the legislators, Javid Ahmad Dar assured them that all issues and concerns projected during the meeting would be examined and taken up with the concerned departments for appropriate action.

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## DDC Rajouri reviews progress of PWD R&B sector

RAJOURI, JUNE 23:

District Development Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works executed by the Public Works Department R&B. The meeting focussed on expediting ongoing projects, ensuring quality execution and addressing bottlenecks affecting timely completion.

The review covered the status of works under PWD R&B, including projects executed for other departments, NABARD-funded schemes, District Capex Budget, permanent restoration of roads and Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance of Heritage Sites and Monuments.

During the meeting, the Superintending Engineer PWD R&B Circle Rajouri Manzoor Ahmed briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the physical and financial progress of various schemes and projects. The Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed division-wise review of road connectivity, building infrastructure and heritage



conservation works. The Deputy Commissioner directed officers concerned to resolve such issues on priority through coordinated efforts to prevent hampering of ongoing projects.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for early allotment of pending tenders for NABARD-funded projects wherever the process is incomplete. He issued similar directions for projects under the District Capex Budget to ensure speedy allotment, timely commencement of works and judicious utilisation of funds.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of restoration and preserva-

tion works at important heritage sites, including Shahi Masjid Nowshera, Channi Prat Temple, Radha Krishna Temple, Khamba Fort, Shiv Temple Khamba, Raghunath Temple Channi Prat and Bawli Lower Kharaq. The Deputy Commissioner directed officers concerned to accelerate the pace of work while ensuring proper conservation standards.

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Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Ravi Kumar Sihag, Chief Planning Officer Maqsood Ahmed, Superintending Engineer PWD R&B Circle Rajouri Manzoor Ahmed, Executive Engineer PWD R&B Rajouri, Executive Engineer PWD R&B Nowshera, Executive Engineer PWD R&B Koteranka, Executive Engineer PWD R&B Thanamandi and Executive Engineer PWD R&B Kalakote.

## Blood Donation Camp organized at CHC Thathri, 22 units of blood collected

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On the directions of the Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Poonam Sethi and under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr. Vinod Sharma, a Blood Donation Camp was organized today at CHC Thathri in collaboration with GMC Doda.

The camp was inaugurated by Block Medical Officer Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Kichloo. The initiative received an encouraging response from the public, resulting in the collection of 22 units of blood. A significant contribution was made by Army personnel, who actively participated in blood donation, reflecting their spirit of selfless service and commitment towards the welfare of society, including the healthcare workers who also contributed towards this noble mission.

Commanding Officer 26 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) also visited the camp and ap-



preciated the efforts of the Health Department and all contributors for the noble humanitarian initiative.

BMO Dr. Kichloo expressed gratitude to all

donors and stakeholders whose wholehearted support ensured the successful conduct of the camp.

The programme served as a testament to the collec-

tive commitment of the Health Department, Armed Forces and the community towards saving precious lives and promoting social responsibility.

## CMO Doda reviews healthcare services at PHC

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To review the functioning of healthcare institutions and assess the quality of services being provided to the public, the Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr. Vinod Sharma conducted an inspection of Primary Health Centre Changa in Medical Block Gandoh.

The visit aimed to evaluate the overall functioning of the health facility, ensure the delivery of quality healthcare services and identify areas requiring improvement.

Dr. Sharma inspected different sections of the hospital, examined official records, reviewed attendance registers and assessed the availability of essential services and facilities. He also interacted



with patients to obtain firsthand feedback regarding the healthcare services being provided at the institution.

While interacting with the staff, the CMO empha-

sized the importance of punctuality, professional dedication and patient-friendly healthcare services. "All healthcare workers must remain committed to their duties

and ensure better patient care outcomes through efficient and compassionate service delivery," he stressed.

Later, Dr. Sharma convened a meeting with the staff members in the presence of Block Medical Officer Dr. Farooq Saleem. During the meeting, the staff members highlighted certain operational and infrastructural challenges affecting the smooth functioning of the institution. The CMO assured them that all genuine issues would be taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate redressal. Dr. Sharma appreciated the efforts of the medical and paramedical staff serving in the far-flung area and urged them to continue working with dedication and sincerity for the welfare of the people.

## Two-day workshop on Implementation of HPC begins at JKBOSE

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The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) commenced a two-day workshop on the implementation of Holistic Progress Card (HPC) for the Secondary Stage in PM SHRI Schools of Kashmir Division from 23 to 24 June, 2026.

The workshop aims to build the capacity of educators for adopting NEP 2020-aligned competency-based, learner-centric and multidimensional assessment practices at the secondary stage. The participants are being oriented on the philosophy, structure and implementation modalities of the Holistic Progress Card, which seeks to move beyond marks-based evaluation and provide a comprehensive picture of learners' progress across curricular, co-curricular and socio-emotional domains.

Technical sessions during the workshop will focus on understanding the various components of the HPC, documenting learner achievements, integrating self-assessment, peer assessment, parental and teacher observations and utilizing assessment evidence through strategies for maintaining learner profiles and ensuring meaningful reporting of student progress in accordance with national assessment reforms.



Addressing the inaugural session, the Secretary JKBOSE Gh Hassan Sheikh emphasized the importance of transforming assessment practices in line with NEP 2020 and underscored the need for schools to adopt holistic approaches that recognize the diverse capabilities and potential of every learner. The Secretary said that JKBOSE is committed to implementing NEP 2020 in Jammu & Kashmir, maintaining that the whole assessment system in the Union Territory will witness a complete turnaround within the next two years. He said that the HPC, upon full implementation, will ease students' examination stress, enabling them to achieve learning targets in a congenial, stress-free environment.

Director School Education Kashmir Naseer Ahmad Wani lauded JKBOSE for taking the lead in implementing assessment reforms envisioned under NEP 2020. He urged PM SHRI schools to emerge as model institutions in adopting learner-centred assessment practices and showcasing best practices for the wider school system.

Delivering the keynote address virtually, Head & CEO, PARAKH, NCERT Prof Indrani Bhaduri highlighted the transformative potential of the HPC as a tool to promote competency-based learning and foster all-round development of learners. She appreciated JKBOSE's initiative in organizing the workshop and expressed confidence that the implementation of HPC in PM

SHRI schools would serve as an important milestone in advancing the objectives of NEP 2020.

Director Academics Dr Parveen Singh in his welcome address stated that the workshop marks an important step towards operationalizing assessment reforms in the educational reforms of Jammu & Kashmir, adding that the rollout of the HPC in the PM SHRI schools is a prelude commitment of JKBOSE in this direction.

He expressed confidence that the training would equip educators with the necessary knowledge and skills for effective implementation of the HPC and contribute towards creating a more inclusive, learner-centred and growth-oriented school environment in JKUT.