

JAMMU & KASHMIR

J&K notifies VB-G RAM G scheme, replacing MGNREGA from July 1

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, JUNE 24

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has notified the Jammu Kashmir Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM-G] Scheme, 2026, which will come into force across all notified rural areas of the Union Territory from July 1, 2026.

Issued under Section 3(1) read with Section 8 of the Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, the new scheme replaces MGNREGA and marks a major reform in rural employment and livelihood generation, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

The scheme guarantees 125 days of wage employment annually to every eligible rural household willing to undertake unskilled manual work, up from the earlier 100-day guarantee. Employment is to be provided within 15 days of demand, failing which applicants will be entitled to unemployment allowance.

Wage payments will be made on a weekly basis or within a fortnight, with compensation for delays.

To protect agricultural productivity, the scheme introduces a mandatory 60-day pause in public works during peak sowing and harvesting seasons, ensuring adequate labour availability for farming activities. At the same time, it prioritises the creation of durable community assets and sustainable livelihood infrastructure.

VB-G RAM-G focuses on four priority sectors including Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood Enhancement and Climate & Disaster Resilience. Planning will be undertaken through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGPPs) using GIS-based tools and PM Gati Shakti layers, ensuring convergence, saturation-based development and avoidance of duplication.

The scheme provides special support for the vulnerable groups, including single women, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, members of Particularly

Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), released bonded labourers and transgender persons through dedicated Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards. At least one-third of beneficiaries under the programme shall be women.

A key feature of the scheme is its robust digital governance architecture, incorporating biometric and face-authenticated attendance, geofencing, GPS-enabled project monitoring, AI-driven analytics, real-time dashboards, bilingual electronic muster rolls and mandatory public disclosures at worksites. The contractors and labour-displacing machinery are prohibited to preserve the employment-generation objective of the programme.

The implementation framework provides for strengthened institutional oversight at the UT, district, block and Gram Panchayat levels. The Gram Panchayats will continue to serve as the frontline implementing agencies responsible for registration of households, receiving work applications, issuance of guarantee

cards and execution of approved works.

The scheme will operate as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a 90:10 cost-sharing pattern between the Government of India and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Administrative expenditure has been enhanced to strengthen staffing, monitoring, grievance redressal and accountability systems, with substantial resources earmarked for Gram Panchayat-level functionaries.

A time-bound grievance redress mechanism, mandatory social audits, independent evaluations and multi-tier monitoring arrangements have been built into the framework to ensure transparency, efficiency, and citizen accountability.

With its enhanced employment guarantee, agriculture-sensitive design, technology-enabled governance and focus on resilient rural infrastructure, VB-G RAM-G is expected to usher in a new era of inclusive, sustainable and future-ready rural development in Jammu Kashmir.

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BJP Jammu & Kashmir President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) chaired a series of meetings at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to review preparations for the upcoming Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Smriti Pakhwada (fortnight programmes) and digital training programmes aimed at strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

The first meeting focused on the observance of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Smriti Pakhwada, which was attended by party office bearers and convened by BJP Vice-President and Pakhwada Incharge Rajeev Charak. The second meeting deliberated on the forthcoming training programmes to be conducted through the party's digital learning platform, under the guidance of Training Department Incharge Dr. Parneesh Mahajan.

J&K BJP Vice-Presidents Bharat Bhushan, Priya Sethi, and Rekha Mahajan, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, and Baldev Singh Bialwaria, Secretaries



Reema Padha, Arun Sharma, and Pawan Sharma, district prabharis, district presidents, and others participated in the meetings. Sat Sharma, while addressing the meetings, said that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee's life and sacrifice continue to inspire generations of nationalists. He said that the Smriti Pakhwada, commencing from June 23, 2026, the Balidan Diwas of Dr. Mookherjee, and concluding on his 125th birth anniversary on July 6, 2026, must be observed with full dedication and public participation. He informed that booth-level tribute pro-

grammes, plantation drives, seminars for college and university students by Yuva Morchha and Mahila Morchha, district-level events, and awareness campaigns highlighting the circumstances surrounding Dr. Mookherjee's mysterious death would be organized across Jammu & Kashmir. Sat Sharma, reviewing the organizational training programmes, stressed the importance of continuous cadre development and directed the training committee members on the training through digital learning platform to ensure extensive effective implementation of training sessions for booth committees, and

mandal committees of various morchas.

Rajeev Charak detailed the preparations for the Smriti Pakhwada and said that comprehensive programmes have been planned at every organizational level to commemorate the life, vision, and supreme sacrifice of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee. Dr. Parneesh Mahajan briefed the meeting about the upcoming training schedule and digital learning modules. He said that the training programmes are designed to equip party functionaries with organizational skills, ideological clarity, and effective communication techniques.

Div Com, IGP Jammu review SANJY 2026 arrangements at Bhagwati Nagar, Tawi Riverfront

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti today reviewed arrangements for the smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2026 at Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas and the Tawi Riverfront Token and Registration Centre.

Inspector General of Police, CRPF Jammu, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua, DIG Traffic, Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu (Nodal Officer Jammu SANJY 2026), Director Tourism, SSP Jammu, SSP Security, Director Health Services, Chief Engineers of executive agencies, Joint Director Information (Jammu), RTO, officers from Fire and Emergency Services and line departments were present.

Reviewing arrangements at Bhagwati Nagar, the Divisional Commissioner was apprised that all essential



preparations and works at the Yatri Niwas camp have been put in place.

Facilities for accommodation, drinking water, power supply, locker rooms, washrooms, illumination and other amenities have been set up at the Yatri Niwas, along with a health facility with doctors, paramedics and medical stock, and a round-the-clock control room with dedicated teams from line departments to ensure the best services for pilgrims.

A traffic plan with cut-off timings has been prepared, and a rate list for public vehicles including e-rickshaws, auto-rickshaws and taxi services has been circulated. The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu emphasised adherence to cut-off timings for departure of Yatra convoys.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu also visited the Token and Registration Centre at Tawi Riverfront, where they took

a comprehensive on-the-spot review of arrangements for security, frisking points, multiple token and registration counters, drinking water, German hangars and barricading for smooth on-the-spot registration of pilgrims.

This year, the Token Centre for on-the-spot registration of pilgrims has been shifted to Tawi Riverfront with spacious, augmented facilities for a convenient and comfortable experience.

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The Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, led by Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor, visited the iconic Amar Mahal Museum & Library during its tour of Jammu on Monday. The delegation comprised several Members of Parliament, including Lok Sabha MP Asaduddin Owaisi and other distinguished members of the Committee.

During their visit, the MPs were given an extensive tour of the Palace Museum, which houses a remarkable collection of art and heritage treasures. Highlights included the renowned Nala-Damayanti series of Basohli miniature paintings and the Library containing the private collection of books belonging to Dr. Karan Singh.

Dr. Shashi Tharoor commended the Museum for its exemplary conservation of the heritage palace and its architectural grandeur. He also expressed particular



appreciation for the Library and its valuable collection of books.

Speaking on the occasion, Asaduddin Owaisi noted that the Museum effectively presents and documents the history, legacy, and contributions of the erstwhile Dogra royal family of Jammu and Kashmir, offer-

ing visitors a meaningful insight into the region's heritage.

Martand Singh, Trustee of Amar Mahal Museum & Library, said that the visit of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs underscored the significance of Amar Mahal Museum & Library as a premier

cultural institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich legacy of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Committee members appreciated the Museum's continued efforts to preserve, promote, and showcase the rich artistic, cultural, and historical heritage of the region.

DC Samba reviews flood preparedness ahead of monsoon

SAMBA, JUNE 24:

Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan chaired a review meeting to assess flood preparedness and finalise preventive measures ahead of the monsoon season.

The meeting focussed on strengthening inter-departmental coordination for effective flood management and minimising risks in vulnerable areas across the district.

The DC directed Revenue, Police, Health, Irrigation and Flood Control and other line departments to maintain close coordination for prompt response during any flood-related emergency and remain fully prepared to safeguard life and property.

Ayushi Sudan reviewed the status of ongoing flood mitigation works, including desilting of rivers and nallahs, construction and strengthening of embankments, retaining walls and

identification of flood shelters. The Irrigation and Flood Control Department briefed the chair on progress at vulnerable locations across the district.

All flood protection works are to be completed well before the onset of heavy rains. Officers concerned were directed to earmark adequate funds for protection measures within their respective jurisdictions, particularly at spots requiring immediate attention, maintain a close watch on water levels and establish an effective early warning mechanism for timely dissemination of alerts to residents near rivers and nallahs.

The DC further directed departments concerned to conduct awareness campaigns in flood-prone areas to educate residents about flood risks, safety protocols, evacuation procedures and emergency response measures.

PM SVANidhi Mahotsav organised at Rajouri; around 150 street vendors participate

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Municipal Council Rajouri today organised the District-Level PM SVANidhi Mahotsav at Dak Bungalow Rajouri with participation of around 150 street vendors and representatives from all five Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of the district: Rajouri, Nowshera, Thanamandi, Kalakote and Sunderbani.

Guests were welcomed by Executive Officer Municipal Council Rajouri Yousuf-ul-Umar. Street vendors were felicitated for their contribution to the urban economy and awareness sessions were conducted on the PMSVANidhi Scheme, digital transactions, financial inclusion, sanitation, hygiene and public health. Representatives from banks and departments sensitised



vendors about government welfare schemes and encouraged adoption of digital payment mechanisms.

Addressing the gathering, Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Ravi Kumar Sihag highlighted the role of the PM SVANidhi Scheme in empowering street vendors through access to institutional credit and social security benefits. He urged vendors to avail

scheme benefits and use digital platforms for expanding their businesses and appreciated the efforts of the ULBs in promoting financial inclusion.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Executive Officer, who reiterated the administration's commitment to the welfare and socio-economic upliftment of street vendors across the district.

Among those present were Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohd Jahangir Khan, District Statistical and Evaluation Officer Sandeep Sharma, Executive Officers of various ULBs, bank officials, SHO, members of the Town Vending Committee, former President Municipal Council Mohd Arif, former Councillors and other distinguished guests.



**पावरग्रिड
POWERGRID**

NOTICE

- The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for **Petition-1: Reactive Power Compensation on 400 kV Transmission Lines in Northern Region.**
- The beneficiaries of the Transmission system are: (a) Aijmer Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (b) Jaipur Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (c) Jodhpur Vidut 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. (q) HVPNL.

Particulars		
Scheduled date of commercial operation		13.01.2024
Actual date of commercial operation		30.06.2025 (Asset-1)
		22.10.2025 (Asset-2)
		20.03.2026 (Asset-3)
		25.04.2026 (Asset-4)
Estimated Completion Cost (in Rs Lakhs)		83.92 Cr.

- Details of tariff for 2024-29 block:

Asset	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Asset-1	-	105.38	224.58	229.80	229.85
Asset-2	-	55.49	158.07	201.04	215.78
Asset-3	-	16.54	534.45	581.12	596.97
Asset-4	-	-	277.45	338.26	357.19
- A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website www.powergrid.in
- 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.

Place: Gurugram Sd/

Date: 25.06.2026 Sr. General Manager (Commercial-CC)

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