

JAMMU & KASHMIR

CM chairs 13th IMPARD Executive Council meeting, calls for developing it as a premier training institution



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired the 13th meeting of the Executive Council of the Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development (IMPARD) at the Civil Secretariat, reaffirming the Government's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity, administrative excellence and good governance across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting comprehensively reviewed the functioning of IMPARD and deliberated on a wide range of measures aimed at enhancing the institute's role as the

premier training and capacity-building institution for J&K's civil services.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department M Raju, Director General IMPARD Rehana Batul and other senior officers.

At the outset, Director General IMPARD Rehana Batul presented a detailed overview of the institute's functioning, ongoing initiatives and future roadmap. She placed the agenda items before the Executive Council,

which discussed each proposal extensively before taking considered decisions.

As Chairman of the Executive Council, the Chief Minister engaged in deliberations on important institutional matters, including recruitment of faculty members, finalisation of new recruitment rules, review and strengthening of training programmes, and support needed for organisation's long-term growth and sustainability.

The Council also examined various employee-related issues, including welfare measures, deputation of faculty members to fill up key positions at IMPA in the short term, implementation

of career advancement, service matters, compassionate appointments, engagement of consultants and examination of other proposals through the designated sub-committee. The EC observed that these measures shall strengthen the institutional framework and ensure greater operational efficiency.

Emphasising the pivotal role of IMPARD in nurturing a professional and accountable civil service, the Chief Minister stressed the need for continuous institutional reforms, high-quality training and innovation in public administration.

He underscored that a modern governance framework requires well-trained, motivated and future-ready public servants capable of responding effectively to emerging challenges and citizens' expectations.

The Chief Minister called for regular upgradation of training modules in line with evolving governance practices, greater adoption of technology-enabled learning and stronger knowledge partnerships to ensure that government officials remain equipped with the skills required for efficient public service delivery.

Dy CM conducts surprise inspection of PMGSY, JKPC, DIQC offices in Jammu

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today conducted surprise inspection of several engineering offices in Jammu to assess their functioning and review progress of developmental works.

The Deputy Chief Minister visited the office of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) at Bikram Chowk, Jammu, where he reviewed the overall functioning of the department and assessed the status of ongoing road projects.

He directed the officers to ensure timely execution of works while strictly adhering to prescribed quality standards.

The Deputy Chief Minister stressed that improved road connectivity is vital for the socio-economic development of the region. He called upon the officials to work with dedication and accountability.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister also interacted with the officers and staff, emphasizing the



importance of maintaining transparency, efficiency and responsiveness in departmental functioning.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister said that every project should be completed within the stipulated timelines without compromising on quality.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the offices of the Jammu and Kashmir Projects Construction Corporation (JKPCC)

and the Design Inspection and Quality Control (DIQC) and JKPC office at Panama Chowk in Jammu. He reviewed the operational efficiency of both the departments and took stock of the progress of various ongoing works.

Expressing the need for strengthening institutional accountability, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the officers to maintain discipline in offices, ensure regu-

lar monitoring of projects and uphold the highest standards of quality in execution. He said that effective supervision and timely completion of projects are essential to delivering better public services and meeting the expectations of the people.

He further stressed on ensuring greater efficiency, transparency and accountability in public service delivery.

Chief Secretary Reviews Cyber Crime Prevention Measures across J&K

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the progress made in strengthening the cyber crime prevention framework and expediting the operationalisation of the Digital Arrest mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary, Home; Additional Director General of Police (CID); Commissioner Secretary, IT; Commissioner Secretary, Law; Inspector General of Police (Crime), Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime), SP Operations and other senior officers. Officers stationed outside Srinagar participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

Undertaking a comprehensive review of the initiatives, the Chief Secretary directed that progress on cyber crime prevention and implementation of the Digital Arrest mechanism be monitored on a monthly basis to ensure adherence to timelines and effective inter-departmental coordination. He stressed the need for completing all statutory, administrative and technical



requirements within the stipulated timeframe so that the system is made fully functional and operational without delay.

The Chief Secretary further directed the concerned departments to ensure that the progress is uploaded on the Pragati Portal by July 20 without any fail. He instructed the departments to submit all pending proposals and requisite documentation within the prescribed timeline to facilitate the issuance of necessary government orders for its seamless operationalisation. Highlighting the growing challenge posed by cyber frauds and online financial crimes, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of building institutional capacity

through sustained training and skill enhancement of officials associated with cyber crime investigation and digital enforcement.

He also called for a comprehensive public awareness campaign through print, electronic and digital media platforms to educate citizens about emerging cyber threats, including digital arrest scams, online financial frauds and cyber safety practices.

The Chief Secretary observed that public awareness, technological preparedness and coordinated institutional response are critical to effectively combating cyber crime and safeguarding citizens from increasingly sophisticated online frauds.

Earlier, the meeting was given a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the roadmap for implementation of the Digital Arrest mechanism, the status of infrastructure and institutional preparedness, key milestones achieved, existing gaps and the action plan for strengthening the cyber security ecosystem across the Union Territory. The presentation also highlighted the measures being undertaken to enhance coordination among stakeholder departments for ensuring a robust and responsive cyber crime prevention framework.

National Cooperative Mahotsav marks grand finale of Cooperative Week celebrations in Jammu

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The Department of Cooperative Societies Jammu today organized the National Cooperative Mahotsav as the theme of the seventh and concluding day of the Cooperative Week Celebrations at Kisan Kendra Directorate of Agriculture Jammu. The event brought together officers of the Cooperative Department, representatives of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Cooperative Federations, dairy cooperatives and other stakeholders to celebrate the achievements of the cooperative movement and reaffirm their commitment to the vision of "Sahkar Se Samridhi."

Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu Bal Krishan graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta was the guest of honour.

Other dignitaries present included Joint Registrar Cooperative Societies and Nodal Officer for Cooperative Week in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir; Preeti Sharma, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu Bhawani Atri; Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Dairy Cooperative Federation (JKDCF) Vikrant Dogra and Managing Direc-



tor Jammu & Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited (JKMPCL) Mush-taq Ahmed.

Welcoming the dignitaries and participants, Preeti Sharma highlighted the significance of the National Cooperative Mahotsav as the culmination of the week-long celebrations. She emphasized that cooperatives have emerged as a powerful instrument for empowering farmers, women and rural communities through collective action, capacity building and sustainable development.

Bal Krishan congratulated the Department for the successful organization of the Cooperative Week and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of cooperative institutions and stakeholders throughout the week. He emphasized that cooperatives are vital for strengthening the rural

economy and called upon all stakeholders to adopt innovation, transparency and professional management to build strong and self-reliant cooperative institutions.

Anil Gupta highlighted the close linkage between agriculture and the cooperative sector. He stressed the importance of coordinated efforts among government departments, PACS, FPOs and cooperative institutions to enhance farmers' income, promote value addition and ensure sustainable agricultural development.

The programme featured technical sessions and interactive discussions on strengthening PACS, FPOs, dairy cooperatives and cooperative federations, with emphasis on capacity building, market linkages, value addition, digital transformation and good governance.

A major highlight of the event was the felicitation of outstanding cooperative societies and stakeholders for their exemplary contribution to the cooperative movement. Their achievements were acknowledged for inspiring others to strengthen the cooperative ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir.

Representatives of PACS, FPOs, Cooperative Federations, dairy cooperatives and various cooperative institutions actively participated in the programme and shared their experiences on leveraging the cooperative model for inclusive growth and rural prosperity. A representative of IFFCO emphasized reducing the use of conventional fertilizers and encouraged farmers to adopt innovative fertilizers for higher productivity and better soil health.

DHSJ observes World Zoonoses Day 2026

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The State Surveillance Unit, Directorate of Health Services Jammu today observed World Zoonoses Day under the guidance and support of Director Health Services, Jammu, Dr. Poonam Sethi to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases and promote the One Health approach. The programme was organized in line with this year's theme, "Working Together: Preventing Zoonoses Through Community Action," emphasizing the importance of community participation and multi-sectoral collaboration in preventing zoonotic diseases.

The event was attended by nodal of-

icers and officials from various health programmes under the Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Epidemiologist/State Surveillance Officer Jammu Division Dr. Rashmi Sharma, who highlighted the significance of World Zoonoses Day and emphasized the growing public health importance of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases, stressing the need for strengthened surveillance and inter-sectoral coordination.

Addressing the gathering, the Director reiterated the commitment of the Health Department towards strengthening disease surveillance, outbreak

preparedness and implementation of the One Health approach to effectively tackle zoonotic diseases.

During the technical session, Medical Officer, Epidemiology Dr. Shehnaz Chowdhary, Medical Officer, Epidemiology Dr. Prem Lata and State Epidemiologist IDSP Dr. Simran Nag delivered presentations on zoonotic diseases, their surveillance, prevention and control and the importance of the One Health approach.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and a collective resolve to strengthen surveillance, community engagement and inter-sectoral collaboration for the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases.

Cooperative Week-2026 concludes in Ramban; MLA appreciates department's achievements

RAMBAN, JULY 6:

Member of Legislative Assembly Ramban Arjun Singh Raju, today appreciated the remarkable progress and achievements of the Cooperative Department in the district while presiding over the valedictory function of the week-long Cooperative Week (Sahkarita Saptah) 2026 held at Maitra. The celebrations coincided with the fifth glorious year and Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation (GOI).

Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, Ramban, Priyanka Sharma, Assistant Registrars, prominent citizens, members of various cooperative societies, officers and officials were present on the occasion.

The Cooperative Week was celebrated from June 29 to July 6, 2026 under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan as part of the nationwide celebrations promoting cooperative-led inclusive growth and rural prosperity.

On the occasion, the MLA inaugurated a food packag-



ing unit which will help in labelling, branding and packaging of local organic products like Rajmah, Anardana, Amlouk, Walnut Kernels etc at Cooperative Mini Super Bazaar, Maitra.

The MLA highlighted the major infrastructure achievements of the Cooperative Department in the district, including the establishment of the Cooperative Mini Super Bazaar at Maitra, Trout, Curd & Walnut Processing Units under FPU scheme and Cooperative Super Bazaar at Ram-

ban. He appreciated the growing participation of women in strengthening the cooperative movement and acknowledged their significant contribution towards the success of cooperative societies in the district.

He also welcomed the sanctioning of several major developmental projects including Cooperative Canteen in DAC Ramban, Cooperative school building etc.

The MLA urged members of cooperative societies to focus on value addition,

branding, processing and marketing of locally produced agro-based products to improve farmers' income and create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Earlier, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives informed that the week-long celebrations were organised around different themes focusing on self-reliance, cooperative empowerment and national development goals. Throughout the week various events were organised in the district at block levels such as promotion of local organic products, awareness camps, financial literacy camps, educational programmes, plantation drives, AI Karmayogi demo courses for the PACS members, painting competition at Shah Asrar Cooperative Educational Institute Banihal etc.

She presented a detailed account of the department's achievements over the past five years and informed that 107 new Cooperatives have been registered in the district. She further stated that four food processing units have been established, 13