

Satish meets delegations in Srinagar, assures welfare of workers, traders, youth



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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today met several delegations from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar. He listened to their grievances and demands, assuring prompt redress of the same with intervention of the concerned departments.

A delegation of Rehbar-e-Khel (ReK), led by MLA Khansahib Saif-ud-Din Bhat, called on the Minister and projected various issues. These included reg-

ularisation of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers, enhancement of their service conditions and the need for a comprehensive policy to address their long-pending demands.

The delegation highlighted the significant contribution of ReKs in nurturing sports talent at the grassroots level across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister assured the delegation that the government is fully aware of the issues confronting the Rehbar-e-Khel community and that their genuine concerns would be redressed shortly. He said the contribution of ReKs in strengthening the sports ecosystem is invaluable and every effort would be made to find

a practical and sustainable resolution.

A delegation of the Mutton Dealers Association also met the Minister and expressed gratitude to the administration for its timely intervention in resolving issues affecting the trade. The members appreciated the proactive role of the government in ensuring smooth functioning of the sector and thanked the Minister for safeguarding the interests of traders as well as consumers.

Interacting with the delegation, Satish Sharma reiterated that the government remains committed to maintain a balance between consumer welfare and the legitimate inter-

ests of traders. He assured the members that constructive dialogue with stakeholders would continue to ensure transparent and efficient functioning of the sector.

Besides, several other delegations from different districts and regions of Jammu and Kashmir called on the Minister and apprised him of various public issues, developmental requirements and sector-specific concerns.

The delegations sought intervention in matters related to public services, youth welfare, sports infrastructure, technology-driven governance and developmental initiatives.

Responding to the issues projected by all the delegations, the Minister assured them that the same would be examined on merit and appropriate action would be initiated in coordination with the concerned departments.

Satish Sharma emphasized that sustained public outreach and continuous engagement with stakeholders remain essential for effective governance. He said such interactions provide valuable feedback that enables the government to formulate responsive policies and ensure that the benefits of development reach every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

Amarnath Yatris take free ride on RAAHI: Hop Jammu buses along Chenab Line

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The District Administration Jammu today gave Amarnath Yatris a free ride on the RAAHI: Hop Jammu bus service along its Chenab Line, offering pilgrims currently in the city a look at Jammu's heritage sites before they proceed to the Kashmir Valley.

The group visited Akhnor Fort, Pandav Gufa, Jia Pota Ghat, Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Gurudwara and the ancient Kameshwar Temple.

RAAHI: Hop Jammu is a fleet of air-conditioned e-buses operating on four hop-on hop-off routes: Tirath, Chenab, Sarhad and Fun Line, covering the city's temples, heritage sites, border landmarks and recreational spots.



The Chenab Line had earlier undergone trial runs to test timings and halts and today's ride will help fine-tune schedules and boarding points further. Online bookings for all

routes open from July 8, through online mode only. The service moves into full commercial operation from July 10, with a daily pass giving unlimited hop-on hop-off access across all

routes. Once operational, the buses will run at regular intervals, depending on the route, with a tour guide on board. More information will be shared by the district administration.

Road safety review meeting held in Samba

SAMBA, JULY 6: A meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was convened today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan, at the meeting hall of the DC Office to review the road safety scenario in the district and assess the implementation of decisions taken in previous meetings.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of the measures being undertaken by the concerned departments and emphasized the need for a coordinated and proactive approach to minimize road accidents and ensure safer roads for the public.

Detailed discussions were held on accident-prone locations, installation of road safety infrastructure,



management measures, enforcement of safety regulations and other interventions aimed at improving road safety across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all stakeholder departments to ensure timely execution of road safety works, regular

monitoring of vulnerable stretches and strict adherence to prescribed safety standards. She stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination, data-driven planning and sustained public awareness initiatives to strengthen road safety and promote responsible road user be-

haviour. Among those present were ACR Samba Ajay Bharti, SDM Vijaypur, SDM Ghagwal and officers of the Motor Vehicles Department, Police, National Highways Authority, Public Works Department and other concerned departments.

Chief Secy lead SEC approves Rs 751.46 cr disaster recovery projects for J&K

Roads, Schools, Health, Power Sectors to benefit from 1,033 recovery projects



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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired the 2nd meeting of the State Executive Committee (SEC) for 2026-27 under the Disaster Management framework and approved a series of proposals aimed at accelerating post-disaster recovery, strengthening disaster preparedness and enhancing the response capacity across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, senior officers of the Finance Department, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR), and other stakeholder departments.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon all implementing departments to ensure timely execution of the approved projects with complete adherence to the prescribed technical standards, transparency and quality parameters so that the affected communities receive the intended benefits without delay.

He further directed the departments whose projects are yet to be submitted, despite approval of funds by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), to expedite the process and furnish their proposals within the next few days.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that the entire basket of funds earmarked for the Union Territory should be fully utilized in a planned and efficient manner to execute disaster mitigation, restoration and protection works for the larger welfare and safety of the people.

During the meeting, the Committee approved projects worth ₹751.46 Cr under the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) funding for Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate reconstruction and restoration of critical public infrastructure damaged during the disasters of 2025. The approved projects pertain to sectors including Roads and Bridges, Power, School Education, Health, Social Welfare and Agriculture Production.

These projects comprise 1,033 individual works and activities to be executed by the respective departments in accordance with the Recovery and Reconstruction Guidelines, approvals conveyed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), sector-wise recommendations of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the PDNA report. The Committee was informed that the High-Level Committee (HLC) of the Government of India had approved ₹1,534.58 crore for Jammu and Kashmir based on the recommendations of the National Disaster Manage-

ment Authority (NDMA) and the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee.

The SEC also approved ₹33.19 Cr worth of recovery projects for District Ramban under the PDNA undertaken following the April 2025 disaster. The approved interventions cover the sectors of Education, Animal Husbandry & Livestock, Roads and Bridges, Housing, and Irrigation & Flood Control. These projects will facilitate restoration of essential public infrastructure and services in the affected areas.

To strengthen disaster preparedness and enable prompt response to emergencies, the Committee approved the release of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) assistance to all the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) and Divisional Commissioners.

Under the approved package, ₹2 crore each will be released to every District Disaster Management Authority, while ₹1 crore each will be provided to the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir divisions for meeting emergent disaster management requirements and enhancing institutional preparedness.

The Chief Secretary underscored the need for building resilient infrastructure and improve institutional preparedness against future disasters.

He stressed that effective utilisation of the approved funds, timely completion of projects would significantly strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's disaster resilience and ensure faster recovery for the affected communities.

The meeting reaffirmed the Government's commitment towards developing a robust disaster management framework through sustained investments in recovery, preparedness and capacity building while safeguarding lives, livelihoods and critical infrastructure across the Union Territory.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, JULY 06: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Khour, Kaleeth, Chack Malal, Dhanger and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, Sai Kalan, Khana Chak, Abdullian, Nikowal, Salehar, Chakroi, Pindi, Hansa, Satriyan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, Paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla and its adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 from 6 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Transport Nagar, Narwal, Railway Colony, Upper Chowadi, Part of Channi Himmatt, Malik Market, Matto Colony, Bathindi, Sunjwan, Boria and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 from 5:30 am to 10:30 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Bathindi, Sunjwan and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 from 5:30 am to 6 am and 10 am to 10:30 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Suhagpur, Arnia, Allah, Chak Shera, Treva, Jabowal, Jabal Kotli, BSF (BOP), Mulay Chak, Kotli

Bishnah, Chak Hasla, Rehal, Pandorian, Mehmoopur, Sarore, Bishnah Hospital, Kheri, Nandpur, Swankha, Adlehar, Baba Chamliyal, Jeara, Ramgarh, Kamore, Rangoor, Abtal, Nanga, Dadyal, S.M Pura, Mahaal, Kunjwaj, Bandurakh, Seora, Shahpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on June 07 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Smailpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 and 08 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer O&M Circle-III JPDCL Batote has informed that the power supply to Katra Road, Niharika, Old Market Katra and other adjoining areas will remain affected from July 07 to July 09 from 7 am to 11 am (on daily basis).

However, Superintending Engineer O&M Circle JPDCL Kishtwar has informed that the power supply to Chinta, Naska, Manva, Gathi Morh, Lalan Chakki and its adjoining areas will remain affected July 08, 10 and 12 from 8 am to 1 pm.

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