

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## CM reviews roadmap for revival of J&K Overseas Employment Corporation



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the roadmap for the revival and operationalisation of the Jammu & Kashmir Overseas Employment Corporation Limited (JKOECL) and reviewed J&K's overseas recruitment facilitation infrastructure, with a focus on creating a robust institutional framework to connect J&K's skilled youth with global employment opportunities. The meeting reviewed the proposed strategy for reviving JKOECL as the government's nodal recruitment agency for facilitating safe, transparent and market-driven overseas employment. Discussions centred on strengthening institutional mechanisms, expanding international partnerships, enhancing skill development aligned with global standards, and establishing an integrated

ecosystem to prepare youth for overseas careers.

A detailed presentation by Director Employment J&K Harvinder Singh outlined a phased roadmap for operationalising JKOECL, including the creation of a digital overseas employment portal, partnerships with licensed recruiting agencies, foreign languages and international certification programmes, employer engagement, counselling, pre-departure orientation and post-placement support.

The proposed framework seeks to position JKOECL as the nodal agency coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Protector of Emigration, Indian Missions abroad, skill institutions and licensed recruiting agencies to ensure ethical, transparent and legally compliant overseas recruitment.

Protector of Emigration, Chandigarh, Ministry of External Affairs, Yashu Deep Singh, also made a

presentation on emigration trends from Jammu & Kashmir, the region's contribution to overseas remittances, and employment opportunities available through India's labour mobility agreements with several countries. He highlighted sector-wise demand for workers, emerging job roles in global markets, and key challenges affecting overseas migration from J&K, including limited public awareness of legal migration channels, inadequate institutional outreach, dependence on unverified social media information, and the need to develop skills that meet international standards. Reviewing the proposals, the Chief Minister emphasised that the objective should not merely be to facilitate migration but to prepare a globally competitive workforce. "We should not only send people abroad; we should send skilled people there. Our focus should be

on skilling," he said.

The Chief Minister directed the concerned departments to prepare a time-bound implementation plan and convert the proposed pillars into clearly defined, actionable outcomes. He also called for adopting best practices from states such as Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which have successfully institutionalised overseas employment facilitation.

Emphasising long-term sustainability, Omar Abdullah directed that the forthcoming Industrial Policy should provide for the establishment of skill development and training institutes to nurture an ecosystem capable of meeting international workforce requirements. He also stressed the need for a complementary industrial policy that encourages greater private sector participation in skill development and employment generation.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Education Sakina Itoo, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner Secretary School Education Ram Niwas Sharma, Secretary Labour & Employment Rajiv Ranjan, Protector of Emigration, Chandigarh, Ministry of External Affairs, Yashu Deep Singh, Director Employment, Director Skill Development and other senior officers.

## Dy CM inaugurates Rs 2.49 cr conference hall at PWD Dak Bungalow, Nowshera

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today inaugurated the newly constructed conference hall at the PWD Dak Bungalow in Nowshera, built at a cost of Rs 2.49 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the new facility will strengthen the administrative infrastructure of the area by providing a modern venue for official meetings, conferences and public interactions. He reiterated the government's commitment towards creating quality public assets that enhance governance and improve the public service delivery.

Addressing the gathering of local residents, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the government's focus on inclusive and people-centric development. He said that infrastructure development remains a key priority and every effort is being made to ensure that developmental projects are completed within the stipu-



lated timeframe while maintaining the highest standards of quality.

Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister undertook an extensive inspection of various ongoing developmental works across the Nowshera constituency, including road, bridge and other infrastructure projects. He reviewed the progress of the works and directed the concerned officers to expedite execution while ensuring

transparency, quality and adherence to the prescribed timelines.

He emphasized that timely completion of public projects is essential to provide better connectivity, improved civic amenities and enhanced quality of life to the people.

The Deputy Chief Minister also held a detailed public outreach programme during which he interacted with the local residents,

public representatives and various delegations. He assured them that all their genuine issues would be addressed on priority through coordinated efforts of the concerned departments.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, Superintending Engineer PWD, Executive Engineers and other senior officers of the district administration and line departments.

## Javid Dar reviews compensation cases of Rohama-Ladoora road project affected families

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a review meeting at Baramulla, to assess the cases of 26 families whose residential and commercial structures are likely to be affected by the alignment of the Rohama-Ladoora road project.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Tehsildars, concerned Executive Engineer and other senior officers.

The Minister conducted a detailed review of the status of the affected structures and the progress made in the assessment process. Stressing the need for a fair, transparent and time-bound approach, Javid Ahmad Dar directed the concerned officers to conduct an on-the-spot inspection



and complete the valuation of all affected structures at the earliest.

The Minister further instructed the Revenue authorities to verify the land status of each affected property to ensure that all eligible families receive adequate compensation strictly in accordance with the established rules and provisions. Emphasising the government's commitment to safeguard the interests of the af-

ected families, the Minister said that developmental projects should be implemented in a manner that balances infrastructure development with the welfare and rights of the people. He directed the district administration to expedite the necessary formalities so that compensation cases are processed without unnecessary delay.

The Deputy Commissioner Baramulla assured

the Minister that the district administration is taking all necessary measures to complete the required assessments and procedural formalities promptly. He further assured that every genuine case will be dealt with fairly and that all eligible beneficiaries will receive compensation in accordance with the applicable norms, ensuring that no affected family suffers undue hardship.

## Maiden meeting of District AYUSH Society held at Kathua

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The maiden meeting of the District AYUSH Society was held today under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kathua, Surinder Mohan Sharma to review the functioning of AYUSH institutions, infrastructure development and implementation of key programmes in the district.

District AYUSH Officer Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vijay Raina, Assistant Commissioner Development Akhil Sadotra, District Panchayat Officer Amir Chaudhary, Medical Officer Dr. Deepak Sharma and other members attended the meeting.

The District AYUSH Officer presented the district AYUSH profile and highlighted the existing infrastructure and services. It was informed that AYUSH healthcare is being delivered through 57 institutions, including 42 Ayush Arogya Mandirs, promoting preventive and holistic healthcare across the dis-



trict.

The meeting reviewed activities under the AYUSH Public Health Programme, including Yoga and specialised Ayurvedic initiatives such as Supraja, Vayo Mitra, Ayur Vidya and Karunya. It was also informed that specialist Ayurvedic procedures are being performed at GMC

Kathua. Reviewing infrastructure projects, the meeting was informed that the 50-bedded AYUSH Hospital at Mandli, Billawar is nearing completion and is likely to be dedicated to the public in September this year. Construction of an Ayurvedic Dispensary at Bhanode is also underway.

The ADC stressed the need to popularize Ayurveda and Yoga to encourage healthy lifestyles. He directed the concerned agencies to ensure timely completion of all ongoing AYUSH projects and strengthen public outreach for greater awareness of traditional healthcare practices.

## Horticulture Department organizes awareness camp at Panchayat Dhanu

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The Department of Horticulture organized a comprehensive awareness camp at Panchayat Dhanu under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The programme was chaired by Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed. Among others present

were Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Rakesh Kotwal, Chief Scientist, KVK Jammu, Dr. Puneet Choudhary, DLSMS Vishal Magotra, Rakesh Kumar Bhagat, Horticulture Development Officer Bhalwal Ravinder Kumar along with officials and field staff of the Department.

During the awareness camp, farmers and orchardists were sensitized about various developmen-

tal schemes being implemented by the Department, including HADP, ATMA, CSS and RMHDP.

Detailed information was provided regarding financial assistance, modern horticulture practices, establishment of orchards, protected cultivation and other farmer-oriented initiatives.

The experts also highlighted the importance of value addition to horticult-

ural produce, emphasizing processing, packaging, branding and marketing to enhance farmers' income and generate employment opportunities.

The participants appreciated the initiative and actively interacted with the experts, seeking guidance on adopting modern horticulture technologies and availing benefits under different government schemes.

## PMDDKY review meeting held in Kishtwar

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Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma, a review meeting on PMDDKY regarding the compilation and submission of Output Data and Outcome Data for the financial year 2025-26 was held today under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Kishtwar, Vinod Behnal.

During the meeting, the progress achieved by various departments in furnishing Output and Outcome Data was reviewed in detail. The ADC stressed the importance of timely and accurate submission of data to facilitate its upload on the PMDDKY Portal.

All concerned departments were directed to compile and submit their Outcome Data on or before July 10, 2026, so that



the information can be uploaded to the PMDDKY portal within the prescribed timeline. The Chair emphasized that adherence to timelines and data accuracy is essential for effective monitoring and evaluation of developmental programmes.

All concerned HODs of the line departments were instructed to ensure prompt compliance with the directions issued during the meeting.

The Chair directed all departments to work in close coordination and complete the exercise within the stipulated

timeframe to ensure seamless reporting and effective implementation of government schemes.

The meeting was attended by CAO Kishtwar Kushal Chandel, DSHO Kishtwar Dr. Jamil Nasir besides other Officers and officials from concerned departments.