

Omar visits Beerwah to assess flood damages, assures relief to affected shopkeepers

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited Beerwah in Budgam district to take stock of the damage caused by incessant rainfall and the overflowing of Nallah Sukhnag.

During the visit, the Chief Minister inspected the site at Beerwah Bus Stand where a shopping complex was washed away after the flood protection wall collapsed due to the flash floods. He interacted with the affected shopkeepers and expressed solidarity with them, assuring that the Government would extend all possible assistance to those whose shops had been constructed with valid government permission.

He directed the Deputy Commissioner Budgam to receive and scrutinise all relevant documents submitted by the affected shopkeepers so that genuine cases could be processed for compensation and rehabilitation in accordance with the rules.

Addressing the affected traders, the Chief Minister said the Government would examine all eligible cases



sympathetically and provide every possible support. He also took note of the demand raised by the shopkeepers for temporary rehabilitation and said that, subject to safety clearance, the newly constructed Municipal Committee shopping complex could be considered for their temporary relocation.

The Chief Minister directed the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department to conduct a comprehensive structural safety audit of the Municipal Committee shopping complex and other government infrastructure located along Nallah Sukhnag. He said no commercial activity should be allowed in any structure

unless it is declared safe by the concerned authorities.

Later, the Chief Minister inspected the ongoing restoration work on the damaged diversion bridge over Nallah Sukhnag, which was washed away by floodwaters. He instructed the concerned departments to expedite the restoration work to ensure early resumption of vehicular connectivity between Beerwah and Budgam.

He also reviewed the progress on the construction of the main motorable bridge over Nallah Sukhnag and stressed the need for maintaining quality standards while ensuring timely completion of the project.

The Chief Minister fur-

ther directed the district administration and line departments to ensure prompt restoration of damaged roads, bridges, power supply, drinking water facilities and other essential public services affected by the recent floods. He emphasized that all departments must remain on high alert and respond swiftly to any emergency arising due to the prevailing weather conditions.

MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, and senior officers of the district administration and various line departments accompanied the Chief Minister during the visit.

Div Com, IGP review arrangements for Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra in Poonch

POONCH, JULY 22: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Jammu Division Bhim Sen Tuti on Tuesday reviewed arrangements for the upcoming annual Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026.

The Divisional Commissioner reviewed arrangements related to security, transportation, langar facilities, medical services, Public Address System (PAS), sanitation, fire safety, accommodation of yatris, registration, water and power supply, traffic management and lodging and boarding facilities for pilgrims.

The Div Com directed departments concerned to ensure necessary facilities are in place well in advance to provide a safe pilgrimage experience to yatris and instructed the Health Department to ensure adequate medical facilities and deployment of ambulances throughout the Yatra period. He further instructed agencies concerned to undertake immediate maintenance of the road surface from Bhimber Gali to Poonch to facilitate smooth transportation of pilgrims.

Speaking on the occasion,



IGP Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti directed SSP Poonch to ensure foolproof security arrangements along the entire Yatra route and at all important locations.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu chaired an interaction with civil society members and religious heads to discuss issues and suggestions for the smooth conduct of the Yatra.

The representatives highlighted various demands, including beautification of Eidgah Chowk and Bagh Deodi to enhance Poonch's appearance and attract pilgrims from across the coun-

try, besides other issues related to Yatra arrangements.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP assured the participants that all genuine issues would be examined and addressed on priority.

The Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for effective traffic management, advance planning for sanitation and toilet facilities at identified locations from Bhimber Gali to Poonch and timely identification and establishment of suitable langar sites. He also directed the Fire and Emergency Services Department to ensure adequate fire-

safety arrangements at all langar sites, accommodation centres and other vulnerable locations to prevent any untoward incident.

Among those present were Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Sandeep Wazir, SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain Bhat, Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, ACR, SDMs, Tehsildars and senior officers of the administration, police and line departments, besides members of civil society and representatives of religious organisations.

Dy Commissioner Reasi inspects District Hospital, reviews healthcare facilities

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today inspected District Hospital Reasi to review healthcare services, patient care facilities and the overall functioning of the hospital.

The inspection focused on assessing availability of medical services, patient amenities and the functioning of various departments within the hospital.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with hospital authorities and reviewed arrangements in place for providing quality healthcare services to the public. He also inspected different wards and facilities to ensure high standards of hygiene, patient care and efficient service delivery.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected ongoing



works on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) building and reviewed progress on its operationalisation. He directed officers concerned to identify essential infrastructure and equipment requirements for the unit and instructed them to prepare a Detailed Project

Report (DPR) for additional facilities required so the unit can be made fully functional at the earliest.

The officials briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the status of repair and maintenance work on the hospital lift and oxygen generation plant. The

Deputy Commissioner assured that the matter would be taken up with the Director Health Services for early resolution.

Among those accompanying the Deputy Commissioner were ADC Rakesh Kumar, CMO Dr Mohd Ashraf Kolhi, CPO and other officers.

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted a surprise inspection of Government Medical College (GMC) and Associated Hospital, Anantnag, to assess the institution's preparedness and response mechanism in view of the prevailing weather situation caused by incessant rainfall.

During the visit, the Minister inspected the Emergency ward, medical and surgical wards, diagnostic facilities and other critical care units. She reviewed the availability of essential medicines, emergency equipment, oxygen supply, power backup, ambulance services and other healthcare facilities to ensure that the hospital is fully equipped to meet any weather-related exigency.

Interacting with doctors, patients and attendants, Sakeena Itoo took first-hand appraisal of the functioning of the hospital and directed the administration to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services, particularly emergency and trauma care. She stressed the need for maintaining optimum manpower, adequate medical supplies and seamless coordination among all depart-



ments to effectively respond to any emergency.

The Minister instructed the hospital authorities to remain on high alert and ensure that all emergency response systems remain fully operational. She emphasised that no patient should face inconvenience due to the prevailing weather conditions and directed the administration to strengthen monitoring mechanisms for prompt and efficient delivery of healthcare services.

Calling for strict adherence to sanitation and hygiene standards, Sakeena Itoo directed the concerned

officers to ensure proper cleanliness across the hospital premises and maintain effective drainage systems to prevent water logging. She also instructed the authorities to keep adequate stocks of life-saving drugs, blood, oxygen and other essential consumables available at all times. Reaffirming the Government's commitment towards safeguarding public health, the Minister said that all healthcare institutions, particularly those located in vulnerable areas, have been directed to remain fully prepared to deal with any eventuality arising out of the on-

going spell of heavy rainfall. She added that the Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and all necessary measures are being taken to ensure uninterrupted and quality healthcare services across the region.

The Minister directed the officers to maintain close coordination with the district administration and other line departments to ensure swift response to any emergency. She reiterated that safeguarding the health and well-being of the people remains the Government's highest priority.

DC Samba inspects Samba-Goran road stretch; directs expeditious completion of works amid monsoon

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Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today inspected the Samba-Goran road stretch to assess progress of ongoing works and review prevailing monsoon conditions.

The Deputy Commissioner directed departments concerned to expedite critical works, strengthen safety measures and ensure timely completion of remaining works to facilitate uninterrupted movement of commuters, and stressed that preventive measures must be taken to mitigate inconvenience caused by the monsoon.

The DC also instructed executing agencies to maintain close coordination, deploy adequate manpower and machinery wherever



required and ensure strict adherence to quality standards and timelines. She re-

iterated that public safety and seamless connectivity remain the foremost priori-

ties, and called for sustained monitoring until the works are completed.

DC Reasi reviews arrangements for I-Day

REASI, JULY 22: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a meeting of district officers from various departments at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review arrangements for the successful celebration of Independence Day 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed in detail preparations required for the national event to be conducted at General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium and directed all departments to ensure timely completion of tasks assigned to them.

The meeting discussed security arrangements, venue management, sanita-



tion, drinking water supply, uninterrupted power supply, traffic regulation, transportation, healthcare facilities, illumination of

government offices and heritage buildings, seating arrangements, public address systems, cultural programmes and other logisti-

cal requirements. Deputy Commissioner Reasi directed officers concerned to remain vigilant and responsive to requirements arising during preparations and on the day of the event.

He further directed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates to convene meetings at their respective headquarters and ensure similar arrangements for the successful celebration of Independence Day in their sub-divisions.

Among those present were SSP Mukund Tibrewal, ADDC Krishan Lal, ADC Rakesh Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, CPO Narinder Kumar, ACD Mukesh Sharma and other senior officers.