

Dy CM reviews flash flood restoration in Nowshera, emphasizes swift recovery

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Nowshera to assess the progress on restoration works and emergency response measures being undertaken in the aftermath of the recent flash floods. He reviewed the preparedness and response of all concerned departments and directed the officers to ensure speedy restoration of essential services and effective relief measures for the affected population.

The Deputy Chief Minister conducted a department-wise review of the restoration works and stressed the need for expediting the restoration of roads, drinking water supply, electricity and other essential public services. He directed all the departments to complete a comprehensive assessment of losses at the earliest so that appropriate relief and restoration measures can be taken up without delay.

Emphasising the importance of long-term disaster mitigation, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the Irrigation and Flood Con-



trol Department to prepare and submit a comprehensive plan within five days suggesting both immediate and permanent measures to minimise the impact of flash floods and prevent similar damage in the future. He underscored the need for scientific planning, strengthening vulnerable areas and adopting sustainable flood management strategies.

The Deputy Chief Minister also instructed the officers to maintain close coordination among the departments, closely monitor the progress of restoration works and ensure that all affected families receive timely assistance. He reiterated

ated that the government is committed to extend every possible support for rehabilitation of flood-affected people and restoring normalcy at the earliest.

Appreciating the prompt and coordinated response of the district administration and all line departments during the flash flood situation, the Deputy Chief Minister lauded the dedication and commitment displayed by the officers and officials in carrying out rescue, relief and restoration operations under challenging circumstances. He urged them to maintain the same momentum and continue working with unwavering commitment to ensure

the early restoration of normalcy and timely assistance to every affected family.

Earlier, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, Pritam Lal Thapa, presented a detailed briefing on the damage caused by the flash floods. He informed about the loss to life and property and the damage caused to schools, roads, houses, standing crops, dug wells and other public infrastructure. He also highlighted the impact on PMGSY roads, health institutions and infrastructure under the Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry and Jal Shakti Departments.

The ADC further informed that dry ration has been distributed among all affected families and that the administration, in coordination with the concerned departments, is ensuring that relief and rehabilitation measures reach every affected household in a timely manner.

Congress seeks special package for flood affected people

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Congress today demanded special relief and rehabilitation package for the flood affected people and population of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the devastations and loss of lives in Poonch & Rajouri, besides enhancement in the ex-gratia relief for the loss of lives and for house damages, terming the present scale of relief as inadequate.

Addressing a press conference at Rajiv Bhawan, PCC HQ Jammu today JKPC Working President Shri Raman Bhalla and Chief Spokesperson Mr. Ravinder Sharma said that the nature has created havoc in several parts of Jammu and Kashmir especially in Poonch and Rajouri districts and Ramban where maximum loss of lives besides private and public property has taken place, hundreds of houses, vehicles and their property damaged.

They said Surankote, Mandi in Poonch has witnessed maximum casualties, out of 30 casualties in Poonch district, eight are still missing while out of five in Rajouri Dist, two are still missing. Hundreds of houses completely or partially damaged, vehicles, shops, Ata Chakkis, Gharats and other property besides water and power infrastructure roads, bridges and Govt. buildings have suffered extensive damage.

Rajouri-Poonch is without power and water for the



last over five days due to extensive damage. The local district administration in both districts have done commendable job so far, as our local leaders including MLA Rajouri Ifitkhar Ahmed, Former Minister Shabir Ahmed Khan, DCC President Poonch EX-DDC Shah Nawaz Choudhary alongwith teams of senior leaders are in constant touch with local administration and the people and engaged in the rescue, relief measures. But there is dire need of adequate funds especially special package to enhance the ex-gratia relief amount for loss of lives, besides house collapse/house damages and other private properties of individuals who have suffered huge damages. Six Lac for loss of bread earner or !.30 Lac for house collapse is too meagre and amount which needs to be enhanced.

The Centre Govt. must declare it as National disaster as over 30 persons have either lost lives or missing so far and hundreds of houses, vehicles and roads, bridges damaged, for which special reconstruction and rehabilitation package is required with out delay.

All 29 MLAs and MPs of BJP should approach Centre Govt. and persuade Modi Govt to announce adequate special package to proved required relief to he affected people. So far, the loss of private properties and the damage to public infrastructure including roads and bridges wa not compensated or repaired /reconstructed in Jammu region, last year, which is failure of all BJP MLAs-MPs. Citing the case of famous Bhair Devta near Nagrota, where the bridge connecting the Devsthan and hundreds of people has not been undertaken for reconstruction yet and it is the congress party which provided a motor-boat to the devotees, people and school children but neither Govt nor BJP representatives could do it. It is time to rise above politics and help the uprooted people, instead of only lip service or photo ops, they added. The party also demanded atleast six months free ration to affected people who have lost everything.

They also raised the issue of not allowing the traffic through Sungal Tunnel at Kalidhar and even Ambu-

lances are not permitted but only VIP movement is allowed despite fully completed. The tunnel is only waiting for some VVIP inauguration but people are suffering, demanding its operationalisation and use immediately, they demanded.

They also raised the question of construction of a bus stand at vulnerable Rajouri river, wherefrom the Dist administration had removed illegal constructions and encroachment some years back, so it needs to be investigated for identification of culprits causing loss of crores of rupees of Govt and private property besides audit of all water bodies to check and remove violations and danger zones for future.

They also raised concern over the plight of stranded Amarnath Yatris I Jammu due to road blockade besides need to evacuate all people in low lying and vulnerable areas to be shifted to safer areas, demanding proper shelter and relief camps for them till the situation improves. They also demanded special trains for the stranded passengers and yatris for their safe return.

Shri Bhalla lashed out at the Centre for ignoring the huge loss to private properties and public infrastructure in last year's heavy floods but Centre failed to provide the adequate package for relief rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure, which is still lying as such and population suffering.

Billawaria visits at historic Kunjwani pond

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former Jammu Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria today visited the historic Kunjwani Pond located in Ward-55 of Jammu city and took stock of its present condition.

During the visit, local residents informed Billawaria that the existence of the nearly 39 Kanal Kunjwani Pond has been severely threatened due to alleged encroachments by certain individuals and the Waqf Board. They stated that the pond, which once served as an important source for rainwater conservation and public benefit, has now almost disappeared due to illegal occupation of its land.

The residents expressed serious concern, alleging that the encroachment of the pond area is not only a major environmental issue but also raises serious questions regarding the protec-



tion of government land and natural water resources. They further alleged that the land falling under the pond area was transferred or sold by the Waqf Board to the National Highway office for approximately ?16 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that Kunjwani Pond is not merely a water body but a symbol of Jammu's natural heritage, ecological balance, and the identity and sentiments of local residents. He emphasized that protecting water bodies and public assets is the responsibility of every administration, and if any illegal occupation of

pond land has taken place, it must be subjected to a fair and high-level investigation, followed by strict legal action against those found responsible.

Billawaria stressed that preservation of traditional water bodies is essential not only from an environmental perspective but also for safeguarding the future of coming generations. He pointed out that the Supreme Court of India, through several judgments, has repeatedly highlighted the importance of protecting water bodies and maintaining their original character while preventing encroachments.

He asserted that damaging, filling, or illegally altering the natural structure of any water body cannot be permitted under any circumstances. He demanded that the administration conduct a detailed inquiry into the entire matter, make all relevant documents public, and clarify the actual land records of the pond along with the circumstances under which construction or other activities were allowed on the site.

Highlighting the importance of Jammu's natural resources, Billawaria said that ponds, lakes, and other traditional water sources are invaluable heritage assets of the city, and no negligence or irregularity in their protection can be tolerated. He urged the administration to prepare a concrete action plan to make Kunjwani Pond free from encroachments and restore it to its original form so that the objectives of rainwater conservation and environmental protection can be achieved.

He further stated that under the leadership of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has accorded top priority to water conservation, revival of traditional water sources, and environmental protection across the country. In such a scenario, neglecting Jammu's historic water bodies is unacceptable. While development projects are necessary, maintaining a balance between development and environmental conservation is equally important.

Reaffirming BJP's commitment towards public welfare, environmental protection, and local interests, Billawaria assured that the party would strongly raise the issue of Kunjwani Pond's preservation, investigation into alleged encroachments, and the legitimate concerns of residents before the administration and concerned departments to ensure a permanent and positive solution.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Appointment to the post of Lecturer in the discipline of Geology in the School Education Department.

Reference: 1. No. Edu-GEN/35/2024-01(7383282) dated 12.11.2024 and 05.12.2024 issued by School Education Department.
2. No.PSC/DR/Lect/SchoolEdu./Geology/2024(7802331)dated 04.02.2026 received from J&K Public Service Commission, Resham Ghar Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

**Government Order No: 270-JK(Edu) of 2026
Dated: 08.07.2026**

Pursuant to the recommendations received from the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission, Resham Ghar Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of the following candidates as Lecturers in the discipline of Geology in the School Education Department in Pay Level-9 (Rs. 52,700 - Rs. 1,66,700):

S. No.	Name (Mr./Mrs.)	Parentage (Mr./Mrs.)	Address	Category
1	Ravi Sharma	Banarsi Dass	10 Village Sujana Rajpura	OM
2	Raj Kumar	Sohan Lal	Talabdata Virpura, Bari Brahmana	SC

The appointment is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The appointee shall report to the Director, School Education, Jammu within a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of issuance of this appointment order. In the event of failure to join within the prescribed period, the appointee shall forfeit the right to appointment and this order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn ab-initio without any further reference or notice. The formal posting order shall be issued separately by the Competent Authority in due course.
- The appointment shall remain provisional and shall be subject to verification of the educational, professional and/or technical qualifications claimed by the appointee from the concerned issuing authorities. In the event of any discrepancy, misrepresentation or adverse finding during the verification process, the appointment shall be liable to cancellation without prejudice to any other action permissible under the applicable rules.
- The appointee shall be allowed to join only on the production of the following certificates in original:
 - Academic Qualification Certificates.
 - Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificate.
 - Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer.
 - Domicile Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
 - Category certificate, if any.
 - Certificate from the District Industries Center (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Center to the effect that no loan under any self-employment scheme has been taken by the appointee.
- The appointee shall furnish an affidavit, duly attested by a Competent Authority, affirming that:
 - All the certificates/documents submitted in support of the appointment are authentic, valid and have been issued by the Competent Authorities concerned.
 - In the event that any certificate/document is subsequently found to be fake, forged, tampered with or otherwise invalid upon verification from the concerned issuing authority, the appointment shall be deemed void ab initio and liable to cancellation forthwith, without prejudice to such legal, disciplinary or other action as may be warranted under the applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- The release and disbursement of salary in favour of the appointee shall be subject to receipt of a satisfactory verification report in terms of 4(ii) above. No pay or allowances shall be authorized until such verification is duly completed and found satisfactory.
- The appointee shall be governed by the provisions of the New Pension Scheme (NPS) in accordance with SRO- 400 dated 24.12.2009, as amended from time to time.
- The appointee shall be liable to serve at any place within the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in accordance with administrative exigencies and public service requirements.
- The Director, School Education, Jammu shall furnish the joining report of the appointee to the Administrative Department for further allocation and placement against available vacancy in Higher Secondary Schools in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The inter-se seniority of Lecturer shall be determined in accordance with the order of merit assigned by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission in the select list.
- The appointment shall also be subject to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before any Competent Court of Law.

By Order of the Govt of Jammu and Kashmir

No: Edu/Lect/26/2026-01(7728961)

Dated: 08-07-2026

Sd/-

(Deepika Sharma) JKAS

Under Secretary to the Government,
School Education Department.

DIP/J-6465/26 Dated: 23-07-2026

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