

CS reviews adoption of Chandigarh's online PMS for Housing Colonies in J&K

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today in a meeting of Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) reviewed the adoption of Chandigarh's Property Management System (PMS) developed by their National Informatics Centre (NIC) for digitising the management of housing colonies under the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD), here.

The initiative aims at providing transparent, efficient and citizen-centric online services to the allottees of government housing colonies across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC); Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC); Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA); Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority (SDA); SIO, NIC J&K; Managing Director, J&K Housing Board; Director, ULB, Kashmir/Jammu and other senior officers. Officers from NIC Chandigarh joined the meeting through virtual mode.

Emphasising the importance of leveraging technology to improve public service delivery, the Chief Secretary observed that adoption of the Property Management System would mark significant step towards digital governance in the Housing & Urban Development Department.

He said that the online platform would simplify property-related procedures, minimise physical



interface between citizens and government offices, reduce processing time and provide greater convenience to the allottees of government housing colonies across Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments and implementing agencies to ensure time-bound implementation of the project by working in close coordination with NIC Chandigarh and NIC J&K. He stressed the need for completing the required customisation, ensuring data accuracy, undertaking comprehensive testing and completing the security audit before rolling out the system for public use. He also called for adequate capacity building of the concerned staff to facilitate smooth implementation of the project.

At the outset, the Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur apprised about the salient features and progress achieved in adopting the Property Management System, which has been successfully implemented by the Chandigarh Administration for delivering online property management services.

She added that the system has been designed to provide an end-to-end digital platform for processing ownership and lease-re-

lated services through an online workflow, thereby ensuring greater transparency, accountability, efficiency and ease of access for citizens.

During the meeting, the NIC Chandigarh team gave a comprehensive live demonstration of the online Property Management System and showcased its various modules, functionalities, workflow and operational efficiency. The team explained the citizen-centric services and features of the portal and demonstrated the complete digital processing of applications from submission to final disposal through a structured online workflow.

The demonstration highlighted various online services proposed to be made available to the allottees, including transfer of ownership based on registered deeds, transfer of lease rights, issuance of No Objection Certificates for transfer of lease rights, grant of permission to mortgage properties and issuance of No Dues Certificates.

The system also enables applicants to monitor the status of their applications online, thereby ensuring greater transparency and timely delivery of services.

On this occasion the VC, JDA, Rupesh Kumar detailed out that the Property

Management System incorporates several advanced digital features, including a dedicated citizen web interface, electronic payment gateway, automated calculation of applicable charges.

Mireover he divulged that the module is effective in taking digital noting besides approvals are also authenticated through digital signatures with integration of Management Information System (MIS) dashboards, implementation of Citizen Charter timelines and SMS-based alerts for applicants at every stage of processing.

The meeting was informed that the Customisation of the software as per the requirements of Jammu & Kashmir is presently underway. It was further informed that engagement of developers is in progress and a dedicated team of officers from NIC J&K has already been deployed for implementation of the project.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation roadmap and was informed that stakeholder feedback obtained during trial runs would be incorporated within one month, followed by completion of the security audit and phased uploading of property data before the system is formally launched for public use.

MC Bandipora launches sticker drive to enforce four-bin waste segregation under SWM Rules 2026

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Under the directions of the Housing and Urban Development Department and as part of Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0, the Municipal Committee Bandipora launched a mass distribution and pasting drive of instructional waste segregation stickers across the town to promote compliance with the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules 2026.

The drive is being carried out on the ground by dedicated Community Mobilisers and Swachhata Executives, who are visiting door-to-door, interacting with residents and pasting colour-coded instructional stickers at prominent collection points to establish a four-bin segregation system at the source. The initiative aims to streamline municipal waste processing, protect sanitation workers and significantly reduce the volume of waste sent to dumping grounds.

Under the four-bin system, the blue sticker designates dry recyclable waste such as paper, plastic, glass, metal cans, cardboard boxes and Tetra



Paks, with an instruction that all materials must be clean and dry. The green sticker covers biodegradable wet waste, including food scraps, vegetable and fruit peels, leftover meals, tea leaves, coffee grounds and garden waste like leaves and grass.

For specialised waste, the red sticker guides the safe disposal of hygiene

items including sanitary pads, diapers, cotton, tissues, wet wipes and menstrual cups. The black sticker addresses special care household hazardous waste, providing explicit guidelines for items like used batteries, expired medicines, thermometers, tube lights, bulbs, chemicals and nail polish or removers.

Community Mobilisers and Swachhata Executives are continuing their outreach across all municipal wards in Bandipora. The Municipal Committee Bandipora has appealed to all citizens, shop owners and institutions to cooperate with the field staff and actively follow the four-bin rule to support a cleaner and healthier town.

J&K Judicial Academy organizes capacity-building programme on Juvenile Justice

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Under the guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairperson, Committee under the Juvenile Justice Act, the Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy today organized a Capacity-Building Programme on Juvenile Justice for the Principal Magistrates of the Juvenile Justice Boards.

The programme was conducted in hybrid mode, with the Principal Magistrates from the Kashmir Division participating physically at the Academy's Mominabad Campus, Srinagar, while those from the Jammu Division joined virtually. The programme was also attended by the Newly Selected Civil Judges (Junior Division), Batch-2026, presently undergoing the Pre-Appointment Induction Training Programme.

The programme was organized pursuant to the approval of the Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, based on a comprehensive Training Needs Assessment undertaken by the Office of the Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee. It was also aimed at facilitating implementation of the directions issued by the Supreme Court of India in Juvenile Delinquent v. State of U.P. & Others (Criminal Appeal No. 2010 of 2026), along with the Standard Operating Procedure and the communication issued by the Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir



and Ladakh.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Director, Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy, Naseer Ahmad Dar who highlighted the significance of the programme in strengthening the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. He emphasized the need for a child-centric and reformative approach while underscoring the importance of continuous judicial education in enhancing the capacity of judicial officers.

The inaugural session was jointly conducted by Tabassum Wani, Joint Registrar Inspection, High Court Wing, Srinagar, and Dr. Khair-ul-Nisa, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee.

The resource persons

discussed the key provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, including the powers and functions of Juvenile Justice Boards, child-friendly inquiry procedures, preliminary assessment under Section 15, Social Investigation Reports, the role of experts and important judicial precedents. The session featured interactive discussions and case studies emphasizing a child-centric and reformative approach.

The second session, conducted by Tabassum Wani, focused on non-custodial measures, diversion and rehabilitation of children in conflict with law. Through practical case studies and discussions, the participants deliberated on bail under Section 12, prelimi-

nary assessment under Section 15, claims of juvenility, the distinction between children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection, and the importance of safeguarding the identity and confidentiality of children.

The post-lunch sessions were jointly conducted by Tabassum Qadir, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar and Dr. Khair-ul-Nisa, who deliberated on restorative justice in juvenile justice administration. They highlighted victim-offender mediation, family group conferencing, accountability, rehabilitation and social reintegration. They emphasized trauma-informed judicial approaches, community participation and coordinated institutional support for the welfare and long-term rehabilitation of children in conflict with law.

The programme witnessed active participation from the Principal Magistrates of Juvenile Justice Boards and the newly inducted Civil Judges (Junior Division), who engaged enthusiastically in the discussions and interactive sessions throughout the day.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the commitment of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the Juvenile Justice Committee and the J&K Judicial Academy towards continuous judicial education and capacity building for ensuring a sensitive, rights-based and effective juvenile justice delivery system in the Union Territory.

Tarigami chairs Environment Committee meeting

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MLA, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami today chaired a meeting of the Committee on Environment here at Legislative Assembly Complex to assess the implementation of the J&K Eco-Tourism Policy and environmental safeguards across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Legislators Professor Gharu Ram, Dr Sajjad Shafi, Showkat Hussain Ganie and Javid Riyaz Bedar.

The Committee was apprised that the J&K Eco-Tourism Policy is in the advanced stages of formulation and aims to establish a framework for conservation of natural resources, regulation of tourism activities and promotion of community-based sustainable livelihoods.

The Chairman laid special emphasis on the preparation of destination specific Master plans for all eco tourism destinations in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure planned development, regulation of carrying capacity, scientific waste management and protection of biodiversity.

The Committee directed that these Master Plans be finalized in consultation with the experts, local communities and relevant stakeholders to ensure environmentally sustainable tourism growth across the UT.

The Committee undertook a comprehensive appraisal of major eco-Tourism destinations, revenue trends over the last five years and environmental challenges confronting the sector.

The Chairman reviewed



the measures taken to promote eco-friendly tourism, including declaration of tourist and religious destinations as plastic and polystyrene-free zones.

The Department informed that awareness programmes are being conducted under national campaigns such as Travel for Life: Tourism for Tomorrow and Swachhata Hi Seva. Besides, enforcement mechanisms have been strengthened at destinations like Doodhpathri and Youmarg. He directed all CEOs of Tourism Development Authorities to submit destination-wise details on plastic-free initiatives and its enforcement.

The Committee reviewed environmental compliance by Tourism Development Authorities, the status of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), including proposed mini-STPs, water quality, pollution control, solid waste management, carrying capacity of tourist destinations and implementation of tourism master plans. Particular concern was expressed over environmental issues related to Tawi Golf Club, Jammu, degradation of wetlands and illegal constructions and encroachments in tourist areas. The Committee directed the concerned authorities to submit comprehensive reports and ensure time-bound corrective measures.

The chairman of the

committee, M. Y. Tarigami informed that Baldev Raj Sharma, MLA, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Constituency Katra, had submitted a representation highlighting serious environmental concerns in Katra, including the Village Tun, Panchayat Arli Hansali, Katra besides Arli Hansali, Katra besides environmental concerns relating the Shalimar Park Water Filtration Plant, water tanker filling stations at Chamba and Jhajjar, the proposed Inter Modal Station (IMS), and illegal dumping of waste along the Katra-Reasi Road. The Tourism Department and JKPC were directed to examine the issues and submit detailed reports with remedial measures.

The Committee reviewed the status of encroachments on wetlands, lakes, water bodies and tourism department land. It stressed for protection of environmentally sensitive areas in coordination with the District Administration, Revenue and Police departments. Further, the Committee directed that all cases of unauthorized occupation be monitored regularly and retrieval actions be expedited.

The Committee also examined the preventive and remedial measures undertaken by the Department including installation of waste segregation facilities, scientific waste management, restriction on single-use plastics, promotion of

eco-friendly mobility solutions and strengthening community participation in conservation.

Taking cognizance of the incessant rains currently prevailing across Jammu and Kashmir, the Chairman of the Committee directed the Flood & Irrigation Department to take all requisite measures and ensure full preparedness to deal with any emergent situation arising out of continuous rainfall.

Chairman JKPC, Special Secretary Tourism, Director SKICC, Director Tourism Jammu, CEOs of all Developmental Authorities along with senior officers of the Tourism Department, JKPC, Tourism Development Authorities and the J&K Legislative Assembly Secretariat attended the meeting.

shrine and temple management members, devotees and Officers and emphasized coordinated efforts by all concerned departments to ensure smooth, peaceful and hassle-free observance of the religious occasions.

During the visit to Makhdoom Sahib Shrine, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, IAS Probationer, Alfred

Thomas, Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Qureshi, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad, Executive Engineers of R&B, PHE, City, KPDCL, Senior Officers of Police & Traffic departments, besides, members of Makhdoom Sahib Shrine Management and other concerned.

The DC reviewed the arrangements being put in place for the annual Urs, including water supply, uninterrupted electricity, transport

services, parking and traffic management, sanitation and cleanliness measures, street lighting and medical facilities.

Interacting with local representatives, the DC sought their suggestions for further improving facilities for devotees expected to participate in large numbers.

The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure availability of adequate drinking water at the shrine and maintain cleanliness in and around the premises.

DC Srinagar visits Shrine of Makhdoom Sahib (RA), reviews arrangements for upcoming Urs

SRINAGAR JULY 23: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, today visited the Shrine of Hazrat Sultan-ul-Arfeen Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom (R.A.) at Makhdoom Sahib in Shahr-e-Khaas to review preparations for the forthcoming annual Urs.

He also visited Sharika Devi temple at Hari Parbat and participated in the Sharika Jayanti celebrations.

During both visits, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of arrangements, interacted with