

CM Omar reviews pace of flood relief, rehabilitation, restoration work

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today reviewed the relief, rehabilitation and restoration measures being undertaken for people affected by this year's floods and took stock of the ongoing restoration efforts across Jammu Division.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the relief, rehabilitation and restoration measures being undertaken across the division.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed the relief and rehabilitation measures for families affected by loss of life, injuries and damage to houses and property. He also took stock of the assistance being provided to affected families and the status of cases seeking allotment of State land, particularly for families rendered landless due to natural calamities.

The Chief Minister was briefed on the extensive damage caused to roads and bridges across several districts and the progress made in restoring connectivity.



The meeting also reviewed the restoration of damaged road stretches being undertaken by various agencies, including R&B, NHA, NHIDCL and SAMPARK.

Omar Abdullah stressed the need for coordinated and time-bound restoration of damaged infrastructure, with priority to be accorded to restoring connectivity to affected and remote areas. He called for close monitoring of restoration works and directed the concerned departments to ensure that temporary arrangements are followed by durable and permanent restoration works wherever required.

The meeting also reviewed the damage caused to livestock, cattle sheds and

crops, besides taking stock of the availability and utilisation of disaster relief funds across the districts.

The Chief Minister directed the administration and concerned departments to remain prepared to respond promptly to any further weather-related eventuality and ensure that relief reaches affected people without delay.

He emphasised the need for continued inter-departmental coordination and regular monitoring of relief, rehabilitation and restoration measures. The meeting was attended by Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Rana and Javid Dar, and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani.

Chief Secretary Atal Duloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, ACS to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, ACS PDD, ACS PWD, Principal Secretary Home, Commandant General SDRF, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Administrative Secretaries of Health & Medical Education and School Education, IGP Traffic J&K, Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division, HoDs of several departments, representatives of BRO, SAMPARK, NHA, NHIDCL and other concerned officers also attended the meeting.

Jammu-based officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

JKEDI concludes 4-Week Entrepreneurship, Skill Development Programme in Srinagar

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The valedictory function of the 4-week / 104-hour Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under the RAMP scheme was held today at Amar Singh College, Srinagar.

The valedictory function was presided over by Dr. Naila Khanday, Faculty JKEDI as chief guest; Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal officer JKEDI and other distinguished faculty members.

The chief guest held an insightful interactive session with the participants. She spoke about the evolving entrepreneurial landscape of the region and encouraged the participants to consider entrepreneurship as a confident career choice. She emphasized the importance of skill development and staying relevant with



changing times.

Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer, highlighted various initiatives of JKEDI for entrepreneurship development and the government support available for new enterprises. Nazia Shafi encouraged

the trainees to leverage their training to establish competitive and sustainable enterprises.

The participants remained enthusiastic throughout the 4-week programme and showed keen interest during classroom

sessions as well as field visits. The batch underwent intensive modules on GST, IPR, Working Capital Management, E-commerce, DPR Preparation, and Government-sponsored schemes including YUVA, MUDRA, Startup J&K, etc.

SWD organizes PMMVY awareness, enrolment drive at JLNH Hospital Rainawari

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Social Welfare Department (SWD), SANKALP-HEW Srinagar, organized a Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) awareness and enrolment drive at Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial (JLNH) Hospital, Rainawari, Srinagar, today.

The drive was aimed at creating awareness among expectant and lactating

mothers about the benefits available under PMMVY and facilitating eligible beneficiaries in accessing the scheme.

During the programme, the officials of SANKALP HEW Srinagar interacted with beneficiaries and provided information regarding the eligibility criteria, application process and benefits under the scheme. During the drive, 22 beneficiaries were successfully linked with PMMVY

scheme enabling them to avail the benefits as per the prescribed guidelines.

The participants were sensitized about the importance of timely registration and availing maternity-related entitlements through the designated process. The officials also encouraged eligible women to come forward and register under the scheme so that the intended benefits reach the beneficiaries in a timely manner.

The initiative reflects the

Department's continued efforts towards ensuring effective implementation of welfare schemes and improving awareness and accessibility of government benefits among eligible beneficiaries.

The Department urged eligible beneficiaries to come forward and avail the benefits of PMMVY and other welfare schemes being implemented for their social and economic empowerment.

ADDC Shopian chairs DLRC/ DCC meeting



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District Level Review Committee (DLRC)-cum-District Consultative Committee (DCC) meeting of District Shopian to review the performance of financial institutions for the 1st Quarter of FY 2026-27, ended June 30, 2026, was held today at the Meeting Hall of the District Administrative Complex, Shopian.

At the outset, the LDM apprised the meeting about the major achievements of

the district in the financial sector as on June 30, 2026.

It was informed that deposits in the district registered a 13% year-on-year (YoY) growth, while witnessing a 2% decline compared to the previous quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Similarly, advances recorded a 15% YoY growth and a 4% increase over the previous quarter. Priority Sector Advances registered a 6% YoY growth and an 8% increase over the previous quarter.

The Non-Priority Sector

of the district recorded a significant 29% YoY growth, though it witnessed a 3% decline compared to the previous quarter.

The meeting was also informed that the Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio of the district stood at 130% as on June 30, 2026.

Reviewing the progress under the District Credit Plan (DCP) 2026-27, it was informed that against the annual financial target of ₹2,308.18 crore and a physical target of 58,123 beneficiaries, various banks oper-

ating in the district disbursed ₹397.10 crore to 13,466 beneficiaries during the first quarter of the current financial year, with an achievement of 17% of the annual financial target and 23% of the physical target during the quarter.

Dr Nasir Lone reviewed the performance of banks and departments and stressed upon all stakeholders to further strengthen coordination and ensure timely disposal and sanctioning of eligible cases under various credit-linked schemes. He called for focused efforts to improve financial inclusion, credit flow to priority sectors and achievement of the targets fixed under the District Credit Plan.

The ADDC also emphasised the need for regular monitoring of the implementation of various Government-sponsored schemes so that maximum eligible beneficiaries derive the intended benefits.

The meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr Nasir Ahmad Lone, and attended by Chief Planning Officer Shopian, Mudasir Ahmad, General Manager DIC, Shopian, Surjeel Ahmad, Lead District Manager (LDM) Shopian, Farooq Ahmad, Lead District Officer (LDO), RBI, district-level officers of various Government Departments and representatives of banks.

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The Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre, Northern Region-II (RCFC NR-II), National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, SKUAST-Kashmir, conducted pre-programme activities at SRM Welkin School, Sopore, today ahead of the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations scheduled to be held on September 22 and 23, 2026, under the theme "Ayurveda for Healthier Tomorrow."

The programme focused on promoting awareness about medicinal plants, their conservation, scientific cultivation and sustainable utilization in the context of Ayurveda.

As part of the programme, the technical team of RCFC NR-II conducted an awareness session on "Sustainable Cultivation



and Harvesting of Medicinal Plants." Dr. Sofi Imtiyaz Ali, Project Manager, RCFC NR-II, sensitized the participants about the importance of conserving medicinal plant resources and adopting scientific cultivation and sustainable harvesting practices to ensure their long-term availability.

Dr. Sofi also highlighted the need to integrate the traditional wisdom of Ayurveda with scientific, sustainable and evidence-based practices for promoting the responsible utiliza-

tion of medicinal plants.

A Green Ayurveda Plantation Drive was also organised within the school premises, during which medicinal plant saplings were planted to encourage students to actively participate in the conservation of valuable medicinal plant resources.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students and teaching staff of SRM Welkin School, Sopore, along with the technical team of RCFC NR-II. The

participants were encouraged to adopt scientific cultivation practices, conserve medicinal plants and explore entrepreneurial and livelihood opportunities in the medicinal plants sector with technical guidance and institutional support from RCFC NR-II.

The programme concluded with a call to carry forward the vision of "Ayurveda for Healthier Tomorrow" through greater awareness, conservation and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants.

Nitu Gupta reviews implementation of agriculture, allied sector schemes in Jammu Division

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Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Nitu Gupta today chaired a review meeting in the Conference Hall of Directorate of Agriculture Jammu to assess the physical and financial progress achieved under UT Capex Budget 2026-27 (Regular Capex), NABARD, HADP, JK-CIP, CSS and SASCI in the Division.

The meeting was attended by the officers from the Agriculture Production Department including Director Command Area Development Jammu, Director Planning Agriculture Production Department, Director Agriculture Jammu along with Joint Directors, Chief Agriculture Officers, concerned District Agriculture Officers, Director Finance SKUAST-J, Director Research SKUAST-J, Deputy Director Planning Agriculture

Production Department and representative from the Mission Director, HADP.

At the outset, Nitu Gupta reviewed the scheme-wise physical and financial progress, expenditure, achievements, targets and pending issues.

The concerned Heads of Departments presented the latest status through power-point presentations.

Nitu Gupta directed the concerned officers to ensure strict adherence to approved timelines and completion of the targeted expenditure by the end of September 2026.

Reviewing the NABARD and HADP components, the Secretary called for focused monitoring of each project, timely completion of pending activities and regular updating of physical and financial progress. The concerned officers were asked to identify areas of slow progress and take corrective measures on priority.



She further directed the concerned Heads of Departments to ensure proper utilization of available funds, timely submission of bills and completion of all requisite formalities, besides maintaining transparency and adherence to prescribed financial and technical procedures.

Nitu Gupta directed the Chief Agriculture Officers to closely

monitor expenditure and implementation of schemes at the district level. Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta was also asked to personally monitor the Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Mission with all districts and ensure timely progress and reporting. She further directed to expedite the projects under JK-CIP and complete the registration

process under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) at the earliest. The concerned officers were also directed to submit the updated progress report under NMNF within one week.

The Secretary emphasized optimum utilization of funds, timely execution of projects, quality of works and effective de-

livery of departmental schemes to farmers, directing all implementing agencies to maintain close coordination and ensure achievement of physical and financial targets within the stipulated timelines.

Earlier, Nitu Gupta along with Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta handed over a sanction letter for establishment of a

Dal Mill under the Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Mission to beneficiary Kuldeep Kour of village Ranjan.T

he Secretary also visited the Mushroom Controlled Cropping Unit, Spawn Production Laboratory and Seed Processing Plant at Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo and reviewed their functioning and ongoing activities.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Doda Town, Prabble, Humble, Marmat, Bhagwah, Sazan, Kastigarh and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 09 from 6 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lower Seela, IRP Chowk, Sula Anji, DIET, Kamal Danga, Nawabad, Aghar Ballian, Bakdal, Sarangdhar, Pandhar, Ser Sundwan, Blada Sujandhar will remain affected on September 09, 10, 11 and 12 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Bajalta and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 12 and 14 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Basholi, Martha, Nagrota, Saman Jandrola, Rhoond, Duggan, Chalog, Dhaggar Bani and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 12 and 13 from 7 am to 12 noon.