

CM Omar reviews health sector reforms in J&K

CM directs Health Department to address gaps in manpower, equipment and healthcare infrastructure

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a meeting to review the health sector reforms and the roadmap for further strengthening healthcare services across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Health & Medical Education Sakina Itoo, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta and Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education, M. Raju.

Director SKIMS; Principals of all Government Medical Colleges of J&K; Principal SKIMS Medical College & Hospital, Mission Director National Health Mission J&K; Managing Director J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Limited; Commissioner Food & Drug Administration and other concerned officers also attended the meeting. Officers stationed outside Srinagar participated through video conferencing.

Detailed presentations were made by the respective heads of the Advisory Committee on various aspects of the health sector, including healthcare infrastructure,



medical education, specialized healthcare services, digital health, public health and human resource requirements.

The meeting reviewed the progress made in strengthening healthcare infrastructure and services across J&K and took stock of the requirements and priorities for further improvement in the sector.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister appreciated the Health Department for the steps taken over the last nearly two years to address man power shortages as well as infrastructure and equipment deficiencies.

“I appreciate all the steps that the Health Department has taken over the last almost two years, both in terms of addressing infrastructure and equipment deficiencies,” he said.

Chief Minister advised the department to focus on filling up critical gaps in the

system as per the expected budgetary allocations and the report of the Advisory Committee would serve as the road map in this direction.

CM said that the elaborate and extensive reforms plan would require huge funding and the report on the reforms to be undertaken suggest what should our healthcare system look like in an ideal situation but the financial resources required may not be available in one go. CM underlined the need to prioritize and plan which components need more immediate attention besides improving the basic facilities of primary & secondary healthcare system.

The Chief Minister, who is also holding the Finance portfolio, assured the Health Department of continued support for further strengthening the sector. “As I am currently looking

after the Finance Department as well, I reassure the department and particularly the Minister concerned that whatever we can do from the Finance Department to continue this improvement in the Health Department, we will do,” he said.

The meeting also reviewed the functioning and requirements of Government Medical Colleges, SKIMS and other tertiary and district-level healthcare institutions, with particular focus on improving patient care, infrastructure, equipment, medical education and specialized services.

The discussions covered a wide range of areas, including cancer care, medical education and seat capacity, digital health services, oral healthcare, food safety, mental health and drug de-addiction, liver transplant services, nutritional support and geriatric care.

Satish launches Hyderabad Hawks Jersey, reaffirms commitment to Para Sports promotion in J&K

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Minister for Youth Services & Sports, Jammu & Kashmir, Satish Sharma, today reaffirmed the government’s commitment towards the promotion of para sports and empowerment of differently-abled sportspersons, stating that every athlete deserves equal opportunities to excel and bring laurels to the nation.

The Minister made these remarks while interacting with a delegation of the JK Divyang Welfare Association (JKDWA), which called on him at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

During the meeting, Satish Sharma formally launched the jersey of Hyderabad Hawks, a franchise participating in the upcoming Radiant World Para Cricket League, scheduled to be held from October 6 to 11, 2026, in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

The delegation was comprised of Sayed Shah Aziz, Captain of the Indian Differently-Abled Cricket Team and Hyderabad Hawks; General Secretary JK Divyang Welfare Association Pirzada Sayed Nissar Hussain Shah and association member Manmohan Singh.

Congratulating Sayed Shah Aziz on his remarkable achievements, the Minister described him as a role model for the aspiring athletes and a source of pride for Jammu & Kashmir. He said that Aziz’s journey from Poonch to leading the Indian Differently-Abled Cricket Team reflects the extraordinary determination, talent and resilience of the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.



Extending his best wishes to Hyderabad Hawks for the forthcoming tournament, Satish Sharma expressed confidence that the team would perform exceptionally well and continue to inspire countless sportspersons across the country.

The Minister also held detailed discussions with the delegation regarding the development of disability sports in Jammu & Kashmir.

Various issues related to the promotion of para cricket and para sports, including infrastructure, training facilities, sporting opportunities, recognition and institutional support for differently-abled athletes, were deliberated upon.

Satish Sharma emphasized that the government is committed to create an inclusive sports ecosystem where athletes with disabilities receive the support and facilities necessary to realise

their full potential. He said that sports serve as a powerful medium of empowerment, confidence-building and social inclusion. He reiterated that the aspirations of differently-abled athletes would be given due attention.

The Minister said that the achievements of para athletes from Jammu & Kashmir have demonstrated that physical limitations can never become barriers to excellence when determination and dedication are coupled with opportunity and support. He stressed the need to further strengthen the initiatives aimed at encouraging greater participation of differently-abled youth in sports activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

The JK Divyang Welfare Association appreciated the Minister’s keen interest in the development of para sports and thanked him for his encouragement and support.

District Mentor Officer reviews progress of digitization of Land Records in Rajouri

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Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and designated District Mentor Officer for Rajouri under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), Rajesh Kumar Shavan today conducted a comprehensive review of the digitization and modernization of land records in the district at a meeting held in the Dak Bungalow, here.

The review meeting was attended by Ravi Kumar Sihag IAS; Dr. Mohammad Tanwir Khan, ADC Kalakote; Dil Mir, ADC Kotranka; Pritam Thapa, ADC Nowshera; Ramkesh Sharma, ADC Sunderbani and Abid Hussain, SDM Thanamandi, besides all Tehsildars of District Rajouri and other concerned Revenue officers and officials.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Jahangir Khan gave a detailed presentation on the status of different compo-



nents of DILRMP in the district. The presentation covered digitization and verification of Jamabandi records, clearance of backlog mutation entries, geo referencing of revenue maps and their ground-truthing, redressal of grievances through quasi-judicial and non-quasi-judicial mechanisms, sub-parcellation of mother maps, recreation of missing and dilapidated maps and verification of digitized Jamabandi by supervisory officers.

Speaking at the meeting, the Mentor Officer highlighted the significance of digitization of land records as an important measure aimed at ensuring accuracy, transparency, reliability and ease of access to land records for the general public. He stressed upon all Revenue officers and officials to make every possible effort to purify and authenticate the Jamabandi records and ensure their correctness to the maximum possible extent before finalization. He advised the Revenue authorities

to give wide publicity to the facility available through the Zameen Sudhaar Portal for submission and redressal of grievances.

The Mentor Officer also informed that monthly review meetings shall be convened to closely monitor the progress of digitization, verification, map-related activities, mutation clearance and grievance redressal, besides identifying bottlenecks and ensuring its timely resolution.

DC reviews implementation of NAPS in Samba

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Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in District Samba.

The meeting focused on assessing the progress of apprenticeship registrations and placements, identifying gaps in implementation and ensuring greater participation of local industries and establishments.

Moreover, the DC directed the concerned departments to intensify awareness campaigns, facilitate registration of eligible candidates and em-



ployers and ensure effective coordination among all stakeholders.

Emphasis was laid on providing skill development and employment opportunities to local youth through apprenticeship

training and strengthening industry-institution linkages in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed timely achievement of targets and directed the concerned officers to closely monitor the

progress and resolve implementation-related issues on priority.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC Gurpreet Singh, ALC Suninderjeet Kour and other concerned officers.

ITI Samba organises NAPS Mela; over one 100 individuals register for Apprenticeship

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 14: The Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in collaboration with the District Administration Samba successfully organized a District Level National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) Mela on its campus today. The mela witnessed active participation from more than 140 students, ITI trainees and

representatives of 07 reputed industrial establishments.

Principal ITI was the Chief Guest. While addressing the gathering, he stressed upon maximum awareness about NAPS and called for maximum registrations of youth and establishments under the NAPS portal within stipulated time to bridge the gap be-

tween industry and education. An awareness session was conducted by Vocational Instructor Romesh Singh. He gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation, explaining the salient features, objectives, financial benefits and registration process of NAPS. He highlighted how the scheme provides stipend support, practical training and enhanced

employability to youth. A major highlight of the mela was the on-spot registration of these candidates and establishments alongside the processing of new contracts on the NAPS portal. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks. Principal ITI Samba assured to conduct more such job-oriented and skill development programmes in future.

Doda Admin organises Capacity-Building Workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

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The District Administration Doda today organized a comprehensive capacity-building workshop on the implementation of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The Workshop was attended by the Assistant Commissioner (Revenue); District Panchayat Officer and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Assar along with Officers and representatives from PWD (R&B), Hydraulic, JPDCL, PHE, Irrigation, PMGSY, Mechanical, REW, Education, Health, Agriculture, Horticul-

ture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Social Welfare, Youth Services and Sports, Planning, Statistics, Transport, Fisheries, Handlooms, Handicrafts and other concerned departments.

The session aimed to strengthen integrated infrastructure planning, promote multi-modal connectivity and enhance coordination among various government departments for the effective and time-bound execution of development projects across the district.

General Manager District Industries Centre (DIC) Mohammad Asfaq Khanzi participated as the District Nodal Officer as designated by Directorate of Industries and Commerce Jammu.

The Technical Officer of



the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan provided an overview of the PM Gati Shakti portal and briefed the participants on its various features and procedures for handling and updating data on the portal.

The workshop focused on familiarizing officers with GIS-based spatial planning tools, integrated digital data platforms and geo-tagged infrastructure mapping under the PM Gati Shakti framework. Detailed discussions were held on the importance of sharing departmental data, identifying infrastructure gaps, avoiding duplication of projects, improving last-mile connectivity and ensuring coordinated planning of roads, utilities and other public infrastructure.

The participants were also sensitized to the importance of technology-driven and evidence-based planning for better prioritization, monitoring and implementation of developmental projects.

The session emphasized that effective adoption of the PM Gati Shakti approach would facilitate whole-of-government coordination, optimum utilization of resources, faster project execution, improved connectivity and greater transparency in infrastructure planning. The district officers and stakeholders were advised to ensure timely updating of relevant data and maintain close inter-departmental coordination for aligning district-level projects with the objectives of the National Master Plan.