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Rana directs speedy execution of Jal Shakti, I&FC works in Jammu Division

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JAMMU, OCT 16

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, to assess the physical and financial progress of various schemes and developmental works being executed by the Jal Shakti Department and the Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) Department in Jammu Division.

During the meeting, the concerned officers briefed the Minister on the progress of ongoing schemes, achievements recorded so far, implementation-related bottlenecks and the status of expenditure against funds sanctioned and earmarked for various works.

While reviewing the progress, the Minister directed the officers to accelerate the execution of works on the ground for expeditious completion. He asked them to ensure that all the projects nearing completion are completed within the prescribed timelines, particularly before the onset of winter.

Reviewing the functioning and progress of the Jal



Shakti Department, Rana directed the officers to accord top priority to the incomplete drinking water supply schemes and make every effort to commission them at an earliest. He stressed the need for advance functional testing of pipelines, pumping arrangements, storage tanks and other associated infrastructure to ensure that any technical deficiencies are identified and rectified well in time, facilitating the smooth commissioning of schemes and reliable drinking water supply to the people.

The Minister also called for close field-level monitoring of schemes and directed the concerned officers to undertake regular inspections, particularly of works at advanced stages of com-

pletion, to ensure adherence to quality standards and approved timelines.

Reviewing the progress of works under the Irrigation & Flood Control Department, the Minister directed that de-silting of water channels and the strengthening of flood-protection infrastructure and embankments along vulnerable stretches be undertaken and completed on priority.

He asked the concerned officers to furnish a comprehensive river-wise status report detailing the progress of flood-protection works. He emphasised the need for focused attention on vulnerable stretches and timely execution of essential protective measures.

The Minister also reviewed the progress of works being executed under

the Capex and Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) schemes. He directed the officers to expedite implementation, ensure timely utilisation of allocated funds and remove bottlenecks hindering execution. He stressed that all works under these schemes must adhere to the prescribed timelines and quality standards, with regular monitoring to ensure tangible progress on the ground.

Stressing financial discipline and accountability, Rana said that physical progress and financial expenditure must move in tandem. He directed the officers to ensure judicious and transparent utilisation of funds allocated for developmental works within the prescribed timelines.

MVD Kishtwar inspects Petrol Pumps to enforce road safety norms

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 16: In pursuance of the directions issued by the Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma regarding implementation of road safety measures and prevention of danger to public health and safety in the district, the Motor Vehicles Department under the supervision of ARTO Tasleem Wani conducted inspection of various petrol pumps in Kishtwar town today.

The inspection focused



on ensuring compliance with directions regarding non-dispensation of fuel to end-of-life, unfit and other vehicles found violating statutory norms, particularly two-wheelers being driven by riders without helmets.

During the inspection, petrol pump operators were asked to strictly adhere to the directions and the importance of promoting responsible road-user behaviour and road safety.

NCM Chairman reviews welfare, security measures for minority communities in J&K

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16: Chairman, National Commission for Minorities (NCM), Harjit Singh Grewal, today chaired a review meeting with the senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administration to assess implementation of welfare schemes, security arrangements and grievance redressal mechanisms for minority communities in the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray; Special Director General of Police, Uttam Chand; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Vikas Kundal; IGP Jammu Zone, Tejinder Singh; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Minga Sherpa; Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu, Joginder Singh; Director, Social Welfare Department Jammu, Ranjeet Singh besides senior officers of concerned departments.

During the meeting, Secretary, Social Welfare Department delivered a detailed presentation on various welfare initiatives and measures being undertaken for socio-economic development of minority communities. The presentation covered government welfare schemes, educational assistance, financial support pro-



grammes and other initiatives aimed at ensuring that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended benefits.

Director Social Welfare Department presented district-wise details of schemes being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir for minority welfare.

These included Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV), National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and other relevant schemes. The presentation also highlighted the physical and financial status of these initiatives and efforts to improve access to benefits at the grassroots level.

The Chairman reviewed the status of grievances received from minority communities and the action taken by the concerned departments. Emphasis was laid on timely redressal of complaints, effective coordination among departments and regular follow-up to en-

sure that genuine grievances are addressed appropriately.

Issues concerning educational opportunities and the promotion of Punjabi language were also discussed.

The meeting deliberated on the safety and security of minority and migrant communities in Jammu and Kashmir. The importance of continued monitoring of the security situation, coordination between security agencies and district administrations, and appropriate measures to address the concerns of vulnerable communities was highlighted.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of sustained engagement between the National Commission for Minorities, the Social Welfare Department and other concerned authorities to address the issues affecting the minority communities. He encouraged the officers and community representatives to bring

specific grievances and concerns to the notice of the Commission and the administration for examination and appropriate action.

The Chairman also stressed the need to examine community-specific demands at the appropriate departmental and administrative levels, particularly those relating to education, language promotion and welfare. He underscored the importance of constructive dialogue, inter-departmental coordination and regular follow-up in resolving genuine grievances and ensuring the effective implementation of welfare initiatives.

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E-AUCTION NOTICE		
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:		
SN	Catalogue No.	Name of contract
Date of Auction: 29.10.2026		
1	EAFFZ-PRKG26-13	Allotment of Parking lot (comprehensive) on contract at Jalandhar City Railway Station.
Date of Auction: 02.11.2026		
2	EAFFZ-PnU26-12	Operation and maintenance of Pay & Use Toilet blocks at Batala, Mukatsar & Kotkapura Railway Stations.
3	EAFFZ-ADVT26-27	a) Advertisement rights through Vinyl wrapping on exterior of coaches of Train No. 14680/79/82/81, 14622/21/26/25 & 20424/23. b) Allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement rights on exterior of Overheads of 5 Water Tanks at Jalandhar City Railway Station/Premises.
4	EAFFZ-CTG26-14	Allotment of Catering Stall on contract at Kotkapura, Khemkar, Sultanpur Lodhi, Fazilka, Phagwara, Sahnewal, Tarn Taran, RCF Kapurthala Halt and Chieheria Railway Stations.
Date of Auction: 03.11.2026		
5	EAFFZ-CTG26-15	Allotment of Catering Stall on contract at Gheona Bhai Jagta, Firozpur City, Jagraon, Hoshiarpur, Khuradpur, Kapurthala, Gangsar Jaito, DAV College Jalandhar Halt, Moga and Chieheria Railway Stations.
For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in पर जाएँ। No. NR-FZROCOML(NFR)/18/2024 Date: 16/10/2026		
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Hearing Help Pvt Ltd, in collaboration with WS Audiology (WSA), opened a BestSound Center 3.0 in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, to expand access to advanced hearing care.

On the occasion, WSA and Suryoday Foundation donated 150 hearing aids to 75 underprivileged people from Jammu and surrounding areas. The devices were presented by Avinash Pawar, Managing Director and CEO, WSA India. Beneficiaries will also receive follow-up care.

The centre is equipped with advanced hearing assessment and fitting facilities and offers hearing solutions from Signia and



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John Zargar, Managing Director and CEO of Hearing Help Pvt Ltd, said the initiative would help

people access specialised hearing care closer to home. The partners also announced plans to promote hearing awareness

through screening camps and community outreach programmes across Jammu and the wider region.

SKUAST-J organises Capacity Building Programme on Organic and Natural Farming at KVK Ramban

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Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), organised a one-day capacity building programme at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramban on "Organic and Natural Farming Practices for Soil Health Management" under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Project No. 16, titled "Alternate Agriculture Systems for Sustainability" in Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. B. N. Tripathi and the guidance of Director Research, Dr. S. K. Gupta and Director Extension, Dr. Amrish Vaid. As many as 20 offi-



cers and officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments were sensitised about organic and natural farming techniques, alternate agricultural systems and sustainable practices to improve soil fertility, soil health and farm productivity.

At the outset, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Ramban, Dr. Raj Kumar Gupta welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of natural farming in promoting sus-

tainable agricultural systems and improving soil health under HADP Project No. 16.

District Agriculture Officer, Kuldeep Bassan and Subject Matter Specialist (DL), Jyoti Parkash Sharma from the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, briefed the participants on the agricultural scenario of district Ramban and the organic and natural farming clusters in the district. Professor and Principal

Investigator of HADP Project No. 16, Dr. Balbir Dhotra, emphasised the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices and encouraged participants to disseminate scientific technologies at the grassroots level. He highlighted the role of organic inputs, resource conservation and eco-friendly farming methods in improving soil health, enhancing agricultural productivity and ensuring long-term sustainability.

District Information Officer Samba interacts with local Media Persons

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District Information Officer (DIO) Samba Ekshu Sharma today interacted with local media persons to strengthen coordination and facilitate the smooth dissemination of information regarding government initiatives, public welfare schemes and developmental activities.

During the interaction, the DIO highlighted the important role of the media in bridging the gap between the administration and the public.

She emphasised the need for timely, accurate and responsible dissemination of information to



keep people informed about various government programmes, policies and achievements.

The interaction also provided an opportunity to the media persons to share their views, suggestions and concerns regarding media-related issues and the

dissemination of information in the district.

The DIO assured the media fraternity of continued cooperation and support from the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and stressed the importance of maintaining effective communication

between the district administration and the media.

The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to strengthen coordination and work collectively towards ensuring transparent communication and greater public awareness.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 09.11.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type		Tendering Section		Bidding System		
Open		Works		Single Packet System		
Date of Uploading Tenders		Bid Starting Date		Bid Closing Date/Time		
16.10.2026		26.10.2026		09.11.2026		
S. No	Tender No.	Details of Tender		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1	71-2026-27-PTK-DRM-JAT	Misc P'way zone work (2026-27) for various track maintenance work in the section of SSE/P'way/DHW under ADEN-PTK		99,78,745.24	60 Days	12 Months
2	72-2026-27-PTK-DRM-JAT	Misc P'way zone work (2026-27) for various track maintenance work in the section of SSE/P'way/PTK under ADEN-PTK		1,46,92,875.94	60 Days	12 Months

Note: Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids. Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025 71-2026-27-PTK-DRM-JAT, 72-2026-27-PTK-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 09.11.2026)

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