



J&K Faces Nature's Fury

■ 41 Died, Yatra Halts, Jammu-Srinagar Highway Blocked

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: After record rains wreaked havoc in Jammu and Kashmir over the past two days, the death toll in related incidents rose to 41, most of them victims of the landslide on a Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route, while there was some let-up in the showers on Wednesday, allowing relief efforts to pick up pace.

The water level in the swollen rivers across Jammu showed signs of receding from 11 AM, but the flood alert mark was breached by the Jhelum in Anantnag and Srinagar and water entered several residential and commercial areas.

Massive damage has been reported to public infrastructure, including several key bridges, private houses and commercial establishments, due to overflowing of water bodies and flash floods across the Union Territory, officials said, adding more than 10,000 people have been evacuated from low-lying flooded areas.



As torrential rains disrupted normal life, Education Minister Sakina Itoo announced that all educational institutes will remain closed across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday in view of the inclement weather.

The Northern Railways ordered the cancellation of 58 trains to and from Jammu and Katra stations, while 64 trains were short-terminated or short-originated at various stations in the division.

Rail traffic, which was briefly restored on Wednesday morning with six trains departing from Jammu after a day-long suspension, has again been halted due to flash floods and heavy soil erosion in the Chakki river area, the officials said.

With the rain stopping in some areas, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah rushed to Jammu from Srinagar to personally review the situation in the region.

Officials said that the phone and network services were restored across all networks on Wednesday, 24 hours after the damage

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Pilgrimage Already Suspended When Cloudburst Led To Viashno Devi Landslide: LG Sinha

■ Visits injured pilgrims at Katra hospital

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KATRA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha met the devotees injured in an unfortunate landslide incident near Ardhkuwari at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine who are



undergoing treatment at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra and enquired about their health.

Team of senior doctors briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the health condition of the injured and the medical procedures being followed. The Lieutenant Governor directed the Doctors and Hospital Administration for ensuring the best possible treatment for the speedy recovery of the injured. It was informed that 13 people are presently under-going treatment at SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra and their condition is stable.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board employees and citizens for their exemplary interventions which saved many lives.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Yatra was suspended yesterday due to bad weather. Cloudburst occurred and devotees at Ardhkuwari were caught in it. It was a heart-wrenching natural calamity, in which we have lost precious lives. We are providing all possible assistance to bereaved families."

The Lieutenant Governor also announced ex-gratia

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CM Omar conducts extensive tour of flood-affected Jammu

- Reviews Relief And Recovery Operations
- Chief Minister Briefs Pm Modi On Flood Situation
- CM Expresses Grief On Loss Of Lives At Katra

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JAMMU: In the aftermath of heavy monsoon rains and flood situation in Jammu, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah conducted an extensive tour of the city to assess damages and oversee immediate relief measures.

Chief Minister visited the flood-affected areas in Jammu to take

stock of damage caused due to floods. He assessed the ground situation and issued directions to the administration to take all necessary steps to safeguard the lives of people in vulnerable areas.

He was accompanied by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma. Additional Chief

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Amid flood alert, educational institutes to remain closed today

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SRINAGAR: Amid flood alert, the government Wednesday decided to close all schools, colleges and universities of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in an order said, "In view of the inclement weather conditions and for the safety of students it is ordered that all government as well as private recognized schools in the Kashmir Division shall remain closed on August-28."

In the meantime, Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) said that in view

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J&K Flood Situation

LG Sinha Chairs High-Level Meeting to Review Rescue, Relief Operations

■ Lauded efforts of Army, Airforce, NDRF, CAPFs, Police for minimizing loss of lives

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high level meeting to review the rescue



and relief operations and preparedness of Union Territory's and concerned central agencies, Army, Air Force, NDRF, CAPFs to deal with the situation arising out of incessant rain and flash floods.

The Lieutenant Governor directed officials to take every possible measure to ensure that people staying in low-lying flood affected areas are safely evacuated.

He asked the officials to ensure maintenance of all essential services such as power, healthcare, clean drinking water, ration and tele-connectivity. He said the es-

sential services disrupted in flood affected areas must be restored on priority and natural-disaster hit areas should have adequate stock of essential supplies and medicines.

The Lieutenant Governor also directed for immediate restoration of roads, bridges on National Highways, alternate routes for traffic movement and preparedness of hospitals in case of influx of patients with water-borne diseases.

The Lieutenant Governor directed PDD to closely work with NHPC Limited and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for early restoration of Power Infrastructure. He called upon the National Highway Authority of India

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CM Omar Pushes for Timely Jammu Relief Efforts

■ We must set clear deadlines for bringing life to normalcy: CM

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that the continuous rainfall had created a flood-like situation of devastating proportions, despite prior

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary; Minister for Health & Medical Education, School Education & Higher Education Sakina Itoo; Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecol-

Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the CMDheeraj Gupta, IGP Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti, all Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav, and other



forecasts. Stressing that his government's immediate priorities were rescue, relief and restoration, the Chief Minister emphasised that strict deadlines must be set to ensure accountability and transparency in the government's response.

Chairing a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat in Jammu, the Chief Minister reviewed the damages caused by incessant rains across Jammu and Kashmir and assessed preventive and welfare measures in view of the prevailing weather situation.

ogy & Environment and Tribal Affairs Javed Ahmed Rana; Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmad Dar and Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Satish Sharma and Adviser to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani.

MLAs from Jammu district and the MLA Bani, Dr Rameshwar Singh were present to apprise the Chief Minister of damages in their constituencies.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal

senior officers of the administration also participated.

Appreciating the role of the Jammu district administration, Omar Abdullah said the rescue of people had been carried out effectively in many affected areas. "Relief delivery is our next mission. We have to make arrangements for those whose houses have been damaged. It is our responsibility to look after them until they are settled," he stressed.

The Chief Minister directed that an immediate

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Operation Mahadev, Sindoor befitting reply to terror orchestrators: HM Shah

Lauds J&K Police for assuming lead role in anti-terror manoeuvres

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that Operations 'Sindoor and Mahadev' have conveyed a strong message to terror orchestrators attacks that India would take the "bull by its horns" and would deal with terrorists and their supporters with an iron fist.

Speaking at an event here organized to honour Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and CRPF personnel who participated in 'Operation Mahadev', Shah said, the country's response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack was decisive and effective.

Pertinently, the 'Operation Sindoor' was launched in the first week of May to avenge the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 people, mostly tourists dead.



The Indian armed forces struck deep inside Pakistan and POMK, and destroyed nine terrorist base camps.

Shah said this operation brought a sense of reassurance among the population. In July, Operation Mahadev was launched, which resulted in the elimination of three

Pakistan terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack. Shah said the operation turned that reassurance into a wider sense of confidence.

He said forensic analysis conducted by the National Investigation Agency confirmed that the terrorists neutralised in Operation Mahadev were the same ones responsible for the April attack.

He added that the Pahalgam attack was aimed at destabilising the situation in Kashmir, especially at a time when the region was witnessing a rise in tourism activity.

Shah said such attacks were designed

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Army evacuated over 700 people trapped in flash floods in Jammu, Pathankot

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JAMMU: The Indian Army carried out several rescue operations and evacuated 715 people, including government employees, and BSF and CRPF personnel trapped in flash floods in Jammu and Pathankot sectors, officials said.

The Army has deployed 13 flood relief and rescue columns in response to the massive floods in Jammu and Pathankot regions, a Defence PRO said.

Demonstrating swift and coordinated effort, the columns are tirelessly working in inclement

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Armed forces must be prepared for longer conflicts: Rajnath Singh

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Mhow (Madhya Pradesh): In a compelling address on the second day of the tri-service seminar 'Ran Samvad 2025' at the Army War College in Mhow (now known as Ambedkar Nagar), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh underscored India's



commitment to peace while stressing the necessity of robust defence readiness in the face of evolving geopolitical challenges.

The Defence Minister highlighted the profound symbolism of the seminar's name, 'Ran

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Sakeena Itoo visits Lal Ded Hospital, B&J Hospital, Peadtric Hospital, SMHS Hospital Srinagar

• Takes stock of medical supplies, other essential facilities Also engages with patients, attendants

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SRINAGAR: In the aftermath of heavy rainfall, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo visited major healthcare institutions of Srinagar city to evaluate the medical supplies and other essential facilities available for the public.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena visited Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and took comprehensive assessment of its various hospital departments like emergency services, OPD, maternity and child care units, diagnostic labs as well as the pharmacy wing. She took note of the functionality of medical equipment, availability of essential medicines cleanliness and staff attendance.

During the inspection, the Minister also interacted directly with patients and their attendants to gauge their experiences and gather on-ground feedback about the facilities available for the public. She assured them that any kind of shortcomings related to healthcare would be addressed promptly.

Interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the need for sustained vigilance and greater responsiveness from medical staff in the hospital in view of the inclement weather. She also instructed the hospital administration to ensure 24x7 availability of doctors and staff and proper maintenance of duty roster. "Health is a priority sector for this Government and we are committed to establish a healthcare ecosystem that is efficient, compassionate and accountable to the people of J&K," the Minister stated.

The Minister, afterwards, visit Bone and Joint



Hospital Barzulla and took stock of medical care facilities available at the hospital.

During the visit, the Minister undertook detailed inspection of different sections of the hospital like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, diagnostic labs and other units.

While interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the timely and effective treatment of the patients in view of the adverse weather con-

ditions. She also called upon the hospital administration to make necessary arrangements for attendants of patients who may face any kind of hardships due to continuous rainfall.

Later, the Minister also visited 500 bedded Paediatric Hospital Bemina and assessed the available medical facilities.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, paramedical staff, and attendants of patients to understand the challenges faced in delivery of

Pediatric healthcare. She inspected various wards including the emergency section, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and diagnostic facilities.

She also underlined the importance of maintaining proper sanitation, hygiene, and patient-friendly services within the hospital premises.

The Minister, during the visit, also took note of certain grievances and issues raised by patient attendants, particularly regarding accommodation, waiting areas, and availability of essential drugs.

She urged the hospital authorities to address these issues on priority to reduce hardships of the public.

Meanwhile, the Minister also visited SMHS Hospital and GMC Srinagar and undertook comprehensive review of available medical care facilities.

During the visit, the Minister inspected different sections like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, OTs and other sections. She directed the officers to augment the facilities and other supplies in view of the adverse weather.

At SMHS Hospital, the Minister also held a brief meeting with the Principal GMC Srinagar, Administrator Associated Hospitals, Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital, HoDs of various specialties, Medical Superintendents of all associated hospitals and other concerned medical care professionals.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed on enhancing patient-doctor relationship as it forms the core for building a healthy society.

The Minister highlighted that present Government led by Omar Abdullah is making continuous efforts to enhance service delivery in government health institutions across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on rural and underserved areas. She highlighted that these visits are aimed to eliminate complacency and encourage a culture of excellence in healthcare services for the people of J&K.

Pertinently, during the visit to these health facilities, the Minister gave strict directions to Assistant Drug Controller to take samples of all medicines and other essential supplies available at these premier health institutions.

Div Com Kashmir reviews flood preparedness amid inclement weather

Visits Hari Niwas to inspect the functioning of UT level Emergency Operation Centre

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SRINAGAR: In view of the inclement weather across Kashmir division, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg

the public. He directed Deputy Commissioners to update contact lists of district and tehsil-level committee members and to formulate backup communication plans in case of telecommunication breakdown.

Div Com also instructed departments to update logistics and resource data on the official portal and ensure all relevant information is accessible via a centralized dashboard.

To strengthen preparedness, he called for immediate clearance of debris from roads affected by landslides, facilitating the movement of emergency services and supplies. Commissioner of SMC informed the meeting that 49 mobile dewatering pumps had been deployed in waterlogged areas across the city.

Officials from the Meteorological department informed the gathering that there is currently no imminent flood threat, and the weather is expected to improve later in the evening.

Div Com reiterated that all departments must remain on high alert and work in close coordination to ensure public safety and a prompt response to any emerging situation.

Later, Div Com visited Hari Niwas to inspect the operation and functioning of UT level Emergency Operation Centre



convened an urgent meeting to assess the readiness of departments & district administrations to respond to any emergency and potential threat of floods in low-lying areas.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner SMC, CEO ERA, and senior officials from various key departments including ULB, FCS&CA, Education, IMD, Radio Kashmir, Doordarshan, I&FC, KPDC, MED, UEED, R&B, BSNL, SDRF, NDRF, SRTC, PHE, BEACON and others.

At the outset, Div Com took a detailed district-wise assessment of the flood situation, including the mapping of vulnerable areas and operational status of district-level control rooms. He reviewed the availability of essential supplies, readiness of manpower and machinery, deployment of resource personnel, and evacuation contingency plans.

Garg emphasized the importance of activating communication channels to ensure real-time information dissemination to both officials and

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(EOC) where he checked the consolidated data of the centre and distress calls received from the general public. He also assessed the timely response provided to address the issues.

Meanwhile, he has appealed to the public to reach out to the UT level EOC at 0194-2502254, 0194-2950767/ 1070 for any assistance.

Div Com was accompanied by DIG Police, DC Srinagar, Commissioner SMC and other officers of I&FC and line departments.

DC Ganderbal Reviews Functioning Of Rural Development Department

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, chaired a meeting to review the overall functioning of the Rural Development Department (RDD) in the district.

The meeting reviewed the submission of estimates for various works approved under CAPEX 2025-26, functioning of Panchayat Ghars, and the status of projects under Solid Waste Management (SWM), Plastic Waste Management, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), and Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) across the district.

Executive Engineer RDD briefed the chair on the status of estimations re-

ceived from the Block Development Officers (BDOs), tendering progress, and ongoing works.



DC directed all BDOs to submit estimates of all approved works within two days to facilitate timely tendering and ensure that projects are allotted and initiated without delay.

Discussing the status of Panchayat Ghars and land availability issues in some panchayats, DC instructed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) to identify suitable land in the affected panchayats in coordination with Tehsildars and resolve any land-related bottlenecks to expedite the construction of Pan-

chayat Ghars.

Similarly all BDOs were instructed to review the status of construction of various assets under SBM(G) and expedite their completion.

Reiterating the district administration's commitment to equitable and holistic development of all blocks, DC urged officers to work in close coordination and focus on timely implementation of all developmental works.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; Chief Planning Officer, ACP, Executive Engineer RDD, and all BDOs of the district.

Rana Reviews Flood Preparedness; Instructs Officers To Remain On High Alert

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana chaired a high-level meeting to review

to assess the readiness across the Kashmir Division, Minister Rana emphasized the need for a robust and proactive strategy to ensure the safety



the flood preparedness and response mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, DIG, Rajiv Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, officers from Irrigation & Flood Control department and other concerned officers.

Accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood Monitoring Station, Sangam, and reviewed the water levels of River Jhelum.

He directed officers to maintain close surveillance on vulnerable spots, ensure round-the-clock communication, and activate public announcement systems for timely dissemination of alerts.

While chairing the comprehensive review meeting with the Divisional Administration Kashmir

of lives and minimize potential damage.

He instructed officials to evolve detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), ensure all personnel are fully aware of their roles during emergencies, and expedite the creation of flood mapping/ inundation maps for each area to guide swift response efforts.

The Minister further called for effective inter-departmental coordination, resource mobilization, and the establishment of clear communication channels for prompt rescue and relief operations. Officials briefed the Minister on the contingency plans in place, highlighting that the SDRF and allied teams are on high alert. It was informed that 24/7 control rooms have been activated to monitor gauge stations and issue early warnings.

The department also confirmed the availability of adequate stock of flood mitigation supplies and essential commodities in designated depots.

All Courts in Jammu Province to Remain Closed on Aug 27: High Court

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday ordered the closure of all District and Subordinate Courts across Jammu Province on August 27, citing extraordinary climatic conditions and the high alert sounded by the Divisional Commissioner.

The order, issued under the directions of the Chief Justice and signed by the Registrar General (Officiating), said the decision has been taken in the interest of the safety of all stakeholders in the justice delivery system.

It further directed that in criminal matters of emergent nature, the respective Chief Judicial Magistrates (CJMs) shall adopt the hybrid mode of hearing to avoid inconvenience to litigants, lawyers, and law enforcement agencies. Principal District Judges (PDJs) have been asked to circulate the order immediately and ensure strict compliance. [KNT]



75 Sheep Killed in Anantnag Due to Bad Weather

ANANTNAG: Severe weather conditions in Shankerpora, Dooru area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, dealt a devastating blow to local shepherd families overnight as at least 75 sheep perished. The sudden loss has left the affected family in distress, with their livelihood severely impacted.

Soon after the incident, senior officials including SDM Dooru Parvaiz Rahim, SDPO Pankaj Sudan, Probationary DySP Amit Khajuriya, along with teams from the Revenue and Sheep Husbandry departments, reached the spot to assess the damage. They recorded details of the losses and interacted with the distressed family. The family has appealed to the administration for urgent compensation and immediate relief measures, stressing that the tragedy has pushed them into financial ruin. Officials confirmed that a detailed report is being prepared and will be submitted to higher authorities for further action. [KNT]

Several legislators call on Javed Rana

SRINAGAR: Legislators Saifullah Mir, Javaid Iqbal Choudhary, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir and Iftikhar Ahmed called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology &



Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the legislators held detailed discussion with the Minister on a range of pressing issues concerning public welfare and development in their respective constituencies.

Matters related to water supply, forest conservation, ecological sustainability and tribal welfare were prominently raised.

They emphasized the need for timely redressal of grievances and expedited implementation of key infrastructure and environmental projects.

Minister gave a patient hearing to all issues put forth and assured appropriate and time-bound action on each point, and urged the legislators to continue highlighting genuine public issues and collaborate with the administration to ensure delivery of essential services at the grassroots level. He emphasized that sustained communication between elected representatives and the government is vital for achieving meaningful progress and addressing the needs of the people effectively.

Div Com Kashmir monitors Jhelum Water Levels amid looming flood threat

Inspects real-time gauge data at Ram Munshi Bagh

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SRINAGAR: In view of the ongoing spell of incessant rainfall across the Valley, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg conducted an on-ground inspection at Ram Munshi Bagh this morning to assess the water levels of River Jhelum.

During the visit, Div Com reviewed real-time gauge readings from various monitoring stations and was briefed on the historical flood trends of River Jhelum and its tributaries, along with the current rainfall statistics in the catchment areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Anshul Garg informed that the administration is continuously monitoring the evolving situation. He assured that all necessary contingency plans and response



mechanisms are in place to effectively manage any potential flood-related challenges. Div Com also appealed to the general public to remain vigilant,

follow official advisories, and avoid venturing close to rivers, streams, and other water bodies during this period of heightened vulnerability.

Sakeena Itoo visits GMC Anantnag, reviews emergency preparedness, healthcare facilities

ANANTNAG: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo visited Government Medical

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During the visit, the Minister conducted detailed round of key wards including the Emergency, OTs, and Intensive Care Units, and personally inspected flood preparedness measures such as water drainage, power backup systems, and availability of emergency supplies.

She directed the hospital authorities to create dedicated emergency counters for flood-related patients, enhance sanitation

drives to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases and ensure proper shelter facilities for attendants accompanying patients. The Minister also instructed that special focus be given to maternal and child healthcare during emergencies, noting that vulnerable groups require additional support.

During her visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, and paramedical staff. She also reviewed the availability of essential medicines, blood supplies, ambulances, and critical care infrastructure to ensure the hospital remains fully equipped to handle any surge in emergency cases.

The Minister emphasized on the importance of robust emergency response system, including round-

the-clock duty rosters, coordination with district administration, and rapid deployment of mobile medical teams to flood-affected zones.

“Our priority is to ensure that every patient receives timely treatment. Adequate medicines, power backup, safe drinking water and efficient referral linkages are non-negotiable in such situations. Our government is committed to strengthen healthcare institutions across J&K so that people receive quality healthcare services”, she stated.

The Health Minister appreciated the efforts of the medical staff who have been working tirelessly under difficult conditions and assured them of every possible support from the government. She also urged citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with health advisories being issued from time to time.

Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Coordination New GMCs, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Anantnag, HoDs of various specialities, doctors and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

DC Baramulla undertakes extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division

Visits last border village Hathlanga, interacts with the local inhabitants; assesses facilities at community bunkers and Medical Sub Center

BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa conducted an extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division to take first hand appraisal of developmental works, administrative initiatives and grievances pertaining to the region.

The visit was aimed at assessing on-ground developmental issues and engaging directly with the local population living close to the border to resolve any infrastructural and service delivery challenges faced by them.

During the visit, DC met the locals at various border villages of Uri including Hathlanga, Isham and adjoining areas where the people projected several developmental issues including infrastructure for school buildings, uninterrupted power supply, and demand for individual bunkers.

DC gave a patient hearing to all the concerns raised by the villagers and assured the public that the administration is committed to the development and welfare of border resi-

dents, and all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

He issued on-spot directions to the



concerned officers to take up the issues raised by the local population and address their grievances on priority and in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, Minga Sherpa along with other officers conducted a visit to community bunkers and Medical Sub Center at the last border village Hathlanga and took stock of the facilities available.

DC was accompanied by the SDM Uri, Shubhankar P. Pathak, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer R&B, PDD and other concerned district officers during the visit.

DC Doda, SSP take stock of road damages, direct immediate restoration measures

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar today conducted inspection of the Doda-Bhaderwah road and National Highway-244 at Jangalwar (Thathri)



and Khalleni Nallah to assess the damages caused due to torrential rains.

During the visit, the DC and SSP took stock of damage to roads and reviewed the ground situation. They took note of the hardships being faced by commuters and the general public due to road blockages and disruptions in connectivity.

The DC directed the NHIDCL and Executive Engineer R&B Department to immediately initiate landslide clearance and restoration works to ensure smooth traffic movement. He emphasized to take effective measures to restore connectivity and provide relief to the public without delay. The District Administration Doda has assured the public that all possible measures are being taken to restore normal traffic movement at the earliest and to ensure safety of the commuters.

DC Samba undertakes extensive tour of rain-affected areas, ensures swift relief & rehabilitation

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan undertook a comprehensive inspection of rain-ravaged areas across the district to assess damages, oversee relief operations, and reassure the affected populace of the administration's unwavering support.

At the Community Hall, Samba, where families displaced by the incessant rains have been sheltered, the DC reviewed the facilities and directed officials to guarantee adequate arrangements for food, shelter, sanitation, and other critical amenities.

Subsequently, she visited Samba town, Sangwali Mandi, and Purmandal, where several residential houses and private properties had sustained damage. She interacted empathetically with affected residents, heard their grievances, and assured them of timely relief and rehabilitation. The DC instructed all concerned departments to initiate immediate, result-oriented measures to mitigate hardships.

At AIIMS Vijaypur, Ms. Sudan conducted an on-site inspection of the damaged bridge and reviewed precautionary measures for public safety. Later, during her visit to Smailpur and Bari Brahmana, she examined rising water levels in local ponds and directed the concerned officers to implement urgent remedial steps to safeguard

habitations. The DC also inspected the PHC Purmandal, ensuring that adequate medical staff, medicines and emer-

gencies are in place to meet the public health exigencies arising out of the situation.



gency response facilities are in place to meet the public health exigencies arising out of the situation.

While addressing the people, Ms. Sudan reaffirmed that the district administration stands resolutely com-

mitted to the safety, dignity, and well-being of every citizen. She assured that all possible steps are being undertaken

to provide prompt relief, restore normalcy, and strengthen resilience against such natural adversities.

During the visit, ACR Samba, SDM, Tehsildar, BDOs & other concerned officers were also present.

Sakeena Itoo expresses grief over loss of lives in Mata Vishno Devi landslide incident

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of lives in Mata Vishno Devi landslide incident.

The Minister said that this heart-breaking tragedy has caused deep grief among the residents of J&K. She extended her heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families of devotees, prayed for their courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss. She also prayed for speedy recovery of injured persons.

“Such moments of tragedy cannot be expressed in words. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and relatives of those who have lost their loved ones”, Sakeena said.

The Minister further added that the administration, particularly the health department, has been mobilised to provide immediate relief and assistance to injured devotees as well as the affected families. She added that the Government stands hand in hand with the grieving families and remains committed to ensure their timely relief and assistance.

Vice Chairman JDA Conducts Inspection of Flood-Affected Areas Issues Directions for Immediate Restoration Measures

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JAMMU: In the aftermath of the unprecedented rainfall witnessed yesterday, the Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA), conducted an extensive inspection of flood-affected areas to assess the damages and initiate timely mitigation measures.

Accompanied by the SE, DLM, Executive Engineer, Tehsildar, AEE, and field staff, the Vice Chairman visited Transport Nagar and ISBT Narwal, where damages were caused due to diversion of a Nallah following mulba dumping. During the visit, the Vice Chairman issued strict directions for immediate measures to prevent any further damage to public infrastructure and private property. Accordingly, JCBs have been deployed by both JDA and NHAI to clear the debris and streamline water flow.

The Vice Chairman also carried out inspections at Roop Nagar Colony to take stock of damages caused by heavy rainfall and also conducted a search visit to Rajinder Nagar, where he personally assessed the flood situation near IGNOU.

He assured residents that the JDA is closely monitoring the situation and that necessary steps are being taken in coordination with concerned agencies to restore normalcy at the earliest.

The VC JDA reaffirmed its commitment to safeguard the interests of citizens and emphasized that all possible resources are being mobilized to address the emergent situation caused by the recent heavy rains.

HAE Patients in J&K Struggle Without Access to Life-Saving Treatment

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Srinagar: In Jammu & Kashmir, some patients have been identified with Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) — a rare and



potentially life-threatening genetic disorder. Despite this growing patient population, government healthcare facilities, including civil and district hospitals as well as medical colleges, remain unequipped with the essential therapies required to manage acute HAE attacks. This gap in access highlights the urgent need for timely, coordinated intervention to ensure that patients across the region receive appropriate and life-saving care.

HAE is characterized by recurrent episodes of severe swelling, most commonly affecting the limbs, face, intestinal tract, and airway. Without timely treatment, attacks, especially those involving the airway can be fatal. District hospitals currently do not stock the approved, life-saving medications needed for acute management of HAE, leaving patients highly vulnerable.

The absence of standardized treatment protocols, continues to deepen the challenges faced by HAE patients. Many go undiagnosed or are misdiagnosed, and even those who receive an accurate diagnosis are often unable to access treatment due to supply gaps and policy neglect. For some, getting the right care means travelling hundreds of kilometres or paying out of pocket at private facilities — a situation that is neither fair nor sustainable.

It is crucial that Health Care system gets strengthen and work together to improve care for HAE patients. This means enabling early and accurate diagnosis, and ensuring that essential therapies are readily available at district and civil hospitals.

Given the rising number of HAE cases, there is an urgent need for the healthcare administrators and healthcare providers of Jammu & Kashmir to come together and ensure equitable access to care for patients with rare conditions like HAE, (PR)

Editorial

The River Rises, But Do We Learn?

The rain hammers down on the tin roofs, the Jhelum swells and churns a menacing brown, and the people of Kashmir hold their breath. A familiar dread, cold and heavy, settles in the heart. It is the dread of 2014, a year that was supposed to be a once-in-a-lifetime lesson, a brutal teacher whose instructions we swore we would never forget. Yet, here we are. A decade later, the script reads with a tragic, sickening familiarity. Nearly 40 lives have been washed away in landslides. In Anantnag, a shepherd's entire world has collapsed with the loss of 75 sheep, his livelihood, his bank account, his future, wiped out by the weather. These are not just statistics, they are someone's son, someone's father, someone's hope. With the water lapping at the danger mark, our first and most primal response was the same as in 2014, a digital silence. The phones went dead. The internet vanished. In an age where a single bar of signal can mean a lifeline, a warning to evacuate, a call for help, a message of reassurance to a terrified family, we were once again plunged into isolated panic. We were told it was the rain, the clouds. But we heard a different truth, that we are no more prepared, no more resilient, than we were ten years ago.

We watch officials visit sites, assure families, and promise reports. We hear of river embankments being strengthened now, as the water rises. It feels not like a plan, but like a prayer. Where is the dredging of the Jhelum we were promised? Where are the robust flood control systems? Where is the infrastructure that can withstand a heavy downpour without electrocuting its citizens or severing all communication? The tragedy of Kashmir is not just the force of nature, it is the cyclical amnesia that sets in once the sun comes out and the waters recede. We move on, until the next cloudburst, the next landslide, the next flood, when we are forced to relearn the same painful lessons with new losses. This is not an indictment of the individuals working tirelessly on the ground, the officials, the rescuers, the volunteers who are undoubtedly doing their best in an impossible situation. This is an indictment of a systemic inertia that treats a disaster as a seasonal visitor to be managed, rather than a permanent threat to be conquered.

The soil remembers the rain. The river remembers its path. Why do we, the people who live between them, seem to forget so easily? We deserve more than promises made in the shadow of a crisis. We deserve a legacy of preparedness, not a cycle of grief. The lesson of 2014 was not just to survive a flood, but to build a future where a heavy rain does not have to mean a count of the dead. It is a lesson written in water and blood, and it is long past time we finally learned it.

Book Review

DIVINE MELODIES – A Journey Through Love's Silent Reverberation

Wani Arfat



In the world of contemporary literature, one reads every now and then a novel so profound, so replete with the depths of human existence and spiritual reflection, that it transcends common fiction horizons. Divine

Sufi mysticism, a school of ideas that seeks the eternal in the transient, the infinite in the finite, the sacred in the profane. Each poem and story within this collection is a testament to that mystical lens, offering readers an intimate glimpse into a world where the heart's silent reverberations shape the very contours of existence.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Nawaz Kashmiri's work lies in his ability to bridge the temporal with the spiritual. He has translated carefully the works of great Kashmiri spiritual masters, under

Published by PkP Academy at an M.R.P of Rs. 299, Divine Melodies is not simply a piece of literature; it is a plea to live life more intensely, listen to the unheard symphony of the heart, and hear the beauty hidden in the ordinariness. It is a book worth being celebrated not merely for its literature, but also for its spirituality and cultural significance.

Nawaz Kashmiri's Divine Melodies is a tapestry of human emotion, divine longing, and spiritual exploration, where every chapter serves as a window into the depths of the heart. From the opening "My Love to Divine" to reflections on the mystical legacy of "Sheikhul Aalam (R.A)", readers are invited into a world that balances devotion with human experience. Such as "Beyond the Glitter", "Love Within", and "The Gentle Heart" reveal the quiet subtlety of inner life, whereas "The Law of Nature" and "I AM HERE TO LOVE, NOT TO LEAVE" remind us of the interchange between universal principle and personal purpose. Nawaz interweaves human experience in gentle ease in "World is not Disloyal", "The Human Heart", and "People Around You", both shade and light of human bonds, echoed eerily in "A Night of Shadows" and "Eternal Embrace". His poetic vision in "Canvas of Dreams", "Silent Closeness", and "Boundless Love: A Journey Across the World" reaches out beyond imagination, touching the canvas of human longing and experience.

As the journey progresses, Nawaz probes the moments of introspection, strength, and contemplation. Chapters like "Habits", "Water Bubble", and "The Veil of Youth" deal with evanescent and swelling phases of life, while "Resilience in Her Eyes", "The Eternal Circle", and "In Your Embrace" convey strength and sanctity of deep love. "A Whispers of the Beloved", "The Path of Genosis", and "A Soul Ablaze" transport the reader to greater spiritual awareness, with the interlude of "Echoes of Grace", "Seven Trials", and "Candle and Butterfly", where love, sacrifice, and devotion tests are met with understanding love. Nawaz's quest for unnoticed pain and human vulnerability goes on in "A Silent Sacrifice", "Behind the Veil of Smiles", and "The Mystery", whereas "Between Worlds", "When the Mind is Lost, Love is Found", and "Whispers in Silence" take us to the boundary spaces where the soul speaks with the divine.

The subsequent novels, from "In Search of Him" to "Amulet of Love", outline the spiral of desire, alienation, and conciliation, passions being torturous yet elevated to a platonic plane. "Separation", "Come Back to Me", and "Lost in the Noise" communicate the fragility of human connections, while "Born of the Elements", "The Wine of Love

and Loss", and "Waiting for Beloved" communicate the sacred and fleeting occurring of life's milestones. The last chapters—"Halal and Haram," "The Creation and Journey of Man," "It is not me," "The Unbroken Bond," "The Soil of Love," "The Ocean's Whisper," "A Journey of Love and Sorrow," "Crownless Without You," "Amulet of Love," and "More Than the Sun's Lighthouse"—mix the themes of spiritual awakening, human dedication, and the ever-abiding pursuit for love and truth. All the chapters lead into a melody of thoughts, becoming one cohesive thought of life, love, and spiritual vibration,

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Divine Melodies is a voice that sings in words simple and deep. The writing runs in the rhythm of the meditative prayer pattern, but with a universalism that can reach readers regardless of cultural or religious background. The themes explored—love, longing, spiritual awakening, and quest for meaning are timeless, vibrating transversely across space and time. To read Nawaz's book is to experience a subtle alchemy: the heart is stirred, the mind is shaken up, and the soul is elevated.

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inspiring the reader as much as taking him into reflection.

Divine Melodies in the true sense is not read but felt, sensed, and lived. Nawaz Kashmiri has woven a tapestry of human emotion and spiritual yearning, arriving at an eternally true meditation upon love, survival, and spiritual awakening. This review, in profound consideration and wonder, tries to pay tribute to the literary and mystical brilliance of the book, since it is only such books which go beyond words and reach something of the timeless. In its soothing majesty, Divine Melodies ensures that man's search for love—whatever it is—is man's own deepest longing.

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Dentavision 2025 redefines the future of dentistry in J&K



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At the foothills of the Himalayas, where tradition and modernity often meet in complex ways, a group of professionals gathered recently to chart the future of a discipline that rarely makes the headlines—dentistry.

Dentavision 2025, organised by the Indian Dental Association (IDA) Kashmir Central Branch at Hotel Sarovar Premiere, Srinagar, was more than just another professional conference. It was a convergence of ideas, ambitions and anxieties, with one shared purpose: reimagining oral healthcare in Jammu & Kashmir.

Opening the summit, Prof. (Dr.) H. U. Malik urged dentists to look beyond fillings and extractions. Dentistry, he said, must embrace prevention, research, and entrepreneurship if it is to serve the region meaningfully. His words resonated with the young graduates in the hall, many of whom are grappling with unemployment and uncertainty about their careers.

The keynote address carried the theme further as Pirzada Farooq Ahmed Shah, IAS, MLA Gulmarg and former secretary of tourism and education, placed dentistry in the larger development story of J&K. Healthcare, education, and tourism, he stressed, are interconnected pillars of growth. With the right policies, Jammu & Kashmir can position itself as a hub for dental tourism, drawing patients from across the country. He commended IDA Kashmir for creating a platform that seamlessly combined scientific exchange with policy dialogue.

The panel discussions brought out some of the most urgent concerns facing the profession.

Prof. (Dr.) Altaf Hussain Chalkoo, Professor & HOD, Oral Medicine & Radiology at Government Dental College Srinagar, said that dentistry in J&K cannot remain isolated from

global trends. Digital radiology, AI-based diagnostics, and collaborative research are no longer optional but essential.

Prof. (Dr.) Mohammed Shakeel, Professor & HOD, Maxillofacial Surgery at SKIMS MCH Bemina, spoke frankly about the dilemmas of young graduates. Dentistry, he admitted, is highly competitive, but opportunities in implantology, cosmetic dentistry, forensic odontology, and craniofacial research are growing rapidly.



Young professionals, he suggested, must broaden their skills and think beyond conventional practice.

For Ejaz Ayoub, research scholar in Economics at NIT Srinagar, the focus was on the economics of dentistry. A dental clinic, he explained, functions both as a healthcare unit and as a small business. Financial literacy, credit management, and entrepreneurial training must become part of dental education. Micro-financing, incubation hubs, and startup loans can help young practitioners set up independent clinics and reduce unemployment.

Ethics remained central to the debate. Dr. Sanjeet Singh Risam, head of dentistry at government medical college Anantnag, reminded the fraternity that technology and finance may open doors, but without ethical practice and patient trust, the profession risks losing its foundation.

The discussions, moderated by senior media professional Sardar Nasir Ali Khan and digital banker and anchor Saba Reshi, maintained a lively and probing tone. Young dentists questioned their seniors about job creation, specialisation, and financial support, while senior experts responded with guidance and candour.

Another highlight was the launch of The Oral Health Conversation, a quarterly newsletter of IDA Kashmir Central Branch. Organising Sec-



retary Dr. Adil Malik explained that the newsletter would connect professionals across the Union Territory, share research and updates, and give young practitioners a platform to voice their ideas and challenges.

Amidst the optimism, sobering facts were also presented. Nearly 70 percent of the population in Jammu & Kashmir continues to suffer from untreated dental problems, a situation driven by low awareness, affordability issues, and weak access to rural healthcare.

Speakers stressed that oral health must be integrated into public health planning. Preventive care in schools, mobile dental clinics, and tele-dentistry, they said, can help bridge the gap between urban centres and remote villages. Without such measures, dentistry risks remaining an elite service, inaccessible to large sections of society.

The event proved to be transformative for younger attendees. For Dr. Nida Bhat, a recent graduate, the summit expanded her understanding of dentistry as a field that goes beyond clinical practice into research, entrepreneurship, and public service.

For Dr. Suhail Ahmad, the real value lay in networking and mentorship. Meeting senior practitioners who were willing to guide and support the younger generation gave him a sense

A Roadmap Emerges

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The consensus was clear: the time for transformation is now. With innovation, collaboration, and patient trust as guiding principles, oral healthcare in Jammu & Kashmir is poised for a decisive shift.

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DC Ganderbal chairs NCORD meeting, directs vigorous enforcement against drug menace

GANDERBAL: To assess and reinforce the district's anti-narcotics efforts, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore chaired the monthly meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) at the V.C. Room of DC office Ganderbal.

At the outset, DC took a department-wise review of progress on enforcement, awareness, treatment, and rehabilitation. Officers from concerned departments viz. Health, Education, Revenue, Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare presented updates against the Action Taken Report on directives issued in the previous NCORD meeting.

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Rains aftermath: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur inspects condition of NH-44

Orders immediate restoration of damaged road stretches

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai along with Additional Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat conducted comprehensive inspection of National Highway-44 to assess the damages caused due to incessant rains over the past few days.

The team undertook an on-ground assessment of the damages caused by continuous rainfall, including landslides, road blockages and disruptions to vehicular traffic.

The DC emphasized the need for swift clearance of debris, restoration of road connectivity, and proactive safety measures to prevent accidents.

She also directed officials to remain on high alert and extend every possible assistance to commuters stranded due to

road blockages.

The Additional SP highlighted that adequate deployment of police personnel has been ensured to regulate traffic movement and

response.

The district administration has appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary travel on NH-44 during heavy rains and



provide assistance in coordination with district administration and NHAI authorities.

The DC reiterated the administration's commitment to safeguarding lives, restoring normalcy at the earliest and ensuring effective disaster

follow official advisories for their safety. For any emergency or assistance, citizens may contact the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at 01992-272727, 272728, Mobile: 9697136717, 7889941318 or Police Control Room (PCR) at 01992-276915.

21 day training programme for Master Trainers concludes at CTI HG/CD Kot Bhalwal

JAMMU: Twenty one day Training programme for Master Trainers concluded at CTI HG/CD Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

The valedictory function was graced by Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu, Mohammad Arshad as the Chief Guest.

The event began with a welcome address by Dy.SP Dev Raj, Principal CTI HG/CD Kot Bhalwal, who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants.

The Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu commended

the participants for successfully completing the training and highlighted the importance of Disaster Management skills in mitigating the loss of life and property during emergencies and motivating civil society to serve people.

He urged the trainees to share their expertise with the community and actively contribute during any disaster.

He also emphasized the significance of the specialized training in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) disaster response, which

has equipped the participants with advanced knowledge and capabilities to act as Master Trainers, thereby strengthening the overall disaster response framework.

Later, the Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu gave away certificates to the trainees.

The culmination ceremony was attended by Dy. SP, Staff Officer to DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu Tajinder Kour, and Dy.SP, Dev Raj, Principal CTI Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, along with other officers/officials and trainees.

DC Ramban inspects progress of Restoration Work on NH-44

Takes stock of relief measures

RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alias Khan conducted an extensive inspection of the National Highway-44 from Nashtri to Banihal stretch, which has been affected due to heavy rainfall over the past

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner inspected critical stretches at Karoal (Batti), Maroge, and Kishtwari Pather, which have suffered damage owing to recurring landslides and shooting stones. He directed the Project Director to intensify restoration works on the highway to ensure safe and timely resumption of traffic movement.

made for the affected families. He instructed the concerned departments to remain vigilant and ensure adequate services and supply of essential services to displaced people.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed Beacon, PWD, and PMGSY to expedite restoration of all internal roads which are blocked due to landslides. The Deputy Commissioner also directed officers of JPDCL, Jal Shakti and other departments to restore Water, Power and other services and supplies on a war footing basis.

Speaking to media persons, the DC said that the District Administration has kept all rescue and relief teams on high alert. He said, "All necessary arrangements have been made at identified locations across the district for affected people. Our priority is to ensure the safety of citizens, timely restoration of road connectivity, and adequate supply of essentials."

He added that the District Administration, in coordination with Police, SDRF, NHAI, Beacon, Health and other line departments, is fully prepared to tackle any emergency situation arising out of the prevailing weather conditions.



few days. The incessant rainfall triggered landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones at several vulnerable spots, disrupting traffic movement.

SSP Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Ahmed, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Project Director NHAI Shubam Yadav, and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

Executing agencies were also instructed to mobilize adequate men and machinery to complete clearance and protection works at the earliest.

Apart from the highway, the DC also visited areas affected by flash floods adjoining River Chenab and other Nallas. He also took stock of functioning of designated lodgment centres and reviewed the arrangements

DC Shopian visits Zainapora subdivision, assesses ground situation along Rambhara River



SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta visited Wandina, Melhura and other adjoining areas of Zainapora subdivision to ascertain water levels amid the adverse weather conditions.

The visit was aimed to assess the current and emerging situation in the low lying areas of the subdivision along the Rambhara River.

District administration Shopian is keeping close vigil over the emerging situation and staff has been deputed in the vulnerable low lying areas to keep vigil on the water levels.

Earlier in the early morning hours, as a precautionary measure, 10 nomadic families residing in Wanduna have been safely relocated to safer places by the sub divisional administration Zainapora.

The local administration was instructed by DC to remain alert and the people were asked to adhere to the guidelines of the government and contact helpline numbers, already publicized, in case of emergency.

DC emphasized close monitoring of water levels and timely dissemination of information to the public.

DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; ACR, SDM, Tehsildar and other officers/officials during the visit.

Satish Sharma reviews post-flood situation, directs officers to ensure adequate relief measures

JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma, undertook a comprehensive review meeting to assess post-flood situation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, attended by senior officers from various departments, focused on assessing the relief efforts undertaken so far and planning for future eventualities.

During the meeting, the Minister directed the officers to take proactive measures to mitigate the suffering of the flood affected people.

While asking the officers to work in synergetic manner, the Minister called for maintaining close coordination between the departments to ensure fool proof mechanism is put in place for proper distribution of relief and rehabilitation of the affected people. He said that the government is committed to ensure relief measures percolate to the people and no one is left

behind.

The Minister also took stock of the vehicles used in the

necessary support and relief.

The Minister, during the meeting, was informed that



evacuation of passengers during the recent floods and stressed the importance of mobilizing resources effectively to respond to such situations.

Directing the officers to remain alert on the ground, the Minister emphasized that the administration's prompt response is crucial in minimizing the impact of such disasters on the people.

He instructed the officers to work tirelessly to ensure that the affected populations receive the

Transport Department has provided all the required number of vehicles to the rescuing agencies and District Administrations to safely evacuate the flood affected people. He directed the department to meet future requirement of vehicles as and when required.

Satish Sharma further directed the Oil Companies to ensure adequate supply of petroleum products including LPG is made available in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

DC Rajouri orders suspension of AEE JPDCL Sunderbani for unauthorized absence

RAJOURI, AUGUST 27: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, has ordered the suspension of Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) JPDCL Sunderbani Sanjay Gupta, for remaining absent from his place of posting without obtaining prior approval or intimating the competent authority. The officer shall remain attached to the office of the Superintending Engineer (SE) JPDCL Rajouri till further orders.

The action has been taken after it was found that the officer had not adhered to the clear instructions issued by the Deputy Commissioner during a meeting on disaster preparedness held

yesterday.

To ensure smooth functioning, the AEE JPDCL Nowshera has been directed to look after the routine work of the Sunderbani Sub-Division. Further, the Executive Engineer JPDCL Kalakote has been appointed as the Enquiry Officer and instructed to submit a detailed enquiry report within 10 days.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated that all officers must remain vigilant and responsive, particularly in view of the prevailing weather conditions and warned that strict action would be taken against any lapse in duty.

DC visits several areas of Kulgam, assesses situation arisen due to incessant rains

KULGAM: In the wake of adverse weather condition, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, visited Laisoo, Gudder, Chawgam, Chambagund and other areas to assess the ground situation arisen due to incessant rains in the district.

DC said that people from



vulnerable spots were shifted to safer places as a precautionary measure, adding that the district administration is on high alert with men and machinery

fully geared up to tackle any eventuality. Amir also interacted with the locals and listened to their concerns. He directed all the departments to stay vigilant & ensure swift response to any eventuality. Accompanying the DC were ADC Vihar Ahmed Giri, SDM D.H. Pora, ACD and other officers.

DC Pulwama visits flood-prone areas, reviews preparedness measures

PULWAMA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, conducted an extensive tour of various flood-prone areas of the district amid incessant rains to assess water flow, review control measures & strengthen preparedness.

DC visited Karanbal Kakapora, Hatiwara, Sambora, and Bujbagh areas of Pampore Tehsil, and Goripora, Sail, and Chersoo areas of Awantipora along with other affected areas and took on-ground stock of the situation.

During the visit, DC issued a series of directions aimed at strengthening preparedness and safeguarding lives and property. He instructed the Flood Control authorities to

maintain strict vigil over river embankments, vulnerable spots and irrigation channels. He further directed that field staff and SDRF teams remain stationed round-the-clock at identified critical locations to facilitate a timely response.

Police and Revenue officers were asked to coordinate closely with locals and ensure smooth evacuation wherever required. Besides, the Health department was directed to keep medical teams and ambulances on standby.

DC also stressed the need for stocking essential commodities in vulnerable areas so that public convenience is not hampered. Dr. Qayoom further

directed the officers to ensure seamless inter-departmental coordination, timely dissemination of information, and active engagement with local communities.

He also interacted with the residents at various locations, listened to their concerns, and urged them to remain alert, follow advisories, and promptly inform the authorities about any untoward situations.

During the visit, DC was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioners of Pulwama and Awantipora, concerned Executive Engineers of Irrigation & Flood Control; concerned tehsildars; officers from Police, SDRF teams, and other line departments.

3rd National Lok Adalat in Srinagar on September-13

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar is going to organize 3rd National Lok Adalat on 13 September, 2025 in the premises of District Court Complex Moolminabad Srinagar.

Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Moolminabad Srinagar or before the Court of Additional Mobile Magistrate TFC Panthachowk and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims / matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach the concerned Courts by or before 04 September, 2025.

Besides parties whose cases are not pending (i.e. Pre Litigation matters) in any court but desires to settle their disputes can also approach the office of the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar by or before 04 September, 2025, so that their cases, claims or matters can be settled amicably in the National Lok Adalat.

Both pre-litigation and pending in court cases shall be taken up for settlement. Pre Litigation cases include NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non compoundable), and Maintenance cases, besides other (Criminal compoundable, and other civil disputes)

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J&K Faces

to optical fibres caused outages in the Union territory The death toll in the Vaishno Devi landslide has gone up to 34 with rescuers pulling out more bodies from under the debris, the officials said, a day after the disaster struck the route to the hilltop shrine in Jammu and Kashmir’s Reasi district.

At least 20 people were injured in the landslide triggered by incessant heavy rain and are undergoing treatment in different hospitals, the officials said, adding the landslide struck near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Ardhkuwari, about halfway along the winding 12-km trek from Katra to the shrine, at around 3 PM on Tuesday.

With more people feared trapped, rescue teams are continuing to dig through the mounds of rubble to look for survivors.

The pilgrimage to the shrine remained suspended for the second day. While the yatra had been stopped on the Himkoti trek route since morning on Tuesday, it was going on on the old route till afternoon when authorities decided to suspend it as a precautionary measure.

Jammu has recorded 380 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours ending at 8.30 AM on Wednesday, which is the highest for a 24-hour period since 1910 when the observatory was set up in the winter capital.

Four people, including three women, lost their lives in Doda district on Tuesday, while two bodies were found on Tuesday, including that of a BSF jawan in Pragwal. The other body found in Akhnoor is yet to be identified. Body of an irrigation department employee was found in Lakhampur along the border of Punjab.

Heavy rains were also experienced in the Kashmir valley overnight, where the main Jhelum river has crossed the flood alert mark at Sangam in Anantnag district and at Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar this morning.

In Srinagar, water entered the residential areas in Kursu, Rajbagh, Bemina and Sekidafar, while most places in main Anantnag town also saw flood waters enter residential as well as commercial areas, leaving markets submerged, they said.

The waters also entered the district court complex in Anantnag district in south Kashmir, following which the district judge and other staff had to be evacuated by the SDRF personnel using a boat, the officials said.

The district administrations and police in Anantnag, Kulgam and Srinagar had to evacuate people living in low-lying areas to safety.

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained closed for vehicular traffic, along with over a dozen other roads struck by landslides over the past couple of days.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his prayers are for everyone’s safety and well-being.

“The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected,” he said in a post on X.

Chief Minister Abdullah said he has briefed Prime Minister Modi on the situation arising from heavy rains and flooding in the Jammu region and expressed gratitude for his assurance of continued assistance to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief minister said they were slightly relieved as the rain had stopped on Wednesday. “As compared to yesterday, we have got slight relief today (Wednesday) with the fact that the rains have stopped. Water is slowly receding in low-lying areas,” he said. (KNO)

Pilgrimage Already

relief to the families of the deceased. He said the Shrine Board and the administration are extending all the necessary assistance to the affected families.

The Shrine Board’s policy provides for an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of any individual who dies in an unfortunate incident. An additional Rs 4 lakh will be provided from SDRF.

The Lieutenant Governor has also briefed the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Amit Shah on the flood situation and the ongoing relief and rescue operations in various Districts of Jammu Kashmir.

He has directed the officials for maximum readiness and presence of staff at their posts to respond to emergency situations. (DIPR)

CM Omar

Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ansuya Jamwal, and other district officers were also present.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas briefed the Chief Minister on ongoing rescue operations, functioning of temporary shelters, supply logistics, and inter-departmental coordination.

During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected 4th Tawi Bridge Bhagwati Nagar, Science College at Old Campus University, Hari Singh Park near Hotel Fortune Riviera and flood hit areas of Gujjar Nagar Jammu. Chief Minister emphasized that the damaged end portion of

the Fourth Tawi Bridge required immediate technical evaluation, recalling that the structure had suffered damage during the 2014 floods as well. He underlined the need for preventive measures to avert similar risks in the future.

On the issue of damaged houses, Omar Abdullah said rehabilitation must be planned in a holistic manner to ensure affected families receive adequate support. He directed officials to identify urgent on-ground challenges and resolve them on priority.

The Chief Minister also informed that he had briefed the Prime Minister about the flood situation who assured full support from the Government of India. Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister about the areas worst hit due to floods in several areas of Jammu along the banks of Tawi river. Chief Minister expressed satisfaction on the assurance given by the Prime Minister and thanked him for promising continued assistance to the people of J&K in the wake of floods.

Expressing grief over the recent landslide in Katra, which claimed the lives of pilgrims, the Chief Minister noted that preventive measures should have been implemented beforehand to stop the pilgrims from proceeding on the route and holding them at safe locations in view of advance warnings about the severity of the weather. He resented loss of precious lives and conveyed condolences and regrets over the tragic loss of lives.

Chief Minister also gave directions to the BSNL and private telecom operators Jio Network & Airtel to immediately restore internet and telecom services in Jammu & Kashmir which has disrupted working and communication in J&K stressing that functioning of communication network is all the more important during times of crises and emergency.

Chief Minister also directed that all immediate steps be taken for restoring traffic on Srinagar Jammu National highway and Jammu-Pathankot Highway so that stranded vehicles are cleared and traffic is restored on priority.

Chief Minister gave directions to line departments to work on war footing for restoration of electricity, water supply and road access in all affected areas. The Chief Minister added that a comprehensive relief package for Jammu and Kashmir would soon be formulated in coming days.

Later, during his field visit, Omar Abdullah inspected several flood-affected areas and interacted with residents, assessed damages, and directed officials to expedite relief, ensure temporary arrangements, and restore essential services without delay. (DIPR)

Amid flood

of the incessant rains, landslides in hilly areas, weather alerts across the division, and in order to ensure the safety of students and staff, all government and private schools in the Jammu division shall continue to remain closed on 28th August 2025.

Meaning, Director Colleges, J&K said, “Due to the bad weather conditions and continuous downpour leading to flood like situation across the Jammu and Kashmir, it is ordered that all Government Degree Colleges and GCETs in the UT of J&K shall remain closed on August-28. The University of Kashmir (KU) has also postponed all examinations that were scheduled to be held on August-27.

The varsity said it will notify fresh dates for the postponed examinations.

Earlier, Health and Education Minister, Sakeena Itoo told the KNO that the schools and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir shall remain closed on Thursday.

The decision, according to the Minister, has been taken due to the inclement weather conditions.

Pertinently, the heavy rainfall has triggered flood-like situation across Jammu and Kashmir with the water level in rivers Jhelum and other streams flowing above the flood declaration mark in Kashmir and above danger mark in Jammu division—(KNO)

Operation Mahadev

to derail efforts being made under what he referred to as the “Kashmir Mission.”

He noted that the armed forces, central paramilitary units, and the Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out these operations in close coordination.

Shah said the J&K Police have now become a leading component in counter-terror operations, working alongside the Army and other forces.

Referring to the political response to these operations, Shah said that leaders across party lines welcomed the actions and expressed support for the security personnel involved.

He said this broad support reflected a shared trust in the institutions tasked with maintaining national security.

Shah said that this trust in the country’s security framework was essential for India to continue pursuing its long-term goals across different sectors, both domestically and internationally.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by personnel from multiple agencies who took part in the July operation—(KNO)

Army evacuated

weather conditions to save lives, he added.

The dedicated efforts of the columns, in coordination with the civil administration, have resulted in the successful evacuation of 635 citizens, including 12 BSF and 22 CRPF personnel, the spokesperson said.

The Army remains committed to providing all necessary assistance and support to ensure the safety of all citizens in this time of crisis, he said.

The devastating floods struck Jammu, submerging vast areas and causing widespread disruption to the lives of inhabitants, he added.

A flood relief column of White Knight Corps was deployed in the Makwal area despite adverse conditions to rescue stranded BSF personnel in the general area, he said.

Engineer troops employed all available resources to navigate strong currents, successfully linking up with the stranded personnel and bringing them to safety. In addition, the team evacuated nine civilians, including children, trapped in inundated homes and relocated them to secure locations, he added.

In a swift joint operation, Army and Air Force helicopters evacuated 60 employees of the Punjab government’s Water Resources Department stranded at Madhopur Headworks on the barrage after surging Ravi river waters cut off access, the officials said.

Triggered by relentless rainfall, the flood-like situation left the personnel marooned until coordinated aerial efforts ensured their safe rescue, they said. The sudden collapse of a section of the Kashmir Canal gate in Lakhampur left several people stranded as floodwaters surged.

Floods in Jammu forced approximately 100 civilians, including children, to take shelter in Kandoli Mata Mandir at Nagrota. Troops of White Knight Corps swung into action and provided food, medical assistance, safety and security to those in need.

“Always ready in the service of the nation,” they said. (PTI)

CM Omar

assessment of damages be undertaken so that a financial package could be pursued with the Government of India. “We must ensure nobody remains hungry and that there is no outbreak of water-borne diseases. Debris removal and deployment of men and machinery will be our immediate focus,” he added.

He underlined the importance of setting practical and time-bound targets for public services. “We have to be honest and give realistic hopes. The people must be presented with a practical picture,” he said.

Taking note of power outages and disruptions in water supply, the Chief Minister directed temporary arrangements and augmentation of water supply through tankers wherever required. “Restoration of water and power supply is our supreme priority. Silt removal from canals and nallahs must be ensured to avoid further aggravation or recurrence of backflow of rainwater,” he

instructed.

The meeting also heard suggestions from MLAs, which the Chief Minister assured would be considered during the relief and restoration phase. Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir provinces briefed the CM on measures taken during the rains and floods, while Deputy Commissioners reported on district-level actions.

Minister Javed Ahmed Rana apprised the Chief Minister of the preparedness of his department in mitigating flood-like situations and in planning relief and restoration, particularly in Jammu division. The Chief Minister directed the minister to ensure restoration of damaged water supply schemes in Jammu and to expedite desilting of canals and nallahs before resumption of water flow.

Advisor to the CM, Nasir Aslam Wani, also joined the deliberations on relief coordination.

Special directions were issued to the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir to implement preventive measures against any flood-like situation in Srinagar city. Deputy Commissioners of the Kashmir division were instructed to maintain preparedness for any further adverse weather conditions.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the status of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. He directed that in case the highway did not open in the coming days, essential supplies to the Valley must be ensured through the Mughal Road. (DIPR)

Armed forces

‘Samvad’ — where ‘Ran’ signifies battle and ‘Samvad’ represents dialogue and reconciliation. “The very title of the programme, Ran Samvad, strikes me as quite interesting. The name itself is a subject to think about and reflect on. On one hand, ‘Ran’ evokes the imagery of battle and conflict, and on the other hand, ‘Samvad’ points towards dialogue, discussion, and reconciliation,” he said.

Drawing from Indian culture, he explained that dialogue and battle are intertwined. “In our culture, dialogue is not separate from battle. It comes before the battle. It happens during the battle, and it continues even after the battle.”

Citing the Mahabharata, Singh noted, “Take the Mahabharat, for instance, to prevent the war, Lord Krishna went as a messenger of peace. He went to engage in dialogue so that the war could be averted. When Duryodhan, the antagonist of the epic Mahabharat, refused, the war became inevitable.”

Reaffirming India’s non-aggressive stance, the Defence Minister stated, “India has never been a nation that seeks war. We have never initiated aggression against anyone. However, the present geopolitical reality is quite different. Even though we do not harbour any aggressive intent, if someone challenges us, it becomes imperative that we respond with strength.”

He further emphasised territorial integrity, “We do not want anyone’s land, but we are ready

to go to any extent to protect our land.”

Addressing the nature of modern warfare, Singh warned of its unpredictability. “In today’s era, wars have become so sudden and unpredictable that it is very difficult to predict when any war will end and how long it will last. That is, if any war stretches for two months, four months, a year, two years, even five years, then we should be fully prepared for it.”

He advocated for a comprehensive approach to national security: “It has become an issue of a whole-of-nation approach.”

The Minister praised the success of Operation Sindoor as a testament to India’s capabilities. “The success of Operation Sindoor is a perfect example in itself. The bravery and swiftness with which our forces carried out action against the terrorists sheltered in Pakistan was something those terrorists could never have even imagined.”

He described it as “a striking demonstration of technology-driven warfare,” encompassing offensive and defensive techniques, logistics, and intelligence. Linking it to self-reliance, the Minister noted, “Its achievements have once again underlined that in the times to come, self-reliance is an absolute necessity. We have indeed made significant progress on the path of self-reliance, but there is still a long way ahead.” (IANS)

LG Sinha

(NHAI) to assist PWD in restoring UT’s roads along with National Highways.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti to ensure alternative arrangements for providing clean drinking water in the water logged and flood affected areas, especially in remote and hilly habitations, while restoring the regular water supply infrastructure.

He also directed the Secretary Health, Public Work Department (R&B), Food and Civil supplies and Power Development Department to remain in Jammu Division and reach out to the flood affected areas. He said no officer or employee will take leave or leave the station.

The Lieutenant Governor directed officials that non-essential government offices, schools and colleges must be closed till further notice and every district to ensure 24x7 functioning of control rooms to help individuals and households affected by the flooding.

The Lieutenant Governor said emergency responders must be pre-positioned in vulnerable areas and other teams should be adequately equipped and ready to be deployed within hours in case of an emergency.

The Lieutenant Governor is reviewing the situation 24x7 and is in touch with the UT and central agencies officials concerned.

He lauded the efforts of Army, Airforce, NDRF, CAPFs, District Administration, Police and SDRF for minimizing the loss of precious lives by acting swiftly in evacuation of people to safe locations. (DIPR)

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division Srinagar
Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

GIST of Detailed e- NIT No: - 38/JIS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26.

For and on behalf of Government of UT - J&K, e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Firms/Companies/drilling agencies/Joint Ventures etc for "registered experienced Contractors of Production Tube wells" as per details given below. The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BQQ.

(Table – I)

S. No	Name of work	Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs	Earnest money	Cost of Tender Document	Class of contract	Time of completion	Technical Sanction	Major Head /Program me	Tender Call
1.	Construction of 250mm dia Production Tube Well at Ougbal Deedikot District Kupwara.	Rs.38.83 Lacs	Rs.1,16,500/-	Rs.2000/-	Registered for Construction of Production Tube Wells	45 Days (after completion of identification of the site by the concerned)	JS-PHE/GWDS/UT & District Capex Budget/17 of 08/2025, Dt: 25-08-2025	District Capex Budget 2025-26	1 st

➤ Position of Funds: - Available.

Accord of Administrative Approval issued by the District Development Commissioner Kupwara's vide Order No: 76-DDCK of 2025, issued under endorsement No. DDCK/Tribal Affairs/ 4253-56, Dated:23-08-2025.

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.jktenders.gov.in>

From 26.08.2025 (10:00 AM) UPTO 08.09.2025 (11:00 AM)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: <https://www.jktenders.gov.in>

As per Critical Dates/Information scheduled given below

1.	Publishing Date	26-08-2025 (10:00 AM)
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	26-08-2025 (10:00 AM) upto 08-09-2025 (11:00 AM)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	26-08-2025 (10:00 AM) upto 08-09-2025 (11:00 AM)
4.	Date of opening of Tender.	09-09-2025 (11:00 AM)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir-190011	
6.	Cost of Tender Document : Non-Refundable should be in form of DD /TR/e-challan deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar(at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)	
7.	NOTE: In case the firm/agency/contractor submits/uploaded scanned copy of tender document fee in the shape of DD/e-challan, the hard copies shall have to be submitted in the divisional office before opening of cover 2nd (Financial Cover) of e-NIT.	
8.	Bid Validity Period: 180 Days	
	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in	

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and (The date of CDR/FDR etc must not be prior to 03 months from the date of issuance of this e-Nit and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No. S. No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under Account Head 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Ground Water Division Srinagar (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 180 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Division Srinagar (H.Q. Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar) on 09.09.2025 at 11:00 AM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural
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No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./5511-23
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Office of the Executive Engineer,
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GIST of Short-term-Tender.
Short Term E-N.I.T.No: -PHE/MRD/TS/35 of 08/2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Short term e-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors having GST registration/registered with J&K Govt., Railways and other State/Central Government Organizations for the following work: -

Sr.	Nature of Work	Location	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc.	Time of Completion	Programme
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Repairs, replacement, modification to the existing pump foundation at WSS	Narbal	0.87	50/=	01 day In view of urgent nature of job	M&R

Critical Dates/Information.

1.	Publishing Date	25-08-2025 (5:00 PM)
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	25-08-2025 (5:00 PM) to 01-09-2025 (11:00 AM)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	25-08-2025 (5:00 PM) to 01-09-2025 (11:00 AM)
4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing	01-09-2025 at (12:00 P.M)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar	
6.	Document Cost:Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar (The firm shall specify the e-NIT No. & name of work for which applied)	
7.	Bid Validity Period: 90Days	
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in	
9.	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is enclosed in the Bid Document	

Note:- The tenderer who is declared as L1 after opening of price bid will deposit 5% of the Estimated cost of the work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.
No: -PHE/MRD/TS/1679-83
DT: - 25-08-2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural
Division Srinagar.

DIPK-5556/25 Dt: 27-08-2025

11 Years Of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana: World's Largest Financial Inclusion Scheme



M. NAGARAJU

The true purpose of financial inclusion lies in its ability to empower individuals and businesses, foster economic growth, reduce poverty and promote social equality. Financial Inclusion is one of the key enablers for at-least 7

to women empowerment.

The total balance in PMJDY accounts stands at 2.68 lakh crore, a 17-fold increase since 2015, reflecting growing trust in the banking system. It earned a Guinness World Record for opening 18,096,130 accounts in a single week (August 23-29, 2014), with 15 million accounts opened on the inauguration day alone.

Over 16.2 lakh Bank Mitras (Business Correspondents) deliver banking services in remote areas, making financial services accessible to rural India. PMJDY accounts have streamlined DBT, ensuring subsidies and relief payments reach beneficiaries without intermediaries. During demonetization and the COVID-19 crisis, PMJDY

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) respectively. More and more persons working in the unorganised segment are able to get the much-needed financial security by enrolling under these Jan Suraksha schemes.

The success of UPI and digital transactions that have grown many folds can also be attributed to the large number of PMJDY accounts opened by the common man. With increase in average balances in Jan-Dhan accounts, there are opportunities for augmenting delivery of Investment products and other innovative products which can be built around PMJDY eco-system. Artificial Intelligence and natural language processing can help in voice based

the scheme's transformative impact—recognized globally by the Guinness World Records, World Bank, IMF etc. cannot be overstated. As India celebrates 11 years of PMJDY in 2025, it stands as a testament to the power of inclusive governance and a model for the world to follow to achieve universal financial inclusion.

(M. Nagaraju is Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India) (PIB)



of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030.

The Government backed financial Inclusion drive is very important for a developing country like India due to its extreme diversity, geography and population. It is because of this very reason, one of the very first schemes announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji was the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) which was launched on August 28, 2014. The scheme aimed to provide universal access to banking services, ensuring that every household, particularly the marginalized and economically disadvantaged, could participate in the formal financial system.

Over the past 11 years, PMJDY has grown into the world's largest financial inclusion program, transforming lives by bridging the gap between the unbanked and access to banking services. The value of FI-Index of RBI has increased from 43.4 for Mar'17 to 67.0 for Mar'25. The rise in the index indicates strengthening of financial inclusion and

accounts facilitated rapid financial support, proving their utility in times of economic disruption and pandemic.

At the time of launch of PMJDY in 2014, approximately 7.5 crore households were not having Bank accounts. In 2018, we achieved household level saturation and shifted our focus on covering all adults with bank accounts. As per world Bank findex report, account ownership in India in 2024 has increased to 89% from 53% in 2014 in respect of individuals aged 15 years and more. The account ownership of India is among the best in Asia and also the male - female gap in account ownership has become negligible. The NSS survey 2022-23, states that 94.65 of adults in the country own a bank account.

The scheme has promoted digital transactions through RuPay cards, aligning with country's push towards a digital economy. Over 38.7 crore RuPay cards have been issued, providing accident insurance coverage. The scheme has also facilitated micro-insurance and pension schemes

conversational transaction authorizations doing away with the need of smart phones or internet connectivity for transacting. This has facilitated the innovations in e-commerce with fast & reliable delivery systems in tier 4 & tier 5 centers.

As PMJDY enters its 12th year, our focus is on sustaining and expanding its impact. Government has launched Financial Inclusion saturation drive and Banks are organizing camps from 1st July, 2025 to 30th September, 2025 to update KYC details, open new accounts, and promote micro-insurance and pension schemes. Continued emphasis on educating account holders to maximize the use of banking services and prevent dormancy. Enhancing mobile and digital banking to reach remote areas and align with India's digital economy goals. Banks are also making efforts to reduce inoperative accounts under PMJDY by contacting account holders. Efforts are on to migrate to the next phase of financial inclusion 2.0 by integrating

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financial literacy initiatives.

Before PMJDY, only 59% of country's households and 35% of adults had bank accounts, whereas after 11 years of the scheme almost 100% of households and over 90% of adults own a bank account. The informal credit systems which used to trap the poor and marginalized into debt cycles have become a relic of the past.

PMJDY's impact has been monumental. Over 56.2 crore accounts have been opened, nearly 4-fold increase from March 2015. This includes 37.5 crore accounts in rural/semi-urban areas and 18.7 crore in urban areas. Women hold 56% of these accounts (approximately 31.3 crore), showcasing a strong focus on gender inclusion, leading

like PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY, bringing financial security to millions.

PMJDY accounts are being used not only for receiving DBT but also to accumulate savings and to have access to micro-insurance and investment products. Account ownership in India has become gender agnostic which in itself is no mean achievement in view of historical biases in ownership of financial assets and limited participation of women in income generating activities.

Now, 99.9% of all inhabited villages have a Banking outlet (branch, or BC or IPPB) within 5 km distance. This expanded banking network has helped in extending life and accident cover (Jan Suraksha) of Rs. 2 lakh through

the past learnings. This will focus on affordable lending, pension and insurance coverage for all, enhancing digital usage in rural areas, digital financial literacy and augmentation of banking infrastructure for achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has been a cornerstone of India's financial inclusion journey, bringing millions into the formal banking system and empowering them with tools for economic self-reliance. With over 56 crore accounts, 2.68 lakh crore in deposits, and a robust network of Bank Mitras, PMJDY has redefined access to financial services for the poorest. While challenges like inoperative accounts and re-KYC requirements persist,

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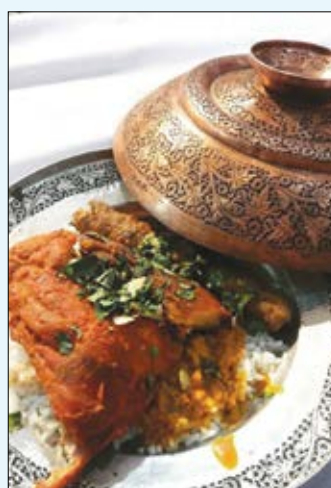
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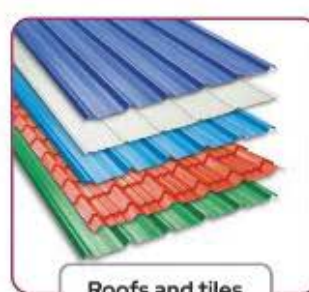
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