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Lieutenant Governor attends closing ceremony of mega eye camp 'Op Drishti' for veterans, Veer Naris & civilians, at Command Hospital Northern Command, Udhampur

He also lauded Brig. Dr. Sanjay Mishra, a renowned eye specialist at Army Hospital Research & Referral, Delhi for his selfless service to society.

“Leadership qualities are important for making a fearless soldier and dedicated officer, who leads from the front and lives by example. This camp is testament to such leadership who are inspiring the communities and building a healthy society,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor appealed to everyone to participate in eye donation and inspire others for the noble cause.

He said the camp significantly raises awareness about vision-related diseases and offers vital guidance on necessary eye care. Such camps in remote areas reach vulnerable population who are often unaware of their eye conditions or lack the necessary income and resources for treatment, bringing critical care directly to those in need, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the brave personnel of Indian Armed Forces for their unwavering courage and sacrifices to effectively address the security threats.

“Our great nation remains committed to the values of peaceful coexistence, mutual harmony, and friendship. Today, India does not need to prove its prowess. The nation's valiant Armed Forces stand as a powerful testament to its valour,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the Armed Forces should continually adapt to and remain vigilant against the rapidly changing security environment.

“The adversary is making desperate attempts to disrupt peace and hinder India's progress. Recently, the Jammu and Kashmir Police unearthed and dismantled a pan-India terror network that was planning to carry out a series of terrorist attacks across the country. In such a situation, we must remain alert to protect the nation's honour, protect our borders, and preserve our unity and integrity,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi also extended their felicitations, through video messages, to the Northern Command, Armed Forces Medical Services and everyone associated for their noble endeavour. An educational handbook on quality eye care was also released on the occasion.

The camp provided medical support to residents from the far-flung districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Udhampur, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, and Ramban, with over 1,000 persons screened and more than 300 surgeries performed.

Shri Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly; Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command; Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sarin, Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services; Lt Gen CG Muralidharan, Director General, Medical Services (Army); Brig. Dr. Sanjay Mishra; Ms Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, senior officials, veterans, veer naris, and people from different walks of life were present.

CM Omar Abdullah thanks Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for additional 50 days of MGNREGA**employment support for calamity-hit J&K Panchayats**

India has formally raised the MGNREGA work limit from 100 to 150 days for affected households in Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2025–26. This decision follows the declaration of 1,962 Panchayats as flood-affected, after the UT administration sought special relief to address the adverse impacts on agricultural activities and rural livelihoods. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had recommended this extension, which will directly benefit the most vulnerable families by creating stable incomes, reducing economic hardships, and enabling the creation of durable community assets.

The additional employment support will be implemented with revised management protocols and enhanced monitoring through NREGASoft, the national MIS system, which is being updated to record the extra workdays.

DSEJ reviews academic, school infrastructure development scenario in Jammu District

schemes including UT Capex, District Capex, Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN.

Additionally, the Director reviewed the functioning of VSK Jammu and different digital initiatives.

It was informed that out of 1187 schools in the district, 1173 schools have adopted the Live Attendance Bot, which enables real-time monitoring of staff/student attendance. The Director also reviewed the progress of JK Study Buddy. He issued directions to ensure timely completion of all digital surveys and reporting processes.

The progress under PM POSHAN, as reflected on the ARMS Portal as on 21 November 2025, was also reviewed. The Director instructed the concerned officers to ensure proper implementation of the scheme and submit reports regularly to maintain transparency and efficiency in the delivery of midday meals.

Reviewing Early Childhood Care and Education,

the Director noted that 944 schools are currently running pre-primary classes with a cumulative enrolment of 7561 children. He also discussed the status of Aaya workers and their salary disbursement and emphasized strengthening foundational learning by ensuring adequate support staff and proper facilities for young learners.

The Director further reviewed the various RTE entitlements and interventions under Samagra Shiksha. He emphasized the need for optimal sharing of resources among schools to enhance effectiveness, avoid duplication and ensure that all students benefit equally from available materials and support structures.

A detailed presentation on civil works was also made during the meeting, showcasing the recently completed buildings and ongoing construction activities under Samagra Shiksha, District CAPEX and UT CAPEX. The Director examined the progress visually and directed the concerned officers to ensure timely completion of pending works while maintaining the highest quality standards.

In conclusion, the Director School Education appreciated the efforts of the entire departmental team and instructed all field officers and Heads of Institutions to strengthen instructional delivery, enhance student-centric services and ensure efficient execution of all ongoing schemes and initiatives across District Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Cluster Principals (All), Zonal Education Officers (All) and HOIs of PM Shri Schools.

Chief Secretary for creating analytical tools on PMGS Portal to ease governance

to move beyond conventional data uploading and focus on meaningful analytical integration to strengthen planning and monitoring mechanisms. He called for accelerating the creation of polygonal data instead of mapping point data only.

The Chief Secretary directed the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department to take the lead in uploading detailed data layers concerning youth engagement across all districts of the UT. He called for comprehensive datasets covering skilling initiatives, employment trends, entrepreneurial activities, sports participation and educational indicators of youth to facilitate the formulation of targeted and impactful youth-centric policies.

Highlighting the inter-departmental responsibility in strengthening the PMGS framework, the Chief Secretary urged the Home Department to upload granular data pertaining to drug hotspots, substance abuse patterns and area-wise prevalence of related cases.

He also called upon the Agriculture Production Department to consider integration of data relating to crop production, productivity indicators and animal husbandry statistics to enable data-driven agricultural planning and improved sectoral interventions.

The Health Department was impressed upon to upload comprehensive health-related datasets, particularly concerning the prevalence of critical diseases such as anaemia and cancer across the UT. He noted that such data would assist authorities in devising focused healthcare interventions and optimizing resource allocation.

Furthermore, departments including Rural Development Department (RDD), Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) and others were advised to maximize their contributions by uploading as many relevant and analytical layers as possible to enhance the overall utility of the portal.

Providing an overview of the current status, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh informed the meeting that as many as 640 individual layers have been uploaded by around 40 departments, including 609 additional layers and 26 analytical tools, positioning Jammu & Kashmir among the top three States/UTs in the country in terms of PM Gati Shakti data integration and utilization.

Further, Director, I&C Jammu, Arun Manhas apprised the meeting that 37 infrastructure projects with an estimated value exceeding Rs 5000 crore have been deliberated in Network Planning Group (NPG) meetings following the GAD threshold order of Rs 20 crore.

He also highlighted the implementation of a structured Maker-Checker-Approver mechanism and the circulation of SOPs and a comprehensive Primer on PM Gati Shakti along with practical use cases among user departments. More than 100 capacity-building sessions have been conducted to enhance departmental proficiency in handling the PMGS platform.

Later, the Chief Secretary formally inaugurated the Advanced GIS Portal and GIS-Based Asset Mapping Mobile Application developed for the Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), marking a significant milestone in the modernization of urban infrastructure planning and management in Jammu & Kashmir.

Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur highlighted that this future-ready initiative establishes a robust digital framework with real-time integration to the PM Gati Shakti national portal, ensuring seamless synchronization of both legacy datasets and new API-driven integrations. She added that the system hosts more than 90 comprehensive layers with over 600 attributes, covering key developmental schemes including AMRUT 2.0, SBM 2.0, PMAY, Smart Cities

Mission (SCM) and 5G street infrastructure.

The mobile application has been designed for versatility, enabling conduct of varied field surveys and uniquely facilitating the mapping of online service portal data through dedicated layers. This comprehensive digital ecosystem is expected to serve as a dynamic and holistic tool for efficient urban governance, strategic planning and sustainable development across J&K.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to strengthen integrated planning through technology-driven platforms, reinforcing the UT’s vision of transparent, data-driven and citizen-centric governance.

DLSA Jammu organises Special Lok Adalat on Criminal Compoundable Cases

were constituted in different Courts to deal with the matters of Criminal Compoundable cases, with specific focus on the amicable settlement of the cases, in line with the broader aim of reducing pendency and promoting access to justice for all.

The Special Lok Adalat stands as a testimony to the commitment of the Legal Services Authorities to ensure that justice is not only delivered, but delivered efficiently, empathetically and economically. It also reinforces the importance of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in strengthening the justice delivery system.

A total number of 141 cases pertaining to Criminal Compoundable Cases were taken up, out of which 60 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered was Rs. 14,47,720/-.

Power shutdown

remain affected on November 23 and 24 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Gujjar Nagar, Peer Mitha, Peer Khoo, Circular Road, Mast Garh, Dalpatian Mohalla, Julakha Mohalla and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 7 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Phinter, Baggan, Pamalla, Kudhetar, Machedi, Billawar, Jarai, Parliwand, PHE installations, Main Bazar, Ward No. 4,5, 8,9,10,11& 12, Taraf Sanji, Bhagthali, Court, Jail, PHE installations, Basantpur, Lakhampur Dhanna, Thein and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bhalla, Bhaderwah, Dallian and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 24 and 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industrial Estate, Digiana, Babliana and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 24 from 9 am to 1.30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sehora and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 24 and 26 from 9 am to 1.30 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Rehari, Governor House, MES, Resham Ghar, Bus Stand, SMGS Hospital, Dogra Hall, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazar, Manda, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, (Distribution), JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Rehiyan, BOP Glar, Kangwala, Glar and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23, 25 and 27 from 8 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Badhori and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 24 and 25 from 8 am to 1 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-III, JPDCL, Batote has informed that the power supply to Ramban, Maitra, Karol and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 11 am to 4 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Sansar, Sana, Sanasar, Darmood Chushater, Jangelkote, Ramsoo, Old Ukhral, Chanjlo and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23, 25 and 27 from 11 am to 4 pm.

Commissioner Secretary FCSCA reviews functioning of FCS & CA Jammu

targeted eligible beneficiaries.

The meeting had detailed discussion on various schemes designed to streamline welfare operations. These included digitization of Migrants’ ration cards, SMART-PDS (Smart Public Distribution System) and the Aadhar-enabled Allocation and Supply Chain Management System (AeSCM).

Further, deliberations were held on the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of a Training-cum-Conference Hall in Jammu under the SASCI scheme, with a focus on timely progress and adherence to quality standards.

The meeting underscored the need for capacity-building of all officials at all levels with emphasis on targeted workshops and training programs, thereby improving service delivery to consumers.

The Commissioner Secretary underscored the importance of prompt and responsive service to the public, directing the officials to complete the digitization of migrants’ ration cards within the prescribed timelines in close coordination with the Relief Organization. He was also informed about the ration provisioning for Darbar Move employees at the fair-price shops located near the Darbar Move staff quarters/ accommodations. The discussions concluded with a consensus on continuing capacity-building efforts and maintaining high standards of governance and accountability.

The Commissioner Secretary also reviewed special UT Schemes wherein individual beneficiaries of AAY and PHH are provided additional 5 Kg ration, thus increasing the availability to 10 Kg.

Pertinently, the Directorate of FCS&CA, Jammu is providing 10 Kg ration per head to 37,412 number of AAY(S) beneficiaries and 6,30,694 number of PHH

beneficiaries under PMFSS.

Labour Commissioner J&K issues final compliance notice to defaulter Trade Unions

returns within the stipulated 10-day period will be considered defaulters with no further opportunity for explanation, making them liable for strict action, including the cancellation of their registration,” the Notice reads. Labour Commissioner J&K and Registrar Trade Unions, J&K, has emphasized that submission of Annual Returns is not only a legal obligation but also essential for ensuring accountability, transparency and proper functioning of trade unions across the Union Territory.

The Labour Commissioner J&K directed all Deputy Labour Commissioners and Assistant Labour Commissioners to ensure compliance at once and verify that all returns are submitted in Form ‘D’ within the prescribed period. The Labour Department reiterated that maintaining proper records, adhering to statutory reporting requirements, and complying with by-laws are fundamental duties of every registered trade union. All defaulting unions have been urged to treat this final notice with utmost seriousness and complete their pending submissions without delay to avoid statutory consequences.

Govt GN Hospital hosts CME on Dental Sciences & Oral Health

Government Dental College Jammu, Dr. Ajay Gupta spoke on “Fundamentals of Post and Core”. Assistant Professor Dr. Amrit Pal Singh threw light on “Facial Infections”, while Consultant GMC Rajouri Dr. Israr spoke on “Maxillofacial Injuries”. Pain & Palliative Care Specialist, Dr. Rohit Lahori acquainted the participants on “Trigeminal Neuralgia” while Sr. Consultant Dentistry, Dr. Rohit Kohli spoke on “Osseo Integration in Dentistry” and Dr. Bhavneet Kaur, Consultant Dentistry talk covered “Pedodontic Sutras”.

Week long training for Aapda**Sakhis concludes at CTI Kot -Balwal**

Jammu Mohammad Arshad was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function which was also attended by SO to Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K Rafi Giri; Dy.SP, SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu Dinesh Gupta; Dy.SP, Area Commandant HG Jammu Naseem Akhter; Dy.SP, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu Zia-ul-Haq; Dy.SP, Principal CTI HG/CD Kot Bhalwal Jammu Dev Raj & Assistant Commandant NDRF along with Area Commandants of Home Guards Samba, Rajouri and Kathua. The training programme aimed at empowering women by enhancing their skills and preparedness in disaster management, thereby strengthening community resilience.

Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums facilitates visit of orphan students to Bahu Fort, Dogra Art Museum

and learned about the significance of each exhibit. The visit aimed to broaden the student’s horizon, spark their curiosity and inspire their imagination and acquaint them with their culture and history. On the occasion, the Director urged the students to act as ambassadors to spread mass awareness about our Art, Culture and Heritage.

The Director emphasised the importance of Museums and Monuments as repositories of rich cultural heritage for the future generations.

Pertinently, the Department is celebrating the world heritage week on a larger scale with different programs aligning with each day.

The event was coordinated by Curator Dogra Art Museum Mukul Magotra under the guidance of Assistant Director Dr. Sangeeta Sharma.

Centre raises MGNREGA work limit to 150 days for J&K in FY 2025-26, L-G hails move

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to extend the benefit of an additional 50 days of employment — over and above the existing 100 days per household — in rural areas of the Union Territory affected by floods, cloudbursts and landslides.

“In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to natural calamities, it has been decided to provide up to 50 days of additional employment over and above the 100 days per household in the affected rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir for FY 2025-26,” an official release said, according to news agency Kashmir Indepth News Service (KINS).

Welcoming the decision, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for approving the enhanced MGNREGA coverage.

“I’m grateful to PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan for increasing number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for J&K to enhance livelihood security in rural areas affected by natural calamity,” Sinha said in a post on X late Friday (November 21, 2025).

He said 1,962 panchayats across Jammu and Kashmir have been declared “flood-affected”, severely impacting the livelihoods of residents.

“Special relief was sought from the Government of India, and today’s decision will ensure stable income to vulnerable rural households, relieve the families from economic distress and create durable assets,” the Lieutenant Governor added.

