

CM Omar Abdullah flags off J&K RTC buses to major religious destinations across country

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today flagged off J&K Road Transport Corporation (RTC) buses to major religious destinations of different faiths across the country from MA Stadium, Jammu. Minister for Transport Satish Sharma and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam, Managing Director J&K RTC Abdul Rashid War and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

The special bus services will operate to prominent religious sites including Shahdra Sharief, Jawalaji, Namgyal Monastery (McLeod Ganj), Shri Anandpur



Sahib, Ajmer Sharief and Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, enabling devotees from Jammu and Kashmir to undertake pilgrimages with greater ease and affordability.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Chief Minister

said that Jammu and Kashmir has a rich legacy of pluralism and coexistence, and these services reflect the government's commitment to strengthening bonds of mutual respect and understanding among different communities. He emphasized that facilitating access to places of worship of all faiths reinforces the spirit of unity and shared cultural heritage of the region.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the efforts of the Transport Department and J&K RTC for initiating people-friendly services, stating that such initiatives not only promote spiritual well-being but also encourage inter-state connectivity and tourism.

Minister for Transport Satish Sharma said that J&K RTC remains committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable transport facilities, and assured that the department will continue to expand services based on public demand.

DC Rajesh reviews implementation of ICDS, Social Welfare schemes

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma today reviewed the functioning and implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Social Welfare Department schemes at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Surinder Mohan Sharma; Programme Officer ICDS, Mohammed Syed; CPO Ranjeet Thakur; District Social Welfare Officer, Varun Chaudhary; Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), Tehsil Welfare Officers (TWSOs) and other concerned officials.

Threadbare discussions were held on expanding coverage and strengthening the delivery mechanism of the welfare schemes being implemented by the ICDS and Social Welfare Departments in the district.

At the outset, the Programme Officer ICDS presented a detailed status report on Central and UT-sponsored schemes. He informed that 1641 Anganwadi Centres are presently functional in the district, while 3915 beneficiaries



have been registered under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).

The meeting was also briefed about activities being carried out under schemes such as Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Health Check-ups, Poshan Abhiyan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Ladli Beti.

Reviewing the progress, the Deputy Commissioner directed the field functionaries to ensure saturation of all ICDS schemes in their respective areas. He emphasized the importance of effective inter-departmental coordination among Health, Education and ICDS

departments to achieve 100 percent coverage of all eligible beneficiaries. The Deputy Commissioner also conducted a comprehensive review of Social Welfare Department schemes, including National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS), Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Programme (SCA to SCP), among others.

The District Social Welfare Officer informed the

meeting that Mission Shakti camps are being organized across different parts of the district, during which departmental teams reach out to women beneficiaries to create awareness about women-centric welfare schemes and the support mechanisms available for their empowerment.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for proactive outreach, transparency and timely delivery of benefits. He directed the department to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are covered so that the intended objectives of the welfare schemes are achieved effectively at the grassroots level.

IGNOU extends Jan 2026 Admission & Re-registration deadline to Feb 15

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended the last date for fresh admission and re-registration for the January 2026 admission cycle till February 15, 2026, giving prospective and existing learners additional time to complete their application formalities.

The university offers admissions to a wide range of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Certificate, Diploma and PG Diploma programmes through distance learning and online mode. Applications for fresh admission can be submitted through the admission portal available on the front page of the official IGNOU website.

As per the latest directions of the University Grants Commission (UGC), learners are now allowed to pursue two academic programmes at the same time, either in online or offline mode.

Learners seeking re-registration for the next or subsequent semester or



academic year can apply through the re-registration portal available on the university's website. To proceed, candidates must select the "New Registration" option and provide a valid mobile number and e-mail address to receive official updates and confirmation messages.

Applicants are required to create a user ID and password on the SAMARTH portal before filling the online application form. They must keep scanned copies of their academic documents, a recent photograph and online payment facilities such as debit card, credit card or net banking

ready at the time of submission.

The university has advised candidates to use their own mobile number and e-mail ID, even when submitting forms from cyber cafés, and to carefully note their login credentials for future reference.

The UGC has also made it mandatory for learners enrolling in online and distance education programmes to generate a DEB ID at the time of admission. The DEB ID will help students in transferring academic credits if they change their university later. Confirming the extension, Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Jammu, said, "Learners and aspiring applicants should complete their admission and re-registration well before February 15. Those facing any problem while creating their DEB ID may approach the Regional Centre for guidance and support."

Students from Doda call on Speaker Rather

JAMMU: Students representing schools of far flung and remote areas of Doda district today called on Speaker JKLA Abdul Rahim Rather in the Assembly Secretariat, here today.

While interacting with the Speaker JKLA, the students said that as the residents of far flung and remote areas of the district, their schools don't have the facilities like, smart classes, modern science laboratories, computer system, desks, proper maintenance and infrastructure.

The students also urged for better facilities in schools of far-flung areas so that they can also get equal opportunities in order to compete with other students.

The Speaker assured them that all their concerns shall be raised with the concerned Minister for their early redressal.

The students expressed their gratitude to the speaker for giving them an opportunity to witness the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, it's working and conduct.

NABARD estimates priority sector credit potential of ₹49,795.58 cr for J&K

JAMMU: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has estimated a credit potential of ₹49,795.58 crore under Priority Sector for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2026-27.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo today released the focus paper during the Credit Seminar organised by NABARD.

The seminar provided a forum for the policymakers, bankers and other key stakeholders to deliberate on strategies aimed at promoting sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the launch of the focus paper by NABARD. He underscored the theme "Last Mile Credit Inclusion: Reaching the Unreached", describing the Potential Linked Plan (PLP) as a crucial planning instrument that guides credit flow and development priorities. He said that NABARD's projections are realistic and achievable, emphasizing

the need for universal coverage of Kisan Credit Cards with timely and adequate credit. He appreciated the role of RIDF in strengthening infrastructure.

Stressing a shift from subsistence to commercially viable agriculture, the Chief Secretary called for greater focus on infrastructure, processing, value addition, term lending, niche crops and suitable tweaks in KCC, highlighting medicinal and aromatic plants as income-enhancing opportunities.

The Chief Secretary advocated an integrated approach involving universities, banks and line departments. He urged attention to sectors like wool processing and fisheries and emphasized supporting SHGs and "Lakhpatti Didis" as emerging entrepreneurs through credit. He also highlighted the success of Mission YUVA, the need for skill-based lending over collateral, promotion of homestays to decentralize tourism, technology upgradation and traceability in handicrafts and described ULI as a potential game changer requiring focused rollout in J&K. He

also distributed micro ATMs among the Banking Correspondents (BCs) affiliated with J&K Grameen Bank.

The Focus Paper outlines sector-wise credit projections with a strong thrust on agriculture and allied sectors, MSMEs, farm and non-farm activities besides rural infrastructure. Emphasis has been laid on enhancing the agriculture credit flow, strengthening Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, improving productivity and area expansion in horticulture crops such as apple and saffron and promoting handloom and handicrafts through value addition, structured marketing support and Geographic Indication (GI) registration.

Earlier, Vikas Mittal, General Manager and Officer-in-Charge (GM/OIC), NABARD, highlighted NABARD's continued commitment towards strengthening rural credit flow, agriculture, allied activities, MSMEs and rural infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sat Sharma raises PM-Vishwakarma Yojana implementation in RS

NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu & Kashmir President and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Sat Sharma, CA, raised an important issue related to the implementation of the Prime Minister Vishwakarma Yojana in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir during the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha. Through an unstarred question, Sat Sharma sought detailed information from the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) regarding the enrollment of artisans under the PM-Vishwakarma Yojana in Jammu and Kashmir, the status of verification and approvals, and the disbursement of benefits including skill training, toolkit incentives, and credit support.

Chairperson DDC Kishtwar presides quarterly General Council Meeting

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KISHTWAR: Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur today presided over the Quarterly General Council Meeting here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the CEO, General Council (ADDC), Vinod Kumar Behnal, extended a warm welcome to all council members and outlined the objectives of the meeting.

During the session, the council was briefed on the Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding grievances raised in the previous General Council Meeting. Officers from line departments provided updates on the progress made in addressing these concerns. It was informed that the majority of grievances have been resolved, while efforts were underway to address the remaining issues within a stipulated time frame.

The Chairperson conducted a comprehensive review of the sector-wise physical and

financial progress of projects under the District Capex Plan, Area Development Plan, MGNREGA, PMAY-G, Awaas Plus 2.0 Survey and RGSA for FY 2025-26.

Additionally, block-specific issues and concerns related to various departments were highlighted by DDC members, who called for immediate resolution of the same. These matters were duly noted by the CEO-General Council for forwarding to the concerned departments for necessary intervention.

The Chairperson instructed the concerned officers to take prompt action to resolve the highlighted issues. She also urged executing agencies to accelerate the implementation of ongoing developmental projects and ensure their timely completion within the FY 2025-26.

Furthermore, she directed the implementing agencies to deploy resources and manpower efficiently to achieve the set targets.

The DDC Chairperson also raised several issues,

including the Ikhala Block Boundary to Marwah Road issue, Forest Clearance of Shirshi to Chicha Road, Completion of work on Sazar Bridge, Community Sanitary Complex at Lopara, slab work of Balashram Road drainage, exclusion of beneficiaries from ration cards, pending compensation of landowners and the rationalisation of teachers. She directed all departments to conduct awareness programmes at the grassroots level to promote the schemes of the Agriculture, Horticulture, Labour and other government departments. The Chairperson further called for expedited construction of Suid Bridge and Sirchi Bridge. Directions were issued to the concerned Executive Engineer to furnish the map and DPR of the Ikhala Block Boundary to Marwah Road. She stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination to eliminate bottlenecks hindering developmental works and to ensure seamless project execution.

EIACP hosts Mansar Lake tour for GCW-Parade students

JAMMU: To mark World Wetlands Day 2026, Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing (EIACP) J&K Hub on Tuesday organized an awareness and outreach programme in alignment with the global theme of "Wetlands and traditional knowledge: Celebrating cultural heritage" and the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative. The event aimed to sensitize students and the local community to the ecological, cultural and environmental significance of wetlands. Students from the Department of Environmental Sciences (EVS), Government College for Women (GCW), Parade, along with Dr. Harmanmeet Kour, HOD & Dr. Neha were taken on an educational field visit to Mansar Lake.

NOTICE

I, Ramesh Chander S/o Pashori Lal R/o H No 401, Lane No 2, Nai Basti Jammu (J&K) do hereby inform that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Driving License No. JK 2020100001760 as Rakesh Kumar instead of Ramesh Chander. I have applied for correction of my name in my Driving License. Objection, if any, conveyed within seven days of this publication.

NOTICE

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh F/o Lakshya Singh R/o Village Lower Thather, Jammu, Tehsil Jammu North, District Jammu, do hereby declare that my son name has been wrongly written in his aadhar card bearing no. 9986 2554 9602 as Laksh Singh instead of correct name is Lakshya Singh as per his school records. Anybody have any objection in this regard may contact to the concerned authority within a week of publication.

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MALOOK SINGH S/o INDER SINGH R/o MALIKOTE (Applicant) V/s 1. BDO Chassana 2. SHO Chassana 3. Chowkidar concerned (Non-Applicants)

IN THE MATTER OF:- An application for registration of date of Birth certificate u/s 13 (3) Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969.

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas the above titled applicant has filed this application for seeking direction to non-applicant for registration of birth particulars of applicant's family members. Name Malook Singh D.O.B. 20-09-1984. Whereas having through any the medium of this publication, the public at large is informed that in birth/death particulars of objection in issuance of direction with respect to registration of applicants mentioned above to the non-applicant, shall file the same before then he/she/they the court in person or through counsel or any recognized agent and contest the claim within 10days from the date of this publication, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed in this publication. If the date fixed turns to be a holiday, then the matter shall be taken up on the next following working day. Issued today on 02/02/2026 under my signature and seal of this court.

Sd/-
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The below-mentioned members have applied for registration of society namely, **"SAHYOG WELFARE SOCIETY" SITUATED AT 214/1 SANJAY NAGAR, SECTOR 1, JAMMU, J&K** in the Office of Registrar of Society under Society Registration Act, 1860. Objections if any, from individuals, Institutions, State or Semi-State Government organizations may kindly be communicated to the office of Registrar of Societies (Director, Industries and Commerce) 1st Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu by post or in person within ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper.

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2	Rakesh Singh Malhotra S/o Om Parkash Malhotra R/o H.No. 214/1 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu	Businessman	President
3	Parbhat Sharma S/o Kuldeep Sharma R/o H.No. 116-1 Sec 3 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu	Businessman	General Secretary
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5	Sham Khajuria S/o Khem Raj Khajuria R/o H.No. 77/1 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu	Businessman	Vice-President
6	Sukrat Prabhakar S/o Kuldeep Kumar Prabhakar R/o H.No. 103/1 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu	Businessman	Joint Secretary
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