

Min Satish attends annual mela at Chib Dev Sthan

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JAMMU: Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, IT, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, on Friday attended the annual mela/congregation at the revered Chib Dev Sthan at Nud, Akhnour, where he joined thousands of devotees in celebrating the rich cultural and spiritual traditions of the region.

The Minister was accorded a warm welcome by local residents, members of the mela organizing committee, religious heads, and prominent citizens. The annual congregation witnessed a large turnout of devotees from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir, reflecting the deep-rooted faith and enduring legacy associated with the historic shrine.

On the occasion, Satish Sharma paid obeisance at the sacred site and prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people. He also took part in the traditional rituals and interacted with the devotees, gaining firsthand insight into the customs and



practices that have been preserved and passed down through generations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister underscored the importance of safeguarding Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural heritage, stating that such melas and congregations are living embodiments of the region's age-old traditions, beliefs and collective identity. He said that these events not only hold religious significance but also serve as vital platforms for preserving

the indigenous customs, rituals and folklore that define the unique cultural fabric of the region.

"Events like the Chib Dev Sthan Mela are a reflection of our deep cultural roots and shared heritage. They play a crucial role in preserving the traditional values, strengthening community bonds and passing on our rich legacy to future generations," the Minister said.

Satish Sharma further

emphasized that in an era of rapid modernization, it becomes imperative to protect and promote such traditional gatherings, ensuring that the essence of local culture, rituals and community practices remains intact. He highlighted the need for collective efforts involving the government, local communities and cultural organizations to document, preserve, and promote these traditions in a sustainable

manner. The Minister reiterated the government's commitment towards preservation and promotion of cultural and religious heritage sites across Jammu and Kashmir. He stated that focused initiatives are being undertaken to enhance the infrastructure, improve accessibility and provide better facilities for the pilgrims and tourists visiting such important sites while ensuring that the sanctity and authenticity of these places are maintained. The Minister directed the concerned authorities to continue extending all necessary support for the smooth and organized conduct of such events in the future, with special attention to maintaining cleanliness, safety and basic amenities for the visiting devotees. The event concluded with traditional ceremonies, devotional performances and cultural activities, showcasing the vibrant heritage and enduring traditions of the region, while reinforcing the importance of preserving Jammu and Kashmir's unique cultural identity for generations to come.

TAD refutes misleading claims on fund utilisation

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JAMMU: The Department of Tribal Affairs (TAD) has issued a rigorous and comprehensive rebuttal to recent reports alleging that 87 per cent of funds allocated for tribal welfare schemes remain unutilised.

Terming such assertions as factually incorrect and grossly misleading, the Department clarified that these claims do not reflect the actual financial position or the nuanced nature of public fiscal cycles.

The Department, in its official communication issued in this regard, has clarified that the performance for the 2025-2026 financial year demonstrates a strategic and aggressive approach to tribal development, underpinned by the achievement of 100 per cent utilisation in several key flagship schemes.

To understand the Department's financial health, fund utilisation must be assessed scheme-wise rather than through a distorted aggregate lens. For instance, the Department has already recorded 100 per cent utilisation in critical human-capital initiatives,

including the Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students and the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY).

These funds have been fully disbursed to eligible beneficiaries, ensuring that educational support and village transformation are delivered directly to the grassroots. Similarly, the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) has witnessed near-complete utilisation at an impressive 99.85 per cent, reflecting a high level of administrative efficiency and commitment to tribal heritage and research. The Department further addressed the progress of infrastructure and district-level projects, which operate on a phased expenditure model.

Under the UT Capex Budget for Infrastructure for Tribal Welfare, over 59 per cent of expenditure has already been recorded as work progresses on the ground. While the Tribal Sub-Plan currently reflects a 23.52 per cent utilisation rate, this figure is a snapshot of payments currently under active process in district treasuries.

Min Dar assures redressal of issues to delegations

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JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Friday reiterated that the Omar Abdullah-led Government remains firmly committed to address the public issues in a timely and effective manner.

Emphasizing responsive

governance, the Minister said that a robust mechanism is in place to ensure prompt redress of grievances and to accelerate developmental initiatives across the Union Territory. During the interaction, deputations from Kishtwar, Marh and various parts of the Kashmir division apprised the Minister of a range of developmental and service-related concerns.

CUJ inaugurates two-day ICSSR sponsored national seminar

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JAMMU: The Department of Educational Studies at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) inaugurates ICSSR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on Sri Aurobindo's Vision for Human Unity: A Bharatiya Model for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The seminar was inaugurated with the blessings of Maa Saraswati and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The event commenced with the presidential address by Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu. He congratulated the Department of Educational Studies for planning and organizing the national seminar on Sri Aurobindo's Vision for Human Unity, a much needed and relevant theme which can prove to be a torch-bearing event to offer solutions to all contemporary social issues the world is facing today. He further added that Central University of Jammu always nurtures the young and dynamic learners of 21st century with such



kind of academic activities to encourage the Bharatiya Values among them in line with the NEP-2020. Prof. Jain also emphasized on the strength of Bharatiya Model of Universal brotherhood, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and its value in ensuring national and international peace specifically by enlightening the human consciousness. Prof. Asit Mantry, Head & Convenor, Department of Educational Studies, CUJ, formally welcomed the guests and dignitaries who have joined the seminar from different parts of the country, Deans and Heads of various Departments of

the University. Prof. Mantry elaborated on the need and objectives of conducting the seminar on the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and advocated that the solution of all the challenges faced by the world today lies in the spiritual philosophy of Sri Aurobindo. The event was also honored by the gracious presence of Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Sri Aurobindo Chair Professor, Panjab University, Sh. Rupesh Kumar Ji, Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarini Sadasya, Prof. Sampadananda Mishra, Director, Centre for Human Sciences, Rishikood University.

Biometric System installed in TTE lobbies of Jammu Railway Division

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JAMMU: Taking a significant stride towards railway modernization and transparency, the Jammu Railway has successfully implemented a fully biometric sign-on and sign-off system across its TTE lobbies located in Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan, Srinagar, and Pathankot. Under this new arrangement, the attendance of ticket-checking staff will now be entirely digital and Aadhaar-based.

Highlighting the features of the biometric sign-on system:

Through this biometric system, the attendance of TTEs will be tamper-proof and transparent, thereby eliminating errors associated with manual record-keeping. This system will provide real-time data regarding employee availability and duty status, ensuring more efficient workforce management.

This initiative aligns with the Government of India's 'Digital India' program and aims to enhance accountability within railway operations.

Improved staff punctuality and precise deployment will lead to better services for passengers and instill greater discipline in ticket-checking procedures.

Commenting on this system, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Shri Uchit Singhal, stated: "The objective of this biometric system is to introduce complete transparency and accountability into the working mechanism of the ticket-checking staff. It will not only eliminate human errors but also strengthen passenger services by ensuring the real-time presence of employees while on duty. We are continuously striving to align railway operations with the vision of 'Digital India' through the effective use of technology."

An Aadhaar-based digital attendance system will eliminate the possibility of record tampering.

NABARD Committee reviews Cooperative Credit Institutions

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, on Friday chaired a high-level Committee meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, to review the performance and financial health of Cooperative Credit Institutions in the Union Territory for the quarter ended December 31, 2025. The meeting was attended by Vikas Mittal, Office-in-Charge, NABARD; Manohar Lal, General Manager, NABARD; Mohammad Shafiq Chak Registrar of Cooperative Societies J&K; Representative of Reserve Bank of India; Additional Managing Director, J&K State Cooperative Bank; Managing Directors of Anantnag, Baramulla and Jammu Central Cooperative Banks and other senior officials from NABARD and Cooperative Banks.

Vikas Mittal presented a detailed overview of the financial performance of cooperative banks for the quarter ended December 31, 2025. He also highlighted the progress in implementation of turnaround plans aimed at improving the financial health and sustainability of these institutions.

The Commissioner Secretary underscored the essential role that rural cooperative banks play in ensuring credit reaches the last mile of the population. She briefed the Committee on several strategic initiatives led by the Union Government, UT Administration and NABARD such as e-PACS, M-PACS, Core Banking Solutions (CBS) and the "Cooperative Among Cooperatives" framework, all aimed at modernising the cooperative credit structure.

Yasha Mudgal further stressed the need for strengthening the cooperative credit structure to ensure financial stability, better governance and enhanced credit flow to the rural economy. She directed for timely implementation of turnaround plans, strict adherence to regulatory norms and improvement in operational efficiency across all cooperative institutions.

The Commissioner Secretary directed the Managing Director of Jammu Central Cooperative Bank (JCCB) to complete the migration audit at the earliest. She further emphasized the necessity of technology-

driven reforms, calling for expedited computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the enforcement of daily day-end operations and acceleration of digital tools like e-KYC, e-KCC and Sahakar Setu.

To ensure these reforms translate into ground-level results, Yasha Mudgal highlighted the importance of consistent monitoring through State Level (SLMIC) and District Level (DLMIC) Monitoring and Implementation Committee meetings. She noted that regular oversight is non-negotiable for successful delivery of these initiatives.

NOTICE

I, Konchok Thinley S/o Tsering Morup R/o Phyang, Leh-Ladakh UT do hereby inform that I have sold my vehicle bearing Regn No JK10A-4455 to a person namely Sangay Dorjey S/o Tsering Dorjey R/o Shey, Leh-Ladakh UT. Now, we have applied for transfer of registration of said vehicle. Objection, if any, conveyed to ARTO Leh within seven days of this publication.

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OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Fresh e-NIT No. 95 of 2025-26 Dated 25-03-2026

TENDER NOTICE FOR HIRING OF VEHICLE

e-Tenders (Online) are invited from Reputed parties / Agencies for supplying vehicle One Number Mahindra Bolero/Mahindra Scorpio or equivalent (SUV) model, on Monthly Hire-basis for official use Chief Account Officer PW(R&B) Pir Panjal Interested parties / agencies who are willing to comply with the terms and conditions annexed to this notice, may submit their bids, online, as given in the instructions for online bid submission (Annexure-A).

There should be attachments for Technical Bid (Annexure-A), and Tender Acceptance Letter (Annexure-C). The Financial Bid / Bids will be taken up only if the technical specifications are found satisfactory; otherwise the Tender will be straight way rejected.

Details of tender notice are available on the website:- <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app>

The details of the Vehicle to be hired are as under:

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Vehicles required	Usage
1.	Hiring of vehicle Bolero/Mahindra Scorpio or equivalent (SUV) model on monthly rental basis for Chief Account Officer PW(R&B) Department Pir Panjal (without Driver & fuel),	01 (One)	To be used on daily basis 24 hours.
A. Recommendation order No:- CEP/R&B/2025-26/0 405-06 Dated:-20-12-2025			
B. Rates are to be quoted inclusive of all taxes for the vehicle which may be diesel version for on amount Rs.3,0000 PM. (Max)			

Data Sheet

Item	Description
Name of the Hirer	Chief Account Officer PW(R&B) Department Pir Panjal (Head Office Rajouri)
Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Reasi
Tender Name	Hiring of Vehicle
Method of Selection	Open e-Tender
Availability of Tender Documents	To be downloaded from https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app
Date and time of Tender notice issuance	25.03.2026 at
Period of availability of Bidding Documents on website https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app	26.03.2026 to 02.04.2026 at 04:00 PM
Bid Submission start date	26.03.2026
EMD :-7000/-	EMD Pledge to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Reasi
Cost Of Tender Document:- 600/-	Rupees Six Hundred (<i>non-refundable</i>) only in the form of e-challan/treasury challan/Receipt in favour Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Reasi by crediting the requisite charges to MH 0059-PWD (Revenue)
Last date and time for Bid/Proposal submission (On or before)	02.04.2026 at 04:00 PM
Bid Opening Time, Date & Venue	12:00 PM on 03-04-2026 in the office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Reasi
Language of Bid Submission	ENGLISH
Currency	Indian Rupees (INR)
Period of Hiring	365 days.

e-Tender for hiring of Motor Vehicle for official use Of Chief Account Officer PW (R&B) Department Pir Panjal (Head Office Rajouri) **Document Download:** Tender documents may be downloaded from JK Tender Portal at <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app>. Aspiring Bidders who have not enrolled / registered in e-procurement should enroll / register before participating through the website. The portal enrolment is free of cost. Bidders are advised to go through instructions provided at **Annexure D** regarding Instructions for Online Bid Submission.

Bid Submission:

Bids shall be submitted online only on Jktenders website : <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app>. Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document.

- Tenderers can access Tender documents on the website, fill them with all relevant information and submit the completed Tender document into electronic Tender on website <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgp/app>
- Tenders and supporting documents shall be uploaded through e-procurement portal. **Hard copy of the Tender documents shall not be accepted.**
- Tenderer should ensure that the documents being uploaded by him/her are legible, and wherever possible scanned copy of the original document should be uploaded instead of Xerox copy.

No:- 9979-84
Dated:- 25.03.2026

(Er. Pawan Kumar Bogia)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
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