

CS directs deptts to expedite pending reforms under D-BRAP

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday convened a meeting to assess the progress achieved under the District Business Reforms Action Plan (D-BRAP)-2025 across various districts and departments of Jammu and Kashmir. The reforms are being implemented under the guidance of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The meeting, coordinated by the Industries & Commerce Department, was attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, senior officers, Director Industries Jammu, and other concerned officials.

Taking a comprehensive department-wise review of services and reform parameters mandated under D-BRAP, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of these reforms in improving citizen welfare and fostering a conducive business environment across the Union Territory. He emphasized that the initiative is pivotal in enhancing ease of living as well as ease of doing business at the grassroots level.

Directing the Industries & Commerce Department to strengthen coordination with line departments and district administrations, the Chief Secretary observed that while a majority of reform conditions have



already been complied with, focused efforts are required to ensure timely completion of the remaining points.

He stressed the need for capacity building within departments and districts to implement pending reforms effectively in letter and spirit. He further directed Deputy Commissioners to designate a senior officer in their respective offices for daily monitoring of D-BRAP implementation to prevent any bottlenecks or delays.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment to reform-driven governance, the Chief Secretary instructed all departments to ensure 100 percent implementation of the prescribed reforms within the next few months. He asserted that the pace of reforms must be sustained and

tangible outcomes achieved without exception.

Highlighting the importance of seamless coordination from grassroots to the highest administrative level, he stressed that the reforms must translate into real, measurable benefits for citizens and businesses by simplifying procedures, reducing compliance burdens, and improving service delivery mechanisms as per its original spirit.

Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh, presented the overall framework of D-BRAP, informing the meeting that DPIIT has identified 46 services across 15 departments for mandatory digitization.

He further apprised that the department has developed a dedicated

service dashboard, with access provided to all Deputy Commissioners, enabling real-time monitoring of service delivery through the JKSW portal. Regular review meetings are also being conducted with Deputy Commissioners and departmental nodal officers to ensure effective implementation of the reform plan.

Taking this occasion, Director Industries, Jammu, Arun Manhas, briefed the meeting on the department-wise categorization of services and outlined the specific roles and responsibilities of departments and district administrations. He also presented the current online status of services along with their PSGA notification status.

The meeting was informed that a real-time monitoring dashboard, developed in line with DPIIT guidelines, captures key aspects of e-services and inspection modules, thereby facilitating effective oversight and performance tracking.

It was further apprised that DPIIT has launched D-BRAP 2025, comprising 154 reform points to be implemented by all States and Union Territories. In Jammu & Kashmir, departments have been tasked with developing new or upgrading existing services to ensure full compliance. Significant progress has already been achieved, with most reform points complied with by the departments.

NHM employees call off strike, meet Min Sakeena

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JAMMU: The 48-hour strike observed by NHM employees across Jammu Division & Kashmir Division was called off on the second day following a constructive meeting with the Hon'ble Health Minister, Jammu & Kashmir Sakeena Masood Itoo.

The strike was organized on the call of the UT Level Coordination Committee of All J&K National Health Mission Employees Association (JKNHMEA) in support of the long-pending demands of NHM employees, observed across UT Jammu & Kashmir.

On the first day, NHM employees observed a complete strike across Jammu & Kashmir, highlighting their genuine demands including formulation of a comprehensive job policy, immediate pay revision, social security benefits including retirement benefits, extension of EPF benefits to all cadres, implementation of payment parity, loyalty benefits, and other long-pending issues.

On the second day, the Hon'ble Health Minister J&K Sakeena Masood Itoo and Mission Director NHM J&K Akriti Sagar (IAS) called upon the UT Level Coordination Committee of NHM Employees J&K, headed by Provincial President Jammu Dr. Vikas Sharma, Provincial President Kashmir Muneer Ahmed Andrabi & UT President NTEP (RNTCP) J&K Musadiq Rafiq along with Sr Representatives of the Association, at Civil Secretariat Jammu.

During the meeting, the Association apprised the Hon'ble Health Minister about the genuine issues



being faced by NHM employees and sought their early and immediate redressal. The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient hearing and acknowledged the significant role played by NHM employees in strengthening the healthcare delivery system. She stated that NHM plays an important role in the health system and termed the issues of NHM employees as genuine. She further assured the delegation that a detailed review meeting will be held shortly to examine all the issues and work towards their resolution. Following the assurances received during the meeting, the Association decided to call off the 48-hour strike in the larger interest of public healthcare services and resumed duties. However, the Association also set a time-bound ultimatum to the Govt of two months, stating that in case the issues are not addressed within a reasonable timeframe, NHM employees will again be compelled to intensify their agitation and take to the roads.

Earlier, the protest was held under the leadership of Provincial President, NHM Jammu Division,

Dr. Vikas Sharma, with the aim of drawing the attention of the Govt towards the plight of thousands of NHM employees who have been serving in the healthcare sector for nearly two decades without job security and adequate social benefits. The Association expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Health Minister and Mission Director NHM J&K for holding the meeting and giving positive assurances. The Association also extended heartfelt thanks to all NHM employees across Jammu & Kashmir for their overwhelming participation and maintaining unity during the protest.

The Association further thanked various employee organizations, including J&K Medical Employees Federation, J&K EJAC and All CHOs Association J&K for extending their valuable support and solidarity during the strike.

The Association also appealed to all NHM employees across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to remain united and continue their collective efforts for achieving justice and resolution of their long-pending demands.

BJP poised for record third triumph with increased margin in Assam: Sunil Sharma

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ASSAM: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is poised to script history in Assam, securing a decisive and record-breaking third consecutive victory, marked by an increased seat share and winning margin, stated Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly and Co-Incharge for Assam Elections.

Sunil Sharma, reinforcing this momentum, was addressing a massive public rally in Lakhimpur, Assam. The rally witnessed an overwhelming turnout, drawing

enthusiastic participation from people across all sections of society, reflecting growing public confidence in the BJP's leadership.

Sunil Sharma, addressing the gathering, highlighted the party's transformative governance model and its unwavering focus on development, stability, and inclusive growth. He emphasized that the visible enthusiasm and strong grassroots support clearly indicate a decisive mandate in favour of the BJP. The energy and trust shown by the people of Lakhimpur are a clear reflection of the public's faith in the BJP's

vision. Assam is ready to continue on the path of progress, and the BJP is set to secure a resounding victory, he stated.

Sunil Sharma further reiterated the party's commitment to accelerating infrastructure development, strengthening welfare initiatives, and ensuring inclusive empowerment for all sections of society. He underscored that the BJP government has consistently worked towards improving connectivity, boosting economic opportunities, and enhancing the overall quality of life for citizens.

Omar Govt focused on revitalizing far-flung areas of UT: Rattan Lal

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JAMMU: National Conference Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta, has lauded the efforts of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, asserting that his government has successfully brought far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir back on the development radar. Gupta made these remarks during an interaction with a delegation from Bhalesa, Doda, headed by Mohd Iqbal Bhat former MLC and Zonal Vice President Chenab Valley Zone who met him at the party's

provincial headquarters, Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu. The visiting delegation expressed their gratitude for the renewed focus on the remote areas of the Chenab Valley under the Omar Abdullah-led government. They highlighted the progress made since Omar's tenure, especially in addressing the region's long-neglected developmental needs. However, the delegation also pointed out several challenges that continue to hinder the area's growth, particularly due to the decade-long misrule under the BJP government.

BJP Mahila Morcha felicitates HP Governor Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Mahila Morcha led by its President Adv. Neha Mahajan, felicitated Kavinder Gupta at his residence in Jammu, on his appointment as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

Kavinder Gupta expressed his sincere gratitude to the Mahila Morcha team for their warm wishes and continued support. He appreciated the pivotal role played by women in strengthening the organization at the grassroots level and encouraged them to continue working with the same dedication and enthusiasm.

Neha Mahajan congratulated Kavinder Gupta on his remarkable journey and dedicated service to the nation and the party. She expressed confidence that under his visionary leadership, the state of Himachal Pradesh will achieve new



milestones of progress and development.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from the entire state team of Mahila Morcha, reflecting the unity, strength, and commitment of the organization. Many Mahila Mor-

cha members from District Jammu, Jammu South, Samba, and Kathua marked their presence on the occasion.

The Mahila Morcha members felicitated the Governor with traditional honours and conveyed their

best wishes for his successful and impactful tenure.

The event concluded on a positive and inspiring note, showcasing the unwavering commitment and collective spirit of BJP Mahila Morcha towards nation-building and organizational growth.

Progress of civic works reviewed

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Thursday reviewed the working of the Municipal Council and assessed the progress of on-going development works in Kishtwar town.

At the outset, the MC Executive Officer Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal shared detailed insights on the current status of the 32 works being executed by the Urban Body, including the Town Beautification Project and Central Drainage works.

DC directed the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) to expedite all these works and ensure timely completion, including the works under CSR.

The DC also instructed to clear the decks for establishing Material Recovery Facility to improve waste management in the town. He further directed the concerned officers to

start work on the Automated Car Parking Project proposed to be developed near Ashiana Orphanage. The EO was directed to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness in the town as well as in surrounding areas.

The DC, while laying special emphasis, directed the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kishtwar to start work on Rs 4.21 crore Central Drainage Project at the earliest and complete the same within one month.

Taking note of road damage caused by wastewater, the DC directed the committee formed earlier by the DC to check unauthorized service stations without proper drainage and seal them if found violating norms. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for timely execution of all works and better coordination among departments for the overall development of Kishtwar.

Shobha Yatra taken out to mark Mahavir Jayanti

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, the Rashtriya Bajrang Dal organized a grand Shobha Yatra and rally, continuing its annual tradition. The procession commenced from Om Palace in Shakti Nagar and, after passing through various routes, concluded back at Shakti Nagar.

The religious and cultural event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the organization Movement Kalki. Key members including Shri Pritam Sharma (Advisor), Deepak Singh (Founder & Organization Minister), and Thakur Kalyan Chand Ji led a large number of workers during the procession.


A remarkable participation of women power was also seen in the event. Under the leadership of Sapna Hindu, women actively contributed to the success of the program. Promi-

nent participants included Sushma Sharma, Antu Kotpal, and Anuradha Yogi, among others.

During the Shobha Yatra, the atmosphere resonated with chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Veer Bajrangji," creating a deeply devotional environment. Speakers highlighted that Hanuman is the living deity of Kalyug, and anyone who seeks his refuge is freed from sorrow. They emphasized that merely remembering his name removes all obstacles, fears, and negative energies.

Speakers also urged followers of Sanatan Dharma to actively participate in such religious events and preserve their culture and traditions. They spoke about Hanuman Ji's unparalleled devotion to Lord Ram, his bravery, and the episode of Lanka Dahana.

On this occasion, Movement Kalki also spread awareness about the service and protection of Gau Mata.



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. PWD/SE/KS/54 of 2025-26 **Dated:-27-03-2026**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on **percentage rate basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with **Union Territory of J&K/CPWD / BRO/ Railways/ PES/JK-DOMS/ and other State/ Central Government** for the work mentioned below:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of building for Deputy CEO Office, Kathua HQ Billawar and ZEO Office Billawar at Billawar. (Under Capex Budget 2025-26 UT Sector) (Civil part)	PWD (R&B) Division Billawar	204.53	6000/-	4,09,060/- (2% of the Advertised Cost)	24 Month (in cl. all rainy days)	(1400 Hrs) on or after 17-04-2026	"A" Class

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of Tech. sanction = Accorded
Head of account = UT Capex Budget 2025-26

The Bidding documents consist of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27.03.2026
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 28.03.2026 to 16.04.2026 at 1600 Hrs.
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13.04.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle, Kathua
4.	Bid submission Start Date	28.03.2026 From 1000 Hrs.
5.	Bid Submission End Date	16.04.2026 up to 1600 Hrs.
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17.04.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle, Kathua.
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of challan through Treasury indicating the name of work/e-NIT No. favouring Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua- Samba Circle Kathua by crediting to 0059-PWD (Revenue) issued after issuance of e-NIT No. & Date, uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt issued after the advertisement of e-NIT. The date on challan should be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date.**
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle Kathua.** The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:-**
1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in e-NIT and SBD as a part of technical bid.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

- EMD in shape of FDR/CDR/BG pledged to **Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle Kathua** should be 2% of the advertised cost & **made in between date of start of bid submission & bid submission end date. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 days beyond the bid validity period. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:**
 - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.**
 - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issuance of letter of acceptance.**
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of issuance of allotment of work.**
- Performance Security: Within 21 (Twenty one) days after the date of receipt of the letter of Acceptance, the successful bidder/ contractor shall deliver to the Employer/concerned authority, a Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee for an amount equivalent to 3% of the contract price. The performance security shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period/maintenance period.**

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