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Chaired a high level meeting today at Raj Bhavan Jammu to review the rescue & relief operations, restoration of essential services and preparedness of UT's and concerned central agencies, Army, NDRF, CAPFs to deal with the situation arising out of incessant rain and floods.

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We pay solemn tribute to BSF Braveheart Constable (GD) Rajib Nunia, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty while serving the nation on 27 August 2025 during operational deployment along the International Boundary in the Akhnoor area of District Jammu. He attained martyrdom with unwavering courage, commitment, and dedication. His sacrifice will always be remembered and honoured. DG BSF and all ranks express their deepest condolences to his family.

In History

INDIAN CONSTITUTION:
The Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution was appointed, chaired by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 28 August 1947. This pivotal event laid the foundation for the creation of the permanent Constitution of independent India.

In Numbers

DELHI-AMRITSAR-KATRA EXPRESSWAY:
The under-construction Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway will shorten the Jammu-Delhi distance by 450 km, slashing travel time by nearly half.

Traffic Signs

TRUCK PROHIBITED:
As sign itself speaks the area designated is a no entry zone for Trucks or HMV. These could be narrow lanes or congested areas where entry of heavy transport vehicle could obstruct smooth flow of traffic.

CBT exam postponed

JAMMU: According to a notification issued by the Registrar Recruitment, J&K High court, in view of the inclement weather and heavy rainfall, it is hereby notified for information of all the candidates who had to appear in the online CBT Examination for the post of Reader, Level-8 (47600-151800) advertised pursuant to Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2025/RR/RC dated 26.05.2025, that the examination for the said post which was scheduled to be held on 28.08.2025 in different centers both at Jammu and Srinagar, stands postponed and shall now be conducted on 13.09.2025.

Further, the candidates are informed to download their admit cards afresh, which shall be made available on the official website of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh w.e.f., 06.09.2025.

56 SDRF personnel promoted

JAMMU: The Departmental Promotion Committee of HG/CD & SDRF J&K met today here under the chairmanship of Alok Kumar, Commandant General Homeguards, Civil Defence & SDRF J&K and the proceedings resulted in promotion of 56 SDRF personnel to their next rank i.e, Sub-Inspector (20), Asstt. Sub-Inspector (18) and Head Constable (18).

The Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K has congratulated the promoted officers/officials and encouraged them to perform their duties with similar zeal and enthusiasm in future also.

Azad expresses grief over floods

JAMMU: Former Chief Minister, Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad has expressed deep sorrow over the recent floods in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Jammu province. He said the cloudburst in Bhalesha has caused massive destruction, damaging several properties, while in parts of Jammu many houses and shops have also been affected. Azad said it is extremely unfortunate that precious lives have also been lost in Katra due to the calamity. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for strength to bear the irreparable loss. He said, "The loss of lives in Katra is deeply tragic. The government must ensure proper relief and extend immediate assistance to the families who have lost their loved ones in this disaster." He appealed to the people to remain vigilant and stay in safer places until the situation improves. Azad urged the government to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the people, provide immediate relief, adequate compensation to the affected families, and ex-gratia to the kin of those who lost their lives. He further said, "Even in several parts of Kashmir the water level has crossed the danger mark. The government must take necessary arrangements to ensure the safety of the people. Shelter sheds must be arranged immediately for those who have lost their homes and they must be shifted to safer places."

Police cracks theft case, recovers stolen items

JAMMU: In a breakthrough, the Janipur Police have solved a theft case registered at Police Station Janipur. The case was lodged by Shamima Banoo, resident of Upper Paloura, Gujjar Mohalla, Janipur, Jammu, who reported theft at her residence.

Acting swiftly, the Janipur Police team, led by SHO Inspector Vikram Sharma, under the supervision of SDPO City West Dr. Satish Bhardwaj and SP City North arrested the accused, Rajinder Sharma, son of Subash Sharma, resident of Old Janipur, Jammu. During interrogation, the accused disclosed the location of the stolen items, which were subsequently recovered from his possession. The recovered items include household appliances.

The Janipur Police's prompt action and professional approach have ensured the recovery of stolen property, reflecting their commitment to maintaining law and order in the region. Further investigation is ongoing.

Rana instructs officers to remain on high alert; reviews flood measures

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the flood preparedness and response mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to CM 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 Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood Monitoring Station, Sangam, and re-



viewed 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 Admin-

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

Dr Karan Singh seeks Govt's support to tackle rain crisis

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Karan Singh, has expressed deep shock and anguish over the devastating natural calamities that have struck the State, particularly the Jammu region.

In a handout issued on Wednesday, the nonagenarian leader said, "While greeting everyone on Ganesh Chaturthi, I

must express my shock and horror at the natural calamities that have hit the State, particularly the Jammu region. I extend my deep sympathy to the bereaved families of those who have perished, and pray for speedy recovery of those injured."

The former Member Parliament hoped that the Central Government will extend all necessary support to the State administration to deal effectively with the current crisis.



VC JDA conducts inspection of flood-affected areas



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JAMMU: In the aftermath of the unprecedented rainfall witnessed yesterday, the Vice Chairman (VC), 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 VC 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. VC 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.

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.

ACB arrests JE, 2 others for accepting bribe in Budgam

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) received a written complaint alleging therein that one Mohammad Irfan Ganaie, Junior Engineer of electric Department posted at Pakherpora Charar-i-Sharief area is demanding RS 5000 as bribe through other two subordinate employees, for relocation of HT line passing adjacent to the house of complainant.

The complainant, unwilling to pay the bribe, approached ACB to take legal action. Consequent upon the information and in order to verify the allegation leveled in the complaint, the matter was discreetly verified through a designated officer of ACB Srinagar.

On the basis of contents of the complaint, findings and recommendations by the verifying officer, offence under section 7, 12 of the Prevention

of Corruption Act 1988 (Amended-2018) r/w section 61(2) BNS, was prima facie made out against PDD Employee namely (1) Mohammad Irfan Ganie(-JE PDD) S/o Mohammad Sultan Ganie R/o Kamrazipora Pulwama, (2) Abid Hussain Wani (Line-man) S/o Abdul Rashid Wani R/o Pakherpora Charar-i-Sharief, and (3) Sajad Ahmad Mir (PDL) S/o Abdul Rashid Mir R/o Pakherpora Charar-i-Sharief. Accordingly case FIR number 17/2025 was registered in PS ACB Srinagar against accused public servants and investigation was taken up.

During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted and deputed to Pakherpora Charar-i-Sharief, Budgam. The team laid a successful trap and the trio were arrested while demanding and accepting bribe of RS 5,000 from the complainant. Further investigation into the case is going on.

AEE suspended for unauthorized absence

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, has ordered the suspension of Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) JPDCI 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) JPDCI 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 JPDCI Nowshera has been directed to look after the routine work of the Sunderbani Sub-Division. Further, the Executive Engineer JPDCI 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.

8 SEs elevated as in-charge CEs

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JAMMU: In a significant administrative move aimed at strengthening leadership and ensuring uninterrupted delivery of public services, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved the placement of eight in-charge Superintending Engineers as in-charge Chief Engineers in the Jal Shakti Department on Wednesday.

The decision, taken under exceptional circumstances by the department led by Jal Shakti Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana, is part of a broader strategy to reinforce managerial oversight and operational efficiency across key infrastructural sectors under the department's purview.

The move comes in light of pressing administrative exigencies and the need to ensure continuity in the functioning of critical divisions within the Jal Shakti Department and its allied organizations.

The placements have been made to provide leadership support at the Chief Engineer level in view of existing vacancies, without allowing

any disruption in project execution or departmental operations.

As per Government Order issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department Shaleen Kabra, eight officers namely Er. Mohd Hanief, Er. Showkat Hussain, Er. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Er. Jugal Kishore Nagotra, Er. Naseeb Chand, Er. Dev Raj Bhagat, Er. Zakir Hussain and Er. Muneer Hussain have been temporary placed as In-charge Chief Engineers. Subsequently, after placement, the officers were posted in various wings of Jal Shakti department. Er. Mohd Hanief has been posted as in-charge Chief Engineer, PHE Jammu; Er. Showkat Hussain as in-charge Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control, Kashmir; Er. Rakesh Kumar Gupta as in-charge Chief Engineer, PHE Kashmir; Er. Jugal Kishore Nagotra as in-charge Chief Engineer, UEED, J&K whereas Er. Naseeb Chand, Er. Dev Raj Bhagat, Er. Zakir Hussain, and Er. Muneer Hussain have been placed at the disposal of JKPDC for further assignment.

Satish reviews post-flood situation

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma, on Wednesday 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 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 necessary support and relief.

Sakeena expresses grief over loss of lives

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JAMMU: 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.

Drug peddler booked under PITNDPS Act

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Taking stringent action against notorious drug peddlers and smugglers involved in illicit narcotics trade, Samba Police has booked a notorious drug peddler under Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act for his continues involvement in spreading drug menace in the area. The notorious drug peddler detained under PITNDPS Act has

been identified as Yogeshwar Singh @ Jebu S/o Yashpaul Singh R/o Udh Mandi, Gurah Slathia, tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba. The drug peddler has involved in different cases registered against him at Police Station Vijaypur for his role in promoting the drug trade by supplying narcotics to people especially youth of the area. In view of repeated indulgence of notorious drug peddler Yogeshwar Singh @ Jebu in illicit drug trafficking in the area.