

Div Com Kashmir reviews flood preparedness amid inclement weather

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SRINAGAR: In view of the inclement weather across Kashmir division, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg convened an urgent meeting to assess the readiness of departments & district administrations to respond to any emergency and potential threat of floods in low-lying areas.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner SMC, CEO ERA, and senior officials from various key departments including ULB, FCS&CA, Education, IMD, Radio Kashmir, Doordarshan, I&FC, KPDC, MED, UEED, R&B, BSNL, SDRF, NDRF, SRTC, PHE, BEACON and others.

At the outset, Div Com took a detailed district-wise assessment of the flood situation, including the mapping of vulnerable areas and operational status of district-level control rooms. He reviewed the availability of essential supplies, readiness of man-

power and machinery, deployment of resource personnel, and evacuation contingency plans.

Garg emphasized the importance of activating communication channels to ensure real-time information dissemination to both officials and the public. He directed Deputy Commissioners to update contact lists of district and tehsil-level committee members and to formulate backup communication plans in case of telecommunication breakdown.

Div Com also instructed departments to update logistics and resource data on the official portal and ensure all relevant information is accessible via a centralized dashboard.

To strengthen preparedness, he called for immediate clearance of debris from roads affected by landslides, facilitating the movement of emergency services and supplies.

Commissioner of SMC informed the meeting that 49 mobile dewatering pumps had been deployed in waterlogged areas across the city.

Officials from the Meteorological department informed the gathering that there is currently no imminent flood threat, and the weather is expected to improve later in the evening.

Div Com reiterated that all departments must remain on high alert and work in close coordination to ensure public safety and a prompt response to any emerging situation.

Later, Div Com visited Hari Niwas to inspect the operation and functioning of UT level Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) where he checked the consolidated data of the centre and distress calls received from the general public. He also assessed the timely response provided to address the issues.

Meanwhile, he has appealed to the public to reach out to the UT level EOC at 0194-2502254, 0194-2950767/1070 for any assistance.

Div Com was accompanied by DIG Police, DC Srinagar, Commissioner SMC and other officers of I&FC and line departments.



Showkat Mir chairs key meeting with senior party functionaries from Batamaloo-Shaltaing Constituency

SRINAGAR: J&K National Conference Provincial President Showkat Mir Wednesday chaired a meeting with senior party functionaries of the Urban Local Body from the Batamaloo-Shaltaing constituency at the party headquarters, Nawa-e-Subha, Srinagar. Prominent among those present were District President Srinagar Pir Afaq, senior district functionaries Qaisar Jalali and Pir Ghulam Nabi, among others. The meeting featured in-depth discussions on key party affairs, organizational matters, and pressing public issues. The gathering emphasised strengthening grassroots engagement and enhancing the party's outreach in the constituency.

DC Baramulla directs officers to stay alert, ensure timely response

BARAMULLA: To reviewed preparedness measures in view of the prevailing weather conditions, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting with officers of essential service departments including Flood & Irrigation, PDD, R&B, Health and others, at the DC office meeting hall Baramulla.

The meeting served importance following the forecast of heavy rainfall that may lead to a rise in water levels of River Jhelum, Wular Lake, and other water bodies.

On the occasion, DC directed all concerned departments to remain fully alert and ensure close coordination for timely response. He stressed on mobilizing resources, keeping emergency teams ready, and safeguarding life and property in case of any eventuality.

Meanwhile, the district administration has issued an advisory urging residents of low-lying and flood-prone areas to remain cautious, avoid venturing into deep waters, and stay updated through official sources. People have also been advised to safeguard children, elderly persons, and livestock, and to keep essential supplies and important documents safely stored.

On the occasion, DC also said that the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) is fully functional round-the-clock and can be contacted on helpline numbers 01952-234343, 7006951766, 7006493646 for any emergency assistance.

DC Ganderbal chairs NCORD meeting, directs vigorous enforcement against drug menace

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GANDERBAL: To assess and reinforce the district's anti-narcotics efforts, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today chaired the monthly meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) at the V.C. Room of DC office Ganderbal.

At the outset, DC took a department-wise review of progress on enforcement, awareness, treatment, and rehabilitation. Officers from concerned departments viz. Health, Education, Revenue, Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare presented updates against the Action Taken Report on directives issued in the previous NCORD meeting

The functioning of the Drug De-addiction Centre was reviewed meticulously and the Chief Medical Officer was directed to explore the possibility of making IPD facilities



available at the Centre. While reviewing the status of computer billing and installation of CCTV cameras by medical shops, the District Drug Inspector informed that 97 percent shops have

switched to computer billing systems and 100 percent CCTV camera installation is also ensured.

DC directed for active enforcement to achieve 100% computer billing within the next 1 month.

Status of NDPS cases was also reviewed and Police and Prosecution departments were directed to ensure timely investigations, charge sheeting and trial proceedings in all NDPS cases.

Excise department was asked to intensify wild cannabis destruction drives across the district. Chief Education Officer (CEO) was directed to conduct drug de-addiction awareness campaigns during morning assemblies, particularly in high schools.

Emphasizing the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach, DC called for focusing on prevention, surveillance, and community engagement to effectively combat the drug menace.

DC visits several areas of Kulgam, assesses situation arisen due to incessant rains

KULGAM: In the wake of adverse weather condition, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, visited Laisoo, Gudder, Chawgam, Chambagund and other areas to assess the ground situation arisen due to incessant rains in the district.

DC said that people from vulnerable spots were shifted to safer places as a precautionary measure, adding that the district administration is on high alert with men and machinery fully geared up to tackle any eventuality.

Div Com Kashmir monitors Jhelum Water Levels amid looming flood threat

SRINAGAR: In view of the ongoing spell of incessant rainfall across the Valley, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg conducted an on-ground inspection at Ram Munshi Bagh this morning to assess the water levels of River Jhelum.

During the visit, Div Com reviewed real-time gauge readings from various monitoring stations and was briefed on the historical flood trends of River Jhelum and its tributaries, along with the current rainfall statistics in the catchment areas.

DC Baramulla undertakes extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division

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BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa conducted an extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division to take first hand appraisal of developmental works, administrative initiatives and grievances pertaining to the region.

The visit was aimed at assessing on-ground developmental issues and engaging directly with the local population living close to the border to resolve any infrastructural and service delivery challenges faced by them.

During the visit, DC met the locals at various

border villages of Uri including Hathlanga, Isham and adjoining areas where the people projected several developmental issues including infrastructure for school buildings, uninterrupted power supply, and demand for individual bunkers.

DC gave a patient hearing to all the concerns raised by the villagers and assured the public that the administration is committed to the development and welfare of border residents, and all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

He issued on-spot directions to the concerned officers to take up the issues raised by the local

DC Baramulla visits PHC Boniyar, distributes Nutritional Kits among TB patients

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BARAMULLA: In order to take firsthand appraisal of the services being provided to patients, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, visited Primary Health Centre (PHC) Boniyar.

The visit, which spanned across all sections of the hospital

During the visit, DC was provided with a detailed overview of the healthcare facilities available at PHC Boniyar including the current infrastructure, medical staff, and the array of services offered to the community.

He interacted with the

TB patients of the area and distributed Nutritional Support Kits among them as part of the Government's initiative to ensure better recovery outcomes and to supplement their treatment with adequate dietary support.

Later, DC chaired a seminar on Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Uri, organized by the district administration in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation with the objective of strengthening Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) skills among students of Grades 3 to 5.

Speaking on the occasion, Minga Sherpa highlighted the significance of TaRL as an effective intervention to bridge learning gaps, particularly for the young school going students in rural and far-flung areas.

Resource persons from Pratham gave a detailed presentation on the methodology of TaRL and also conducted interactive sessions with teachers to build their capacity in implementing the programme effectively in classrooms. DC was accompanied by the SDM Uri and CMO Baramulla and other officers during the visit.

DC Ganderbal reviews functioning of Rural Development Department

GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting to review the overall functioning of the Rural Development Department (RDD) in the district.

The meeting reviewed the submission of estimates for various works approved under CAPEX 2025-26, functioning of Panchayat Ghars, and the status of projects under Solid Waste Management (SWM), Plastic Waste Management, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), and Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) across the district.

Executive Engineer RDD briefed the chair on the status of estimations received from the Block Development Officers (BDOs), tendering progress, and ongoing works.

DC directed all BDOs to submit estimates of all approved works within two days to facilitate timely tendering and ensure that projects are allotted and initiated without delay.

Discussing the status of Panchayat Ghars and land availability issues in some panchayats, DC instructed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) to identify suitable land in the affected panchayats in coordination with Tehsildars and resolve any land-related bottlenecks to expedite the construction of Panchayat Ghars. Similarly all BDOs were instructed to review the status of construction of various assets under SBM(G) and expedite their completion.

Reiterating the district administration's commitment to equitable and holistic development of all blocks, DC urged officers to work in close coordination and focus on timely implementation of all developmental works.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; Chief Planning Officer, ACP, Executive Engineer RDD, and all BDOs of the district.

56 SDRF Personnel Promoted

SRINAGAR: 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.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah expresses grief over death of people in Katra landslide, Jammu floods

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah Wednesday expressed sorrow and concern over the devastating floods that have severely impacted several areas of the Jammu region.

He has expressed grief over the death of over 30 pilgrims who died in a tragic landslide while performing the yatra towards Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. He expressed condolences to the families of the deceased and prayed for swift recovery of the injured.

In his message, Dr. Abdullah extended his condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones, homes, property, and livestock in this calamity.

He appreciated the swift and compassionate response of the J&K govt under the leadership of Omar Abdullah.

3rd National Lok Adalat in Srinagar on September-13

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SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar is going to organize 3rd National Lok Adalat on 13 September, 2025 in the premises of District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar.

Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar or before the Court of Additional Mobile Magistrate TFC Panthachowk and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims / matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach the concerned Courts by or before 04 September, 2025.

Besides parties whose cases are not pending (i.e. Pre Litigation matters) in any court but desires to settle their disputes can also approach the office of the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar by or before 04 September, 2025, so that their cases, claims or matters can be settled amicably in the National Lok Adalat.

Both pre-litigation and pending in court cases shall be taken up for settlement. Pre Litigation cases include NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non compoundable), and Maintenance cases, besides other (Criminal compoundable, and other civil disputes).

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He appealed to NGOs, civil society organizations, and citizens to come forward in solidarity to support the ongoing relief efforts.

Dr. Farooq, Omar Abdullah extend greetings on auspicious occasion of Khwaja Digar

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President and Honorable Chief Minister of J&K Omar Abdullah have extended heartfelt greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Khwaja Digar, to be observed at the revered shrine of Hazrat Naqshband Sahib (RA) at Khawaja Bazaar in Srinagar on the third day of Rabi-ul-Awal.

In his message, Dr. Farooq Abdullah said that the centuries-old tradition of

offering congregational Asr prayers on this day at the shrine is deeply rooted in the socio-cultural fabric of Kashmir. "It is a day when people from all walks of life gather in unity to offer prayers and supplications, seeking spiritual strength and communal harmony," he said. He further added that on this sacred occasion, religious scholars reflect on the life, teachings, and immense contributions of Hazrat Khawaja Baha-ud-Din Naqshband Bukhari (RA), a revered figure held in the highest esteem by the people of Kashmir.

DC Shopian visits Zainapora subdivision, assesses ground situation along Rambiar River

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SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today visited Wandina, Melhura and other adjoining areas of Zainapora subdivision to ascertain water levels amid the adverse weather conditions.

The visit was aimed to assess the current and emerging situation in the low lying areas of the subdivision along the Rambiar River. District administration Shopian is keeping close vigil over the emerging situation and staff has been deputed in the vulnerable low lying areas to keep vigil on the water levels.

Earlier in the early morn-

ing hours, as a precautionary measure, 10 nomadic families residing in Wanduna have been safely relocated to safer places by the sub divisional administration Zainapora. The local administration was instructed by DC to remain alert and the people were asked to adhere to the guidelines of the government and contact helpline numbers, already publicized, in case of emergency. DC emphasized close monitoring of water levels and timely dissemination of information to the public. DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; ACR, SDM, Tehsildar and other officers/ officials during the visit.

FSD conducts food safety enforcement drives in Shopian

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SHOPIAN: The Food Safety department (FSD) Shopian conducted a targeted enforcement drive today across meat/mutton shops within the district.

The operation aimed at ensuring compliance with food safety and hygiene regulations, safeguarding public health, and curbing

violations in the meat/mutton trade.

During inspection, 09 FBOs (Food Business Operators) were compounded under section 69 of FSS Act for violations observed during the drive.

Four FBOs were recommended for action under the unsanitary conditions provisions of the Act in the court of the Adjudicating Officer (ADC) under food safety.

Several shopkeepers were warned that continuing non-compliance would result in stricter consequences.

Shopkeepers were urged to maintain high standards of hygiene and adhere strictly to all regulatory provisions, besides they were also cautioned against hanging carcasses outside the shop,

to maintain proper market hygiene and regulatory compliance.

The department reiterated its commitment to ensuring safe and wholesome meat products for consumers. Non-compliance with food safety standards carries consequences under the FSS Act, 2006, and may lead to penalties, closures and other legal actions.