

CM Omar Abdullah conducts extensive tour of flood-affected Jammu

-Briefs PM Modi on flood situation, expresses grief on loss of lives at Katra

Jammu, Aug27 : In the aftermath of heavy monsoon rains and flood situation in Jammu, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today conducted an extensive tour of the city to assess damages and oversee immediate relief measures.

Chief Minister visited the flood-affected areas in Jammu to take stock of damage caused due to floods. He assessed the ground situation and issued directions to the administration to take all necessary steps to safeguard the lives of people in vulnerable areas. He was accompanied by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma. Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ansuya Jamwal, and other district officers were also present. Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas briefed the Chief Minister on ongoing rescue operations, functioning of temporary shelters, supply logistics, and inter-departmental coordination. During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected 4th Tawi Bridge Bhagwati Nagar, Science College at Old Campus University, Hari Singh Park near Hotel Fortune Riviera and flood

hit areas of Gujjar Nagar Jammu. Chief Minister emphasized that the damaged end portion of the Fourth Tawi Bridge required immediate technical evaluation, recalling that the structure had suffered damage during the 2014 floods as well. He underlined the need for preventive measures to avert similar risks in the future.

On the issue of damaged

river. Chief Minister expressed satisfaction on the assurance given by the Prime Minister and thanked him for promising continued assistance to the people of J&K in the wake of floods.

Expressing grief over the recent landslide in Katra, which claimed the lives of pilgrims, the Chief Minister noted that preventive measures should have

ing that functioning of communication net work is all the more important during times of crises and emergency. Chief Minister also directed that all immediate steps be taken for restoring traffic on Srinagar Jammu National highway and Jammu-Pathankot Highway so that stranded vehicles are cleared and traffic is restored on priority. Chief Minister gave



houses, Omar Abdullah said rehabilitation must be planned in a holistic manner to ensure affected families receive adequate support. He directed officials to identify urgent on-ground challenges and resolve them on priority. The Chief Minister also informed that he had briefed the Prime Minister about the flood situation who assured full support from the Government of India. Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister about the areas worst hit due to floods in several areas of Jammu along the banks of Tawi

been implemented beforehand to stop the pilgrims from proceeding on the route and holding them at safe locations in view of advance warnings about the severity of the weather. He resented loss of precious lives and conveyed condolences and regrets over the tragic loss of lives. Chief Minister also gave directions to the BSNL and private telecom operators Jio Network & Airtel to immediately restore internet and telecom services in Jammu & Kashmir which has disrupted working and communication in J&K stressed

directions to line departments to work on war footing for restoration of electricity, water supply and road access in all affected areas. The Chief Minister added that a comprehensive relief package for Jammu and Kashmir would soon be formulated in coming days. Later, during his field visit, Omar Abdullah inspected several flood-affected areas and interacted with residents, assessed damages, and directed officials to expedite relief, ensure temporary arrangements, and restore essential services without delay.

Rana reviews flood preparedness; Instructs Officers to remain on high alert

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 27 : Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today chaired a high-level meeting to review the flood preparedness and response mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to Chief Minister 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 to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood

Monitoring Station, Sangam, and reviewed the water levels of River Jhelum.

He directed officers to maintain close surveillance

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



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

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.

Several legislators call on Javed Rana

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 27 : Legislators Saifullah Mir, Javaid Iqbal Choudhary, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir and Ifikhar Ahmed today called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the legislators held detailed discussion with the Minister on a range of pressing issues concerning public

welfare and development in their respective constituencies.



Matters related to water supply, forest conservation, ecological sustainability and tribal welfare were prominently raised.

They emphasized the need for timely redressal of grievances and expedited

implementation of key infrastructure and environmental projects.

Minister gave a patient hearing to all issues put

forth and assured appropriate and time-bound action on each point, and urged the legislators to continue highlighting genuine public issues and collaborate with the administration to ensure delivery of essential services at the grassroots level.

He emphasized that sustained communication between elected representatives and the government is vital for achieving meaningful progress and addressing the needs of the people effectively.

Bhalla visits affected areas of Jammu- RS Pura, seeks immediate relief, rehabilitation

Jammu, Aug 27 : Working President JKPC Shri Raman Bhalla today conducted tour of different areas of Jammu, RS Pura areas to meet the affected people and took stock of the problems faced by them.

Bhalla visited different worst affected areas which were submerged in high volume of water causing huge loss to the private property especially the dwellings of people destroying the entire household items of regular use including the ration materials.

Bhalla visited Bhour camp, Bhour pind, Rohi More Lower Gadigarh, Chatha Gorkha Nagar, Har ki Pouri, Malik Market Baghe Bahu, m. Balicharana & several other areas and found lot of damage to the private property, houses besides government infrastructure.

He demanded immediate ex gratia interim relief till proper assessment of the

individual damage, especially to those who have lost entire household and livings.



He said government should immediately provide free ration to those who are worst affected and their household items destroyed due to flow of water in their houses.

Bhalla demanded immediate assessment teams of multiple departments to

prepare reports of individual damages, for timely release of package to the affected population but

stressed for release of interim pre assessment relief to worst affected.

He said that large number of houses and living units have been either fully or partially damaged and others unfit for living for longer periods due to damages, filling of mud, filth in

large quantity.

The government should come forward in big way to help the people to bring

their life on the rail for starting their day today lives. There is need to arrange temporary shelters to several families in their nearby localities in order to restore their living units worth living, wherever possible which have not suffered huge damage.

Vice Chairman JDA Conducts Inspection of Flood-Affected Areas

JAMMU, AUGUST 27 : In the aftermath of the unprecedented rainfall witnessed yesterday, the Vice Chairman, 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 Vice Chairman issued strict directions for immediate measures to prevent any further damage to public

infrastructure and private property. Accordingly, JCBs have been deployed

ducted a search visit to Rajinder Nagar, where he personally assessed the

restore normalcy at the earliest.

The VC JDA reaffirmed



by both JDA and NHAI to clear the debris and streamline water flow.

The Vice Chairman also carried out inspections at Roop Nagar Colony to take stock of damages caused by heavy rainfall and also con-

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

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.

Div Com Kashmir monitors Jhelum Water Levels amid looming flood threat

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 27 : 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 catch-

ment areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Anshul Garg informed that the administration is continuously monitoring the evolving situation. He assured that all necessary contingency plans and response mechanisms are in place to effectively manage any potential flood-related challenges.

Div Com also appealed to the general public to remain vigilant, follow official advisories, and avoid venturing close to rivers, streams, and other water bodies during this period of heightened vulnerability.



Rana, Sakeena Itoo grieves loss of lives due to landslide near Vaishno Devi

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 27 : Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives due to a landslide triggered by heavy rains near the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of profound grief and prayed for the swift recovery of all those injured.

"The tragic incident of the death of several devotees in a landslide near the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple route is extremely painful.

May the departed souls rest in peace," he said, mourning the tragic incident.

He said that the Omar Abdullah government is taking all the necessary measures to assist all those affected. He further said that the administration is continuously monitoring the situation arising in various parts of Jammu Division due to heavy rain and officers have been instructed to remain on high alert to meet any eventuality. He further called upon the people to follow advisories issued by the government from time to time and take all essential precautions.

Meanwhile, 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. She added that the Government stands hand in hand with the grieving families and remains committed to ensure their timely relief and assistance.

Sakeena Itoo visits Lal Ded Hospital, B&J Hospital, Peadtric Hospital, SMHS Hospital Srinagar

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 27 : In the aftermath of heavy rainfall, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited major healthcare institutions of Srinagar city to evaluate the medical supplies and other essential facilities available for the public.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena visited Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and took comprehensive assessment of its various hospital departments like emergency services, OPD, maternity and child care units, diagnostic labs as well as the pharmacy wing. She took note of the functionality of medical equipment, availability of essential medicines cleanliness and staff attendance.

During the inspection, the Minister also interacted directly with patients and their attendants to gauge their experiences and gather on-ground feedback about the facilities available for the public. She assured them that any kind of shortcomings related to healthcare would be addressed promptly.

Interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the need for sustained vigilance and greater responsiveness from medical staff in the hospital in view of the inclement weather. She also instructed the hospital administration to ensure 24x7 availability of doctors and staff and proper maintenance of duty roster. "Health is a priority sector for this Government and we are committed to establish a healthcare ecosystem that is efficient, compassionate and accountable to the people of J&K," the Minister stated. The Minister, afterwards, visit Bone and Joint Hospital Barzulla and took

stock of medical care facilities available at the hospital.

During the visit, the Minister undertook detailed inspection of different sections of the hospital like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, diagnostic labs and other units.

While interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the timely and

care unit (NICU) and diagnostic facilities.

She also underlined the importance of maintaining proper sanitation, hygiene, and patient-friendly services within the hospital premises.

The Minister, during the visit, also took note of certain grievances and issues raised by patient attendants, particularly regarding accommodation, waiting areas, and availability of

Hospitals, Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital, HoDs of various specialties, Medical Superintendents of all associated hospitals and other concerned medical care professionals.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed on enhancing patient-doctor relationship as it forms the core for building a healthy society.

The Minister highlighted



effective treatment of the patients in view of the adverse weather conditions. She also called upon the hospital administration to make necessary arrangements for attendants of patients who may face any kind of hardships due to continuous rainfall.

Later, the Minister also visited 500 bedded Paediatric Hospital Bemina and assessed the available medical facilities.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, paramedical staff, and attendants of patients to understand the challenges faced in delivery of Pediatric healthcare. She inspected various wards including the emergency section, neonatal intensive

essential drugs. She urged the hospital authorities to address these issues on priority to reduce hardships of the public.

Meanwhile, the Minister also visited SMHS Hospital and GMC Srinagar and undertook comprehensive review of available medical care facilities.

During the visit, the Minister inspected different sections like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, OTs and other sections. She directed the officers to augment the facilities and other supplies in view of the adverse weather.

At SMHS Hospital, the Minister also held a brief meeting with the Principal GMC Srinagar, Administrator Associated

that present Government led by Omar Abdullah is making continuous efforts to enhance service delivery in government health institutions across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on rural and underserved areas. She highlighted that these visits are aimed to eliminate complacency and encourage a culture of excellence in healthcare services for the people of J&K.

Pertinently, during the visit to these health facilities, the Minister gave strict directions to Assistant Drug Controller to take samples of all medicines and other essential supplies available at these premier health institutions.