

“Sewa Pakhwada” : Lieutenant Governor visits JLN Hospital Rainawari in Srinagar; distributes fruits to patients as a part of 75th Birthday celebration of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 17 : Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited JLN Hospital Rainawari and distributed fruits to the patients as part of 'Sewa Pakhwada' to celebrate the 75th Birthday of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Speaking to the media persons on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartfelt birthday wishes to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

"Selfless service fosters community bond and a sense of shared purpose. From 17th September to

2nd October, various Sewa Parv campaigns are being dedicated to women



empowerment and health.

Hon'ble Prime Minister spent his life dedicated to nation's service. Under his

leadership, the past 11 years are seen as a milestone in India's transformation and

it has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy.

Hon'ble Prime Minister

has ensured that benefits of economic growth reach the poor and marginalised section of society. 25 Crore people have been lifted out of poverty. India's prestige in the world has greatly increased under his visionary leadership. We pray for his long and healthy life," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; SSP Srinagar, Dr GV Sundeeep Chakravarthi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Shri Akshay Labroo and other senior officials.

Leader of Opposition in J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma Call LG Sinha

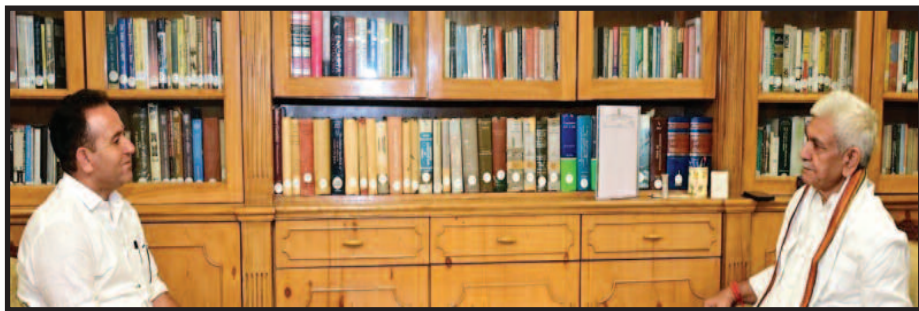
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 17 : The Leader of Opposition in J&K Legislative Assembly, Shri Sunil Sharma, today called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and discussed several important issues affecting the people of Jammu Kashmir in the wake of recent natural calamities.

He apprised the Lieutenant Governor on important matters related to road connectivity, delivery of essential and health services across the Union Territory, particularly in areas cut off due to landslides and floods. He further put forth the issues of

restoration of power and water supply in flood-hit and hilly regions, and

nations, including the JKPSCT Lecturer recruitment and Munsiff examina-

tion. Meanwhile, A delegation of Nigeen Lake



increase in the financial support for affected families.

Shri Sunil Sharma also requested for the postponement of competitive exami-

tions.

The Lieutenant Governor assured that the issues raised during the interaction will be taken up on priority for timely reso-

Conservation Organization (NLCO) led by its Chairman Shri Manzoor Wangnoo called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today.

CM visits Kalaban, Poonch to review land subsidence damage; sanctions immediate relief for affected families

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 17 : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited Kalaban in Poonch district to take stock of the damage caused by land subsidence in the area. He was accompanied by Minister for Jal Shakti, Forests and Tribal Affairs, Javed Rana, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, and other senior officers. The Chief Minister personally inspected the affected site and obtained a firsthand appraisal of the situation. He interacted with the locals and affected families, assuring them of all possible support from the Government. To provide immediate relief, the Chief Minister sanctioned ₹38 lakh for the affected families in addition to the ₹50 lakh already sanctioned

under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). He reiterated that it is the Government's duty to extend maximum possible

affected families and will ensure all necessary measures for their rehabilitation.

Highlighting the broader impact of this year's heavy

Government has been extending all possible help to the people and noted that a Central Team has recently visited J&K to assess the



assistance to the people during such difficult times.

During his interactions, the Chief Minister emphasized that the Government stands firmly with the

rains across Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister said that almost every district has suffered damage to infrastructure and private property. He added that the

losses. He expressed hope for a relief package for Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

CM Omar Abdullah visits Udhampur to oversee restoration of NH-44 at Thard

CM directs officials to expedite work on the highway

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 17 : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited the affected stretch of NH-44 at Thard Udhampur to take stock of the ongoing restoration works.

He was accompanied by Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs; Balwant Singh Mankotia, MLA Chenani; Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; Amod Ashok Nagpure, SSP Udhampur; Adil Hamid, SSP Traffic; besides senior officers and members of the local public.

During the visit, R.S. Yadav, Regional Officer

J&K NHA, briefed the Chief Minister about the

He also apprised him of the current single-lane traf-



progress of works including widening, metalling, and restoration of the second tube of NH-44.

fic arrangements in place to manage vehicular movement.

The Chief Minister

directed the NHA officials to expedite the restoration process to ease the movement of commuters and the general public. He instructed the executing agencies to mobilize additional men and machinery to ensure timely completion, underlining that safe and smooth road connectivity is the top priority of the Government.

Later, the Chief Minister interacted with local residents at Thard, patiently listening to their grievances.

He assured them that the Government is making every possible effort to fully restore NH-44 at the earliest and provide necessary relief to both commuters and the public.

Dy. CM reviews progress on Boulevard road widening project

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 17 : Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, along-with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, convened a meeting to review the progress on the widening of Boulevard Road Project.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman LCMA; Chief Engineer, R&B Central Kashmir; Superintending Engineer R&B; Executive Engineers and other senior officers of PWD. Addressing the offi-

cers during the meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the PWD to imme-

importance and vital significance for tourism development. He instructed them to



diately restart the work on the widening of Boulevard Road, considering its prime

initiate the process on priority and expedite the pace of execution of works.

The Deputy CM directed the concerned executing agency to complete the project in a stipulated time frame while maintaining the quality of works.

The Deputy CM also instructed the Vice Chairman LCMA to facilitate the concerned executing agency for smooth implementation of the project. During the meeting, Chief Engineer (R&B) presented a detailed report and gave a presentation outlining the current status of the projects.

Chief Secy launches ‘Sewa Parv’ to promote Cyber Security and Digital Literacy in J&K

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 17: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today launched Sewa Parv, a citizen awareness initiative focused on Cyber Security and Digital Literacy to be carried out across the districts of J&K by CSC centres under the aegis of the Information Technology Department.

Those who were present includes Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Secretary, IT; CEO, JAKEGA; DG, Budget; MD, KPDC and other concerned officers.

The initiative aims to strengthen citizens' understanding of safe digital practices, cyber hygiene, and secure online engagement while expanding the reach of digital literacy across villages, towns, and cities in J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary

underscored the growing importance of digital awareness in the rapidly evolving technological landscape. He highlighted

every village of the UT will actively focus on spreading awareness about cyber hygiene and digital literacy at the panchayat, block, and



the Government's commitment to empowering citizens with the knowledge and skills required to navigate the digital ecosystem securely and effectively.

While throwing light on the key highlights of the Sewa Parv Action Plan, the Secretary IT, Dr Piyush Singla informed that over 8,999 Common Service Centres (CSCs) covering

village levels.

Additionally each district will host 40 workshops in higher education institutions and degree colleges during which every session will involve at least 100-150 beneficiaries, with experts and senior government functionaries leading the training, he added.

Moreover it was divulged that awareness

programs will be organized at Jammu University and Kashmir University, engaging around 500 participants per session, guided by IIT/IIM subject matter experts and key stakeholders.

In addition to that special Digital Awareness Vans and E-Carts will be flagged off to reach remote areas and far-flung panchayats. Five awareness carts will also operate in different localities to enhance visibility and ensure grassroots penetration.

With respect to outreach campaigns mobile awareness centres will display posters, infographics, and other IEC materials on cyber safety and digital services. These campaigns will run from 17th September to 2nd October 2025, ensuring mass-scale dissemination of information.

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 17 : Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the Central Government has been consistently working to upscale the health infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. He informed that Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua has been equipped with facilities for chemotherapy and radiation in collaboration with Tata Cancer Institute, bringing major relief to cancer patients of the region.

Addressing a programme at Nagri, Kathua, held as part of the nationwide launch of Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivaar and the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Madhya Pradesh today, Dr. Singh underlined that women's health has been a core priority of the present dispensation. He said health camps are being organized across the country to provide diagnostics, screenings and awareness, with special focus on women.

The live transmission of the nationwide launch of the twin campaigns by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Dhar, Madhya

Pradesh was also witnessed at CHC Parole, where a large gathering of citizens, public representatives and officials participated with great enthusiasm.

On the occasion, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh

and children.

Highlighting the government's efforts to generate livelihood opportunities, Dr. Singh said Khadi is opening new avenues of employment and self-reliance. He appealed to the



also administered the Swachhta Pledge to all attendees, reaffirming the collective resolve towards cleanliness and service to society.

Later, Dr. Jitendra Singh visited Government Higher Secondary School, where he distributed ration and shawls among local women. School children were also provided with school bags, lunch boxes and water bottles, reflecting the campaign's focus on holistic support for women

youth to embrace contemporary cloth-making, adopt the spirit of Vocal for Local and contribute to

Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.

The district-level launch event witnessed enthusiastic participation of citizens, public representatives and officials. Over 330 patients were registered through a mobile application and provided free consultations, diagnostic tests and medicines. Health screenings for school girls, nutrition

demonstrations by ICDS, AYUSH services and food adulteration detection camps were also organized.

In schools and colleges across the district, students took part in cleanliness drives, debates, essay competitions and awareness rallies focused on the themes of Sewa, Swachhta and Poshan. Youth clubs and NSS units actively engaged in spreading the message of sanitation and healthy living in their campuses and adjoining localities.

Government offices also organized cleanliness drives in and around office premises, with officials and staff pledging to contribute towards the success of Sewa Parv by ensuring clean and citizen-friendly workplaces. Special plantation drives and awareness sessions on water conservation and hygiene were also held at several locations.

MLA Kathua Dr Bharat Bhusan, DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma, Vice Chairman DDC Raghunadan Singh, ADC Kathua Vishavjeet Singh, Principal GMC Kathua Dr Surinder Attri, CMO Dr Vijay Raina, were also present.

DC Jammu reviews arrangements for Jhiri Mela-2025

JAMMU, SEPT. 17: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the forthcoming Jhiri Mela. He called upon all departments to work in close coordination to ensure a vibrant and enriching event.

The DC emphasised that this year's mela should spotlight the region's rich handicraft and handloom traditions, including Calico prints, Basohli art, Phulkari, Bamboo crafts and other GI-tagged products. "Jhiri Mela is not only a spiritual and cultural festival but also a platform to celebrate our rich traditions and heritage. Let us ensure that visitors get to explore

the diversity of our crafts and culture in an organized and welcoming manner," he stressed. Describing the vision of the mela as a socio-cultural celebration, the DC said that separate zones would be earmarked for food courts, handicraft stalls, cultural programmes and devotional gatherings to provide a systematic and family-friendly experience.

The Information Department was directed to ensure wide publicity of the event. Reviewing infrastructure and logistics, the DC directed departments to streamline parking and traffic management, ensure smooth accommodation arrangements and earmark spaces for langars. He

instructed concerned departments to complete repair and restoration of canals and banks and take measures to replenish the historic Bawa Talab ahead of the mela.

On utilities and public services, the DC laid stress on ensuring piped water supply, adequate street lighting, food safety inspections and strict vigil on overpricing. The Power Development Department was asked to strengthen the power infrastructure for uninterrupted electricity supply. Sanitation and public health were emphasised as top priorities, with directions issued for a robust garbage management plan, fogging drives and avail-

ability of health and emergency services at the mela site. The DC also underscored the importance of youth activities, including kabaddi, volleyball and tug-of-war, as vital parts of the mela. Strategies for barricading and effective crowd management were also discussed. The meeting was attended by ADDC Sher Singh, SDM Marh Pallavi Mishra, Chief Planning Officer Ajaypal Singh, SE PWD and other senior district officers. Expressing confidence in the collective efforts of all departments, Dr. Minhas said that Jhiri Mela-2025 will emerge as a memorable socio-cultural extravaganza, drawing devotees and visitors alike.

CS directs for giving priority passage to fruit-laden trucks on NH-44

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 17 : In view of the recent disruptions on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) caused by inclement weather, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review restoration works, assess supply chain management, and ensure the smooth movement of essential commodities along this highway.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Public Works Department (PWD); Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA); Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; Secretary, Transport; IG Traffic; Deputy Commissioners; and senior representatives from the Army, Beacon, and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary sought a detailed appraisal of the current status of NH-44. The Divisional Commissioner informed him about partial restoration of traffic on a single-lane stretch that was severely damaged by flash floods,

as well as the ongoing restoration work and the efforts made by them to facilitate vehicular movement through the Mughal Road as an alternative

works to restore double-lane traffic at the earliest. He directed divisional administrations to closely monitor the repair works and share real-time updates



route.

Emphasizing the need to streamline traffic management, the Chief Secretary directed that on September 18, only Jammu-bound vehicles be allowed to ply on NH-44, ensuring clearance of all trucks stranded enroute. On the following day, traffic would be exclusively facilitated for Srinagar-bound vehicles to enable smooth movement. He further instructed that stoppages along vulnerable stretches be strictly avoided to prevent traffic jams.

The Chief Secretary underscored the importance of expediting restoration

with his office.

He also called for augmenting men and machinery along both NH-44 and Mughal Road, with adequate arrangements such as cranes and service providers to assist vehicles in case of emergencies.

Highlighting the critical nature of perishable goods during the harvest season, he instructed authorities to prioritize movement of fruit-laden trucks, along with petroleum and LPG tankers, to safeguard the interests of farmers and ensure uninterrupted supply of essential commodities in the Valley.

Reviewing the stock position, the Chief Secretary was informed by the Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat that food grain and petroleum supplies in Kashmir were comfortable, with additional consignments being regularly transported since the partial reopening of the highway. Deputy Commissioners also apprised him of the availability of essential commodities and services in their respective districts.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that the economic interests of fruit growers and traders must be fully protected, and directed field officers to provide all necessary support for hassle-free transportation of produce.

Reiterating the urgency of restoration, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the NHAI to mobilize all available resources and ensure early completion of repair works. He emphasized that restoring NH-44 to full capacity remains the topmost priority, given its pivotal role as the lifeline connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country.