

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Advance Rs 171...

for advance release of 21st instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme for the farmers of J&K UT.

Approx. Rs.171 Cr will be directly transferred into the bank accounts of around 8.55 Lakh eligible farmers of J&K today. This much-needed financial assistance will help our farmers to sustain their livelihoods, speed up recovery to resume agricultural activities.

Our farmers are the backbone of the economy and providing strong foundation for growth in other sectors. The GOI is committed to provide all possible assistance to mitigate the effects of worst floods in several decades and ensuring stability in the lives of the affected population".

The Union Minister released advance 21st instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to all eligible farmers, including those in Jammu and Kashmir: Approximately 8.55 lakh beneficiaries from J&K will benefit from this initiative.

The Union Minister also announced assistance of rupees 1.40 lakh for damaged houses with additional Rs 30,000 for each households, making it a total of Rs 1.70 lakhs.

Announcing the decision, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Central Government stands firmly with the people of Jammu & Kashmir during this time of distress. They announced that Rs 171 crore is being directly deposited into the bank accounts of 8.5 lakh farmers in Jammu and Kashmir under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.

Dr Jitendra Singh thanked PM. Modi and Chouhan, and further informed that more than 5000 houses to be reconstructed damaged during recent rain, flood, and landslide-affected areas of Jammu division, with immediate relief, financial assistance, and technical support for rehabilitation and reconstruction. Each affected household will receive Rs 1.3 lakh as basic aid, with an additional Rs 40,000 per family to be provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Highlighting the additional assistance of the government in this context, Dr Jitendra said that special provisions are also being considered under NDRF and SDRF norms to support soil restoration and silt removal in the affected farmlands.

The Minister added that farmers whose crops were destroyed will also benefit from the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, with the state government and insurance companies expediting damage assessment surveys. Dr Singh reiterated the government's resolve to provide employment support through MNRE-GA, extending workdays from 100 to 150 days in severely affected regions, compensation for animal losses, and housing support for families whose homes were destroyed.

Dr Singh commended local initiatives such as lavender cultivation and horticultural diversification in Jammu and Kashmir, calling them models of self-reliance and innovation in the Himalayan region.

Dr. Jitendra highlighted that with the government's continued support through initiatives such as technology enabled programmes, drone technology, and Soil Health Card schemes, farmers are becoming increasingly self-reliant. He noted that agri-startups have successfully established themselves in Jammu & Kashmir, creating livelihood and driving innovation in farming practices.

Javid Dar said that the release of the 21st instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi is a significant step towards providing financial assistance to farmers and promoting agricultural growth in J&K, particularly after the recent floods. "This development is a testament to the close coordination between the Agriculture Production Department (APD) under the guidance of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the Union government" he stated.

He further said that the timely release of funds will likely provide much-needed relief to farmers in J&K, enabling them to revive their agricultural activities and rebuild their livelihoods. He added that the collaboration between the J&K and central governments demonstrates their commitment to supporting the agricultural sector and promoting the overall development of J&K.

Javid Dar requested the Union Minister to provide a special package for Jammu and Kashmir to address the unique challenges and requirements of the region, particularly in the agriculture sector, as previously discussed during the visit of Union Minister in Jammu.

Additional Chief Secretary, APD, Shailendra Kumar; Secretary Technical APD, G A Sofi; Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah and other officers were also present in the meeting.

## Encounter breaks out...

in the brief firing between the terrorists and the police party in Dheri Khatuni forest around 7.20 pm.

The firing took place when the SOG of local police launched a search operation after getting information about the movement of suspected persons, they said.

The whole area has been put under a strict cordon, and a search operation is continuing, when the last reports were received, the officials said.

The officials said security forces also launched a cordon and search operation in the Dharni top area of Basantgarh in Udhampur district this evening.

The operation was launched after some locals reported movement of three suspected terrorists, they said.

## CM reviews progress...

DG Accounts & Treasuries, DG Codes/Resourees, and other senior officers were also present. Officers from other districts participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

The Chief Minister reviewed department and district-wise progress under the CAPEX and CDF. He stressed the need for accelerated execution of projects and timely utilization of funds. He directed departments to ensure 100% uploading of works on the BEAMS portal and expedite administrative approvals & tendering process, particularly in view of the limited working season in the Kashmir division.

Chief Minister asked Finance Department to prepare constituency-wise data of works incorporated in the budget which were prioritized by MLAs and directed Districts to immediately upload CDF works on BEAMS, accord administrative approvals and begin early execution of works.

The Chief Minister emphasized close coordination with MLAs to expedite CDF works and ensure visible development outcomes on the ground. He also underlined the importance of enhancing revenue realization and curtailling avoidable expenditure. "Wherever possible we have to boost our revenues, we have to cut down on all unnecessary expenditure, but at the same time, the money that has been allocated must be spent efficiently in various schemes," he observed. He directed the concerned ministers to conduct fortnightly reviews to push expenditure and improve funds utilization in their respective departments.

Earlier, Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya gave a detailed presentation providing a comprehensive financial and developmental overview of Jammu and Kashmir as of October 7, 2025.

He presented an evaluation of expenditure progress under the Union Territory (UT) and District CAPEX Budgets, sectoral allocations, revenue trends, fiscal challenges, and ongoing reform initiatives under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and the guidelines for execution of works and funds to be expended under Special Assistance for Capital Investment (SASCI) programme.

CM gave directions to ensure that the mandatory percentage

of expenditure to be made under the SASCI scheme by the end of December 2025 and March 2026 is incurred so that the benefits under the scheme are not squandered. He asked the Ministers to review progress of projects under SASCI every two weeks.

District-wise progress was assessed and it was found that districts need to pay attention towards early execution of works on ground.

Chief Minister gave directions for ensuring visible impact on ground and complete the macadamization & black-topping of roads planned during the current financial year. He exhorted the departments to fill up the vacant posts in engineering departments immediately so that the execution of projects is not affected.

Chief Minister underlined the need to finalize reforms such as revision of mining royalties, establishment of scrapping facility for old vehicles, operationalizing electronic enforcement devices for road safety, modernization & digitization of land records, reforms linked to agriculture such as farmers registry linked to land records & digital crop survey, urban land reforms, fiscal reforms so that J&K Government is able avail funds to be allocated for achieving these milestones from the central government.

Chief Minister directed departments to ensure that funds available in Single Nodal Accounts are utilized well before the deadline as departments shift to SNA-Sparsh financial management system.

Concluding the review, the Chief Minister called for strict monitoring, accountability, and coordinated action among departments to ensure that developmental works translate into tangible improvements on the ground. He reiterated that timely execution, financial prudence, and effective reform implementation remain central to the government's developmental agenda.

## 'Meritless', says SIA...

May 2022, recently moved an application in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to seek permission to travel places outside J&K.

"That the fact of applicant having been on bail and having not misused or abused the same cannot be the justification for the applicant to claim as a matter of right that he be permitted to leave the territorial limits of UT of J&K.

"Being on bail and applying for leaving the territorial limits of UT of J&K are two different things. Merely because applicant has been released on bail does not mean that person is entitled to be allowed for leaving territorial limits of J&K, that too when the larger public interest and national security is at stake," the counsel said.

He said the applicant has not come with "clean hands" before the court and has tried to "mislead" the court by sheer misrepresentation of facts.

"The applicant has previously filed a petition of identical nature, seeking identical relief which is still pending adjudication before the court...it is clear that the current application and the earlier petition (filed in 2023) are of identical nature.

"The applicant has not disclosed all the vital and material facts fairly and truly but has stated them in a distorted manner to mislead the court which has inherent powers and is duty bound to protect itself and to prevent an abuse of its processes. Thus it is a fit case where application merits dismissal without examinations on merits," the counsel said.

He also said the applicant by stating that no other application of similar nature is pending in any court has indulged in suppression of material facts which is nothing but practice of willful fraud with the court.

## Digital Arrest scam...

Nyarya Sanhita (BNS) was registered and a detailed investigation was launched.

During the investigation, the cyber police team traced the money trail, examined bank transactions, scrutinised mobile communications, and analysed digital footprints linked to the fraud, he said, adding the investigation revealed that the network involved in the fraud was primarily operating from Gujarat.

Based on credible intelligence, a special investigation team was deputed to Surat and in a well-coordinated operation, three accused -- Chauhan Manish Arunbhai, Ansh Vithani and Kishorbbhai Karamshibhai Diyoria -- were arrested, he said.

He said the arrested individuals were subsequently brought to Jammu for sustained interrogation to identify other co-conspirators, uncover additional evidence, and trace further financial links associated with the crime.

Terming the arrest of the accused as a "major breakthrough", the SSP said the cyber police Jammu has so far frozen Rs 55,88,256.74 across various bank accounts linked to the accused.

Efforts are actively underway to reverse and refund the defrauded amounts to the complainant, out of which Rs 6 lakh has already been credited back to the victim's account, the officer said. On Monday, the first chargesheet in the case was filed in the court against the arrested accused, he said.

## HC set-aside...

bank account.

Sheikh, accused of providing access to his WhatsApp-linked mobile number, was said to have coordinated with the same handlers. Investigators claimed the duo procured a locally made pistol and shared its image with contacts across the border. The trial court had discharged both accused, observing that the prosecution case relied heavily on inadmissible confessional statements and lacked independent corroboration.

The High Court, however, ruled that seized mobile data, WhatsApp chats, photographs, and foreign fund transfers created "grave suspicion" of their involvement. At the charge stage, the bench said, only a prima facie case is required, not proof beyond reasonable doubt.

"The trial judge committed a manifest error by assessing the probative value of evidence instead of examining whether there were sufficient grounds to proceed," the court observed.

Restoring the chargesheet, the High Court directed the trial court to hear the case afresh and decide on framing of charges in accordance with law.

## Court awards 10...

validity under the law. The court held that the prosecution had successfully proven its case beyond reasonable doubt. The court further noted that under Sections 29 and 30 of the POCSO Act, the burden was on the accused to rebut the presumption of guilt, which he failed to do.

While the accused was acquitted of the charge under Section 506 IPC (criminal intimidation) due to lack of evidence, he was convicted under Sections 3 and 4 of the POCSO Act and sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment, along with a fine. The court also acknowledged that although the victim and accused were later reported to be living together and had married after the incident, the fact remained that the offence occurred when the victim was legally a child.

## Army rescues 25...

Jammu and Samba districts, when they were caught in unseasonal snowfall.

Although several families managed to reach safer places, some were stuck in a blizzard in Padri Gali, Satlad, Biddi Gali and Ganja-Goth areas and were subsequently rescued by personnel of the four Rashtriya Rifles, based at Bladerwah, the officials said.

When the troops, based at the Khanni Top post at an altitude of 10,000 feet, learned about the plight of tribals trapped in the

snowstorm, they rushed to their aid and safely shifted them to their camp, where they were given first aid, free ration and other essential items, they said.

The officials said the rescued Bakarwals include 11 men, 10 women and four children, besides 420 livestock including 250 sheep, 150 goats and 20 horses.

## PM-KISAN relief...

with the UT administration to repair canals, embankments and irrigation structures vital for agriculture in J&K, he added. "The swift release of funds and coordinated relief is a clear message that the Modi government stands shoulder to shoulder with every farmer of Jammu and Kashmir," Chugh said and stressed that by combining direct financial aid with infrastructural restoration, the government is ensuring both immediate relief and long-term recovery for rural families.

Tarun Chugh said, "We are grateful to Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah whose leadership has ensured that the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas reaches even the remotest corners of J&K. At a time of adversity, the Centre has once again proved that no farmer will be left behind and every household will be supported to rebuild their livelihood with dignity and strength."

## Modi proved how...

with selfless spirit took the constitutional oath, considered people's problems as his own, and began resolving them, and these problems kept turning into history," Shah wrote on X in Hindi. The home minister said that in these 24 years, be it transforming farmers, women, industry and education in Gujarat, or ensuring the nations' security, welfare of the poor, and the upliftment of all sections, including the backward, Dalit and tribal communities, as the prime minister, Modi has proven that when the vision is 'Nation First' and the mission is 'Developed India', how a leadership can bring transformation in the lives of crores of people. As an incumbent, Modi never faced an electoral defeat and holds the record as the longest head of a government among all prime ministers, including as chief minister for more than 12-and-a-half years.

## Modi begins 25th...

together and achieved many transformations. Our path breaking efforts have empowered people from all across India, especially our Nari Shakti, Yuva Shakti and hardworking Annadatas. Over 25 crore people have been removed from the clutches of poverty."

India is now seen as a bright spot among major global economies, he said.

Modi said when the BJP picked him as its prime ministerial candidate in 2013 for the Lok Sabha elections in 2014 the nation was witnessing a crisis of trust and governance.

He said, "The then UPA Government was synonymous with the worst form of corruption, cronyism and policy paralysis. India was seen as a weak link in the global order. But, the wisdom of the people of India gave our alliance a thumping majority and also ensured that our party got an absolute majority, a first after three long decades."

## Govt likely to...

official source, the deadline for the implementation of PM KUSUM is likely to be extended further to ensure the envisaged targets are achieved. This will be the second extension to the scheme.

As per official data, none of the components of the ambitious scheme have achieved 100 per cent target.

Although component B of the scheme - which ends March 2026 -- has been able to meet 71 per cent of the target as on September 9, component A has registered a growth of just 6.5 per cent, and Component C (IPS) and Component C (FLS) -- 16.5 per cent and 25.5 per cent, respectively.

According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Component A is for the installation of 10,000 MW of solar capacity by installing small solar power plants, Component B is for the installation of 14 lakh off-grid standalone solar-powered agriculture pumps, and Component C is for the solarisation of 35 lakh grid-connected agriculture pumps.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE		
11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

FIND CINEMA		
KANTARA (A LEGEND CHAPTER-1 ) (HINDI)		
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/ 03:30 PM / 6:45 PM / 7:45 PM / 10:00 PM / 11:00 PM		
PVR KC JAMMU 09:55 AM / 12:45 AM / 04:20 PM / 07:20 PM / 10:55 PM		
SUNNY SANSKARI KI TULSI KUMARI		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:30 AM / 3:00 PM / 5:45 PM /11:15 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	9:45 PM / 4:20 PM / 7:55 PM / 10:55 PM	
NIKKA ZAILDAR 4		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	12:15 PM / 4:30 PM / 8:30 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	1:30 PM	

## Adv Purnima calls to contain dengue surge, unsafe street foods



BJP Spokesperson Adv. Purnima Sharma briefing media.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, expressed grave concern over the alarming surge in dengue cases across the Jammu division, accusing the present Government and the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) of utter negligence and failure to implement preventive measures to curb the spread of the disease.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, BJP Spokesperson and former Deputy Mayor, Adv. Purnima Sharma, along with Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Secretary, J&K BJP, warned the NC-led government against playing with public health and demanded immediate corrective action. Adv. Purnima Sharma said that Jammu is witnessing a steep rise in dengue infections, with eighty-nine new cases reported on Saturday alone, taking the total tally to 1,316 this year. "Just a week ago, the cases were under a hundred, and within days, they have crossed a thousand - exposing the administration's lack of preparedness and seriousness," she stated.Sharma pointed out that J&K recorded nearly 7,000 dengue cases in 2024, 6,403 cases and 10 deaths in 2023, and 8,269 cases with 18 deaths in 2022, yet the authorities have failed to learn lessons.

"Fogging drives are rare, and sanitation measures remain confined to paperwork. JMC have left residents to fend for themselves amid rising infections," she said and demanded that the administration immediately launch intensive fogging, anti-larvae operations, and awareness campaigns across all wards. Adv. Purnima also criticized the Omar Abdullah-led NC government of focusing solely on Srinagar while ignoring Jammu's public health and hygiene. "Why is the government concerned only about Kashmir? Is Jammu's health less important?" she asked, questioning the regime's double standards. Expressing concern over unhygienic street food and unchecked vendors, she urged JMC to conduct regular inspections and strict drives to ensure compliance with food safety standards. "There is a dire need for routine checks around schools, markets, and bus stands to prevent outbreaks of food-borne illnesses. Authorities must act before people start falling sick in large numbers," she warned.


## MHA transfers 3 IPS officers to J&K segment of AGMUT Cadre

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs has ordered the transfer of three Indian Police Service (IPS) officers from the Delhi segment to the Jammu and Kashmir segment of the AGMUT cadre.

As per MHA order, the transferred officers include Sukant Shailja Ballabh, Krishan Kumar, and Kamal Pal Singh Malhotra, who will soon report to J&K for their new assignments.

Their induction is part of a routine reshuffle within the cadre to ensure efficient coordination and effective policing across regions.



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TELEPHONES

Directory Enquiry

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Fault Repair

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Local Assistance

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Trunk Booking

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Trunk Assistance

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International Trunk Booking

2447952, 2577951, 2573638

Billing Complaints

2543896, 2548415

Billing Complaints Computerize

1955

Change No. Announcement

1951

Gandhi Nagar Exchange

2451953, 2430953

HOSPITALS

Government Medical College

2584290, 2484291

Psychiatry and Disease Hospital

2577444

Ambulance Rajouri

257147, 257084, 257357

Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital

2547639, 2547637

Emergency

2549669

Blood Bank

2547637, 2547638

Chest Disease Hospital

2577064, 2548012

Dental Hospital

2544670

Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar

2430041

Emergency

2431740

Child Hospital

2577023

Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital

262270

AMBULANCES

Indian Red Cross Society

2549413

Jammu University

2453165, 2543525, 2435248

FIRE STATIONS

Gandhi Nagar

101, 2435283, 2457705

City

2544263

Canal

2554064

Roop Nagar

2597522

Gangyal

2480026

Bari Brahmana

220020

Akhnour

252481

Kathua

234313

Samba

243280

Katra

232451

Udhampur

270897

Police Control Room

100, 2542001, 2545481-82

Police Exchange

2547621-22, 2547624

Civil Defence Control Room

2549100, 2548645, 2544920

Civil Defence

2548645, 2549100, 2544920

Hot Line

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TOURISM

Tourist Officer, Airport

2431917

Tourist Officer, Railway Station

2430078

Tourist Reception Centre

2579554

BUS SERVICES

JKSRTC General Manager

2435262

JKSRTC Bus Stand

2577475

JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service

2576562

Punjab Roadways

2542782

WATER SUPPLY

Company Bagh

2542582

Parade

2544979

Bakshi Nagar

2543557

Panjthirni

2547501

Narwal

2430031

ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS

Canal

2554147, 2554199

Parade

2542289, 2543398

Nanak Nagar

2430776

Gandhi Nagar

2430180

Shastri Nagar

2430781

Janipur

2543828, 2579258

Satwari

2452816

FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)

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CIVIC SERVICES

Municipality

2547846, 2542192

Health Officer

2547440

Garbage / Carcass Removal

2547440