

CM pushes for effective execution of winter preparedness plans

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Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, while chairing a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat on Saturday to review winter preparedness for the 2024-25 season in Kashmir Valley and winter zones of Jammu Division, underscored the critical importance of effective execution.

"Plans have been announced, but execution is now crucial. Our preparations will truly be tested with the first snowfall. The prolonged dry spell is already creating challenges of depleted water levels and reduced power generation due to decrease in water flow," the chief minister said.

"The credibility of the government rests on us; once plans are announced, effective implementation becomes paramount," he added.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Dheeraj



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at the Civil Secretariat on Saturday.

Gupta, along with all administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, senior police and security officials, Deputy Commissioners, and BRO officers.

Officers from Jammu and other district headquarters participated via video conferencing.

During the meeting, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir presented a comprehensive briefing on the winter preparedness measures already in place across the Kashmir Division.

Giving details of key components of the winter action plan, the meeting was

informed that snow clearance and maintenance of inter-district highways, district roads, town roads have been prioritized and focus would be on ensuring essential services and functioning of hospitals, PIIE supply, grid stations, and Fire & Emergency Services.

The Chief Minister was informed that all necessary machinery is in place with personnel ready to operate them efficiently.

In regions such as Gurez in Bandipora and parts of Kupwara, where winter access is limited, sufficient fuel supplies have been pre-stocked. The Srinagar

Municipal Corporation and other Urban Local Bodies have geared up for dewatering activities, with pumps set and ready. Essential winter stockpiles, including food grains, fuel, HSD for generators, and repaired distribution transformers, are in position. Additionally, subsidized helicopter services are available for snowbound areas across Jammu and Kashmir to meet emergency and medical needs.

Medical facilities have been equipped with adequate medicines, oxygen cylinders, and firewood, with duty rosters issued for hospitals through March 2025.

Control rooms have been established at divisional, district, and departmental levels to ensure coordination and swift response throughout the winter season.

Chief Minister gave directions for assured helicopter service in cut-off areas and making helicopter services financially viable for operators. To deal with challenges of winter effectively, Chief Minister directed equipping hospitals, adherence to power supply schedules, filling up of vacant posts in remote areas and taking timely action to safeguard public health, and safety during the harsh winter months ahead.



Tourism officers conduct strategic visit to Suchetgarh Border

Assessing development works, enhancing tourism appeal

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Jammu: Under the guidance of Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, along with Tourism Officers conducted a whirlwind tour to Suchetgarh Border to assess the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at positioning this historic site as a prominent tourism destination.

During the visit, she reviewed key initiatives that focus on enhancing the visitor experience, while emphasizing Suchetgarh's cultural and historical significance within Jammu's broader tourism landscape.

Accompanied by senior Officials, including the Commandant, Border Security Force (BSF), Ajay Sharma, Deputy Director Tourism (Publicity) Savita Chouhan, Deputy Director (Planning) Neha Sharma, Tehsildar Suchetgarh, Executive Engineer R S Pura, and representatives from Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission and



Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Mehta, along with Tourism Officers conducting tour to Suchetgarh Border.

Dharmarth Trust, she thoroughly evaluated the ongoing work and outlined further steps to boost the site's tourism appeal.

Mehta underscored the urgency of completing pivotal projects within a defined timeline, while specially focusing on the development of a 'Welcome Gate' and other allied works/projects that highlight the region's rich cultural heritage.

She underscored that these initiatives would greatly elevate the visitor experience and firmly position Suchetgarh as a unique and sought-after destination for both domestic and international travelers.

Additionally, she urged the BSF authorities to allocate space at the

retreat ceremony for showcasing Jammu's rich arts and crafts. This initiative would provide tourists with the opportunity to purchase authentic local products, thereby deepening their connection to the region's cultural heritage.

She also highlighted the significance of the Gharana Wetland, a haven for migratory birds, and emphasized the need to develop the Suchetgarh-Gharana corridor. With migratory birds soon to arrive, the development of this corridor is crucial to further enhance the region's appeal as a prime destination for nature and bird watching tourism.

She also proposed the involvement of local self-help groups under JKN-

RLM to set up display stalls, highlighting Jammu's diverse tourism offerings. This initiative aims to empower local communities by promoting their products, thereby contributing to both economic growth and the preservation of Jammu's cultural traditions.

This visit underscores the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu commitment to fostering sustainable tourism and developing Suchetgarh as a key component of Jammu's tourism offerings.

By improving infrastructure, promoting local culture and encouraging community participation, the Directorate aims to maximize Suchetgarh's tourism potential, ensuring it becomes a sought-after destination for travelers seeking cultural, historical and adventure experiences.

Through ongoing collaboration with local authorities, security forces, rural development organizations and other stakeholders, the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu is dedicated to elevate Jammu as a premier tourism destination.

BJP committed to preserve national integrity, protect dignity of every citizen: Yudhvir

Hundreds of people accord warm welcome to Yudhvir Sethi on his arrival from Srinagar at Purani Mandi

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Jammu: Yudhvir Sethi, MLA of East Constituency, affirmed the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) commitment to preventing any anti-national agenda proposed by the National Conference (NC) and Congress from taking root in Jammu and Kashmir.

Returning after attending five-day Assembly Session in Srinagar, Yudhvir Sethi received a rousing reception by the people and traders of East Constituency at Purani Mandi area, where he addressed supporters and expressed his firm stance on the region's future within the framework of the Union of India.

Speaking to an enthusiastic gathering, Sethi strongly criticized the NC-Congress alliance for passing a resolution advocating for a dialogue on the restoration of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. He described the resolution as an attempt to undermine the historical decision of abrogat-



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi being welcomed at Jammu.

ing Article 370, which the BJP implemented under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership to integrate Jammu and Kashmir fully with the rest of the country.

"BJP will never allow NC and Congress to fulfill their anti-national agenda. They are attempting to turn back the clock, but the people of Jammu and Kashmir have moved forward with a vision of peace, progress, and unity. Any attempt to restore Article 370 is a betrayal of the sacrifices made for a unified India, and the BJP will oppose it resolutely," he added.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that the abrogation of Article 370 was a landmark decision that paved the way for unprecedented development, enhanced security, and integration of Jammu and Kashmir into India's mainstream. He assured the people of the East Constituency that BJP would continue to stand guard against any policies that could destabilize the region or hinder progress.

Yudhvir also emphasized BJP's commitment to preserve national integrity, countering divisive forces, and protecting the dignity of every

citizen in Jammu and Kashmir. He urged people to reject the politics of division and stand with the BJP in its mission to uphold unity and progress. "We are here for development, peace, and a bright future for our youth. Together, we will defeat those who aim to disrupt our journey forward," Sethi added.

Among those who were present included Kuldeep Khandari General Secretary District Jammu, Rajesh Gupta General Secretary, Parveen Mandal President East, Raman Sharma Mandal President Amphihalla, Ajay Sharma Mandal President Bajalta, Dinesh Gupta, Anil Massom and Nidhi Magotra ex Corporators, members of several associations and BJP District Jammu office bearers.

Govt committed to enhance sports facilities: Satish Sharma

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Srinagar: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, along with MLA Khanyar, Ali Muhammad Sagar on Saturday visited Zaznar ground Brane-Nishat and assessed the sports related infrastructural needs in the area.

The Minister was apprised of several issues including levelling of playfield, construction of pavilion, washrooms and fencing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that Omar led government is keen in revitalising and upgrading the sports infrastructure. "It is endeavour of the present dispensation that a comfortable and favourable environment is created for sportsmen to excel in various sports", he maintained.

"Sports has the potential



Sport Minister, Satish Sharma visiting Zaznar ground Brane-Nishat on Saturday.

and scope of saving youth from being swayed towards drugs and other social ills by channelizing their energies in the right direction. We are trying our bit to provide ample sports infrastructure besides ensuring growth of lesser known sporting disciplines having potential in the UT", the Minister maintained.

He said the Government is focusing on unearthing young talents as sports

department for providing pitch roller in the ground by this Monday. The Minister also met many delegations who apprised him of their issues regarding transport facilities, food supply, cleanliness of lakes, upgradation of sports amenities, seeking redressal of the same.

On the occasion, the Minister announced bus service from Ishber Nishat

to Hazratbal via Foreshore Road commencing from tomorrow.

MLA Khanyar hoped that the departments assigned to Satish Sharma will see tremendous development in the region.

The Minister was accompanied by Director FCS&CA, Secretary Sports Council, CEO JKEDA and senior officers from transport, LCMA, YS&A.

J&K Raj Bhawan celebrates Devbhoomi Uttarakhand's Foundation Day



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extending his felicitations to the people of Uttarakhand.

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Jammu: Fostering the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan on Saturday hosted the Foundation Day celebration of Uttarakhand. Students, Security personnel and the people of Uttarakhand living in J&K UT were the special invitees. On the occasion, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extended his felicitations to the people of Uttarakhand and the distinguished guests present. Recalling its rich

history, the Lt Governor paid homage to the bravehearts and great personalities of Uttarakhand and remembered their selfless service to the nation.

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Forensic Medicine Deptt of AIIMS Jammu organises Cyber Crime Awareness Programme

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Jammu: In the present world, people are more digitally connected than ever before. Criminals take advantage of this online transformation to target weaknesses in online systems, networks and infrastructure. There are Cyber actors and Cyber Scammers with local, national and international connections handling a billion-dollar crime industry. This cyber fraud and scamsters have made a massive economic and social impact on governments, businesses and individuals worldwide. Phishing, ransomware, Digital Aristicide porn and data breaches are just a few examples of current cyberthreats, while new types of cybercrime are emerging all the time. Cybercriminals are increasingly agile and organized - exploiting new technologies, tailoring their attacks and cooperating in new ways.

Cybercrimes know no national borders. Criminals, victims and technical infrastructure span multiple jurisdictions, bringing many challenges to investigations and prosecutions. The Government of India has taken extreme steps to curb this menace, of this one of the important steps to prevent such crime is Spreading Awareness among the Public.

The Department of Forensic Medicine, AIIMS, Vijaypur Jammu had organized Cyber Crime Awareness Programme.

The programme was chaired by the Executive Director & CEO, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta and was organized by Professor (Dr) Dinesh Rao, HOD, Forensic Medicine.

Mohammed Yasin Kichloo, SSP, Cyber Investigation Center for Excellence, Jammu, J&K addressed the gathering.

He highlighted the methods



Executive Director & CEO AIIMS Jammu, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta and other dignitaries at a programme.

adopted by the Cyber Crime Actors and the tricks adopted by Cyber Crime Scammers to lure the citizens and inducing them into a well planned monetary trap to extort their advantage. He gave numerous examples of such incidents

reported in the city and the methods adopted by the Cyber Crime Division to arrest the perpetrators. Kichloo cautioned as how the innocents and ignorant are trapped through Social Media Platforms like the WhatsApps, Facebook,

Instagrams...and the details available in those platforms are used to create Fake IDs and the same is used in so called Cyber Crime scamsters and Cyber Crime Actors in committing Cyber Crimes.

He also explained the way the AI [Artificial Intelligence] is manipulated by the Cyber Crime Actors to Deep Fake the IDs of prominent people or known people to influence and lure the innocents and the ignorant and extort them or subject them to so called "Digital Arrest". Kichloo shared the social media users on the disadvantages of using these platforms to update their IDs and their daily activities/events and the way this information been used to commit the crime.

He also highlighted the dangers involved in official transactions with Gmail portals. He demonstrated on a website called www.tafoop.co.in, wherein one can trace by himself if

any phone numbers [SIM] have been issued to others in one's IDs.

He impressed upon the fact as how many of us casually divulge the details of our IDs by discarding the Boarding passes, revealing contact details at shopping malls, sharing OTPs and logging into unauthorized sites or links in the messages.

He highlighted the importance of Securing Information in Hospitals and flagged the measures needed to be adopted to safe guard the faculty, staff and the patients.

Kichloo shared with the participants the safety precautions to be taken and made them aware on how to handle Cyber frauds.

He advised the audience to report to the help line no 1930 in the event of a cyber crime and register their complaints in the web sites www.cybercrime.gov.in, www.sancharsaathi.com, www.tafoop.com, and www.havebeenpwned.com.

He also informed about the web site www.havebeenpwned.com, wherein one can check if someone has taken control of their IDs in the form of Email or user profiles.

The Cyber Awareness Programme was first of its kind at AIIMS Jammu. The Programme was well attended by the Faculty, Staff, IT Team and Students of AIIMS, Jammu. The ED & CEO, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of such Programmes and suggested everyone to follow the suggestions of Mr Kichloo. He further emphasized that to prevent/mitigate cybercrimes awareness of cybercrime and its prevention is vital and regular monitoring & audit should be done at the Institute. Professor (Dr) Dinesh Rao, HoD, Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Jammu organized and coordinated the Programme.