

Javid Dar, Nasir Aslam review snow clearance, restoration of essential services at Kupwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, and Panchayati Raj, Javed Ahmad Dar and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on Monday impressed upon the officers of district administration Kupwara to work with utmost dedication and coordination to tackle any situation facing the people of this far flung and frontier district during the snowfall period.

They said this while jointly chairing a meeting of district and sectoral officers at Kupwara held to review progress on snow clearance and restoration of essential services after recent spell of snowfall in the district.

Among others, MLA Lolab, Qaiser Jamsheed Lone, MLA Langate, Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh and Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan were present in the meeting.

On the occasion, Javid Dar enjoined upon the officers of line departments to work in tandem to ease the sufferings of the people in this harsh winter season. He



Agriculture Minister Javed Ahmad Dar chairing a meeting.

impressed upon the officers to be friendly and humane with the people who have a lot of expectations with the administration and the government in resolving their issues.

Advisor to CM impressed upon the officers to ensure stronger coordination at all levels to effectively tackle any situation during the snowfall season.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner apprised the dignitaries about the progress on snow clearance and status of power and water supply in the district post snowfall. She said that some of the areas of district Kupwara including Lolab, Kralpora and higher reaches of Keran, Jumangud, Machill and

Chowkibal have received snowfall. Adequate men and machinery of line departments is available on ground to tackle any situation.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that 150 km road length out of 243.5 km falling under R&B department stands cleared from the snow. Besides, 65 Km out of 183 km have been cleared by PMGSY. Out of 150 km road length falling under BRO, 50 km stands cleared. Besides, 124 km have also been cleared by MED department.

Javid Ahmad Dar directed the officers to intensify the efforts and ensure clearance of all roads falling under their jurisdiction.

Regarding Power supply, it

was informed that all 107 11KV feeders are functional in the district. Besides, out of 254 lift/gravity PHE schemes, 3 schemes were affected out of which 2 have been restored and 1 is non-functional.

The Minister was informed that low voltage power supply impacts the proper functioning of water supply schemes in Lolab sub division which are majorly lift based schemes.

Javid Dar directed the concerned PHE Engineer for projecting the issue to his office so that alternative for Gensets shall be explored to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the people.

The Minister directed the concerned officers for connecting left out habitations

under Jal Jeevan Mission so that every household gets the piped drinking water supply.

The Minister and the Advisor also reviewed the functioning of Control Rooms. They were informed that Control Rooms at District Level, Sub Division Level and Tehsil level have been established by the District Administration to address the distressed calls and provide immediate support to the people in coordination with the line departments.

Reviewing Health sector, the Deputy Commissioner and CMO put forward the demand for posting of Gynecologist and Anesthetist to the Sub District Hospital Sogam, SDH Kralpora, SDH Tangdar and SDH Kupwara before the Minister and Advisor who assured the same. The Minister also reviewed the status of ration and essential commodities.

MLA Lolab, Qaiser Jamsheed Lone and MLA Langate, Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh also spoke and put forth issues of their constituencies.

DC Kupwara inspects snow clearance ops, visits key locations

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KUPWARA: In order to assess the snow clearance operations and evaluate the overall post-snowfall situation in Kralpora area, Chowkibal and other towns of Kupwara district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan conducted a comprehensive tour on Monday.

During the tour, the DC reviewed snow clearance activities being undertaken on Chowkibal - Tangdar road and Chowkibal-Manchattar road and inspected efforts to ensure roads are cleared off snow.

As part of her extensive tour, the DC visited the R&B Snow Control Room at Kralpora to review the deployment and functioning of snow clearance machinery.

She inspected the availability and operational status of snow removal equipment and other machinery. She interacted with the staff on duty and appreciated their efforts in ensuring prompt action during snowfall.

The DC directed the R&



DC Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan inspecting snow clearance operation.

and Beacon authorities to sprinkle salt on slippery spots of the roads.

During her visit to Sub District Hospital Kralpora, the DC interacted with the staff and patients, ensuring that healthcare services are functioning efficiently despite the inclement weather.

She reviewed the availability of essential medicines, heating arrangements, and other facilities, instructing hospital management to address any shortcomings promptly.

The DC also visited the main market area of Reddi Chowkibal and Kralpora to check the clearance of snow from roads and inner links

and interacted with public ensuring that their concerns are addressed promptly.

While interacting with locals, DC listened to their grievances and assured them that the administration is working round the clock to restore all essential services.

She assured the public that the administration is fully committed to mitigate the challenges posed by the harsh weather besides reiterated that the district administration is monitoring the situation round the clock and urged all departments to maintain coordination to ensure minimal disruption.

DC Baramulla visits Gurdwara Chatti Padshahi



DC Baramulla, Minga Sherpa paying obeisance at Chatti Padshahi Gurdwara.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: In a spirit of unity and celebration, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa on Monday extended heartfelt greetings to the Sikh community and all those celebrating the 358th birth anniversary of the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

On the occasion, Minga Sherpa visited the Chatti Padshahi Gurdwara in Baramulla and joined devotees to participate in the religious festivities.

In his message, the DC lauded the life and teach-

ings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, emphasizing his role as a spiritual leader, warrior, poet and philosopher.

Minga Sherpa further highlighted Guru Gobind Singh Ji's unwavering commitment to justice, equality and compassion, which continues to inspire generations across the world.

Meanwhile, gurdwaras across the district witnessed special prayers, kirtans and langars to pay homage and honor the legacy of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

DLSA Ganderbal concludes 4-day orientation/ training program

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
GANDERBAL: A four days long orientation cum training program for members of the Legal Services Unit for Children and the Persons with Mental Illness Intellectual Disabilities, organised by the District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal concluded on Monday, here.

The event was held under the supervision of Abdul Nasir, Chairman, DLSA Ganderbal, and under the guidance Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal.

The training, held at Conference Hall, District Court Complex, Ganderbal, aimed for the implementation of NALSA Schemes, 2024 for children's and persons with mental illness and intellectual disability.

The program sensitised participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide effective legal services to children's and persons with mental illness and intellectual disability.

The training program for LSUC members was held on January 01& 02, 2025 while the training program for



LSUC members was held on January 03 & 04, 2025, at the Conference Hall, District Court Complex, Ganderbal.

During the 4-days long orientation training program, Rafia Hassan, Additional District and Sessions Judge (AD&SJ), Ganderbal, delivered a comprehensive presentation on Actions and Interventions under the NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024.

She emphasized the importance of providing legal services to persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities at various stages, institutions and locations, including, Beggar's Homes, Women's Protection Homes, Child Care Institutions, Prisons, through home visits.

She also highlighted the

significance of providing legal assistance in availing benefits of social welfare schemes especially to the children's and persons with mental illness.

During the inaugural session, Sheikh Babar Hussain outlined the objectives behind conducting of the training program and emphasised the importance of providing effective legal services to vulnerable members of society especially children's and mentally sick persons.

The program aimed to sensitise the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement "NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024" and "NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with

Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024".

Principal Magistrate JJB Ganderbal, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the legal and policy frameworks in the context of children in conflict with law. She highlighted the actions and interventions under the scheme, with a focus on legal services to children in conflict with the law.

She elaborated on the various stages where legal services are provided to children, including, at Police Station, Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Children's Homes (CCIs), Children's Courts, Prisons etc.

Besides, Chairperson, Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC), Ganderbal, provided an in-depth analysis of the Legal and Policy Frameworks in

the Context of Persons with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities under NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024.

Ajaz Ahmad Mir, Retired District Judge, Advisor/Mentor of the both units virtually conducted an interactive session with the participants. The session included introductions, ice-breaking activities, and a discussion to understand the importance of training with respect to the provision of legal services to children, persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

He also provided a comprehensive overview of the NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024" and "NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024 in District Ganderbal.

All the members of both units took a pledge that they will burn the midnight oil for the effective implementation of these schemes on the ground so that the deserving persons will be benefitted.

District Advocate Shaguta Nabi, Center Administrator, One Stop Center (OSC) Ganderbal; Ghulam Rasool Rather, Advocate; Tanveer Ashraf, Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC), District Ganderbal and Sajad Ahmad Rather, Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Anantnag also elaborated on the subject.

The training program was called off with featured expert sessions, interactive discussions, and case studies, providing participants with a holistic understanding of the legal framework and best practices to execute "NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024" and "NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024 in District Ganderbal.

SMC intensifies snow clearance, dewatering operations in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has launched extensive operations to address the pressing issues of snow clearance and waterlogging throughout the city following recent snowfall and rain.

With a dedicated workforce and advanced machinery, SMC teams have been actively clearing snow and excess water from lanes and bylanes since early morning.

To enhance efficiency, dewatering operations are being monitored through the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system.



SMC Commissioner monitoring snow clearance operation.

Currently, 67 out of 100 dewatering stations are under real-time surveillance, allowing for effective management of water levels.

The SCADA Main Control Centre at Darish Kadal oversees pump operations, DG set performance, and sump water levels to ensure

optimal water management.

In parallel, snow clearance activities are being managed through the SMC's 24x7 Control Room, augmented by a Vehicle Tracking System (VTS). This technology enables better deployment and coordination of machinery across the city.

Dewatering pumps have been strategically deployed at key locations to mitigate water accumulation, and all pump stations remain fully operational. The sanitation workforce is diligently clearing roads of snow and water, providing essential relief to residents affected by the

inclement weather.

The SMC Commissioner has been closely monitoring all operations to ensure timely and effective implementation. "Our teams are doing outstanding work under challenging conditions," stated the Commissioner, reaffirming the SMC's commitment to alleviating the hardships faced by residents due to snow and waterlogging.

For assistance, residents are encouraged to reach out to the SMC's 24x7 Control Room helpline at 0194-2470465, 0194-2474499, or the Toll-Free Number 1800-180-7038.

SDM Lolab monitors snow clearance operations, inspects SDH Sogam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Lolab, Javid Masoodi Sunday monitored the snow clearance operations on various roads of Lolab sub division after fresh spell of snowfall.

He reviewed the progress and ensured that roads are being cleared promptly to facilitate smooth movement of the public.

The SDM also paid a late evening visit to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Sogam to assess the functioning of the hospital during the ongoing weather conditions.



He interacted with the hospital staff and directed them to remain vigilant and prepared to handle any emergency situations.

The SDM assured the residents of Lolab that the administration is committed

to ensuring that all essential services remain operational despite the heavy snowfall.

He urged the public to cooperate with the authorities and report any urgent issues requiring immediate attention.

Army organises Youth Development Program for girl student at Thanamang

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: The army has inaugurated a Youth Development Program in the village of Thanamang, Rajouri, which will offer classes on personality development, English speaking, and general knowledge to empower girl students and help them inculcate requisite soft skills. This initiative is part of the Indian Army's Operation Sadbhavana, in collaboration with Shri Shri Ravi Shankar Institute's Art of Living.

The training focuses on enhancing public speaking skills and further motivating the students to take up competitive exams. It aims to lay the foundation for nationalism and patriotism, encouraging them to enter the mainstream education system across the country and fulfill their



dreams of becoming successful individuals in their desired careers.

The inauguration was attended by local sarpanches and teachers from the Darhal Block. The guest of honor was Capt. Abdul Kabir (Retd), President of the ESM group, Darhal Block.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Sarpanch Zakir Malik, who appreciated the Indian

Army's initiative in empowering the girls of Darhal and motivated them to excel in their desired fields.

Officials from the local civil administration were also invited. The event highlighted the Indian Army's commitment to supporting sustainable development and fostering self-reliance.

"This program will enable individuals to achieve financial

independence and contribute positively to their families and the community."

The training program, which will run for a month, will equip participants with practical skills in tailoring and stitching, opening up new opportunities for income generation and employment. The Indian Army continues to prioritize community welfare and social upliftment through such initiatives.

Army leads skill development initiative with carpentry cadre for youth at Parat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: The Indian Army's skill development program, focusing on carpentry, to empower the youth in the remote region south of Pir Panjal at Parat, Rajouri, is gaining great traction. This ongoing initiative aims to provide young individuals with practical skills, enhancing their employability and promoting self-reliance in underserved communities.

Conducted at a training center in Parat, established by the Indian Army, the carpentry course has attracted a large number of enthusiastic participants.

The program covers essential skills like furniture making, wood craft-



ing, and tool handling, blending traditional techniques with modern innovations.

Expert trainers are guiding participants to ensure a comprehensive learning experience. The initiative is part of the

being provided with toolkits and certificates, boosting their chances of securing employment or starting their own ventures. The beneficiaries have expressed their gratitude for the program, highlighting its role in opening new avenues for income generation.

The Indian Army plans to expand such vocational training programs in the future, focusing on various trades to ensure holistic development and upliftment of youth in these areas.

This initiative showcases the Indian Army's commitment not only to national security but also to fostering progress and resilience in local communities.

Along with skill training, the participants are