

Consultations with MLAs of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal

# Pre-budget meet with legislators aims to make Budget citizen-centric: Omar



CM Omar Abdullah chairing pre-budget consultation meeting with legislators of Srinagar on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing the series of pre-budget consultations ahead of the forthcoming Budget Session, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Civil Secretariat here with Members of the Legislative Assembly from Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts.

The meeting was attended by Minister Javaid Ahmad Dar, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D. Vaidya, Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts, and other

senior officers.

During the deliberations, legislators from Srinagar sought enhanced budgetary allocations in the Budget 2026-27 for priority developmental projects and key public welfare initiatives, keeping in view the significance of Srinagar as the summer capital.

MLAs Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mubarak Gul, Shamim Firdous, Tanvir Sadiq, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Salman Ali Sagar and Mushtaq Ahmad Guru presented constituency-specific development plans and raised issues related to infrastructure development and overall public welfare.

## Consultations aimed at shaping policies, effective resource allocation: CM

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday chaired a pre-Budget consultation meeting with key stakeholders at the Civil Secretariat here to gather inputs and perspectives from various sectors ahead of the Budget 2026-27 of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javaid Ahmad Dar and Satish Sharma; Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta; ACS Tourism Ashish Chander Verma; Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D. Vaidya; Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh; Secretary Social Welfare Sarmad Hafiz, besides senior officers from other departments.

During the meeting, stakeholders, including industrialists, traders, hoteliers, tour and travel operators, educationists, agriculturists, horticulturists, entrepreneurs and representatives of various business bodies presented their suggestions and inputs for consideration in the forthcoming Budget.

## CM reviews situation after severe wind storms, snowfall across J&K

**SRINAGAR:** Amid inclement weather conditions following widespread snowfall, gusty winds and snow storms, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday evening chaired a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review the overall situation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Minister Satish Sharma; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Chief Secretary, R&B, Anil Kumar Singh; IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo; Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Faz Lul Haseeb; heads of various departments, and other senior officers.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu and all Deputy Commissioners from the Kashmir Valley and Jammu division participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

# Top JeM terrorist killed in Kathua encounter

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** In a significant breakthrough in counter-terror operations, security forces on Friday eliminated a top Pakistani terrorist linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit in an encounter in Kathua district, police said.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu range, Bhim Sen Tuti, said the terrorist was gunned down during a joint operation in the general area of Billawar.

"A Pakistani Jaish terrorist has been neutralised by a small JKP (J&K Police) team in a joint operation with the Army and CRPF in the general area of Billawar," the Jammu police chief said in a post on X.

Officials identified the deceased terrorist as JeM commander Usman alias "Abu Maviya". They said that a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including an M4 automatic rifle, were recovered from him during the operation in a remote village in the Parhetar area.

"Acting on specific intelligence inputs, Joint



Operation was launched by Army and Police on 23 Jan in general area Parhetar. Area was cordoned and contact established. In a precise strike by the joint forces, 1 (one) foreign terrorist has been eliminated," Army's Rising Star Corps said in a separate post on X.

It said the search operations are continuing when the last reports were received. The officials said Usman was one of the most wanted JeM terrorists active in the Udhampur-Kathua belt for the last couple of years after infiltrating into this side from across the bor-

der. He had escaped several encounters in the past, the latest being on January 7 and 13 in Kahog and Najote forests, respectively, they said.

The officials said the joint search party raided a house but came under fire from a hiding terrorist late this afternoon. The search parties reacted swiftly and shot him dead in close combat.

The encounter lasted for a few minutes only, the officials said, terming the killing of the dreaded terrorist a major breakthrough for the security forces.

## Modi to handover over 61,000 appointment letters at Rozgar Mela today

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 61,000 appointment letters to the newly appointed youth in various government departments and organisations at the 18th Rozgar Mela on Saturday. In line with the prime minister's commitment to accord the highest priority to employment generation, Rozgar Mela is a key initiative aimed at translating this vision into action, a PMO statement said.

Since its inception, more than 11 lakh recruitment letters have been issued through Rozgar Melas organised



across the country, it said. The 18th Rozgar Mela will be organised at 45 locations across the country, and newly recruited candidates, selected from all parts of India, will be joining various Ministries and Departments of the Government.

## 891 MW power supply restored instantly after disruption due to rains, snow: JPDCL

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** In view of incessant rainfall and heavy snowfall across various parts of the Jammu Division, the power demand of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) witnessed an unprecedented decline, dropping to 140 MW at around 04:00 am. Consequent upon sustained restoration efforts undertaken by JPDCL, the running load has since been progressively enhanced to 891 MW, as against the normal average running load of approximately 1150 MW.

At the Sub-Transmission level, 161 out of 181 numbers

of 66/33 kV lines have been restored. At the Distribution level, 740 out of 1373 numbers of 11 kV feeders have been restored and restoration of remaining accessible feeders is being undertaken on priority.

The pace of restoration in certain areas remains constrained due to inaccessibility of snow-bound and rain-affected locations, particularly in hilly and remote regions. The major affected areas include parts of Poonch, Rajouri, Kathua, Doda, Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Kishtwar and Samba districts, especially the higher reaches and interior areas.

## Snowfall disrupts life in Jammu's higher reaches



Vaishno Devi Shrine receives season's first snowfall on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** Moderate to heavy snowfall was experienced in high-altitude areas, including the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in the Jammu region, leading to the suspension of traffic on key roads and disruption of air and rail

services. More than 100 stranded persons were rescued from snowbound areas in Poonch and Udhampur districts, while moderate rains lashed the plains, including Jammu city, bringing an end to a dry spell that had lasted for over two months.

## J&K issues high-danger avalanche warning in 6 districts

All flights cancelled at Srinagar airport due to heavy snowfall

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir issued a high-danger avalanche warning on Friday for six districts of the Union territory following fresh snowfall, officials said. Avalanches with a high-danger level are likely to occur above 2,300 metres in Ganderbal district, in Central Kashmir, over the next 24 hours, the officials said. They also warned that an avalanche with high danger level is likely to occur above 2,500 metres

over districts, including Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch and Ramban in the Jammu region, and Kupwara in North Kashmir. The officials urged the residents to remain cautious and avoid venturing into avalanche-prone areas.

Meanwhile, the air traffic to and fro Kashmir was suspended after flight operations were cancelled at the Srinagar airport due to heavy snowfall in the valley, which has rendered the runway unsafe for aircraft operation, officials said.



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