

Omar reviews development in Samba, stresses time-bound completion of projects

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SAMBA: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday held a comprehensive district review meeting at the conference hall Samba to take a first-hand appraisal of the overall development scenario in Samba district.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary; Ministers Sakeena Ito, Javid Ahmad Dar and Satish Sharma; and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani. Also present were Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Samba; Members of Legislative Assembly S.S. Slathia (Samba), Chander Prakash Ganga (Vijaypur) and Devinder Kumar Manyal (Ramgarh).

Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Heads of Departments and other senior officers also participated in the review meeting.

Addressing district-specific concerns, the Chief Minister urged the administration to expedite the pace of developmental activities and ensure that benefits of growth reach every household. "Officers must ensure time-bound completion of all projects, remove bottlenecks, improve public service delivery and maintain high standards of quality in execution," the Chief Minister asserted.

Taking note of key issues raised during the meeting, the Chief Minister directed immediate redressal and resolution of matters flagged by the MLAs. He further



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing district review meeting at the conference hall Samba on Wednesday.

instructed that all concerns raised be verified on priority and necessary corrective measures taken without delay.

Emphasising a focused approach towards employment generation, the Chief Minister underscored the importance of promoting entrepreneurship, particularly under Mission YUVA, and strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to make women more economically independent. "Empowering youth and women is central to sustainable and inclusive development," he said.

With regard to projects under SASCI, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commissioner to fast-track their execution and ensure periodic reviews to monitor progress and address impediments in a timely manner.

The Chief Minister also stressed the importance of effectively resolving public grievances raised by DDC member and MLAs, directing the administration

to maintain close coordination with public representatives to ensure responsive governance.

During the meeting, several other issues were highlighted, including drinking water supply, sanitation, regularisation of daily wagers, upgradation of schools, establishment of colleges in remote areas, implementation of industrial policy, and shortage of staff in hospitals and educational institutions. The Chief Minister assured that all genuine concerns would be examined and addressed in a timely and systematic manner.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan, presented a detailed district profile, outlining sector-wise targets and achievements across departments such as Jal Shakti (PHE), Public Works (R&B), Power Development, Education, Health, Agriculture and Social Welfare.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also e-inaugurated developmental projects worth Rs 533 lakh, including: Improvement and upgradation of link road from Panchayat Ghar Chak Slarian to Ramloo at Tara Resort (length 5.85 km) under NABARD at a cost of Rs 311.66 lakh; and Construction of link road at Village Chak Nazir (length 2.50 km) under NABARD at a cost of Rs 221.54 lakh.

Moreover, the Chief Minister laid the e-foundation stone for the construction of a 100-metre span footbridge over River Basanter at Banah, to be executed under NABARD at an estimated cost of Rs 198.38 lakh. The Chief Minister complimented the district administration for its proactive role during last year's crisis situation and said that the district has shown considerable progress in respect of several developmental parameters.



LIC launches 'Jeevan Utsav Single Premium' plan



LIC's CEO & Managing Director R. Doraiswamy with others launching LIC's Jeevan Utsav Single Premium (Plan No. 883).

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MUMBAI: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced a new insurance product, "LIC's Jeevan Utsav Single Premium (Plan No. 883)", aimed at providing guaranteed lifelong income along with whole life risk cover.

The plan was launched on January 6, 2026, by LIC's CEO & Managing Director R. Doraiswamy.

LIC's Jeevan Utsav Single Premium is a Non-Participating, Non-Linked, Individual Savings and Whole Life Insurance plan. It is offered under a single premium structure and comes with the accrual of Guaranteed Additions during a specified period. The Unique Identification Number (UIN) of the plan is 512N392V01.

The plan is available for individuals aged 30 days to 65 years. The minimum Basic Sum Assured is set at Rs 5 lakh, with no upper limit, sub-

ject to underwriting decisions as per LIC's Board-approved underwriting policy. Guaranteed Additions accrue at the rate of Rs 40 per thousand of Basic Sum Assured at the end of each policy year during the Guaranteed Addition period.

Policyholders can choose between two survival benefit options. Under Option I - Regular Income Benefit, 10% of the Basic Sum Assured is paid at the end of each policy year, starting after a deferral period of 7 to 17 years, as chosen by the policyholder. Under Option II - Flexi Income Benefit, the 10% income can be deferred, accumulated, and withdrawn later. LIC will pay interest on the deferred amount at 5.5% per annum, compounded yearly, subject to policy terms and conditions.

In the event of death after commencement of risk, the Death Benefit payable will be

the Sum Assured on Death plus accrued Guaranteed Additions, provided the policy is in force. The Sum Assured on Death is defined as the higher of the Basic Sum Assured or 1.25 times the Tabular Single Premium.

On survival to the end of the policy term, the Maturity Benefit payable will be the Sum Assured on Maturity along with accrued Guaranteed Additions. The Sum Assured on Maturity is the higher of the Basic Sum Assured or 1.25 times the Tabular Single Premium.

The plan also offers additional liquidity through loan facility, along with attractive high sum assured rebates. Policyholders can further enhance coverage by opting for LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider and LIC's New Term Assurance Rider, subject to eligibility conditions and payment of additional premium.

Devyani Rana reviews education infrastructure and academic performance in Nagrota

Implores Govt support for flood-damaged school infrastructure

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana, on Wednesday chaired an extensive review meeting of the School Education Department to assess the status of education infrastructure and academic performance in government schools across the Nagrota Assembly Constituency, with special emphasis on schools damaged due to recent floods.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Education Officer (CEO), Jammu, Deputy Chief Education Officer (Dy. CEO), Jammu, and Principals and Heads of various government schools functioning within the constituency. The interaction focused on assessing academic performance, availability of teaching staff, infrastructure facilities, enrollment trends, and the effective implementa-



MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana chairing review meeting of the School Education Department.

tion of various education-related government schemes.

During the detailed review, Devyani Rana sought a comprehensive briefing on the status of schools, including classroom availability, sanitation facilities, drinking water, electricity, and digital learning resources. She also reviewed issues related to staff shortages, rationalization of teachers, and subject-wise availability of faculty in higher secondary schools. The MLA

stressed the need for addressing these challenges on priority to ensure uninterrupted academic activities.

Rana emphasized that quality education and student welfare are among her top priorities. She called upon education officers and school principals to work with dedication and accountability to enhance learning outcomes. Highlighting the importance of discipline and regular attendance, she urged the depart-

ment to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and take proactive steps to reduce dropout rates, particularly at the secondary level.

The MLA also underscored the need to promote co-curricular activities, sports, and skill development initiatives to ensure the holistic development of students. She encouraged Principals to actively engage with parents, local communities, and School Management

Committees to create a supportive educational ecosystem.

The CEO and Dy. CEO Jammu assured Rana that all concerns raised during the meeting would be examined in detail and addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

Reiterating her commitment, Devyani Rana assured full cooperation and support to the School Education Department for strengthening infrastructure, improving academic standards, and ensuring that students of Nagrota constituency receive quality education and better opportunities for the future.

ADGP Armed reviews functioning of IRP 12th Bn, Mountain rescue team training preparedness for Yatra 2026

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JAMMU: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (Armed), J&K, accompanied by Vinod Kumar, DIG IR Jammu Range, on Wednesday visited Nud, Samba, to review the functioning of IRP 12th Battalion and assess the training of the J&K Police Mountain Rescue Team (MRT).

The ADG inspected the Battalion Headquarters, reviewed infrastructure and facilities, and interacted with personnel during a Darbar, where he heard their grievances and issued on-the-spot directions for redressal.

During his address, the ADG cautioned personnel against drug abuse, emphasized mandatory CCTV training, and reviewed preparedness for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026.

He also inaugurated the CCTV Control Room at the Battalion Headquarters.

Jain stressed the importance of physical and mental well-being, hygienic food, and professionalism, and appreciated the dedication of personnel.

Among other who were present on the occasion include, Mumtaz Ahmad, Commandant IRP 12th Battalion; Dalip Kumar, SSP, Staff Officer to ADGP Armed; Virender Singh Manhas, SSP Samba, and other officers.



ADGP Armed, J&K, Anand Jain with other officers interacting with MRT personnel.

IIM Jammu inaugurates Onsite Business Communication & Presentation Skills Programme for HAL



IIM Jammu faculty and others at inaugural ceremony of four-day Onsite Business Communication & Presentation Skills Programme for officials of HAL.

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BENGALURU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Monday inaugurated a four-day Onsite Business Communication & Presentation Skills Programme for officials of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at the HAL Management Academy, Bengaluru. The programme is being conducted for the Maharashtra Public Sector Undertaking as part of IIM Jammu's executive education initiatives.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, who addressed the gathering in online mode. Arup Kumar Mallick, Executive Director, HAL Management Academy

(DPSU), graced the occasion in person, while Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean - Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, and Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson - Executive Education and Consulting, IIM Jammu, also participated online.

Welcoming the participants, Arup Kumar Mallick highlighted the strategic importance of the programme in strengthening leadership capabilities and enhancing effective communication within HAL. He shared insights into HAL's rich legacy, its critical role in nation building, and its contribution to India's aerospace and defence ecosystem. He emphasized the value of industry-academia collaboration in addressing evolving leadership and communi-

cation challenges.

Addressing the participants, Prof. B.S. Sahay lauded HAL's contribution to national development and said it was deeply encouraging to collaborate with the HAL Management Academy. He underlined the importance of continuous learning, innovation-driven leadership, and knowledge co-creation in building globally competitive public sector enterprises.

Prof. Jabir Ali stated that the programme has been uniquely designed by integrating best academic practices with contemporary industry frameworks. He emphasized a discussion-driven and experiential learning approach aimed at translating insights into orga-

nizational impact. Prof. Sanjeev Pathak reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment to building a long-term and sustainable partnership with HAL through executive education and consulting initiatives.

The programme aims to enhance strategic communication, executive presence, and high-impact presentation skills among leadership professionals. Moving beyond conventional presentation techniques, it integrates visual storytelling, behavioural insights, digital tools, and AI-enabled platforms such as Canva, Prezi, Power BI, Tableau, and GenAI tools. Participants will develop competencies in persuasive communication, data visualization, and executive-level influence.

The training is being delivered by a distinguished faculty team comprising Dr. Gaana J. and Dr. Sundar R. (Programme Directors), along with Dr. Apurva and Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Swain. The inaugural session concluded with an overview of the programme structure and an interactive exchange with participating executives, reaffirming IIM Jammu's commitment to industry-aligned leadership development and national capacity building.

Dir SDD reviews functioning of Govt Polytechnic Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director Skill Development Department (SDD) Jammu & Kashmir, Shahzad Alam undertook an extensive visit on Wednesday to Government Polytechnic Jammu to review the overall functioning of the institution and assess the facilities available for students.

The Director was received by the Principal, Er Talet Mahmood along with senior faculty members.

During the visit, the Director conducted a comprehensive tour of the campus,



Director Skill Development Department (SDD) Jammu & Kashmir, Shahzad Alam.

inspecting academic blocks, laboratories and workshops to assess the availability and condition of infrastructure and machinery. He paid particular attention to the Electrical Engineering laboratories, where he interacted with the faculty members and reviewed the implementation of the

curriculum. The Director also reviewed the implementation of the Government schemes, including MISSION YUVA. He empha-

sised the importance of skill up-gradation to empower youth and align their competencies with industry requirements.

While interacting with the staff, Shahzad Alam underscored the need to maintain high standards of technical education. He encouraged faculty members to place greater emphasis on practical training, innovation and industry-oriented learning to prepare students for employment opportunities.

The visit concluded with a detailed discussion on future development plans to strengthen the academic and training infrastructure at Government Polytechnic Jammu.

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