

Devyani Rana reviews Power & Health Deptts working in Nagrota; emphasises need for filling vacant posts

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JAMMU: MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana, on Thursday chaired an extensive, people-centric review meeting of the Power Development Department (PDD) and the Health & Medical Education Department to assess their functioning and address pressing public concerns in the Nagrota constituency. The meeting focused on strengthening essential services, with particular emphasis on the needs of poor and vulnerable sections of society.

The review was attended by the Superintending Engineer, JPDCL, along with Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers of the Power Development Department. From the Health sector, Chief Medical Officer Jammu, Block Medical Officer (BMO) Damsal and Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bhalwal were present.

While reviewing the Power Development Department, Devyani Rana reviewed concern over complaints from poor and low-income households regarding abnormally high electricity bills, which have caused significant financial distress to families across Nagrota. She noted that several consumers have reported inflated bills despite limited usage and directed officials to immediately scrutinize such cases. The MLA stressed meter testing, correction of faulty readings, transparent billing practices and prompt relief to genuine consumers, especially those from economically weaker sections.

She also directed the department to intensify awareness about the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Scheme so that more households can bene-



MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana chairing a meeting on Thursday.

fit from renewable energy initiatives spearheaded by the Centre. Emphasising that rooftop solar can substantially reduce electricity bills and promote self-reliance, she asked officials to conduct local-level awareness drives and actively assist eligible families in availing the scheme.

In addition, the MLA reviewed issues related to power supply, voltage fluctuations, damaged and overloaded transformers, pending infrastructure upgrades and unscheduled power cuts, particularly in rural and hilly areas. She instructed officers to ensure swift restoration of power supply, strengthen field-level infrastructure and improve the grievance redressal mechanism for time-bound resolution of public complaints.

The acute shortage of manpower, especially linemen, also came up for discussion. Officials informed the MLA that the lack of adequate staff is adversely affecting timely redressal of power-related issues and restoration during breakdowns. Taking serious note, Devyani Rana assured that the matter of vacant posts and staff shortages would be taken up with higher authorities to ensure adequate manpower and bet-

ter service delivery. Reviewing the Health & Medical Education Department, the MLA assessed the availability of doctors, paramedical staff, essential medicines, diagnostic facilities and ambulance services in health institutions serving Nagrota. She stressed the need to fill vacant posts, strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improve patient care to ensure accessible and affordable healthcare for all.

Devyani Rana underscored that residents of remote and underserved areas should not be forced to travel long distances for basic medical treatment or suffer due to lack of essential facilities. She called for improved inter-departmental coordination and a more compassionate, people-friendly approach in service delivery.

Reaffirming her commitment to public welfare, the MLA assured that all genuine grievances, particularly those related to high electricity bills, manpower shortages and healthcare gaps, would be taken up with the highest authorities. She emphasised transparency, accountability and responsive governance as the cornerstone of effective public service.

CSIR-IIIM hosts Mission YUVA awareness event-'Innovative X 1.0' at Biotech Park Kathua

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KATHUA: The BioNEST Bioincubation Centre of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) Jammu in collaboration with IIIM's Technology Business Incubator (IIIM-TBI) organised the "Innovative X 1.0 - Awareness Campaign" under the Mission YUVA initiative here on Thursday.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shahzad Alam, Managing Director, Mission YUVA and Director Employment and Skill Development Department J&K. He commended CSIR-IIIM for creating a vibrant and enabling platform for innovation and startups. He explained Mission YUVA to the audience, outlining clear pathways for Nano Enterprises, MSMEs and Neo-Innovative Enterprises, particularly for knowledge-driven startups. He urged the youth to identify local problems, develop innovative solutions and utilise government platforms for funding and mentorship. "You now have a clear platform, if you want to start something, you know where to go and how to proceed," he said, encouraging participants to apply for the Neo-Innovative Enterprises scheme through the Mission YUVA portal. Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu and Chairman, IIIM-TBI Dr Zabeer Ahmed, in his address, said that CSIR-IIIM remains committed to fostering innovation-led entrepreneurship by creating a robust ecosystem that integrates scien-



Crop-Domain Pvt Ltd and IIIM-TBI representatives after signing MoU.

tific research, technology development and enterprise creation. He emphasised that such initiatives can play a crucial role in empowering youth, startups and farmers by providing access to advanced infrastructure, mentorship and industry linkages. He also highlighted that the Industrial Biotech Park, Kathua and IIIM-TBI serve as key enablers in translating research outcomes into market-ready solutions, particularly in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology and healthcare. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr Saurabh Saran provided an extensive overview of the state-of-the-art Industrial Biotech Park at Ghatti, Kathua. He also highlighted the park's strategic location and its six functional areas including fermentation technology, phytopharma development and micropropagation along with advanced instrumentation worth several crores of rupees available for startups. "IIIM-TBI has so far nurtured over 125 startups, of which 15 have successfully launched market-ready products," he informed

and emphasised the park's role as a comprehensive ecosystem offering infrastructure, scientific mentorship and business support to convert ideas into viable enterprises. Principal Scientist, Dr Nasirul-Rasheed focused on skill development initiatives. He outlined hands-on training programmes ranging from five days to six months in areas such as quality control, advanced instrumentation and fermentation technologies, aimed at making youth industry-ready. He inspired the audience by sharing the success story of a Class 12 student mentored at IIIM. "He went on to win a prestigious international robotics fellowship," he said, asserting that "the sky is the limit" for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. The participants gained insights into Mission YUVA from Gauri Deoli, representative of the Mission. She explained Mission YUVA's vision of transforming J&K into a vibrant entrepreneurial hub, built on four key pillars - Culture, Capital, Capacity and

Connectivity. She particularly elaborated on the Neo-Innovative Enterprises scheme, which provides seed funding of up to Rs 20 lakh along with mentorship and market linkages for innovative, knowledge-based startups. The event also featured inspiring startup pitching experiences from four entrepreneurs including Vikrant Dogra, Chairman Unati Foundation; Shivanku CEO Herbal Aura; Sandeep Razdan Chairman Sarnas OPC Pvt Ltd and Dr Swamy Founder Crop-Domain Pvt Ltd. Later, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between Crop-Domain Pvt Ltd and IIIM-TBI. The collaboration aims to foster innovation, technology development and entrepreneurship in the agricultural biotechnology sector. Following this, startups, students and ecosystem partners were felicitated for their contributions. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Vidushi Ahrol, Business Manager, IIIM-TBI and the event moderator.

CS calls for stronger credit linkages, women-led rural enterprises

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dooloo on Thursday chaired the 9th Executive Council Meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) to comprehensively review its performance under the UMEED (National Rural Livelihood Mission - NRLM) framework and to outline a future roadmap for strengthening rural livelihoods and women-led development across the Union Territory. The meeting was attended by the Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD), Managing Director JKRLM, Director General (Resources), Director General (Budget), Chief Operating Officer HIMAYAT, Convenor UTLBC and other senior officers. During the deliberations, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need to deepen credit linkages and enhance the capacity of Self Help Groups (SHGs) so they evolve into sustainable rural enterprises, reiterating that enterprise development remains the core objective of SHG formation. He stressed the importance of operationalising Community Managed Training Centres (CMTCs) in every district, ensuring quality skill development through trained OMPLIS resource persons. He noted that CMTCs should function as vibrant learning spaces where women can continuously upgrade skills and explore livelihood opportunities. Highlighting the role of financial inclusion, the Chief Secretary directed substantial enhancement of income for Banking Correspondents (BCs). He called for greater involvement of Common Service Centres (CSCs) and J&K Bank to increase transaction volumes, thereby improving the sustainability and earnings of BCs. He also urged effective utilisation of the Lal Ded Stree Shakti Scheme and Mission YUVA, encouraging women entrepreneurs to surpass the 'Lakshpati' benchmark. Setting an ambitious goal, he directed doubling the number of 'Millionaire Didis' from 50 to 100 within six months. Earlier, Secretary RDD Aijaz Asad informed that the UMEED programme is being implemented in 285 blocks across all 20 districts, covering almost the entire rural landscape of J&K. He stated that 7,84,053 rural households have been mobilised into 96,000



Programme (SVEP), 8,231 rural enterprises have been supported in 14 blocks with Rs 18.71 crore disbursed as Community Investment Fund. Farm-based livelihood interventions have benefited over 5.15 lakh Mahila Kisans through agro-ecological practices and improved livestock management. During the current financial year, assistance under CIF exceeded targets, benefiting 3,459 SHGs with Rs 22.49 crore, while Revolving Fund support reached 1,688 SHGs with Rs 2.53 crore. Cumulatively, over 78,500 SHGs have received Rs 117 crore as RF and 65,000 SHGs have availed CIF support of Rs 402.83 crore. Under the Lal Ded Stree Shakti Scheme, 2,356 cases worth Rs 25.59 crore have been

sponsored so far for FY 2025-26, with 709 cases already sanctioned. Doorstep banking services have been strengthened through 710 SHG members working as Banking Correspondents. The Lakhpati Didi Mission has shown significant progress, with over 2.01 lakh women already achieving Lakhpati status. Additionally, skill training has been imparted to over 17,500 SHG members, SHG products promoted through SARAS Melas, exhibitions and e-commerce platforms, and market access strengthened via Haats and airport outlets. The meeting concluded with a roadmap focusing on enterprise scaling, cluster-based growth, high-end skill development, financial literacy and exposure visits to best livelihood models across the country.

ED (Projects) NHIDCL Jammu calls on CM

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JAMMU: Ashish Shukla, Executive Director (Projects), Regional Office Jammu of the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), called on Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of UT of J&K. During the meeting, Executive Director (Projects), Regional Office Jammu, NHIDCL provided a comprehensive briefing on various ongoing infrastructure projects being undertaken by NHIDCL in the Jammu region.

The interaction focused on the critical importance of the projects being executed by NHIDCL in the



Ashish Shukla, ED (Projects), Regional Office Jammu of NHIDCL calling on Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister.

Jammu region in enhancing economic development, and regional connectivity, economic development, and national security.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION
KATHUA
Extension Corrigendum 05

Name of Work: Minor repair and routine maintenance of backhoe loader JK08F 2226 Escort
Tender ID : 2025_PWDJK_297628_1
Reference: e-NIT No - MHDK/TECH/e-NIT/2025-26/58 dated 08/12/2025
Due to poor response the e-NIT No - MHDK/TECH/e-NIT/2025-26/58 dated 08/12/2025 issued for the work "Minor repair and routine maintenance of backhoe loader JK08F2226 Escort" is hereby extended up to 14/01/2026 till 2.00 pm and shall be opened on 15/01/2026 at 01.00 pm. The revised critical dates can be seen/downloaded from the J&K Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in.
Rest all other terms and conditions of e-NIT shall remain the same.
No. - MHDK/Tech/3814-15
Dated: 07/01/2026
DIP/J-9927/25
Dated:- 08/01/2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospital Division
Kathua

COURT OF 3rd ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE JAMMU
(Designated Court under Section 22 of NIA Act JAMMU)

Present: - Madan Lal

Union Territory of J&K through PS Lakhapur
 Vs
 Ashiq Ahmed Negroo S/o Ghulam Ahmed Negroo R/o Hanji Walla Tehsil Rajpura District Pulwama

IN THE MATTER OF:- Charge sheet for commission of offences under sections 38/39 UA (P) Act, 120-B RPC, 7/27 Arms Act of P/S Lakhapur, in case FIR No. 61/2019.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED,
 WHEREAS challan has been made before me that Ashiq Ahmed Negroo S/o Ghulam Ahmed Negroo R/o Hanji Walla Tehsil Rajpura District Pulwama has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offences punishable under sections 38/39 UA (P) Act, 120-B RPC, 7/27 Arms Act of P/S Lakhapur and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Ashiq Ahmed Negroo cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my Satisfaction that the said Ashiq Ahmed Negroo has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said that accused is required to appear at Police Station: Lakhapur or before this court to answer the said challan on the day of 26.12.2025.
 Dated this 18th day of November 2025.

Sd/-
3rd Addl. Sessions Judge,
(Designated Court Under
Sec 22 NIA Act)
Jammu

DIP/J-9907/25
 Dated: 08-01-2026

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
05.01.2026	15.01.2026	29.01.2026

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1.	74-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Manufacturing and supplying of 60,000 Cum 65mm gauge stone Ballast (Machine Ballast) Duly stacked and loading into Railway wagons in quarry siding in subdept-I and subdept-II Kathua on PTK-JAT section under ADEN/TRACK	84305400	60 Days	12 Months

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07.01.2026	15.01.2026	29.01.2026

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
2.	75-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Balance work for Provision of Protective and Mitigation Measures for Bridge No.137 (UP & DN) in PTK-JAT Section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/JAT	150065395.08	90 Days	06 Months

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