

# SASCI to give huge push to key infrastructure development in J&K: Chief Secretary

UT eligible to secure thousands of crores as interest-free loan under this scheme

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at accelerating the developmental momentum and catalysing key sectoral reforms, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the adoption and implementation of Government of India's transformative scheme, Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI). Launched by the Government of India in 2021-22 for States and made applicable to J&K UT from the current financial year, SASCI offers a unique opportunity for states and UTs to ramp up their capital expenditure through 50-year interest-free loans, thereby enabling them to invest in critical infrastructure and usher in systemic reforms across ten identified sectors.

The meeting was attended by Administrative heads of all the major departments along with other senior officers. The Chief Secretary termed the scheme a catalyst for sustainable development and infrastructure consolidation across the UT. He remarked that the window of opportunity is now with SASCI providing us a chance to reimagine and rebuild Jammu and Kashmir with resilience, transparency and innovations, he asserted.

Dulloo reiterated that alignment with the SASCI scheme is not only fiscally prudent but strategically



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a high-level meeting on Friday.

vital for addressing the long-standing infrastructure gaps across key sectors. He directed the departments to adopt a mission-mode approach and submit their proposals to the Finance Department for seeking necessary approvals from Central Government.

He directed all the departments to immediately identify the ongoing and time-bound projects that can be completed within the current financial year. He also stressed on identifying the iconic tourism related infrastructure to be raised under this scheme as this is one of the goals set under it.

Emphasising added attention to sectors that have remained infrastructure-deficient, Dulloo specifically emphasized the Mining, Urban Development and Transport as focus areas. These sectors not only hold vast untapped potential but also require urgent capital infusion to bridge critical infrastructure gaps found in these vital sectors, he noted.

Further underlining the fiscal accountability and transparency, the Chief Secretary directed that all the 122 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) should be transitioned to the Single Nodal Agency - SPARSH platform by November 2025, aligning with the sunset deadline set by the Ministry of Finance.

Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, highlighted that the UT is eligible for Rs 1200 crore under the "Untied" component of the scheme. He mentioned that this portion has been allocated on the basis of tax devolution and is part of the national outlay of Rs 57,000 Cr under SASCI.

It was laid out that the scheme included multiple reform-driven components with specific fund allocations for targeted interventions. These included Rs 10,000 crore earmarked for States/UTs as their share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes and projects, with

J&K eligible to secure about Rs 210 crore under this head. Similarly, Rs 15,000 crore had been dedicated to promote affordable housing, comprehensive mobility and Blue-Green urban infrastructure, laying the foundation for sustainable urbanisation in emerging cities like Jammu and Srinagar.

Likewise, an amount of Rs 5,000 crore had been earmarked for the financing reforms in Urban Local Bodies, aimed at enhancing the governance and service delivery at the grassroots level. The scheme also provisions Rs 15,000 crore as incentives for states demonstrating year-on-year capital expenditure growth, offering an added push for infrastructure investment.

The Central government had also proposed Rs 3,000 crore to promote the scrapping of old government vehicles, including ambulances over 15 years old. The scheme encourages the states to offer tax waivers, scrap-

age incentives, and establish automated vehicle testing infrastructure.

With respect to mining sector reforms, Rs 5,000 crore had been put aside by central government where J&K is poised to tap into its substantial portion.

Moreover, Rs 11,000 crore and Rs 5,000 crore, respectively had been fixed for the land-related reforms in rural and urban areas, with the goal of digitizing the land records and improving tenure security.

Additionally, Rs 6,000 crore would be spent to bolster financial management reforms, including universal adoption of the SNA-SPARSH system across all schemes for increased transparency, real-time monitoring and just-in time releases by the central government. Besides, an amount of Rs18,000 crore are going to be received by the States/UTs for comprehensive urban planning reforms, which would support integrated master planning, inclusive zoning, and resilience-focused development.

The scheme also included an amount of Rs 5,000 crore to establish the Children and Adolescent Libraries across the Panchayats and wards. These libraries would have digital infrastructure to access resources from the National Digital Library, a move that promises to revolutionise the community-level education access in J&K.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti on Friday visited Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar- the Amarnath Ji Yatra Jammu base camp and took stock of facilities and arrangements being put in place for the comfortable stay of the pilgrims.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu along with Senior officials from CRPF, JK Police, Civil administration and HoDs took a round of the Yatri Niwas complex and assessed the pace and quality of ongoing works.

Chairing a meeting afterwards, the Divisional Commissioner and Inspector General of Police conducted a thorough review of the arrangements made by the concerned departments. They issued necessary instructions for effective implementation of their respective action plans envisaging augmentation of civic amenities, security set up and improved services by using digital technology.

The Chief Engineer Public works department was asked to complete the construction of sentry posts as per the recommendation of the CRPF, besides installing langar sheds and german hangers inside the Yatri Niwas.



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and IGP Bhim Sen Tuti visiting Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar on Friday.

Commissioner JMC Devansh Yadav was asked to deploy adequate sanitation staff and toilets at key spots and start desiltation of the canal.

Director Information, Nitish Rajora was asked to explore the possibility of installing Speakers in the halls of the complex, besides a Public Address System for dissemination of information and advisories among the pilgrims.

The Inspector General of Police emphasized to encourage the pilgrims to undertake the journey with official Convoy and adhere to the Yatra cutoff timings. He called for using print, electronic and social media for informing the pilgrims about the cutoff timing and other advisories. The Divisional Commissioner directed all the concerned officials to complete the works by June 20, including establishment of the control room with deployment of representatives and field staff from all concerned line departments.

number of Generators to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the Yatra. The JKRTC was asked to keep a close watch on the fitness of private vehicles to be used in Yatra Convoy. The Health Department was asked to maintain sufficient stock of medicines, medical equipment, besides adequate number of ambulances and medical staff at the Yatra Base camp and other key locations. The Fire and Emergency services department was asked to conduct fire drills and install a sufficient number of fire extinguishers and CCTV cameras at the langar sites and around the complex. The Divisional Commissioner directed all the concerned officials to complete the works by June 20, including establishment of the control room with deployment of representatives and field staff from all concerned line departments.

## Pr Secy SWD calls for seamless implementation of Central, UT-level schemes



Prpl Secy Social Welfare, Anil Singh chairing a meeting.

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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Social Welfare, Anil Kumar Singh, on Friday chaired an introductory-cum-review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, here. The Principal Secretary undertook a comprehensive, sector-wise review of the implementation of all Centrally Sponsored and Union Territory-level schemes, including flagship programmes. The officers presented detailed updates on the status of various schemes through PowerPoint Presentations.

Anil Kumar emphasized the need for robust implementation of all schemes and stressed ensuring wide coverage of eligible beneficiaries. He specifically reviewed the physical and financial progress on the department across the Union Territory. Key schemes reviewed during the meeting

included Mission Poshan, Saksham Anganwadi 2.0, Mission Vatsalya, Mission Shakti, Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), Ladli Beti, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Marriage Assistance Schemes, and various welfare initiatives for tribal communities, women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

The Principal Secretary directed for timely disposal of pensions, loan assistance and scholarships to the intended beneficiaries. He also called for closely monitoring the recruitment process to ensure timely filling of vacancies critical to the effective implementation of programmes. Anil Kumar stressed the need for seamless functioning of Saksham Anganwadi Centres, Vatsalya Sadans, shelter homes, juvenile homes, Child Care Institutions (CCIs), One Stop Centres for Women

and other welfare facilities across the UT. He asked for accelerating the completion of infrastructure development and expedite work on all ongoing departmental projects in all the districts. The meeting further discussed measures to strengthen child development, improve nutrition and support the welfare of marginalized sections of society, including specially-abled individuals, widows, senior citizens and members of reserved categories.

The Principal also took stock of the effectiveness of the legal framework aimed at promoting social justice and protecting the vulnerable groups. Key legislations reviewed included the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

The meeting was attended by the DG Women and Child Development, Secretary Social Welfare Department, Directors of Social Welfare Kashmir and Jammu, Director Finance, MD Mission Shakti, Commissioner for Disabilities and other senior officers of the department.

## R&R Com reviews progress of dev works in Jammu Migrant Camps

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JAMMU: Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Dr. Arvind Karwani on Friday reviewed the progress of ongoing development works in the Jammu migrant camps and took stock of the day to day issues being faced by the residents here at a meeting.

Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Vijay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Kailash Devi, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Sanjeev Kumar and senior officers from the line departments and Relief organization attended the meeting.

After detailed deliberations, the Jal Shakti Department was asked to expedite the construction of borewells in the Nagrota and Jagti migrant camps to augment the water supply and also redress the complaints of some residents related to shortage.

The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Department apprised about the progress of ongoing works across migrant camps at



Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Dr. Arvind Karwan chairing a meeting.

Jagti, Nagrota, Muthi - Buta Nagar and Purkhoo. He apprised that Kandoli - Jagti connecting road is in the process of work allotment, which will soon address the concern of residents of Jagti and Nagrota camps.

The Relief Commissioner asked the PW(R&B) department to expedite submission of the detailed project report on renovation of works at all migrant camps to facilitate the required projection of additional funds for the current financial

year. The Jammu Municipal Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of the inmates of Jagti regarding quality of sanitation work and if required, deploy additional manpower to further improve day to day sanita-

tion facility viz. collection, transportation and disposal of garbage and refuse in the migrant camps. The Department of Floriculture assured that a proposal will be furnished within a fortnight for development of open spaces and undertake

maintenance of existing parks in the camp areas.

Likewise, the Department of Youth Services & Sports was asked to prepare a proposal for the maintenance of open spaces/playgrounds, besides organizing physical education activities and promoting Scouts and Guides activities in the migrant camps.

The Health Department was asked to organize special health camps at the migrant camps on monthly basis and also deploy specialist doctors on rotation

basis in Nagrota, Purkhoo and Muthi/Butanagar camps on weekly basis.

The UEED was asked to examine the requirement of planning, designing and construction of works of sewerage and drainage in all the migrant camps and deal with issues of public health to protect the inhabitants of migrant camps from the adverse environmental factors.

The JAKEDA was asked to explore installation and maintenance of solar lights and promotion/implementation of schemes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India in the migrant camps.

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati was asked to promote skill development programmes to enhance employability and support rural entrepreneurship.

The Executive Engineer Power Development Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of frequent power outages and also explore deployment of additional linemen at migrant camp Jagti, particularly in summer months.

## Shreya Singhal assumes charge as CEO J&K ERA

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SRINAGAR: Shreya Singhal on Friday assumed the charge as Chief Executive Officer J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency, a specialised agency established by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to implement and oversee execution of all externally funded projects within the Union Territory.

Immediately after formally taking over the charge,



Singhal convened an introductory meeting with senior

officials of the agency, during which she had a comprehensive overview of the organization's operational framework.

The senior officers provided insights into broader parameters of the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project, which is currently being executed by J&KERA across the Union Territory.

Shreya Singhal was informed that, till date, 200 out of the total of 213 sub-

projects initiated under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project have been successfully completed, while work on the remaining sub-projects is actively progressing.

The Chief Executive Officer expressed hope that the officers and other staff will continue to work with same zeal and enthusiasm, ensuring positive change in the infrastructure development in J&K.

## People are exhausted due to excessive power-water cuts, public representatives become mute spectator: Shiv Sena

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JAMMU: Despite installing smart meters and paying bills, people have to face hours of power cuts during the scorching heat. People are suffering from severe heat and power and water cuts, while the government and administration including the people's representa-

tives of Jammu division are become mute spectator, stated by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.

While briefing the media persons at the party's state central office, Sahni reminded the Lieutenant Governor of the promise of 24-hour power supply of

Jammu-Kashmir and said that despite installing smart meters, excessive power cuts are continuing.

Due to which the water supply is also getting affected.

The excessive power cuts happening during the scorching heat have made people miserable. He said that if this is the condition

of electricity supply despite installation of smart meters and payment of bills on time, then the mind is scared thinking what will happen when the promise of free electricity will be fulfilled.

Sahni also questioned on the BJP MLAs who won from Jammu division are sitting silently.

Sahni appealed to the public to plant at least one tree. On this occasion Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh, Rohan Malwal were present.

## J&K Bank branch Toph Sherkhani holds customer meet

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JAMMU: A customer meet was organised by J&K Bank branch office Toph Sherkhani. Arjun Singh Rathore Cluster Head Jammu chaired the meet, along with Sanjeev Singh AGM, which was attended by the customers of the bank driven from the different sections of the society.

The meeting started with a welcome note by Sunil Kumar, Branch Manager. The participating customers were apprised with the products being offered by the bank.

A special emphasis was placed on the 888 days term deposit plan of the bank which



J&K Bank official and customers at a meeting.

is paying the highest rate of interest in the whole banking industry.

Customers were apprised about the benefits of this deposit scheme which is being paid at 7.30% rate of interest

for individuals with an additional 0.50% for senior citizens and 0.75% for super senior citizens. Customers showed a keen interest in this product along with another product called Smart Saver. Customers

were also apprised about other loan products and lot of interest was shown in Car loan and housing loan facilities of the bank.

Some queries were also raised by the customers and Cluster Head addressed to all the concerns expressed by customers to the best of their satisfaction.

Digital products were also discussed in detail and customers were advised to use the facilities being offered by the bank on its digital platform.

Overall the customers expressed their satisfaction on the products and services being offered by the bank and

branch. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by AGM branches department zonal office Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Branch Head emphasized the bank's commitment to transparency, customer satisfaction, and financial literacy. Customers were encouraged to share their feedback and suggestions to help improve service delivery.

Such initiatives reflect J&K Bank's continuous efforts to strengthen its relationship with the community and provide accessible, customer-friendly banking services.

In the court of Principal District Judge Udhampur

Present: Virinder Singh Bhou

1. Priti Kumari W/O Late Mohinder, 2. Kanishka Kanjodia D/O Mohinder (Minor through mother), 3. Arohi Kanjodia D/O Mohinder (Minor through mother), All R/O H No. 160 W No. 06 Slathia Lane Durga Mandir Karan Nagar Tehsil and District Udhampur.

V/S

Bachni Devi W/O Late Vakli Ram R/O 160 Slathia Lane Durga Mandir Karan Nagar, Udhampur.

In the Matter of:- Application for the grant of succession certificate of Mohinder S/O Late Vakli Ram R/O 160 Slathia Lane Durga Mandir Karan Nagar, Udhampur was a dry cleaner by profession and use to run a shop and an amount of Rs. 34000/- having account ID 4267592841 is lying in the name of deceased Mohinder alias Mohinder Kumar at Head Post Office Udhampur and issued the whole amount in favour of petitioners/ applicants in the interest of justice.

Notice to General Public

Whereas above titled petition is pending disposal before this court & through the medium of this proclamation, public at large is hereby informed that if anybody of any objection/s with respect to the same, then he/she/they shall file the same before this court within 15 days from the date of publication of this proclamation, failing which the matter shall be dealt in accordance with law. The next date is fixed on 17.07.2025, if the date fixed is declared holiday, then the matter shall be taken up on the next working day.

Issued under my hand & seal of this court today on 2nd day of June, 2025.

Sd/-

Principal District Judge, Udhampur

FARGATI

We, (1) Shiv Ram S/O Bell Ram, and (2) Taro Devi W/o Shiv Ram, both residents of Kullian Jandrah, Tehsil and District Jammu, do hereby declare that we have given Fargati to our son Girdhari Lal S/o Shiv Ram, our daughter-in-law Pooja Devi W/o Girdhari Lal, and their children. We hereby disinherit them from all our movable and immovable properties. This declaration is made through the Court of Sub Registrar, Jammu Khass, vide Document No. 2025/4/319 and Receipt No. 2025/4/1209, dated 06/05/2025. We further declare that if they are involved in any civil or criminal case, we shall not be held responsible or liable in any manner whatsoever. Any person dealing with them in any capacity shall do so at their own risk and responsibility.