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Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar and Budgam, Director Health Services Kashmir, Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Kashmir, along with other senior officers, were also present.

The Chief Minister urged residents of adjoining areas to strictly follow advisories issued by the administration and to extend full cooperation to the authorities engaged in rescue and relief operations.

Speaking to the people at the site, Omar Abdullah said: "The apprehension we had yesterday, owing to the continuous rains and the rising water levels of the Jhelum, unfortunately came true and caused flooding in several areas. First and foremost, we are deeply thankful to Almighty Allah that timely evacuation was carried out and, most importantly, there has been no loss of human life."

Acknowledging the scale of damages, the Chief Minister said there had been considerable financial and property loss. "This cannot be denied. We have to take appropriate decisions in this regard. A team from the Central Government has already been deputed to assess damages in ten districts of Jammu. I will be requesting the Hon'ble Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, to depute the same team to Kashmir as well, so that the damages in Kulgam, Anantnag, Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Bandipora, and other affected areas can be properly assessed."

"It is our responsibility to evaluate the extent of losses in every flood-hit area and to ensure that necessary relief and rehabilitation measures are taken for our people," he added.

He gave directions to provide potable drinking water to the affected families and additional boats to evacuate the cattle stranded in marooned cattle sheds.

Shailendra re-designated...

Order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under endorsement No. F.No.14016/24/2024. UTSI dated August 29, 2025 and his subsequent assumption of charge on September 1, 2025, the officer is designated as Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department," read an order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department.

5 rescued after...

rescued, and three of them have been admitted to GMC Hospital in Doda, they said.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Sharma, who monitored the operation, told PTI they are all safe.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh posted on X that he has spoken to DC Kishtwar Pankaj Sharma in connection with the incident.

"Must appreciate the district administration for taking prompt action and rescuing around five persons who could have otherwise been fatal victims of the landslide at the Rattle power project in Dhrabshala area," Singh said.

The rescued persons are injured but safe and are being given the necessary medical treatment, in addition to every other required assistance, he added.

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and response measures.

During the meeting, Dooloo took a detailed review of the availability and functioning of essential services, including health, power and telecom across the Valley.

He stressed that uninterrupted supply of essential commodities such as food grains, cooking gas and fuel to the public must be ensured.

Emphasising the importance of preventive action, the chief secretary directed all deputy commissioners to identify vulnerable areas and initiate precautionary evacuation wherever required.

He underscored the need for the administration to remain in close contact with the public and extend timely assistance.

Jammu-Srinagar NH...

Sinthan-Anantnag Road, Jammu-Poonch highway and Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway, all surface connectivity to Kashmir Valley has been cut off, officials said.

"Jammu-Srinagar is closed for vehicular movement from Jakhani in Udhampur towards Srinagar and vice versa due to the road being damaged at multiple places. No vehicular movement shall be allowed from Nagrota (Jammu) towards Reasi, Chenani, Patnitop, Doda, Ramban, Banihal, Srinagar and vice versa," the traffic police advisory said.

It said commuters belonging to Katra and Udhampur town are requested to keep their photo ID cards to prove their identification so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.

Restoration work is underway at affected places in the Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal section on a war footing, they said.

The most affected areas include Shalgadi, Nachilana, Panthyal, Maroog and Peerah in Ramban-Banihal, where retaining walls and stretches of road have been washed away, and a heavy landslide has even entered one tube of the Peerah tunnel.

In the Udhampur sector, around 10 km of road between Jakhani, Thara D, Balli Nallah and Deval has been affected, they said.

Over 3,500 vehicles are stranded at various places in Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban and Kashmir Valley due to the closure of the highway, they said.

The Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway has remained closed since Wednesday night at Chowki Choura near the Kandi tunnel, they said. Over 400 vehicles are stranded due to the damaged road surface, they added.

Efforts are on to restore the highway to reconnect Rajouri and Poonch besides facilitating the movement of essential services, they said.

The Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway is also closed following landslides in the Pul Doda area, resulting in the stranding of several vehicles, they said. Over 200 vehicles are stranded at various places.

Similarly, the Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag highway is closed for vehicular movement, they said, adding that Mughal Road has also been shut.

Kashmir's connectivity with the rest of the country currently relies solely on air travel, with flights operating from Srinagar airport, and the railway network that extends from Katra to Srinagar. The region depends on road transport, particularly the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, which serves as the main lifeline for essential supplies, passenger movement, and trade.

Besides this, several inter-district roads in Kathua, Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and Reasi remain shut due to landslides and falling boulders, they said.

LG expresses gratitude...

has secured the 34th position and University of Jammu 51st position in the #NIRF2025 Rankings under the Universities category in the country. In Agriculture & Allied Sectors, SKUAST-K has achieved the 7th rank and SKUAST-J the 23rd position.

University of Kashmir has secured 8th rank and University of Jammu has secured 21st rank under State Public Universities category. This is a commendable achievement and a testament to transformative efforts to create world-class teaching and research institutions.

IIT Jammu, NIT Srinagar and IIM Jammu have figured among the top 100 institutes in Engineering and Management categories respectively, while SMVDU has earned a place in the top 25 for Architecture. I congratulate all universities and institutes for this remarkable accomplishment".

LCMA issues advisory...

levels and advised to take all necessary safety precautions. They have further been requested to remain vigilant and be prepared to shift to relief centres designated by the district administration, Srinagar, if required.

The contact numbers of the concerned officers, as mentioned by the district administration, Srinagar include, Syed Shahid Hussain, Tehsildar Khanyar (7006188634); SP, East, Srinagar (9419003950; 7006628938); Faheem Ahmed (AE; 7889875265); Ct. Sheeraz Ahmed (SDRF; 9906410425), and Adil Maqbool from SMC (7006039045).

The details of LCMA officers for contact in any emergency are Abdul Aziz (Dy. SP; 9906509892); Mueed Rasool (Ex.Br LD 1st Srinagar, 9906921840); Pervaiz Ahmed (AEE, 9797448838); Mohammed Tariq (AEE, 7006218767), and Fayaz Ahmed (AEE, 9797978097).

Meanwhile, in view of breach in the River Jhelum bund near village Zoonipora, Budgam, and following inundation of nearby areas, district administration Budgam apprehends deluge in Seerbagh and Summerbugh villages of Budgam and as such has actively engaged teams for relocating people from these areas to safety.

It has further requested people from these areas to move to safer areas till the water level recedes.

Earlier, in the wee hours flood waters had entered Shalina, Rakh Shalina, and Baghi Shakirshah villages due to this breach in the River Jhelum bund near village Zoonipora. However, residents of these villages were safely evacuated during the night to designated rescue centers and safer locations.

Meanwhile, district administration Budgam has activated 06 rescue centers in the affected area, namely GHS Wagoora, GHSS Khandah, Sheikh-ul-Alam HS Wagoora, GHSS BK Pora, Islamic Public HS Kralpora, and Dar-ul-Fatah Dangerpora.

Details of these rescue centers have been shared with the media for public information.

"Our entire manpower and machinery is on the ground. Adequate numbers of rescue teams led by SDRF, NDRF, Police, and Revenue officials are stationed at the site and carrying out relief and rescue operations," said an official.

He said citizens are advised to remain cautious and not to panic. All necessary measures are being taken to ensure safety and protection of life and property.

Following reported breach at Shalina in Budgam, and as a preemptive & precautionary measure, district administration Srinagar has advised residents of Lasjan, Soiteng, Nowgam, Vyethpora, Golpora, Padshahibagh, Mehjoornagar to evacuate these areas and move to safer places.

A detailed order of the designated nodal officers of various relief centers and overall nodal officers of district administration and SMC has already been put into public domain for any assistance needed.

Besides, announcements through local committees, Masjids and local revenue and police authorities in these areas have already been made.

Meanwhile, public has been appealed to stay alert and not to panic.

BRO Chief discusses...

The DGBR shared an updated status of various key road stretches currently under restoration and briefed about the anticipated timelines for reopening of the key arterial roads of J&K.

He reiterated the commitment of the BRO to make these vital links motorable at the earliest possible time and assured full readiness to facilitate the smooth movement of essential supplies and traffic.

The Chief Secretary, while interacting with the DGBR, emphasized the crucial role of road connectivity for the sustenance of the mountainous region of J&K. He highlighted that apart from being vital for the transport of essential commodities, these roads also carry immense strategic importance.

Underscoring the urgency of the task, he also called for doubling efforts to ensure early completion of restoration works. He noted that in a hilly region like J&K, roads are the lifelines for its inhabitants and expressed appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the BRO in maintaining and restoring these crucial stretches despite facing formidable challenges.

The Chief Secretary conveyed confidence that the BRO would once again live up to public expectations by restoring vital road connectivity in record time and assured the Organisation of full cooperation and support from the civil administration.

Pilgrimage to Shri...

The panel will be headed by Additional Chief Secretary of the Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra. The Divisional Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police of Jammu are its other members.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his deputy Surinder Choudhary blamed the L-G administration for allowing the pilgrimage to continue despite a weather alert.

The shrine board, however, refuted the allegations, stating that the pilgrimage was suspended at noon on August 26, ahead of the cloudburst, and the safety of pilgrims had been prioritised.

Terror funding case...

played a "substantial role" in facilitating a separatist or militant movement in Jammu and Kashmir by inciting and instigating the general public to sloganeering in support of the secession of J-K; paying tribute to the family of slain terrorists or militants by eulogising them as "martyrs"; receiving money through hawala transactions and raising funds through LoC trade, which were allegedly used to fuel subversive and militant activities in J-K.

The high court had said the Constitution provides for a right to freedom of speech and expression, but it also places reasonable restrictions such as public order, decency, morality or incitement to an offence.

"This right cannot be misused under the garb of carrying out rallies wherein, a person uses inflammatory speeches or instigates the public to commit unlawful activities, detrimental to the interest and integrity of the country," the high court had said.

It had dismissed Shah's appeal against the trial court's July 7, 2023 order refusing him bail.

The high court had also rejected Shah's alternate prayer seeking "house arrest" given the serious nature of charges.

It had noted he was the chairman of the unlawful organisation Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDPF).

The high court had examined a table elaborating on the 24 pending cases against Shah, indicating his involvement in a number of criminal cases of similar nature and relating to conspiring for the secession of J-K from the union of India.

Jammu-Katra shuttle...

past nine days due to misalignment and breaches at multiple locations in the Pathankot-Jammu section following heavy rains and flash floods on August 26.

However, railways has been running special trains to ferry stranded passengers from Jammu to their destinations over the past four days.

A total of 5,784 stranded passengers have been ferried in seven trains from Jammu for their onward journey.

Scores of people, especially pilgrims, were stranded as heavy rains lashed the Jammu region since August 26, severely disrupting rail and road traffic.

A landslide near the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra claimed 34 lives.

Educational institutions in Kashmir shut for second day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Educational institutions in Kashmir remained closed for the second day on Thursday in view of the flood-like situation following heavy rainfall in the valley over the past two days. "In view of adverse weather conditions and as a precautionary measure, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg ordered the closure of all educational institutions, including schools, colleges, universities and coaching centres across Kashmir on Thursday, 4th of September, 2025," an official spokesperson said.

The educational institutions remained closed on Wednesday as well due to incessant rains which have posed a flood threat in the valley.

While the water level in Jhelum and its tributaries has started receding since Thursday morning, some areas in Anantnag, Budgam, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian districts have been affected due to spillover of water at some places.

Himachal rain fury: Landslide in Kullu district leaves one dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHIMLA: Two houses collapsed following a landslide in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district on Thursday, leaving one person dead and six more buried under the rubble, officials said.

The incident occurred in the Akhada Bazaar area round 6 am.

A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) rescued three people, including a woman, and recovered one body.

"Three persons were rescued and shifted to hospital while search is underway for six more buried under the debris," Assistant Commandant, NDRF, Santosh said. "We were already engaged in a nearby site and rushed to the spot in 10 minutes and rescued three people on time," he added.

Earlier, on Tuesday night, two people including an NDRF jawan were killed as two houses collapsed in Akhada Bazaar and rescue operations were already going on to recover those buried.

Incessant rains in the past three-four days have triggered landslides at several places and three people have been rescued, one body recovered while search is on for six people buried under the rubble of the house in Akhada Bazaar, Deputy Commissioner, Kullu, Torul S Ravish said, adding rains is obstructing the rescue work.

11 quintals of adulterated cheese recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major action aimed at safeguarding public health, Police Station Bus Stand, Jammu, foiled an attempt to transport adulterated food items during a midnight operation.

On the intervening night of 01/02 September 2025, acting on specific intelligence, Police Party headed by SHO Bus Stand, Inspector InderPal Singh intercepted a bus (JK02DJ/9780) and an auto load carrier (JK14K/4589) at the Bus Stand. Upon thorough checking, 21 boxes (approx. 11 quintals) of cheese were recovered. The consignment was found without mandatory SOP compliance and was suspected to be in violation of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSAI).

The recovered items were immediately placed under safe custody at the police station, and the matter was reported to the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety, and senior police officers. On 02 September 2025, the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety, accompanied by his team and the Mobile Laboratory Unit, visited Police Station Bus Stand in the presence of SDPO City.

The consignment was formally seized, on-spot samples were drawn, and necessary prosecution proceedings were initiated against the Food Business Operator (FBO).

Preliminary findings of Food Safety authorities indicate that the recovered cheese was suspected to be adulterated. Further legal action is underway.

Jammu Police reiterates its firm commitment towards ensuring public safety and health and assures that strict action will be taken against those indulging in food adulteration.

Missing lady traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A missing lady was traced and reunited with her family by police in Jhajjar Kotli area

An information was received at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli about the missing of one lady (Name withheld) R/O Jammu whose missing report was entered at PS Jhajjar Kotli on 29/04/2025.

Acting upon this, a Police Team of PS Jhajjar Kotli led by SHO PS Jhajjar Kotli put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intelligence, the missing lady was traced out and after completing all legal formalities the said Lady has been handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

General public has appreciated the swift action of Police in tracing out the missing Lady.

Public intoxication offenders sentenced to community service

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a landmark move under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),the Jammu Police, PP Jourian secured the conviction of two individuals for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.The Hon'ble Court delivered its verdict on 01-09-2025, marking a progressive step toward reformative justice.

The two individuals convicted are Ashwani Kumar, S/O Brita Ram, R/O Chak Kirpalpur, Tehsil Jourian, District Jammu and Sanjay Singh, S/O Chuni Lal, R/O Bale-da-Bagh, Tehsil Akhnoor, District Jammu.

The incident occurred on 31-08-2025 within the jurisdiction of PP Jourian where both accused were found intoxicated and causing a public disturbance. Following the incident, they were arrested, medically examined, and produced before the Learned Judicial Magistrate First Class (JM/C), Akhnoor.

In a noteworthy departure from conventional punitive measures, the Hon'ble Court sentenced the offenders to community service under Section 355 of the BNS, instead of imprisonment.They are directed to render community service from 02-09-2025 to 08-09-2025 at the Court Complex, Akhnoor.

This decision reflects the spirit of the new criminal laws, which emphasize rehabilitation and community engagement over incarceration, especially in cases involving minor offences. The action taken by Jammu Police aligns with a constructive and reform-oriented approach to handling public misdemeanours, setting a precedent for future cases of similar nature.

Major bovine smuggling attempt foiled, 18 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagator, Samba Police has successfully foiled major bovine smuggling attempt in the Jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal and rescued eighteen (18) bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The truck used in the illegal transportation of bovines has also been seized.

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines, a Police team of PS Ghagwal Intercepted a truck bearing registration No. JK02AU-9918 near village Malani for its checking which was coming via border road. During checking, 18 bovines were found inside the truck which were tied in cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and shifted to a safer place.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 89/2025 u/s 223 BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Sajra Qadir demands swift action for Gulabgarh's stranded families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Torrential rains and flash floods have devastated large parts of Reasi district, crippling normal life and leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. Continuous downpour has washed away road networks, disrupted water supply, and severely damaged both residential and government infrastructure, plunging the local population into deep distress.

Connectivity has been completely cut off between Reasi and Gulabgarh as well as Reasi and Chassana, while several adjoining villages remain either fully isolated or partially accessible. Even inter-district roads have been damaged at multiple points, making the transportation of relief materials an uphill task.

Basic services have collapsed across many areas. Drinking water supply has broken down, numerous kutchha houses have been destroyed, and many families have been rendered homeless. Several govern-



ment buildings too have suffered heavy damage. Most tragically, cloudbursts and flash floods in different parts of the district have claimed multiple lives, leaving families grief-stricken.

Expressing grave concern over the worsening crisis, Adv. Sajra Qadir, Vice Chairperson of District Development Council (DDC) Reasi, urged the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to act urgently in providing relief to the affected families. She emphasized that the most vulnerable sections, poor and marginalized communities, particularly the Khana Bhowoods and Gujjar-Bakarwal families have been hit the hard-

est and require immediate attention.

Adv. Qadir called for temporary shelters such as tents, along with ration, food supplies, and medicines, for those who have lost their homes. "At this hour of crisis, survival and shelter are the most pressing needs of our people. Relief must not be delayed," she stressed.

She particularly highlighted the alarming situation in Gulabgarh Constituency, where hundreds of poor families have lost everything and are now facing acute shortages of food and essentials. Many remain stranded in inaccessible areas, cut off from any support.

Calling upon the administration to respond with speed and compassion, Adv. Qadir stated: "It is both a moral and humanitarian duty of the government to stand with the people in their darkest hour. Relief must reach every household without discrimination, and rehabilitation measures should begin at the earliest."

JKBOSE issues revised date sheets for Biannual/Private Exams

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has released the revised date sheets for ongoing Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) and Higher Secondary Examination Part 1st (Class 11th), Session Annual (Private)/Bi-Annual 2025.

"In view of the inclement weather conditions and flood like situations and its aftermath in many areas of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir various papers had to be postponed ensuring safety of students and teachers. Now in anticipation of improvement in weather, the revised date sheets in respect of remaining subjects as well as postponed papers has been notified," JKBOSE Information Officer said.

"Overall Incharge, Superintendents and supervisory staff appointed for the conduct of these examinations are advised to ensure proper sitting arrangements, safety and security of the students," officer said.

"It has been clarified that the papers already conducted according to pre-revised date sheets stand as valid," officer said and added, "The date sheets are available on the JKBOSE website www.jkbose.nic.in."