

Jammu Smart City wins 3 national honours at PSU Transformation Awards 2025

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Jammu Smart City Limited (JSL) has earned national recognition for its contributions to urban development and public sector innovation, securing three awards at the 5th PSU Transformation Awards 2025. The awards were presented at the 5th PSU Transformation Conclave, organised by GovConnect and held in New Delhi on 19 December 2025, following a rigorous jury-led evaluation process.

JSL received the Nation Builder Award (Gold) for the development of the Tawi Riverfront Project, acknowledging its role in river rejuvenation, ecological restoration, climate-resilient urban planning, sustainability promotion and generation of economic activity. Outstanding Leadership in Transformation Award was conferred upon Dr. Devansh Yadav, Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Limited, in recognition of his leadership in advancing urban mobility transformation in Jammu region. In addition, the Rising Star



Award was presented to Ashish Anand, Senior General Manager (Finance & Accounts), JSL, for his contribution in strengthening public-centric green mobility initiatives in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. These recognitions reflect JSL's continued focus on citizen-oriented infrastructure, sustainable urban mobility, and alignment with national development priorities. Expressing his appreciation, Dr. Devansh Yadav, stated that the national recognition is a collective achievement of the

JSL team and would further motivate the organisation to pursue efficient, inclusive, and sustainable urban development in line with national objectives. Prior to the award ceremony, Sunil Thusu, Director (Projects), JSL, participated in a panel discussion on "Leading with Purpose in a Transforming India." The session brought together senior leaders from sectors such as transport, ports, urban infrastructure, energy, finance, and digital governance, and underscored the role of purposeful leadership in

innovation, institutional capacity-building, and alignment with national missions. In another panel discussion titled "Future-Proofing Public Sector IT: Emerging Trends and Technologies," Ashish Anand, Senior General Manager (F&A), JSL, shared perspectives on enhancing public sector IT ecosystems through emerging technologies, digital resilience, and future-ready governance frameworks to improve efficiency, transparency, and sustainability across PSUs. Rajesh Abrol, Senior General Manager (Civil), JSL, and Engineer-in-Charge of the Tawi Riverfront Development Project, also accompanied the JSL delegation. The conclave was co-hosted under the themes of Ease of Doing Business and Viksit Bharat, with participation from leading public sector organisations including Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, GAIL, REC, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), HUDCO, SCI, BEML, ICL, HSL, MICON Limited, CRIS, NRDC, Indian Ports Association, OPTCL, among others.

Satish Sharma meets deputations; reiterates govt's commitment to people-centric governance



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SRINAGAR, DEC 19

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today met several deputations at Srinagar and had extensive interaction with them to take stock of their concerns, demands and developmental aspirations.

The deputations highlighted a range of issues related to public service delivery, availability of essential commodities, strengthening of transport infrastructure, improvement in IT-enabled services, promotion of sports

activities and welfare measures for youth. Besides, matters concerning local infrastructure, employment opportunities, consumer welfare and effective implementation of government schemes were also raised. The Minister gave a patient hearing to each deputation and assured them that all their genuine issues would be examined and addressed in a time-bound manner. He emphasized that the regular public outreach and direct engagement with the citizens form the cornerstone of effective governance. Reiterating government's firm resolve towards people-centric and transparent

governance, Satish Sharma said that the present administration is committed to ensure that the policies and programmes are aligned with the real needs of the people. The Minister stressed the importance of leveraging technology to improve the efficiency and transparency in service delivery, particularly in sectors like food supplies, transport and information technology. He also highlighted the government's focus on empowering the youth through enhanced sports infrastructure, skill development initiatives and increased opportunities for participation at district, state and national level.

MVD Rajouri organises medical camp for drivers

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RAJOURI, DEC 19

The Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), in collaboration with the Health & AYUSH Department, today organised a free medical health check-up camp here at the fitness trial ground. During the camp, as many as 110 drivers underwent medical examinations conducted by a team of doctors and paramedical staff. The drivers were advised on the importance of regular health check-ups to prevent road accidents caused by sudden health-related incapacitation while driving.

The participants were also sensitised about the need to operate well-maintained vehicles, emphasising that vehicle fitness plays a crucial role in ensuring road safety for both drivers and commuters. The drivers were also made aware regarding safe driving practices during the winter season. They were advised to exercise extra care during cold weather conditions, which often result in slippery roads and reduced visibility. ARIO Rajesh Gupta reiterated the department's commitment to road safety. He stressed that such awareness and health-oriented initiatives would continue to ensure safer roads and healthier drivers in the district. Officials from the Health & AYUSH Department, along with staff from the Transport Department, were present on the occasion and contributed to the successful conduct of the camp.

Good Governance Week; Kathua Administration launches 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' outreach activities

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KATHUA, DEC 19

As part of the Good Governance Week being observed from December 19 to 25, 2025, opening day activities under the banner of 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' were organised across various parts of district Kathua to strengthen public outreach, ensure grievance redressal and extend government services to the grassroots. On the opening day, an outreach camp was organised at Marheen under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Vishvajeet Singh. During the camp, a range of public services were provided to the people, while awareness was generated about various departmental schemes. The facility for online registration of public grievances through the JK Samadhan portal was also extended, enabling citizens to register their grievances in a transparent and time-bound manner. Similarly, a public outreach programme was also organised at Panchayat Mooni, Block



Billawar, under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Billawar, Vinay Khosla. During the programme, public grievances were heard and the concerned officers were directed to ensure their timely redressal, reinforcing the administration's commitment to people-centric governance. As part of the implementation phase of the campaign, the Tehsil Administration organised a camp at Village Khokhyal, Tehsil Nagri. The camp focused on taking government services to the doorstep of the people and ensuring effective on-ground implementation of welfare schemes. Another Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore camp was held at

Khajjiar, Panchayat Chalogue in Duggan under the chairmanship of Sub-Divisional Magistrate Bani and was attended by Tehsildar Bani. Grievances of the people were listened to and several issues were resolved on the spot, besides providing revenue-related services. In Basohli, the Naib Tehsildar Basohli conducted a Revenue Camp under the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore initiative at PH Preta, Niabati and Tehsil Basohli, where revenue services were provided to the public. Similarly, an outreach camp was organised at the Community Hall Loundi, which was presided over by Tehsildar Hiranagar, Anup Kumar.

During the camp, awareness was generated about various government welfare schemes, sanction letters under SMAS were distributed, pension cases were processed and domicile certificates were issued to eligible beneficiaries. Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma, said that the district administration teams are reaching out to the people to listen to their difficulties and ensure their redressal, besides extending several public services to last-mile users. He added that the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore initiative during Good Governance Week is another effort to make governance accessible, responsive and citizen-centric.

ADC reviews progress of Mission YUVA in Bhandarwah

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BHADARWAH, DEC 19

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutwal on Friday convened a detailed review meeting to assess the ongoing Mission YUVA activities and the progress of the scheme in the Sub Division. The ADC engaged with officers from multiple stakeholder departments along with YUVA Doots – grassroots facilitators tasked with mobilising and guiding youth in programme implementation. The discussions focused on status of beneficiary identification and outreach efforts, progress on application approvals and the disbursement of benefits under the



mission, enhancing coordination among departments and field functionaries to ensure wider participation. The ADC stressed the importance of proactive outreach to raise awareness among eligible youth and encouraged field officers to intensify

efforts to inform potential beneficiaries about the scheme's benefits. He also underlined the critical role of YUVA Doots in bridging communication gaps at the community level – ensuring young entrepreneurs receive support from initial interest to loan sanction.

Good Governance Week campaign begins in Poonch under "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore"



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POONCH, DEC 19

The Good Governance Week campaign under the nationwide initiative "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" was launched across the Poonch District. Inaugural events were held across sub-divisions and tehsils, including Surankote, Mendhar, Mani, Balakote, Mankote and Haveli. A series of field visits, inspections and public outreach programmes were conducted on the first day. District Development

Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma visited Panchayat Sagra, accompanying Central Prabhari Officer for Aspirational Block Mankote Vivek Gupta. Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik; SDM Mustafah Imran Katara; ACD Shakeel Ahmed Malik; DSEO (Nodal Officer ABP) Javid Ahmed; Chief Education Officer, Mukhtar Manhas; Tehsildar Mankote Maroof Ahmed Qadri; Executive Engineers, BDOs, Block and other concerned officers accompanied the CPO. The Central Prabhari Officer inspected the health centre, Government High School, Tehsil Office and Anganwadi Centre to assess service delivery and infrastructure facilities at these institutions. During the camp, issues related to the Health, Social Welfare, Education, Agriculture and allied departments were discussed in detail. The Central Prabhari Officer directed the BDO and BMO to conduct

inspections across all 11 health institutions in Block Mankote and submit a detailed report, highlighting infrastructure gaps and bottlenecks. He also instructed the CDPO and ABP Fellow to rectify data discrepancies in the JJM database and emphasized that corrections are essential for accurate KPI performance. Further, directions were issued to the Lead Bank Manager to install an ATM at Mankote at the earliest to improve banking facilities for the local population. Emphasizing the importance of education, the chair directed the concerned departments to adopt measures such as parent-teacher meetings and door-to-door awareness campaigns to enhance student retention and transition rates, with special focus on female students. Meanwhile, SDM Surankote Farooq Khan and concerned Tehsildars conducted Good Governance Week activities and public interactions in their respective jurisdictions.

ADDC Jammu discusses implementation of SC directions to prevent student suicides

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JAMMU, DEC 19

Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu Sher Singh chaired a meeting today at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office to discuss the implementation of Supreme Court directions regarding the prevention of student suicides in higher educational institutions. Chief Planning Officer Jammu Ajaypal Singh alongside other officers and representatives from key educational, medical, social welfare and allied departments attended the



meeting. The meeting deliberated on the role and responsibilities of higher education institutions and line departments in ensuring student well-being. Discussions focused on mental health support systems, early identification of stress indicators, counselling

mechanisms and inter-institutional coordination. Emphasis was placed on adopting preventive, supportive and responsive measures aligned with the framework suggested by the National Task Force constituted by the Supreme Court. The Chair stressed the need for a coordinated

institutional approach to strengthen counselling services, awareness programmes and referral mechanisms, particularly in colleges, universities and hostels. Officials were directed to ensure strict adherence to guidelines, enhance inter-departmental coordination and submit actionable inputs for the formulation of a district-level action plan. The meeting concluded with directions to all stakeholders to work proactively toward creating a safe, supportive and student-friendly academic environment across District Jammu.

DC Ramban inaugurates week-long "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign, listens to public issues at Batote

Good Governance Week-2025

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RAMBAN, DEC 19

The District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, today formally launched Good Governance Week-2025 with the inauguration of the flagship outreach campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" across all blocks of the district. The initiative aims to strengthen last-mile delivery of government services and



promote transparent, responsive and citizen-centric governance. The Deputy Commissioner presided over the largely attended inaugural function

held at Block Batote, marking the beginning of a week-long intensive public outreach programme. The campaign is designed to take governance directly to the doorsteps of

citizens, especially in rural and remote areas. During the event, the Deputy Commissioner inspected stalls set up by ICDS, Health, Agriculture Production, Banks, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Revenue, Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Labour Department, Jal Shakti, FCS & CA, Animal Husbandry, IPTL and other line departments. These stalls provided on-the-spot services, guidance and awareness about key welfare schemes of their respective sectors.

ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed; ACD Sheraz Ahmed, along with other district officers were present on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the locals, patiently listened to their grievances and facilitated redressal of many issues by issuing on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers. Addressing the gathering, he urged people to actively avail benefits of various government schemes and services being offered under the campaign.