



National Governance Conference on “Holistic Development of Districts: Transforming Governance for Viksit Bharat” to be held in Jammu on 3 March 2026

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions & Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to address the National Governance Conference in the Inaugural Session

District Collectors and Senior Officials of State/Central Government to present award-winning best practices

The Governance Conference aims to disseminate the 'Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration' winning initiatives and other innovative governance practices from across the country.

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The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), in collaboration with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, is organizing a day long National Governance Conference on the theme “Holistic Development of Districts: Transforming Governance for Viksit Bharat” on March 3, 2026 at Jammu.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Shri Omar Abdullah, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, will jointly inaugurate the National Governance Conference and deliver the inaugural address. The conference will showcase governance models that have received recognition under the various categories of the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration.

Secretary, DARPG Smt Rachna Shah, and the Chief Secretary, Government of J&K Shri Atal Dulloo, will also address the inaugural session, setting the tone for an engaging exchange of ideas and practices.

The event will commence with a session showcasing Prime Minister’s Award-winning initiatives for 2023 and 2024, featuring presentations from districts and institutions including Eluru (Andhra Pradesh), Gomati (Tripura), Koraput (Odisha) and Kargil (UT of Ladakh). A second technical session will present additional award-winning initiatives covering aspirational blocks, innovation projects, and holistic district development models from Nalbari (Assam), Kupwara (J&K) and the PRISM 10 initiative of Parvathipuram district in Andhra Pradesh.

A dedicated session on Jammu & Kashmir's Best Practices will highlight governance innovations from Kulgam district, RFID-enabled Yatra management by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, and the e-Suvidha initiative of Ramban district.

The Governance Conference, expected to be attended by more than 200 delegates from across India, including senior administrators, domain experts, and practitioners in the field of public administration.

The National Governance Conference aims to showcase and disseminate innovative governance practices adopted by districts across the country that have significantly improved service delivery, citizen welfare, and local development outcomes. The conference seeks to provide a platform for District Collectors, Senior Officials, Policymakers, and Experts to share experiences, exchange ideas, and deliberate on strategies for achieving saturation of flagship schemes, integrated development across sectors, and effective grievance redressal mechanisms. Through fostering collaboration and cross-learning, the governance conference strives to institutionalize successful models, scale up impactful initiatives, and accelerate India's journey towards inclusive and citizen-centric governance at the grassroots level.

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