



**Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the District Magistrate, Kishtwar
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Subject: Regulation, Monitoring and Vigilance over the Collection of Donations during the Holy Month of Ramadan-2026.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, it has been observed that during the Holy Month of Ramadan, there is a tendency for unregulated and unauthorized collection of donations by certain individuals and organizations, which necessitates immediate regulatory intervention;

AND WHEREAS, while the tradition of Zakat and Sadaqah (charitable giving) is an integral and sacred facet of the religious and social fabric during Ramadan, any act of artifice, misrepresentation, or fraudulent solicitation of funds not only desecrates the sanctity of the Holy Month but also exploits the altruism of the general public;

AND WHEREAS, it is the statutory obligation of the District Administration to ensure that public contributions intended for relief, welfare or religious purposes are not misappropriated, laundered or diverted for extraneous or subversive activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to prevent the exploitation of public sentiments, ensure financial probity and maintain public order, I, **Pankaj Kumar Sharma, (JKAS)**, District Magistrate, Kishtwar, in exercise of the powers vested in me under **Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023**, do hereby issue the following directives for immediate and strict compliance:

- 1. Mandatory Authorization:** No individual, NGO, Trust, Society or Committee shall undertake the collection of donations (in cash, kind, or via digital modes) within the territorial jurisdiction of District Kishtwar without a valid registration under the relevant Acts (e.g., J&K Societies Registration Act, Trust Act) and prior written intimation/clearance must be obtained from the Executive Officer, Waqaf Board Unit Kishtwar / Imam Jamia Masjid Kishtwar (President Majlis Shura Committee Kishtwar) or concerned Tehsildars.
- 2. Verification of Credentials:** All fundraising entities must maintain a transparent record of collections and expenditures. Any solicitor found without authentic identification, a certified copy of their organization's registration and a designated receipt book shall be deemed "unauthorized."
- 3. Prohibition of Coercion:** No person shall resort to coercive tactics, harassment of commuters or obstruction of public pathways/traffic for the purpose of seeking donations.
- 4. Public Transparency:** All Sub Registrars, of District Kishtwar, shall within five (05) days, publish a list of *bonafide* registered charitable trusts operating in the district to guide the general public.
- 5. Reporting Mechanism:** A dedicated **District Vigilance Helpline (Nos. 9484217492 / 01995-259555/ 9906154100**, is hereby activated. Citizens are encouraged to report any instances of fraudulent solicitation or harassment.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, and (All) SDMs / Tehsildars, shall ensure strict enforcement of this order in letter and spirit.

Since, it is not possible to serve the order individually, it shall be circulated in print electronic and social media for information of all concerned and is hereby issued ex-parte.

Any person or entity found engaging in suspicious or clandestine fundraising shall be dealt with strictly under the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023**, and other applicable preventive laws.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain operative throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan-2026.

Issued under my hand and seal of this office, today the 18.02.2026.


18/02/26
(Pankaj Kumar Sharma), JKAS
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
District Magistrate,
KISHTWAR
Kishtwar.

No. DMK/2025-26/4958-66

Dated: 18.02.2026

Copy to the:

1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, for favour of kind information.
2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, for information and n/a.
3. (All) Sub Registrars (ACR/SDMs) / Tehsildars, for compliance and n/a.
4. District Information Officer, Kishtwar, for wide publicity through Print, Electronic and Social Media.
5. District Informatics Officer (NIC), Kishtwar, for uploading the order on District website.
6. Executive Officer, Waqaf Board Unit Kishtwar, for information and n/a.
7. Imam Jamia Masjid Kishtwar (President Majlis Shura Committee Kishtwar), for information and necessary action please.
8. Office order/file.