

LG Kavinder reviews preparations for Ladakh UT Foundation Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Calls for active participation of senior officials, distinguished citizens of Ladakh

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Wednesday reviewed the preparations for the upcoming celebrations of the Union Territory Ladakh Foundation Day and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, to be observed on 31st October.

In this regard, the Lt Governor chaired a meeting which was attended by Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Chief Secretary; Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, DGP Ladakh; Administrative Secretaries; SSP Leh; Heads of Departments/Directors, and other senior officials.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary apprised the Lt Governor of the series of programmes planned to mark these two significant occasions - the Foundation Day of the Union Territory and the birth anniversary of



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India and architect of national unity.

As part of the celebrations, a 'Run for Unity' will be organised from Raj Niwas, which the Lt Governor will flag off. The event will see enthusiastic participation from students, NCC cadets, and government officials, symbolising collective commitment to the spirit of unity

and integrity that Sardar Patel epitomised.

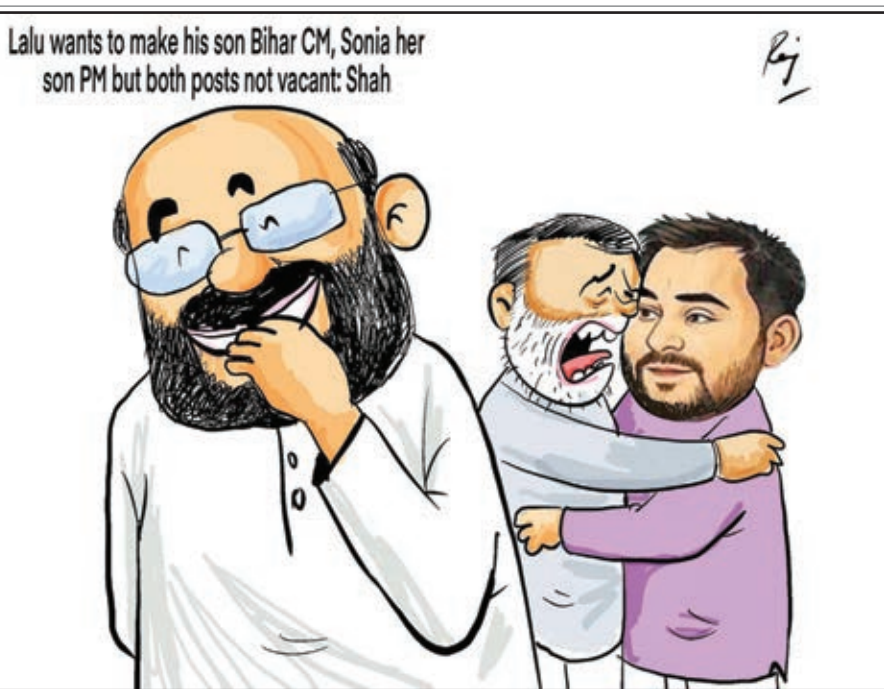
The DGP apprised the Lt Governor that the Ladakh Police will host a special event at the District Police Lines, where the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge will be administered to participants, reaffirming dedication to national integration and harmony.

The Lt Governor reviewed

the arrangements being made

by various departments to ensure the smooth conduct of the events. He emphasised active participation from Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Directors, and other senior officers in the celebrations.

The Lt Governor also directed the Deputy Commissioner, Leh, to prepare a list of prominent citizens of Ladakh and ensure their presence and engagement in the Foundation Day and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas events.



Sham Lal inaugurates Rs 29.62 lakh macadamisation project

Emphasizes inter-departmental coordination, quality control, citizen participation for lasting development

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JAMMU: Reinforcing his commitment to equitable and sustainable development in Jammu North, MLA Sham Lal Sharma on Wednesday inaugurated the Macadamization work of the road from Muthi to Akalpur Chowk, taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 29.62 lakh under the City and Town Works Plan for the year 2025-26. The work is being executed by the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department, PWD Jammu.

The Muthi-Akalpur Chowk road is a vital route that connects the National Highway with several residential colonies, educational institutions, and market areas in Jammu North. The project fulfils a long-pending public demand, aimed at ensuring smoother, safer, and more durable road connectivity for thousands of residents and daily commuters.

Speaking on the occasion,



Jammu North MLA Sham Lal Sharma inaugurating Macadamization work of road.

sion, MLA Sham Lal Sharma said that this macadamization work reflects the government's continued focus on improving basic public infrastructure and addressing local priorities.

"The Muthi-Akalpur Chowk stretch had long required proper macadamization. With this work, we are ensuring better connectivity, safety, and comfort for the people. Every such project is a step forward

in making Jammu North stronger and more connected," Sharma stated.

He further directed the R&B (PWD) Department to coordinate closely with the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department to ensure no water leakages exist before the road surface is laid.

"Before any road construction, the PHE Department must inspect the area for leakages or pipeline damage. All such issues should be addressed first so that after macadamization, the road remains intact and does not have to be dug up again. Proper inter-departmental coordination ensures quality, efficiency, and durability,"

he emphasized.

Sharma also appealed to the public to become custodians of public property, highlighting the importance of citizen monitoring and cooperation in developmental works.

"People's participation is essential for effective governance. When citizens actively monitor the projects in their areas, they help maintain accountability and transparency. The assets built for the people must be protected by the people," he added.

Addressing the gathering, Sharma informed that several major road development projects are in the pipeline, and many link roads will soon be

restored under different schemes.

"In the coming months, residents will witness a substantial improvement in road connectivity throughout Jammu North. More projects are being approved and executed to create a robust infrastructure network that supports growth and accessibility," he stated.

Reiterating his focus on quality assurance and long-term sustainability, MLA Sharma instructed officials and engineers to maintain strict quality control at every stage of work.

"The quality of material, supervision, and execution must be of the highest standard. I have asked the officials to personally monitor the progress so that each road built under public funds lasts for years and serves its true purpose," he asserted.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were former Councillors Suraj Padha, Kuldeep Singh, and Mohinder Kumar, Mandal President Pankaj Padha, Raman Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, BJP karyakartas, senior citizens, and local residents.

Sikh delegation calls on LG



Sikh delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: A Sikh delegation, led by Harjinder Singh Dhani, President, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Sri Amritsar Sahib and Shriman Mahant Manjeet Singh, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday.

The delegation comprising Ajit Singh, Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee; Bhaji Harbinder Singh, Incharge, SGPC Sikh Mission J&K; Bhaji Jagtar Singh, Coordinator/Advisor, SGPC Dharan Parchar Committee; SGPC Executive members, office bearers and members of Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committees discussed with the Lieutenant Governor the preparations for the

Nagar Kirtan scheduled to commence from Gurdwara Mattan Sahib on November 15, 2025, as a part of the observance of 350th Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

They also discussed the promotion of Punjabi language in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailash Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, along with the Trustee R.K. Chhibber, also called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

They projected various issues pertaining to the promotion of Sanskrit language, recognition of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul as "Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya" (Model Sanskrit College) and establishment of "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Divyang University".

Omar releases 'Durr-e-Naayaab', Sakina Itoo's tribute to her father

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday released 'Durr-e-Naayaab', a biography of Late Wali Mohammad Itoo, authored by his daughter and Minister in the Chief Minister's Council of Ministers, Sakina Itoo.

The book chronicles the life and contributions of Late Wali Mohammad Itoo, former Minister and Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly - who was assassinated on March 18, 1994, in Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah paid rich tributes to the late leader, describing him as "a brave, capable, honest and hardworking person who sacrificed his life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir."



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah speaking at a programme.

"I had met Late Itoo Sahib, though I never had the opportunity to work with him," the Chief Minister said. "His personality, his way of working and his relationship with the people are evident from the love and respect seen in this hall today."

The Chief Minister recalled how Late Itoo remained steadfast to his principles and his party despite the turbulent times of militancy.

"Many of our colleagues had to move to Jammu during those years, but even there, Itoo Sahib never sat idle. Being a lawyer, he used his legal knowledge to help those who were in distress. He continued serving the people till his last breath," Omar Abdullah said.

Paying heartfelt tribute, the Chief Minister said that

while Wali Mohammad Itoo left an indelible mark through his selfless work, he also "did the community another great favour by giving us a brave daughter."

"A brave father gave a brave daughter to this community. If Itoo Sahib were alive today, he would be proud of Sakina ji. In Noorabad, Kulgam, and across Jammu and Kashmir, her service and commitment stand as a living tribute to her father's ideals," he said.

Lauding Minister Sakina Itoo's literary accomplishment, Omar Abdullah said, "I always knew Sakina Ji as a capable MLA and an able minister, but today I discovered another dimension to her - that of a writer. Through this book, she has ensured that future generations know about the life and mission of a leader who dedicated himself to his people and his land."

The Chief Minister congratulated Minister Sakina Itoo and also on behalf of former Chief Minister and National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah, appreciating her

effort to preserve the legacy of her father for posterity.

During the event, Speaker J&K Legislative Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, former Minister and MLA Khanyar Ali Mohammad Sagar, former Speaker J&K Legislative Assembly and MLA Eidgah Mubarak Gul, MLA Kulgam M. Yousuf Tarigami and former legislator Rattan Lal Gupta also spoke about the life, legacy and deep connection of Late Wali Mohammad Itoo with the common people.

The function was attended by Minister Javid Dar, Satish Sharma, newly elected Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament G.S. Oberoi, several MLAs, and a large number of people from Kulgam, Noorabad, D.H. Pora and adjoining areas, reflecting the enduring affection and respect for the martyred leader.

On the occasion, a short film was also played, depicting life of Late Wali Mohammad Itoo.

Javid Dar introduces J&K Panchayati Raj, Cooperative Societies Amendment Bills in LA

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Wednesday introduced a Bill in the Legislative Assembly seeking to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 (Act No. IX of 1989).

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Javid Ahmad Dar, who also holds the portfolio for Cooperative Department also introduced Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill, 2025 in the Assembly

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BJP's development vision, people's trust will ensure record victory in Nagrota: Sat

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NAGROTA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma (CA), conducted an extensive tour of the election-bound Nagrota Assembly Constituency and chaired a meeting of party activists and prominent locals at Village Agora, Mathwar Mandal, to strategize for the upcoming by-election.

The meeting organized by KD Singh, witnessed the participation of District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, Spokesperson Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Ravinder Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Babishan Singh, Rajdev Singh, Kuljeet Singh, Mandal President Anjali Sharma, senior party leaders, and numerous enthusiastic locals who reaffirmed their commitment to ensure a resounding victory for the BJP.

In his address, Sat Sharma said that the BJP has created a niche in the

hearts of the people through its unwavering commitment to development, transparency, and good governance. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has witnessed an era of unprecedented progress and empowerment, particularly of the poor and marginalized.

He said that the guiding principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' ensures that every section of society feels represented and included. The BJP is reaching the most underprivileged and working for their upliftment, which remains the true spirit of our movement, he stated.

Sat further emphasized that the people of Nagrota have full faith in the BJP and are wholeheartedly welcoming the pro-development policies of the Modi Government.

He stressed that Nagrota has seen the commitment of BJP and cherishes the legacy of late Devender Singh

Rana, whose daughter Devyani Rana is now contesting as the BJP candidate. He added that the people are ready to vote in greater numbers, and asked the cadre to work with ever-increasing dedication to ensure the greatest victory margin ever.

Ayodhya Gupta, in his remarks, said that the BJP's focus remains on development, empowerment, and inclusive growth. He urged all booth-level workers to strengthen the grassroots connect and reach every household, ensuring that the people's trust in BJP translates into a historic mandate for Devyani Rana in the forthcoming election.

Rajan Singh, TP Singh, Ashok Pandit, Chaman Lal, Sham Sharma, Kailash Singh, Rekha Langleh, Bobby Jamwal, Sunil Sharma, Bhuvnesh Mehta, Ballu Langleh, Sahib, and number of panches and prominent personalities of Mathwar and Bhalwal Blocks were also present.

AAI to organise Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 6.0 on Oct 31

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JAMMU: The Airports Authority of India (AAI), in association with the CISEF and other stakeholders, will organize the Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 6.0 under the theme "Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat 2025."

The run will take place on 31st October 2025 at 7:00 AM, starting from the India-Pakistan border at Suchetgarh, covering a distance of 3 kilometers. The event symbolizes unity, fitness, and collective responsibility toward cleanliness and health, aligning with the objectives of the Fit India Movement and Swachh Bharat Mission.

Employees of AAI, CISEF, airlines, and other airport partners will actively participate.

Speaking about the initiative, Airport Director Devender Yadav stated, "Cleanliness and fitness are essential pillars of a healthy and progressive nation." He reaffirmed AAI Jammu's commitment to promoting well-being, teamwork, and environmental responsibility through such inclusive and meaningful initiatives.

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Relief for HDFC Bank eligible customers Traders/ARTISANS/SMEs impacted by Pahalgam Incident Dated 22nd April 2025

In continuation of the SMS sent to the eligible customers (Genuine borrowers affected by the disturbances, Standard accounts, except those which were overdue, as on April 21, 2025) on 17-10-2025, by the HDFC Bank Ltd in the subject cited above, this is hereby intimated as final reminder to the eligible customers impacted / Affected by the Pahalgam Incident of 22-04-2025, which has caused distress to the customers belonging to TRADERS/ARTISANS/SME's specific segments of J&K State. Kindly visit the nearest branch for more information on the package & submit the required documents for availing the restructuring scheme on or before 5th Nov 2025.