

# LG Kavinder asks officials to remain vigilant, focus on maintaining peace, public safety

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the current security situation in Leh and across Ladakh.

The Lt Governor observed that the Union Territory remains peaceful, with schools, offices, and markets operating normally. He directed officials to remain vigilant and continue focusing on maintaining peace, public safety, and facilitating overall development in the region.

The Lt Governor appreciated the cooperation of the local populace and commended the security forces for their dedicated efforts in ensuring stability. He emphasised the need for coordinated action to uphold law and order while promoting growth and prosperity in Ladakh.

The Lt Governor reiterated



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta chairing a high-level meeting.

the importance of community participation in maintaining peace and harmony. He urged citizens to stay alert, report any suspicious activities, and continue supporting the administration and security forces in safeguarding the region. He emphasised that public vigilance is a key pillar of Ladakh's stability and development.

He also highlighted the significance of Ladakh's unique

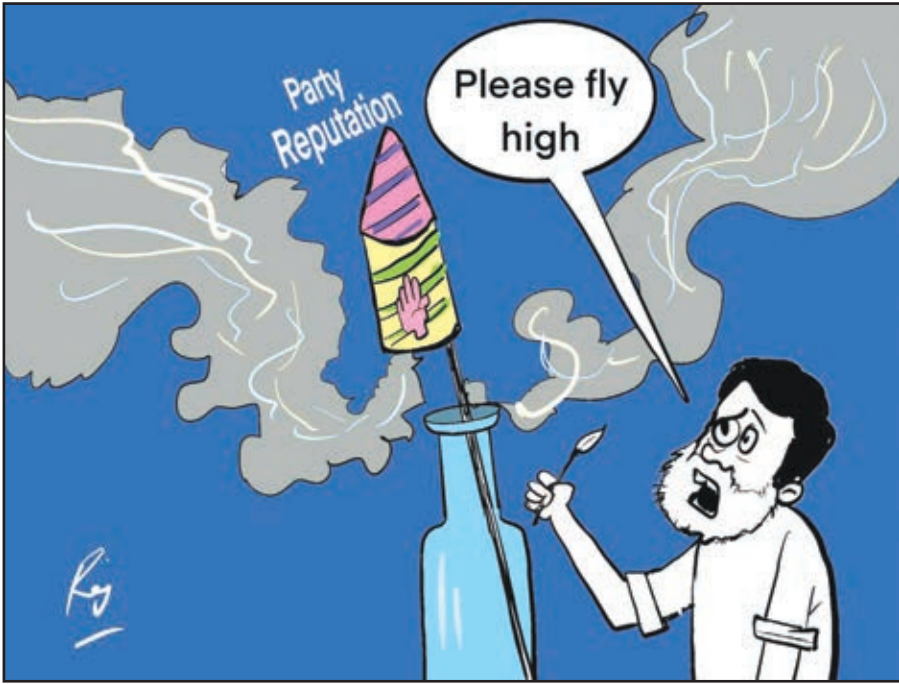
cultural and environmental heritage, urging residents to protect their traditions while contributing positively to the UT's growth. "Peaceful coexistence and active community engagement will ensure that Ladakh continues to prosper safely," he stated.

The Lt Governor assured that the administration is committed to balancing security measures with the daily needs

of citizens, ensuring minimal disruption to normal life while enhancing public safety infrastructure. He encouraged peo-

ple to actively participate in local initiatives aimed at fostering social harmony and sustainable development.

Concluding the meeting, Kavinder Gupta emphasised that Ladakh's progress depends on the joint efforts of the government, security forces, and citizens. He appealed to everyone to maintain patience, cooperate with authorities, and uphold the values of unity and peace that have long defined the region. He said that a vigilant, informed, and responsible public is the cornerstone of a secure and thriving Ladakh.



## Devyani Rana launches Gau Shakti floor cleaner, terms it game changer for Nagrota's women empowerment

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: In a significant step toward promoting women empowerment and local entrepreneurship, Devyani Rana, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), today launched "Gau Shakti Floor Cleaner" - an eco-friendly and organic cleaning product crafted by the women of Nagrota constituency. The product, made from natural cow-based ingredients, symbolizes a blend of traditional wisdom and modern enterprise, setting a new benchmark for self-reliant rural industries in Jammu & Kashmir.



Vice President BJYM, Devyani Rana launching "Gau Shakti Floor Cleaner" at Nagrota.

Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" campaigns, encouraging communities to build sustainable livelihoods through indigenous innovation and collective effort.

Devyani Rana also paid heartfelt tribute to her late father, Shri Devender Singh Rana, acknowledging his enduring dream of a prosperous, progressive, and self-reliant Nagrota.

"My father dreamt of a vibrant Nagrota where every section of society could thrive with dignity and opportunity. He firmly believed that

empowering women is the foundation of a strong community. I am committed to carrying forward his legacy and dedicating myself fully to the inclusive and sustainable development of our constituency," she said.

The Gau Shakti project, spearheaded by women's self-help groups (SHGs), aims to provide employment, skill development, and financial independence to rural women. The eco-friendly cleaner is made using locally sourced cow dung and herbal extracts, promoting both cleanliness and environmental sustain-

ability.

In addition to Gau Shakti, Rana also applauded other successful ventures initiated by the women of Nagrota, such as the 'Pooja Sathi' Dhoo Cones, a line of aromatic incense products that has recently made its way to Amazon and other major e-commerce platforms. These ventures reflect the growing entrepreneurial spirit among women in the constituency, demonstrating that local products can achieve recognition and success on the national stage.

Following the event,

Devyani Rana interacted with local shopkeepers in Nagrota Bazar, where she discussed various issues concerning small businesses and traders. She spoke with them about the recent GST benefits and reforms introduced under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting how these measures have simplified taxation and provided relief to entrepreneurs, small vendors, and the trading community. She encouraged local business owners to take full advantage of these initiatives to strengthen their enterprises and contribute to the broader vision of an economically vibrant Nagrota.

Rana reiterated her commitment to strengthening women-led enterprises, providing market linkages, and ensuring that both rural women and small entrepreneurs are integral to Nagrota's growth story. The event concluded with enthusiastic participation from local women entrepreneurs, youth leaders, and residents who hailed the initiative as a symbol of hope, progress, and empowerment for the constituency.

## JMC demolishes illegal constructions in different parts of Jammu City



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: On the direction of the Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav and under the direct supervision of the Joint Commissioner (R&E) Subah Mehta and Deputy Commissioner (South) JMC Lal Chand, the JMC enforcement wing today carried out a major demolition drive against the building structures constructed without requisite permissions, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring planned and lawful urban development

in the city. During the operation, two illegal building structures were demolished at Upper Jallo Chak-Greater Kailash, Ward No. 68. These structures were constructed in clear violation of the prescribed building bylaws and regulations. In a separate action, the JMC Enforcement Team demolished an unauthorized structure located in the Bantalab area of Jammu. The Jammu Municipal Corporation has urged citizens to strictly adhere to the established legal framework for construction within the city limits.

It further appealed to the general public to refrain from undertaking any illegal construction activities and to always obtain proper building permissions from JMC before commencing any construction work. "The Jammu Municipal Corporation is committed to maintaining the planned integrity of Jammu city and will continue to take strict action against unauthorized constructions," the Joint Commissioner (R&E) stated. "We request the cooperation of all residents in following the legal procedures that ensure safe, sustainable and organized urban growth for the collective benefit of the society."

The Corporation emphasized that such enforcement drives will continue across Jammu to curb illegal construction and encroachments.

During the demolition drive, the Enforcement Officer, Enforcement Inspectors and other field staff of the Enforcement Wing were present.

## IEI Jammu Centre celebrates World Habitat Day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated World Habitat Day at Channi Himmat, here on Monday. A seminar on the theme "Urban Solutions to Crisis" was organized in which large number of engineers, professionals and members of the civil society participated.



Er. Ravinder Handa while presenting a paper on World Habitat Day at The Institution of Engineers.

that year.

He also emphasized that the J&K Real Estate Regulatory Authority need to play a key role to ensure that every new colony is established in such a way that interest of the citizens and the Govt. is protected. He lamented the unauthorized and illegal use of urban land for dumping of urban waste which is a major cause of urban crisis inter alia natural causes. He advocated for proper landfill sites for Jammu city.

Five numbers of the technical papers on the theme

were presented by Er. Ravinder Handa, Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawheny, MIE & Er. Hemdeep Singh, AMIE Chief Guest was kind enough to give a interesting and thorough presentation in which he enlightened the house about various factors contributing to the rise in urban crisis, their types in Indian context and various strategies to tackle this issue.

He emphasized that response to urban crisis is much more than providing

temporary solutions in the aftermath of crisis. Urban crisis response calls for preparedness and planning, rapid response mechanisms, governance and coordination between all stakeholders.

He also gave examples of various case studies pertaining to response to urban crisis in India and Abroad.

In the end, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Fmr. Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the seminar and presented the vote of thanks to the gathering and media personnel for active participation.

## CS reviews functioning of IT Dept, NIC J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the functioning of the Information Technology (IT) Department and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended by Secretary IT, Dr. Piyush Singla, CEO JaKeGA Mahima Madan, State Informatics Officer NIC J.S. Modi, and other senior officials.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary stressed the critical importance of cyber security, directing the IT Department to bolster it right down to the tehsil and block levels. He called for the expansion of the e-Office network to all such offices across J&K and requested a status report identifying offices yet to be brought under the system.

To further strengthen IT infrastructure, he instructed the department to expedite the upgradation of the State Data Centre (SDC) and establish a Mini Security Operations Centre (SoC) in the UT.



He also emphasized capacity-building, urging the creation of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Information Technology to develop skilled manpower aligned with future industry needs.

A key directive was to formulate a comprehensive proposal for setting up a futuristic IT Park in J&K to generate high-end employment opportunities for youth trained in advanced IT domains.

Secretary IT, Dr. Piyush Singla, presented an overview of departmental achievements, noting that audited websites had increased from 110 to 206 in the past three

months. He said over 210 government websites and applications are currently live. The SDC is also in the process of securing ISO 27001 and ISO 20001 certifications, highlighting J&K's commitment to global standards in information security and service management.

CEO JaKeGA, Mahima Madan, shared updates on projects, including successful third-party security audits and migration to IPv6. Under e-Office 2.0, 4,056 offices and 21,774 users have been onboarded, extending services to tehsil and block levels. The SWAN network has been expanded to all

districts and 167 blocks for seamless connectivity.

She also informed that 127 citizen services, including 15 new ones, have been integrated with DigiLocker, making over 8.06 crore records available to 30.4 lakh users in J&K. Other key projects include digitization of records, Digital Village Centres in 44 panchayats, biometric attendance, and disaster recovery solutions.

NIC's J.S. Modi reiterated NIC's role as a technological partner; supporting key initiatives like Shri Amarnathji Yatra services, Pension Suvidha, BoPEE, and Service Plus (JanSugam). Future plans include NeVa, Next Gen Hospital, and online sanctioning of social welfare schemes.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary also launched the E-SAM (Electronic System of Asset Management) Portal, a platform aimed at optimizing asset performance, improving inventory control, and enhancing governance through workflow and compliance tracking.

## CUJ celebrates 100th Foundation Day of RSS with historic Path Sanchalan

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Vidyarthi Shakha (student unit) of the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) celebrated the 100th Foundation Day of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Monday within the university campus.

Prior to the celebration, student volunteers conducted a Path Sanchalan (route march) inside the campus. This became the first-ever route march in the history of the CUJ, marking a significant milestone. A total of 96 swayamsevaks (volunteers), including students, research scholars, teaching faculty, and non-teaching staff, participated in full uniform, while 12 volunteers participated without uniform. In addition, 205 guests, including students, research scholars, faculty, non-teaching employees, and residents of the staff quarters, also actively participated in the program. The chief speaker of the event was Mukesh, Prant Pracharak of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. In his address, he emphasized the



Vice-Chancellor CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain addressing RSS volunteers.

need to awaken the spirit of nationalism and patriotism among the youth and every citizen. He remarked that India endured nearly a thousand years of foreign invasions, particularly under the Mughal and British rulers, which caused immense cultural damage and subjugation. This long period deeply impacted the cultural consciousness of Indian society. He stressed that the reconstruction of nationalistic consciousness and the restoration of cultural pride is the only way forward.

Addressing the youth, Mukesh said that when young people develop discipline, a spirit of service, and dedication

to national interest, only then can the nation become strong and self-reliant.

He further stated that the 100th foundation day of the RSS not only reminds us of history but also continuously inspires us to work for positive social change and nation-building.

The chief guest of the event was Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of the CUJ. In his address, he recalled his own association with the RSS and highlighted the organization's significant contribution to nation-building and instilling patriotism among youth. He also mentioned the service work carried out by RSS volun-

teers during the Bhopal Gas Tragedy as an example of their commitment to society.

Prof. Jain urged the youth not to limit themselves to academic excellence alone, but to also understand their duties toward the nation. He emphasized that if young people adopt the values of discipline, service, and dedication in their lives, they can not only make their own lives meaningful but also contribute significantly to the progress of society and the nation.

Subhash, Sanghehalak of district Samba, also graced the event as a special guest, adding further dignity and significance to the occasion.

## Bukhari, PEMA delegation call on LG



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, President, J&K Apni Party called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday. They discussed the current political and security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir; while Apni Party President Bukhari brought a range of pressing public issues to the notice of LG Sinha.

During the meeting, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari apprised LG Manoj Sinha of several pressing public issues and grievances, and held discussions with him on the prevailing political and security situation in Jammu and Kashmir," the press release said. On this occasion, the Apni Party leader apprised the administration's announcement of providing 5 marlas of land to flood-affected homeless and landless families, enabling them to construct their dwelling units on the allotted plots. Furthermore, Bukhari

urged LG Manoj Sinha to ensure adequate compensation for those affected in the fruit industry," the press release added. He said that the recent natural calamity and the closure of NH-44 have inflicted huge losses on the fruit industry; and that the affected people are in desperate need of compensation from the government.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Pashmeena Entrepreneurs Makers and Artisans Foundation (PEMAF), led by its President Tariq Dar, also called on Lieutenant Governor and apprised him on the endeavours of their foundation dedicated to cultural preservation, welfare of artisans and craftspeople, and promotion of Kashmir's Geographical Indication (GI) registered products. They also discussed the upcoming PEMA Foundation 2025 Artisan Award Ceremony, designed to recognize, incentivize, and elevate master craftspeople across Jammu Kashmir.