

LG Kavinder reaffirms commitment to peace, welfare, & inclusive growth in Ladakh

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to maintaining peace, ensuring welfare of the people, and advancing Ladakh's vision as a model of sustainable and inclusive growth. Chairing a high-level review meeting in Leh, the Lt Governor assessed the overall situation in the Union Territory, including law and order and essential services. He appreciated the coordinated efforts of the district administration, police, and security agencies in maintaining harmony and normalcy across the



Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting.

region. In view of the positive public response and improving situation, Kavinder directed officials to ease certain restrictions in a calibrated manner while ensuring that peace and public order are maintained. He emphasised that public

cooperation and responsible behaviour have been crucial in restoring normalcy.

The Lt Governor stressed the need for responsive and people-centric governance, directing officers to maintain close engagement with local commu-

nities and address grievances promptly at the grassroots level. Acknowledging the patience and resilience of the people of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta commended their unwavering faith in the Administration and their collective spirit in upholding peace and unity. He assured that the government remains fully committed to safeguarding their interests, improving their quality of life, and ensuring that every section of society benefits from the region's development journey. Kavinder Gupta expressed confidence in the people of Ladakh for choosing the path of peace, and cooperation.

He assured that the Administration values their sentiments and is committed to addressing genuine concerns through continuous engagement, transparency, and participatory development. He appealed to all sections of society to work together in strengthening peace and unity for Ladakh's brighter future.

The Lt Governor reiterated that peace, development, and welfare of the people remain the guiding pillars of the Administration's policy framework, reaffirming his vision to transform Ladakh into a prosperous, resilient, and self-reliant region.



PM Modi greets Russia's President Putin on his birthday. Russia ties

POWERGRID provides 128 Slice CT Scan Machine at Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar under CSR



Tarun Bajaj, ED POWERGRID, Northern Region-II and Jasbir Singh, ED CC-CSR, POWERGRID handing over Slice Hi-end CT machine to Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, DHS Jammu.

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India, has provided one 128 Slice CT Scan Machine to Directorate of health services, Jammu for Gandhi Nagar Hospital to strengthen the medical infrastructure of Jammu District.

Tarun Bajaj, Executive Director, POWERGRID, Northern Region-II and Jasbir Singh, Executive Director, CC-CSR, POWERGRID handed over the 128 Slice Hi-end CT machine to Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu in the presence of Senior officers of POWERGRID and Dr. Harbaksh Singh, CMO, Jammu on Tuesday. The cost of this CT Scan machine is around Rs 6.5 crore. This CSR effort of POWERGRID will augment the existing health infrastructure in Jammu division will support the hospital located in Gandhi

Nagar in District Jammu to provide medical services to nearby towns and villages. Since this hospital is the only main medical support infrastructure in these areas, this latest technology machine will provide great comfort to the populace of these areas which otherwise have to visit other hospitals in Jammu city. The authorities of the health department, Jammu thanked POWERGRID for providing this state of Art hi-end equipment and requested POWERGRID to continue contributing to the health infrastructure development in Jammu. Under CSR activities, health sector is one of the thrust area of POWERGRID especially in the government hospitals of rural and urban areas across the country with the belief that adequate medical infrastructure is important for well being of the general masses. During last three years, POWERGRID has taken up many CSR initiatives in Jammu province amounting to Rs 31 crore.

Handi Restaurant inaugurated at Jammu Club

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JAMMU: The Handi Restaurant at Jammu Club was inaugurated on Tuesday by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Vice President of Jammu Club, in the presence of Gaurav Gupta, Hon. Secretary, Jammu Club, and members of the Managing Committee.

The Handi Restaurant, which has been recently renovated to elevate its ambiance and overall dining experience, now offers a refined and elegant space for members to enjoy. The upgraded interiors, contemporary décor, and enhanced menu reflect the Club's continuous commitment to excellence in hospitality.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh Kumar appreciated the efforts of Gaurav Gupta, Secretary, and his entire team for their dedication and vision in modernizing the Club's infrastructure.

He said, "Jammu Club has always upheld high stan-



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inaugurating Handi Restaurant at Jammu Club.



dards of service and member satisfaction. The transformation of the Handi Restaurant stands as a testament to the management's commitment to providing world-class facilities and comfort to its members." Gaurav Gupta expressed

heartfelt gratitude to the Vice President for his gracious presence and encouragement. He said, "The renovation of the Handi Restaurant is a part of our broader vision to enhance member experience through consistent upgrades and

innovation. Every detail has been planned with care to ensure quality, elegance, and comfort."

He further appreciated the dedicated efforts of Er. Ashok Gandotra, Chairman Construction Sub Committee and Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Chairman Catering Sub Committee, for their valuable contribution, and also extended deep appreciation to all members of the Managing Committee for their continuous support, teamwork, and active involvement in the successful completion of the project.

On this occasion Members of the Managing Committee Er. Ashok Gandotra, Er. Pooja Kohli (Priya), Indu Puri, Sidharth Samnotra, Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Kavita Gupta, Dr. Gunet Singh Sudan, Dr. Hema Gandotra Jandial, Ashwani Gupta, Karan Khosla, Er. Vasundhara Sharma, Dr. Shailja Mahajan and Vikram Dhawan were also present.

DHS reviews functioning of health facilities in Jhajjar Kotli



DHS Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar visiting HWC at Jhajjar Kotli.

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JAMMU: Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar visited JhajjarKotli on Tuesday to review the functioning of local health facilities and assess the preparedness of medical teams catering tourists and local residents in the area.

The Director inspected the Health and Wellness Centre (HWC) at JhajjarKotli and interacted with the medical and paramedical staff. He reviewed the availability of essential

drugs, diagnostic kits, and emergency services. The Director emphasized maintaining round-the-clock emergency care, especially considering the tourist influx at JhajjarKotli.

The DHSJ also took stock of sanitation, waste management and drinking water facilities within and around the health centre premises. He directed the staff to ensure a clean and patient-friendly environment and to strengthen preventive health measures against seasonal diseases.

While interacting with the staff and community members, the Director highlighted the importance of public health awareness, safe food practices and immediate medical response in case of emergencies near water bodies or picnic spots.

He appreciated the dedication of the health staff and assured that all necessary support would be extended by the Directorate to upgrade facilities and ensure better healthcare delivery in the area.

"Our focus remains on improving access to quality healthcare even in recreational and rural zones like JhajjarKotli. Health preparedness at such spots is vital for both locals and tourists," the Director said.

The visit concluded with an interaction session where staff shared suggestions regarding strengthening of medical logistics and infrastructure support.

HC's mediation drive on litigations concludes

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SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards promoting alternative dispute resolution and reducing the burden of pending litigations, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh under the leadership of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh successfully conducted a mediation drive from 1st July, 2025 to 6th October, 2025.

The drive was launched pan India under the guidance of Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R Gavai and Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman NALSA and Chairman MCPC who conceptualized the "Special Mediation Drive- Mediation 'For the Nation'" (90 days Mediation Drive to settle pending cases in all the Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts of India. During this initiative, a total of 960 cases

were taken up for mediation, of these 08 cases were settled through mutual agreement of parties, 206 unsettled cases and 646 cases are pending for final settlement due to awaited affirmation from the parties. These cases are expected to be finalized upon completion of all the required formalities.

The remaining cases were processed accordingly for further proceedings. The mediation drive witnessed active participation from litigants, advocates, mediators, with an utmost support from court officials and staff.

Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation, Committee expressed their gratitude to all the stakeholders for their valuable support and expressed hope for continuing such initiatives to enhance access to justice and disposal of pending cases through Mediation.

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JAMMU: In a major medical milestone, doctors at AIIMS Vijaypur have performed their first successful microvascular onco-reconstructive surgery, marking a new era for advanced cancer treatment in Jammu and Kashmir.

The surgery was carried out on a 60-year-old woman, belonging to Budhi village of Kathua district, suffering from late-stage oral cancer. Following removal of the tumour along with part of the right cheek, palate, and upper jaw (maxilla), doctors reconstructed the defect using a microvascular free radial forearm flap.

In simple terms, this involved carefully taking skin and soft tissue along with tiny blood vessels from the patient's forearm, and reconnecting them under a microscope to blood vessels in the face and neck.

This extremely delicate process restores both appearance and essential functions like swallowing and speech.

Microvascular surgery is considered one of the most challenging procedures in modern medicine. The blood vessels being stitched are barely a few mm in diameter, and the success of the surgery depends on precise suturing under high magnification, uninterrupted blood flow, and meticulous post-operative monitoring. Such advanced surgeries are usually available only at select tertiary healthcare institutions in big cities. Until now, patients from Jammu had to travel to

Delhi, Chandigarh, or other metros to undergo these life-saving reconstructions. This first success at AIIMS Vijaypur means patients can now access world-class cancer and reconstructive surgery much closer to home.

The milestone was achieved through seamless collaboration of the Onco-surgery team led by Dr Paras Khanna (Assistant Professor), the Plastic Surgery team led by Dr Rahul Gorka (Assistant Professor) and Dr Shavi Rayoo (Senior Resident), and

the OMF Surgery team led by Dr Amanjot Kour (Assistant Professor).

The Anaesthesia and ICU team, including Dr Kanika, Dr Slomi (Assistant Professors), Dr Bharti, and Dr Swati (Senior Residents), under the supervision of Dr Sunana Gupta (Additional Professor & HOD), ensured patient safety during the marathon procedure.

Nursing officers Aman, Ana and Nishtha provided vital intra-operative assistance. Post-operatively, the

Patient had a smooth uneventful course and was discharged after complete recovery.

Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO said, "This landmark case highlights the strength of multidisciplinary teamwork-where advanced Onco-surgical expertise, Microvascular precision, cutting-edge Anaesthesia, and coordinated post-operative care converge to deliver the best outcomes." He congratulated the team, calling it "a proud moment that reflects AIIMS Vijaypur's vision of bringing world-class surgical care closer to patients of this region".

With this achievement, AIIMS Vijaypur sets a new benchmark for comprehensive oncological care in the region, reinforcing its commitment to excellence, innovation, and putting patients at the heart of its mission", said the team of doctors involved in this case.



AIIMS Vijaypur doctors with patient after performing Microvascular Onco-Reconstruction for advanced-stage oral cancer.

'Rang-e-Chinar' national art workshop enters day two at GDC Eidgah

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SRINAGAR: The vibrant 'Rang-e-Chinar' National Art Workshop, organized by the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust (MSCBMC) in collaboration with Petronet LNG Limited, entered its second day at Hamidi Kashmiri Memorial Government Degree College, Eidgah.

Former MLA of Eidgah, Mubarak Gul, graced the occasion as chief guest, applauding the Trust's efforts in promoting artistic exchange in Jammu & Kashmir.

He described Rang-e-Chinar as "a living bridge between heritage and innovation," and encouraged youth to embrace their artistic roots.

Principal Dr. Deeba Iqbal, in her welcome address, emphasized the role of such events in enhancing creativity, cultural understanding, and peace-building among students.

A major highlight of the



Former MLA of Eidgah, Mubarak Gul with others at a workshop.

day was the live painting demonstration, where artists visually interpreted Kashmir's autumnal beauty. Students from multiple institutions enthusiastically participated, observing and engaging with the artists to learn about diverse techniques and creative approaches.

The workshop featured acclaimed artists including Taslima Sona (Rajasthan),

Dr. Rakhi Kumar (Delhi), Dr. Priti Samyukta and Kishan Kappari (Hyderabad), Supriya Amber (Madhya Pradesh), Debashish Dutta (Gujarat), Sharmila Sharma (Delhi), Deepu Kumar (Bihar), Apurba Karati (West Bengal), A.K. Douglas (Bengaluru), and Javid Iqbal (Sopore), showcasing styles ranging from realism to abstraction.

Amuradha Rishi, President of MSCBMC Trust, expressed gratitude to the college and participants, calling Rang-e-Chinar "a dialogue between generations of artists and learners."

The event also honoured Master Sansar Chand Baru, legendary Pahari miniature artist and first curator of the Dogra Art Museum, whose legacy continues to inspire India's art community.

Advisor Nasir Aslam engages with film, entertainment Industry leaders



Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani with prominent film and entertainment industry leaders and stakeholders during meeting at Mumbai.

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MUMBAI: Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani held a series of meetings with prominent film and entertainment industry leaders and stakeholders on the sidelines of FICCI Frames at Mumbai.

The Interactions centered around promoting Jammu and Kashmir as a premier destination for film shooting and developing a vibrant film ecosystem in J&K.

The Advisor highlighted the Government's commit-

ment to facilitate film production in J&K and assured the filmmakers and industry representatives of all necessary support and assistance for shooting their projects in the region. He also invited them to explore the scenic and diverse locales of Jammu and Kashmir for their upcoming ventures.

Among those who met the Advisor included heads and senior representatives from the Producers Guild of India, National Film Development Corporation

(NFDC), Motion Picture Association (America), Prasar Bharati, Indian Motion Picture Producers Association (IMPPA), and several other leading film bodies and production houses.

The meetings provided an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between the J&K Government and the national film fraternity, aimed at reviving the J&K's rich cinematic legacy and positioning it as a preferred destination for filmmakers across the globe.