LG Kavinder asks taxi operators to install Vehicle **Tracking Devices as mandated by MoRTH**

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, held a detailed interaction with a delegation from the Ladakh Taxi Operator Co-operative Ltd to address their concerns regarding the mandatory installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTD) in commercial vehicles, as directed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

The meeting was attended by Mohammad Usman Khan, Additional Secretary. Department: Hidayatullah Mir, ARTO Thinlay Namgial, President of the Co-operaalong with Presidents Stanzin Toldan and Ajaz Ahmad.

taxioperators expressed their difficulties in complying with the immediate requirement due to the ongoing economic slowdown and business hardships.

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JAMMU: The Faculty of

University of Jammu (JU), organized an Induction

Program for the first batch of

students enrolled in the newly

launched Five-Year Integrated

The event marked the begin-

ning of an ambitious academ-

Mathematics, Statistics, and

Computer Science under the

Education Policy (NEP)

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice

Chancellor, was the Chief

Guest on the occasion. In his

inaugural address, he congrat-

ulated the students and

praised the faculty for initiat-

ing a forward-looking, inter-

learning, Prof. Rai highlighted

the importance of curiosity,

problem-solving, and innova-

tion over rote learning.

Quoting Acharya Vinoba

Bhave, he underlined that

programme.

experiential

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Emphasizing

UG-PG Programme

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Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting.

JU holds Induction Program for inaugural batch of

Five-Year Integrated Mathematical Sciences Programme

VC JU. Prof. Umesh Rai speaking at a programme.

They requested a one-month extension to complete the installation process and ensure their vehicles pass the mandatory fitness certi-

Additional Mohammad Usman Khan informed the Lt Governor that although the directive from MoRTH had been in place for over two months, compliance among operators

curiosity replaces condition-

He encouraged the faculty to

design a dynamic, activity-

based curriculum that evolves

with student feedback and

stays aligned with real-world

challenges. He added that the

programme's interdisciplinary

nature will equip students

with essential skills in compu-

tational thinking, analytics,

and communication-vital for

holistic development and

Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel,

applauded the programme's

academic rigour and urged

students to build strong ana-

lytical and computational

Academic Affairs,

employability.

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Considering the genuine concerns raised, the Lt Governor approved a onemonth grace period for VLTD installation but firm-

extensions would be granted. He underlined the critical importance of VLTDs for enhancing passenger safety, improving fleet management, and ensuring regulatory compliance. He urged all transport operators to utilize the extension period efficiently to avoid disruptions in vehicle operations or certification processes.

The taxi operators welcomed the decision and thanked the Lt Governor for his understanding. They assured full compliance within the extended time-

In a separate meeting, the President of the People's Action Group for Inclusion and Rights (PAGIR) called on the Lt Governor to discuss the challenges faced by persons with disabilities (divyangjan) in Ladakh.

Kavinder Gupta reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to inclusivity and financial empowerment of divyangjan.

He highlighted initiatives by the Social and Tribal Welfare Department, including the implementation of the Disability ID (UDID) proj-

Students were familiarized

with the syllabus, examination

schemes, and University facil-

ities including the library,

sports complex, and health

centre. The programme aims

to prepare students for emerg-

ing careers in AI, Machine

Learning, Data Analytics,

and Scientific Computing by

offering a robust foundation

in core mathematical disci-

The induction concluded

with an interactive session

where students shared their

aspirations. Faculty members

encouraged them to maintain

a spirit of inquiry and lifelong

The event was attended by

Prof Kamal Misra from

Kolkata University, Prof.

Rahul Gupta, Prof. Lalitsen

Sharma, Prof. Pawanesh

Kumar Abrol, Prof. Pawan

Kumar, Prof. Parmil Kumar.

Dr. Shubhnandan Jamwal,

Dr. Shallu Sharma, Dr. Tirth

Ram, Dr. Sarika Verma,

Jasbir Singh, Dr. Vijay K

Shivgotra, Dr. Sunil Kumar,

Dr. Manish Kumar and Dr.

Tarun Kumar Chauhan.

plines.

UDID cards have issued to improve access to government schemes. He also mentioned the estab-Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and ongoing efforts to enhance accessibility in public infrastructure.

The Lt Governor concluded by emphasizing that the administration will continue working towards a more inclusive and equitable Ladakh through targeted skill development and empowerment programmes for persons with disabilities.



POWERGRID hands over 16 Toilets to PM Shri JNV Nud, provides 128 Slice CT Scan Machine to AH, GMC Kathua under CSR

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Power, Gov-ernment of India, today handed over two projects of great public importance in Jammu Province, reaffirming its commitment to infrastructure development and to providing essential amenities in the fields of education, hygiene, and healthcare.

In two separate functions held today, POWERGRID handed over four blocks of ultra-modern toilet com-plexes comprising a total of 16 toilets to PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Nud Samba

The facilities were handed over by Tarun Bajaj, Executive Director, POW ERGRID, Northern Region-II, and Jasbir Singh, Executive Director, CC-CSR, POWERGRID, to Dr. D. S. Saklani, Vice Principal, JNV, in the presence of senior POWERGRID officers. school staff, and students of

The project, executed by POWERGRID through an MoU with JKPCC/JKPWD at an estimated cost of Rs 30 lakh, was undertaken under POWERGRID's CSR initiative in response to the school's request for improved sanitation facilities



Tarun Bajaj, ED POWERGRID, Northern Region-II, and Jasbir Singh. ED CC-CSR. POWERGRID handing over hi-end CT scanner to Dr. Surinder K. Atri, Principal, GMC Kathua.

ate a healthier, safer, and more inclusive environment for students while promoting health and hygiene awareness in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission and the CSR thrust area of "Promoting Education."The enhanced infrastructure will particularly benefit girl students by improving at-tendance and reducing barriers to educa-

On this occasion, the students presented a colourful expressing their joy and gratitude. The Vice Principal and staff of JNV also extended heartfelt thanks to POWER-GRID for their support in fulfilling this vital need.

In another significant CSR initiative, POWERGRID handed over a 128 Slice CT Scan Machine to the Government Medical College (GMC), Kathua, and its hospital

structure in the region. The hi-end CT scanner was

formally handed over by Tarun Bajaj, Executive Director. POWERGRID, Northern Region-II, and Jasbir Singh, Executive Director, CC-CSR, POWER-GRID, to Dr. Surinder K. Principal, GMC Atri. Kathua, in the presence of Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, senior POWERGRID officers, and the medical fraternity of GMC Kathua.

Valued at approximately Rs 7 crore, this advanced diagnostic equipment will significantly enhance healthcare delivery in Kathua district and adjoining regions of Jammu. Punjab, Himachal Pradesh.

Given that GMC Kathua serves as the primary tertiary healthcare facility for the area, the installation of this ensure timely and accurate

diagnostic services, reducing the need for patients to travel to Jammu or Pathankot for advanced scans.

The Deputy Commissioner Kathua, and the Principal, GMC Kathua, expressed deep appreciation to POW-ERGRID for this valuable contribution and encouraged continued collaboration in strengthening public health infrastructure across Jammu Division.

Under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandate, POWERGRID prioritizes the health sector as a key thrust area, particularly focusing on government hospitals in both rural and urban areas. Believing that robust healthcare infrastructure is essential for community well-being, POWER-GRID has, over the past three years, undertaken numerous CSR initiatives in Jammu Province worth Rs

Advisor Nasir Aslam engages with filmmakers, tour operators at FICCI Frames

foundations. Prof. Sangeeta

Gupta, Dean Planning and

Development, called the initia-

tive a model for higher educa-

tion, moving beyond the tradi-

Prof. Vibhakar Mansotra,

Computer Sciences & IT,

spoke on the growing signifi-

cance of computational meth-

ods and data analytics in solv-

ing global challenges, while

Prof. Romesh Sharma, Head,

Department of Mathematics

and Dean, Faculty of

Mathematical Sciences, intro-

duced the programme struc-

ture and objectives, focusing

and application.

Department of

tional view of Mathematics.

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Advisor Aslam Wani held extensive interactions with prominent film and entertainment industry leaders and tourism stakeholders on the second day of FICCI Frames at Mumbai.

The event was attended by prominent personalities $_{
m film}$ Entertainment world. Joint Director Tourism Kashmir Waseem Raja and Joint Director Tourism Jammu Ajaz Qaiser accompanied the



Advisor to CM, Nasir Aslam Wani with prominent film and entertainment industry leaders.

The Advisor also met local tour operators of

details discourse on promotion of J&K Tourism in Maharashtra. Besides, the deliberations with senior officials of HCT (Indian Institute

Maharashtra and held Advisor held detailed Technologies) for explor-JMC takes decisive action against illegal constructions, encroachments

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the directions of the Commissioner Municipal Corporation (JMC) and under the direct supervision of the Joint Commissioner (R&E) and Deputy Commissioners (North/South), the JMC's Enforcement Staff conducted a comprehensive drive on Wednesday to combat illegal constructions, encroachments and defacement across various parts of the city.

The enforcement team successfully demolished four illegal shutters-two each in Rehari Colony and Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. These shutters were installed in violation of sanctioned building plans and municipal norms.

An illegal Construction was demolished in the Talab Tillo area of Jammu, sending a strong message against unauthorized construction activi-



ment

Similarly an extensive

anti-defacement drive was

conducted along the

stretch from the Railway

Station Road to Trikuta

The drive focused on

removing unauthorized

Nagar Bagad Mandi.

Meanwhile, a drive was carried out to clear illegal encroachments, specifically removing the rehris (vending carts) from major routes in Trikuta Nagar and Roop Nagar

The action was taken to ensure smooth traffic flow

posters, banners, and hoardings, contributing to a cleaner and aesthetically improved public environment. Further solidifying the

commitment to enforcement, the Commissioner JMC personally conducted a tour of the Trikuta Nagar Bagad Mandi area today. monitored the

removal of encroachments from the roads and byelanes, directly addressing unauthorized obstructions in the locality. The JMC reiterates its

appeal to all citizens to adhere strictly approved building plans and refrain from illegal conversion of residential properties into commercial ones and encroachments on public land. The Corporation warns that such enforcement drives will be a continuous effort to ensure the planned growth and beautification of Jammu city.

ing possibilities of honing creative skills of industry Filmmaking, comic, animation, post production and other creative arenas. On the directions of the

Advisor, Joint Directors of Tourism visited the campus of HCT and interacted with the CEO and faculty of the Institute to get a know how about the institute and how the courses offered by the Institute could benefit youth of J&K towards chiseling their creative abilities.

These interactions are part of the J&K Government's efforts to revive tourism which has suffered a setback post Pahalgam attack in April

Register FIR against PDP's Iltija Mufti for toeing separatism, spreading communal hatred: Zorawar tion and hatred. "The PDP's

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP spokesperson for Jammu and Kashmir, Zorawar Singh Jamwal has strongly condemned PDP leader Iltija Mufti's recent remarks, accusing her of spreading communal hatred and toeing separatist lines. He demanded immediate registration of an FIR against her under relevant sections of the law.

Iltija Mufti, daughter of former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, had recently released a video in which, according to Jamwal, she made statements that were "provocative, factually incorrect, and aimed at inciting communal disharmony." He termed the remarks "irresponsible" and "a deliberate attempt to distort facts. polarize communities, and create fear for political



Zorawar Singh alleged that Iltija's comments reflect the politics of appeasement and division that the PDP continues to practice. "Such statements insult the intelligence of the people and pose a direct threat to the unity and integrity of the nation. Silence from authorities will only embolden such divisive voices," he warned.

Calling for legal action, Jamwal said the administration must not allow political figures to misuse their platform to spread misinformais evident in such desperate and inflammatory rhetoric he added. He also emphasized that India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, stands for democracy, inclu-

siveness, and peace. "Those who attempt to destabilize the region and divide communities through malicious propaganda must be held accountable," he said. The BJP, Jamwal reiterat-

ed. will continue to stand firmly for peace, unity, and national integrity, and will expose any attempt to incite violence or communal division. The party has urged law enforcement agencies to take swift and firm action to maintain communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir and protect the peace-loving citizens of the region.

Leech found as culprit behind mysterious nosebleeds-successful treatment at ENT Department, AIIMS Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu, successfully performed a rare procedure by removing a live leech approximately 8 centimeters long from the nasal cavity of a young patient.

The patient, a 31-year-old male from Ramban, had been suffering from unilateral persistent epistaxis (nosebleeds) for the past 12 days - a condition that failed to respond to conventional treatment despite consultations at multiple healthcare facili-

According to the ENT Department at AIIMS Jammu, the patient presented with a history of recurrent bleeding from one side of the nose. Initial examination revealed only active bleeding, but a subsequent detailed endoscopic evaluation performed by the ENT team revealed the presence of a live, blood-gorged leech firmly attached to the sphenoethmoidal recess (deep inside the nasal cavity).

The removal procedure was carefully performed under local anesthesia. The team used endoscopic instruments to grasp and extract the leech without causing further trauma to the delicate nasal mucosa. The leech, identified as belonging to the Hirudinea species, was successfully removed alive.

Dr. Darwin Kaushal, Head of the ENT Department, who oversaw the procedure, described the case as "extremely rare in urban medical centers." The successful intervention was carried out with the dedicated support of Dr.Amardeep Singh, Dr. Pooja, Dr.Youshita, Dr.Shivane, Dr.Muskan, Dr. Gunjan and Dr.Bisna, along with nursing officers Ambika and Shivkaran.

"This patient presented with textbook symptoms of persistent bleeding, which is a key sign of parasitic infestation." said Dr. Darwin Kaushal. "The leech had been inside the nasal cavity for nearly two weeks, continuously feeding and secreting its anticoagulant, hirudin, which caused the intractable nosebleeds. If left untreated, such a parasite can cause severe anemia and may migrate to the throat, lungs, or other vital structures, posing a lifethreatening risk."

The source of the infestation is suspected to be the use or consumption of nonpotable water, often found in natural springs, ponds, or streams in hilly or rural areas. The ENT team strongly advises residents, especially those in peripheral and rural regions, to avoid drinking untreated water directly from natural sources.

Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu, emphasized that this successful intervention underscores the institute's cutting-edge diagnostic and surgical expertise in managing complex and rare medical emergencies. He highlighted that such cases, though extremely uncommon in urban medical centers, reflect the dedication and skill of the AIIMS Jammu team in delivering advanced patient care and ensuring timely, life-saving treatment.