

# Bandipora's Gurez Valley gets Grid Connected Electricity for first time

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANDIPORA: In a ground-breaking and historical achievement, the Gurez Valley was Sunday successfully connected to the electricity grid, marking first time the region has access to a reliable source of electricity.

The historic development was also announced by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, who expressed his joy and stated that this marks a momentous occasion in the history of the region.

The project involves around 180 kilometers of 150 mm sq conductor, 1950 ST Poles, 4 km of underground cabling over vast stretches passing over Razdhan Pass situated at a height of 12672 ft above sea level having most hostile weather conditions and tough terrain and topography. The successful test check underscores the commitment of the Government



to reach out to the people of far-flung areas.

Dr. Owais Ahmad extended congratulations to the resilient people of Gurez Valley. He acknowledged their patience and perseverance throughout the process and expressed optimism about the positive impact that electricity will have on various facets of daily life, including education, health-care, and economic activities. Residents of Gurez

expressed their overwhelming joy and gratitude to the Hon'ble LG, District Administration, and PDD for successful completion of this project. They further expressed that the dedicated power supply shall bring out manifold progress in tourism related and other economic activities.

Dr. Owais informed that the district team, including STD division, has worked hard to complete the work as

per strict timeline. He said that the 60 KM 33 KV transmission line had a successful trial on Sunday. He said that 1500 consumers will be benefitted in first phase.

He further informed that the rest of the villages will be connected in a phased manner.

The DC said that for decades, the residents of Gurez Valley have faced challenges due to the absence of

a consistent power supply. He said that the frontier sector relied on diesel generator sets for the electricity.

Dr Owais said that Gurez now enjoys grid connectivity, first time after independence with the successful charging of the 33KV line.

The DC applauded the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders, including PDD, STD Ganderbal/Bandipora, involved in making this project a reality.

He emphasized that the electrification of Gurez Valley is not just about providing power but about empowering the local communities, fostering economic growth, and enhancing the overall quality of life.

As the lights illuminate Gurez Valley for the first time, it symbolizes not just the arrival of electricity but the dawn of a new era for the residents, full of possibilities and opportunities.

# Constitution Day celebrations held across Kulgam



Officials taking pledge at Kulgam.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KULGAM: Constitution Day was celebrated on Sunday across the district in order to honour the constitution drafters who gave the fundamental law for the nation.

Preamble Reading by participants, formed the main activity during the day, wherein all departments at all levels, educational insti-

tutions across the district assembled to observe the day. Functions were organised at District level, in Sub-division/ Tehsils of the district with full fervor and enthusiasm where officers and officials deliberated on the importance of the constitution for the governance of the country.

Degree Colleges and educational institutions across

the district also took part in preamble Reading and highlighted the basic principles of the constitution, role and contribution of the drafters of the constitution and paid rich tributes to them.

Every year, November 26 is celebrated as Constitution Day, to mark the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on 26 November, 1949.

# Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra organised in Keller block, Shopian



Officials during the programme at Shopian.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SHOPIAN: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) was organised on Monday here in 6 Panchayats of the Keller block of the district.

The Yatra is a significant step towards the direction of achievement of universal coverage of eligible people for scheme benefits, genera-

tion of schemes awareness by reaching out to the unreached.

Under Meri Zubaani, Meri Kahani, beneficiaries shared with appreciation and gratitude towards the hassle free and momentous service delivery.

BDO Keller, Shakil Ahmad and department incharges,

briefed the participants on various beneficiary oriented schemes of their respective panchayats and highlighted government programmes and schemes especially PMJAY, JJM, Insurance and Social Security Schemes and other employment and welfare based schemes. Comprehensive health

screening was conducted, including online registration of eligible beneficiaries for Ayushman Bharat, screening for TB, Sickle Cell Anaemia.

On spot services including Drone demonstrations, adhaar authentication, health screening, distribution of handouts and assistance, was done on the occasion.

Stalls of departments focused to respond to issues of people and helped them to avail them to register for different schemes of the government.

The people of these Panchayats participated in Viksit Bharat Yatra programmes in large number. The locals of these Panchayats warmly welcomed Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programmes with folk songs & cultural performances.

# District Admn Kulgam organises VBSY in DH Pora



Organisers along with participant students.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KULGAM: Amid enthusiastic and vibrant participation of stakeholders, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) started on Monday in 10 more Panchayat Halgas of the DH Pora block of the district.

ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather attended the programme alongwith SDM, DH Pora, Bashir Ul Hassan, ACD, Mohd Imran

and supervised multiple activities being done under the campaign.

Panchayat Halgas of the DH Pora Subdivision including Yarikah, Nandimarg, Yaroo, Gandwani, Bangiward, Waripora, CR Pora and HM Guri celebrated VBSY on the third day of the Yatra in the district.

Officers and officials continued to aware people about government schemes and

interacted with people and encouraged them to register for schemes and get benefits under various employment and welfare based schemes.

Beneficiaries, who have availed services, also shared their experiences under Meri Kahani, Meri Zubaani initiative and expressed gratitude for the seamless services delivery.

Drone and soil health card demonstrations, health

screening and other on spot services were provided on the occasion.

Adhaar authentic for services, felicitation events, painting and drawing competitions were held on the occasion. ADDC on the occasion, asked all to maximize the outcomes of the Yatra in the district, by reaching out to all left out eligible people and saturate the unsaturated schemes.

Officers and officials remained busy in IEC activities at all the Panchayats of the block.

Welfare, employment, insurance, social security and income generation based schemes were highlighted. Block officers and officials from line departments, PRIs, students and locals participated in Viksit Bharat Yatra programmes in aforesaid panchayats, fervently.

# Skoda Auto India launches Elegance Editions in all- new Deep Black color for Kushaq and Slavia

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Soon after introducing a slew of new and segment-first features in the Kushaq and Slavia, Skoda Auto India has announced a new, exclusive version of both these cars. Christened the Elegance Edition, both cars will be produced in a limited amount and will be available exclusively with the 1.5 TSI engine.

Speaking on the new product action, PetrSole, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said, "The Elegance Edition of the Kushaq and Slavia will be launched as a limited offering. There has been a strong demand for a classic black colour on the Kushaq and Slavia. All our product actions are based on the evolving customer trends, in line with our customer-centric approach. The aesthetics, body colour and cosmetic aspects of the new, Elegance editions will appeal to customers with a keen design sense, while continuing to offer immense value and pride of ownership."

The Elegance Edition offers a classic, all-new and stunning Deep Black paint in both the cars while retaining the rich chrome elements all around. Further enhancing the aesthetics in both the cars is a Chrome Lower Door Garnish and a calligraphic 'Elegance' inscription on the B-pillars. The Slavia further has a chrome trunk garnish and a Scuff plate with 'Slavia' inscribed in it. The Kushaq gets a 17-inch (43.18 cm) VEGA Dual Tone alloy design that accentuates style and its rough terrain stance, while the Slavia's classic sedan lines are enhanced by the 16-inch (40.64 cm) Ving Alloy Wheels. Opening the doors will reveal the prominent brand logo projection from the Skoda genuine accessories puddle lamp that adds an element of class and utility when stepping in and out of the cars. Inside, the driver is greeted by the 'Elegance' badge in the steering

wheel. Additionally, the footwell area houses sporty aluminium pedals. Furthering the utility and aesthetics theme of the Elegance Edition, customers will get attractive textile mats and 'Elegance' branded cushions, seat-belt cushions as well as neck rests.

The Elegance Editions of the Kushaq and Slavia will exclusively be powered by the 1.5 TSI turbo-petrol engine. Customers can choose to pair this with a 7-speed DSG automatic or the 6-speed manual. To ensure exclusivity for customers of this special edition, Skoda Auto India will manufacture a limited number of the Kushaq and Slavia Elegance Edition. They will be in the all-new Deep Black paint and are positioned above the fully-equipped, top-of-the-line Style variants.

Both the Kushaq and Slavia will get all the new features introduced by Skoda Auto India during the festive season like electric seats for the driver and co-driver and an illuminated footwell area. The centre of the dash continues to be dominated by a 25.4 cm infotainment screen with Škoda Play Apps. The system links wirelessly with Apple Carplay and Android Auto. Also standard in the Elegance Edition is Škoda Sound with 6 Speakers + Subwoofer in the boot of the Kushaq and Slavia.

While the range also offers a 1.0 TSI, the Elegance Edition is powered by exclusively by the state-of-the-art 1.5 TSI. An advanced 1.5-litre EVO-generation powerplant, this four-cylinder turbo petrol engine makes 110 kW (150 PS) of power and 250 Nm of torque.

The Ex-Showroom Price of Kushaq Elegance Edition-1.5 TSI is Rs 18,31,000 to Rs 19,51,000 and Slavia Elegance Edition 1.5 TSI is Rs 17,52,000 to Rs 18,92,000.

# 14th regimental reunion commences at JAK RIF Regimental Centre, Jabalpur

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JABALPUR: The 14th Reunion of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment commenced with zeal and enthusiasm at the Regimental Centre on 27 Nov 2023. The two day event started on the solemn note with Wreath Laying ceremony at the War Memorial of the Regimental Centre to pay homage to the bravehearts of the Regiment, presided over by Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, AVSM, GOC-in-C Northern Command and Colonel of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment and Ladakh Scouts. This memorial service was followed by a Special Sainik Sammelan. Addressing on the occasion, Colonel of the Regiment paid solemn tributes to the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice on the Line of Duty and also congratulated all ranks for highest standards of professionalism, training and administration which brought unparalleled laurels to the regiment. This address was followed by presentation of the most prestigious Colonel of the Regiment Banner to the best battalion of



the Regiment based on professional performance over the last two years.

In the evening, a scintillating band symphony and barakhana was organized by the Regimental Centre for all serving and veteran officers, JCOs and Other Ranks. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, AVSM and Mrs Sunita Dwivedi took this opportunity to felicitate Veer Naris and selected personnel for their selfless service to the society and veteran community of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment even

after retirement. Having participated in all operations of war pre and post-Independence, the JAK RIF Regiment has proved its valour each and every time earning 2 PVCs, 2 ACs, 5 MVCs, 11 KCs, 44 Vrcs and 47 SCs. Apart from Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, AVSM, prominent among those who attended the Reunion were Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd), Lt Gen SS Grewal, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), Lt Gen Sushel Gupta, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Lt Gen

Sandeep Singh, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and Lt Gen VP Singh, AVSM, YSM (Retd), all previous Colonels of the Regiment. Lt Gen VK Mishra, PVSM, AVSM, Commandant, Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Maj Gen CA Pithawalla, Ashok Chakra, YSM (Retd) and a number of regimental serving senior General officers also added grace to the event by their presence.

Commanding Officers of all battalions of the regiment, Subedar Majors, a number of Veer Naris and serving and veteran officers, JCOs and Other Ranks and their dependents were also present. It was a matter of pride for the regiment that Shri G L Batra, proud father and Shri Vishal Batra, brother of Param Vir Chakra awardee Late Captain Vikram Batra were also present during the Reunion. The regimental bonhomie and esprit-de-corps was witnessed in abundance during

the two day event as senior veterans shared their experiences with the serving officers, JCOs and Other Ranks and fondly reminisced the days of serving together in tough conditions renewed the old association with a promise to meet again after four years in the next regimental Reunion.

A family welfare meet, chaired by Mrs Sunita Dwivedi, First Lady of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment, was also organised at Jammu and Kashmir Auditorium in which all ladies had a healthy interaction over role and responsibilities of Army Wives. The First Lady was updated on the ongoing AWWA activities at the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regimental Centre and appreciated the 'Swavalamban' and 'Annappurna' projects of the Centre aimed at women empowerment, making army ladies self-reliant through skilling.

# DC Rajouri inspects progress on Mother Child Care Hospital(MCH) in Lamberi



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inspecting hospital at Lamberi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Monday conducted a thorough inspection to assess the progress of the 100-bedded Mother Child Care Hospital in Lamberi.

Positioned strategically on NH144A, this healthcare facility will cater to the critical Maternal & Child Health needs of Rajouri and Poonch residents, easily accessible from Rajouri, Kalakote, Sunderbani, Budhal, and Poonch. With three floors and a budget of Rs 37.55 crores, the hospital is poised to be completed by January 2025. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed the

imperative of maintaining top-notch construction standards, directing the project team to aim for completion well before the set deadline. He also visited the proposed site for the doctor's quarter.

Highlighting the commitment of the Government to enhancing healthcare access in remote areas, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal said that the MCH Hospital in Lamberi is a cornerstone for Maternal & Child Health services. It will cover normal deliveries, high-risk pregnancies, and facility-based care for newborns, bringing healthcare closer to the community.

This project showcases the unwavering dedication of the

Government to the well-being of the residents of the region. Once operational, the Mother Child Care Hospital in Lamberi will stand as a pivotal healthcare hub, elevating the quality of life for the people of Rajouri and Poonch. Beyond healthcare, the location of the hospital on the Jammu Poonch highway holds strategic significance, enhancing connectivity and emergency response capabilities in the region.

Among the others who accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during his visit were Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Nowshera, VK Raina, AE Hitesh Sharma, and other officials from the Public Works Department.

# JKTA holds meeting highlights issues



Members of JKATA after the meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Jammu Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA) held a significant day meeting of three clusters at LHS Digidole, the meeting was organised under the leadership of Pro.Sr vice President and I/C District President Tirth Singh Balwal, wherein Teachers, senior master grade participants extended a warm welcome to Bhupinder Singh President JKTA UT J&K, alongside portfolio holders.

Key speakers addressed critical issues and demands, initiating a comprehensive discussion on the challenges faced in

schools and day-to-day official responsibilities. The interactive session enabled attendees to voice their concerns, fostering a collaborative platform for problem-solving. During the event, Bhupinder Singh emphasized the importance of performing duties with punctuality and responsibility, urging teachers to serve as role models for society. He directed attention towards the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, highlighting its significance and the need to align efforts accordingly. Singh raised pertinent concerns regarding teachers' working conditions, advocating

for improvements such as streamlined attendance systems, prompt service book updates, timely salary disbursement, rationalization, and addressing pressing issues like examination permission cases.

He emphasized the necessity for reciprocal transfer opportunities for teachers appointed under RET Scheme especially females, re-classification of Zones for ATD, MDM Liabilities, Post facto permission, and the provision of cash incentives for teachers working during vacations/COVID 19. Additionally, Bhupinder Singh welcomed new members to

JKTA, urging their support to strengthen the association at both zonal and district levels.

The day meeting served as a pivotal platform for educators to address critical challenges, propose solutions, and underscored the commitment of JKTA towards enhancing the education landscape in the region. Other main speakers on the occasion, Akhter Abbas Naik, Abdul Hamid, Naveem Ahmed, Kuldeep Singh, Pardeep Sharma, Surjeet Singh, Feroz daing, Raiz Ahmed, Vikram katoch, Shoket Parihar, Saidullah Katoch, Ayoub Ahmed, Parshotam Singh, Mohd Saleem, Rakesh Singh, Zia Ul Rehman, Shabir Ahmed, Saleem Chowdhury, Rayees Bali, Sanjay Singh, Wassim Ul Hassan, Lal Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Sunil Singh, Imtiaz Ahmed, Fareed Ahmed, Sudershan Singh, Raghbir Singh, Bod Raj, Pardeep Singh and others.

**BEFORE THE COURT OF LEARNED TEHSILDAR GADHI GARH JAMMU**  
Fozia Choudhary W/o Mohd Sultan R/o Govindpura Old Satwari, Jammu. Applicant.

Versus

**1. Block Development Officer Satwari.**  
**2. SHO P/S Satwari Trikuta Nagar Jammu.**

**In the matter of:-** Application for issuance of direction to the Non-Applicants' daughter to record the birth particulars of the applicant in the Non-Applicants record under rule.

May it please your Honour,  
The applicant most respectfully with detail of applicant's daughter are as under:-  
The brief particulars of the child of the applicant are as under:-  
a. Name: LAVIZA SULTAN  
FATHER NAME: MOHD SULTAN  
MOTHER NAME: FOZIA CHOUDHARY  
DATE OF BIRTH: 14/11/2022  
PLACE OF BIRTH: AT CITY HOSPITAL GULMARG COLONY BATHINDI JAMMU.  
That the birth particulars of the applicant are not recorded in the record of Non applicants since the birth of the applicant was at City Hospital Bathindi Jammu and the parents of the applicant were ignorant.  
That in support of the applicant attached Hospital record is annexed herewith in which the date of birth of the applicant's daughter is recorded as 14/11/2022.  
It is therefore requested to the Hon'ble court to issue the direction to the Non Applicant's daughter to record the birth particulars of the applicant in the non-applicants record under rule.

Sd/-  
Learned Tehsildar Gadhi Garh  
Jammu

Dated:- 23/11/2023