

LG Kavinder reaffirms commitment to public welfare, inclusive development in Ladakh

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KARGIL: Several delegations from different parts of Kargil today met the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, at Raj Niwas, Kargil.

Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Kargil, Shri Rakesh Kumar, and Superintendent of Police, Kargil, Shri Nitin Yadav, were also present during the meetings.

A delegation comprising Mohd Afzal and Mohd Kazim from the Medical Department met the Lieutenant Governor and put forth their requests regarding the creation, upgradation, or promotion of posts for Senior ECG Technician, Senior Cardiographer, Senior Anesthesia Technician, and Senior Technician Supervisor.

Another delegation led by



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta interacting with delegation.

the Parents' Association of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Khumbathang, met the Lieutenant Governor and raised concerns about the relocation of students to Baramulla district during the winter months. They stated that Baramulla also experiences harsh winters and requested that the students instead be accommodated in Jammu or other regions with a moderate climate.

Additionally, a delegation of part-time workers met the Lieutenant Governor and requested an enhancement of their wages in accordance with the Minimum Wages Act.

The Lt. Governor gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands put forth by the delegations. He assured them that their genuine concerns would be examined on priority and appropriate action would be taken in consultation with the concerned departments.

Kavinder Gupta emphasised that the UT Administration is committed to ensuring the welfare of all sections of society and directed the officers to address local grievances promptly and effectively.

He appreciated the constructive suggestions shared by the delegations and reiterated that the government is working tirelessly to strengthen public service delivery, improve infrastructure, and create better livelihood opportunities in every part of Ladakh, especially in remote areas like Kargil.



DIPR organises cultural events at Apsara Road, Raghunath Bazar to celebrate 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram'

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JAMMU: In connection with the celebration of 150 years of the National Pride - "Vande Mataram", the Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu on Tuesday organised cultural programmes at Apsara Road and Raghunath Bazar, featuring colourful presentations on themes of unity, integrity and nationalism.

The programmes celebrated the 150 glorious years of the iconic National song "Vande Mataram," a timeless symbol of India's unity, strength, and freedom. The celebrations aimed to reignite the spirit of patriotism and remind citizens of the enduring legacy of the National song that continues to inspire generations.



DIPR team presenting cultural events at Apsara Road, Raghunath Bazar.

Adding grandeur to the celebrations, the Jammu and Kashmir Police Band (JKP Band) presented soul-stirring patriotic tunes, evoking a deep sense of national pride and drawing applause from the crowd gathered at the twin venues.

A large number of people, including locals, traders, students and visitors, witnessed the programmes with great enthusiasm. The events also witnessed the presence of officers and officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations and the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The twin events at Apsara Road and Raghunath Bazar formed part of the Phase-I of the celebration of 150 Years of "Vande Mataram", being organised across the Country to spread the message of national unity, pride, and cultural togetherness through the medium of art and music.

The entire programme was conducted under the guidance of Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey and supervision of Cultural Officer Mukesh Kumar.

Div Com reviews progress of work in Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of the ongoing projects at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, Executive Director Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society, Director Archives, SSP Jammu, Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Jammu, SE PWD, representatives from NHLML and JK Cable Car Corporation Ltd.

The Divisional Commissioner sought the status of the ongoing projects including conservation of Darbar Hall; Dogra Art Museum, Raja Ram Singh Palace, Raja Amar Singh Palace, Central Courtyard, besides other projects heritage conservation works.

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He directed the concerned authorities to float the tender for the proposed flyover bridge, connecting Circular Road near Jullaka Mohalla to the Heritage Complex.

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Must isolate elements brainwashing those carrying out acts like Delhi blast: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Renowned spiritual teacher, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Tuesday.

Earlier Spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has said the elements who brainwash the people to carry out acts like the blast near the Red Fort should be isolated and dealt with sternly.

"It is an unfortunate incident. Such elements, who brainwash people to do things like this, should be isolated and dealt with sternly," Shankar told reporters on the sidelines of an event here.

He, however, appealed to the people of the country to maintain peace and stay united.

"We all are one and united, and peace should prevail, and we all should tread the path of progress," he added.

To a question about the three Kashmiri doctors who were recently arrested and from whom large quantities of arms and ammunition were recovered, the spiritual guru said they have not received the right education.

"They have not got the right education. There is a need for humanitarian education and peace education," he said.



Shankar emphasised that there has been a lot of progress in Jammu and Kashmir over the last few years.

"I have come here after seven years. There has been a lot of progress, and it gives us satisfaction. There is a fear among the people after what happened in Pahalgam. But, around 500 people from across the world have come here; there is peace and calm in Kashmir. The youth are capable enough and want to spread a message of peace," he added.

Arrested Jihadi lady doctor part of organisation formed by JeM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A woman doctor, who was among eight people arrested after the busting of an inter-state terror module, was part of the newly formed Jamaat-ul-Mominaat, an organisation launched by banned Jaish-e-Mohammed last month, officials claimed on the basis of preliminary investigations.

Dr Shaheen Sayeed, who was taken to Srinagar on Monday and placed under arrest, is alleged to be part of Jaish-e-Mohammed's (JeM) women recruitment wing in India.

The officials alleged that Dr Sayeed, believed to be in her mid 30's and part of the Al-Falah university in Faridabad, was in touch with her handler in Pakistan with possible instructions to recruit more and more women for terror activities.

In Lucknow, her father

pleaded his ignorance about her involvement in terror activities and said that he had come to know about her arrest through media only.

Jamaat-ul-Mominaat was formed after the banned JeM decided to form its women unit. The announcement for its formation was made through a letter in the name of JeM chief and UN-designated terrorist Masood Azhar in October this year with Sadiya Azhar being nominated as its chief.

Sadiya is wife of Yusuf Azhar who was among many people killed during Operation Sindoor on May 7, when India struck JeM's headquarters at Markaz Subhanallah in Bahawalpur.

The alleged role of Dr Sayeed indicated that JeM is following ISI policy of recruiting female attackers on the lines adopted by groups like Islamic State of

Iraq and Syria (ISIS) which used women in combat or suicide operations.

This development has also highlighted the concern of Jammu and Kashmir Police, central security agencies and the Army operating in J&K that ISI was trying to influence females more into the terror module, the officials said.

The J&K Police has already intensified its surveillance on several educational institutions, particularly private schools, due to growing concerns over the alleged radicalisation of young minds, especially among female students.

The officials said that disturbing information was coming from some private schools in Kashmir who allegedly indulged in the spread of radical ideologies among youngsters, mainly females.

The surge in radicalisation among the females has even

started some ex-separatist groups as they are concerned that another religious extremism wave, forced from the other side of the Line of Control (LoC), will destabilise the valley's centuries-old 'Sufi' tradition.

The officials indicated a sudden surge in pan-Islamist thought among youths, including girls, in the valley as intelligence reports suggest that fanatical clerics are indoctrinating them with a rigid interpretation of Islam that rejects traditional Kashmiri practices, such as visiting and paying obeisance at the shrines of Sufi saints.

The educational system of the Kashmir Valley has been irrevocably harmed, repeatedly proving incapable of presenting students with a future vision and thus resorting to a strict interpretation of Islam as a refuge, the officials said.

Businessman held in cheating case in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch Kashmir has arrested a businessman here in connection with an over Rs 4 crore cheating case, officials said on Tuesday.

The EOW has arrested Mudasir Ahmad Wani, a resident of Badamwari, Hawal locality of the city here in connection with the case registered under Section 318(4) of the BNS, and subsequently transferred to the Crime Branch Kashmir for investigation, the officials said.

They said the case originated from a written complaint received at Police Station Karan Nagar, wherein the complainant stated that he was engaged in the purchase and sale of gold items through his firm M/S Bullion Vault.

The complainant alleged that the accused, who was operating gold outlets under the names M/S Gold Hub and M/S The Gold Hub near Magarmal Bagh crossing here, along with his partner Omar Khan, cheated him after receiving substantial advance payments for the supply of gold but failing to deliver the goods, the officials said.

They said the accused neither supplied the gold nor refunded the amount.

During the course of the investigation, documentary evidence corroborated the complainant's allegations and established that an amount of Rs 4.24 crore had been cheated by the accused, the officials said.

They said consequently, the EOW arrested the accused.

Further investigation is underway to uncover additional facts and identify any other persons involved in the offence, the officials added.

Anti-national forces will be defeated decisively: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the nefarious designs of anti-national and disruptive forces would be defeated decisively in the country.

Expressing serious concern at the recovery of explosive material from a doctor in Faridabad and subsequent blast in Delhi, Chugh conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and said that the Modi government would decisively decimate such



anti-national forces.

He described it as a heinous, inhuman and cowardly act that has caused immense pain to every citizen. Chugh said that

the entire nation stands firmly with the bereaved families. "We share their grief as our own and assure every possible assistance and support to them in this difficult time," he said.

He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, the Central Government's policy is clear and uncompromising - a 'Zero Tolerance' policy towards terrorism, violence and conspiracy. The Prime Minister has assured the nation that those responsible for this barbaric act

will not be spared under any circumstances and will be brought to justice at the earliest.

He reaffirmed that the Modi Government remains firmly committed to the safety and security of every citizen and to safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation.

"Such cowardly acts cannot weaken our resolve; they only strengthen our collective commitment to build a stronger, safer, and united 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat,'" Chugh asserted.

Dy CM reviews progress of National Highway Projects across Jammu Div

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here on Tuesday, to review the progress of ongoing and upcoming National Highway projects across Jammu region.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, Anil Kumar Singh; Engineer-in-Chief PW(R&B), Director Geology and Mining, Regional Officer NHAI J&K, Chief Engineer Project SAMPARK, Regional Officer MORTH Jammu, Executive Directors NHIDCL Jammu and Srinagar, and Chief Engineer PWD Zone Pir Panjal, besides senior engineers and officers of the department.

During the review, the Deputy Chief Minister took a comprehensive assessment of projects being implemented by various central agencies like NHAI, NHIDCL, and Project SAMPARK.

The Deputy Chief Minister reviewed projects including Lakhnampur-Srinagar (NH-44), Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway (NH-5), Jammu Ring Road (NH-



244A), Srinagar Ring Road (Phase-I, II & IIA), Chenani-Patnitop-Nashri (Old Alignment) NH-244, Jammu-Akhnoor (NH-44) and Chenani-Sudhmahadev, Goha-Khellani, and Chatroo-Khanabal (NH-244A).

He directed all executing agencies to strictly adhere to the set timelines and maintain the highest standards of design and construction quality.

While reviewing the status of the Mangam-Dodhpatri-Shopian-Surankote section of NH-701A, being executed by Project SAMPARK, the Deputy Chief Minister instructed the concerned agencies to expedite the remaining works and resolve issues related to DPR modifications and Treasury releases at the earliest.

He asserted that work on

all roads, tunnels and bridge projects be expedited across all highway projects to ensure timely completion of these projects.

The meeting also discussed the Srinagar Ring Road Phase-IIA project from Manigam to Pandach, directing the concerned to fast-track compensation processes to avoid delays in execution. He further underscored the importance of inter-agency coordination between PW(R&B), NHAI, NHIDCL, and MORTH for overcoming procedural bottlenecks. He instructed officers to adopt a proactive approach in identifying field-level issues and resolving them promptly in consultation with the concerned departments. The Deputy Chief Minister called upon concerned to ensure speedy restoration of all affected infrastructure for public convenience.

Staff, students of GMC hospitals in Anantnag, Srinagar directed to label their lockers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Authorities in Kashmir on Tuesday have directed the staff and students at the Government Medical College (GMC) and SMHS hospital here to identify and label their personal lockers, officials said on Tuesday. The circular issued by the administrator, associated hospitals, Srinagar, came in the wake of the recovery of arms and ammunition from the locker of a doctor at the GMC, Anantnag on November 8. "It is impressed upon all the faculty members/ heads of the departments/paramedical staff/ students, to personally identify their lockers and label them with their name, designation and code," the circular reads. It highlighted that the exercise should be completed by November 14, after which the medical superintendent of Government SMHS Hospital, Srinagar,

RMOs of respective floors, estates cum transport officer GMC Srinagar will carry out an inspection and sort out extra surplus lockers that are unnecessarily occupying the space of hospital corridors, and GMC building corridors at various places. "No chance will be given to any employee to have any claim on the lockers that will not be identified after a specified period," it added. The section officers/estates officer/accounts section are also directed not to issue any LPC (last pay certificate), NOC or service book on transfer of any employee until and unless the individual locker of the employee is not handed over, the circular added. Meanwhile, the medical superintendent, GMC Anantnag, has also issued a similar circular. "It is hereby ordered that all HODs should identify the lockers/almirahs in their respective departments/wards, etc. and get

the name of the staff to whom it is allotted pasted on it," the circular said, adding that any unidentified locker/almirah which is not owned by anyone should be reported to the undersigned.

On November 6, the doctor, from whose locker arms and ammunition were recovered, was arrested and handed over to the Jammu and Kashmir Police for allegedly putting up posters in support of the banned terror outfit, Jaish-e-Mohammed, in Srinagar, an official said on Friday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Vyom Bindal said, "The accused, Adil Ahmed, a resident of Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir, was working at a private hospital in Saharanpur. He was taken into custody by the Srinagar police on Thursday in connection with a case registered there."