

IWDC bats for major infra upgrade on National Waterways, to invest Rs 50,000 Cr in five years

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KAZIRANGA.: The Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC), the apex meet for policy deliberation on the promotion & propagation of inland waterways in India, witnessed major announcements to boost infrastructure along national waterways. The second meeting of IWDC, organised by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), the nodal agency for development of waterways under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), announced investments of more than Rs 50,000 crores in next five years.

In this regard, a series of new initiatives across 21 Inland Waterway States were announced worth more than Rs 1400 crores here today.

The meeting was presided by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal.

The IWDC began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma along with the Sarbananda Sonowal at Kohora in Kaziranga today.

The meet also witnessed ministerial participation from the Union Minister of State for MoPSW, Shantanu Thakur; the Ports Minister of Goa,



Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal and others at meeting of IWDC.

Alexio Sequeira, the Transport Minister of Assam, Jogen Mohan; the Transport Minister of Manipur; Khashim Vashum; the Transport Minister of Jammu & Kashmir; Satish Sharma; the Transport Minister of Mizoram, Pu Vanlalhlana and the Transport Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Ojing Tasing among others.

A major policy initiative in the form of Riverine Community Development Scheme was mooted at the IWDC to improve the socio-economic well-being of coastal communities by developing infrastructure, promotion of trade and tourism along with riverine ecosystem, providing skill enrichment trainings and upgrading traditional knowledge of river of the communities in an attempt to upgrade the quality of lives of the people living by the banks of the National Waterways.

Speaking on the occasion, the Sarbananda Sonowal said,

"IWDC has anchored a new vista for cooperative federalism as both the governments at Union and the states discussed, deliberated, debated and dwelled on multiple aspects for strengthening of inland waterways. Historically, the role of inland waterways has been paramount for civilisations. However, this basic tenet of development remained ignored until 2014. At IWDC, we levelled up solutions to tide over challenges in an attempt to unlock the opportunities for economic development. In this regard, we have aimed at launching 1000 Green vessels."

At the IWDC, the Sonowal unveiled initiatives with an investment of more than Rs 1400 crores to boost inland waterways transport network in 21 states of the country.

Highlighting the focus of IWDC on employment generation and skill training, Sonowal said, "Major projects of upgrade in Inland Waterways

Transport (IWT) has been conceived today at the meeting. To build a robust IWT in the country, the government is planning to develop shipbuilding and ship repair facilities across all the NWs. This will reduce logistics costs, boosting the ancillary industries, and encouraging inclusion of riparian communities through employment opportunities. Further to the NINE Regional Centres of Excellence (RCoE) to skill up manpower and encourage innovation & research in the marine and IWT sector being developed by the Ministry, more CEOs will be created all across the nation."

Building on the success of QPOM on river Ganga (NW1), the facility is now being extended to all the National Waterways, as discussed at the IWDC today.

Sonowal also launched 2 Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism (QPOM) designed by IIT - Kharagpur which will

be deployed in the states of UP and Bihar. Four locations in Bihar and another four locations in Uttar Pradesh have been identified for installation of QPOM.

On the growth of inland waterways in the country, Sonowal said, "In the current financial year from April to November 2024, National Waterways have recording a growth of almost 7% as compared to last year. Apart from the Northeast, comprehensive development of National Waterways across India including NW-3, NW-4, NW-5 and 13 New National Waterways is also being undertaken at Rs 267 crores. A significant growth has been made in last one decade in river cruise tourism. The river cruise vessels have increased from 3 in 2013 14 to 25 in 2023-24. Group 48We have also recently launched the 'Cruise Bharat Mission' to boost cruise tourism in India over next five years, aiming to establish 10 sea cruise terminals, 100 river cruise terminals, and five marinas. Through strategic regional projects and agreements with neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and others, we are facilitating regional trade and seamless transport connectivity in South Asia."

JU hosts lecture to promote Academic Discourse, Research Excellence



JU students and faculty listening to lecture being delivered by Speaker, Prof. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon.

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JAMMU: The Department of Economics, University of Jammu, organized an engaging Interaction-cum-Lecture Session for its Ph.D. scholars today in the department's seminar hall. The event was part of the department's ongoing efforts to promote academic discourse and provide valuable insights to its scholars through interactions with eminent experts.

The session commenced with a welcome and introductory remarks by Prof. Virender Koundal, who introduced the distinguished guest speaker, Prof. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon, an eminent scholar from Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar; Faculty members and scholars. Prof. Koundal highlighted Prof. Dhillon's contributions to the field of economics and expressed gratitude for his

presence at the event.

Prof. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon, a renowned academician known for his expertise in macroeconomic policies and global economic trends, delivered an enriching lecture focusing on the dynamics of the Indian economy and the world economy.

His lecture provided a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities faced by the Indian economy in the context of global economic shifts.

During his address, Prof. Dhillon emphasized the importance of understanding evolving economic paradigms and highlighted the role of research in shaping economic policies.

He drew on historical and contemporary examples to illustrate how India can leverage its strengths to emerge as a key player in the global economic landscape.

Following the lecture, an interactive session was held where the Ph.D. scholars engaged in a lively discussion with the guest speaker.

The scholars posed insightful questions related to their research areas, seeking guidance on methodology, data analysis, and thematic aspects of their studies. Prof. Dhillon provided practical advice and shared his experiences to help scholars refine their research approaches and align their work with current economic challenges.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Apoorva Jamwal, who expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Dhillon for his thought-provoking lecture and valuable interaction.

She also thanked other faculty members for their leadership in organizing the session and the scholars for their active participation, which contributed to the success of the event.

JKIANS shine in judo at district and state level



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: In the State Level Open Judo Championship held at MA Stadium, Jammu, JK Public School

Kunjwani won one silver and one bronze medals. And, in the District Level championship, the school won two gold, one silver and two

bronze Medals.

The winners at State Level were Sana Jamwal, silver medal and Vedanshi Mahajan, bronze medal.

The winners at District Level were Vedanshi Mahajan and Sana Jamwal-Gold Medal each, Pragya Choudhary, Silver Medal and Aakashvi Mahajan and Bhavya Bharti, Bronze Medal each.

Principal JK Public School, Rajesh Rathore congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the school assembly.

He also lauded the School Judo Coach, Ashwani Kumar and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for this achievement.

Ladakh holds selection for Winter Games



Participants at a selection trials for Winter Games.

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JAMMU: The Ladakh Ski and Snowboard Association (LSSA) in collaboration with the Joint Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, UT Ladakh, organized the selection trials for the Khelo India Winter Games in Gulmarg and the National Ski Championship in Auli.

The trials were held at the KBS Ski Slope in Drass, with over 34 youth participants, including boys and girls from Leh and Kargil, competing in categories like Alpine, Nordic, Snowboard, and Ski Mountaineering.

The trials were conducted under the supervision of

Syed Shamsuddin, observer from the District Youth Services and Sports Kargil, along with officials from the Ladakh Ski Association and competition manager, Mansoor Ali.

Selected athletes will represent UT Ladakh at the National Championships in Auli and the Khelo India Winter Games 2025 in Gulmarg. Qalbi, a participant from Kargil who represented Ladakh at the Nationals last year, expressed happiness at being selected again. He highlighted the fairness of the trials, praising the accountability and monitoring by both

sports organizations and government departments.

A participant Tsering Ladol National player from Leh appreciated the Drass KBS Ski Slope, stating it was his first experience on the slope and calling it 'unforgettable'. She expressed hope that the Ladakh Ski and Snowboard Association will continue working for the promotion and development of winter sports in Ladakh.

The event reflects Ladakh's growing focus on promoting winter sports and providing its youth with a platform to excel at national and international levels.

JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma bereaved

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has deeply condoled the sad and untimely demise of Ramesh Chander Sharma elder brother of Ravinder Sharma, Ex-MLC & Chief Spokesperson JKPCC, who passed away last evening. His cremation shall take place on Jan. 16th (Thursday) at his native town Sunderbani.

President JKPCC Tariq Hameed Karra and entire rank and file of the party has condoled the sad demise of R.C Sharma and conveyed their heartfelt condolences to Ravinder Sharma and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved family & prayed to Almighty God to grant peace to the departed soul in heaven and strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Senior Women's Challenger Trophy

Chitra plays crucial knock as Team-C emerges champion



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JAMMU: J&K's Chitra Singh Jamwal played a crucial innings and made a match winning partnership of 57 runs with her skipper Sneha Rana to power Team-C to an emphatic 2-wicket win over Team-A in the prestigious Senior Women's One-Day Challenger Trophy at MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai today.

Earlier, put into bat, Team-A scored a good total of 239 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing all wickets in the process.

MG Magre top scored with 75 runs off equal number of balls, studded with 6 fours and one six, while Dhara

Gujjar, skipper Shafali Verma and Shipra Giri contributed 34, 26 and 23 runs to the total respectively.

KP Choudhary and Prema took 4 wickets each for Team-C, while Sneha Rana claimed one wicket.

In reply, Team-C chased the target in 49.5 overs by losing 8 wickets, thus winning the match in an exciting contest by 2 wickets.

D Vrinda top scored with 71 runs off 65 balls studded with 10 boundaries, while Henretta Pereira contributed 40 off 54 balls with 4 boundaries and Riya Chaudhari contributed 32 runs. However, a partnership of 57 runs between Chitra Singh

Jamwal and Sneha Rana in

Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students awaiting Aadhaar Seeding cleared: SWD

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Social Welfare Jammu successfully disbursed pending scholarships to 960 SC Category students under the Centrally Sponsored Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2023-24. Under the remarkable step, the scholarship amount to the tune of Rs. 13.44 lakh already sanctioned but not disbursed due to non-seeding of Aadhaar was credited to the accounts of eligible students, after the Director Social Welfare Jammu on Wednesday intervened and held series of meetings with Bank authorities and District Administrations to solve the issue expeditiously.

The students expressed satisfaction and stressed that timely disbursement would help them pursue their education further without any financial constraints. Speaking on the occasion, Director Social Welfare

Department Rupesh Kumar Jammu stated that the department is committed to ensuring that no eligible student is deprived of their rightful benefit. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt, J&K for his unwavering support and guidance throughout the process.

To streamline timely future scholarship disbursements, the directorate has now ensured that Aadhaar seeding is mandatorily done at the time of registration itself on the National Scholarship Portal for both Pre- and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes. This initiative aims to prevent delays and facilitate timely payments to all eligible students.

The directorate is also actively working to resolve remaining Aadhaar seeding issues on the same lines, and pending applications shall be processed promptly.



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4	Bid submission Start Date	14-01-2025 from 1800 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	20-01-2025 up to 1400 Hrs
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7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

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