

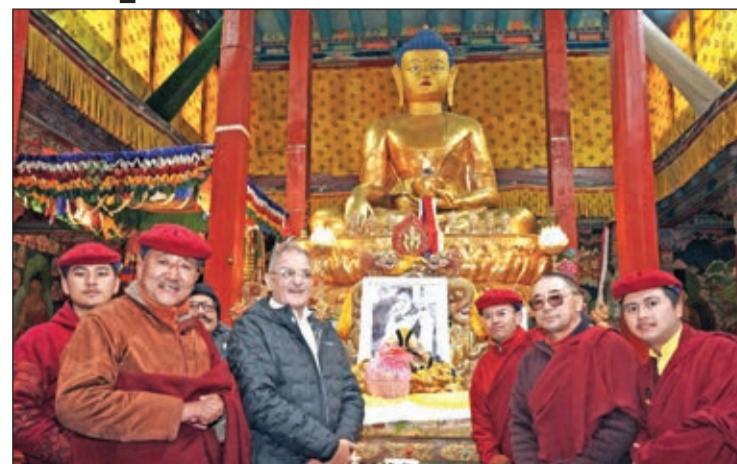
UT Administration to bring sacred Buddha Relics to Ladakh for public Darshan: LG Kavinder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: On the auspicious occasion of the New Year, the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Thursday visited the historic Hemis Monastery and the Maitri Geriatric Home at the Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC), Devachan Campus, Choglamsar. The visit reflected the administration's commitment to Ladakh's spiritual heritage, social welfare, and inclusive development.

At Hemis Monastery, founded in 1630 by Staktsang Raspa Nawang Gyatso, the Lieutenant Governor was warmly received by Head Abbot (Chakzot) Venerable Nawang Jigmet and Secretary Dr. Ishey Namgyal. He visited the shrine rooms and offered prayers, seeking blessings for peace, prosperity, and the overall development of Ladakh and its people.

The monastery authorities briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the activities led by His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa, including the Naropa Fellowship, Druk Padma Karpo School, and the Live to Rescue Animal Shelter. They also sought his intervention for the



LG Kavinder Gupta at historic Hemis Monastery and the Maitri Geriatric Home.

construction of a Sarai in Srinagar on land owned by the Hemis Monastery to support Ladakhi patients.

Interacting with monks and devotees, Kavinder Gupta highlighted Ladakh's rich spiritual legacy and its role in promoting harmony, mindfulness, and universal human values. He stated that the UT Administration is making sincere efforts to bring the sacred Buddha Relics to Ladakh for public darshan, which would hold deep spiritual significance while strengthening Ladakh's identity as a global centre of Buddhism, peace, and cultural tourism. He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to preserving and conserving ancient monasteries and safeguarding

their heritage for future generations.

Later, the Lieutenant Governor visited the Maitri Geriatric Home, which provides care, food, and free medical facilities to 40 elderly residents from across Ladakh. Venerable Sanghasena, Founder of MIMC, apprised him of the proposal to jointly operate a 50-capacity old age home at Saboo, funded by the Ministry of Social Justice, and requested support for heating and drinking water facilities.

Celebrating the New Year with the inmates, Kavinder Gupta interacted warmly with senior citizens, distributed blankets and fruits, and appreciated the selfless service of MIMC. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized that senior citizens are the foundation of society and reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to their welfare, dignity, and social security. He also urged Ladakh's youth to spend time with elders and learn from their wisdom.

Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala, Director Social Welfare Kunzes Angmo, and other officials were present during the visit.

Jammu Club welcomes New Year 2026 with grand cultural evening



Glimpse of new year celebrations at Jammu Club.

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JAMMU: Jammu Club ushered in the New Year with grandeur, enthusiasm, and a spirit of togetherness through a spectacular New Year Night celebration held at the Club premises. The event witnessed overwhelming participation from members and guests, creating a vibrant, joyous, and festive atmosphere to welcome the beginning of the year.

The celebrations were graced by the esteemed presence of Monika Wali Dulloo, wife of the Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir; Atal Dulloo, and Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, who also serves as the Vice President of Jammu Club. Their gracious presence as Special Guests added dignity, warmth, and distinction to the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Ramesh Kumar, extended heartfelt New Year greetings to the members and their families. He appreciated Jammu Club's role as a premier institution fos-

tering social harmony, cultural vibrancy, and community bonding, and expressed confidence that the Club would continue to achieve new milestones in the years ahead. The highlight of the evening was the electrifying performance by renowned singer Rashmeet Kaur, whose soulful and energetic renditions mesmerized the audience. Adding a special local flavour to the celebrations, Jammu's talented artist Shanaya Khanna delivered a captivating performance, earning widespread appreciation for her remarkable talent and stage presence.

The celebrations were led by Gaurav Gupta, Honorary Secretary, Jammu Club, along with the Managing Committee members and the Club staff. In his address, the Secretary conveyed warm New Year greetings to all members and expressed hope that the coming year brings peace, happiness, prosperity, good health, and overall progress for everyone.

Speaking about the Club's vision, Gaurav Gupta stated

BJP thanks Modi Govt for Rs 1,430 Cr Special Central Assistance

Warns NC Govt against any misuse of disaster relief funds



MLA Sham Lal Sharma briefing media in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Sham Lal Sharma, accompanied by BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, MLAs Surjit Singh Salathia, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Arvind Gupta, and BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, addressed a press conference at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, today.

Addressing the media, Sham Lal Sharma expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Government for approving a Special Central Assistance (SCA) package of Rs 1,430 crore for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The assistance has been sanctioned to restore public infrastructure damaged during the devastating flash floods and continuous rains that affected the Jammu region on August 24 and thereafter. Sharma stated that the natural disaster caused unprecedented destruction across districts including Jammu, Samba, Reasi, Kishtwar, Ramtan, Kathua, Udhampur, and parts of

Rajouri, resulting in massive damage to roads, bridges, drinking water schemes, power infrastructure, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and other essential public assets. He said that immediately after the disaster, the BJP mobilised teams from senior leadership to grassroots workers to assess the damage on the ground. Based on these assessments, a detailed report was prepared and submitted to the Government of India. Subsequently, the Union Home Minister visited the affected areas, held meetings with the Lieutenant Governor and senior officers, and was briefed by BJP MLAs about the extent of losses suffered by the people.

Sham Lal further informed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a committee of senior Union Ministers headed by the Union Home Minister was constituted to expedite relief and rehabilitation measures. A delegation comprising four MPs and seven BJP MLAs from Jammu and Kashmir met the central leadership in New Delhi, including BJP National President JP Nadda and the

He asserted that the BJP would act as a vigilant watchdog to ensure that every rupee of the assistance reaches the rightful beneficiaries. All BJP MLAs present reiterated that the Modi Government has once again demonstrated its commitment to Jammu and Kashmir and assured continued monitoring of relief and rehabilitation works.



DC Rajouri approves In-Situ promotions

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RAJOURI: Starting the New Year on a positive note, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma on Thursday accorded approval for the grant of in-situ promotions to four officials of the Revenue Department, marking the first administrative approval of 2026.

The promotions have been approved in accordance with SRO-14 dated 15.01.1996, read with subsequent amendments and clarifications issued by the



The officials benefitted under the promotion order include Naveed Ahmed, Sosan Sharma, Vijay Kumar and Abid Hussain, all Junior Assistants.

Congratulating the promoted officials, the Deputy Commissioner expressed hope that they would continue to discharge their duties with enhanced dedication, efficiency and a strong commitment to public service, thereby contributing effectively to the overall functioning of the district administration.

Attention!

Manufacturers of Pan Masala

Health Security se National Security (HSNS) CESS ACT, 2025 to apply from 1st February, 2026

HSNS Cess is levied on machines/processes for pan masala manufacture. Every taxable person must register and pay.

MANDATORY REGISTRATION (FORM HSNS REG-01)

- You can apply for registration by visiting www.cbic-gst.gov.in and clicking on "New User" under the HSNS Cess tab.
- Enroll with Name, PAN, Email, Mobile to receive Enrolment Reference Number (ERN)
- Use ERN to fill FORM HSNS REG-01
- Receive Temporary Registration Number (TRN) for initial payment

MONTHLY CESS PAYMENT (FORM HSNS PMT-01)

- Due electronically by the 7th day of that month
- (eg. Feb 2026 liability due by 7th Feb 2026)
- You can pay the cess by logging in to the Taxpayer Dashboard and selecting e-Payment under the Menu tab.

CESS DECLARATION (FORM HSNS DEC-01)

- File within 7 days of grant of registration
- You can file your declaration by logging in to the Taxpayer Dashboard and clicking on Declaration under the Menu tab.

MONTHLY RETURN (FORM HSNS RET-01)

- File electronically by the 20th day of the succeeding month (eg. February 2026 return due by 20th March 2026)
- You can file your return by logging in to the Taxpayer Dashboard and clicking on Return under the Menu tab.

For more information, please refer to DoR notification Nos. S.O. 6153(E) dated 31.12.2025 and 01/2026-HSNS Cess dated 01.01.2026

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