# **POWERGRID** hands over 128-Slice CT Scan Machine to CHC Sankoo under CSR

KARGIL: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, on Wednesday handed over a 128-slice CT Scan Machine to the Community Health Centre (CHC) Sankoo in Kargil district, Ladakh, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initia-

The project includes the provision of the CT scanner along with the construction of the necessary infrastructure aimed at strengthening healthcare facilities in one of the most remote and deserving regions of Ladakh.

The handover ceremony was attended by Dr. Mohd Jaffer Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil; Tarun Bajaj, Executive Director, POWERGRID Northern Region-II; Dr. Kacho Liyaqat Ali Khan, CMO Kargil; Dr. Zahida, BMO Sankoo; Aga Syed Ahmad Rizvi, Councillor LAHDC; Additional Deputy Commissioner,



ED POWERGRID Northern Region-II, Tarun Bajaj handing over 128-slice CT Scan Machine to Community Health Centre Sankoo.

Kargil; senior POWERGRID officials; and the local medical fraternity. Valued at approximately Rs 9.45 crore, the hi-end CT scanner will significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities in the district and adjoining areas, reducing dependency on the single CT machine at

Kargil District Hospital.

The facility is expected to save nearly Rs 55 lakh annually and improve emergency care by enabling faster diagnosis during the critical "golden hour."

The Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, CMO Kargil, and BMO

tion to POWERGRID for the contribution and emphasized continued collaboration to strengthen public health infrastructure in

Under its CSR mandate, POW-ERGRID prioritizes healthcare as a key focus area, particularly in government hospitals across rural and urban regions. In Ladakh, POWERGRID has completed projects worth Rs 11.5 crore, including cold chain equipment for COVID-19 vaccination, water tankers for Degree College Kargil, ambulances and hearse vans in Leh, sanitation projects, and renewable energy initiatives such as solar plants, streetlights, and gasifiers. Community welfare projects, including solar lighting for nomadic tribes, are also supported.

The CHC Sankoo CT Scan project reflects POWERGRID's ongoing commitment to strengthening healthcare, enhancing emergency response, and supporting sustainable community development J&K Samagra Shiksha signs MoU with BISAG-N to strengthen digital education



Secretary SED J&K, Ram Niwas Sharma and Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, J&K, Bhawani Rakwal after singing MoU.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening the digital and technology enabled education, the Department of School Education, Samagra Shiksha, Jammu and Kashmir has signed a Memorandum Understanding (MoU) with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-(BISAG-N), Informatics Ministry of Electronics & Technology Information (MeitY), Government of

The document has been signed under the guidance of Ram Niwas Sharma, Secretary, School Education Department, J&K and Bhawani Rakwal, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.

J&K. It is aimed at to facilitate the telecast of educational content through a dedicated DTH Educational TV Channel titled "JK e-Pathshala", using the GSAT-15 satellite and Doordarshan DTH platform. The initiative has been designed to enhance access to quality educational content for students across Jammu & Kashmir, particularly in remote and underserved

Under the agreement, BISAG-N will provide comprehensive technical support for the launch, operation and uninterrupted transmission of the channel including infrastructure setup, licensing, skilled manpower, maintenance and satellite transmission. The channel will broadcast both recorded and

areas.

live educational programmes using advanced MPEG-4 technology.

The Department of School Education, Samagra Shiksha, Jammu and Kashmir, will be responsible for content development, academic planning, quality assurance and curricular alignment, ensuring meaningful and engaging learning experiences for the students. The content will also be streamed simultaneously on digital and social media platforms to widen outreach.

This collaboration is expected to play transformative role in strengthening the digital education ecosystem of Jammu & Kashmir besides empowering the learners through innovative and accessible educational delivery mechanisms.

# J&K Bank organizes Stakeholders' Meet to streamline implementation of High Density Plantation Scheme



#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: With a view to further strengthen and streamline the implementation of its flagship High Density Plantation (HDP) Scheme, J&K Bank today organised an interactive session with Private Enterprises (PEs), at it's corporate headquarters, to seek first-hand feedback and enhance coordination among key stakeholders. Pertinently, the Private Enterprises (PEs) are responsible for providing plantation material and carrying out high-density plantations on the ground.

The session was chaired by General Manager (Retail, Agriculture & MSME) Rakesh Magotra and was attended by Deputy General Manager Aneet Kanwal Singh, representatives of Private Enterprises and senior

officers of the Bank. Cluster Heads from across the region joined the deliberations through video conferencing, ensuring wider participation and alignment at the field level.

The interactive meet was aimed at streamlining communication between the Bank's Cluster Offices and Private Enterprises to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the High Density Plantation Scheme on the ground. Emphasising the importance of stakeholder collaboration, the Bank designated two officers as Nodal Officers for the scheme, who will act as single-point contacts to inform, guide, clarify and handhold the Private Enterprises and farmers during various stages of implementation.

The Bank also decided to organise joint awareness and facilitation camps along with the PE's at cluster and zonal levels to sensitise farmers about the significant benefits of the High Density Plantation Scheme and to promote wider adoption of the ini-

Addressing the participants, GM Rakesh Magotra said, "Our ultimate goal is the growth of the economy, and J&K Bank sees immense potential in the High Density Plantation Scheme. If implemented in its true spirit, Kashmir can even emerge as one of the largest apple-producing regions in the world."

He further emphasised the need for collective efforts, stating, "It is important for all stakeholders to work in tandem to expedite high density plan-

tations on the ground and bring the desired transformation. We believe in a multi-stakeholder approach and welcome inputs and feedback from all concerned to further strength-

en the scheme.

Highlighting the critical ofPrivate Enterprises, he added, "Private Enterprises are  $the\ important\ stakeholders$ and kev drivers of the High Density Plantation initiative, as they are working tirelessly at the grassroots level to make the scheme a success." Assuring them of the Bank's continued support, he reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to facilitate smooth execution of the scheme.

During the session, GM Rakesh Magotra gave a patient hearing to the concerns and suggestions

raised by the Private Enterprises and assured them that the feedback would be duly considered to make the implementation of the High Density Plantation Scheme more efficient, farmer-friendly and impactful.

Earlier, while initiating the deliberations DGM Aneet Kanwal Singh said, "The High Density Plantation Scheme is a transformative initiative for J&K's horticulture sector, and close coordination with Private Enterprises is vital to translate its objectives into tangible outcomes on the ground. The Private Enterprises appreciated the Bank's proactive initiative and expressed their willingness to work in close coordination with the Bank's clusters and branches for successful implemen-

## ADC reviews arrangements for Christmas celebrations

#### **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Ansuya Jamwal on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review preparedness and arrangements for the forthcoming Christmas celebrations in Jammu.

Threadbare discussion was held on the smooth conduct of religious processions, traffic management and regulation, besides sanitation and cleanliness measures in priority areas.

The ADC asked the Jammu Municipal Corporation representatives to ensure intensified cleanliness drives and round-theclock monitoring at key locations. The ADC further directed for checking of



street lights and immediate repair/replacement wherever required.

The meeting also reviewed provision of essential commodities, besides stepping up food safety checks and legal metrology inspections to ensure quality supply and fair trade practices.

Directions were issued to

ensure reliable supply of electricity and water and for prompt redressal of any contingency. Inputs and suggestions received from community representatives were noted and inter-departmental coordination was reviewed to ensure seamless facilitation during the festive peri-

## Sukhnandan-led delegation meets LG

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A delegation of residents of Village Lalyal, Marh led by Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister and senior BJP Leader called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a delegation of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad led by Tilak Thakur, Organising Secretary ABVP J&K also called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.



# Newly elected Amar Singh Club Executive Committee calls on Div Com



**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: The newly elected Executive Committee of the Amar Singh Club, Jammu, on Wednesday paid a courtesy visit to the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, who also serves as the Vice

visit marked a significant tutional patronage.

Vijay Saraf, the newly elected Honorary Secretary of President of the Club. The the Club, expressed sincere

gratitude to the Divisional Commissioner for ensuring arrangements that ensured a free and credible electoral process, reinforcing democratic values within the prestigious institution. Divisional

Commissioner, in his capacity as Vice President of Amar Singh Club, warmly welcomed the newly elected Executive Committee and interacted individually with its members. Congratulating the team on their successful election, he conveyed his best wishes for a progressive, disciplined, and member-oriented tenure. He emphasized the importance of collective leadership, transparency in decision-making, and adherence to the rich traditions and legacy of Amar Singh Club, while simultaneously striving for modernization and enhancement of facili-

Special congratulations were extended to Vijay Saraf, who emerged as the top vote-getter in the elections, reflecting the overwhelming confidence and trust reposed in him by the Club members.

Saraf assured the Vice President that the new Executive Committee would work in a spirit of unity and cooperation to strengthen governance, upgrade infrastructure, and promote sports, cultural, and social activities within the Club.

The delegation accompanying Saraf included Manish Gupta, Manmohan Singh, Nikita Bhandari, Rajesh Langer, Sahil Mahajan, Tania Kukreja, and Viraaj Malhotra, all of whom reiterated their commitment to the Club's growth and devel-

## Health Talk on "ENT concerns of elderly" CGPWA celebrates 43rd National Pensioners' Day with demand to amend ToR of 8th CPC



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo receiving latest copies of the publications of the CGPWA.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Udhampur district.

JAMMU: In a meeting of the

office bearers of the Chamber of

Commerce & Industry (CCI),

President Arun Gupta paid heart-

felt homage to J&K Police brave-

heart Constable Amiad Ali Khan.

who laid down his life for the

nation during an anti-terrorist

operation in Majalata area of

Remembering the supreme sac-

rifice, Arun Gupta said that the

nation will always remain indebt-

ed to those valiant personnel who

sacrifice their lives while combat-

step in strengthening coordination between the Club's new leadership and its insti-During the interaction,

expressed high appreciation for

the proactive action being taken

by the J&K Police against drug

peddlers in the region. He lauded

the efforts of the police in crack-

ing down on the drug menace and

acknowledged their commitment

to protecting society from this

However, Arun Gupta voiced

serious concern over the alarming

rise in drug abuse in Jammu, par-

ticularly among the younger gen-

eration. He warned that increas-

ing drug consumption is destroy-

ing the careers and futures of

youth, while simultaneously push-

ing their families into immense

social stigma and hardship, often

growing threat.

the smooth, transparent, and fair conduct of the recently concluded elections to the Club Management Committee. He lauded the impartial supervision and

CCI pays tribute to martyred policeman, raises

### concerns over drugs, traffic chaos making them victims in the eyes of society. He stressed that drug abuse has emerged as a grave social challenge requiring immediate and sustained attention.

To effectively curb this menace, Arun Gupta emphasized the urgent need to identify and apprehend the kingpins and main suppliers who are orchestrating the drug trade. He said that unless the roots of the network are dismantled, isolated actions will not yield lasting results.

The CCI President also highlighted the worsening traffic congestion and chaos across Jammu city, especially at major crossings, which is severely affecting daily

commuters and office-goers. He pointed out that traffic lights installed under the Intelligent Traffic Management System are lying non-functional at several locations, further aggravating the situation.

He urged the traffic authorities to immediately repair and activate all non-functional traffic lights to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance commuter safe-

The meeting was attended by Senior Vice President Anil Gupta, Junior Vice President Rajeev Gupta, Secretary General Manish Gupta, Secretary Rajesh Gupta, and Treasurer Rajesh Gupta.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Central Pensioners' Government Welfare Association (CGPWA), Jammu, celebrated the 43rd National Pensioners' Day, emphasizing the need to amend the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) and to withdraw provisions of the Finance Act 2025 related to validation of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules. The Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, who was the Chief Guest, noted that the Finance Minister had clarified in Parliament on December 2, 2025, that pensions would remain under the purview of the 8th CPC.

The event, presided over by CGPWA President Kuldeep Khoda, was attended by Dr. Ashok Bhan, Ashok Angurana, B.R. Sharma, and other senior members. Pensioners expressed concerns over the retrospective amendment to (Pension) Rules, which they argued violates the Supreme

Court's principle of equality established in the D.S. Nakara case. Khoda and General Secretary K.B. Jandial highlighted that the omission of "pensioners" in the ToR raises fears of differential treatment based on retirement date.

Chief Secretary Dulloo acknowledged the pensioners' contributions, citing government initiatives such as the Unified Pension Scheme, doorstep banking, universal cover health under Ayushman Bharat for those above 70, and income tax reliefs. He urged pensioners to mentor younger officers, leveraging their experience and wisdom. Dulloo also assured action on pending CGPWA demands, including disbursal of pensions on fixed dates irrespective of bank holidays. The celebration featured an illuminating health session by Dr. Rohan Gupta, Senior Consultant ENT. Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, on age-related ENT concerns. Dr. Gupta emphasized the importance

of early intervention for presbycusis (age-related hearing loss), vertigo, balance disorders, and tinnitus, linking untreated hearing loss to social isolation, depression, and cognitive decline. He advised regular audiometric screenings, proper ear hygiene, avoidance of earbud misuse, and use of assistive listening devices.

Dr. Gupta also announced a free ENT camp at Narayana Hospital, Gandhinagar, on December 20, 2025, for pensioners. Both Khoda and Dulloo lauded Dr. Gupta's session, while Khoda thanked Dulloo for his proactive engagement with pensioners' issues. The event concluded with vote of thanks by Vice President Dr. Sudarshan Kumar and proceedings conducted by Nisar Ahmad. CGPWA presented the Chief Secretary with the latest publications of the association, reaffirming their commitment to public welfare and active engagement of pensioners in social initia-

### ing terrorism to ensure the security and safety of the country. The CCI President also