

Releases 4th Edition of 'Kartavya Marg'

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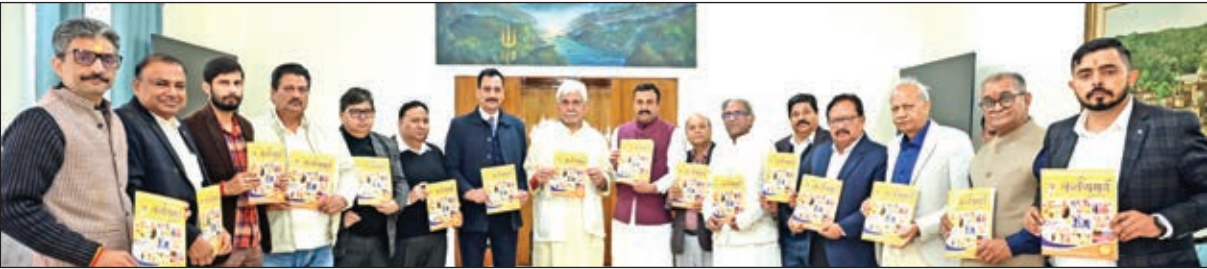
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released the 4th edition of "Kartavya Marg", annual in-house magazine published by Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, at Lok Bhawan on Friday.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the editor and everyone associated with the publication.

He applauded Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust for its commitment and dedicated efforts towards promotion of India's ancient knowledge traditions, folk culture, astrology, and Vedic sciences, while fostering moral awareness, and cultural pride within society.

He said the complete knowledge system rooted in the Vedas and encompasses a holistic worldview will offer solutions to modern challenges.



LG Manoj Sinha releasing 4th edition of "Kartavya Marg", magazine published by SKJVS Trust at Lok Bhawan on Friday.

"Our ancient texts like Vedas and Upanishads are a treasure of knowledge in mathematics, medicine, physics, botany, chemistry, arts and humanities. Various philosophical schools and art and architecture are profoundly relevant today to build a resilient society," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized that the endeavours like "Kartavya Marg" play an inspiring role in connecting the younger generation with their traditions and cultural heritage. He said the young

generation must inculcate ancient values and ideals in our present-day life.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the Indian culture, ethics and values help in navigating complex challenges and cultivating virtues to promote harmony and oneness in the society.

"Our ancient knowledge system and embedded wisdom offer a blueprint for a successful modern world while ensuring the well-being of all, roadmap for sustainable development and innovation and a holistic framework to effective-

ly deal with issues like climate change to build a sustainable future," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, informed that the annual publication is brought out in Hindi, Sanskrit, English, and Dogri, ensuring that its message of knowledge, culture, and values reaches readers from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Members of the Trust, including Prof. Sharat Sharma, Dr. Vishav Gupta,

Rajeev Sharma, Vinay Agrawal, Vinay Jamwal, Nigam Gupta, Rakesh Gandotra, Naresh Raina, Lucky Sharma, Prabodh Sharma, M.L. Verma, Dr. Vivek Arya, Yoginder Singh, and Satish Jandyal were present on the occasion.

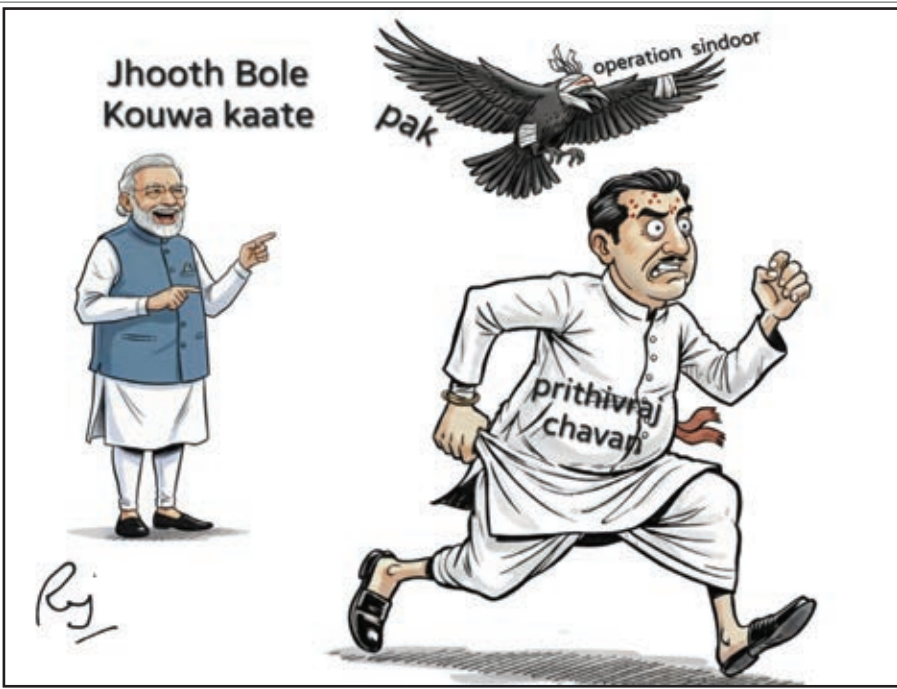
Jammu Smart City wins three national honours at PSU Transformation Awards 2025

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NEW DELHI: Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) has brought national recognition to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by winning three prestigious awards at the 5th PSU Transformation Awards 2025. The awards were presented during the 5th PSU Transformation Conclave, organised by GovConnect in New Delhi, following a rigorous evaluation process conducted by an expert jury.

JSCL was conferred with the Nation Builder Award (Gold) for the Development of the Tawi Riverfront Project. This flagship initiative was recognised for its contribution to river rejuvenation, ecological restoration, climate-resilient urban planning, promotion of sustainability, and creation of economic opportunities. The project has emerged as a landmark example of integrating environmental stewardship with urban development.

The Outstanding Leadership Award in Transformation Award was



Jammu Smart City Limited officers after receiving awards.

presented to Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Chief Executive Officer of Jammu Smart City Limited. The award acknowledges his visionary leadership and pivotal role in driving urban mobility transformation in the Jammu region, with a strong focus on citizen-centric planning and sustainable infrastructure.

Adding to the accolades, the Rising Star Award was awarded to Ashish Anand, Senior General Manager (Finance & Accounts), JSCL, for his significant contribution towards strengthening public-centric

green mobility initiatives across the Union Territory. His efforts have played a key role in aligning financial governance with sustainable development goals.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Devansh Yadav stated that the national recognition is a collective achievement of the entire JSCL team and reflects their commitment to efficient, inclusive, and sustainable urban development aligned with national priorities.

Prior to the award ceremony, Sunil Thusi, Director (Projects), JSCL, participated in a panel discussion

on "Leading with Purpose in a Transforming India," where senior leaders from diverse sectors deliberated on innovation, institutional capacity-building, and purposeful leadership. In another session titled "Future-Proofing Public Sector IT: Emerging Trends and Technologies," Ashish Anand shared insights on leveraging emerging technologies to enhance transparency, efficiency, and resilience in public sector IT ecosystems.

The JSCL delegation was also accompanied by Rajesh Abrol, Senior General Manager (Civil) and Engineer-in-Charge of the Tawi Riverfront Project, who has played a crucial role in ensuring quality, environmental compliance, and timely execution.

The conclave was co-hosted under the themes of Ease of Doing Business and Viksit Bharat, with participation from leading public sector organisations, highlighting JSCL's growing stature as a model for sustainable and citizen-focused urban transformation.

BJP will sweep Assam elections for third consecutive term: Sunil Sharma

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NEW DELHI: LoP Sunil Sharma expressed confidence for BJP victory in Assam during his meeting with Assam Election Incharge Baijayant Jay Panda in New Delhi.

Recently appointed as Co-Incharge for the Assam elections, Sunil Sharma held a detailed and productive discussion with Baijayant Jay Panda. The meeting was also attended by former Union Minister Darshana Jardosh, who serves as Election Co-Incharge.

The leaders deliberated on key organizational and strategic issues, with a focus on strengthening the party's preparedness across Assam. Discussions centered on building a robust campaign framework and leveraging grassroots strategies to engage with voters through-



LoP Sunil Sharma calling on Assam Election Incharge Baijayant Jay Panda in New Delhi.

out the state.

Expressing his commitment to the upcoming elections, Sunil Sharma said the campaign will focus on continuing BJP's progressive agenda in Assam, addressing citizens' aspirations, and strengthening governance at all levels. He said that with the leadership and dedicated

party workers, we will work towards achieving a historic third consecutive mandate for the BJP in Assam. he said.

Baijayant Jay Panda emphasized the importance of strategic planning and cohesive coordination among party units at the district, mandal and booth levels. He

highlighted the need for engaging with local communities to ensure that the party's policies and achievements resonate with the electorate.

Darshana Jardosh, with her extensive electoral management experience, stressed the significance of effective communication and outreach strategies. She also recommended leveraging technology and data-driven insights to maximize voter engagement and campaign efficiency.

The leaders in the meeting reaffirmed party's commitment to a disciplined and well-organized election strategy. With meticulous planning and active participation of party workers at all levels, the leaders expressed confidence in steering the party toward a decisive victory in Assam.

87 teachers served notices, one suspended over MDM, Academic Lapses in Poonch

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RAJOURI: In a firm move to enforce accountability and improve the quality of education and student welfare, the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Rajouri Mohammad Hafiz has served explanation notices to 87 Masters and Teachers and placed one teacher under suspension after conducting district-wide surprise inspection of government schools.

As per inspection reports, 14 schools were found providing substandard Mid-Day Meals not in conformity with the approved menu, raising serious concerns over students' nutritional well-being. In 10 schools, discrepancies were detected between actual student attendance and the data uploaded on the ARMs portal. The inspections further revealed misutilization of School Infrastructure Fund (SIF) in 13 schools, while 9 schools had improperly utilized Samagra Shiksha grants. In another 9 schools, items shown as purchased were not physically available during inspection.

Additionally, 15 schools failed to maintain mandatory store stock registers, indicating serious financial and administrative lapses. On the academic front, 5 schools were found lacking proper checking of students' notebooks, while 13 schools exhibited poor academic performance. Moreover, 8 schools showed unsatisfactory facelifting and maintenance of school buildings despite the availability of funds. Taking a serious view of these lapses, the CEO Rajouri has directed the concerned 87 Masters and Teachers to submit their written explanations through their respective Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) within two days. Meanwhile, Khalil Ahmed, Teacher, MS Padiyara (Zone Peer), has been placed under suspension for negligence and non-maintenance of Mid-Day Meal records. During the suspension period, he shall remain attached to HS Treru (Zone Moghla) and will be entitled to suspension allowance as per rules.

IGP Traffic chairs meeting to assess preparedness ahead of adverse weather

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JAMMU: Mohd. Suleman Choudhary, Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K, on Friday chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officers of Traffic Police J&K to assess preparedness and evaluate contingency measures in view of an adverse weather advisory forecasting heavy rainfall and snowfall across both hilly and plain areas of the Union Territory in the coming days.

The meeting was attended by senior officers, including Sheikh Junaid Mehmood, IPS, DIG Traffic Range Kashmir; Ajaz Ahmed Bhat, , SSP Traffic City Srinagar; Mohd. Rashid Bhat, Staff Officer to IGP Traffic J&K; Ravinder Paul Singh, SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir; Raja Adil Hamid, SSP Traffic NHW Ramban; Farooq Qaiser, JKPS, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu; and Arvinder Singh Kotwal, Addl. SP



IGP Traffic, J&K, Mohd. Suleman Choudhary chairing a high-level review meeting.

Traffic City Jammu.

During the meeting, the IGP Traffic J&K issued clear directions to ensure readiness to manage any eventuality arising due to heavy snowfall. Officers were instructed to focus on vulnerable stretches such as Qazigund and Banihal, with SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir and SSP Traffic NHW Ramban tasked to earmark safe locations for vehicle parking in case of traffic suspension. SSP Traffic City Srinagar and SSP Traffic City Jammu

were directed to identify suitable holding areas within city limits and regulate vehicular movement towards snow-affected zones.

Choudhary emphasized that an adequate number of cranes, recovery vehicles, and breakdown assistance teams must be deployed along National Highways and other critical stretches for immediate clearance of stranded or disabled vehicles. Officers were further instructed to ensure sufficient manpower, snow-

clearance coordination, reflective barricades, signage, and traffic management equipment on the ground.

He also stressed the importance of enhanced visible traffic presence, timely dissemination of traffic advisories via print, electronic, and social media platforms, and close coordination with district administrations, Police, NHAI, BRO, and other relevant departments. Traffic Control Units were directed to remain operational 24x7 for real-time monitoring and swift response.

The meeting concluded with directions to ensure seamless inter-agency coordination, proactive traffic regulation, and prioritization of public safety during the anticipated adverse weather conditions.

CGPWA, Narayana Hospital to organise free medical camp today

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JAMMU: The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (SMVDNSH), in collaboration with the Central Government Pensioners' Welfare Association (CGPWA), is organising a free ENT Camp at the Gandhi Nagar OPD of Narayana Hospital on December 20, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

As part of this initiative, around 100 hearing-impaired students from the Samaj Kalyan Centre are expected to be examined by Dr Rohan Gupta, Senior Consultant (ENT). The camp will be equipped with latest diagnostic gadgets to ensure proper clinical evaluation.

General Secretary CGPWA, KB Jandial, while sharing the information, said, "This camp has been



organised keeping in mind the need for early diagnosis and quality medical care for ENT-related ailments, especially among hearing-impaired students. It is the first such camp being organised in collaboration with Narayana Hospital, and we hope it will greatly benefit the people."

He further appealed to the general public, especially those suffering from ENT-related problems, to avail the free medical consultation and get their concerns addressed by specialists.

DC Jammu reviews progress of District Capex 2025-26 works

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Friday chaired a meeting to review the physical and financial progress of works taken up under the District Capex Budget 2025-26.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a block-wise review of works being executed by various departments, including the Rural Development Department. Detailed presentations were made on the status of ongoing projects, highlighting achievements as well as issues affecting progress.

Dr. Minhas addressed certain bottlenecks raised by the departments and issued necessary directions for their resolution to ensure expeditious execution of works. He also emphasised the need for regular monitoring and called for periodic reviews of project progress to maintain momentum.



DC Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas chairing a meeting.

Departments such as Jal Shakti, Health and Medical Education, Education, JPDCL among others presented updates on their respective Capex works. Expressing satisfaction over the overall progress, the Deputy Commissioner stressed that all departments and officers must adhere to fixed timelines and ensure measurable progress, which will be reviewed from time to time. "It shall be our endeavour to deliver maximum outcomes for the public," he remarked.

A broad discussion was also held on further improving public infrastructure across the district to enhance service delivery and quality of life for citizens. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Vidhu Shekhar, Chief Planning Officer Ajay Pal Singh, Assistant Commissioner Development Danish Rasool, besides Block Development Officers and other district officers.

CS assesses cyber security framework implementation across J&K

Sets deadlines for asset inventorization and SDC augmentation

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress achieved under the Cyber Security Action Plan being implemented across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of all departments, Inspector General of Police (Crime), Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations, Deputy Director General, NIC, Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGa, and other senior officers concerned.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary undertook a comprehensive review of the initiatives launched to strengthen the cyber security architecture of the UT. He assessed the status of decommissioning of redundant government websites and sought updates on the security audit of departmental portals, installation of Endpoint



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a high-level meeting.

Detection and Response (EDR) and Unified Endpoint Management (UEM) solutions in the offices of Heads of Departments, besides other measures aimed at safeguarding government digital infrastructure against emerging cyber threats. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress of key projects, including augmentation of the State Data Centre (SDC), operationalization of a Mini Security Operations Centre (SOC), adoption of official government e-mail IDs by employees, expansion of Government Drive

usage, and capacity-building initiatives undertaken to promote cyber hygiene across departments. Stressing the need for a holistic and robust protection mechanism for IT assets, the Chief Secretary directed that all concerned Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to complete the inventorization of IT assets on the e-SAM portal within the next one month to strengthen monitoring and security of government assets. He further instructed the NIC to prepare a comprehensive action plan within a month for augmenting

the capacity of the State Data Centre and implementing additional cyber security measures to make the system foolproof across J&K. Earlier the IGP, Crime, Shujit Singh apprised the meeting about a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of cyber forensic capabilities at CICE, J&K. He added that the process involves a detailed examination of existing systems, emerging requirements and future-ready initiatives aimed at strengthening cyber forensic infrastructure across the UT. Singh further apprised that a structured three-phase

approach has been adopted for this purpose. The first phase focuses on a thorough evaluation of technical specifications and proposed tools required for the establishment of CICE and Cyber Police Stations.

The second phase involves examination of these tools in the context of emerging cyber threats such as deep fakes, encrypted mobile communications and data breaches. The third phase entails comparative analysis and consultations regarding the latest tools available in the market. During the meeting, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Dr. Piyush Singla, gave detailed overview of the implementation of cyber security plan in J&K. He informed that the security audit of departmental websites has been completed, and 35 redundant websites have been decommissioned after due consultation with the concerned departments.