

Ladakh digitises land records to strengthen transparency & good governance, says LG Ladakh

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Monday launched the Ladakh Land Records Web GIS Portal developed by the Revenue Department, marking a major milestone in Ladakh's journey towards good governance and digital transformation. The portal aims to provide citizens with simple, transparent, and reliable access to land record services.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor described the launch of the portal (<https://landrecords.ladakh.gov.in>) as a significant step towards citizen-centric governance. He emphasised that land records form the backbone of effective administration, as clear, updated, and authentic records are essential for safeguarding citizens' rights and supporting development planning and policy decisions. He noted that Ladakh's land records are being modernised through a technology-driven system to ensure direct public benefit.



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta launching Ladakh Land Records Web GIS Portal.

Kavinder Gupta expressed satisfaction over the phased digitisation of land records for revenue villages across Ladakh, which will enable online access, reduce the need for repeated office visits, enhance transparency, minimise disputes, and strengthen public trust in the administration. He highlighted that modern survey techniques are being used to accurately record actual land conditions, ensuring reliability and legal clarity, particularly important in Ladakh's geographically challenging terrain. The Lt Governor stated that

the initiative reflects the Central Government's strong commitment to the people of Ladakh and aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Digital India, Ease of Living, and Inclusive Development, ensuring that even remote and border areas receive robust digital infrastructure and services. He added that making the administration responsive and efficient through technology remains a top priority of the government.

Quoting former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee,

Kavinder said that good governance rests on transparency, accountability, protection of citizens' rights, and public sensitivity. He noted that initiatives such as the digital land records portal are strengthening trust and making governance more responsive, efficient, and future-ready.

Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Government of India, Kunal Satyarthi, praised the UT Administration for achieving a level of advancement seen in only a few states and invited Ladakh to participate in the NAKSHA pilot project under

the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme.

Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal highlighted that documents issued through the portal are legally valid and usable for loans and other purposes, reiterating the goal of saturating digital land records across UT Ladakh.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Leh, Shabbir Hussain, informed that 18 land record-related services are available on the portal and gave a live demonstration. Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Romil Singh Donk, delivered the vote of thanks.



SMVDSB completes renovation of 10 Government Schools under Social Support Initiative; Rest 5 to be completed soon

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KATRA: Reaffirming its commitment to community welfare in the region, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has successfully completed the renovation of ten Government schools out of a total of fifteen taken up under its flagship Social Support Initiative as per the directions of Manoj Sinha, Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT). The renovated schools include Government High School, Sirla Bhaga; Government Middle Schools at Chack Bhagtha, Panthal, Parthal, Manoon and Kun Kanyala; Government Primary Schools at Hansali, Kalara Chanjute, Upper Sirla, Geeta Nagar, Purana Daroor and Chumbra in Reasi district; besides Government Primary School, Dhanno in

Udhampur district. These schools were identified for renovation and upgradation following a detailed assessment of damages caused by adverse weather conditions. Priority was accorded to institutions where essential infrastructure such as classrooms, boundary walls and sanitation facilities had been severely affected. The scope of work undertaken included construction of new classrooms, repair of damaged roofs with waterproofing, plastering and painting, structural strengthening, repair and replacement of doors and windows along with provision of electrification and flooring wherever required. Special emphasis was laid on the upgradation and strengthening of sanitation facilities to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for students and staff. "Earlier, six Government schools

had been successfully renovated and handed over to the District Administration, Reasi. With the completion of renovation works on another four schools under its flagship initiative, the Shrine Board has now raised the total count of renovated schools to ten. The remaining five schools are expected to be handed over before the commencement of the next academic session." The Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Sachin Kumar Vaishya said that the completion of renovation works in these ten schools will directly benefit a number of students and staff in the region by providing them with a conducive and improved educational environment. He further underscored that the initiative reflects the Shrine Board's sustained commitment to social responsibility and service beyond its spiritual mandate.

LG interacts with IAS trainees of 2025 batch



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with IAS Trainees of 2025 Batch.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday interacted with the IAS Trainees of the 2025 Batch, who are on their 5-day visit to Jammu as a part of the Winter Study Tour (Bharat Darshan Programme).

The Officer Trainees are currently undergoing Phase-1 training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.

During the interaction, the Lieutenant Governor shared his insights on governance and public service. He also highlighted the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir across the sectors.

The Group of IAS Officer Trainees comprised Muskan Srivastava, Haryana Cadre; Meghna Chakravorty and Mudita Bansal, West Bengal Cadre; Deepak Godara, AGMUT Cadre; Saichaitanya Jadhav, Rahul Raghavan

and Aman Tiwari, Tamil Nadu Cadre; Venkatesh Banna, Andhra Pradesh Cadre, led by Umesh Kumar Meena (Rajasthan Cadre), with Vidhi (AGMUT Cadre) as the Associate Group Leader.

Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu was also present during the interaction.

The programme includes visits to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Salal Hydroelectric Power Project, Bari Brahmana SIDCO Industrial Area, India -Pakistan border and a city tour of Jammu.

The visit is intended to provide the Officer Trainees with first-hand exposure to the administrative, developmental, and cultural landscape of the region, thereby contributing to their professional training and sensitisation to governance in diverse administrative environments.

NATF Chairman Vishal Chopra inaugurates Youth Initiative Program on national strength and drug addiction "Love India, Live India, For India"



National Chairman NATF, Vishal Chopra inaugurating Youth Initiative Programme.

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BHADERWAH: The National Anti Terrorism Front (NATF) organized a Youth Initiative Programme aimed at combating drug

addiction and reinforcing the spirit of national strength.

The event, held on Monday, was inaugurated by Vishal Chopra, National Chairman, NATF, who emphasized the

importance of youth participation in safeguarding the nation's future.

The programme featured interactive sessions, awareness workshops, and cultural activities highlighting the themes "Country First - Live for the Nation" and "Fight Against Drugs".

Participants from across the Bhaderwah, Sarpanches, Naib Sarpanches and Panches engaged in discussions on how young people can contribute to a healthier, stronger India.

NATF Chairman reaffirmed its commitment to empowering the youth and fostering a sense of patriotism through such initiatives. The event concluded with a pledge ceremony, where attendees vowed to uphold the values of unity, integrity, and service to the nation.

Secy DLSA inspects facilities for inmates at Central Jail Kot Balwal



DLSA Chairman R. N. Watal conducting inspection of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal.

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu, under the guidance of the Chairman and Principal District and Sessions Judge (PDJ) Jammu R. N. Watal and under the supervision of Sub Judge-Secretary Maleeka Sharma, on Monday conducted an inspection of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal.

The DLSA Secretary Maleeka Sharma and Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel Anil Sharma visited the


Central Jail Kot Bhalwal to get first-hand appraisal of the living conditions for under-trial prisoners, detainees and other inmates, as well as the overall functioning of the jail. The Secretary and team members held interactions with under-trial prisoners, detainees, and convicts and took a first-hand stock of facilities available for the inmates.

Senior Superintendent of Central Jail Chhabil Singh Bhau was also present.

The inspection covered a

wide range of areas, including the Jail Legal Aid Clinic, VC rooms, interview area, prisoner calling system, Jail Hospital, Kitchen Area, etc. The Medical Centre within the jail premises was thoroughly inspected followed by a visit to the Jail Hospital.

Noting that some areas of the jail premises require renovation, on the spot directions were given to the Jail Superintendent to identify the spots and coordinate with the concerned authorities under the applicable rules.



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