

Omar attends passing out parade of Agniveer batch in Srinagar

Congratulates pass outs on becoming part of JAKLI regiment'



CM Omar Abdullah attending Passing Out parade of Agniveer Batch-06 at JAK LI Regimental Centre, Srinagar on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday attended the Passing Out parade of Agniveer Batch-06 at the Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry (JAK LI) Regimental Centre, Srinagar, where he congratulated the young soldiers for successfully completing their 31-week rigorous training.

Addressing the Agniveers and recruits on the occasion, the Chief Minister said, "On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the Agniveers and recruits as you are going to become members of the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regiment after passing the tough test and rigorous training of 31 weeks. You are all very fortunate to be a part of the Jammu and Kashmir Light

Infantry." He said Agniveer Batch-06 and JAK LI Territorial Army recruits would forever inscribe their names in the proud history of the Regiment. "You will make the name and legacy of this great Regiment proud," he added. Expressing confidence in their capabilities, the Chief Minister said, "I not only hope but am confident that you will continue to excel beyond your abilities. You are the future of the country's

Army, and you will have a huge responsibility on your shoulders. To fulfill this responsibility, not only the Indian Army but the entire country has great expectations from you. I am sure you will fulfill all these expectations well." He also extended his gratitude to the families of the young soldiers. "I congratulate and thank your families and parents, who dedicated you to serve in the Army and encouraged you to join as Agniveers

and recruits." Following the parade, the Chief Minister joined the Agniveers for a cup of tea and interacted with them, appreciating their spirit and dedication. Lt. Gen. Prashant Srivastav, GoC 15 Corps; Javed Anjam, Director Airport Srinagar; V. K. Purohit, IDES, IFA HQ 15 Corps; Som Raj, Joint Director Airport Srinagar and other senior officers were present on the occasion.



Sant Kabir's message in verse relevant to forge unity: Devyani Rana

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: Emphasising that Sant Kabir's timeless philosophy continues to serve as a moral compass for society, MLA Nagrota Devyani Rana on Thursday said that his verses remain powerful tools to overcome hatred, animosity and social discord.



MLA Devyani Rana being honoured at Kabir Ashram.

Speaking at a programme organised at Kabir Ashram, Narian in Katal Batal Panchayat, Rana described Sant Kabir Ji as an epitome of righteousness whose teachings of peace, love and compassion offer a universal path toward harmony. Those who imbibe Kabir Sahib's teachings can never commit injustice. His message inspires the creation of an equal, just and humane society," she said. Sudershan Ji Maharaj also graced the occasion. Rana said that the most meaningful way to honour

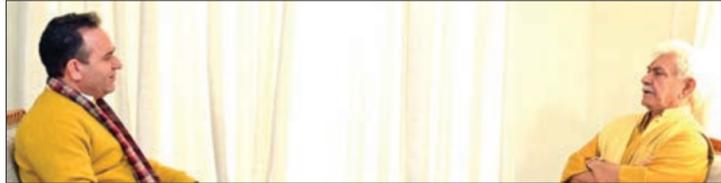
the great Bhakti saint is to commit oneself to the values he championed—unity, dignity, and equality for all, irrespective of caste, creed or colour. "Kabirji showed us a path where humanity stands above all divisions. His teachings must continue to illuminate our collective journey, especially in times when harmony needs strengthening," she added. She noted that saints and

sages have, across ages, steered society from ignorance to enlightenment through messages of peace, compassion and social justice. Calling for the adoption of Sant Kabir's teachings in letter and spirit, she cautioned that the secular ethos of the region must be safeguarded with collective responsibility. Rana appreciated the organisers for holding a

meaningful event in honour of Sant Kabir and especially lauded Sant Sudershan Ji Maharaj for his selfless work towards strengthening social harmony. "Kabirji's philosophy helps society shed hatred and intolerance. It will continue to inspire future generations. Preserving this spirit of brotherhood is the true tribute to the saint," she said. In his discourse, Sant Sudershan Ji Maharaj highlighted the life and immense contribution of Sant Kabir towards fostering social unity. He urged people to walk on the path shown by great gurus and contribute to building a society rooted in shared values. He also stressed the importance of imparting strong moral foundations to the younger generation to counter emerging social evils.

Sunil Sharma meets LG, raises key demand for age relaxation of aspirants

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma on Thursday met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Lok Bhawan, Jammu, to strongly raise the long-pending demand of age relaxation for combined competitive examination aspirants across Jammu & Kashmir.



Sharma conveyed that a large number of aspirants and delegations have been approaching him for several weeks, seeking intervention on the issue of upper-age relaxation in various recruit-

ment processes. He informed the LG that many aspirants have also mailed their concerns, highlighting the difficulties they face due to age restrictions and repeated delays in recruitment cycles. During the meeting, Sunil Sharma presented the col-

lective concerns of youth and urged the LG to sympathetically consider granting age relaxation, keeping in view the aspirations of thousands of candidates. The LG gave a patient hearing to the matter. Sharma expressed hope that the administration will take

Ability Mela 2025: LG Kavinder calls for equal opportunities & barrier-free access for Divyangjans

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, inaugurated the Ability Mela 2025 at the Panchayat Resource Centre, Leh, marking the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025. Organised by the District Social Welfare Office (DSWO) in collaboration with PAGIR, Munsel, and Rewa Society, the event aims to enhance employability, promote dignified livelihoods, and strengthen Ladakh's commitment to an inclusive and accessible society.



LG Ladakh Kavinder Gupta inaugurating Ability Mela.

Addressing a large gathering of participants, officials, community representatives, and civil society members, the Lt Governor stressed that the day must be seen not just as a yearly observance but as a reminder of the collective responsibility to uphold equality, dignity, and respect for all. He stated that ability is defined not by physical limitations but by determination, discipline, and aspiration. Commending Ladakh's divyangjans for their resilience in overcoming the region's tough climate and terrain, he praised their spirit and achievements. Highlighting the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for empowering

persons with disabilities, Gupta reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to providing accessible infrastructure, quality education, skill development, healthcare, rehabilitation services, and meaningful socio-economic participation. He urged society to move beyond symbolism and ensure sustained, practical measures that create barrier-free environments and equal opportunities.

He outlined key initiatives such as scholarships, livelihood programmes, self-employment support, assistive devices, and the enforcement of equal opportunity norms across departments. Calling upon the youth to become role models, he cited inspiring divyang achievers and encouraged young people to convert challenges into opportunities. As part of the celebration, the Lt Governor distributed tri-scooters, hearing aids, and Braille devices under the Kunsnyoms scheme. He also felicitated Sonam Sopari, Dorjay Stakmo, and Sonam Angchuk, associated with the Tses-Ngon video featuring divyang individuals, and visited stalls showcasing products, scholarships, pensions, and welfare initiatives of DSWO and CSOs. Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala

presented a status report of PwDs in Ladakh, noting that the region has around 4,223 PwDs, many requiring inclusive education and employability training. She highlighted planned employment opportunities in the hospitality sector and outlined ongoing reforms and interventions. Administrative Secretary Bhanu Prabha announced upcoming skilling programmes for PwDs at ITIs and emphasised early identification of children with special needs, informing about the upcoming special school at Trespone costing Rs 7 crore. Representatives from PAGIR and other organisations expressed gratitude to the Administration for its inclusive efforts. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by DSWO Leh, Mohd Safdar Bhat.

ADGP Armed visits JKAP 8th Bn, reviews operational preparedness



Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K during visit to JKAP 8th Battalion, Miran Sahib.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Anand Jain, Additional Director General, Armed J&K, paid an official visit to the JKAP 8th Battalion, Miran Sahib, Jammu, to review the overall functioning, operational preparedness, and administrative efficiency of the unit. He was accompanied by Sh. Sameer Sharma, IPS, DIG Armed Jammu. Upon his arrival at the battalion headquarters, ADG Armed was accorded a ceremonial welcome by

Suram Singh, SSP, Commandant JKAP 8th Battalion, along with other senior officers. A well-presented guard of honour reflected the professionalism, discipline, and high morale of the unit. During the visit, the ADG Armed also paid homage at the Martyrs' Gallery and saluted the supreme sacrifices of the brave personnel. During the visit, ADG Armed inspected the CCTV monitoring system and other allied upgraded

unit establishments aimed at improving the working and living conditions of officers and jawans. He appreciated the efforts of the battalion leadership for enhancing capabilities and ensuring better service delivery. Later, Jain, conducted a darbar with officers and jawans, during which the ADG Armed patiently listened to their issues, suggestions, and welfare concerns. He assured all ranks that the department is committed to strengthening welfare measures, upgrading infrastructure, and enhancing operational readiness. He emphasized discipline, professionalism, and physical fitness as the core pillars of policing. ADG Armed commended the role of unit personnel for their contribution to the performance of various crucial duties and encouraged them to continue performing with the same commitment and enthusiasm.

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Jugal urges MoRTH to declare Samba-Udhampur Road as National Highway, upgrade it to four lanes

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: During the Question Hour of the winter session in the Lok Sabha, Member of Parliament from Jammu-Reasi Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, strongly pressed for the declaration of the vital Samba-Udhampur road as a National Highway. He urged the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to upgrade and widen the entire stretch into a four-lane corridor at the earliest.



Raising the issue with urgency, the MP emphasised that the Samba-Mansar-Udhampur road serves as a crucial inter-district link, witnessing heavy daily traffic and facilitating essential movement for commuters, traders, and emergency

services. He pointed out that the current road conditions are inadequate to support the rapidly increasing vehicular load. Calling the stretch a lifeline for the region, Sharma stated that the deteriorated condition of the road has resulted in frequent accidents, causing loss of precious lives and property. "Considering its importance and heavy traffic, the road must be declared a National Highway, and widening work to four lanes should begin without delay," he asserted in the House. He further appealed to the Ministry to expedite approval of the proposal, conduct required surveys, and ensure early commencement of the widening project to improve regional connectivity and public safety.

SMVDSB renovates six Govt schools in Reasi Distt

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Thursday directed officials to expedite the execution of all ongoing development works of the Shrine Board.



He issued these instructions while chairing a review meeting on the Board's developmental works held at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra, with special focus on works being executed under its social support initiative in and around Katra. During the meeting, the CEO undertook a comprehensive review of the development works being implemented by the Board in the surrounding areas, along the tracks leading to the Holy Shrine and within the Shrine premises, aimed at further strengthening and upgrading facilities for the pilgrims and the public at large. As part of the delibera-

tion, the CEO also reviewed the progress of repair and renovation works in twelve Government Schools in Reasi district and one in Udhampur district, taken up by the Shrine Board under its social support initiative. These schools include Government High School, Sirla Bhaga; Government Middle Schools at Chack Bhagtha, Panthal, Parthal, Manoon and Kun Kanyala; and 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. The CEO instructed that the six schools where repair and renovation works have been completed be formally handed over to the concerned authorities at the earliest. The completed works comprise construction of new classrooms, repair of damaged roofs with waterproofing, plastering and painting, structural strengthening, repair of doors and windows, and provision of electrification and flooring wherever required. He emphasized that the timely handover of these institutions will enable local children to benefit from upgraded academic infrastructure and a significantly improved learning environment created through these initiatives. The CEO was also apprised that the Shrine Board has successfully completed the construction of drains and road works

at Sirah Colony, Kakryal, at a cost of Rs 1.38 crore under its social support programme, reflecting the Board's contribution to public welfare in the region in addition to providing services to pilgrims. It is noteworthy that in recent years, the Shrine Board has supported several such initiatives, including scholarships for meritorious students, upgradation of health facilities and development of community infrastructure in the surrounding areas. Among those present in the meeting were Senior Officers, Area Heads and Engineers of the Shrine Board.

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