LG Kavinder reaffirms commitment to inclusive growth & stronger public infrastructure in Ladakh

ZANSKAR: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, reaffirmed the UT Administration's strong commitment to inclusive development, grassroots empowerment, and improved public infrastructure during a public meeting in Zanskar.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating several key developmental projects, he described the initiatives as vital milestones that will strengthen the region's foundation for sustainable and long-term progress.

Kavinder Gupta dedicated four newly constructed Halls in Community Lungnak Block, built under the Special Development Package at a cost of Rs 1 crore. These halls, he said, will function as essential centres for community gatherings, social programs, educa-



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tuitions, and public outreach-helping enhance community bonding and strengthen grassroots engagement in remote areas

The Lt Governor also launched the 'Nayi Chetna 4.0' Campaign, a national initiative promoting gender equality, women's empower-

community environments. He emphasized that the campaign would play a crucial role in combating gender-based discrimination through awareness programmes, training sessions, workshops, and community involvement.

Another major initiative unveiled was the RGSA tional activities, winter ment, and gender-sensitive Training Calendar 2025-26,

Panchayati Raj has tion and resilience and approved Rs 9.82 crore for urged them to carry forward Ladakh's Annual Action these initiatives as a collec-Plan. This year, 5,883 partive mission for a progresticipants, including elected sive and representatives, Panchayat Ladakh. Secretaries, frontline work-

Executive Councillor LAHDC Kargil, Punchok Tashi, thanked the UT Administration for addressing the longstanding demand for district status for Zanskar and expressed hope for its early establish-Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala highlighted significant developmental achievements, including improved road connectivity, regular electricity supply, the completion of the NPD road and Karsha Block, and the construction of 620 houses under PMAY.

The event was attended by officials, councillors, SHG members, and community



Beautification of Old Jammu markets will attract more visitors: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: A major beautification initiative for the heritage markets of Jammu's old city began today as MLA Jammu Constituency, East Yudhvir Sethi, formally launched a series of development works from Bharat Mata Chowk to Purani Mandi, covering the main bazaars along the stretch. The project aims to enhance the visual appeal, improve pedestrian movement, and create a more inviting environment for both residents and tourists.

Speaking at the inaugural event, Yudhvir Sethi extended a special appreciation to the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav and said the initiative reflects the JMC's commitment to revitalizing the historic commercial heart of Jammu. Others present were XEN Rajesh Kumar, JEE Rakesh Kumar, Association Pardhan Joginder Danswaroop, Mahajan, Raju, Vijay, formerCorporator Anil Masoom, Praveen Kerni, Anuradha Sharma. Adardha Jathayar (Mandal Pardhan), Arun Sethi, Rinku, Harvinder Singh, Nipun Malhotra, Sikander Khan, Amit George, Akshay, and all dedicated party members.

"The old city is the cultural and economic backbone of Jammu. Our effort is to beautify these markets so that they not only offer better facilities

Sethi stated. He added that the plan includes upgraded pathways. improved lighting and uniform signage that add character to the area.

Sethi emphasized that improving the aesthetics of the market areas would support local traders by

increasing footfall. "When the surroundings become cleaner, safer, and more appealing, it naturally encourages more people to visit. This will give a significant boost to shopkeepers and small businesses operating here for generations," he noted. Local shopkeepers and residents welcomed the initiative, expressing hope that it would help restore the traditional charm of Jammu's bustling bazaars. Many traders said the facelift was long Purani Mandi will soon overdue and would help

while preserving its heritage appeal.

The MLA also highlighted that the beautification drive is part of a broader plan for the constituency.

"Our focus is compredevelopment. hensive Whether it is infrastructure, sanitation, or tourism-related projects. we are committed to delivering visible results. The work starting today is another step toward making Jammu East a model constituency,"

affirmed. The development activities will be completed in phases to avoid disrupting business operations, officials said. With the launch of this project, residents are optimistic that the upgraded stretch from Bharat Mata Chowk to

14th Foundation Day of SKJVS Trust on Dec 11

Event will be milestone in Sanskrit upliftment, cultural preservation: Sham Lal

The Foundation Day of Shri Kailakh Jvotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust along with the prestigious Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Award Ceremony will be celebrated on Thursday, 11th December at 3:00 PM at the Majestic Grand Resort, Mishriwala, Jammu. The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, will grace the grand occasion as the Chief Guest.

This year, the Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Award -2025 will be conferred Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice Chancellor

upcoming event, an important meeting was convened today at the residence of Jammu North MLA Sham Lal Sharma

Speaking on the occasion, Sharma said the ceremony would be a milepromoting Sanskrit upliftment and preserving India's rich cultural heritage. He emphasized the Trust's consistent Sanskrit learning and traditional knowledge systems.

Trust President and State Awardee Mahant Rohit Shastri announced that a Farmers' Fair will also be organized as part of

medical camp, Dogra cuisine stalls, and multiple cultural exhibitions.

A community feast (Bhandara) will be held at the conclusion of the program. Scholars, saints, and Sanskrit enthusiasts from across the country are expected to participate, and the Trust has extended a warm invitation to all Sanskrit lovers.

The meeting was attended by Vinay Jamwal, Vinay Aggarwal, Bhushan Jamwal, Surinder Singh (Gilli), Ankush Sharma, Sharma, Uttam Sunil Chand Sharma, Lucky Sharma, Rakesh Singh. Rajan Sharma, Rakesh



Jammu North MLA Sham Lal Sharma with others after the meeting.

Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, in will showcase local agriculrecognition of his exceptural products and traditional contribution to tional art forms of Jammu, Vijay Kumar, Babu Ram, Sanskrit education and

the celebration. The fair including Kud dance. Basohli art, Pashmina

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Janipur Police solve two theft

SP City North, Vivek Sharma briefing media on Friday.

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will receive structured train-

ing worth Rs 1.88 crore. He

said these capacity-building

programmes will significant-

ly enhance decentralized

planning, digital governance,

transparency, and accounta-

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The Lt Governor acknowl-

edged the continuous sup-

port of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, noting that

the development projects

reflect the PM's vision of

strengthening and modern-

izing India's border regions.

He commended the people of

Development Goals.

JAMMU: The Janipur Police have solved two theft cases, registered under FIR No. 172/2025 and FIR No. 182/2025, recovering stolen gold ornaments worth a significant amount.

The recovered items include 16 tolas of gold, retrieved after meticulous investigation involving both human and technical

Briefing the media, SP City North, Vivek Sharma, commended the proactive approach of the Janipur Police, saying, "The recovery of stolen gold in these cases is a result of coordinated efforts, dedication, and professional vigilance of our police teams. Such successes reinforce public confidence in policing and demonstrate our commitment to ensuring safety and security in the city."

The investigations were led by SHO Janipur, Insp Vikram Sharma, under the supervision of SDPO City West, Dr Satish Bhardwaj, and supported by PSI Rohit Manhas, PSI Sandeep Charak, SPO Ansh, among others. The teams worked tirelessly to track down the accused and recover the stolen gold, ensuring relief to the victims.

SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, lauded the efforts of the police team, stating, "This success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our officers and men. We remain committed to protecting citizens and their property, and will continue to act decisively against crime.'

The recovered gold ornaments will be returned to their rightful owners, providing closure to the victims. The cases remain under investigation, and the accused will face legal

This achievement highlights the Janipur Police's dedica-

reflecting their continued efforts to maintain law and order to locals but also attract bring the area on par with attractive corridor in the more visitors," Yudhvir modern commercial hubs J&K UTLBC holds mega facilitation camps across Ramban, Kishtwar, Ganderbal, Shopian

Hundreds sensitized and assisted in tracing and claiming their unclaimed financial assets

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: J&K UTLBC on

organised Mega Facilitation Camps in the districts of Ramban, Kishtwar, Ganderbal and Shopian as part of the three-month nationwide awareness-cumdisbursement campaign "Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar - Your Money, Your Right", to help citizens trace and claim their unclaimed financial assets - -including dormant bank deposits, matured insurance proceeds, mutual fund units, dividends, unclaimed shares and other inactive financial instruments - that may have accumulated over the years. The campaign was launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other financial-sector regulators.

Senior officials from RBI, insurance companies, banks, administrations, SEBI, PFRDA, IEPFA and other financial institutions participated from across districts, ensuring coordinated service delivery and wide outreach to the public.

The Lead District Office (Ramban) organized a district-level Mega Facilitation Camp at the Community Hall near Raghunath Temple, which was presided over by Commissioner(Ramban) Mohammad Alyas Khan, in the presence of Lead

District Manager Davinder Singh, DDC Member Renuka Katoch, LDO (RBI) Anil Kumar, and Director RSETI Harvinder Singh. The camp drew encouraging public participation along with officers from various banks, district administration, PRI representatives, and local residents.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of banking institutions in driving financial awareness and urged them to further intensify outreach initiatives. He encouraged people to keep their bank records updated, complete KYC formalities, and maintain regular account activity.

Participants were briefed about the RBI's UDGAM portal, which enables citizens to trace unclaimed deposits across banks. It was highlighted that an amount of Rs 6.15 crore lies as unclaimed

deposits in 30899 accounts in Ramban district. Awareness was also created about key social security schemes including PMSBY, PMJJBY, and

A major highlight of the programme was the distribution of cheques amounting to Rs 15.43 lakh to 13 beneficiaries, handed over by the Deputy Commissioner after successful claim settlements.

A district-level Facilitation Camp was organised by the Lead Bank Office (Kishtwar) at the Conference Hall of the New DC Office Complex. The camp witnessed a good public participation.

CommissionerDeputy (Kishtwar) Pankaj Kumar Sharma - who was also the chief guest - presided over the event in the presence of RBI LDO Amandeep Singh, LIC Officer Sandeep Sen, J&K Bank Cluster Head Khurshid Akhoon, SBI Chief Manager (Kishtwar Main Branch) Sanjeev Bagati, PNB Branch Manager Harsimrandeep Singh, J&K Grameen Bank Branch Manager Nikhil, and officials from SBI Life and PNB MetLife. Branch Heads of J&K Bank branches at Kishtwar, Hidyal, TP Branch, Nagseni and Dulhasti also attended.

The Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of close coordination between banks and the district administration to enhance public awareness and expedite the settlement of unclaimed finan-

Addressing the participants, RBI LDO Amandeep Singh elaborated on the objectives of the campaign and explained the process for claiming unclaimed amounts related to

bank deposits, shares, dividends and mutual funds.

He also highlighted the role of the UDGAM portal in enabling citizens to easily trace and claim their unclaimed deposits. Informing the gathering that 30236 accounts worth Rs 8.51 crore of unclaimed funds from Kishtwar currently lie in the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF), he urged all stakeholders to work collectively to bring down the pendency.

A key highlight of the event was the distribution of settlement cheques by the Deputy Commissioner to beneficiaries from J&K Bank, SBI and PNB. During the camp, J&K Bank successfully settled 28 cases amounting to Rs 14.34 lakh, while SBI settled 5 accounts worth Rs 5.20 lakh, and PNB concluded 18 settlements totalling Rs 35000.

Beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the Government of India's initiative led by the Department of Financial Services (DFS).

district-level Facilitation Camp was organised by the Lead Bank Office (Ganderbal) in collaboration with financial institutions and the district administration. The event saw active participation from senior officials of the Reserve Bank of India, district administration, various banks, insurance companies such as PNB MetLife, SBI Life and LIC, civic bodies, students, and members of

the general public. The Lead District Manager (Ganderbal) Gazanfar Hussain informed the participants that Ganderbal district has 52477 unclaimed accounts worth Rs 9.52 crore and called on banks to intensify outreach to depositors and legal heirs.

Speakers from RBI and participating banks sensitised attendees about the claim documentation process, requirements, eligibility norms, and settlement procedures. A live demonstration of the RBI's UDGAM portal enabled citizens to search unclaimed deposits transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund, and understand the bank-wise claim workflow.

Meanwhile, cheques amounting to Rs 6.19 lakh were handed over to beneficiaries and legal heirs upon completion of verification formalities. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

The Lead Bank Office (Shopian) successfully conducted a Mega Facilitation Camp at CFC Zainpora that witnessed encouraging participation from residents seeking assistance in tracing and claiming their unclaimed financial assets.

The camp saw the active presence of J&K Bank's Cluster Head (Shopian) Ab. Majid Wani, Lead District Officer (RBI) Anoop Sharma, and DDM NABARD Junaid

Hakeem along with senior officials from various banks and representatives of insurance companies including LIC, PNB MetLife, and Bajaj etc. Their coordinated efforts significantly enhanced the outreach and impact of the pro-

Representatives from RBI provided on-the-spot handholding support for processing claims related to unclaimed deposits, insurance proceeds, mutual funds, dividends, shares, and other inactive financial instruments.

A major highlight of the camp was the successful settlement of five accounts amounting to Rs 11.26 lakh, offering immediate financial relief to the beneficiaries. Pertinently, District Shopian accounts for 25914 unclaimed accounts amounting to Rs 5.12 crores.

Senior officers from the District Administration, along with other dignitaries, appreciated the unified efforts of all participating institutions for promoting financial awareness and ensuring that eligible citizens receive their rightful

LDM (Shopian) Farooq Ahmad Dar extended his gratitude to all stakeholders for their collaboration and reaffirmed the commitment of the Lead Bank Office Shopian to continue organising such initiatives aimed at enhancing public awareness across the district.