

LG Kavinder reiterates commitment to Ladakh's overall development

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LEH: Various delegations called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, at the LG Secretariat to discuss developmental, employment and welfare-related issues.

A delegation from Defence Research and Development Organisation - Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR) discussed several issues pertaining to infrastructure development. A delegation comprising National Youth Corps (NYC) workers engaged in various government departments raised several issues. A delegation of Tibetan refugees led by the Chief Representative Officer (CRO) Sonamling Settlement informed the Lt Governor about the upcoming Tibetan



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta interacting with DIHAR delegation.

Losar and raised several welfare-related issues. Smt Skalzang Dolma, wife of late ASI Sonam Dorjey, requested the establishment of a memorial in the

name of her late husband, who laid down his life while fighting terrorists in Srinagar in 1998. A delegation from Chuchot Gongma led by former

Councillor Shri Mirza Hussain raised issues related to infrastructure development and basic amenities in the village.

A delegation from Taisuru highlighted various issues related to the development of Damsna village and the promotion of tourism activities in the area.

A delegation comprising members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad informed about a 13-day tour programme organised for 30 students from Ladakh to different states, starting from February 26. The Lt Governor assured the delegations that their issues would be looked into. He reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to working for the overall development of the people of Ladakh so that they have access to all basic facilities.



Yudhvir Sethi voices student concerns, criticises NC Govt over non-functional of GDC Sidhra

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JAMMU: MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi raised concern in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly over the continued non-functioning of Government Degree College (GDC) Sidhra and the shifting of students to MAM College, Jammu.

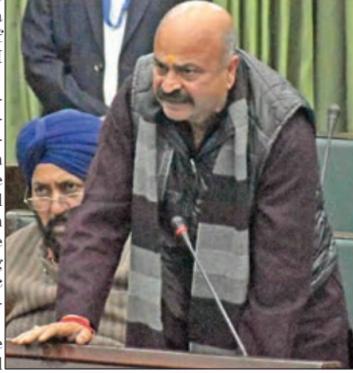
Highlighting the difficulties faced by students, Sethi questioned the delay in making the college fully operational and sought clarity from the government on the timeline for restoring normal academic activities at the institution.

Speaking during the session, Sethi said that the prolonged uncertainty has caused inconvenience to students, many of whom have been compelled to travel longer distances after being shifted to MAM College.

"Students of Sidhra and adjoining areas were promised better educational infrastructure, but the ground

reality reflects a lack of progress," he stated, urging the administration to prioritise the issue.

The MLA also criticised the National Conference-led



government, alleging that higher education infrastructure was not receiving adequate attention.

He remarked that delays in completing academic facilities and ensuring proper functioning of GDC Sidhra undermine the interests of youth and hamper access to quality education.

Sethi called upon the authorities to address infrastructural gaps, and ensure that students are able to continue their studies without disruption at GDC Sidhra.

During his intervention, Sethi emphasised that education remains a key pillar for development and that the government must adopt a proactive approach in resolving institutional challenges.

He demanded a detailed response regarding the reasons behind the non-functioning of GDC Sidhra and the steps being taken to restore classes at the campus.

The issue drew attention from several members in the House, as concerns over educational facilities and student welfare continue to remain a significant subject of discussion. Sethi reiterated that timely action would not only ease the burden on students but also strengthen the overall education system in the Jammu East.

SCW Jammu conducts awareness programme



A dignitary speaking at an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: An awareness programme was organised on Friday at Government High School, Channi Rama, by Special Crime Wing Jammu.

A team comprising Senior PO Neha Nayyar, DySP Deepak Jasrotia, and Inspector Ashok Bajaj visited the institution and interacted with students and staff members.

During the session, detailed awareness was provided on the Nyaya Sanhita and the dangers and prevention of drug

abuse. The programme included interactive discussions, practical guidance, and student queries, which helped in better understanding of the subjects. The participants responded enthusiastically, and the session proved to be informative and impactful.

"Conducting outreach visits to educational institutions and spreading awareness amongst the students and teachers, is one of the key resolutions of SCW Jammu for the year 2026", said SSP SCW Jammu Sanjay Parihar.

JKBOSE conducts orientation programme on NPEP

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) on Friday organized an Orientation Programme for educators representing 15 zones of district Jammu.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of the National Population Education Project, NCERT with a focus agenda on holistic student-welfare and adolescent well-being involving issues of population/adolescent-related themes.

Inaugurating the workshop, the Chairman JKBOSE, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh underscored the critical importance of adolescence as a transformative phase in a child's life. He remarked that every child is a cosmos in itself, endowed with immense potential and inherent capabilities, adding that it is our collective responsibility to identify, nurture and draw out this potential in a constructive and meaningful manner.

Director Academics, JKBOSE, Dr. Parveen Singh in his key note address



JKBOSE officers with educators posing for a photograph.

said that present era is characterized by rapid technological advancement. He emphasized the urgent need to equip teachers with innovative technological skills and contemporary pedagogical tools to effectively guide and handle adolescents in an informed and sensitive manner. Dy Director Academics, Dr. Yasir Hamid Sirwal presented the formal welcome address, highlighting the importance of conducting such advocacy programmes for enlightened citizenry. He said guiding adolescents properly is an investment in developing future human resources.

The programme witnessed active participation from Principals, Lecturers, Masters and Teachers. The Resource Persons from School Education Department deliberated on key themes including: Adolescence Education Programme (AEP), School Health & Wellness initiatives under Ayushman Bharat, HIV/AIDS awareness, substance abuse prevention, Tobacco-free educational institutions and various student-centric schemes of JKBOSE. Academic Officer, Sugandh managed the proceedings of the event, while Academic Officer, Chandar Kumar presented the vote of thanks.

NHPC Ltd earns Great Place To Work Certification for 2nd year in a row



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JAMMU: NHPC Limited, a Navratna enterprise of the Government of India, has been Certified by Great Place To Work for the second consecutive year, for the period January 2026 to January 2027. The company achieved an improved Trust Index Score compared to the previous year, reflecting enhanced employee confidence and workplace satisfaction.

despite challenges arising from geographical diversity, varied languages, cultures and social backgrounds. Notably, 88% of employees across levels participated in the survey, underscoring strong engagement and faith in the organization's leadership and systems. This recognition places NHPC among leading organizations that prioritize employee wellbeing, engagement and a culture of excellence.

Great Place To Work is a globally recognized authority on workplace culture, employee experience and leadership behaviour that drives market-leading performance, retention and innovation. The certification is based on a rigorous assessment model that captures comprehensive employee feedback and evaluates organizational practices across five key pillars-Credibility, Respect, Fairness, Pride and Camaraderie.

On the occasion, Bhupender Gupta, CMD, NHPC, congratulated employees for securing the Great Place To Work Certification for the second year in a row. He emphasized the importance of analysing insights derived from the certification process and called for sustained, collective efforts to further strengthen NHPC's work culture.

IIM organizes workshop to harness Apple, Lavender and Apiculture confluence

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PULWAMA: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIM) organized a One-Day Workshop on "Integration of Lavender and Apiculture in Horticultural Production Systems" at its Field Station, Bonera, Pulwama.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 100 apple orchardists from Pulwama, Anantnag, Budgam, Srinagar, Baramulla, Kulgam and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief guest at the event Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIM Jammu, in his address to the participating orchardists while appreciating their active participation in the workshop, emphasized the importance of developing innovative production models utilizing the potential of various crops and agro-enterprises like apiculture through their integration for income enhancement of the farmers by generating additional income streams, and overall

DECC Udhampur conducts YUVA DOOT training



ADDC Udhampur Jugal Kishore Anand speaking at training programme.

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UDHAMPUR: The District Employment and Counselling Centre Udhampur today organised a YUVA DOOT training programme to accelerate progress under Mission YUVA at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

The primary objective of the training was to undertake the initiative-wise mapping of YUVA DOOTs. This involves clearly defin-

ing their roles and aligning training modules with the stage-wise status of Mission YUVA at the panchayat and municipal ward levels.

Another key objective was to assign a clear mandate and measurable outcomes to YUVA DOOTs based on local requirements, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of field-level interventions.

Additional District Development Commissioner Udhampur

Jugal Kishore Anand and Joint Director Employment Jammu S. Paramjeet Singh attended the programme. They highlighted the accelerated progress under Mission YUVA and encouraged YUVA DOOTs to counsel unemployed youth. They urged the youth to start their own ventures and become job creators rather than job seekers.

The event was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Director Employment Mohinder Sharma and Assistant Director Employment Udhampur Priyanka Gupta. They delivered a detailed presentation on Mission YUVA and provided updated information to the participants.

All SBDU members actively contributed to the successful organisation of the programme.



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIM being felicitated by the organizers.

ecological sustainability of the pristine agro-ecosystems in J&K.

Earlier, during his visit to various sectors of the Field Station, he also visited the apiary maintained at the Station and instructed the scientists for exploring new research initiatives in scientific bee keeping by leveraging the bee venom, propolis and royal jelly for their commercial and therapeutic potential.

Dr. Shahid Rasool, Principal Scientist and Incharge Field Station, Bonera in his interaction with the farmers informed

that the researchers and scientific staff at the Field Station are in a continuum of developing various farmer oriented agro-technologies, for their socio-economic empowerment, refinement of the existing farming practices and overall sustainable rural development. He also highlighted the economic and ecological benefits of integrating lavender and apiculture into horticultural systems through its multifarious advantages like increased profitability, disease suppression, pollination and ecological services.

Present at the event, Dr.

Fayaz Ahmed, Chief Scientist, CSIR IIM, appreciated the farmers for their keen interest in adopting the scientific interventions and innovative farming practices. While commending the researchers working on developing the crop production technologies at the Station, he said that the efforts made across various crop production systems have been significantly contributing to the agrarian sector in the region.

In the technical session experts deliberated upon scope and viability of integrating apiculture and lavender in different orchard systems, lavender production technology, effective bee pollination services in enhancing the production while ensuring better market value of the produce and overall income enhancement from the crop fields.

The workshop reaffirmed CSIR-IIM's commitment to strengthening farmer-scientist linkages and promoting sustainable, high value farming systems in Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi govt created Rs 1 lakh cr infrastructure for agri storage: Chouhan

'Stop defaming farmers over stubble; we are advancing a solution-centric model'

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NEW DELHI: The government has created infrastructure worth Rs 1 lakh crore to preserve fruits, vegetables and other farm produce, which has helped reduce crop damage by up to 15 per cent, Agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Replying to supplementary questions during Question Hour, he targeted the previous Congress-led government for "failing to work in this regard".

"The Congress never created any infrastructure to preserve farm produce. PM Modi realised this and created infrastructure to the tune of Rs 1 lakh crore to preserve the produce of farmers.

"I have pride in telling this House that 44,243 customs hiring centres, 25,854 primary processing centres, 25,565 farm harvest automation, 17,779 warehouses, 4,200 grading units and 3,549 infrastructure for smart agriculture and 2827 cold storage," the minister told the members.

"Due to this infrastructure creation, the loss of produce of fruits and vegetables has seen a reduction of 5 to 15 per cent and our fruits, vegetables and other produce can now be stored properly," he also said.



Chouhan said the BJP workers like him do not do politics only to enjoy the fruits of power and occupy a chair, "but do politics for helping in national rebuilding and doing politics for serving the society and farmers welfare, for building a self-reliant and Viksit Bharat."

"Keeping this aim in view, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are trying to resolve all issues of farmers. Farmers are not God, but no less than God either," the minister said.

In his written reply to the question, the Agriculture Minister said Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) is a demand-driven, Central Sector scheme with

uniform operational guidelines applicable across all States, including Punjab.

"As on 09.02.2026, Rs 7425.99 Crores have been sanctioned for 32014 projects under AIF scheme to Punjab. The details of number and nature of projects Sanctioned in Punjab under AIF Scheme are at Annexure.

"Punjab's requirement under AIF on the basis of the ratio of total value of output of Agriculture and allied sector was assessed at Rs 4713 Crores and later on the basis of performance raised to Rs 9050 Crores," the minister said in response to the question by AAP MP Vikramjit Singh Sawhney on agri infrastructure in Punjab.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No:- 233-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR Date: 12.02.2026

DEN-HQ-FZR bidding for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.reps.gov.in with closing date- 09.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.reps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft/Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.reps.gov.in

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Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Tender Closing Date/Time
11.02.2026	23.02.2026	09.03.2026 & 15:00 Hrs

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender
1	233-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR	Improvement in the infrastructure of 11 nos. L-wings of the traffic department in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ-FZR in C/With Improvement in the infrastructure of 33 nos. L-wings of the traffic department over the FZR division.
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	2,01,600.00
	Earnest Money	60 Days
	Validity of Offer	12 Months
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