

India AI Summit showcases Nation's Leadership in Ethical & Human-Centric AI: LG Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: As India accelerates its journey towards becoming a global technology leader, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is emerging as a powerful driver of inclusive growth, good governance and sustainable development. The hosting of the India AI Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with participation from over 20 countries, reflects India's growing stature as a trusted global partner in shaping responsible, ethical and human-centric AI.

This was stated by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, during his visit to the summit. He was accompanied by Commissioner Secretary IT, Ladakh, Shashanka Ala. The Lt Governor visited various technology pavilions and interacted with representatives of leading global and Indian companies, including Google, Meta, Amazon, Airtel and



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta interacting with representatives of leading global and Indian companies at India AI Summit at Bharat Mandapam.

under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become a global voice for innovation with responsibility. He noted that the Prime Minister's initiatives such as Digital India and AI for All have laid a robust foundation for leveraging emerging technologies

The Lt Governor remarked that

to empower citizens and strengthen institutions.

Highlighting AI's importance for frontier regions, he said Ladakh, given its unique geography and strategic importance, stands to benefit significantly from AI-based interventions in smart governance, environmental monitoring, disaster management, climate resilience and tourism. He also underlined Ladakh's potential as a destination for green data centres, citing its cold climate, clean energy prospects and low humidity as natural advantages for energy-efficient infrastructure aligned with data sovereignty goals.

The Lt Governor further stated that Ladakh aims to become the country's first AI-enabled city, promoting sustainable and inclusive urban development. He expressed confidence that the summit would enhance global cooperation and reinforce India's emergence as a responsible AI powerhouse.

DHS Jammu organizes Training programme on I-RAD / e-DAR Portal



Participants at Training Programme on i-RAD / e-DAR Portal at Directorate of Health Services, Jammu.

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JAMMU: A one-day Training Programme on the i-RAD / e-DAR Portal was organized at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services, Jammu and close supervision of Assistant Director Dr. Simmi.

The programme was aimed at strengthening institutional coordination and enhancing effective implementation of the i-RAD (Integrated Road Accident Database) and e-DAR (Electronic Detailed Accident Report) systems across health institutions. The initiative is part of the Government's broader strategy to streamline road accident data collection, improve transparency and ensure timely medico-legal documentation for better policy planning and

response mechanisms.

Officers and officials from various districts participated in the training, including Medico-Legal Officers and Data Entry Operators. The session emphasized the crucial role of the Health Department in uploading accurate and timely information related to road traffic accident victims, including injury details, treatment status and medico-legal reports on the portal.

A comprehensive demonstration was delivered by Prince Kishore, State Role Manager and Mohit, District Role Manager, from the Office of the State Transport Commissioner, Jammu. The technical session provided step-by-step guidance on portal login procedures, case registration, uploading of hospital data, generation of e-DAR reports and troubleshooting common operational issues.

Special focus was laid on real-time data entry, maintaining data accuracy and ensuring inter-departmental coordination among Health, Police and Transport Departments.

During the interactive session, participants actively engaged with the resource persons and sought clarifications regarding practical challenges, reporting timelines, data validation and accountability mechanisms. The trainers addressed all queries in detail and encouraged participants to ensure strict adherence to guidelines for prompt and precise reporting.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the commitment of the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu towards efficient implementation of the i-RAD and e-DAR systems for enhanced road safety governance and public welfare.

JMC conducts sanitation and anti-encroachment drive in wards 49 and 74

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JAMMU: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr Devansh Yadav on Wednesday conducted an extensive inspection of Ward Nos 49 and 74, covering Narwal, Bathindi, Sunjwan, Chowadi and adjoining areas to review sanitation standards and address illegal encroachments. During the tour, the Commissioner assessed the cleanliness of main roads, inner lanes, drains and public spaces. He reviewed the progress of ongoing developmental works and examined the upkeep of civic amenities.

Emphasising the importance of hygiene, Dr Yadav directed officials to ensure regular garbage lifting, strict waste segregation at source and timely desilting



of drains to prevent waterlogging. He stressed the urgent cleaning of deep drains and nullahs, particularly those subject to heavy flow during the rainy season and instructed that preventive measures be taken in advance.

As part of the enforcement drive, illegal encroachments on roads and footpaths were removed and unauthorised roadside stalls were cleared

to restore public spaces. Encroachments on government land in the Sunjwan area were dismantled on the spot. The Commissioner directed enforcement teams to maintain vigilance and initiate action against repeat violators.

Addressing officers, Dr Yadav emphasised improved inter-departmental coordination and consistent implementation of sanitation measures. He stated that cleanliness drives must be treated as a continuous civic responsibility.

The Commissioner appealed to citizens to cooperate with the Corporation by adopting responsible waste disposal practices. Among those accompanying the Commissioner were Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Deputy Commissioner (South) Chand Singh, Health Officer Dr Vinod Sharma, Executive Engineer Yasir Bashir Kichloo and Chief Transport Officer Balkar Angurana.

Priya Sethi, Gopal Mahajan address workshop under 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026'

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KATHUA: Senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today addressed a district-level workshop in Kathua held under the ongoing 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026', focusing on organisational strengthening, ideological orientation, and capacity-building of party workers.

The workshop was addressed by BJP J&K Vice President and former Minister Priya Sethi, who participated alongside BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, senior leader Prem Dogra and other BJP leaders. The event was organised in the presence of District President Updesh Andotra and witnessed

active participation from party functionaries and grassroots workers from across Kathua district. Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi emphasised the importance of structured training programmes in building a strong and disciplined organisation.

She said that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan aims to equip workers with ideological clarity, effective communication skills, and a deeper understanding of public service.

Highlighting the legacy of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, she noted that the campaign is rooted in the philosophy of Antyodaya, which focuses on the upliftment of the last person in society. She encouraged party workers to strengthen



their connect with the public by addressing local issues with dedication and sensitivity.

Addressing the gathering, Gopal Mahajan underlined the significance of continuous learning and organisational coordination. He stated that such workshops provide an opportunity for party members to exchange ideas, review grassroots challenges, and develop

strategies for effective outreach. Mahajan urged workers to remain committed to the principles of good governance, teamwork, and transparency, adding that strong organisational foundations are essential for delivering public welfare initiatives effectively.

BJP District President Kathua Updesh Andotra welcomed the participants and

highlighted the role of local leadership in strengthening the party structure at the booth and mandal levels. She stressed that training initiatives help in building confidence among workers and encourage greater participation of youth and women in political and social activities. During the session, Prem Dogra also discussed various organisational topics, including communication strategies, public engagement, leadership responsibilities, and effective implementation of party programmes at the grassroots level.

Rajesh Mehta, General Secretary District Kathua conducted the proceedings of the workshop.

Interactive discussions and

feedback from participants added vibrancy to the workshop, reflecting enthusiasm among workers towards strengthening the organisation.

The leaders collectively reiterated their commitment to expanding the party's outreach through disciplined organisational efforts and continuous training. They encouraged participants to carry forward the message of service, unity, and development in their respective areas.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, with participants expressing appreciation for the leadership's guidance and reaffirming their resolve to work collectively for organisational growth and public welfare in the region.

Property of NDPS accused attached



Kumar Sharma, SHO Sunderbani under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act as part of sustained action against narcotics-related offences. "The property has been identified as illegally acquired through proceeds of drug trafficking. Acting under the provisions of the NDPS Act, the immovable assets have been formally attached to dismantle the financial infrastructure of the narcotics network," police spokesperson said.

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SUNDERBANI: In a continued crackdown on drug trafficking networks, Sunderbani Police have attached three commercial shops worth Rs 12.88 lakh belonging to NDPS accused Guftar Hussain, son of Mohd Afzal, resident of Kotdhara Rajouri.

The attachment was carried out by Police Station Sunderbani under the supervision of Inspector Rajeev

to arrested accused Anwar Hussain, son of Amin Shah of Kotdhara Rajouri was attached.

Subsequently, on January 20, 2026, a single-storey residential house valued at Rs 16.73 lakh belonging to absconding accused Humaira Akhter, wife of Mashooq Ahmed Malik, resident of Jablipora Bijbehara Anantnag, was also attached under the law.

The case pertains to the recovery of 3 kg 640 grams of charas on March 20, 2025. Initially, two accused were arrested on the spot, while another accused was later apprehended as a forward link in the drug trafficking network.

ICC Jammu welcomes Development of Shankaracharya Temple in Katra

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Jammu Chapter, has warmly welcomed the visionary initiative of conceptualizing the Holy Temple of Shankaracharya at Katra and Jammu.

Expressing his gratitude, Sahai thanked the Chairman of SMBDSB and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for taking this significant step towards

ed, the Shankaracharya Temple will add immense value to the existing pilgrimage circuit of Katra and Jammu, attracting devotees and tourists from across the country and abroad. This, he noted, will also provide a boost to the local economy by

generating opportunities for trade, hospitality, transport, and allied sectors.

Highlighting Jammu's growing importance as a gateway to major shrines such as Vaishno Devi Temple and Amarnath Temple, Rahul Sahai said the addition of the Shankaracharya Temple will further strengthen the region's position on India's spiritual tourism map. The ICC Jammu Chapter reiterates its full support to initiatives that promote religious tourism, infrastructure development, and holistic economic growth of the Union Territory.



J&K Govt formulating comprehensive Cancer Control Strategy in collaboration with National Institutions

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening the cancer prevention and care in Jammu and Kashmir, the Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department is formulating a comprehensive "Cancer Control Strategy for J&K" in collaboration with NITI Aayog, ICMR and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Punjab, a unit of Tata Memorial Centre.

The strategy aims to establish a structured and coordinated framework for cancer prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, palliative care and research across the UT. The focus will be on optimum utilization of the existing healthcare infrastructure, strengthening tertiary care services and capacity building of human resources through collaboration with reputed national institutions such as Tata Memorial Centre.

A key component of the initiative will be the rollout of a Population-Based Cancer Registry to enable evidence-based planning, improved surveillance and better management of cancer cases in the Union Territory.

In this regard, a high level



Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Abid Rasheed Shah chairing a meeting.

meeting under the Chairpersonship of Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Abid Rasheed Shah, was held today to deliberate upon the strategic framework for Cancer Prevention, Screening and Care in Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ashish Gulia from Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Punjab, along with senior doctors and experts involved in cancer management in J&K.

During the meeting, Dr. Ashish Gulia emphasized the need for a well-defined roadmap to tackle the growing threat of cancer. He highlighted the need for strengthening tertiary care facilities, identifying and addressing human resource

gaps, promoting research projects and outcome indicators, enhancing public health Camps and scaling up palliative care services.

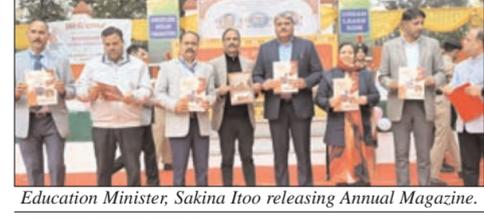
Secretary, H&ME Department, emphasised that a detailed gap analysis be undertaken across the institutions to strategically devise actionable plan with the timelines particularly in Government Medical Colleges & District Hospitals. He stressed focused training and capacity building of existing human resources and enhanced research initiatives at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Government Medical College Jammu and Government Medical College Srinagar in close consultation with Tata Memorial Centre for which a Project

Monitoring unit (PMU) has been tasked.

Emphasising the critical role of public health in cancer prevention, the Secretary called for strengthening the Department of Preventive and Community Medicine as the nodal pillar for effective strategies and screening programmes. He also emphasised the need for scaling up of the existing MoU between Tata Memorial Hospital and Government Medical College Jammu and exploring its replication across other medical institutions in J&K in larger public interest.

The proposed Cancer Control Strategy is expected to significantly strengthen cancer care delivery in Jammu and Kashmir through a coordinated, evidence-based and patient-centric approach.

Ranbir School releases annual school magazine, celebrates Annual Day



Education Minister, Sakina Itoo releasing Annual Magazine.

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JAMMU: Govt. Sri Ranbir Model Higher Secondary School, a prestigious heritage institution with a glorious history of more than 140 years and a strength of about 1500 students, celebrated its Annual Day with great enthusiasm and dignity. The highlight of the event was the formal release of the Annual School Magazine "Dharohar" in the presence of eminent dignitaries, staff, students and parents. Annual Magazine was formally released by the Minister for School Education, Sakina Itoo. The occasion was graced by Satish Sharma, Cabinet Minister, Sajjad Shaheen, M.L.A., Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director School Education Jammu, and Sh. Ajeet Sharma, Chief Education Officer Jammu.

Meritorious students who excelled in Board examinations and other academic pursuits were felicitated on the occasion. Special honours were also conferred upon outstanding sports persons, NCC cadets and other achievers who have brought laurels to the institution at various levels. The awards were presented by Satish Sharma, Cabinet Minister, who motivated the students

to work with dedication, discipline and a spirit of excellence.

In her address, Minister Sakina Itoo congratulated the school for its remarkable journey of 140 years and for maintaining high standards in academics and co-curricular activities. She emphasized the importance of holistic education, character building and the role of educational institutions in shaping a progressive society. Satish Sharma, Cabinet Minister, highlighted the importance of Annual Day celebrations in boosting the confidence and talent of students and lauded the efforts of the teaching faculty in nurturing young minds. M.L.A. Sajjad Shaheen also congratulated the school for preserving its heritage while moving ahead with modern educational practices.

Earlier, the Principal, Dr. Kishor Sharma, in his welcome address presented the Annual Report and highlighted the achievements of the school. The function witnessed the participation of a large gathering of parents, alumni and well-wishers, making it a memorable celebration of the institution's glorious past and progressive future.