

# PM Modi committed to dignified return of KPs: LG

## "Becoming stranger on one's own soil among world's gravest sorrows"

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that return of Kashmiri Pandits with full dignity and security is the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

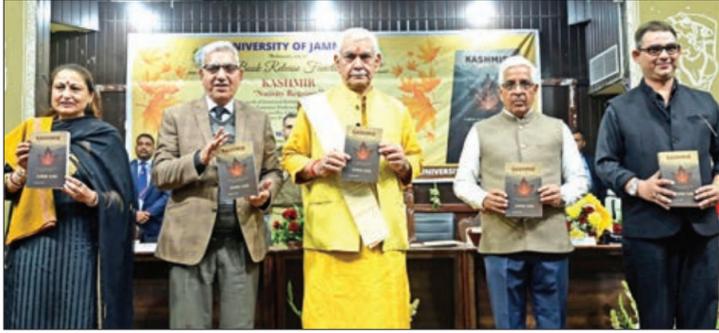
"Jammu Kashmir has been undergoing a profound transformation since 2019. Sinister plot of adversary to destroy the dreams and destiny of people of the UT has been decisively dismantled.

Through tireless effort, this land's ancient glory has been restored, and development has been accelerated. Very soon, this soil will be completely freed from the scourge of terrorism," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He was speaking at the release of the book titled "Kashmir-Nativity Regained", authored by Prof. Ashok Kaul.

"Kashmir-Nativity Regained" explores the Kashmiri Pandit exodus and captures the terror of those dark days and the lasting devastation of being wrenched from ancestral roots.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Prof Kaul's book is not just a literary endeavour but laudable effort to shatter the silence that has



LG Manoj Sinha and others releasing book in Jammu on Thursday.

shrouded our collective consciousness for decades.

"I salute the indomitable spirit of Kashmiri Pandit Community. Every displaced family carried within them a living ember of Kashmir. In the crucible of struggle and adversity, they preserved philosophy, spirituality, culture, language, and traditions. Even in agony, they unearthed possibilities and sealed new pinnacles of success," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that in 2021, Kashmiri Migrant web portal was launched to recover house and lands of Kashmiri Pandit community, which were encroached upon by

others.

"I firmly believe that among the world's gravest sorrows is the agony of becoming a stranger on one's own soil. This is precisely what had transpired in Jammu & Kashmir.

The anguish of the 1989-90 massacre of Kashmiri Pandits by terrorists runs so profoundly deep that even the balm of time has failed to soothe it. The torment of abandoning homes overnight, of being uprooted from one's roots, lingers like thorns in the veins of displaced families even today," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that terror ecosystem in

J&K tried to bury the truth but we can never forget and never forgive those terrorists and their support networks who sowed terror and struck at the souls of generations.

"The younger generation must never forget that Pakistan-backed terrorists have also spilled the blood of thousands of innocent Kashmiri Muslims. Many cases are so heartrending that words falter in their retelling. Justice has begun flowing to those families since last year, with efforts underway to fulfil their employment needs alongside other essentials," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that in August 2019

when Prime Minister Narendra Modi abolished Article 370 and fully integrated J&K, that day instilled the faith that the young generation of Kashmiri Pandit Community could reclaim those roots without fear.

"Prof Kaul's book serves as a poignant reminder of Kashmiri Pandit Community's resilience. This is an era of reconstruction. Through his words, Prof Kaul proclaims to the world that the Kashmiri Pandit community is at the very heart of J&K's narrative," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Rajiv Jha, Publisher, Readers Press; Prof. Neelu Rohmetra; Dean Research Studies; Dr Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Jammu University; eminent literary personalities, people from different walks of life and students attended the book release ceremony.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu and other senior officials were also present.

Those who lack intelligence shouldn't post about AI: BJP



# DIPR organises workshop on GeM portal at Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) organized a comprehensive workshop on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal at Media Complex here on Thursday.

The workshop was held under the guidance of Director, Information and Public Relations, Nitish Rajora.

During the workshop Assistant Professor, GCW Parade, Venus Sharma, as Resource person provided detailed insights into the functioning and operational framework of the GeM portal.

He acquainted the participants with various procurement methods available on the portal, including direct purchase, bidding processes, and other transparent and efficient modes of govern-



Participants during the workshop in Jammu.

ment procurement. The session also covered insights on vendor registration, order placement, compliance procedures, and best practices to ensure accountability and efficiency in public procurement.

All staff members of the Directorate attended the workshop and actively participated in the interactive session. The programme was also attended by Information Officers, Alka

Misra and Maheer Thakur, who appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of digital procurement systems in strengthening transparency and efficiency in government operations.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the Department's commitment to capacity building and adoption of e-governance initiatives for improved service delivery.

# Satish releases Dogri song, calls for enhanced efforts to preserve region's cultural legacy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, on Thursday released a Dogri song by noted artists Neeraj Sharma and Sharon Bakshi, reaffirming the government's commitment towards preserving and promoting the region's rich linguistic and cultural heritage.

The release function witnessed participation of media representatives, prominent cultural personalities, artists and members of the local artistic fraternity, making it a vibrant celebration of Dogri music and tradition. The initiative was widely appreciated as a meaningful step towards strengthening the regional identity and encouraging creative expression rooted in local culture.

Speaking on the occasion,

the Minister commended the artists for their dedication and valuable contribution to promotion of Dogri music. He emphasised that regional languages and folk traditions are vital pillars of Jammu and Kashmir's cultural fabric and play a crucial role in preserving the collective heritage of its people.

Highlighting the importance of cultural continuity, he said that preserving indigenous languages like Dogri is essential not only for safeguarding the traditions but also for nurturing a strong sense of identity among the younger generations. He stressed that cultural heritage must be celebrated, documented and passed on through creative mediums such as music, literature and performing arts.

Satish Sharma further reiterated the government's commitment towards supporting the cultural initiatives that

provide platforms to local talent, encourage artistic innovation and create opportunities for artists to reach wider audiences. He underlined that such efforts contribute to cultural preservation while also promoting social harmony, creativity and community pride.

The Minister also expressed hope that more artists would come forward to create meaningful content in regional languages, ensuring that traditional art forms continue to thrive in contemporary times. The programme concluded with formal unveiling of the song, followed by an interactive session with the artists.

Neeraj Sharma and Sharon Bakshi expressed their gratitude for the encouragement and support extended by the government and the audience. They shared their commitment towards continuing their work in promoting Dogri music.

# DHSJ conducts comprehensive inspection of Rajiv Gandhi Hospital



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar on Thursday visited Rajiv Gandhi Hospital Gangyal to review the overall functioning of the institution and evaluate the quality of healthcare services being delivered to the public.

During the visit, the Director took a detailed round of the OPD, IPD wards, Emergency Unit, Labour Room, Operation Theatre, Diagnostic

Laboratory, Pharmacy and other critical sections of the hospital. He inspected the availability of medicines, medical equipment, sanitation facilities, power and water supply and patient record maintenance. Director also convened a meeting with the Medical Superintendent, doctors, paramedical staff and other officials. He reviewed staff attendance, duty rosters, referral patterns, biomedical waste management practices and implementation of various national health programmes. He emphasized maintaining discipline, punctuality, proper documentation and a patient-friendly approach in service delivery. Dr. Zargar appreciated the dedication and efforts of the hospital staff in providing healthcare services and urged them to continue working with commitment and compassion.

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JAMMU Ashwani Kumar, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Accredited Journalists Association, has hailed the demand for a pension scheme for retired journalists raised by Tanvir Sadiq, MLA from Zadibal Assembly Constituency and Chief Spokesman of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday in Jammu.

In a statement issued here, Ashwani Kumar said that Tanvir Sadiq has rightly understood the plight of retired journalists who worked tirelessly with pen and paper to strengthen democracy in the country.

He said that senior journalists dedicate decades of their lives to upholding

democratic values, often working under challenging and risky conditions, and deserve social security after retirement.

He pointed out that most states and Union Territories across the country are already providing monthly pensions to senior journalists who have completed 20 years of service and attained the age of 58 years, on the pattern of corporate sector norms.

He said that states like Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh are providing monthly pensions ranging from Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 to eligible senior journalists.

Similarly, smaller states and Union Territories such

as Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tripura and Uttarakhand are also extending monthly pensions between Rs 8,000 and Rs 15,000 to retired journalists.

Ashwani Kumar emphasized that the number of retired senior journalists in Jammu and Kashmir is very small and, therefore, the financial burden on the Union Territory's exchequer would not be significant.

He urged all political parties, including the BJP, Congress, People's Conference and independent legislators, to rise above party lines and collectively press for the implementation of a pension scheme for retired journalists in Jammu and Kashmir.

# J&K Bank rolls out revamped Credit Card suite

## Part of our endeavour to position J&K Bank as a pan-India digital banking partner of choice: MD & CEO

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In line with its sustained thrust on digital innovation and customer-centric banking, J&K Bank today unveiled a comprehensively upgraded suite of Credit Cards designed to meet the fast-evolving preferences of its growing and diverse clientele across the country.

MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee launched the revamped Credit Card suite at the Bank's Jammu Divisional Office in the presence of Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, CGM (Business Development) Sunit Kumar, General Managers, DGMs and other senior officers. CGM (Operations) Intiyaz Ahmad Bhat joined the launch virtually from the Corporate Headquarters along with General Managers, DGMs and senior officers. The Divisional Heads, Zonal Heads and Cluster Heads form across the country also participated in the launch event through VC.

The upgraded products includes three distinct credit card variants - Platinum, Platinum Privilege and Eminent - each thoughtfully curated to align with different customer segments, spending behaviours and lifestyle aspirations.

Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said, "The upgrade of our Credit Card bouquet is part of our endeavour to position J&K Bank as a contemporary, pan-India digital banking partner of choice."



"It reflects our sustained and strategic focus on continuously strengthening Bank's digital product suite. As customer expectations evolve rapidly - particularly among younger, digital-savvy generations - we are committed to offering products that enhance rewards and lifestyle benefits for new-age customers", he added.

Citing the growing customer base across Bank's core geographies and expanding footprint beyond in rest of the country, MD & CEO emphasized upon the need to enhance Bank's investments in digital capabilities that resonate with emerging consumption patterns across the country.

He further said, "Credit cards today are more than payment instruments; these are enablers of experiences. Through curated milestone benefits, accelerated reward structures, travel and lifestyle privileges, and competitive forex pricing, we aim to make our cards attractive and beneficial, especially for young professionals, entrepreneurs and

tech-savvy people across India." While commending the associated teams for coming up with such a competitive product suite, MD & CEO urged all the operational heads to market and sell the revamped products pro-actively. "We must view this as a significant opportunity to offer our customers products with best-in-class features, and I urge all our operational heads to ensure that we collectively deliver superior value and a truly differentiated experience to every customer," he said.

Earlier, General Manager (Digital & Alternate Channels) Nishikant Sharma briefed the chair about the need for the upgrade in the product suite. He also touched upon the back-end preparations made to ensure successful roll-out of the revamped products.

Incharge (DAC) Humaira Mushtaq gave a detailed presentation on the occasion about the revamped credit-cards and their highly competitive features.

Notably, designed for the premium and affluent clien-

tele, the Eminent Card delivers an elevated experience with highly competitive forex-charges of 1.99%, welcome benefits, milestone rewards for high quarterly and annual spends, complimentary domestic and international lounge access, personalised services, golf privileges, dining and entertainment offers including "buy one get one" movie benefits, and accelerated rewards on travel bookings, dining, apparel and electronics.

The Base Platinum Card, which has been tailored as an everyday companion for families, offers a balanced mix of affordability and value, with annual fee waiver on achieving Rs 1 lakh annual spend, welcome benefits, milestone vouchers for quarterly spends above Rs 75,000 across leading retail, travel and lifestyle brands, accelerated rewards on online transactions, pharmacies, department stores and utilities, along with domestic lounge access and monthly lifestyle benefits.

The Platinum Privilege Card has been specially designed for Government employees and comes with zero joining and annual fee, welcome benefits, highly competitive forex charges of 1.99%, quarterly milestone vouchers on spends starting from Rs 30000, complimentary domestic lounge access every quarter, monthly lifestyle discounts on leading food and lifestyle platforms, and attractive fuel surcharge waivers. Customers can also earn accelerated reward points on higher monthly spends.

BEFORE THE COURT OF LD. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, DODA		Caveat No. /2026	
Power Grid Corporation of India Through its Chief Manager (Batote) Sanjeev Kumar Dogra	.....Caveator	versus	.....Non-Caveator
Public at large.			
IN THE MATTER OF:-			
Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.			
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:-			
The Caveator named above most respectfully submits as under:-			
1. That the Caveator, a Government of India Enterprise, is implementing the work of construction of 132 kV D/C Khellani-Kishtwar on consultancy basis for Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL), in accordance with MoU dated 15th March 2022.			
2. That the work of construction of 132 kV D/C Khellani-Kishtwar transmission line is currently ongoing in District Doda and currently stringing work is pending between tower location no. 105-106 at village Suhanda, location no 123-126 at village Shajaoof tehsil & District Doda location no. 132-135 at village Thalela, location no. 136-140 at village Bhella, location no 141-143 at village Shihote, location no 144-145 at village Panthar, location no 146 at village Dronkiran, location no 147-148 at village Hiraniot tehsil: Bhella & District Doda location no 149-153/1 at village Pernote, of tehsil: Thathri & District Doda location no 155-158 at village Mohalla, of tehsil: Mohalla & District Doda location no 159-164 at village Kandote, location no 161-162 at village Sharote, location no 163-164 at village Haneja, location no 171-175 at village Jangalwar, location no 176-180 at village Barshalla, location no 181-182at village Bag Tehsil Thathri District Doda.			
3. That the caveator apprehends that the non-caveator or any other person may file an Appeal, Petition, suit or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay against Caveator and by concealing material facts from this Hon'ble Court may succeed in getting some ex parte, interim/interlocutory order against the caveator herein.			
4. That the caveator submits that in the eventuality of filing of any suit, appeal or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay against the Caveator, the caveators may kindly be provided an opportunity of being heard before passing any interim/interlocutory order which would otherwise cause prejudice and may not be repaired at later stage.			
5. That it would, therefore, advance the cause of justice, equity and fair play, if this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to afford an opportunity of being heard to the caveator before passing any interim/interlocutory order in appeal/suit/plaint or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay filed or to be filed by any aggrieved persons in the interest of justice.			
PRAYER			
It is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to afford an opportunity of being heard to the caveator before passing any interim/interlocutory order in suit/plaint or any other miscellaneous application along with an application for stay filed or to be filed by any aggrieved persons against the caveator qua the construction work of 132 kV D/C Khellani-Kishtwar, in the interest of justice.			
		Caveator Through Counsel	
		Surjeet Singh Thakur	Advocate
Dated: 20-02-2026			

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:-			
The Caveator named above most respectfully submits as under:-			
1. That the Caveator, a Government of India Enterprise, is implementing the work of construction of 132 kV D/C Thathri Bhallessa Line on consultancy basis for Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL), in accordance with MoU dated 15th March 2022.			
2. That the work of construction of 132 kV Thathri Bhallessa transmission line is currently ongoing in District Doda and currently stringing work is pending on and between tower location no. 1-04at Village Lopa location no. 5 -11at Village Kalani, location no. 12-17 at Village Suwa, Location no. 18-20 at Village Donadhi, location no. 21-26at Village Piyakul location no. 27-31 at Village Kaharah, Tehsil Thathris well as location no.32-40 at Village Bathri, location 45-46 at Village Chinyas , location no.43-44/1 at Village Bambu, location 45-46 at Village Baryas Malikpura, location no.47-50 at Village Soren, location no.51-54 at Village Dravadi location 55-55/1 Bangroo, location no.55-56 at Village Salala, location no.59-61at Village Gowadi, location no.62-63at Village Neeli, location no.64at Village Dudwar, location no.65-67at Village Changaat Village Tehsil Gandhoo District Doda.			
3. That the caveator apprehends that the non caveator or any other person may file an Appeal, Petition, suit or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay against Caveator and by concealing material facts from this Hon'ble Court may succeed in getting some ex parte, interim/interlocutory order against the caveator herein.			
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