

# Make every possible effort in publicizing schemes of Modi Govt: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh has asked party workers to continue their efforts in making people aware about the achievements and schemes of Narendra Modi led Central Government through social media campaign.

"Social media is a major platform to get the party's ideology across to the masses. It helps common people in having direct links with the BJP," Tarun Chugh said while interacting with delegation of BJP Social Media team from Jammu and Kashmir, here on Friday.

He said in today's era, social media is the only weapon by which people with anti-national mentality can be defeated.

"Besides, efforts should be made to form WhatsApp groups in every district which would serve as a platform for exchanging information relating to the good work done by the Modi government," he said.



BJP Social Media team presenting memento to BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh.

The BJP General Secretary asked them to make every possible effort in publicizing the schemes of the Modi Government and bring awareness about the same amongst the eligible individuals through social media plat-

forms.

He asked J&K's social media team-mates to work towards strengthening the party's work by promoting various aspects on social media.

Tarun Chugh exhorted upon the

social media team that 2024 Parliamentary elections are fast approaching and he hope that social media team will play a vital role in establishing proper connect with every single citizen of Jammu and Kashmir with an aim to bring back Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of the country.

Earlier, Convener BJP J&K Social Media, Ankit Gupta, who led the delegation, apprised the senior BJP leader about the ongoing programmes of the Party in J&K Union Territory.

"Our team doing their best in promoting the policies, programmes and schemes of Central Government in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir through various social media platforms like facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Twitter, etc," Ankit said.

A delegation of BJP Social Media team from Jammu and Kashmir comprised of Nitish Mahajan, Co-Convener, Manjeet Jasrotia, Satish Jandyal and Bilal Parray.

## Five SPs, 28 DySPs reshuffled

**Deepika SP (Hq) Anantnag; Paramjeet Addl SP Kathua; Nikhil SDPO R S Pura; Vishal SDPO Domana; Akash SDPO Nagrota; Mudassar DySP (Hq) Rajouri; Manjit DySP (Hq) Kathua; Katoch SDPO Border Kathua**

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JAMMU: The Home Department on Friday transferred 33 police officers including five Superintendent of Police (SPs) and 28 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySPs).

Deepika, IPS (AGMUT:2018) has been posted as Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Anantnag and Gh Jeelani Wani (JKPS: 2001) has been posted as Commandant IR-5th Bn.

According to another order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Paramjeet Singh, Addl. SP Railways, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Kathua vice Suresh Kumar, who has been posted as Vice Principal, PTS, Kathua.

Sandeep Bhat, Dy. Commandant, 1st Women Bn has been transferred

and posted as Addl. SP Bandipora; Intiaz Ahmed, DySP PC Sangam as DySP (Ops.), Kunzer vice Aumer Iqbal. Intiaz Ahmed shall also hold the additional charge of the post of SDPO Tangmarg, till further orders.

Aumer Iqbal, DySP (Ops.), Kunzer, has been transferred and posted as DySP IR-10th Bn; Rashid Younis, DySP Hqrs Kupwara as Dy SP IR-8th Bn; Mohammad Usman, DySP Hqrs Samba as DySP IR-22nd Bn; Hamid Ail Banday, DySP Anti Corruption Bureau, upon his repatriation from ACB, has been posted as DySP PC, Surankote;

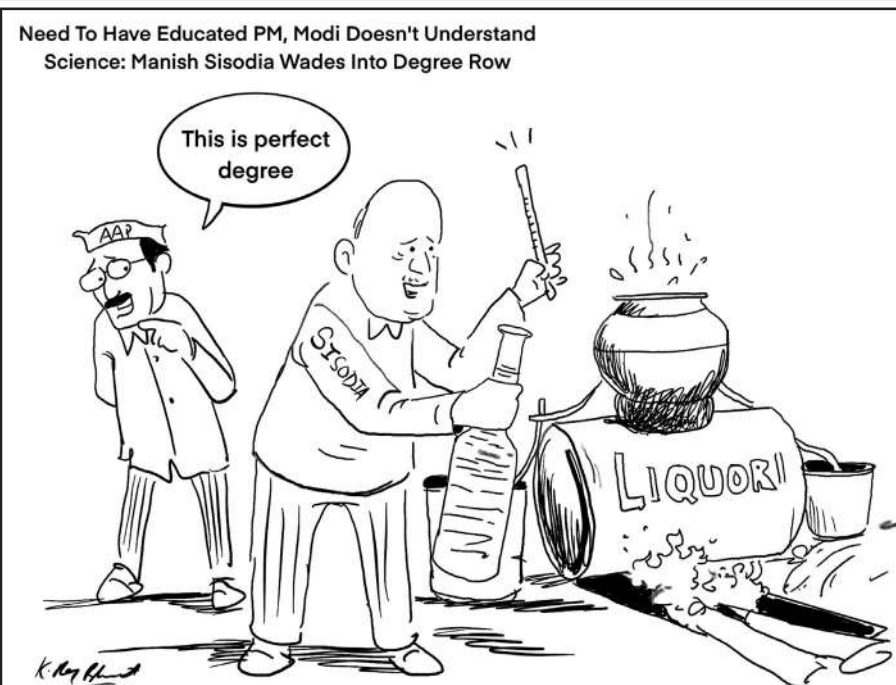
Sourabh Prashar, DySP (Prov.) Police Headquarters, as DySP (Hqrs.) Samba; Mohd. Amen Bhat, DySP Pahalgam as DySP IR-3rd Bn; DySP Hqrs. Anantnag shall hold the additional charge of the post of DySP Pahalgam, till further orders.

Pankaj Soodan, SDPO Border Kathua has been transferred and posted as DySP IR-24th Bn; Faraz Hussain Shah, SDPO PC Handwara, has been transferred and shall await orders of posting in Police Headquarters, J&K.

Dheraj Singh Katoch, DySP CID CI Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SDPO Border, Kathua; Nikhil Gogna, DySP Anti-Hijacking, Jammu as SDPO R.S. Pura; Tanveer Jeelani, DySP PC, Surankote as DySP IR-22nd Bn; Mudassar Hussain, DySP Civil Secretariat, Jammu, as DySP (Hqrs.) Rajouri; Zohaib Hassan, DySP PC, Rafiabab as SDPO Panthachowk; Sunil Singh, SDPO Domana as DySP IR-1st Bn.; Surinder Singh, SDPO RS Pura as DySP IR-5th Bn; Adil Mushtaq, attached with the Crime Branch, has been posted as DySP IR-17th Bn;

Javaid Ahmad, SDPO Tangmarg as DySP IR-11th Bn; Syed Sleet Shah, DySP PC, Srinagar as SDPO PC Handwara; Mohd Rafee Rather, DySP Traffic Srinagar as DySP (Hqrs.) Kupwara; Priyanka Kumari, SDPO Vijaypur as DySP 1st Women Bn; Shammi Kumar, DySP Hqrs Kathua as DySP IR-24th Bn; Akash Kohli, SDPO Basohli as SDPO Nagrota; Rohit Kumar, DySP PC Srinagar has been transferred and shall await orders of posting in Police Headquarters, J&K.

Manjit Singh, DySP IR-14th Bn has been transferred and posted as DySP (Hqrs.) Kathua; Chanchal Singh, DySP Hqrs Rajouri as DySP IR-16th Bn; Sultan Mirza, SDPO Nagrota as DySP IR-5th Bn; and Vishal Shoor, DySP, awaiting adjustment after promotion, has been posted as SDPO Domana.



## Former Minister, VC CUK, Ex-MLC call on LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during meeting with former Minister, Sukhnandan Choudhary and Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice Chancellor, CUK.

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JAMMU: Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Friday.

The VC discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of academic and administrative importance.

Sukhnandan Choudhary,

former Minister also met Lt Governor and put forth the various matters pertaining to speedy appointments by JKSSB, career progression, and creation of posts at SDH Marh. Later, Vibodh Gupta, former MLC also called on the Lt Governor and expressed gratitude for organising LG's Special Governance camps for

POJK DPs. He also submitted a memorandum of demands on the issues of public importance. The Lt Governor while interacting with the former minister and former MLA assured them that the concerns and issues that they have projected will be looked into earnestly for its redressal on merit.

## Banihal-Katra railway link: Digging work completed on T-14 tunnel

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JAMMU: The Northern Railway on Friday achieved yet another major milestone by breaking through T-14 tunnel between Sangaldan and Sawalkote stations on the 111-km under-construction Banihal-Katra railway link in Jammu and Kashmir; officials said.

Engineers and workers faced several challenges in the course of construction in such a shear zone, encountering flammable gases (methane), perched aquifer, highly jointed rock mass and high ingress of water; they said.

The officials said the digging work has been completed on the 6.284-kilometre tunnel between Sangaldan and Sawalkote station.

The breakthrough ceremony was done by a woman employee, Indu Paul Kaur of Awantipora in Kashmir; an engineer in IRCON, they said.

Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager, Northern Railway, said a major milestone was achieved by execution of breakthrough of T-14 main tunnel between Sawalkote and Sangaldan stations on the under-construction Katra-Banihal section.

"T-14 is a tunnel of length 6.284 km and the ends are located in two districts of Reasi and Ramban," he said. The tunnel portals are located

in remotest villages of Reasi and Ramban with no road connectivity prior to the start of tunnel construction, Chaudhuri said. The south portal of tunnel T-14 is located in Sawalkote village in Arnas tehsil, at a distance of 100 kilometre from the district headquarters of Reasi, at an altitude of 1,070 meters, while the north portal of the tunnel is located in Ind village of Gool tehsil in Ramban, at an altitude of 1,150 meters, the official said. He said the T-14 tunnel has two tubes - the main tunnel and the escape tunnel. The tunnel has been constructed using NATM (New Austrian Tunneling Method) methodology, which is an observational and sequential construction method, Chaudhuri added.

Out of 272-km length of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, 161-km has already been commissioned and operationalized, the officials said.

The work on 111-km stretch between the Katra-Banihal section traverses through hilly terrain of lower Himalayas, in which geology is a major challenge, they said.

The officials said the tunnel passes through complex geological conditions composing Murree formation at south end and Dolomite at north end, separated by Subathu formation.

## Third edition of Jammu film festival to begin today



Jammu Film festival director Rakesh Roshan Bhat talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: The third edition of the Jammu film festival will be held here from April 8 with films from 11 countries slated to be screened over two days of the event, officials said on Friday.

Over 50 feature films, short films, and documentaries from 11 countries, including India, Iran, France, Russia, and Italy, festival director Rakesh Roshan Bhat said. Renowned theatre and film personality M K Raina will be a guest at the festival, he said. "The second edition of the International film festival at Jammu will be held over two days from April 8 to 9 in Jammu city," he informed.

Bollywood actor Rahul Roy and television actress Deepika Singh will also attend the two-day festival to promote their film.

"The festival has also attracted delegates from many other states in India like Maharashtra, West Bengal,

Gujarat, Karnataka and Northeast," said Mushtaq Kak, the festival jury head.

Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) and the Jammu Tourism Department have partnered in organising the festival, he said. "It's heartening to see the response we've received, and we hope that this festival continues to grow and become a platform for filmmakers to showcase their work," the director said.

The festival's co-director, Rohit Bhat, said, "We received around 100 entries from 16 countries this year, and the quality of films was exceptional." JKAACL Secretary Bharat Singh Manhas praised the festival for providing a platform for artists from Jammu and Kashmir to showcase their talent and interact with filmmakers from other parts of the world. Abdul Jabbar, the Deputy Director

of the Tourism Department, highlighted the potential of the festival in promoting tourism in the region and enhancing the image of Jammu as a cultural hub. "As a jury head, it was a challenging task to select the best films from the entries received. But it was a great opportunity to be part of this festival, which is promoting local talent and creating a platform for filmmakers to showcase their work," Kak said. The first-ever international film festival was held in September 2019 in Jammu, the winter capital of the Union Territory. The other jury members include film makers Raahul Sharma, Kapil Mattoo, Ali Mohammad from Iran, actor Lalit Parimoo and film critic Amit Singh, he said.

Entries from Jammu and Kashmir have been particularly well-received, with a number of films by local filmmakers being featured in the festival. The festival has gained popularity in festival circuits and is considered a major event in the region's cultural calendar. IAS veteran Wing Comm Ashok Saraf, the advisor to the festival, said, "It's great to see the support that the festival has received from sponsors and others and I hope it continues to grow and become a significant platform for filmmakers in the region."

## Country won't forgive opposition for disrupting Parliament over Rahul's disqualification: Amit Shah

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KAUSHAMBI: Union Minister Yogi Adityanath, his deputies Keshav Prasad

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## Union Forest Secretary inspects Wullar conservation works

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BANDIPORA: Union Secretary of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (EF&CC), Leena Nandan, on Friday visited Bandipora and inspected Wullar lake conservation works being taken up by Wullar Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA).

Union Secretary was accompanied by Principal Secretary Forests Department, Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Executive Director, WUCMA, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed, SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, Coordinator WUCMA, DFO Bandipora, and other senior officers of the district.

Union Secretary inspected various conservation and ecotourism works being carried out by Wullar Conservation and Management Authority.

Chief Executive Director (CED) WUCMA briefed the Union Secretary about the progress made in the conservation process including dredging operations being carried out in different sections of the lake besides informing about future plans for developing Wullar as a top tourism destination.

It was informed that the dredging work was carried out in critically silted portions of the lake under which an area of 3.10 square kilometers was desilted under Wullar Action Plan thus enhancing the water holding capacity of the lake significantly.

The CED also briefed about the nature of catchment conservation works, biodiversity conservation works and eco-tourism development works that have been taken up under the Wullar Action Plan including construction of non-motorable road (pathway) around the lake.

The officers said that Wullar Lake is valuable asset of not only the district but for the whole UT and if the tourism potential here is exploited fully, it will entirely change the socio-economic condition of the local population of the district. They informed that there is a huge potential for Water Sports besides having huge fish stocks in the lake. The administration also intends to develop a golf club on one of the islands inside the Wullar, they added.

Union Secretary was appreciative of works taken up by the authority and said that the Union Government has prioritized conservation of this famous Lake with focus on tapping the vast eco-tourism potential of the site. She assured that the Union government will extend adequate funding for all requisite works needed to be executed in the lake for its development and beautification.

## Number of passports issued in J&K in past 3 years belie claims of common man being denied passport

**In 2017-18 several passports issued for terror training**

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JAMMU: Asserting that the number of passports issued belie the claims of common people being denied the passports, officials said on Friday that the security verifications preceding issue of passports is a high value public service.

Giving details of the verifications cleared in the past three years since 2022 in the Union Territory, the officials said that against receipt of 77686 passport verifications in 2020, 77644 (99.95%) cleared while in 2021 out of 75714 passport verifications received, 75176 (99.68%) were cleared and in 2022 out of 134315 passport verifications received, 128939 (99.61%) were cleared.

"It is important to note that J&K Police has detected as many as 54 young boys who were wrongly given passport service during

2017-18. Unfortunately, all of them went to Pakistan, were taken to terrorist camps, trained in arms, ammunition and explosives, many of them pushed back into J&K through LoC and 26 of them died while either crossing or during encounters in the hinterland. Lives of 12 of these young boys could be saved by the CID after their return from Pakistan, by bringing them under preventive custody so that terrorist-separatist syndicates do not succeed in pressuring them to join terror ranks. Eventually all of the 12 have been handed over to their families. Today they are alive and happily live amidst their mothers, sisters, brothers, fathers and friends. Unfortunately, 16 of them are still across and trapped in camps under control of hostile agencies. It is heartbreaking to know that

in some cases even parents had no idea that passport services have been extended to these boys of tender age. Intelligence and investigation has confirmed that in each and every case the visa to Pakistan was arranged at the behest of one or the other leader of a constituent party of Hurriyat. CID is committed to help the parents of vulnerable young persons in not falling prey to the death traps. J&K Police is committed to speedy and hassle free clearances for more than 99% who are 'clean and green' and a professional filtering of those who should be prevented from availing the service - some in their own interest and others in the interest of the public", they said.

The official was reacting to reports appearing in a section of media, saying that the J&K Police has come across

several items in the media - in print as well as electronic - suggesting that its intelligence and counter intelligence wing among other things is pressurizing litigants to withdraw from the process of redressing their grievances through courts of law. Ordinarily, law enforcement agencies do not rush to the public to discuss its work processes and procedures especially those that are legally ordained to be discreet in public interest.

Since some of the published items contain outrightly false assertions attributed to figures with public profile it has become necessary to point out the untruthfulness of the claims. On learning that accusations have been made that CID of J&K Police has pressurized a litigant to refrain from litigating in the High Court in connection with her passport related

grievances, a quick internal audit was carried out. J&K Police can affirm that the claim of such pressure is completely false. Nevertheless, officers are being detailed to approach the aggrieved person and ascertain details - who pressurized, when, where and under what circumstances so that the quick internal inquiry if found inadequate can be expanded to take suitable disciplinary action against the delinquent.

Unfortunately, the public person has apparently projected her personal grievance as also to be the grievance of the public in general in Kashmir. This is very problematic. J&K Police and its affiliates are public institutions and designed to serve public interest. Denigrating the community's own institutions for grievances that are personal on the basis of false accusations is self harm.