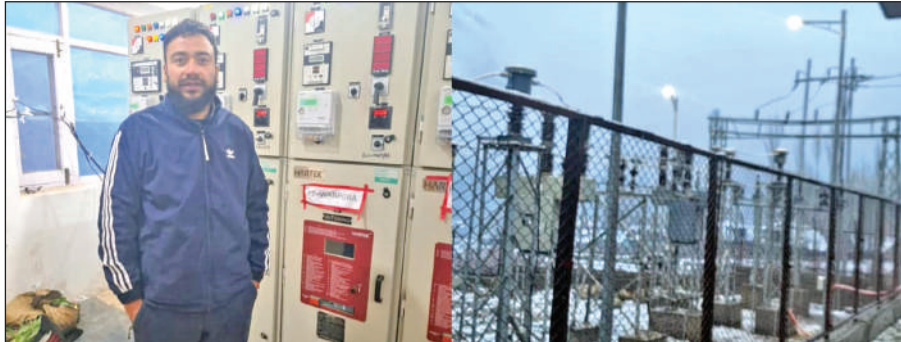


Grid-connectivity to Gurez restored fully

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: The grid-connected electricity supply to Gurez has been successfully restored on Sunday, with the 33KV line now charged up to Dawar Gurez after disruptions caused by recent heavy snowfall in the Razdan and Zadkhusi areas. The restoration of the 33KV Bandipora-Gurez line, completed up to Dawar, comes after severe weather conditions affected electricity supply through the grid in the area. During the disruption period, Gurez received electricity through diesel generators. Despite facing significant challenges due to heavy snowfall and adverse weather conditions, a dedicated team of 20 personnel from KPDCL and STD



Executive Engineer STD Ganderbal, Lenin Kumar at Grid Station.

Ganderbal/Bandipora undertook the task of retrieving the submerged line, buried under approximately 10 feet of snow at Razdan, and successfully re-erected and replaced 15 damaged HT poles in the tough stretch from Zadkhusi to Koragbal. This concerted effort led to the

swift restoration of grid-connected electricity to Gurez. Executive Engineer STD Ganderbal, Lenin Kumar, informed that the 33KV Gurez-Bandipora line has been successfully charged up to Dawar today, following recent disruptions due to heavy snowfall.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman, commended the efforts of KPDCL and STD Ganderbal/Bandipora, highlighting the untiring efforts of field teams and coordinated teamwork despite facing harsh weather conditions. It is noteworthy that District Administration, Bandipora took up the issue on a mission mode, conducting several meetings with concerned stakeholders and assigning senior officers including ADDC,

ADC & SDM Gurez to monitor and assist field efforts on a daily basis to ensure the earliest restoration of electricity to Gurez. The successful restoration within the stipulated timeline marks a significant milestone, considering the challenging terrain that the transmission line traverses through, including the Razdan Pass, situated at an altitude of 12,672 feet above sea level, and the treacherous Zadkhusi stretch on the Bandipora-Gurez Road. The grid-connected electricity to Gurez has fulfilled a long-awaited demand of the local population and provides a significant relief to residents, hoteliers, restaurants, etc. It shall go a long way to further boost tourism-related activities in the border region, where electricity was previously provided through diesel generators with limited load capacity for only 5-7 hours during the night.

HKM Degree College bids farewell to outgoing batch



HKM Degree College students and dignitaries at an event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: The Student Council HKM Degree College Bandipora under the guidance of Seminar and Debates Committee on Sunday organised a farewell programme bidding adieu to the outgoing batch of students. On the occasion, Prof. Sajad Manzoor, Convener of the Seminar and Debates Committee, expressed his strong rapport with the students and offered sincere

wishes for their success in their academic endeavours. Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Masood Ahmad Malik also extended his best wishes to the outgoing students. He appreciated 4th-semester students for orchestrating the programme smoothly. He also emphasized the need to revive Bandipora's reputation for knowledge and highlighted the importance of developing reading habits, stating that they contribute to personal per-

fection. The event was marked by various performances and presentations, including the singing of College Tarana and a traditional Kashmiri Rouf by a group of girls, adorned in captivating traditional Kashmiri attire. Additionally, powerful speeches expressing gratitude and well wishes were delivered, accompanied by musical renditions ranging from inspiring tunes to nostalgic melodies, and even regional language performances with live instrumental accompaniments. Dance performances were also a highlight, captivating the audience and adding a vibrant touch to the proceedings. Among others who spoke at the occasion were, Prof. G. M. Khan, from the Faculty of English and Dr. Mohammad Sheikh-ul-Ashraf, senior Faculty in the Department of Botany.

Dist Admin bids farewell to outgoing SSP Al Tahir Gillani



DC Budgam, Akshay Labroo felicitating outgoing SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gillani.

STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: The District Administration Budgam on Sunday organized a Farewell function for the outgoing SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gillani on his transfer and welcomed Nikhil Borkar for assuming the charge as new SSP Budgam. In this regard a farewell function was held at Dak Bunglow, here, where Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo appreciated outgoing SSP for his cooperation and coordination in maintaining peaceful law and order situation in Budgam. The DC praised him for his

excellent work in all areas and appreciated him for his remarkable contribution towards the civil-police coordination in the district. The DC said that outgoing SSP is the prime example of a gentleman, efficient & a successful police officer. The DC further said that he will always remember outgoing SSP for his wise counsel on various important matters of the district. ADC Budgam, Mehrraj-ud-Din Shah, ASP Budgam, Ragav S were among other officers who extended their best wishes to both new and outgo-

ing SSPs for their new assignments. The officers from both civil and police administration also spoke on the occasion and appreciated that outgoing SSP shall be remembered for his humility and employee and public friendly approach during his tenure as SSP Budgam. Speaking on the occasion, new SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar said that he would give his best to deliver up to the expectations of the general public. Addressing the gathering, outgoing SSP Budgam thanked the DC Budgam and all senior officers of both civil and police administration for their support throughout his tenure. He emphasized that coordination between civil and police administration has been a key factor in maintaining peaceful situation in the district. CPO Budgam, ACR, SDMs, SDFOs and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

EO Baramulla PC reviews poll preparations in Budgam

STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: Expenditure Observer for Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Sita Ram Meena on Sunday reviewed preparations for the ensuing Lok Sabha Elections in Budgam. In this regard, the Election Expenditure Observer chaired a meeting of officers at Conference Hall, Budgam. District Election Officer (DEO), Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Akshay Labroo and SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar were also present in the meeting. At the outset, the Election Expenditure Observer held interaction with the District Expenditure Monitoring Team, all AROs and Nodal Officers. He emphasized that all



EO Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Sita Ram Meena reviewing preparations for ensuing Lok Sabha Elections in Budgam.

accounts be monitored strictly and ensure only valid expenditures are made and no illegal means are used to influence or induce voters by any contesting candidate or the party. The Bankers were advised to ensure ECI guidelines are adhered to strictly and proper monitoring and seizures are carried out against suspicious transactions or

movement of cash. The Election Expenditure Observer called for proper maintaining of expenditure records, truthful accounts, facilitation of candidates, legal expenditure within the permissible limit and expenditure booking by the contesting candidates as per the ECI guidelines. While briefing the chair, the DEO Budgam deliberat-

ed upon the overall preparations to ensure level playing field for all stakeholders to ensure free, fair and smooth conduct of elections in the district. He said that all ECI guidelines shall be implemented in letter and spirit in the district and all efforts are made to ensure high voter turnout in the district. The DEO also briefed the

Expenditure Observer about the functioning of MCMC, monitoring all media platforms in double shift in the district, deployment of SST, FST, VVT and teams, arrangements for senior citizens, PWDS, minority and Migrant voters in the district. SSP Budgam, briefed the chair on overall security arrangements being put up for smooth conduct of elections in the district. Nodal Officer Election Expenditure Monitoring, Budgam, Showkat Ali Rather through a power point presentation, presented district profile and deliberated on overall preparations. All AROs, Nodal Officers and other concerned officers also attended the meeting.



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