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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday released a commemorative postage stamp to honour the contributions of Late Wazir Mohd Hakla Poonchi, renowned Gujjar Leader, social worker and writer.

In his address, the Lt Governor recalled the significant contribution of Wazir Mohd Hakla Poonchi in socio-economic upliftment of the Gujjar Bakarwal community of J&K.

"Wazir Mohd Hakla Poonchi has played a vital role for the cause of national integration and dedicated his life for the upliftment of the downtrodden sections of the society. He always advocated for safeguarding the rights of Scheduled Tribes and led the movement demanding Tribe status to Gujjars Bakarwals," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also threw light on the lifelong campaigns of Wazir Mohammad to inspire the youth of the Gujjar Bakarwal community to work towards nation building and selflessly serve the society.

Following his footsteps, the members of the Gujjar Bakarwal community have made their valuable contribution to the security and development of this great nation, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards empowering and safeguarding the rights of every section of the society, especially the tribal community.

He called upon the members of tribal community to help the administration in destroying the network of terror and drugs by providing correct information to the security agencies.

Our Gujjar Bakarwal community have always stood firm with the security forces against the enemies. We must identify and isolate those aiding and abetting the terror ecosystem, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Shamsheer Rana Hakla Poonchi, expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lt Governor led UT Administration for honouring the contribution of his father, Late Wazir Mohd Hakla Poonchi, to the nation.

Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh; Amitabh Singh, Chief Postmaster General, J&K Circle; family members of Wazir Mohd Hakla Poonchi, prominent personalities and members of the Gujjar Bakarwal community were present.

Tazeem Akhter, Chairperson, District Development Council Poonch; Ch. Mohd. Yasin, Deputy Commissioner Poonch and former legislators were also present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

- Recalls significant contribution of Wazir Mohd Hakla in socio-economic upliftment of Gujjar Bakarwal community of J&K
- Says he always advocated for safeguarding rights of Scheduled Tribes, led movement demanding Tribe status to Gujjars Bakarwals
- Renowned Gujjar Leader, social worker and writer played vital role for cause of national integration; dedicated his life for upliftment of downtrodden sections of society



DC Jammu chairs Block Diwas at Jhiri



Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing Block Diwas programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired Block Diwas at Yatri Niwas, Kalyanpur Jhiri in block Marh on Wednesday.

The event was marked with prominent participation of DDC Chairman Jammu Bharat Bhushan and DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, among other officials and public representatives.

During the public meeting, several issues and grievances were raised by the attendees including the maintenance of power lines, provisions pertaining to ration cards, the development of lanes and drains, and the need for a playground in the area.

DC Sachin Kumar Vaishya took meticulous note of all the grievances and concerns raised. He gave special consideration to border security suggestions put forth by the public. In a significant engagement, the DC met with representatives of a female-only Self Help Group, inquiring about their operations and assuring full support for their progress and growth.

Acknowledging the interrelation between power and water supply, the DC emphasised the importance of addressing these issues holistically. He reminded the public that Block Diwas is a vital platform for raising both public and individual grievances, highlighting the government's commitment to reaching the public's doorstep to facilitate them.

The event saw the presence of CPO Uttam Singh, ACD Dr. Vikas Sharma, SDM Marh Manu Hansa, and other district officers and public representatives.

Bhushan highlighted that a significant portion of the Jal Jeevan Mission works had been completed, urging for the remaining works to be finished promptly. He suggested maintaining standby machinery to handle any emergencies related to JJM projects.

The Chairman also addressed the need for repairs to kuhl heads and road projects, echoing the public's request for their development and maintenance. Deputy Director Employment Mukhlis Ali provided special awareness regarding various self-employment schemes offered by the UT government.

DG, IT North West Region visits Srinagar to celebrate 165th Income Tax Day



Director General of Income Tax, North West Region, Monica Bhatia welcoming to Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Director General of Income Tax, North West Region, Monica Bhatia, IRS 1990, graced the Income Tax Office of the Investigation Wing at Srinagar to celebrate the 165th Income Tax Day.

With the jurisdiction of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, Monica gave the message of honesty, commitment, integrity and efficiency to the officers of the Income Tax Department.

The officers were directed to uphold the principles of taxpayer service and facilitation with a focus on expansion of tax base in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Surinder Kumar, IRS 1991, was also present and encouraged the officers to administer the Income Tax Act in fair and transparent manner.

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Wednesday reviewed the status of Power Supply in the districts of Jammu Division.

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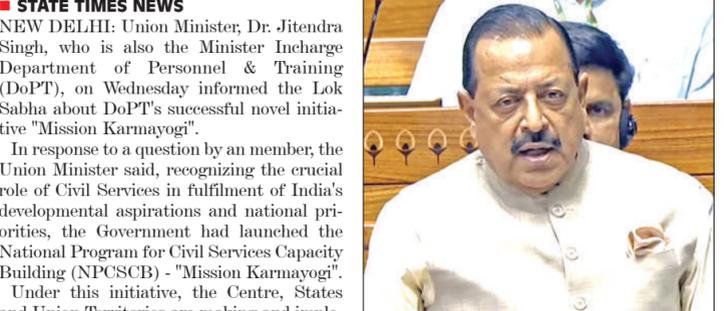
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Directing the officials of Power department for minimizing Power curtailments, the Div Com asked them to resolve the bottlenecks in transmission and distribution network, if any.

The Div Com took appraisal of the Power Supply situation in all Districts of Jammu Division from the Deputy Commissioners who apprised him on the power supply, curtailments schedules and response time in their respective districts.

He also reviews the supply of Power supply for agricultural purposes and in the remote and far flung areas of the Division.

Dr Jitendra informs Lok Sabha about DoPT's 'Mission Karmayogi'



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is also the Minister Incharge Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), on Wednesday informed the Lok Sabha about DoPT's successful novel initiative "Mission Karmayogi".

In response to a question by a member, the Union Minister said, recognizing the crucial role of Civil Services in fulfilment of India's developmental aspirations and national priorities, the Government had launched the National Program for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) - "Mission Karmayogi".

Under this initiative, the Centre, States and Union Territories are making and implementing Capacity-Building plans for civil servants.

Dr Jitendra further informed that the Government has also launched an integrated online training platform, iGOT Karmayogi, to provide continuous learning opportunities for lakhs of government employees to upgrade their skills and facilitate people-centric approach.

The Civil Services Training Institutes are also being encouraged to collaborate with other Institutions, Universities, Research Institutions, especially leading domestic and international institutions to bring immersive experiential learning content, faculty, research, to the training, preferably on a reciprocal basis.

In reply to another question in the same House, Dr Jitendra replied that lateral recruitment, at the levels of Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary in Government of India, has been undertaken since 2018 to appoint persons for specific assignments, keeping in view their specialized knowledge and expertise in the domain area.

So far 63 appointments have been made through lateral entry out of which 35 appointments have been from the private sector. Presently, 57 officers are in position in Ministries/Departments, he stated.

Poonch gunfight: Rich tributes paid to martyr

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior Army, civil and police officers on Wednesday joined a wreath-laying ceremony to pay rich tributes to the martyred soldier, who lost his life in a gunfight with terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district.

Lance Naik Subhash Chander sacrificed his life during a gunfight in the Battal area of Krishna Ghati sector early Tuesday as the Army scuttled an infiltration attempt by a group of terrorists from across the border.

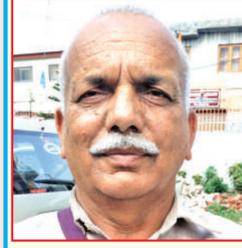
The wreath-laying ceremony to pay homage to the martyr was held at the Indian Air Force (IAF) station here this afternoon before the mortal remains of the brave-heart were sent to his home town in Uttar Pradesh, officials said.

General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva led the wreath-laying ceremony which was also attended by IAF officers.

Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police of Jammu zone, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and other senior civil and police officers also laid wreaths and saluted the soldier, officials said.

There has been a spurt in terror activities in Jammu in recent months, raising fears about the revival of militancy in the region.

UNION BUDGET 2024-25: WHAT STAKEHOLDERS SAY

 <p>Deepak Gupta, Warehouse President This Budget will benefit the youth, women, unemployed and others. The Modi Government has focused on the overall growth in every sector. The Union Budget has been designed, keeping in mind the welfare of every citizen of the country.</p>	 <p>Sangeeta Gupta, Homemaker First of all, I am filled with immense joy, witnessing women empowerment exemplified at the center, especially with the re-induction of Nirmala Sitaraman as the Finance Minister of the country. She has made history by becoming the first minister to present Budget seven times in row. Such achievements are truly inspiring for women everywhere. Moreover, the Budget promises numerous initiatives aimed at welfare of women and youth. The decline in the prices of gold and silver is also reassuring. I am happy with the government's efforts.</p>	 <p>Ravi Singh Bhav, President Border Area, Kisan Committee This year's Budget seems to be more effective compared to previous ones, presented by the government. The thing that I found the most impressive was the comprehensive consideration of all segments of society, ranging from farmers, children and youth to the economically challenged. Various schemes and policies have been laid out for everyone. I am optimistic that the taxes we pay will reach back to us in the form of welfare initiatives and reforms by the government.</p>
 <p>Rahul, Businessman As the owner of an electronics shop, I am contended with the Budget proposal. The major development in terms of electronics has been reduction in the prices of hardware and mobile phones. However, a rise in the pricing of SIM cards and recharge plans is somewhat offsetting despite relief in the phone pricing. But, this will help in the increase in sales, and can be seen as beneficial from the economic standpoint.</p>	 <p>Sanjay Gupta, President Vyapar Mandal Vikram Chowk Jammu The government has done some good things, but not entirely. Regarding the items that have become cheaper due to government policies, we do not benefit at all. We cannot afford to buy gold or silver. Those who have money can buy them. The common public is not seeing any benefit in this budget, especially as there is nothing significant for them in it. In my opinion, the budget is neither good nor bad, just okay.</p>	 <p>Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor Department of Training, BJP, J&K We appreciate the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Dr. Nirmala Sitharaman, highlighting comprehensive vision for inclusive development. The Budget will significantly impact India's progress towards becoming a developed nation. The emphasis of the Budget on infrastructure development, substantial allocations for highways, railways and ports will prove to be game changer in these sectors. The investment is poised to enhance connectivity, stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and improve the ease of doing business, thereby attracting more investments into the country. The Budget lays strong focus on the agricultural sector, which includes increased funding aimed at modernizing farming practices and ensuring better price realization for farmers.</p>