

PM lays foundation stone for POWERGRID's Transmission System

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TAMIL NADU: Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone for the Transmission System being built by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' CPSE under the Ministry of Power, Government of India for evacuation of power from Kudankulam Unit-3 & 4 (2x1000 MW) power plant in a function held at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu on 27th July 2025.

The scheme being implemented by POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited under Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) project includes construction of 400 kV D/C (quad) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (3&4)-Tuticorin-II GIS PS Transmission Line & two 400 kV GIS Line Terminal equipments at Tuticorin-II GIS.

R. N. Ravi, Governor, Tamil Nadu, Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu, Union Minister



Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, laying the foundation stone for the Transmission System being built by POWERGRID.

of Civil Aviation, Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Thangam Thenarasu Minister of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu, P. Geetha Jeevan, Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tamil Nadu, Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP and senior officials from the central and state government and POWERGRID were present during the ceremony.

The project will facilitate the evacuation of 2 GW of clean and sustainable nuclear power to beneficiary states and Union Territories, including Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Puducherry, to meet the growing energy demands of the region.

This transmission infrastructure also supports India's ambitious target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030, making a significant contribution to the nation's

energy transition, security, and commitment to a greener future.

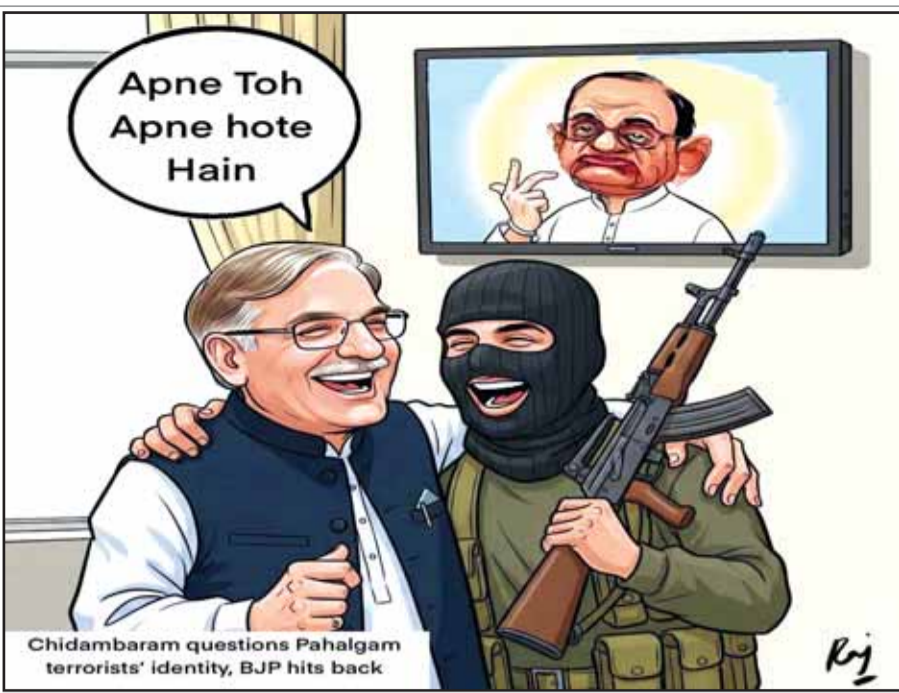
As of 30th June 2025, POWERGRID has commissioned and is operating 284 Sub-stations and more than 1,80,533 ckm transmission lines and 5,66,831 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of the latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain an average transmission system

availability of more than 99.84%.

Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta pays obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

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KATRA: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Tuesday visited the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji in Katra and paid obeisance at the sacred cave temple.

This was his first visit to the revered shrine after assuming charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. On the occasion, he prayed for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of the people of Ladakh,



Lt Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta during visit to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

Jammu & Kashmir, and the entire nation. LG Gupta expressed hope that with the blessings of Mata Rani, the region will continue to march ahead on the path of development and harmony.

CS reviews readiness for 'Sampoornata Samman' awards

Top government performers to be honoured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting of the Planning Department to review preparations for the upcoming Union Territory-level 'Sampoornata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh'.

The event is being organized to felicitate districts and blocks that have shown exceptional performance in achieving saturation under the nationwide Sampoornata Abhiyan.



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing high-level meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Planning Department, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma; Director General, Economics & Statistics; Director, Planning; and other senior officers. Deputy Commissioners of the Aspirational Districts participated via video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also took stock of preparations for district-level felicitation events being organized to honour the frontline workers and block-level officers who played a crucial role in implementation of the programme. He interacted with the Deputy Commissioners individually, reviewed their progress and directed them to ensure proper arrangements and dignified conduct of these events.

Highlighting the impact of the three-month Sampoornata Abhiyan campaign (July 4 - September 30, 2024), the Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts of the officers and field teams. The campaign, launched by NITI Aayog, focused on achieving 100% saturation in six critical indicators

spanning health, nutrition, education, agriculture, infrastructure and livelihoods.

Providing a detailed overview, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma informed that both Aspirational Districts of J&K Baramulla and Kupwara have achieved saturation across all six key indicators. Based on performance, the recognitions in the shape of Gold Medals shall be awarded to DDCs of Aspirational Districts that had saturated all six indicators including that of Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Kulgam and Reasi. Besides, the Silver Medals had been proposed for the DDCs of Pulwama, Ramban and Kishtwar districts with saturation of five indicators and a Copper Medal to DDC of Rajouri district for achieving saturation in three indicators.

Among the Aspirational Blocks, Tulail, Singhpora, Manzzgam, Keran and Thakrakote have accomplished full saturation. Three others Marwa, Khari and Ichegozha have saturated five indicators, while Khwas achieved saturation in three.

Noteworthy performance improvements were also recorded. Ichegozha (Pulwama) improved its composite score by +9.13 points, reaching Rank 2 in March 2025. Tulail (Bandipora) rose by +6.66 points, securing Rank 8 with a score of 68.90.

The campaign positively impacted around 12.64 lakh people nearly 10.3% of the population across 44 identified backward blocks, driving progress in sectors such as agriculture, health, education, water supply, irrigation, and power infrastructure.

To honour these achievements, the Sampoornata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh will recognize District Development Commissioners, block-level officers and frontline workers.

For successful conduct of the event, NITI Aayog has sanctioned Rs 10 lakh for the UT-level function and Rs 5 lakh to each district for organizing district-level felicitation programmes.

A key highlight of the event will be the launch of

"Akanksha Haat", a week-long initiative aimed at showcasing local innovation and entrepreneurship. NITI Aayog has provided an additional Rs 5 lakh per district to support this initiative across the aspirational districts of the country.

PC deliberates on constitutional rights, protocol of legislators

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SRINAGAR: The Privileges Committee (PC) of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to discuss matters related to the constitutional privileges and entitlements of legislators.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Nizamuddin Din Bhat and attended by members of the committee including Vikram Randhawa, Javid Riyaz (Bedar), Salman Sagar, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Bharat Bhushan and Javid Iqbal. Also present were Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), M. Raju; Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Achal Sethi; and Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Neeraj Kumar and Secretary Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita.

The Chairman stressed the need for a well-defined framework to safeguard the dignity, autonomy and effective functioning of elected representatives. The Committee resolved that a detailed report concerning the privileges and protocol issues of legislators be compiled and submitted within a stipulated time frame. The Chairman expressed confidence in collective efforts and commitment of the Committee members, reaffirming their role in upholding the integrity of the institution. He assured that the Committee would cooperate and perform within its defined mandate to continue contributing for the public welfare. The meeting witnessed active participation from members, who shared insightful suggestions and feedback on various issues.

IGP Jammu conducts infrastructure review at Commando Training Centre Sunjwan



IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti during visit to Commando Training Centre at Sunjwan.

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JAMMU: In a focused effort to evaluate training preparedness and infrastructure standards, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, on Tuesday visited the Commando Training Centre (CTC) at Sunjwan.

The visit formed part of a broader review of the facilities supporting the specialized training of J&K Police

personnel engaged in operational duties.

Accompanied by senior officers, the IGP conducted a detailed inspection of key infrastructure components, including barracks, training grounds, the firing range, lecture halls, canteen, and other logistical facilities.

He received a comprehensive briefing from the Principal CTC regarding the center's operational status

and the conduct of various commando training modules held in recent months.

Recognizing the increasing complexity of policing and counter-terror operations, the IGP underscored the need for continuous modernization.

He called for enhanced physical training environments, and a strategic focus on psychological resilience training for commandos.

He also emphasized the

need to equip personnel with not only superior tactics but also the infrastructure to support high-end training.

The IGP further directed that immediate attention be paid to areas requiring repair, reinforcement, or replacement.

He recommended a systematic assessment of current facilities and suggested that infrastructure upgrades must go hand-in-hand with curricular advancements in commando instruction. Maintenance, cleanliness, and functionality were identified as non-negotiable aspects of the training environment.

Senior officers including the DIG JSK Range, SO to IGP Jammu, SSP Spl Ops & Trg, SP PC Jammu, Dy CO IR 14th Battalion, SDPO Jammu East, IC Provisions and IC Estates, ZPHQ Jammu and ICPP Chatta were present during the visit.

Div Com forms Joint Committee to study Birds related hazards at Jammu Airport

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar on Tuesday chaired a meeting to discuss measures for preventing birds related hazards at the Jammu Airport.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC; AOC Air force Station Jammu; Vice Chairman JDA; ADDC Jammu; CEO Cantonment Board Jammu and representatives of AAI.

The meeting discussed the issue of Birds hazard originating from surrounding areas of the Jammu Airport. It was informed that the accumulation of garbage and dumping of waste attract the birds that fly over the periphery of the Airport.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the JMC, JDA and CEO Cantonment Board Jammu for implementing a robust garbage disposal mechanism in the areas



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

surrounding the Jammu Airport. He further asked them for issuing prohibitory orders and awareness drives for prevention of garbage dumping that attracts birds.

The Divisional Commissioner also constituted a Committee under ADDC

Jammu Sher Singh with members from JDA, JMC, Cantonment Board Jammu, AAI Jammu and Air Force Station Jammu to conduct the field visit and submit a report within a week, suggesting effective measures to prevent the Birds related hazards at the Jammu Airport.

'RSSDI Foundation Day'

Dr Jitendra proposes mass campaign for prevention of Diabetes in young

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Addressing the Foundation Day ceremony of the Research Society for Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI), the largest organisation of Diabetes scholars, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, himself a noted Diabetologist and veteran Patron of the RSSDI, on Tuesday proposed a mass campaign for prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in the young. At the same time, he cautioned against Diabetes disinfection which tends to be spread, sometimes inadvertently, from certain quarters.

The event was held under the theme: "RSSDI - Past, Present and Future" at the India International Centre, here.

RSSDI was founded on this day in 1972 in Delhi. All the Past Presidents and all the veteran Patrons of the 53 year old RSSDI, from across the country, had travelled down to attend the event at Delhi, the city where the first ever meeting of the RSSDI was held.

Dr. Jitendra, himself a globally renowned endocrinologist with



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, posing for a photograph with the Past National Presidents and Veterans of the RSSDI on the occasion of 'RSSDI Foundation Day' at India International Centre, New Delhi on Tuesday.

over three decades of clinical experience before assuming public office, strongly countered the prevailing myths around diabetes and other metabolic disorders.

He expressed concern that India continues to be labelled the "Diabetes Capital of the World", with every third Indian affected by some form of metabolic dysfunction.

Reinforcing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's national health

vision, Dr. Jitendra reiterated the target of reducing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by 10%, particularly those associated with fatty liver, visceral fat and obesity. He emphasized that public health messaging must go beyond medical publications and into institutionalized outreach to common citizens.

Calling for evidence-based health awareness, Dr. Singh gave a firm dictum "Treat Diabetes before it

Occurs- Prevention better than cure".

Calling the event a bridge between generations of medical leadership, Dr. Jitendra paid tribute to Prof Dr. M.M. Ahuja, the first President of RSSDI. He recalled how early publications and monographs from RSSDI have achieved seminal academic importance and continue to be cited widely.

The Minister also acknowledged

the evolution of RSSDI from a purely academic entity to a consultative body shaping national dialogue on diabetes prevention and management.

Highlighting a recent landmark study under the Indian Prevention of Diabetes Study (IPDS) led by Prof. S.V. Madhu, Dr. Jitendra shared that the findings-showing Yoga's proven effectiveness in preventing diabetes-have been submitted to the Ministry of Health,

with the intervention of Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda.

The Minister advocated for an institutionalized national awareness-where research outcomes translate into mass benefits, including for high-risk groups. The Minister also addressed and debunked popular myths, such as the belief in "one meal a day", urging a more scientific understanding of meal quality and quantity in diabetes care.

The meeting was coordinated by Prof. S.V. Madhu, past President, and attended by prominent dignitaries including Prof. P.V. Rao, past President; Dr. Vijay Viswanathan, President, RSSDI; and Dr. Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, RSSDI. Past presidents and senior patrons from across the country participated in the deliberations.

The gathering reviewed five decades of RSSDI's journey, celebrating its growth from an initial 20-member organization to a globally recognized scientific body.