

# LG inaugurates state-of-the-art CT Scan Centre at 92 Base Hospital Srinagar

‘Lauds role of SFs in maintaining peace’

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the State-of-the-Art CT Scan Centre at 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the doctors and entire team of 92 Base Hospital for getting the CT Scan Centre equipped with modern facilities. He expressed gratitude to the National Stock Exchange Foundation for their CSR initiative and collaboration with the Armed Forces.

"It is reaffirmation of our promise to provide best possible care to brave combatants who serve on the frontlines with the motto of 'Seva Parmo Dharm' and risking their lives for our safety and security," the Lt Governor said.

This is a symbol of our unwavering commitment to our soldiers and



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ensuring that they receive the exceptional care they deserve, he added. The Lt Governor lauded the role of security forces in maintaining peace and a secured environment in UT of J&K. He called upon every section of

society, corporate and organizations to come together as one unit, one team and discharge their responsibilities towards creating better facilities for our valiant soldiers.

The Lt Governor commended the efforts of doctors and nursing staff of 92 Base Hospital in meeting both the preventive and curative needs for better health of jawans of security forces. He said the new facility will ensure quick diagnosis and help in providing better treatment.

The Lt Governor also took round of the CT Scan Centre and inspected the facilities.

Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Ashish Kumar Chauhan, Managing Director & CEO, National Stock Exchange, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Brig Rajeshwar Sharma, and senior officers of Army and UT Administration were present.

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## Books of utility are knowledge treasures which shape our collective future: Dr Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi and others releasing a book.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SOPORE: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today released the book 'Need & Importance of Public Administration in Present Era' by Dr Nazrul Islam at a function held at Sopore.

Dr Darakhshan hailed the young writer from North Kashmir for this wonderful book of utility for our future managers in Public Administration.

After felicitating the young

writer Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr Andrabi said that the youth of India were the real power of modern India and the knowledge updation of our young minds innovate and lead the country to new arenas of excellence.

"Books of utility are the knowledge treasures which shape our future. The compilations and creative expressions of our young innovative and updated youth are paving way for our progressive and developing futures", said Dr

Darakhshan. She said that it was satisfyingly to see our youth embracing positivity and spreading it around us.

"Our youth are now writing books, creating new worlds of contributing spaces, innovating and making remarkable mark in their respective fields. New J&K for our youth is not of hate, separatism and destruction, but of positive outpours, great contributions and big dreams", said Waqf Board Chairperson.

## Sham Lal advocates for enhanced religious tourism in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: State Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, delivered a fervent call for the augmentation of religious tourism in the Jammu region.

Speaking at the ceremonial flagging-off of the Buddha Amarnath Yatra, an annual pilgrimage from Akhnor to Poonch, Sharma emphasized the imperative of facilitating religious tourism as an essential catalyst for growth and harmony.

Sharma expressed his conviction that a substantial upliftment in religious tourism is indispensable to harness the region's spiritual, cultural, and economic potential.

"In recent times, we have seen an impressive surge in



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma flagging off Buddha Amarnath Yatra from Akhnor.

the number of devotees flocking to the holy sites in the Jammu region," noted Sharma.

"It is our duty to ensure that these sacred destinations are accessible and well-equipped to accommodate the growing footfall of pilgrims," he said.

Commending the efforts of the LG (Lieutenant

Governor) administration in ensuring the tranquility and success of the Amarnath Yatra, Sharma underscored the vital role that religious tourism plays in fostering communal harmony and interfaith understanding.

"The peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra exemplifies the unity and cooperation that can be achieved

through the medium of religious pilgrimages," he remarked.

Furthermore, Sharma drew attention to the recent international acknowledgment of Hindu cultural identity. "The resonance of 'Jai Shri Ram' in the United Kingdom, as well as the proud proclamation of Hindu faith by their Prime Minister, stands as a

testament to the global recognition of our cultural heritage and spirituality," he asserted.

The Jammu region boasts a rich tapestry of revered religious destinations, including Baba Mai Mal, Shiv Khori, and Mangla Mata. These sites are interconnected through a spiritual thread that binds communities and fosters a sense of shared devotion.

Other prominent individuals who were present include Mahant Rameshwar Dass, National Sangchalak Surya Narayan former MLA Dr. Krishan Lal, DDC Member Bushan Bral, Prabhari SC Morecha Jagdish Bhagat, SP Rural Rahul Charak, SDM Akhil Sadhotra, SDPO Akhnor Mohan Lal, DySP (DAR) K D Bhagat, and SHO Akhnor Zaheer Manhas.

## 'Anusandhan Foundation' aims at equitable funding, democratisation of resources: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address at a workshop on "Capacity Building for Science and Technology" at New Delhi on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: "Anusandhan National Research Foundation" (ANRF), passed by the Parliament last week, aims at equitable funding and democratisation of resources in research and academics.

This was stated here on Friday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh while delivering keynote address at a workshop on Capacity Building for Science and Technology.

Dr Jitendra called for more and more Private Research

Foundations to be assimilated with Government Scientific Departments for Technology-led Development of India. He called for equitable funding of scientific research and bringing in greater private participation.

The Minister emphasised that the ANRF envisaged by PM Narendra Modi will catapult India to the league of developed nations pioneering new research in new frontiers.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, ANRF will have to nudge companies to invest in R&D. He

added that the Government is planning a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) entity for which Rs 36,000 Cr of the research funding is to come from the private sector, mostly industry whereas Government will put Rs 14,000 Cr for the same, to ensure greater participation of industry.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that India is now launching cutting-edge technological breakthroughs in tandem with the Developed countries of the world and gave the example of the National Quantum Mission (NQM) and international laurels in the Space sector.

Adil Zainulbhai, Chairman, Capacity Building Commission, Prof. Ajay Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Dr Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, DBT, Praveen Pardeshi, Member(Admin) CBC and many senior Scientists and officials took part in the workshop.

## Jammu Mayor continues 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign Pays tributes to martyrs, luminaries who contributed to progress, well being of our nation



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma paying tributes to martyrs.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The Mayor of Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Friday continued the campaign 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' and paid heartfelt tributes to the indomitable spirit of martyrs and luminaries who have contributed to the progress and well being of our nation.

It is pertinent to mention here that this campaign was launched with great fervour with aim to encapsulate the profound sacrifices and unwavering dedication that have shaped our nation's journey.

Rajinder Sharma continued this campaign from Amrit Sarovar Pond, Deeli in Ward number 55 that witnessed a gathering comprising Ward Councillor, families of martyrs, officers of JMC and other imminent per-

sonalities, all united by the spirit of patriotism.

Speaking on the occasion the Mayor expressed profound gratitude to the martyrs and luminaries who have contributed for the progress of our nation and he emphasised on campaign's significance in preserving their legacy.

"This visionary initiative

truly summarizes our collective dedication to the cherished ideals of freedom and progress that have shaped our nation's journey. 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' is poised to ignite a profound sense of belonging among every citizen. It is a call to action that seeks to inspire and empower, fos-

tering a deep connection with our land and heritage while galvanizing individuals to contribute actively to the holistic growth of our great nation," said Mayor, Jammu.

The campaign commenced with recitation of National Anthem, paying rich tributes to martyrs and courageous souls.

Key components of the campaign include the installation of 'Shilalpakams' dedicated to freedom fighters and security forces, as well as initiatives such as 'Panch Pran Pledge', 'Vasudha Vandan', and 'Veeran ka Vandan', all of which celebrate the courageous sacrifices of our brave-hearts.

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## Congress protests against installation of smart meters Installation of smart meters nothing short of a catastrophe for people: Bhalla



Congress leaders and workers taking out protest rally.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla accompanied by Yogesh Sawhney, Kanta Baan, Pranav Shagotra on Friday led strong protest organized by Mannohan Singh to express their opposition to the installation of smart meters, citing concerns about their ability to afford the increased tariffs based on smart meter readings.

Protesters denounced the unilateral and unnecessary actions of the Jammu Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JKPDCL) in installing the meters.

Prominent among those

present on the occasion include Vijay Shastri, Uttam Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Vijay Malhotra, Pawan Dev Singh, Kewal Krishan Yogi, Dr Ramankant Khajuria, Atul Sharma, Chander Shekhar Sharma besides others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla voiced the frustration of many by stating, "People of Jammu have been diligently paying their electricity bills, but suddenly they appeared out of nowhere, cutting off the power supply and installing these meters. They are not financially capable of paying the tariffs based on meter readings. We are not against the idea, but

shouldn't the authorities consider the people's ability to pay?"

He claimed that people from the unprivileged section wouldn't be able to make their both ends meet if they spend their earnings on power bills.

Bhalla condemned the move as "sheer injustice" inflicted upon the people. "This is nothing short of high-handedness. They are already grappling with numerous challenges, and this will only make their lives more difficult," he remarked. "The Government is making them face hardships. Many work tirelessly in the private sector to earn their livelihoods, yet the Government fails to consider their hardships. The installation of smart meters is nothing short of a catastrophe for them," asserted Bhalla. He further lamented the lack of employment opportunities for educated youth while burdening the poor. He emphasized the pressing need for authorities to address their grievances and take their concerns into serious consideration.

## Unnerved Pak, Kashmiri leaders sabotaging normalcy in Valley: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday lashed out at Pakistan and some Kashmiri leaders, trying to sabotage peaceful atmosphere, by sending a misleading message across the country on normalcy in the Valley to push forward the agenda of the terror-secessionist ecosystem.

He said Pakistan's latest move to appoint Mishaal Hussain Malik as Human Rights Minister hailed by certain Kashmiri leaders is an indication to slate the Kashmir sabotage plan across. But they forget that New Delhi is a New Delhi of New India which will not only fail all their attempts but teach them a lesson on their soil if need arises, he added.

"Their politics over the last seven decades has thrived on conflict, disorder and mayhem", Rana said while interacting with various deputations during weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters here, along with Veenu Khanna, BJP State Secretary and Danish Mishra Vice President, BJP Yuva Morcha, adding that trans-formed Kashmir has instilled new life, new hope for Kashmiris and has cast a spell of doom on certain political players of J&K and their patrons across.

"1.80 crore tourists have visited Jammu and Kashmir last year and two crores are expected this year in the aftermath of normalcy dawning with shutdown and stone pelting culture



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues.

becoming a nightmare of the past", Rana said, asking isn't it a parameter of normalcy.

He attributed the false propaganda of Pakistan and Kashmiri dejected political players as a sinister design to deprive the people of Kashmir of their legitimate right to live peacefully and pursue their economic activities, which appeared to be a distant dream a few years ago. The Valley based so-called mainstream political class has a vested interest in boiling Kashmir to remain glued to power. On the one side they had been assuring the Delhi power corridors about working towards ending the unrest in the valley and on the other hand they were exploiting religious and separatist sentiments back home. The double edged weapon served their political interests well till

the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, which ended their political hegemony, deceit and duplicity. Isn't it a food for thought for the peace loving people of Kashmir to understand how the Hartal and shutdown culture came to an end after disempowering the political parties with vested interest, he asked, seeking an independent probe to find the truth of the widespread belief that the stone pelting had been a weapon of political class.

"By playing double game, the politicians like Mehbooba Mufti and others have neither done any good to the people of Kashmir nor to New Delhi, which sincerely endeavoured for peace, progress and development of Jammu and Kashmir", Devender Rana said, adding that these rejected politicians have been pursuing politics of conven-

ience during the past over seven decades. They can abuse New Delhi from rooftops and belittle the pride of innocent Kashmiris at will, he said and cited how Mehbooba Mufti as Chief Minister mocked at the youngsters killed during countering stone-pelting by saying "Woh Kya Toffee Lene Gaye Thay". But for the snub of a senior Union Minister flanking her in the presser, she would not have stopped there, he observed, saying this speaks volumes about the sensitivities of politicians with vested interest.

Devender Rana hoped that the people of Kashmir would foil the game plan of these leaders, who were feeling uncomfortable due to economic activity and tourism trade in the Valley besides large scale investments pouring in to carve out Naya Jammu and Kashmir as per the dreams of suffering masses.

"When doubts about normalcy are echoed by the persons having held constitutional positions, the tourists across the nation and abroad will have double thoughts before embarking on holidaying in the serene and peaceful Valley", he said, adding this will certainly jeopardise the ongoing brisk and peak tourism season. He hoped that the right thinking people will take cognizance of such anti-Kashmir rhetoric and stand for the economic interests of lakhs of families, who have got a reason to cheer after nearly three decades.