

# Cooperatives key to PM Modi's dream of doubling Farmers' Income: LG Kavinder

Says Cooperatives will make Ladakh Farmers Self-Reliant

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KARGIL: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, today highlighted the crucial role of the Cooperative Department in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of doubling farmers' income. He said strengthening the cooperative movement is essential to connect "farm to market," ensuring farmers get the right value for their produce while Ladakh's unique products find a place in national and global markets.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking after inaugurating a Cafeteria-cum-Showroom of the Cooperative Department at Kharul, Kargil. On the occasion, Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Jaffer Akhoun; Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Mohmad Hanifa Jan; Executive Councillor, Agha Syed Mujtaba; Secretary Cooperatives, Bhupesh Chaudhary; Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Rakesh Kumar; Senior Superintendent of Police, Shree Raam R.; Councillor Altaf Hussain and other officials were present.



LG Kavinder Gupta inaugurating Cafeteria-cum-Showroom of Cooperative Department at Kharul, Kargil on Wednesday.

The Lt Governor asserted that the UT Ladakh Administration is committed to building robust marketing avenues for local products that define Ladakh's identity and hold immense potential to boost the rural economy.

"Local products are our strength. Not just apricot and Pashmina, but every indigenous product of Ladakh deserves equal promotion. By giving them wider market access, we can empower farmers and artisans, generate new livelihoods, and tackle unemployment among our youth," he said.

The Lt Governor stressed that PM Modi's vision of doubling farmers' income must

serve as a guiding principle for Ladakh. For this, he asked cooperative societies to embrace modern branding, packaging, and digital marketing techniques so that local produce can compete effectively in wider markets.

Referring to the newly inaugurated facility, the Lt Governor directed officials to ensure proper public conveniences and aesthetic landscaping of the cafeteria area. "Situated on a busy highway, this center can become a gateway for tourists to experience Ladakh's culture, cuisine, and craftsmanship. With the right facilities, it can emerge as both an economic hub and a cultural showcase," he

added.

The LT Governor further emphasised that cooperatives must evolve as direct bridges between farmers and consumers, reducing the role of middlemen and ensuring maximum returns to producers.

He also called for the convergence of traditional knowledge with modern business practices to make Ladakh's cooperative model self-reliant and sustainable. He also appealed to the youth to leverage government schemes in agriculture, skill development, and entrepreneurship to create value-added products from Ladakh's natural resources. "From cold storage and

food processing to farm-to-market linkages, every initiative under the cooperative movement will serve as a stepping stone towards building a stronger, self-reliant Ladakh," he said, reiterating his government's commitment to inclusive and sustainable growth. Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor also inaugurated the newly constructed office building of the Deputy Registrar and District Audit Officer in Kargil. The event was organised as part of the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The building was constructed at a cost of Rs 2.54 crores.

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# MOSAJ accredited as Khelo India Talent Development Centre by MYAS



Members of Mission Olympics Shooting Academy Jammu during the event.

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JAMMU: Mission Olympics Shooting Academy Jammu (MOSAJ) has achieved a landmark recognition by being accredited under the prestigious Khelo India Talent Development Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) as a Non-Residential Centre for both boys and girls.

This accreditation positions MOSAJ as one of the leading platforms in Jammu & Kashmir dedicated to nurturing young shooting talent and elevating the sports ecosystem of the region.

Founder Patron of the J&K Rifle Association (JKRA) and Former DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh, extended his warm congratulations, praising the academy's consistent efforts in

promoting shooting sports and building a strong base for future champions from the Union Territory.

Speaking on the occasion, President of JKRA, S.S. Sodhi, congratulated coaches Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh and said "This recognition under the Khelo India scheme will unlock new pathways of growth and opportunity for the aspiring shooters of Jammu & Kashmir. It strengthens our resolve to provide world-class training and facilities to our youth. I thank the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the J&K Sports Council, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, LG, Chief Minister, Sports Minister, and all supporters of shooting sports in the UT for their constant encouragement and

guidance. The success of young shooters like Aneesha, an International shooter from J&K and a proud member of the Mission Olympics team, stands as a testimony to the talent our UT possesses and the bright future that lies ahead."

Aligned with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to transform India into a global sporting powerhouse, this Khelo India accreditation brings a host of benefits, including upgraded infrastructure and modern shooting equipment, access to expert coaching, sports science, and structured training programmes, and greater exposure and participation opportunities at national and international platforms.

To commemorate this achievement, President Sodhi hosted a special tea gathering in honour of Team MOSAJ. The event was attended by Chairman JKRA Kuldeep Jamwal, DySP Sharat Chander Singh (General Secretary/CEO JKRA), Treasurer Arun Mansotra, Rajesh Viridhi, and other dignitaries, who joined in extending their best wishes for the academy's bright future.

Team MOSAJ expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, J&K Rifle Association leadership, the J&K Sports Council, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Chief Minister, Sports Minister, and all well-wishers for their constant guidance, blessings, and support.

This achievement is not only a recognition of MOSAJ's dedication but also a responsibility to carry forward the dream of building a strong sporting culture in India and producing Olympic champions from Jammu & Kashmir.

# Notorious drug peddler booked under PITNDPS Act

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SAMBA: Taking stringent action against notorious drug peddlers/ smugglers involved in illicit narcotics trade, Samba Police has booked a notorious drug peddler under Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act for his continues involvement in spreading drug menace in the area and lodged him in the District Jail Udhampur.

The notorious drug peddler detained under PITNDPS Act has been identified as Yogeshwar Singh @ Jebu S/o Yashpaul Singh R/o Udh Mandi, Gurah Slatia Tehsil Vijaypur District Samba. The said drug peddler has involved in different cases registered against him at Police Station Vijaypur for his role in promoting the drug trade by supplying narcotics to people especially youth of the area.

In view of repeated indulgence of notorious drug peddler Yogeshwar Singh @ Jebu in illicit drug trafficking in the area, District Police Samba prepared and submitted a



dossier & other connected documents to the office of Divisional Commissioner Jammu. Accordingly, notorious drug peddler Yogeshwar Singh @ Jebu has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur after obtaining formal detention order from Divisional Commissioner Jammu.

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JAMMU: Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla today conducted tour of different areas of Jammu, RS Pura areas to meet the affected people and took stock of the problems faced by them.

Bhalla visited different worst affected areas which were submerged in high volume of water causing huge loss to the private property especially the dwellings of people destroying the entire household items of regular use including the ration materials. Bhalla visited Bhour camp, Bhour pind, Rohi More Lower Gadigarh, Chatha Gorkha Nagar, Har ki Pouri, Malik Market Baghe Bahu, Balicharana & several other areas and found lot of damage to the private property, houses besides government infrastructure.

He demanded immediate ex gratia interim relief, till proper assessment of the individ-



Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla conducting tour of different areas of Jammu.

ual damage, especially to those who have lost entire household and livings.

He said government should immediately provide free ration to those who are worst affected and their household items destroyed due to flow of water in their houses.

Bhalla demanded immediate assessment teams of multiple departments to prepare

reports of individuals damages, for timely release of package to the affected population but stressed for release of interim pre assessment relief to worst affected.

He said that large number of houses and living units have been either fully or partially damaged and others unfit for living for longer periods due to damages, filling of mud, filth

in large quantity.

The government should come forward in big way to help the people to bring their life on the rail for starting their day today lives. There is need to arrange temporary shelters to several families in their nearby localities in order to restore their living units worth living, wherever possible which have not suffered huge damage.

# Jammu faces water supply disruption amid floods

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JAMMU: Several areas of Jammu are currently without water supply as floods have severely impacted

pumping stations. Officials confirmed that all pumping motors are submerged in water, delaying restoration efforts.

Authorities have urged residents to remain patient as technical teams are working to restore the supply at the earliest possible time.

# Sadhotra visits flash flood hit Jammu North, expresses concern over widespread damages

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JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, today visited several flash flood-affected areas in Jammu North to assess the damages and extend solidarity with the victims of the recent deluge.

Sadhotra visited Roop Nagar Colony, Bhawani Nagar, Shivalik Puram, and adjoining areas falling under Municipal Wards 62 and 37, where incessant rains and flash floods wreaked havoc, damaging houses, roads, and other infrastructure. Interacting with residents, he listened to their grievances and assured them of full support from the Omar Abdullah-led government. He also expressed sympathy with Jyoti Parkash Khajuria, whose house completely collapsed into a Nallah in Sector 2 of Roop Nagar.

Expressing concern over the absence of a protection wall on the major Nallah passing through Roop Nagar, Sadhotra demanded immediate relief and financial assistance for reconstruction of damaged houses. He also spoke to the Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA), pressing for urgent construction of a protection wall and repair of approach roads. The Vice Chairman



NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra visiting flood affected areas.

assured that the JDA would explore ways to provide assistance.

In Bhawani Nagar, Sadhotra urged the Forest Department to renovate and widen the Nallah passing through the park to prevent future flooding. He also sought immediate restoration of flood-damaged roads across Jammu North. Similarly, at Shivalik Puram, he demanded widening of the local Nallah to protect residents, whose belongings, ration, and essentials were damaged by water entering their homes.

Referring to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's visit to flood-hit areas earlier in the day, Sadhotra said it rekindled hope among residents for fast-track restoration of water, power, roads, and drainage sys-

tems. He also informed that NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah was closely monitoring the situation and remained in touch regarding the sufferings of people.

Calling for urgent relief, the NC leader demanded pumping out of accumulated water from inundated colonies and three months' free ration for flood-affected families. He expressed grief over the tragic deaths on the Mata Vaishno Devi route due to a landslide and urged the Shrine Board to suspend the Yatra till weather improves. Sadhotra was accompanied by NC district leaders and local representatives. He also appreciated the efforts of Shivalik Sewa Dal volunteers for providing food and shelter to affected families.

# Janipur police cracks theft case, recovers stolen property

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JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough, the Janipur Police have solved a theft case registered at Police Station Janipur. The case was lodged by Shamima Banoo, resident of Upper Paloura, Gujjar Mohalla, Janipur, Jammu, who reported theft at her residence.

Acting swiftly, the Janipur Police team, led by SHO Inspector Vikram Sharma, under the supervision of SDPO City West Dr. Satish Bhardwaj and SP City North Shri Vivek Shekhar JKPS, arrested the accused,



Rajinder Sharma, son of Subash Sharma, resident of Old Janipur, Jammu.

During interrogation, the accused disclosed the location of the stolen items, which were subsequently recovered from his possession. The recovered items include Refrigerator; Washing Machine; Gas Chulla; Cylinders (2); Rice Cooker (1); Induction (1); Cookers (2); Fry Pans (3); Kadais (2); Blankets (3); Aluminium Angle (15 kg); Wire (approximately Rs 40,000); Mixers (4); Taps (5) and Geyser Pipes (6).

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 08:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:	Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320	
Booking:	Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:	Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270	
Booking:	Available on IRCTC	

WAR 2 HINDI		
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PVR KC JAMMU	12:20 PM / 7:00 PM / 10:35 PM	
COOLIE THE POWERHOUSE HINDI		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	2:50 PM / 10:55 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	10:00 PM	
MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI		
PVR KC JAMMU	1:35 PM / 6:35 PM / 9:25 PM	
SAIYAARA HINDI		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:30 PM / 07:00 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	3:55 PM	
PHAPHEY KUTTIYAN (PUNJABI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 12:25 PM / 06:05 PM / 08:30 PM	
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