

LG inaugurates recommencement of balance work of Tawi Barrage

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the recommencement of balance work of Tawi Barrage.

The Lt Governor said that recommencement of Tawi Barrage is a significant occasion for Jammu City. The ambitious project, which was hanging fire more than a decade, will enhance scenic beauty, increase tourism potential of the city of temples and it will also ensure creation of recreational spots for people, he added.

Today's initiative is a part of the government's endeavour to develop urban centers as engines of economic growth and make the cities ecologically and economically sustainable. The new and robust infrastructure will cater to tourists as well the local population, making the citizens partners in the conservation and development of water bodies, the Lt Governor observed.

The project, envisioned as a small tribute to our age-old traditions of maintaining rivers and water bodies will also provide solution to water supply problems by enhancing the water table of the city, the Lt Governor further added.

Noting that the legacy of project delays in J&K has hampered the economy of the region and kept people away from the basic facilities, the Lt Governor asserted that Project delays which were earlier considered a norm is now a thing of the past. The UT has achieved new strides in project implementation, while only 9229 projects were completed in 2018-19, more than 50000 projects have been completed in 2021-22, registering a substantial



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha during inauguration of the recommencement of balance work of Tawi Barrage at Jammu.

five-fold increase, the Lt Governor observed.

After August 2019, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, development of Jammu and Kashmir has become top priority of the government. Our major concern at the same time has also been to ensure that the aesthetic and cultural heritage of the UT is preserved and protected, the Lt Governor said.

It was informed that after studying the partially constructed part and examining the flood level of 2014, the team of IIT Roorkee had given its recommendations regarding the technical aspects of the project. Subsequently, various experts and stakeholders were roped in and a comprehensive roadmap was prepared to develop the Tawi Barrage into a major tourist attraction.

Pertinently, the proposed Tawi Barrage will create a pondage of 1.41 million cubic meters. It will be an auto mechanical and manual operated gated barrage controlled through SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) sys-

tem and the project is scheduled to be commissioned by mid July 2023.

The Lt Governor lauded the efforts of public representatives, civil society groups, district administration and various stakeholders for their efforts in rejuvenating the water sources and ponds in the UT.

"Mission Amrit Sarovar is witnessing participation from all sections of society. It is our collective responsibility to preserve and protect our water sources", he added.

The Lt Governor also called on the stakeholders to tap the potential of water sports in the Tawi which will generate opportunities for commercial activities and create employment avenues for the local population.

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, we are making constant improvements in the basic facilities to meet the modern needs and aspirations of the people of UT. I can confidently say that in the coming few years, the city of Jammu will emerge as a new model of sustainable development, added the Lt Governor on the occasion.

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The Lt Governor also expressed his satisfaction about the 3506 number of development projects completed in Jammu district in the last financial year, which were highest across all the districts.

In this financial year, the capex budget for the development of Jammu district is about Rs 1443 crore and we have set a target to complete 4115 development projects, he added.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary speaking on the occasion highlighted the tourism projects going on in Jammu and the expected tourist arrival after the completion of Tawi Barrage, which is going to be a major attraction in Jammu city. He further said the pace of project execution in J&K has increased manifold since the last couple of years.

Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department delivered the welcome address. Himesh Manchanda Chief Engg I&FC presented the vote of thanks.

Jugal Kishore, Member Parliament; Surjeet Singh Slatia former minister; Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K attended the occasion.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor, JMC; Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC Jammu; Ashok Kumar Parmar, Principal Secretary, ARI and Trainings Department; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Syed Aabid Rashid, Mission Director, JIM; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation besides other senior officers and citizens were present on the occasion.

Article 370 restoration not easy, needs collective struggle: Farooq Abdullah



Cells play key role in elections: Ravinder Raina

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JAMMU: Ravinder Raina president J&K BJP discussed threadbare the enhancement of functioning of party Cells with senior party leaders who are given new responsibilities to enhance the Cell working.



President J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina chairing a meeting.

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Dr Jitendra launches India's first indigenous cancer vaccine



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching first indigenously developed Cancer Vaccine "CERAVAC" at India International Centre, New Delhi on Thursday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday launched India's first indigenously developed vaccine, "Ceravac" for the prevention of Cervical Cancer.

despite being largely preventable.

He said, current estimates indicate that every year approximately 1.25 lakhs women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and over 75 thousand die from the disease in India, and 83 % of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18 in India, and 70% of cases worldwide.

Announcing the scientific completion of the quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (qHPV) vaccine in presence of Adar C. Poonawalla, CEO, Serum Institute of India, Pune and other prominent scientists and dignitaries, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this affordable and cost-effective vaccine marks an important day for DBT and BIRAC as it takes India a step closer to PM Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Minister pointed out that Cervical Cancer ranks as the 2nd most prevalent cancer in India and accounts for nearly one-fourth of the world's cervical cancer deaths

various socio-economic factors.

He said, thanks to schemes like Ayushman, which allowed the poor, lower section of the society and the vulnerable population to indulge in the luxury of preventive medicine and preventive healthcare by getting insurance coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh.

Referring to Modi's visit to Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad and Serum Institute of India in Pune in November, 2020, to personally review the vaccine development and manufacturing process for COVID, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister then underlined that "India considers vaccines as not only vital to good health but also as a global good, and it is India's duty to assist other countries, including the nations in our neighbourhood, in the collective fight against the virus".

Dulloo discusses preliminary high-level observations with New Zealand delegates over small ruminant sector in J&K

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Srinagar: Additional Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday held a meeting with Expert Delegates from New Zealand G2G (government to government) to discuss the preliminary high level observations by the team over small ruminant sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Director Agribusiness Group New Zealand, Dr Stuart Ford; Science Impact Leader, AgResearch Ltd, Dr Warren King; Senior BDM, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, New Delhi, Sudha Palit, Secretary in APD J&K, Director Sheep Husbandry

Kashmir/Jammu, Technical Officer (A) APD and other concerned attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

The Expert Delegation wrapped up the survey of the small ruminant sector in J&K and shared their inputs and feedback with the ACS during their presentation and presented several observations.

In its presentation, the team of experts complimented the existing government farms and observed that these farms are leading in terms of their purpose which is to produce genetic material and have a very good repu-

tation amongst the breeders. They suggested that in order to develop sheep farms it would be appropriate to enhance their systems to incorporate better feeding so that they are able to fully express their generic potential and deliver maximum potential production and financial results. Developing model sheep farm

They also suggested leading edge technologies like Artificial Insemination and ET besides expressing their desire to collaborate with the J&K in the marketing of wool and mutton.

The expert delegation expressed willingness to provide assistance with

fodder production and balanced nutrition and can also help in establishing modern laboratories and disease diagnostic facilities and to share their expertise in improving selection for meat and wool production, significant advantages to advance and expand current skill set with greater education opportunities.

While speaking at the session, the ACS said post the preliminary observation, the team is required to make an Action plan wherein several require-

ments of different components like introducing new breeds, meeting local demands, etc can be incorporated. He said that there is also a need to identify gaps and to plug in those gaps so that purposes of setting labs are fulfilled.

He added that these things can be part of an action plan, and a lot more needs to be done like how to improve on breeds to make sheep farming an attractive occupation for farmers and said J&K needs support.

Swachhta Pakhwada campaign begins at JK SCERT Jammu



Joint Director SCERT, H.R. Pakhroo and others carrying out cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: "Swachhta Pakhwada" as a part of "Swachhta Abhiyan" was initiated, with the objective of celebrating a fortnight with intense focus on the issues and practices of Swachhata-meaning Cleanliness. To support this great initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and to create an awareness about the need of cleanliness, Joint Director HR Pakhroo along with the staff JKSCERT Divisional Office Jammu took oath for Swachhata today on 1st September 2022. Pakhroo motivated the staff to believe in the dictum that cleanliness is next to Godliness. He further added that charity begins at home and with this a cleanliness drive was initiated in the premises of SCERT wherein all the members on staff participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Rajasthan. She highlighted that the core objective of this cooperative society is to build self sustainable agri supply chains with its model of FARM-FACTORY-FORK. She also remarked that UNATI which is one of the celebrated cooperatives in India will help newly formed FPOs and cooperatives in JK-UT in terms of market linkages, processing technical know-how and much needed handholding.

She further said that this tie-up will boost the morale of 100s of newly formed FPOs and Cooperatives in JK-UT.

Speaking on the occasion, Jyoti Saroop said that the major suffering in the agriculture sector is unorganized value chain and as a result the farmer being at the bottom of this value chain earns less. He added that UMMCL has plans to integrate whole value chain at one platform by reviving the traditional supply chain to boost agri-economy.

Coop Deptt issues NoC to UMMCL

for operations in J&K

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JAMMU: The Cooperative Department of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday issued NoC to Unati Multipurpose Multistate Cooperative Society Limited (UMMCL) for operations across Jammu and Kashmir.

The NoC was issued to UMMCL by

Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal after

by its promoters Jyoti Saroop and Vikrant Dogra.

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