

LG visits JLNH Hospital; distributes fruits to patients as a part of 75th Birthday celebration of PM Modi



LG Manoj Sinha distributing fruits to the patients at JLNH Hospital Rainawari on Wednesday.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday visited JLNH Hospital Rainawari and distributed fruits to the patients as part of 'Sewa Pakhwada' to celebrate the 75th Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking to the media-persons on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartfelt birthday wishes to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi.

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Prime Minister has ensured that benefits of economic growth reach the poor and marginalised section of society. 25 Crore people have been lifted out of poverty. India's prestige in the world has greatly increased under his visionary leadership. We pray for his long and healthy life," the Lieutenant

Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; SSP Srinagar, Dr GV Sundeeep Chakravarthy; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and other senior officials.



CM inaugurates Transport Bhawan at Bemina, launches new PVC Registration card



CM Omar Abdullah inaugurating newly constructed Transport Bhawan at Bemina.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday inaugurated the newly constructed Transport Bhawan at Bemina, Srinagar, marking a major step towards bringing all transport-related services under one roof and strengthening the office infrastructure of Transport Department in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Bhawan will serve as a central hub for transport administration and services, housing the offices of the Transport Commissioner J&K, Joint Transport Commissioner, Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir, ARTOs, and other allied sections.

Bringing these offices under one roof is expected to enhance efficiency, coordination, and public service delivery.

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On the occasion, the Chief Minister also launched PVC Registration Certificates a modern initiative designed to provide durable, tamper-resistant, and convenient registration cards to vehicle owners. Replacing the traditional paper-based format, the new PVC cards will not only improve service quality but also help reduce misuse.

During the launch of PVC Registration Certificates, RTO Kashmir Qazi Irfan Rasool described the launch as an important step towards modernization and convenience of vehicle owners.

He informed that the new cards are durable, tamper-proof, pocket-sized, and equipped with QR codes, ensuring instant verification and reducing complaints with time-bound issuance.

The inauguration ceremony

was attended by Minister for Transport Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary Transport Avny Lavasa, Transport Commissioner J&K Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Regional Transport Officer Kashmir Qazi Irfan Rasool, besides senior officers and officials of the Transport Department.

After inaugurating the facility, the Chief Minister toured the building and inspected its various sections.

He interacted with officers and staff, reviewing the facilities created for both employees and the general public.

Expressing satisfaction, he said that the new bhawan would significantly streamline the functioning of the Transport Department and ensure better service delivery to citizens.

IIM-J, ICMAI sign pact to strengthen collaboration in academics, research

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) on Wednesday at the Boardroom, IIM Jammu's Jagti Campus.

The collaboration marks a significant step toward fostering excellence in management education, research, training, and professional development.

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; CMA Navneet Kumar Jain, Council Member, ICMAI; and CMA Dr. Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary (Officiating), ICMAI, Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of J&K.

The MoU was signed by Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) IIM Jammu, and CMA Dr. Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary



Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran (R), CAO IIM Jammu and CMA Dr. Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary (Officiating), ICMAI after signing MoU.

(Officiating), ICMAI, in presence of senior officials of IIM Jammu and ICMAI.

Also present were senior faculty members of IIM Jammu, including Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research; Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy; Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson, Media and Publication ik Division and Anandam; Prof. Sanjay Gupta, Co-Chairperson, Placements; Dr. Vinod Durge, Chairperson, Alumni

Relations; Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson, Research and Publications; Dr. Rambalak Yadav, Chairperson, Doctoral Program; Dr. Praveen Kumar, Assistant Professor; CA Rajat Jain, FA-CAO, and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu.

The MoU outlines a framework of cooperation between the two premier institutions, enabling them to jointly design and deliver Management Development Programmes (MDPs), Specialized Training Programmes, Executive Education, and Faculty

Development Programmes. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, emphasized that the MoU with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India reflects IIM Jammu's broader vision of building an ecosystem rooted in academic excellence, research-driven innovation, and impactful executive education.

He observed that the collaboration would not only strengthen the academic and research linkages between the two institutions but also create a platform for nurturing professionals and leaders with the right knowledge,

values, and skills to address the emerging challenges of a fast-changing economy. He further underlined that initiatives under this MoU will bring long-term benefits to students, industry professionals, and society at large.

CMA Navneet Kumar Jain, Council Member, ICMAI, observed that the MoU represents a strategic step in advancing professional education and preparing future-ready talent in cost and management accounting.

CMA Dr. Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary (Officiating), ICMAI, remarked that ICMAI views this MoU as a milestone in advancing its mission of professional development and knowledge dissemination.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, emphasized that such collaborations are crucial for aligning academic learning with industry practices, thereby producing graduates who are better prepared to contribute effectively to organizations and society.

LOP Sunil Sharma calls on LG



LOP J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: The Leader of Opposition in J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and discussed several important issues affecting the people of Jammu Kashmir in the wake of recent natural calamities.

He apprised the Lieutenant Governor on important matters related

to road connectivity, delivery of essential and health services across the Union Territory, particularly in areas cut off due to landslides and floods. He further put forth the issues of restoration of power and water supply in flood-hit and hilly regions, and increase in the financial support for affected families. Sunil Sharma also requested for the postponement of competitive examinations, including the

JKPSC Lecturer recruitment and Munsiff examinations.

The Lieutenant Governor assured that the issues raised during the interaction will be taken up on priority for timely resolution.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Nigeen Lake Conservation Organization (NLCO) led by its Chairman Manzoor Wangnoo also called on Lieutenant Governor.

Yudhvir Sethi leads cleanliness drive at Hari Singh Park under Seva Pakhwada marking PM Modi's Birthday

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JAMMU: As part of Seva Pakhwada celebrations to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu District BJP (East) today organized a massive cleanliness drive at Hari Singh Park.

The initiative was led by senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East Constituency Yudhvir Sethi in the presence of Advocate Rakesh Kumar, Vice President Anil Masoom, Sumit Raina, Adarsh Kumar, Anil Sood, Swati, and several other party functionaries and volunteers.

Yudhvir said the cleanliness campaign reflected the vision of Prime Minister Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission. "Cleanliness is not just a campaign but a collective responsibility. Together, we must move ahead with the spirit of 'Green Jammu, Clean Jammu'. Such initiatives succeed only when every citizen actively participates," he said.



MLA Jammu East Constituency Yudhvir Sethi leading cleanliness drive.

Highlighting the broader message of Seva Pakhwada, Sethi said, "This fortnight is dedicated to service activities ranging from health awareness, sanitation, tree plantation, and women empowerment. Prime Minister Modi has given the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', and we are proud to contribute to this mission. Today, we not only wish for his long and healthy life but also pledge to fol-

low his ideals of service and nation-building."

Yudhvir also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership, describing him as not only the most popular leader of India but also one of the most respected leaders across the world. Yudhvir Sethi also participated in Plog Run organized by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

LG Kavinder launches 'Swasth Nari-Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan' in Leh Calls for making Ladakh a model of women's health and empowerment

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LEH: Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday launched the Swasth Nari - Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan at SNM Hospital, Leh, emphasising that women's health is fundamental to building strong families and a stronger nation.

The campaign focuses on preventive healthcare, nutrition, and dignity for women, with special health camps and awareness drives planned across Ladakh.

The campaign was earlier inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, and aims to enhance women's health and welfare across the nation. Extending the initiative to Ladakh, health camps will be held in both Leh and



LG Kavinder Gupta launching Swasth Nari-Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan at SNM Hospital, Leh.

Kargil districts from September 17 to October 2.

The launch event was attended by senior dignitaries including CEC Leh Adv. Tashi Gyalson, CEC Kargil Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun, MP Ladakh Mohammad Haneefa Jan, Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal,

and senior officials from the Health Department.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Lt Governor said this is more than a health programme - it is a celebration of women's dignity and family strength. He urged citizens to actively participate and help make

Ladakh a model of women's health and empowerment. Stressing the need for regular screenings for cervical

and breast cancer, he directed the Health Department to launch mission-mode screening across the UT.

LG Kavinder lauded the transformation in healthcare infrastructure in Ladakh post-2019, noting improved access to quality services in remote areas. SNM Hospital Leh and District Hospital Kargil now have modern facilities, reflecting the government's focus on equitable healthcare.

He also referenced several women-centric schemes like Mahila Samridhi Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, PM Matru Vandana Yojana, and Beti Bachao Beti

Padhao, stressing that women's empowerment is key to achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

CEC Leh Adv. Tashi Gyalson spoke about the sanctioning of a new medical college in Ladakh, while CEC Kargil Dr. Akhoun highlighted the need to support ASHA and Anganwadi workers. MP Mohammad Haneefa Jan acknowledged challenges faced by women in Ladakh and urged them to utilise available healthcare facilities.

The event also marked the launch of the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah and direct benefit transfers under PM Matru Vandana Yojana. The PM also launched the Suman Sakhi Chatbot to spread awareness on maternal and child health.

CME-cum-brainstorming session organised by MRU, GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: A CME-cum-brainstorming session was organized on Wednesday by the Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU), GMC Jammu.

The event witnessed the participation of EC and LRC committee members along with a team from the Department of Health Research, ICMR, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The visiting team inspected Key Performance Indicators of MRU and interacted with faculty members and research scholars, who presented their innovative research ideas and shared success stories.

Principal Dean, Dr.



Prof. Dr. Vishal Tandon and other doctors at CME-cum-brainstorming session.

Ashutosh Gupta, congratulated the MRU team for initiating several IEC activities and achieving full functionality as per national standards. Prof. Dr. Vishal Tandon emphasized the importance of inculcating research culture right from

the UG and PG induction stages. He highlighted that a total of 20 ICMR projects have been sanctioned, with 8 completed and 6 published in high-impact journals.

Nodal Officer, Dr. Jyotsana Suri, stated that a medical institution reaches

excellence only when research is promoted alongside patient care and education. The session served as a platform for academic exchange and reinforced the commitment to fostering research-driven medical education.