

# Make Ladakh crime-free society, MP Namgyal urges LG Mishra

**Excelsior Correspondent**

LEH, Apr 3: Member Parliament (MP) from Ladakh



MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal during a meeting with LG Ladakh, Brig (ret'd) Dr B D Mishra at New Delhi on Monday.

region, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, on Monday met Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Brig (Ret'd.) B D Mishra, here and requested the latter to ensure that the region remains crime and drug free.

Calling the attention of the LG administration towards a recent rape incident with a young child, the BJP MP submitted a memorandum to the LG Ladakh and

requested him to initiate necessary actions to make Ladakh a crime-free society. He also requested for stringent

action against the rape accused to ensure justice for the victim and her family members. Such action, he said, would set an example of the commitment of the Administration to the safety and protection of its citizens and tourists.

He also requested the UT administration of Ladakh to work with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, social

organisations, and experts to prepare a concrete policy and action plan to prevent drug abuse among the children and innocents. To make this happen, he proposed community mobilization, family-based prevention programs, drug education and information for parents, drug resistance skills, and the roles of teachers and schools.

Faith-based plans were also suggested by MP Ladakh, where the people are known for their faithfulness and obedience to their respective religions and spiritual masters.

Meanwhile, in a statement, Namgyal said that he has discussed the matters threadbare with the LG Ladakh and offered to work together to make Ladakh a crime-free and drug-free region as aspired by the people of Ladakh.

According to him, the LG Ladakh has assured to look into the matter on a priority basis.



Former Minister, Sat Sharma addressing a public gathering at Kabir Colony on Monday.

# BJP ensured safety, security of J&K: Sat

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West, Sat Sharma (CA) today said that BJP has ensured safety and security of J&K under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister, Amit Shah who are daily taking review meetings on Jammu and Kashmir and assessing the ground situation.

Addressing a public gathering at Kabir Colony area of Talab Tillo in Jammu West Assembly segment, here he said with their keen interest towards the J&K development in the UT has reached at grass root level.

Sharma was accompanied by Mandal president, BJP Keshav Chopra, Corporator Neelam Nargotra and several others including local residents and political activists of the area.

In his address, Sat Sharma said that today J&K has become a global destination and it can be seen from the statistics of the past years that people really want to come and invest in J&K which is also a boon for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir as

it will open many avenues for them and will help them in exploring many possibilities in the UT. Sharma also highlighted the major works done in the Jammu and Kashmir by the Modi Government for the welfare of women, employees and senior citizens and stated that BJP has already started its work of strengthening booths and said that such a large cadre up to booth level will definitely glorify the public welfare work at ground level.

Keshav Chopra and Neelam Nargotra said that politics of propaganda should be ignored and politics of social responsibility is the need of the hour and BJP believes in the politics of social responsibility which has resulted in the benefit of people across nation under the BJP regime. They also highlighted the works done by former MLA in Jammu West and stated that it has changed the lifestyle of many.

Abhishek Sharma, Sonu Gupta, Ravi Kumar, Chaman Lal, Omkar Verma, Vinay Dogra, Rajan Radhe and several others were also present.

# GC of LAHDC Kargil approves Rs 300 cr for current fiscal

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KARGIL, Apr 3: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan today chaired the General Council (GC) meeting of LAHDC Kargil for finalization of Annual Capex Budget (District Plan) for the year 2023-2024, at Conference Hall, Baroo. He approved Rs 300 crore under Capex besides Rs 25 crore approximately under Subsidy Component for Annual District Plan for Kargil district for the current fiscal.

Executive Councilor for Social Welfare Aga Syed Mehdi Fazily, EC for Works Mubarak Shah Naqvi, EC for RD, Tourism and Zanskar Affairs Phunsok Tashi, EC Health Mohsin Ali, Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve, ADC Kargil Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Wani, ACR Kargil AG Zargar, CPO Abdul Hadi, Councilors of different constituencies, nominated Councilors besides all sectorial officers were present in the meeting.

The approved budget during the annual meeting includes Rs 149 crore approximately for engineering sector and Rs 150.83 crore for non-engineering sector.

While briefing about the physical and financial achievements during last financial year, DC Santosh said out of Rs 245 crore allotted, an amount of Rs 235 crore was spent on implementation of various developmental schemes and welfare programs in the district which represents 96 percent of



CEC Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan chairing GC meeting of LAHDC on Monday.

released allocation. He said most of civil works stand tendered and allotted while work will be kick-started soon as the budget is released and 100 percent progress will be targeted to be achieved.

The CEC said that due to maximum expenditure in the previous financial year, Rs 50 crore has been enhanced by the UT Administration under Capex this year. He directed all sectorial officers to start developmental works besides pace up progress given the short working season. He urged the concerned councilors to submit the work under CCDA and Subsidy Component at the earliest considering the upcoming code of conduct within a few months before elections so that the works can be registered in the current year fiscal plan.

Threadbare discussions and deliberations were held on the draft annual plan budget where-in members put forth their suggestions and several important decisions were also taken up regarding the implementation of schemes on ground. Other resolutions passed include making LRC mandatory for the academic positions in University of Ladakh on the recommendation of Councilor Choskore, Nasir Munshi.

Regarding clearance of debris accumulated on agricultural fields, the House decided that the budgetary head will be opened under the soil conservation department for the task. With regard to flood restoration works in various parts of the district, the House was informed that DPR has been submitted to the UT Administration.

# National Theatre Festival concludes

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JAMMU, Apr 3: The ongoing National Theatre Festival concluded here today at Abhinav

Quarantine' revolves around the character stuck at some place amid COVID crisis and sudden lockdown. The play was designed in such a way that it



A still from the play 'Ghalib at Quarantine' staged at Jammu on Monday.

Theatre with the presentation of famous play 'Ghalib at Quarantine' by a team of Natraj Natya Kunj Cultural Society Jammu. The play 'Ghalib at Quarantine' has been directed by Abhishek Bharti. The Fest was organized by Abhinaya Kala Manch Reasi and was supported by Union Ministry of Culture in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

depicts the era of Mirza Ghalib. The artist who acted in the play were Balwinder Singh, Anu Thakur, Anjali Sharma and Vishal Pandita while make-up and costume was done by Anu Thakur, set was designed by Virji Sumbly, lights by Aaditya Bharti, music by Vishal Pandita and singers were Anjali Sharma and Vishal Pandita.



Director SKPA with trainee DySPs & others during inaugural of two-week training programme at Police Academy on Monday.

# Refresher course for DySPs begins at Police Academy

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UDHAMPUR, Apr 3: Two weeks refresher course for the Gazetted Officers of J&K Police commenced today at Police Academy Udhampur, in which 18 DySPs reported to undergo the course.

Agenda of the course is inclusive of the priorities flagged by MHA in the context of present and future challenges. The eminent resource persons for the course included Dr Ashok Bhan (Retd DGP), Dr Kavita Suri, Rajinder Gupta (SSP), Dr Rahul Pandit, Dr Rekha Chowdhary, Gulzar Singh Salathia, (Retd IGP) and faculty from Cyber Cell Jammu, who have been invited to deliver lectures to the participants and will share their valuable experiences and knowledge.

During the inaugural ceremony, Garib Dass, ADGP, Director of the Academy, being the chief guest on the occasion, highlighted the role of gazetted officers being supervisory officers assigned recently by the Department after their promotion from NGO cadre. He ensured the trainee officers that SKPA has the capacity to impart training to the Police Officers/officials of J&K Police to face future challenges in view of technology evaluation viz-aviz other challenges of Cybercrime, Drone threats, Narcotism and various other law and order situation.

He laid emphasize on practical approach to resolve issues of Law and Order rather than to use force. He opined that handling of Law and Order situation using excessive force is a failure, whereas other means of handling the situation peacefully is a reflection of good leadership in a police. He expressed the needs to upskill the techniques to tackle crimes in virtual space, investigation skills necessary for ensuring convictions, handling of Law & Order situation, the growing threats to internal security and preparedness necessary for J&K Police to tackle all the emerging challenges.

He also emphasized on the role of Police which is very sensitive in the society and as such a police officer should have a concept of good leadership and should have kind approach towards general public. He pointed out that development and security environment are interrelated. He encouraged the participants that training enhances knowledge, skill and attitude, same should be cherished. He advised them to gain maximum while attending the course and hope for interactive sessions.

The inaugural function was also attended by SSP Rajinder Gupta, SSP Rajesh Bali, Dy SP Sunnati Gupta and Staff of the Academy. The course is being coordinated by Dy SP Sukhvinder Singh, assisted by Inspector Vishal Manhas.

# Admin issues instructions to prevent illegal transportation of bovines

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 3: The District Administration here has issued instructions to prevent illegal transportation of bovine animals such as cows, buffaloes, oxen, bulls, calves, etc. in and out of District Jammu.

In accordance with a Government order and Additional District Magistrate (ADM) office order issued today, the ADM Jammu has ordered that no dera/group with bovines be allowed to leave their temporary/permanent place of camping/residence without valid written permission from the concerned Territorial Tehsildar and SHO.

The officer further ordered the Assistant Commissioner General, Jammu and Superintendent of Police (Traffic) to ensure that a maximum of only 50 bovine animals are allowed to be transported in one batch at one time to prevent traffic snarls and jamming on NH/roads.

"Each Zonal SP, SDPO and SHO will be responsible for checking and stopping unauthorized transportation of bovine animals in and out of their jurisdiction on foot or through vehicles. Each checkpoint will be alerted and activated immediately to ensure compliance," ordered the ADM Jammu.

He also ordered that the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Jammu, in association with concerned SDMs/ACR, shall prepare an inventory of various deras of transhumance

residing permanently/temporarily in different areas of Jammu and share it with Assistant Commissioner General, Jammu for information and necessary action.

"Chief Animal Husbandry Officer will ensure that before issuing medical/fitness certificate for transportation, each cattle belonging to the said dera is tagged and vaccinated," ordered the ADM Jammu. He further ordered that all rules and guidelines under Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1960 read with Transportation of Animals Rules 1978; Transport of Animals on foot (Amendment Rules) 2001, have to be complied with by anyone transporting cattle from one place to another.

"These measures have been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of animals and prevent illegal transportation of bovine animals in and out of District Jammu," read an order issued by ADM Jammu.

Meanwhile, hailing the order, Devinder Kour, who runs an NGO "Save Animals, Value Environment", and Kushal Sharma, who heads an organisation "Gau Rakshak" in Jammu, have further demanded that similar directives are issued and implemented in other districts of the UT as well.

They also demanded that the animals already transported to the upper reaches of Jammu by the smugglers in the guise of "cattle rearing" be counted properly to ensure that they're not used for any other purposes.



Principal Govt Polytechnic Jammu & Asstt Director BFGI Punjab displaying copies of MoU signed between the two institutes.

# Govt Polytechnic Jammu inks MoU with BFGI Punjab

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Government Polytechnic College Jammu today inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Baba Farid Group of Institutions (BFGI) Bathinda Punjab for upskilling and enhancing employability of engineering students to latest technologies at Center for Innovation, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu, established at Government Polytechnic Jammu.

The MoU was signed in presence of Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Development Department, J&K Government, between Er Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Dr Rajinder Singh Dhanoa Assistant Director, Baba Farid Group of Institutions Bathinda, Punjab.

The Director, Skill Development, J&K congratulated both the colleges for collaborating with each other for the benefit of engineering and Polytechnic students to enhance their skills and knowledge for better employability. He said that purpose of this MoU between two institutes is to enhance the competency of the Engineering & Technical students of BFGI Engineering by imparting skill training on latest technologies at CIIT Jammu by

faculty from Tata Technologies to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia and to enhance the employability of students.

He further informed that Government Polytechnic Jammu has established a Center for Innovation, Innovation, incubation & Training to impart training in latest trends of Manufacturing Technology, Automobile Engineering conforming to Industry 4.0 with the help of Tata Technologies Ltd Pune.

BFGI Punjab also agreed to offer facilities for upskilling of Polytechnic staff and students to new technologies at their campus. BFGI Punjab shall conduct the seminars, conferences and workshops at Government Polytechnic Jammu to promote the start-ups and entrepreneurship ecosystem in J&K.

Dr Amandeep Singh, Dean Academics BFGI; Dr Gaurav Kumar, Deputy Dean BFGI; Jatinder Kesar, OSD Skill Development, J&K; Er Kuldeep Singh Bhatia, HoD Mechanical Engineering GPC Jammu; Rajesh Khajuria, Neena Dullo, Er Ajay Thapa, Training & Placement Officers, Er Manish Kumar HoD I&C GPC Jammu, Sakshi Kapahi, Lecturer I&C Dept., Atul Sudan, Marketing Head Jammu, BFGI Punjab and officers of Skill Development were present on the occasion.

# IILM University organizes Lawyers' Conference

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JAMMU, Apr 3: A Lawyers' Conference on 'Teaching and Experiential Learning in Law' was organized by IILM University at its Greater Noida Campus.

The Conference brought distinguished legal professionals, judges, scholars and passionate law students together who extensively brainstormed and shared their experiences and opinions in designing the latest teaching methodologies and bridging the existing gap in education delivery and expected learning outcomes.

The legal experts talked on evaluation of existing legal education system and the need of its upgrading.

They also threw light on specialized features required by futuristic legal education. The concluding session focused on challenges before the institutions, universities and industry.

The Lawyers' Conference



A person speaking at a podium during the Lawyers' Conference.

# PNBMT reiterates demand for constitution of Shrine Board

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JAMMU, Apr 3: PNBMT held an emergency meeting of the Core Group to deliberate upon a recent report in the press that the Government is contemplating the constitution of a Shrine Board for Bawe Wali Mata.

The Trust is enthused by the report and feels upbeat that the Government would similarly bring a bill for the protection and preservation of the Temples and Shrines of Kashmir Valley. PNBMT for the last one and a half decades has struggled to bring a bill in this regard and succeeded in creating a global consciousness regarding the condition of temples in Kashmir.

Displaced KP community and a vast majority of the nationalist opinion are of the firm belief that a bill for the preservation and protection of the temples in Kashmir alone can save this priceless heritage from destruction and usurpation.

The members were of the firm opinion that in the past the Government established Shrine Boards for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Shri Sukrala Mata, Shri Shiv Khor Shrine and they have proved to be great successes. The Board's such established under the law have been able to undertake developmental works

for the betterment of the pilgrims and the people living around them.

Some members presented concept papers regarding the positive changes that would ensue if the bill is passed. Members said that once the bill is passed it would result in the efficient management and generation of funds. The resources could be used for the development of facilities for visitors and pilgrims and also for the building Universities and hospitals for the people of the UT.

The meeting was attended by chairman of the Trust Roshan Lal Pandita, Virender Raina president PK, Shadi Lal Koul Rais, general secretary, Sundri Lal Koul secretary and Kashmiri Lal.

# Former VC Gujjar Bakerwal Board bereaved

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Choudhary Amjad Khatana, younger brother of former Vice Chairman, Gujjar Bakerwal Board, Choudhary Zafar Khatana breathed his last after a brief illness at Ludhiana yesterday. He was 59.

He was buried at his hometown Daksum Bidiha in Kokernag tehsil of Anantnag district today. A large number of people including leaders from Congress, NC and BJP participated in his funeral procession.

He was the son of former Minister, Animal Husbandry and veteran Gujjar leader, Ch Mohammed Shafi Khatana and son in law of former Minister and ex president of PCC, Choudhary Mohammed Aslam.

# NMDC achieves production milestone of 41 MnT in FY23

**Excelsior Correspondent**

HYDERABAD, Apr 3: National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), India's leading iron ore producer, has achieved a production milestone of 41.22 million tonnes (MnT) in Financial Year 2023 (FY23), marking the second consecutive year of crossing this threshold.



A portrait of a man in a suit, likely a representative of NMDC.

As per a statement, the company produced 14.29 MnT in Q4 and 5.6 MnT in March 2023, making it the best-ever Q4 and March month production in the company's history.

"Despite the highest-ever rainfall of 622 cm in the Bailadila region, NMDC sold 38.25 million tonnes of iron ore in the fiscal year," said the press statement. It further said that NMDC used vision enhancement technology to mitigate foggy weather and employed specialized mine liners to prevent jams. Additionally, it utilized water absorbent polymers to reduce the moisture content in the ores, allowing it to maintain production levels despite the monsoon, it said.

Pertinently, in FY23, NMDC also increased its evacuation capacity, indicating its dedication to boosting its production capacity. Amitava Mukherjee, the CMD, Additional Charge, stated that NMDC's success in exceeding 41 MnT of iron ore production demonstrates the company's strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to ensuring mineral security. "The company's record-breaking Q4 production in FY23 has positioned it for a promising start to FY24," he said.

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# Cultural event Duggar Star Award 2023 organised

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JAMMU, Apr 3: The M Jackson Cultural Institute of Society and PKS Films Creation today jointly organized a mega cultural event titled "Duggar Star Award 2023" at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

The event was inaugurated by Ch Lal Singh, founder chairman of DSSP, and Surjeet Singh Slathia, former minister and vice-president of BJP, as chief guests, while Namrata Sharma, a social activist, was the guest of honour. Dr Dhakti Dhar Sharma and B D Sharma were also present as special guests.

As per a statement, the program aimed to promote Duggar culture and recognize the valuable contributions of actors, singers, writers, dancers, and visual artists to the Dogra industry.

During the event managed by Hariket Jji, the organizers spoke about their plans to organize similar programs in the future.

JR Sharma (Jackson), Poonam Rani, Pawan Sharma, Manjeet Singh, Roshan Puri, Ramesh Kumar among others were part of the team that organized the event while as Talla Jewellers, Baba Tour and Travels, White House Nexhome, Ambay Jewellers (Bari Brahamaana), Face Craft among others were the sponsors of the event.

Rajni Anubhav and Parveen Sharma hosted the program, which featured various categories of Duggar culture promoters, such as actors, singers, writers, dancers, and visual artists.

# Railways conducts drive to check unauthorized travel

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 3: To check un-authorized travelling in trains, a special drive was launched today in Jammu Mail from Jammu to Katra.

During the checking, 22 persons were found travelling without proper ticket and an amount of Rs 8750, including fare and penalty was realized from the erring travellers.

Sharing the details, Station Director Uchit Singhal told the Excelsior that basic purpose behind the drive is to check the practice of unauthorized travel in the railway coaches and to sensitize the public to board the trains after having only proper tickets.

"Illegitimate travel does not only mean loss of revenue for the railways but it also troubles the bonafide railway passengers and can give rise to safety and security concerns also," he added.