



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha during surprise inspection at Shelter Home for Urban Homeless at Boria Basti, Jammu.

## LG makes surprise check of Shelter Home for Urban Homeless

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 15: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid a surprise inspection at Shelter Home for Urban Homeless at Boria Basti, Bahu Fort here today. The Lt Governor during the visit reviewed facilities being provided to the dwellers. He also heard their grievances, during the interaction.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure round the clock availability of all basic amenities, sufficient water supply, proper sanitation and cleanliness in the premises. The Shelter Home is being run by Jammu Municipal Corporation, through NGO Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra. The Lt Governor was accompanied by the senior civil and police officials.

## Mehbooba says no progress in promised tunnel projects

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, June 15: The former Chief Minister and president of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti today said that she has not witnessed any progress on the vital projects in Jammu and Kashmir that were promised by Transport and Highway Minister, Nitin Gadkari when she was the CM.

"Today, I once again brought to his attention the significance of the Mughal Road Tunnel. The only national highway connecting the valley with Jammu and the rest of the country often gets closed due to landslides and bad weather. This causes major losses, like the incident last year when many trucks carrying apples were stranded, resulting in significant economic damage," she said.

She said that she was promised

"With only one road available, the construction of the Mughal Road Tunnel, envisioned by the late Mufti Sahab, becomes essential to ensure all-weather connectivity and smooth transportation of our fruits and other goods. Not everyone can afford air travel, and a vast majority of people rely on road transportation. Hence, the tunnel would not only bolster our economy but also facilitate convenient travel for our people," she said.

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by the Minister about construction of various tunnel projects. "I reminded Gadkari Sahab about my request during my tenure as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to construct several tunnels, including the Sadna Tunnel, Rajdhani Tunnel, and most importantly, the Mughal Road Tunnel," she said. Mehbooba said: "He had assured me that work on these projects would commence. However, despite the significant improvements in road and tunnel infrastructure over the years across the country, I have not witnessed any progress on these vital projects in Jammu and Kashmir".

## Bandipora tops in deliverables ranking through out J&K

**Excelsior Correspondent**

BANDIPORA, June 15: District Bandipora has achieved a significant accomplishment, emerging as the leading district in terms of deliverables in UT Level Evaluation Report of the Government. With its unwavering commitment to excellence and

3.0, Bandipora was declared First in ranking of Deliverables through out JK UT and 2nd in Good Governance Index in Kashmir division.



He urged the officers to maintain the top position and also improve the indicators in other areas. It is worth mentioning that Bandipora is the first district to have its own Panchayat index and drug de-addiction centre, besides having all mandated social welfare centers like senior citizen home and one stop centre for women. The District Bandipora also topped in the growth of mutton, poultry, horticulture, and milk production.

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The Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed said that the district's exceptional performance in delivering on its commitments is a testament to the hard work and collaborative efforts of its diligent workforce and visionary officers.

By focusing on optimizing processes, streamlining operations, and fostering a culture of accountability, Bandipora has consistently performed well, elevating its position to the forefront of success. Dr. Owais said that in a meeting convened for a launch of panchayat ranking for UT under ABDP, Aspirational Block Ranking for FY 2022-23, Ranking of Districts on deliverables and District Good Governance Index

dedication to meeting targets, Bandipora has surpassed expectations, setting a commendable benchmark for efficiency and productivity. The Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed said that the district's exceptional performance in delivering on its commitments is a testament to the hard work and collaborative efforts of its diligent workforce and visionary officers.

## Young man found hanging in house of in-laws

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UDHAMPUR, June 15: Under mysterious circumstances, a young man was found hanging in the house of his in-laws at village Sumri in Ramnagar.

According to the police report, Mulkh Raj (33), son of Balia Bhagat, resident of village Rassain, Tehsil Ramnagar, was found hanging in cattle shed adjoining the house of his in-laws where he had gone last evening.

In-laws of the deceased told Police that Mulkh Raj had come there last evening to take his wife back to house but he refused as he was under influence of liquor. Thereafter, they claimed, he left the house and in the morning his body was found hanging in the cattle shed. On being informed, a Police team from Police Station Ramnagar, led by Incharge SHO Deepak Sharma, reached the spot and shifted the dead body to Sub District Hospital Ramnagar for the postmortem. After completion of all the legal formalities, the body was handed over the family members for last rites while a case under section 174 CrPC has been registered in this for the further investigation.

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## Punjab CM violating constitutional norms: Chugh

**Excelsior Correspondent**

CHANDIGARH, June 15: BJP national general secretary, Tarun Chugh today said that the Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann has been violating all constitutional norms and practices by defying the Punjab Governor.

Chugh said the AAP Chief Minister has ignored repeatedly the inquiries for which the Governor has solicited his cooperation.

It tantamounts to deliberately showing disgrace to the Governor and setting a disturbing trend in Punjab, he said.

Chugh said instead of focusing on the serious law and order issues the Punjab Chief Minister abetting disruptive elements with his unconstitutional actions.

## Baljeet Kour joins as Commissioner of Income Tax Appeals Jammu

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 15: Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of 2005 batch Baljeet Kour today joined as Commissioner



of Income Tax (Appeals) Jammu after rendering services as Additional Commissioner of Income Tax Range Jammu.

Known for her dedication to work and quest for perfection, Baljeet Kour had been the core strength of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax Srinagar and she has been instrumental in implementing the citizen charter of Income Tax adopted by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

She has also made efforts to implement the facility of accepting the income tax in all the branches of J&K Bank and during her charge Jammu range has achieved all the targets set by CBDT.

Under her guidance, awareness programme in the shape of outreach were made in all the major districts of Jammu region.



Former CM and DPAP chairman G N Azad interacting with Hajjis at Srinagar.

## Azad meets Hajj pilgrims, urges to pray for peace in J&K

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, June 15: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad today met the Hajjis at Hajj House Srinagar and inquired about the facilities being provided for the sacred pilgrimage by the UT government.

Azad asked pilgrims if they need any further assistance and he wished them well for the pilgrimage. He also urged them to pray for the peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir at the holy site and seek blessings for the whole humanity.

"As you are stepping up for the most sacred pilgrimage of your life, I urge you all to pray for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. I am sure your prayers will be heard there and we will usher to a new dawn of peace and development with these prayers," he told the Hajjis. Among others present on the occasion were GM Saroori Vice Chairman, Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial president Kashmir, Salman Nizami chief spokesperson, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial general secretary, Amir Bhatt - Distt president Srinagar and others.

## DGP sanctions over Rs 1.97 cr for police personnel under welfare measures

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SRINAGAR, June 15: The Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh, has sanctioned over Rs 1.97 crore under various welfare measures for the police personnel and SPOs.

This includes a welfare loan of over Rs 1.17 crore for 85 serving police personnel and special welfare relief for the Next of Kin (NoK) of four deceased police personnel/SPOs.

As per a press statement, eleven police personnel have been granted Rs 1.5 lakh each for the marriage of their sons and daughters, while fourteen police personnel have received Rs 1 lakh each for their own marriages.

Additionally, fifty-nine police personnel have been provided welfare loans ranging from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh for self-treatment and treatment of their dependents.

Furthermore, twenty-one police personnel have been given welfare relief ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 50,000 for self-treatment and treatment of their dependents. One

police personnel has been sanctioned a welfare loan of Rs 1.5 lakh for the professional education of his ward. In addition to these measures, special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been granted to the NoK of HCs Abdul Qayyum and Dalip Kumar, as well as Selection Grade Constable Jasbir Singh. The NoK of deceased SPO Mohammad Arif has been given a welfare relief of Rs 6 lakh.

Furthermore, a welfare/parting gift of Rs 40,000 each has been sanctioned to 20 SPOs who were disengaged from service upon reaching the age of sixty. This gift is a token of appreciation for their services to the department and is provided from the SPOs Contributory Welfare Fund.

The welfare loans provided to police personnel are refundable and are recovered through monthly instalments deducted from their salaries, without any interest. The funds for these measures have been sourced from the Central Police Welfare Fund (CPWF).

## NH blocked due to landslides, restored after 9 hrs

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 15: The traffic was disrupted on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway today after landslide near Ramban town.

Official sources said that the landslide struck the highway near Cafeteria Morh and Mehar around 1 am, blocking the busy highway. The mouth of an under-construction tunnel was

also blocked by the debris of stones from the hillock hampered the restoration of stranded traffic till 9 am. No fresh traffic was allowed either from Jammu or Srinagar side this morning.

After the landslide, the concerned agency working on the four-lane highway project immediately pressed men and machines and managed to clear the road of the major debris.

However, intermittent shooting of stones from the hillock hampered the restoration of stranded traffic till 9 am. No fresh traffic was allowed either from Jammu or Srinagar side this morning. The highway could be restored after 9 am and the movement of vehicles was allowed. Traffic jamming was witnessed in the sector for long due to closure of highway for more than nine hours.

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