

LG presents UT Level Award to artisans

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SRINAGAR, Mar 18: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presented the UT Level Award to the artisans at Raj Bhavan auditorium today.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the award winners for their com-



LG Manoj Sinha with officers & award winning artisans during function at Srinagar on Saturday.

mendable service to preserve and promote priceless cultural and artistic heritage.

The Lt Governor said administration has taken several important steps to boost handicraft and handloom sector.

We are committed to provide training, design, technology, financial and other infrastructure support that will significantly contribute to the growth of this sector and earnings of artisans, he added.

The Lt Governor said an

unprecedented growth has been recorded in the last three months and this sector has registered Rs 729 crore worth export despite the instability in the global market and it shows the collective efforts of artisans and handicraft department.

More than 3 lakh artisans are registered with the department.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor directed the Department of Handlooms and Handicrafts to develop a mechanism for further increasing the export in the sector and changing the lives of artisans and craftsmen.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce; Vijay Kumar Biduri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, other senior officers of Handicraft & Handloom Department, besides large gathering of awardees and artisans were present.

Number of steps like enhanced financial assistance, 7% interest subvention, training, assistance to 3000 Self Help Groups and cooperative societies have been taken to accelerate the development of this sector, he added.

The Lt Governor also spoke on the various other efforts of the UT administration such as GI tagging, labeling, brand building, incentives to increase exports and ensure access to the global market.

"The Department has launched

The first week of the budget session's second half was disrupted following protests by both the treasury and the opposition. While the ruling BJP-led alliance has demanded an apology from Rahul Gandhi over his remarks in London, the Opposition has been

Jugal Kishore took note of the latest developments regarding the land acquisition for the New Terminal Building in Belicharana area and also the blue print of the same was discussed. Airport Director informed Committee members that New car parking has been commissioned on 05.12.2022 for comfort of passengers.

Committee members appreciated Airports Authority of India for providing new facilities at Jammu Airport. Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, JMC, CEO Cantonment Board, COO and SATCO of IAF Jammu, representatives of J&K Police, along with nominated members Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce, Vikram Randhawa ex-MLC, Anil Kapahi, Davinder Choudhary, Dev Raj Sharma were present in the meeting.

Members raised the issue of addition of new flight operation for Dehradun, Chandigarh and Jaipur etc. and also raised demand for early morning flights to Srinagar. Airport Director conveyed that flight for Dehradun is going to start soon by the end of March 23 and other new sector like Gwalior, Chandigarh also are expected to start soon.

Jugal Kishore appreciated the efforts of Jammu Airport staff to get good CSI rating for round II/2022 and appealed the AAI and other officers present in the meeting that best efforts should be made and initiative taken to sort out the issues coming in the way of construction of New Airport Terminal.

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Under the banner of All Jammu Parents Association, the protest was led by Amit Kapoor at Hari Singh Park, here today.

During the protest, the parents were raising slogans against the new Education Policy and demanding relaxation in the minimum age limit for admission in class I. They said that the children studying in UKG or Upper KG and whose age is one day or two or three months or few days less than 6 years, were not being admitted in first class.

Amit Kapoor said that the age criteria for children should be implemented from nursery or pre-nursery. He said that the children who are studying at present should be admitted in the first class and the new Education Policy should be implemented from UKG.

Amit Kapoor further demanded that the like the Goa Government's decision of implementing new Education Policy from 2025-26, the J&K Government should also avoid its immediate implementation as lakhs of parents and their children have gone into depression due to not getting admission in the first class.

Amit Kapoor appealed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally intervene in this matter and save future of the children by giving them age relaxation.

BJP afraid of facing J&K people in elections: Omar

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SRINAGAR, Mar 18: Former Chief Minister and National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah today said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is afraid of facing the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which is why elections were not being held here.

This he said while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a party function at Kulgam.

"Elections can be held. There is no reason that they cannot be held. The Union home minister regularly

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said the security situation is conducive for elections, and we have to wait only for the weather. Now, the weather has changed. If you ask whether elections can be held or not, my answer is yes they can surely be held," Omar said.

The former Chief Minister said that the BJP is not ready to face the

Rahul Gandhi should get a chance to speak in Parliament: Farooq

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JAIPUR, Mar 18: Amid the Government-Opposition standoff in Parliament over Rahul Gandhi's remarks in London, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said that the Congress leader should be given an opportunity to speak in the House.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister stressed that democracy is about letting people speak.

"Rahul Gandhi said this and said that... if he has said something wrong, then he should get a chance to speak in Parliament. When he speaks (in the parliament) and something wrong is seen then question him... that is what democracy is all about," Abdullah said at a programme here.

"I request you also, try to unite the leaders, remove the distances, then only Rajasthan will survive, otherwise Rajasthan will not survive, it will dwindle," he said without naming any leader or party.

'68000 Shakhas being run in country' Previous Govts adopted soft policy on militancy: RSS

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Government has taken a tough stance against militants and anti national elements.

"Hard and tough stand is needed to crush the separatists and militancy in J&K and present Government has adopted the same

stance", RSS Sangchalak, Dr Gautam Mengi told reporters here, today. Dr Mengi along with RSS Seh Sangchalak, Dr Vikant Sharma also briefed the media about the recent All India Executive Committee meeting of the Sangh held at Panipat, Haryana on March 14 and said that the Sangh activists from all over country took part in the meet which was chaired by RSS chief, Dr Mohan Rao Bhagwat.

While expressing his satisfaction over the functioning of Narendra Modi Government, Dr Mengi said it besides chasing Pak militants to finish, has also taken a tough stand against their sympathisers and over ground supporters by putting them behind bars and attaching their properties etc.

"This Government is working in the total interests of nation and its people irrespective of their caste,

creed, colour, religion and region for development and prosperity of the country, he said, adding the symbols of India's identity are being revived which were put in limbo by earlier rulers".

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MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing a review meeting of MPLAD works at Jammu on Saturday.

Flight to Dehradun to be started by ending March

Jugal reviews progress of MPLAD works, chairs Airport Advisory meeting

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JAMMU, Mar 18: Member of Parliament for Jammu-Poonch, Jugal Kishore Sharma, presided over a review meeting here, today.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa briefed the MP on the progress of various schemes and developmental projects being carried out in the district by different agencies. The MP conducted a thorough review of both the physical and financial progress of each work under MPLAD.

The MP emphasised the importance of making optimal use of available resources and instructed officials to regularly monitor and follow up on all ongoing development works to ensure they meet quality standards. He also directed relevant agencies to complete any pending development works within their given timelines and to expedite their efforts so that targets can be achieved across the district.

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Omar Abdullah addressing party function at Kulgam on Saturday.

people of J&K. "But, if your question is whether the elections are going to be held or not, then I can only say that if the BJP is afraid of facing the people, then elections will not be conducted. If they are ready to bravely face the people - which I do not feel they are - but if they are, then yes, the polls will be conducted," he added.

Omar said there should not be any ban on any religion. "The country's constitution treats every religion equally. When the country's leaders visit other countries, they talk about India's secular character, and about Mahatma Gandhi. They say India rejected the two-nation theory," he added.

"Right now, there is a talk about G-20. There are those countries in G-20, which want justice with every religion. This is why I am saying there should not be any ban on any religion either in Assam or anywhere else, especially if there is no unlawful activity going on. They (seminaries) are giving education to poor children. What is wrong with that?" he asked.

Omar termed the local administration "incompetent" after a con-man, Kiran Patel, posing as a PMO official got the requisite perks, and claimed it was befooled four times.

"My colleagues are not provided security even after so many requests. When they have to travel and seek an escort, the police say they do not have any vehicle or personnel... It is fine that you do not have a vehicle, we cannot complain.

"No genuine person has benefited from this Government. People are distraught. People agitated in both Jammu as well as Kashmir and forced them to cancel the (JKSSB recruitment) examinations which were to be conducted by Apech - a fraud company. "But, why did they bring such a blacklisted company? The companies are frauds, the officers are frauds. There is no justice for the honest, and the youth," the NC leader alleged.



Special Secretary DPIIT Sunita Dawra addressing participants on 2nd day of Regional Workshop on Saturday.

Two day regional workshop on PM GatiShakti National Master Plan concludes in Srinagar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 18: The two-day third regional workshop for Northern zone ended here today. More than 250 Officials from Central ministries, States/UTs and industry players participated in the workshop for Northern Region.

The theme of the workshop for day two was National Logistics Policy.

Throwing light on the proceedings of the workshop, Sunita Dawra, Special Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India said that logistics is about development of both infrastructure and services related to logistics.

She said that to complement the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), the National Logistics Policy (NLP) was launched to address the components of improving efficiency in logistics services and human resource through streamlining processes, regulatory framework, skill development, mainstreaming logistics in higher education and adoption of suitable technologies.

Dawra added that NLP lays down an overarching interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral and multi-jurisdictional framework for the logistics sector and provides a comprehensive policy framework for all sub-sectors in the logistics ecosystem that are critical for efficient logistics.

During day two of the workshop, presentations by states/UTs including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir were

'Haath Se Haath Jodo' will make Modi Govt accountable to people: Rajni Patil

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KOKERNAG, Mar 18: All India Congress Committee (AICC) J&K Incharge and MP Rajni Patil today claimed that the ongoing nationwide 'Haath Se Haath Jodo' programme to connect with the people at grassroots

and harassed under the ruling dispensation at Centre which is fully responsible for the unprecedented economic crisis, price rise, unemployment, lack of development at grass roots," Patil said and alleged that the Govt was making false claims in Parliament with regard to devel-



AICC J&K Incharge, Rajni Patil addressing gathering during 'Haath Se Haath Jodo' programme in South Kashmir on Saturday.

across the country will make the Modi Govt accountable and answerable to people for failing them on all counts.

She also hit out at the Central Govt for the alienation among the people reiterating that democratic rights must be restored in J&K, without any further loss of time.

AICC Incharge was in Larnoo (Kokernag) in Anantnag District of South Kashmir to participate in Haath Se Haath Jodo Programme. JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani and AICC Coordinator Bharatsinh led the party's movement 'Haath Se Haath Jodo'. AICC Joint Secretary Manoj Yadav also participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajni Patil asserted that Congress Party shall continue to launch mass contact programmes to reach out to people in every block and at village level and seek their support for their betterment and redressal of multiple issues concerning them, which are being ignored by the Govt thereby exhibiting its failure on all counts.

"People are feeling suffocated

ompet, security, empowerment of women, economy etc. Referring to the J&K situation, Patil said people are feeling alienated due to undemocratic downgrading of State and snatching rights of people especially abandoning them of their democratic rights. "Same is the case with other States where the BJP has set a trend to frighten opposition by using ED, CBI and other central agencies to silence opponents on one pretext or the other, but the day is not far, when it (BJP) will be responded heavily for what it has done to democratic system of India.

Addressing the gathering, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani said people believe it is the Congress Party alone which is capable of defeating divisive politics of BJP- RSS and also believe in the Party's policies and programmes. Given the BJP's misleading and divisive policies, people have resolved to defeat the BJP as and when the elections are held in J&K which is forcing Modi Govt to keep J&K away from elections," Wani added and said J&K is the worst hit on every count leading to the alienation among the people.

"Wani urged the people to fully support Congress as it is the congress alone which is fighting for their rights and justice and shall never make compromises on people's genuine demands and needs. JKPC President strongly urged the Modi Govt to restore Statehood and hold early assembly elections in J&K.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, Mar 18: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Raghunath Bazar, Residency Road, Wazarat Road, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 19 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Mohinder Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Canal Road, Krishna Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 19 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Palli, Barwal, Sakta Chak-A, Logate Industry, PHE installations and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 19 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Jhajar Kotli, Jindrah, Palata, Salal, Katra, Reasi, SMVDU, MES, Chak, Chopra Shop and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 19 and 20 from 5.30 am to 8 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industry, DC Office, Bainglad, Raiyan, Rakh, BSF, Vijaypur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 19 from 10 am to 3 pm.

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Likewise, the power supply to Balli, Gulaba, Chowki Choura, Tanda Maira Mandrian, Sungal

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