

LG Kavinder Gupta reviews progress of Eco-Smart New Airport Terminal at Leh

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LEH, NOV 24 The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, conducted an on-site inspection of the New Terminal Building, at Kushok, Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh and reviewed the pace of construction and integration of modern, sustainable technologies. During the visit, the Lt Governor expressed satisfaction over the significant progress achieved and commended the project team for adopting cutting-edge green technologies, including a first-of-its-kind geothermal temperature-regulation system, extensive solar integration, and eco-sensitive architectural planning tailored to Ladakh's climatic conditions. He noted that the upcoming terminal will stand as a benchmark



for sustainable infrastructure in high-altitude regions. Shri Kavinder Gupta emphasised that the new terminal will not only enhance passenger capacity and air connectivity but will also serve as a gateway reflecting the distinct cultural identity of Ladakh. He appreciated

the efforts made to incorporate traditional Ladakhi motifs and design elements, ensuring that the terminal resonates with the region's heritage while offering world-class travel amenities. The Lt Governor highlighted that the project aligns closely with Ladakh's vision of becoming a carbon-

neutral Union Territory, and said that the airport's modern green features demonstrate the UT Administration's commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, and high-quality public infrastructure. Reviewing key components such as

passenger facilities, safety systems, terminal layout, and airstide works, Shri Gupta urged the officials to keep the momentum high and complete the project within the stipulated timeline to meet the growing travel demands of Ladakh. Project Director, Shri A. Umashankar, briefed the Lt Governor on the operational features of the new terminal, including aerobridges, automated systems, enhanced passenger circulation areas, and increased departure gates. He reaffirmed that the terminal is targeted for completion by April-May 2026. Senior officials from the Airport Authority of India, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, and Commission/Secretary Civil Aviation, Dr. L. Franklin accompanied the Lt Governor during the inspection.

Police Station Sunderbani Seizes 06 Litres of Illicit Liquor, One Accused Arrested

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SUNDERBANI, NOV 24

Police Station Sunderbani established a special naka at Devak Chowk, during which a suspicious person carrying a bag was signaled to stop. During questioning, the individual disclosed his identity as Sanjay Kumar S/o Sat Paul R/o Seiya Sunderbani Rajouri. On checking the bag, police recovered 01 plastic gallon of 5 litres and 01 transparent bottle of 1 litre. In this regard, a Case FIR No. 73/2025 under relevant Sections of the Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Sunderbani and investigation is underway.

Surprise checking of hospital lockers continues in Srinagar, Pulwama

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SRINAGAR, NOV 24

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday continued surprise checking of the hospital lockers in Srinagar and Pulwama districts. According to the details available with the news agency the drive is a part of the heightened vigilance in the wake of the November 10 Delhi blast and the recovery of arms and ammunition, including an AK-47 rifle from the locker of a doctor from GMC Anantnag, linked to the "white collar" terror module. Meanwhile, in a statement, a police spokesman said, "In line with ongoing efforts to ensure transparency and accountability in health institutions and security protocols within the city,

TARANG Hosts Insightful VLSI Session to Boost Semiconductor Skills

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KATRKA, NOV 24

TARANG, the Electronics Society of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), organised an enriching session on VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) aimed at introducing students to the fundamentals of semiconductor technology and the rapidly expanding opportunities in the chip design industry. The session was conducted by the VLSI Chapter Leads - Harsh Mishra, Shrikant Jha, and Karthik - who explained the essentials of modern integrated circuit development, digital design flow, and current trends shaping the global semiconductor sector. Students from various branches attended the event, gaining valuable insights into one of the



fastest-growing tech fields and learning about career opportunities in the semiconductor industry. The event was coordinated under the leadership of TARANG Coordinators Anubhav Shukla and Saksham Bhardwaj, whose efforts ensured a smooth organisation and student engagement throughout the session. TARANG extended its gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar,

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, for his continued encouragement toward technical skill development. The society also acknowledged the support of Faculty Coordinator Dr. Vikram Singh and Head of the School of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, whose guidance was instrumental in the successful execution of

the session. The initiative further strengthened SMVDU's commitment to preparing students for emerging technological domains by promoting hands-on learning and industry-oriented exposure. The society plans to conduct more such knowledge-enriching and skill-oriented sessions to inspire students and strengthen the culture of innovation at SMVDU.

Doorstep Passport Services in Kupwara, Mobile Van to Operate for Two Days

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SRINAGAR, NOV 24

In a citizen-centric initiative aimed at improving accessibility to passport services, the Regional Passport Office Srinagar, under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, will deploy a Mobile Passport Van in Kupwara from Thursday, 27th November 2025 to Friday 28th November 2025. The initiative is part of the Passport Seva Project (PSP), aimed at delivering efficient, transparent, and citizen-friendly passport services across the country. The Mobile Passport Van will provide doorstep passport facilities, especially in remote and far-flung regions under the jurisdiction of the Srinagar office. Shri B.S. Rawat, Regional



Passport Officer, Srinagar, said that the introduction of the Mobile Passport Van service in Kupwara is a proactive step towards extending passport services to underserved regions. This initiative reflects the Ministry's continued efforts to ensure that citizens, irrespective of their location, are provided timely and hassle-free

access to essential documentation. The Mobile Passport Van will be stationed at the Deputy Commissioner, Office Park, Kupwara, during the specified dates. Applicants from Kupwara and nearby areas who wish to avail the services must book an appointment through the official Passport Seva website

www.passportindia.gov.in. When applying, applicants should select "Passport Van" as the service option and choose a suitable date and time slot between 27th to 28th November 2025. On the day of their appointment, applicants are advised to visit the designated location at the scheduled time. They may contact the Mobile Passport Van team bearing Registration Number PP65BF1377, for any on-site assistance or procedural support. This initiative marks a significant step in decentralising passport services and making them more accessible to citizens residing in remote regions. It reflects the Ministry's broader vision of delivering timely, transparent, and efficient services to all sections of the population.

Era of Change: Technological Progress vs. Family Values

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Change is natural. Shifts in technology, education, employment, and social structures are all a part of human progress. But when this change begins to harm the dignity of family, cultural values, and mutual relationships, it is no longer progress—it becomes a decline. Today's generation has knowledge and opportunities, but it is losing patience and emotional responsibility in maintaining relationships. This is exactly where culture and traditions play an important role. From Grandparents' Culture to Modern Advisors—Change or Deviation? In earlier times, grandparents were the living guardians of tradition and social wisdom. Through stories, examples, family history, and gentle advice, children learned respect, patience, and the worth of relationships. A new culture, however, has emerged today: Teaching daughters only about their rights in their parental home, denying the respect due to the in-laws, treating the husband merely as an earning machine, and seeing the husband's family as a burden on one's life. This mentality turns marriage into a battleground. The purpose of values is not to remember while convenient, but to practice for a lifetime. The Husband—Duties, Emotions, and Invisible Pain/Women's safety and respect in society are

undeniably important. But laws, society, and advisors have become so one-sided that a man's emotions often fade into invisibility. No empathy for a husband, no dignity—only the weight of responsibilities. When a man tries to express his pain, he is told: "Be a man... endure it... you are strong." But does strength deny him the right to feel pain? Law, Community, and Social Balance—the issue becomes severe when conflicts are not resolved with balance, but by labeling one party as the victim and the other as the culprit by default. A daughter complains? Society, law, and community rush to action. A husband complains? He faces ridicule, suspicion, and isolation. This is not equality—it is social imbalance. Equal justice is possible only when the rights and responsibilities of both sides are recognized. Joint Family to Nuclear Family: The Decline of Values. Large families were not just roofs; they were systems of tradition, discipline, experience, and protection. The nuclear family has brought freedom, but it

has also reduced shared responsibility, tolerance, and support. When a son and daughter-in-law instantly separate from the family, they forget that tomorrow their own children may do the same. Values not taught at home are lost by society. The Solution: Balance, Dialogue, and Values. 1. Teach daughters not only their rights, but their duties. 2. A marital home is not just a place—it is a new family. 2. See the husband not only as a provider, but as a partner. He has emotions and deserves respect. 3. Teach children the value of relationships from an early age. This education doesn't come from books—it comes from behavior. 4. Revive the strengths of joint families. At least maintain dialogue and collective participation. 5. Law and community should hear both sides. Equality = protection of both parties. Society is not made of men or women alone—it is made of families. If we tell a daughter that "You are a queen, and another family's daughter in your home is a servant," distrust, anger, and division will grow—and justice is possible only when the rights and responsibilities of both sides are recognized. Joint Family to Nuclear Family: The Decline of Values. Large families were not just roofs; they were systems of tradition, discipline, experience, and protection. The nuclear family has brought freedom, but it

SKUAST-K Hosts Dialogue, Panel Discussion on AMR



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SRINAGAR, NOV 24

Division of Veterinary Microbiology & Immunology, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Shuhama, under the aegis of ICAR-Indian Network for Fishery and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR), organized an Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Dialogue and Panel Discussion today at Vice-Chancellor's Conference Hall, SKUAST-Kashmir. The session was attended by Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir and Dr. M. Ashraf Ganai,

Director SKIMS, Soura, various stakeholders from medical, veterinary, environmental, agricultural and other industrial sectors also attended the daylong event. Both the key speakers in inaugural session threw light on importance of the AMR in current times and need for collaboration among different stakeholders to combat the menace. The highlight of the event was panel discussion on the theme "One Health, One Future: Combating AMR together". The session focused on current trends, global frameworks, and regional

perspectives on AMR mitigation, fostering cross-sectoral collaboration under the One Health approach. It is pertinent to mention that, Antimicrobial Resistance awareness week was celebrated with different events like Debate, Essay, Quiz, Painting, poster competition and Farmers and School outreach Programs on AMR. A documentary in this regard was also displayed at the inaugural session while various felicitations of students and others concerned in successful conduct of the program was held at the end of the event.

Sheep Husbandry Deptt B'la Organizes CVE Programme on AMR

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BARAMULLA, NOV 24

Sheep Husbandry Department Baramulla today conducted a Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE) Programme on the theme "Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" at the Veterinary Hospital, Chijhama (MFC, SDB Rafiabad), as part of World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week. The programme aimed to raise awareness and enhance understanding of AMR in both animals and humans. The programme was attended by veterinarians, para-veterinarians, students, farmers, and representatives from pharmaceutical companies.



Key experts delivered lectures on various aspects of AMR highlighted impacts, Challenges, and Future Prospects. The current status of AMR in veterinary medicine and the importance of adhering to withdrawal periods for commonly used antimicrobials was also highlighted. District Sheep Husbandry

Officer Baramulla, emphasized the urgent need for responsible antibiotic use and raising farmer awareness. He highlighted the critical role of veterinarians in promoting preventive health, implementing AMR stewardship programmes, following the One Health approach, and supporting policy development.

Call for Justice: NOPRUF Champions Restoration of Old Pension Scheme at Kashmir Convention, Srinagar, November 23, 2025

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SRINAGAR, NOV 24

The National Old Pension Restoration United Front (NOPRUF) organized a landmark one-day convention at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, renewing the call to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). The event saw spirited participation from employees across departments and a wide range of prominent trade union leaders, reinforcing a united resolve to secure government workers' financial future. Mr. B. P. Singh Rawat, National President of NOPRUF,

presided as Chief Guest. The gathering was graced by distinguished guests including Mr. Jeelani Naik (President), JKADCS (Ministerial Federation)/Chief Spokesperson, NOPRUF (Sh. Ramesh Sanga (Incharge South Zone NOPRUF), and Mr. Rajesh Sharma (President, NOPRUF JK&I). In his keynote, Mr. Rawat described the Old Pension Scheme as the "backbone of financial security post retirement," highlighting its role in providing fixed, stable benefits as compared

to the market-based National Pension Scheme (NPS). He called the restoration of OPS a moral responsibility to all public service employees. Mr. Rajesh Sharma urged greater unity among the UT's trade unions, appealing particularly to employees under NPS to lead the movement, as OPS restoration was a mission for all. Mr. Jeelani Naik also called upon the Prime Minister to uphold "Saika Saath, Sabka Vikas" by reinstating OPS and thanked the Chief Minister for working towards OPS

as per the party manifesto. Numerous leaders addressed or attended the event, including Sakoon Manir Wani, UT General Secretary (NOPRUF), Zaher Younus, Publicity Secretary JK (NOPRUF), Mr. Binay Tandon, Provincial President Kashmir (NOPRUF), S. Gurmeet Singh, Provincial President JKADCS (Ministerial Federation)/Provincial Spokesperson Jammu (NOPRUF), Sh. Sachin Tickoo, President Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering

Association/Convener JK Power Employees and Engineering Coordination Committee, Mr. Khaleed Rafeeq Bhat, Chairman JKRETF, Sh. Sanjay Koul, President All Minority Employees Association Kashmir, Mr. Basharat Saleem, Chairman SENTEF JKUT, Mr. Abu Huda, President MTS Association, Mr. Gazi Abdul Aziz, Ex Chairman JKIJAC, Mohd. Yaseen Bhat, President KODEA Kashmir, Mr. Feroq Mattoo, Senior Leader JKPD, Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone, Provincial President ATA, Mr.