

# LG felicitates Awardees of International Buddha Peace, Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Awards

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha felicitated the Awardees of International Buddha Peace Awards and Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Awards, organised by Buddhanjali Research Foundation, at Srinagar.

The event was also graced by Shri Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartiest congratulations to all the award winners and lauded their significant contributions to the society.

“The contribution of each one of the Awardees is an inspiration for all. They are embodiment of courage, harmony, peace, selfless-service, nationalism and they represent the idea of India,” he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to reaffirm their commitment to the noble values and ideals of Mahatma Buddha and Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, and make their valuable contribution to nation-building, while serving the humanity with dedication and devotion and spreading the values of peace and harmony.



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“The greatest art of living is one that includes the welfare of others. We have to give the message to the society that social values, such as selfless service, can only be preserved by adhering to the path of morality.

It is also our collective responsibility to inspire the society to be proud of its rich cultural heritage,” he added.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, an aspiring India is moving towards becoming a Viksit Bharat.

“Along with self-reliance, a new self-confidence has also been awakened in our

country and we remain focused on our goal of a developed India. India is the hope for the world and it can show humanity the path to a prosperous and happy future,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the citizens who have lost their lives in the recent natural calamities in Jammu Kashmir. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of India and UT Administration for the rehabilitation of the affected families.

He also said that the upliftment and respect of everyone from weaker and deprived sections of the society is our aim and it is our

commitment to ensure youth and women are empowered to move forward on the path of development.

Ms Neelam Sonker, former Member of Parliament; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shri Kailash Masoom, Chairman, Buddhanjali Research Foundation; Shri Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Shri Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama; Dr.G.V.Sundeeep Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Shri Dasbabu Jayswal, Shri Yuvraj Kumar, Film Actor, senior officials, and people from different walks of life were present at the felicitation ceremony.

# Holistic growth of Ladakh hinges on health, education & tourism: LG Kavinder

LEH, AUGUST 30: Calling Health, Education and Tourism the three life-lines of Ladakh, the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today said that all-out efforts are being made to strengthen these sectors to ensure holistic and sustainable development of the Union Territory.

“Unprecedented development is taking place across Ladakh. From health to education and tourism, new infrastructure is coming up at a rapid pace.

It is important to highlight these achievements so that people know about the transformation being made possible by the vision of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the UT Administration,” the Lt Governor said while chairing a review meeting on development projects under the Special Development Package (SDP) and state components.

Drawing from his recent visit to Daman & Diu UT, Shri Kavinder Gupta proposed the introduction of a Pneumatic Tube System (PTS) at SNM Hospital, Leh and District Hospital, Kargil.

The advanced system, widely used in modern hospitals, allows rapid transport of lab samples, medicines, and critical documents across departments, ensuring faster and



more efficient patient care.

He also stressed the need to establish model schools on the lines of Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir – one of the largest government schools in India – and encouraged exploring Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models to boost education and infrastructure growth in Ladakh.

On tourism, the Lt Governor underlined the importance of implementing the Ladakh Mountaineering Policy in letter and spirit to safeguard the lives of mountaineers during expeditions and treks in the high-altitude region. “Strict enforcement of safety protocols will not only save lives but also enhance Ladakh’s image as a responsible adventure tourism destination,” he said.

Earlier, Dr. Tashi Thinles, Director Health Services, gave a detailed presentation on upcoming projects including a new Medical College and Nursing College, a Cardiac Cath Lab and Sewage Treatment Plant at SNM Hospital, upgradation of District Hospital Kargil, procurement of a 3 Tesla MRI machine, and construction of health centres across Ladakh.

Administrative Secretary, Bhanu Prabha, presented updates on projects in School Education, Higher Education and Technical Education. Administrative Secretary, Sanjit Rodrigues, IAS, outlined the key initiatives of the Tourism Department, including the Bhimbat project, Droupadi Kund project, Penzi La development,

Trans-Himalayan Cultural Centre at Leh, Sindhu Ghat Expansion, Chowkhang Vihara project, and restoration of Balti Bazar in Kargil. He also highlighted Ministry of Tourism-funded projects such as the Julley Leh Biodiversity Park, Hunderman Village Experience, Water Screen Projection Multimedia Show at Kargil, Sound and Light Show at Leh Palace, and the promotion of Mushkoh Valley as a sustainable tourism hub.

Mr. Rodrigues further apprised about new policy frameworks – Ladakh Homestay Policy 2023, STP Incentive Policy 2024, and the Ladakh Mountaineering Policy 2024 – aimed at promoting responsible, community-driven and sustainable tourism across the region.

## DC, SSP visit flood-affected site at lower Bheja Bhaderwah

DODA, AUGUST 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sandeep Kumar today visited Lower Bheja Bhaderwah to take stock of the damages caused by flood, which affected several households, school, temple and other public assets in the area.

During the visit, the DC and SSP Doda interacted with the affected families and the local community, assuring them of immediate relief and timely restoration of essential services. The DC Doda commended the resilience and unity displayed by the people of Bheja amid the incessant rains and appreciated their collective spirit in facing the challenges together.

He further informed that relief measures under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) have been initiated by the District Administration



to provide prompt assistance to the affected households.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the concerned departments to ensure early assessment of damages and effective implementation

of restoration works to minimize public inconvenience.

The visit was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah, ASP Bhaderwah, Tehsildar, BDO and other officers.

## Ramban Cloudburst: DC leads rescue operations at Gadgram, Rajgarh areas

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A cloudburst struck village Gadgram in Tehsil Rajgarh of district Ramban last night, claiming the lives of four persons.

The cloudburst triggered flash floods and landslides that swept away five people and caused damage to several houses, a school and other structures in the area.

Upon receiving information about the incident at midnight, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, along with SSP Arun Gupta, Additional SP Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman, ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo and other officers, immediately rushed to the spot.

The Deputy Commissioner supervised the rescue and relief operations, which were jointly carried out by the teams of Civil Administration, SDRF, Police, CRPF, Army, SOG, and Civil QRT along with local volunteers.

Four bodies have been recovered, while search operations are on to trace the remaining missing person.



The District Administration has extended immediate relief to affected people from the District Red Cross Fund. The Deputy Commissioner expressed solidarity with the bereaved families and assured them

of all possible assistance. He also directed the concerned officers to submit a detailed report on losses and damages at the earliest, so that relief can be provided under SDRF norms.

Meanwhile, the general public has been urged to properly follow weather advisories issued by the District Administration and other competent authorities from time to time for the safety of the public.

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The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today accorded a warm farewell to Ajeet Singh, In-charge Information Assistant on his superannuation at a function, held here on Saturday.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey (JKAS); Deputy Director (HQ/PR), Ashu Kumari (JKAS); Youth Information Officer, Monika Sambyal (JKAS); Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh Kumar (JKAS); besides officials of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers lauded the



dedication and sincerity with which Ajeet Singh served the department during

his tenure spanning over three decades. They extended their best wishes

for his good health and a prosperous post-retirement life.

## District Admin Reasi condoles demise of 7 People in Mahore calamity

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik along with the entire District Administration, has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the tragic incident at Village Badar, Mahore, in which

seven precious lives were lost.

The Deputy Commissioner extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and assured that the District Administration will provide all possible support and assistance to the victims’ families in this hour of grief.

She further directed the concerned officers to ensure prompt relief measures and maintain close coordination with all line departments to ensure an effective and timely response to such emergency situations.

The DC Nidhi Malik also appealed to the public to remain vigilant

and cautious in view of the prevailing weather conditions, and to avoid venturing into vulnerable or high-risk areas.

She urged citizens to strictly follow the advisories issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the District Administration for their safety.

## Labour Department hosts awareness, registration camps at Tatarsoo, Khari

RAMBAN, AUGUST 30: Labour Department Ramban, under the supervision of Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC), Amit Kumar, on Saturday conducted two Awareness Cum Registration Camps at Panchayat Maitra Govindpora in village Tatarsoo and Khari.

The Construction workers were sensitized about the various Labour laws viz Payment of wages Act, Employees Compensation Act, Child Labour Act, Contract Labour Act, JK-BOCW Act besides the Welfare Schemes of JK-



BOCW and Social Welfare Schemes like E shram, PMSYM, PMJJBY, PMSBY, Construction Workers Cess Act, 1996.

The ALC explained the

process of Registration of Construction Worker under JKBOCW Act and other schemes.

At Khari, Officials of the Labour Department sensi-

tized the attendees. IEC materials like Pamphlets were also distributed among the workers.

Construction Worker raised various queries which were discussed and resolved on the spot. About 25 new registrations were approved in the camps who have already applied for the Labour Card. Renewals of labour cards were also done on the spot.

The ALC said that such camps shall be conducted continuously in the District to increase the registration of leftout Construction Workers.