

# Grid-connectivity to Gurez restored fully; DC Bandipora Commends the team

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The grid-connected electricity supply to Gurez has been successfully restored today, with the 33KV line now charged up to Dawar Gurez after disruptions caused by recent heavy snowfall in the Razdan and Zadkhusi areas.

The restoration of the 33KV Bandipora-Gurez line, completed up to Dawar, comes after severe weather conditions affected electricity supply through the grid in the area. During the disruption period, Gurez received electricity through diesel generators.

Despite facing significant challenges due to heavy snowfall and adverse weather conditions, a dedicated team of 20 personnel from KPDCL and STD Ganderbal/Bandipora undertook the task of retrieving the submerged line, buried under approximately 10 feet of snow at Razdan, and successfully re-erected and replaced 15 damaged HT poles in the tough stretch from Zadkhusi to Koragbal. This concerted effort led to the swift restoration of grid-connected electricity to Gurez.

Executive Engineer STD Ganderbal, Lenin Kumar, informed that the 33KV Gurez-Bandipora line has been successfully charged up to Dawar today, following recent disruptions due to heavy snowfall.



Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman, commended the efforts of KPDCL and STD Ganderbal/Bandipora, highlighting the untiring efforts of field teams and co-ordinated teamwork despite facing harsh weather conditions.

It is noteworthy that District Administration, Bandipora took up the issue on a mission mode, conducting several meetings with concerned stakeholders and assigning senior of-

icers including ADDC, ADC & SDM Gurez to monitor and assist field efforts on a daily basis to ensure the earliest restoration of electricity to Gurez.

The successful restoration within the stipulated timeline marks a significant milestone, considering the challenging terrain that the transmission line traverses through, including the Razdan Pass, situated at an altitude of 12,672 feet above sea level, and the treacherous Zadkhusi

stretch on the Bandipora-Gurez Road.

The grid-connected electricity to Gurez has fulfilled a long-awaited demand of the local population and provides a significant relief to residents, hoteliers, restaurants, etc. It shall go a long way to further boost tourism-related activities in the border region, where electricity was previously provided through diesel generators with limited load capacity for only 5-7 hours during the night.

# Ajaz Jan urges maximum participation in LS Polls to safeguard our distinctive identity

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Ajaz Jan, Provincial President JKNC Youth and former MLA, stressed the importance of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections in safeguarding the distinctive identity of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior NC leader was speaking while addressing a public meeting held at Kusalian in district Poonch, in support of NC Lok Sabha candidate for Rajouri-Poonch-Anantnag constituency, Mian Altaf Ahmed. This meeting was organised by Mohd Sadiq, Ex Sarpanch Gulpur Kusalian.

In his address, Ajaz Jan strongly criticized the BJP Government at the Centre for its failure to prioritize the development of rural areas in the region. He spoke about the deplorable condition of road connectivity, the issue of inflated and double power bills burdening the people, the lack of availability of government ration, and the scarcity of drinking water supply. These challenges have had a detrimental im-



impact on the lives of the local population.

Jan emphasized that the forthcoming Lok Sabha election is not just an ordinary political event, but a critical opportunity to safeguard the distinct identity of Jammu and Kashmir. He called upon the people to unite and extend their support by ensuring maximum participation and voting for the National Conference candidate, Mian Altaf Ahmed to uphold the interests and aspirations of the local people.

Mohd Sadiq, ex Sarpanch, echoed Ajaz

Jan's sentiments on the importance of preserving the region's identity during the Lok Sabha elections. He emphasized the need for unity and collective action to address the pressing issues facing rural areas.

Ch Maxood in their address, reiterated the urgency of supporting the National Conference candidate, Mian Altaf Ahmed, emphasizing his track record of advocating for the welfare of the region.

Mohd Afsal Sheikh, Abdul Razak and Ishaq Khan urged voters to make an informed choice to ensure ef-

fective representation in the parliament.

The public meeting witnessed the active participation of several prominent individuals, including Ch Masood Sheikh, Mohd Afsal, Vice President, Isahiq Khan, Ch Sadiq Sarpanch, Mohd Sadiq Sarpanch Kosalian, Molvi, Rashid Qadree, Mohd Rafiq Badana, Mohd Altaf, Sahafat Shah, Qazi Saleem, Parvinder Singh, Isahiq Sheikh, Kh Abdul Razak Sarpanch, Mukhtar Rathoor, Shoket, Ch Shabir, Ch Gani, Noor Khan, Raiz Khan, and many others.

# SMC conducts cleanliness drive in Srinagar's Zone East

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Following the directions of Commissioner Dr. Owais Ahmed, the SMC officials, along with the Chief Sanitation Officer and Zonal Sanitation Officer, spearheaded a successful cleanliness drive focused in Central Jail and its surrounding areas.

The initiative aimed to elevate cleanliness standards and promote hygiene practices by implementing efficient waste collection and disposal methods, along with clearing out unwanted vegetation and grass.

By involving the local community in these efforts, the SMC seeks to instill a sense of civic duty among



residents while advocating for sustainable and hygienic behaviors.

The primary goal of this initiative is to create a

cleaner and healthier environment for all residents. Through collaborative efforts and community engagement, the SMC strives

to cultivate a culture of responsibility towards maintaining cleanliness and fostering a sustainable living environment.

# HKM Degree College B'pora Bids Farewell to Outgoing Batch

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The Student Council HKM Degree College Bandipora under the guidance of Seminar and Debates Committee organised a farewell programme bidding adieu to the outgoing batch of students.

On the occasion, Prof. Sajad Manzoor, Convener of the Seminar and Debates Committee, expressed his strong rapport with the students and offered sincere wishes for their success in their academic endeavours.

Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Masood Ahmad Malik also extended his best wishes to the outgoing students.

He appreciated 4th-semester students for orchestrating the programme smoothly.

He also emphasized the need to revive Bandipora's reputation for knowledge and highlighted the importance of developing reading habits, stating that they contribute to personal perfection.

The event was marked by various performances and presentations, including the singing of College



Tarana and a traditional Kashmiri Rouf by a group of girls, adorned in captivating traditional Kashmiri attire.

Additionally, powerful speeches expressing gratitude and well wishes were delivered, accompanied by

musical renditions ranging from inspiring tunes to nostalgic melodies, and even regional language performances with live instrumental accompaniments.

Dance performances were also a highlight, captivating the audience and

adding a vibrant touch to the proceedings.

Among others who spoke at the occasion were, Prof. G. M. Khan, from the Faculty of English and Dr. Mohammad Sheikh-ul-Ashraf, senior Faculty in the Department of Botany.

# District Administration Budgam bids warm farewell to outgoing SSP Al Tahir Gillani

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The District Administration Budgam today organized a Farewell function for the outgoing SSP Budgam, Al- Tahir Gillani on his transfer and welcomed Nikhil Borkar for assuming the charge as new SSP Budgam.

In this regard a farewell function was held at Dak Bunglow, here, where Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo appreciated outgoing SSP for his cooperation and coordination in maintaining peaceful law and order situation in Budgam

The DC praised him for his excellent work in all areas and appreciated him for his remarkable contribution towards the civil-



police coordination in the district. The DC said that outgoing SSP is the prime example of a gentleman, efficient & a successful police officer.

The DC further said that he will always remember outgoing SSP for his wise counsel on various important matters of the district. ADC Budgam, Mehraj-

ud-Din Shah, ASP Budgam, Ragav S were among other officers who extended their best wishes to both new and outgoing SSPs for their new assignments.

The officers from both civil and police administration also spoke on the occasion and appreciated that outgoing SSP shall be re-

membered for his humility and employee and public friendly approach during his tenure as SSP Budgam.

Speaking on the occasion, new SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar said that he would give his best to deliver up to the expectations of the general public.

Addressing the gathering, outgoing SSP Budgam thanked the DC Budgam and all senior officers of both civil and police administration for their support through out his tenure.

He emphasized that coordination between civil and police administration has been a key factor in maintaining peaceful situation in the district.

CPO Budgam, ACR, SDMs, SDPOs and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

# Intramural Badminton Championship for men 2024 organised at GDC Sumbal

BANDIPORA, APRIL 28:

As part of Drug Awareness Campaign, Physical Education Department, Government Degree College Sumbal today organised an intramural badminton championship.

The championship inaugurated by principal GDC Sumbal Shabeena Iqbal



Shawl served as a platform to promote healthy living while emphasizing the importance of combating drug abuse. While interacting with students the principal urged them to participate in games and emphasized the importance of sports to stay away from the curse of drugs.