

LG Saxena inaugurates first Special School for Children with Special Needs in Kargil



KARGIL, JULY 26: Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, today inaugurated the Union Territory's first Special School for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in Kargil, marking a historic milestone in the Administration's commitment to ensuring equitable, inclusive and quality education for every child. Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun and Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Shri Mohmad Haneefa Jan were present during the inauguration.

The Special School has been established to provide a dedicated learning environment equipped to address the educational, developmental and therapeutic needs of children with special needs, ensuring that every child receives opportunities to learn, grow and lead a life of dignity and independence.

The school features barrier-free infrastructure with ramps, accessible classrooms and child-friendly facilities, along with assistive technologies to support diverse learning needs. It is equipped with dedicated resource rooms, therapy and rehabilitation support, and specialised learning aids to ensure holistic development. The school is backed by trained special educators and support staff.

Addressing the gathering, L-G Shri Saxena said that the inauguration of the Special School is not merely the opening of a new educational institution but the beginning of a new chapter in Kargil's journey towards inclusive education.

He observed that the school reflects the Administration's unwavering commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind, irrespective of physical, intellectual, sensory or developmental challenges.

Referring to the vision of the National Education

Policy (NEP) 2020, the Lieutenant Governor stated that every child deserves equal opportunities to learn and succeed. He said that the establishment of the Special School is a significant step towards making education inclusive, accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of every learner. He further reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to making every Government school inclusive so that Children with Special Needs can access quality education closer to their homes.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the success of inclusive education cannot be achieved by the Government alone and requires active participation from society. He appealed to parents, local communities, School Management Committees, civil society organisations, healthcare professionals and volunteers to work together in creating a compassionate environment where children

with special needs are respected for their abilities, welcomed without discrimination and empowered to realise their fullest potential.

L-G Shri Saxena stated that the Administration is continuously upgrading educational infrastructure in accordance with CBSE norms and national standards through investments in modern classrooms, science laboratories, ICT facilities, libraries, sports infrastructure and safe learning environments. Referring specifically to the needs of Children with Special Needs, he said that the Administration will continue to strengthen barrier-free infrastructure, assistive technologies, accessible classrooms, therapeutic support, resource rooms and trained special educators to ensure that every learner can participate in education with dignity and confidence.

L-G Shri Saxena expressed confidence that the Special School would emerge as a centre of excellence for inclusive education and serve as a model institution for empowering Children with Special Needs in Ladakh. Calling for a collective commitment towards inclusive development, the Lieutenant Governor urged all stakeholders to work together to build a Ladakh where every child matters, every learner is valued, and every dream is given the opportunity to flourish.

'Mann Ki Baat' inspiring nation-building through public participation: Sat



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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized booth-level listening sessions of the 136th edition of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popular monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' across the Union Territory.

BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), along with MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa and former Councillor Surjit Pappu Choudhary, participated in the programme at Booth No. 124, Ward No. 43 of the Bahu Assembly constituency.

BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul listened to the programme with party workers

and local citizens at Booth No. 7 of Trikuta Nagar Mandal, where Mandal President Nitish Mahajan was also present.

Similar programmes were organized by BJP workers at booth level throughout Jammu & Kashmir, with enthusiastic participation from local residents, highlighting the growing popularity of the Prime Minister's monthly interaction with the nation.

Sat Sharma, addressing on the occasion, said that Mann Ki Baat has evolved into a unique platform that connects the country's leadership with ordinary citizens.

He said the programme inspires people by showcasing stories of individuals who are contributing towards nation-building through innovation, social

service, environmental conservation, women empowerment, youth initiatives, and cultural preservation.

Sharma said organizing Mann Ki Baat at the booth level is an important organizational exercise as it enables party workers and the public to collectively listen, discuss, and draw inspiration from the Prime Minister's message. He added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, governance has become increasingly people-centric, with public participation emerging as the driving force behind every national campaign.

Ashok Koul, while addressing, said that the BJP organizes Mann Ki Baat programmes among the people because the Prime Minister's message belongs

to every citizen and not merely to the government or the party.

He said the booth-level programmes create opportunities for interaction with local communities, encourage constructive discussions, and motivate people to contribute positively to society.

Koul emphasized that the strength of Mann Ki Baat lies in its ability to recognize ordinary citizens performing extraordinary work, thereby inspiring millions across the country to adopt positive changes in their own lives. He said the programme reflects Prime Minister Modi's belief that national development is possible only through "Jan Bhagidari" (people's participation) and collective responsibility.

District admin Poonch virtual interaction with PM under Viksit Vibrant Village Programme

POONCH, JULY 26: The District Administration Poonch, in collaboration with My Bharat Kendra Poonch, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India today facilitated a virtual interaction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with participants of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme at the VC Room, Deputy Commissioner Office Poonch. The event was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Ku-

mar Sharma.

During the interaction, the Prime Minister engaged with participants from across the country who had earned the opportunity to visit the Vibrant Villages of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand after excelling in the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme Quiz. Participants from different parts of India took part in the session and shared their experiences and learnings from their visits to the border villages.

The interaction provided a platform for participants to share their experiences and reaffirm their commitment to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

In his address, the Prime Minister emphasized the importance of strengthening the bond between citizens and India's border villages. He also directed that all schools and colleges should organize educational tours to Vibrant Villages and other border areas, enabling stu-

dents to understand their cultural richness, strategic importance and developmental progress, while fostering a stronger sense of patriotism and national integration.

The programme concluded with officers reaffirming their commitment to promoting the objectives of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme and supporting initiatives aimed at the holistic development of border areas.

ASTRO ZINDAGI

(Weekly Horoscope July 27- Aug 02, 2026)

ARIES:

Adventure and passion light up your love life this week, as Mars fuels your desire to explore and take romantic risks. Singles may meet someone magnetic and full of spontaneity hence embrace the spark, but stay grounded in your values. For couples, it's time to inject fun into your bond through shared adventures or new experiences. Just be sure that passion doesn't outpace emotional depth; real connection needs both thrill and trust. Financially, clarity dawns. With the Jupiter highlighting your worth, you are more aware of what you bring to the table hence use this awareness to negotiate better pay or improve your work setup. Midweek favors smart spending adjustments. Recognition flows in professionally. Your behind-the-scenes efforts are being seen, and momentum builds. Stay grounded even as opportunities roll in especially for creatives and freelancers. Academically or intellectually, focus is key. Break tasks down, eliminate distractions, and trust your independence. Physically, you are steady, but emotionally, environments matter.

TAURUS:

This week, the energies of Venus and Jupiter invite deeper emotional connections in your relationships. If you are in a relationship, expect a stronger bond built on mutual respect and understanding. Venus enhances your ability to listen, creating space for smoother communication and more trust. If single, Jupiter suggests the potential for a meaningful connection, though patience is required. Financially, Saturn helps you refine your budget. It's time to evaluate your priorities, reassess goals, and make practical adjustments. If you are considering long-term investments, Mercury encourages you to gather information first. Avoid impulsive spending and stick to a plan that supports your future.

GEMINI:

This week, your natural charm is heightened by Mercury and Venus, making your love life more spontaneous and fun. Whether single or in a relationship, lighthearted communication and shared laughter will deepen your connections. Couples will find joy in casual moments, while singles may meet someone with a creative spark. In finances, Saturn and Jupiter help you focus on practical progress. You will feel motivated to organize your finances, set savings goals, or invest in something useful. Be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true and favor steady progress over quick wins. At work, take this week to prepare, not act. Finish tasks and review details for future opportunities.

CANCER :

This week brings a refreshing, playful energy to your love life. With the Venus enhancing your emotional expression, relationships thrive through shared laughter and spontaneity. If you are in a relationship, break from routine and plan something fun together, it will reignite warmth and connection. Singles may cross paths with someone adventurous who brings excitement into their world. Stay open and enjoy the moment without pressure. Financially, Saturn's grounding presence urges discipline. Avoid impulsive spending and focus on practical budgeting. Small, steady steps toward savings or financial reorganization will serve you well. If you are waiting on news or payments, patience will be necessary. In your career, opportunities arise that could lead to growth. Mercury's influence helps sharpen your instincts, use them wisely. Stay focused, make well-considered decisions, and avoid rushing into new ventures. Academically, this is a week for structure and determination. Create a plan, stay consistent, and allow time for rest as the week closes.

LEO:

This week, Venus softens your emotional landscape, encouraging compassion and gentle understanding in relationships. It's a great time to heal tensions through honest, empathetic conversations, allowing love to deepen through mutual listening and care. Singles may find themselves attracted to emotionally mature, kind-hearted people, no need to rush, let connection build naturally. Financially, Saturn urges caution as unexpected expenses might arise; focus on trimming unnecessary spending and maintaining a stable cushion. Honest, calm money talks will help avoid conflicts, and practical discipline will safeguard your resources. At work, Mercury demands both focus and flexibility, adapt to shifts with patience, listen carefully, and lead with consensus. Your attention to detail gives you an edge while steady persistence turns challenges into growth opportunities.

VIRGO:

This week begins with emotional depth as Mercury and the Moon guide you to embrace honesty in your love life. Expressing your true feelings especially those usually kept private, opens the door to deeper connection. In relationships, your vulnerability fosters mutual understanding. Singles may attract someone who values authenticity over surface impressions. Midweek, your attention turns to financial opportunity. The Sun highlights potential side income or freelance work, but be mindful of your energy levels to avoid burnout. Stay organized and track your earnings. Practical advice from trusted sources may guide smarter choices. In your career, Venus supports strong workplace connections. Collaborating and clearing

out old tasks creates space for fresh ideas. Business owners may benefit from refreshed marketing or outreach.

LIBRA:

This week begins with emotional depth, as the Moon and South Node highlight the importance of open communication in your relationships. If you are partnered, unspoken feelings may surface, don't assume your partner knows what you need. Speak gently and honestly; kind clarity can strengthen your bond. If single, you may feel torn between wanting connection and protecting your emotional space. Someone new may appear intriguing, but your instincts about boundaries are key. Financially, the week calls for moderation and refinement. With Mercury influencing mental clarity, it's a good time to reassess subscriptions, contracts, or habits that no longer serve you. Resist impulsive spending even in socially active settings.

SCORPIO:

This week, romantic energy picks up, offering a welcome shift from recent emotional heaviness. If you are in a relationship, Mars brings passion with warmth and ease, perfect for a creative date night or lighthearted time together. Let go of the need for deep intensity and enjoy the fun side of love. For singles, a flirty connection could spark in social or creative settings. Just remember: charm doesn't always equal depth. Financially, helpful insights arrive, possibly through advice or reviewing your plans. North Node encourages practical thinking, focus on saving, reassessing investments, and steering clear of emotional financial decisions. Professionally, the pace slows but sharpens your focus. Revisit unfinished tasks or refine business strategies. A shift in team dynamics is possible, so stay adaptable without compromising your standards.

SAGITTARIUS:

This week opens with light-hearted emotional energy as Venus and Jupiter bring joy, spontaneity, and charm to your love life. If you are in a relationship, planning something adventurous or simply laughing together will reignite closeness. Singles radiate confidence and authenticity-flirtation could turn into something meaningful, especially if there is emotional depth beneath the fun. Midweek, Mercury enhances financial insight. A promising lead may come through a friend or colleague, but Saturn reminds you to assess the details before committing. You may feel pressured to spend socially-contribute wisely without compromising your budget. Professionally, Mars activates leadership and collaboration. Your enthusiasm inspires others, but don't skip practical steps-due diligence will be essential in any new deal or partnership. A sharp, well-timed pitch could open doors.

CAPRICORN:

This week focuses on emotional alignment and important choices, influenced by the deepening energy of Saturn and the clarity of Mercury. In relationships, you may reach a turning point-either deciding to deepen your bond or adjust how you communicate. Financially, under Mercury's practical influence, the week calls for balance between your income and energy output. Streamlining costs and improving efficiency bring immediate benefits. Be cautious with tempting offers-read the fine print carefully. Monetizing a hobby or skill quietly built could pay off. Career energy rises with Saturn encouraging you to take on new challenges confidently. Clear goals and strategic planning help you manage projects and collaborations smoothly, boosting your professional reputation.

AQUARIUS:

This week begins with bold, passionate energy in your love life, as Mars energizes your romantic sector. Singles radiate confidence and may attract exciting connections, while those in relationships experience a surge of desire. Midweek, the South Node reminds you to temper intensity with patience-don't rush emotional responses or force outcomes. When passion is balanced with empathy, deeper emotional breakthroughs unfold. Financially, you are proactive. Opportunities for extra income may appear. Mercury encourages clear thinking, especially during midweek money talks with a partner or family. Keep communication honest and practical. By week's end, your efforts bring a more balanced and organized financial outlook. Career-wise, networking and negotiation play key roles. The North Node highlights your ability to lead with clarity and fairness.

PISCES:

This week, Moon intensifies emotions, urging clear, kind communication in relationships. Don't expect partners to read your moods. Singles feel a deep longing but may hesitate to open up. Trust your intuition with new interests; emotional clarity is key. Step back if doubt arises. Saturn sharpens financial focus-practical moves like consolidating debt or revisiting insurance will strengthen your foundation. Beware of rushed joint financial decisions. Midweek may bring overdue payments or rewards. Build steadily. At work, Mercury calls for emotional intelligence and clear communication amid tension or shifting roles. Document agreements and avoid impulsive reactions. Business owners should refine systems and reconnect with loyal clients. Reflection by weekend brings realignment and leadership growth.