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Gojri, Pahari taught as mother tongues in schools

The government today informed the legislative assembly that Gojri and Pahari languages were being taught in schools only as mother tongue subjects under the three-language formula.

The reply, issued by school education department in response to a question by MLA Mohammad Akram, stated that these languages were included in the J&K Board of School Education (JK-BOSE) curriculum from

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Only 3 town planners for 40 ULBs in valley: Govt

The government today told the legislative assembly that the town planning organisation (TPO) in Kashmir had just three town planners to cater to 40 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), indicating a severe shortage of technical staff in the department.

In a written reply to legislator Sajad Gani Lone during the ongoing budget session, chief minister

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ASI held in graft case

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, FEB 13

The ACB today trapped and arrested an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of police while allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 from the complainant.

According to officials, ACB received a written complaint, alleging therein that ASI Mukhtar Ahmad Khan of Newa, Pulwama, who was IO at Bemina police station, Srinagar, had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant despite the case having already been challaned before the competent court.

The accused officer allegedly threatened to ha

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Govt plans modern development for Qazigund

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The government today said that Qazigund, known as the "Gateway of Kashmir," is being developed on modern and sustainable lines, with several infrastructure and urban planning initiatives underway.

Responding to a question in the legislative assembly raised by MLA Abdul Majeed Bhat, the government said the town's strategic location at the southern entry point of the valley and its role as a major road and rail transit hub make it a

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final approval are rectification of incorrect land-use zoning and boundary alignment with revenue villages, incorporation of sustainable public objections and suggestions, and collection & verification of data from multiple departments.

Consequently, the area under Jammu Master Plan has increased from 652.33 sq km to 777.84 sq km, covering 350 revenue villages. "The revision of the Jammu Master Plan-2032, which began in 2021, is presently under consideration by the government," the chief minister said in reply to a question by BJP MLA Chander Prakash in the legislative assembly.

He said approval for review of the Jammu Master Plan-2032 was accorded on

October 18, 2021, under section 3 of the Jammu & Kashmir Development Act, 1970.

"The terms of reference were signed between Jammu Development Authority and the Town & Country Planning Organisation on January 28, 2021," he said.

Urban planners and GIS (Geographic Information System) experts were engaged and base maps were prepared using satellite imagery and existing land-use

surveys, he added.

"Traffic and transport surveys and a socio-economic survey were conducted through the All-India Institute of Local Self Government, followed by detailed sectoral analysis and preparation of technical reports," Omar said.

The planning boundary was rectified and the local planning area increased from 652.33 sq km to 777.84 sq km, covering 350 revenue villages, he informed.

The revised draft master plan was placed in the public domain for 80 days from October 14, 2024, to January 3, 2025, during which 143 objections and suggestions were received, he said.

"A board of inquiry was constituted vide government order dated January 16, 2025, and public hearings were conducted on January 23, 2025," the chief minister said, adding that the exercise of holding public hearings had been com

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First leg of Budget Session over; LS to meet again on Mar 9

RS proceedings too adjourned

NEW DELHI, FEB 13:

The tumultuous first leg of the Budget session, which saw heated exchanges over the India-US interim trade deal and unpublished memoir of former Army Chief M M Naravane, concluded today and the House would now reassemble on March 9. Rajya Sabha proceedings were too adjourned.

The Lok Sabha witnessed dramatic scenes and repeated adjournments from February 2 afternoon after the Chair disallowed Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi to quote from the excerpts of the memoir of Naravane relating to the India-China con-

flict of 2020.

The House witnessed noisy protests and dramatic scenes in the coming days leading to the suspension of seven Congress and one CPI-M member from the House for the remainder part of the Budget session for unruly behaviour, including climbing on tables of officials and throwing torn papers at the Chair.

Fearing unpleasant scenes, Speaker Om Birla requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to attend the Lok Sabha when he was to respond to the Motion of Thanks on the

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BJP got 82 pc of Rs 3,826 cr disbursed by electoral trusts: ADR

NEW DELHI, FEB 13:

Electoral trusts received Rs 3,826.34 crore in contributions in Financial Year 2024-25 and disbursed Rs 3,826.35 crore to political parties, with the BJP receiving more than 82 per cent of the funds, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said today.

In its latest report analysing contribution documents submitted to the Election Commission (EC), the ADR said 10 of the 20 registered electoral trusts declared receiving donations during FY25, while five did not have their reports available on the poll panel's website even three months after

the deadline.

According to the ADR, a total of Rs 3,826.3417 crore was received from corporations and individuals during the financial year and Rs 3,826.3522 crore distributed to various political parties, in keeping with rules that mandate trusts to disburse at least 95 per cent of contributions received in a year.

The ADR said 228 corporate or business houses contributed Rs 3,636.819 crore, while 99 individuals donated Rs 187,6227 crore during the year. The top 10 donors together accounted for Rs 1,908,8621 crore -

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dia Trinamool Congress (TMC) got Rs 102 crore (2.67 per cent). Nineteen other parties together received Rs 267,9178 crore.

Among the trusts, Prudent Electoral Trust disbursed the highest amount - Rs 2,668,4647 crore - to 15 political parties, followed by Progressive Electoral Trust, which donated Rs 914.97 crore to 10 parties.

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Two former ministers - Qamar Ali Akhoon & Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Shah - passed away today.

Akhoon was food minister in the erstwhile J&K state and hailed from Sangra village of Kargil.

Soon after the House came to know about his demise, MLAs expressed profound sorrow and paid rich tributes to the

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2 ex-ministers pass away

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Budget Session

Randhawa's claim of valley people encroaching Jammu land triggers uproar

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The legislative assembly today witnessed uproar after BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa claimed that people hailing from Kashmir had indulged in massive encroachment of land in Jammu city.

Replying to a question by Randhawa during Question Hour in the assembly, social welfare minister Sakina Itoo said that, according to available records, land measuring 688 kanals and 17 marlas in Bahu tehsil of Jammu and 579 kanals in Jammu south wa under illegal encroachment.

"These encroachments are old and are being removed as per the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act and other relevant laws," Itoo, who was replying

ing on behalf of the chief minister, said.

The minister noted that since January 2025, a total of 34 anti-encroachment drives had been carried out in Bahu tehsil and Jammu south, leading to the retrieval of 140 kanals and 11 marlas of land belonging to the Jammu Development Authority (JDA).

Randhawa alleged that habitations of people from the valley had come up on the encroached land belonging to JDA and the

government, and that the authorities had failed to remove the encroachments.

He claimed that 90 per cent of these habitations were those of people hailing from Kashmir.

"Let the government probe it and take action for the removal of encroachments from my constituency. There is over 16,000 kanals of JDA land under illegal occupation in Jammu," he said.

"We have no problem if

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8,639 complaints against sitting judges since 2016: Law Min tells LS

NEW DELHI, FEB 13:

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal today told the Lok Sabha that over 8,600 complaints against sitting judges had been received by the office of the chief justice of India (CJI) since 2016.

"8,639 complaints have been received against sitting judges between 2016 and 2025. The highest number of complaints (1,170) was received in 2024 by the office of the CJI against sitting judges," he said in a written reply in the House.

Complaints received against judges and chief justices of the high courts were handled by the judiciary through an "in-house



mechanism".

He recalled that in May 1997, the Supreme Court adopted two resolutions - "The Restatement of Values of Judicial Life", which lays down certain judicial standards and principles to be observed and followed by SC and HC judges; and "In-house Procedure", which takes suitable remedial measure against judges who do not follow the universally accepted values of

judicial life including those in the "Restatement of Values of Judicial Life".

According to the established in-house procedure for the higher judiciary, the CJI is competent to receive complaints against SC judges and chief justices of the high courts.

Similarly, chief justices of high courts are competent to receive complaints against the conduct of the high court judges.

Complaints against members of the higher judiciary received on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) or in any other form are forwarded to the CJI or chief

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Kavinder reiterates commitment to Ladakh's overall development

Himalayan Mail News LEH, FEB 13

Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta told various delegations, that called on him here today, that his administration was committed to the overall development of the Union Territory.

The delegations discussed with him developmental, employment and welfare-related issues.

A delegation from Defence Research and Development Organisation, Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR), discussed several issues pertaining to infrastructure development.



Representative Officer (CRO) Sonamling Settlement informed the LG about the upcoming Tibetan Losar and raised several welfare-related issues.

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