

Statehood Day of Arunchal Pradesh & Mizoram celebrated with full fervour at Lok Niwas Ladakh

LEH, FEBRUARY 20: Statehood Day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Lok Niwas, Ladakh today under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme, launched by the Government of India, aims to celebrate Unity in Diversity by pairing States and UTs for year-long cultural, linguistic, educational, and tourism exchanges to foster national integration and people-to-people connections.

Similar Statehood Day celebrations for all States and UTs are being held today at Lok Bhavans and Lok Niwas across the country to strengthen emotional bonds between different regions.

Both Arunachal Pradesh,



known as the Land of the Rising Sun, and Mizoram, celebrated for its vibrant culture and rich wildlife, attained statehood on February 20, 1987, marking key milestones after years of regional struggles.

Commissioner/Secretary to the Lt Governor, Dr L Franklin, who is also from Mizoram, highlighted the rich history of both states.

He cited the bloodshed and insurgency faced by Mizoram's people in their struggle for statehood, calling it a special day and thanking everyone for participating.

Video messages from Hon'ble Governor of Mizoram, Gen (Dr) VK Singh (Retd), and Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

(Retd), were played. A video showcasing must-see destinations of Mizoram was also screened.

Under Secretary Shri Sachin Bali conducted the proceedings.

Security personnel from Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh serving in Ladakh, along with staff from LG Secretariat and Lok Niwas, attended the celebrations.

IGP Jammu inaugurates 3-day course on 'Cyber Investigation and Mobile Forensics'

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A three-day training programme on "Cyber Investigation and Mobile Forensics" commenced today at the Conference Hall, District Police Lines (DPL), Jammu. The course was inaugurated by the Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti in the presence of Staff Officer to IGP Jammu, Shamsheer Hussain and trainees drawn from all the districts of Jammu Zone.

While inaugurating the programme, the IGP underscored the growing importance of cyber investigation in the evolving landscape of crime. He highlighted the rapid rise in cyber-enabled offences and emphasized the necessity of equipping investigating



officers with updated technical knowledge and legal expertise to effectively handle digital evidence and ensure successful prosecution.

During the course of the next three days, the programme will focus on critical aspects of cyber investigation, including handling and preservation of digital evidence, maintaining the chain of custody, adherence to proper legal and procedural safeguards. Special emphasis will be laid on the preparation of digital seizure

memos and the correct method of conducting digital seizures to withstand judicial scrutiny.

Dedicated sessions will also cover the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023, particularly those relating to admissibility and evidentiary value of electronic records.

Legal and procedural prospects concerning cybercrime investigations will be discussed in detail to enhance the competence of Investigating Officers. Expert speakers includ-

ing experienced officers in the field of cyber investigation and mobile forensics will deliver technical and practical sessions during the programme. The course is structured to include interactive discussions, case studies, and practical demonstrations to ensure effective knowledge transfer.

It is expected to strengthen cyber policing capabilities and building institutional capacity to tackle emerging digital threats in a professional and legally sound manner.

DC chairs BOCA meeting discusses cases pending for approval

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today presided over a meeting of the Building Operation Controlling Authority held at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

The meeting was attended by CEO Patnitop Development Authority, Virender Kumar Manyal, DFO Udhampur, SDM Chenani Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal and several other officers from concerned departments.

The meeting primarily focused on reviewing and discussing pending cases for approval, including per-



missions related to the construction of new residential and commercial buildings, repair and renovation of existing structures and cases pertaining to the development of land by local

hereditary residents.

During the deliberations, two cases were approved with specific conditions, particularly concerning changes in land use.

Deputy Commissioner

directed the CEO PDA to conduct regular monthly BOCA meetings to ensure prompt disposal of citizen applications and timely decision-making on pending cases.

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District Development Commissioner, Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting to review the performance of Banks under Annual Credit Plan (ACP) and progress under Govt sponsored schemes for the Quarter ended December 2025 of FY 2025-26.

At 7th Press Note File/Photos-20 Feb outset Sanjeev Rasotra, Lead District Manager Lead Bank, Poonch informed the chair that different banks in district Poonch have achieved total business of Rs. 6742.11 Crores of which: Deposits in District Poonch have risen from Rs.4018.22 Crores as on 31 December 2024 to Rs.4320.19 Crores as on 31 December 2025 showing a YoY growth of 7.5%.

Advances have risen from Rs.2143.10 Crores as on 31 December 2024 to Rs.2421.92 Crores as on 31 December 2025 showing YOY growth of 13%. CD ratio of district stand at 56.06% as on 31.12.2025.

Total Credit Disbursement Made by Banks in the District up to 31.12.2025 of



the FY-2025-26 under Annual Credit Plan:

Banks operating in the district made total credit disbursement of Rs.1089.74 Crores, against annual target of Rs1401.52 Crores thereby achieving 78% of the target.

Out of above, credit disbursement of Rs.441.40 crores was made under Priority sector against target of Rs.713.10 crores thereby achieving 62% of the target.

Achievement under Non-Priority Sector is Rs.1089.74 Crores against target of Rs.1401.52 crores thereby achieving 78% of the target.

The Chairman DLRC, Ashok Kumar Sharma directed all the stakeholder Banks to improve priority sector lending in different Govt sponsored schemes like Mission Yuva so that unemployed youth can avail benefits of various self-employment schemes of Central and state Govt. The chairman also directed all concerned sponsoring agencies and lending institutions to improve performance under priority sector. PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna scheme of Govt was also discussed and directions were issued to increase lending so that

power generation and objective of free power to all is achieved. Social security schemes i.e PM Suraksha Bima Yojna, PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojna and Atal Pension Yojna need to be vigorously followed so that maximum accounts of district Poonch are covered under these social schemes, the chair said.

Mr. Amit Kumar, Lead District Officer, RBI Jammu, Mr Chander, DDM NABARD, Mr. Ritesh Sharma Cluster Head J&K Bank, Poonch, Amarjeet Singh, Regional Manager, Grameen Bank, Radhe Sham, Director RSETI J&K Bank Poonch, Naima Bhatti, GM DIC Poonch, Abdul Majeed Tantray Deputy Director Employment, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Poonch, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Poonch, Chief Agriculture Officer, Poonch, Executive Engineer, JPDC Poonch, Employment Officer, Poonch, Project Officer DUDA Poonch, Fisheries Development Officer Poonch, DPM NRLM Poonch, District Officer KVIB Poonch.

District officers Handicrafts & Handloom Deptt Poonch, besides District Coordinators of all Banks & other District Officers of Govt Departments attended the meet.

'Display Your Talent' held at Govt Boys' Model Hr Sec School Rajouri

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A one day "Display Your Talent" program was today organized at Government Boys' Model Higher Secondary School, Rajouri in connection with the selection of students for the flagship PRERANA Program of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The event was held under the overall supervision of Chief Education Officer (CEO) Rajouri, Mohd. Hafiz, who chaired the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the students from different zones of District Rajouri, the CEO shared valuable words of wisdom and motivated them to strive for excellence, leadership and character building. He emphasized that

such initiatives provide a national platform for students to showcase their talent and broaden their horizons.

Pertinent to mention, PRERANA is a week-long residential experiential learning program by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aimed at students of Classes IX to XII. The program seeks to foster leadership qualities, core human values and 21st-century skills among young learners. It blends Indian Knowledge Systems with modern technology and aims to provide an inspiring, value-based educational experience in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The program is conducted at a historic vernac-

ular school in Vadnagar, Gujarat. Each weekly batch comprises 20 students (10 boys and 10 girls) drawn from 10 different States and Union Territories, ensuring diverse representation from across the country.

The curriculum of PRERANA is built around nine core values including dignity, humility, valor, hard work and service. It incorporates interactive and hands-on learning modules such as 3D printing, drone technology, local art and storytelling. Launched with the objective of empowering youth, the initiative draws inspiration from the educational journey of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

For the district-level selection, more than 150 students from various parts of

Rajouri participated enthusiastically in seven different categories of competition. The event concluded with interviews of the top 30 shortlisted students.

The nodal agency for organizing the program was Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Kotranka, while Principal Government Boys' Model Higher Secondary School, Rajouri, M.M. Wani, extended valuable support and cooperation for the successful conduct of the event.

The proceedings of the program were efficiently conducted by Umesh Kumar and Vikrant Sharma.

The event marked a significant step towards identifying and nurturing young talent from the district for participation in a prestigious national-level program.

137 Bn CRPF organises medical camp under civic action programme at Roun



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The 137 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force, Udhampur today organised a medical cum medicine distribution camp under the civic action programme at Government High School, Roun village, Udhampur, with the objective of extending healthcare facilities to the rural population.

The camp was attended by Ranbir Singh Pathania, MLA Udhampur East

along with senior officers of 137 Bn CRPF including M.K. Sicon, Commandant, Kartar Singh, Second-in-Command; R.L. Meena, Deputy Commandant, Sanjeet Kumar, Assistant Commandant and Dr. Manish Rundla, Medical Officer.

During the camp, Medical Officers and Pharmacists from CRPF and the Department of Ayush conducted various health check-ups, including blood sugar testing, ECG, blood pressure monitoring, weight assessment and screening for other ail-

ments.

Free medicines were distributed among the villagers and medical consultations were provided as per individual health requirements.

A team from the Department of Ayush comprising Dr. Monika Sharma, Dr. Vanika Gupta, Dr. Vilakshi Jamwal and Rekha Devi, Pharmacist, created awareness among local women and girls about women-specific health issues. They advised them on preventive healthcare measures and provided counselling re-

garding physical and mental well-being.

The team also encouraged women to adopt healthy practices and move away from harmful conservative beliefs and habits affecting their health.

The MLA Udhampur East and the local residents appreciated the commendable efforts of 137 Bn CRPF in organising the free medical camp and requested that such welfare-oriented initiatives be conducted regularly in the future for the benefit of the rural community.