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**SUB: Press Release (Inauguration of India's Longest Precast Cut and Cover Tunnel)**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, we are pleased to announce that India's longest **Precast Cut-and-Cover tunnel**, measuring **920 metres**, was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at an altitude of **12,300 feet (3,750 m)** by **Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh**, built in one of the country's most sensitive border regions, the tunnel will **significantly enhance troop mobility, strengthen logistics, and boost India's operational readiness** in high-altitude terrain.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Defence and the BRO for their trust and guidance. We are honoured to contribute to this strategically vital project and remain committed to delivering infrastructure that supports India's armed forces.

This is for your information and record.

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# Domestic Defence production hits Rs 1.51 Lakh Cr, exports near Rs 24,000 Cr Rajnath unveils record-breaking 125 BRO Projects in one go from Ladakh

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**LEH:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Sunday dedicated to the nation 125 strategically significant infrastructure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the most to have ever been inaugurated simultaneously from Ladakh union territory.

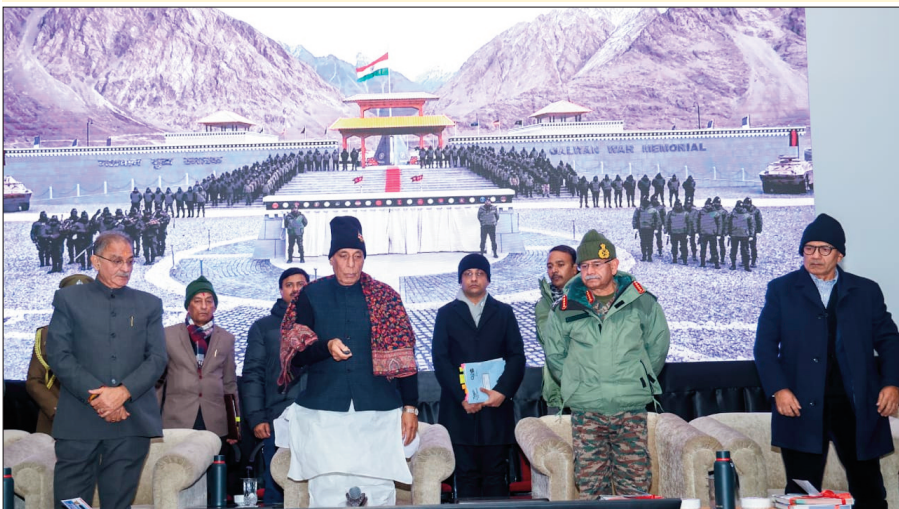
Spread across two Union Territories; Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, and 7 States including Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal & Mizoram, these projects - 28 Roads, 93 Bridges and 4 Miscellaneous have been completed at a cost of Approx. Rs 5,000 crore, the highest-value inaugurations in the BRO's history. These upgraded infrastructure projects will significantly improve last-mile connectivity to remote villages and forward military locations, bringing these areas closer to the national mainstream.

Defence Minister, in his address, described the projects as a testament to Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government's unwavering commitment to keep strengthening the border infrastructure in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The event was organised on the Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie Road at the Shyok Tunnel, which is among the key projects inaugurated by Rajnath Singh.

This engineering marvel, built in one of the world's toughest and most challenging terrain, will ensure all-weather, reliable connectivity to this strategic area, he said, adding that this 920-metre Cut and Cover tunnel will significantly enhance security, mobility, and rapid deployment capabilities, especially during harsh winters, as the region is prone to heavy snowfall, avalanches, and extreme temperatures.

‘Our forces could have done much more during Operation Sindoor but chose restraint’



Rajnath also virtually inaugurated the Galwan War Memorial in Arunachal Pradesh to honour the unmatched bravery, commitment, and sacrifice of the Armed Forces personnel.

Six major infrastructure projects executed by the Border Roads Organisation

(BRO) under Project Vijayak were inaugurated in Ladakh as part of the nationwide dedication of 125 strategic assets by the Rajnath Singh. The national ceremony was conducted virtually from Leh.

Project Vijayak inaugurated six key strategic assets across Ladakh. These include

Harka Bahadur Bridge (90 metres), Captain Anuj Nayyar, MVC Setu (65 metres) on NH-1D at Shilikchey, Darchik Bridge (50 metres), Hanu Lungpa Bridge (35 metres) on the Khalbtsi-Batalik-Kargil Road, Upgraded Leh-Chalunka Road, and Upgraded Kargil-Dumgil

Road.

These projects are expected to significantly enhance defence mobility, improve civilian connectivity, and boost socio-economic development across remote border regions of Ladakh.

The DM voiced the Government's resolve of developing the border areas, stating that these connectivity tools are lifelines for security, economy, and disaster management. "There are numerous benefits of robust infrastructure in border areas. It ensures military mobility, smooth transportation of logistics, increase in tourism & employment opportunities and, most importantly, stronger faith in development, democracy & the government," he said.

Rajnath Singh emphasised that the speed with which India is strengthening its borders with roads,

tunnels, smart fencing, integrated command centers & surveillance systems is a proof that connectivity is a backbone of security, and not a separate entity. He commended the BRO for significantly accelerating

national development by completing complex projects with speed & efficiency, and through indigenous solutions. The BRO has emerged as a synonym of 'Communication' and 'Connectivity', he said,

underlining the Government's endeavor to bolster these two important facets of development in border areas. "Our Government, Armed Forces, and organisations like the BRO are working diligently for the

holistic development of our border areas. We must continue strengthening the bond between the border regions and national mainstream so that the relationship is not influenced by any external factors," he said.

On Operation Sindoor, Rajnath said: "Our ►P11

## SMVDIME: A vision burdened with ambiguities that claim public clarity



Shivang Satya Gupta  
Editor-in-Chief

The ongoing dispute over MBBS admissions at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Education (SMVDIME) has triggered a wide-ranging debate across Jammu and Kashmir union territory, raising questions about whether a publicly funded religious trust-linked institution can justify private-college level fee structures and payment-based admissions.

The controversy, now amplified by political commentary and community reactions, centers on three key concerns—whether the merit was compromised, whether the college's governance model lacked transparency, and whether public donations were used in ways inconsistent with the institution's stated social mandate.

At the heart of the issue are allegations that payment-based seats displaced at least over two dozen merit students most of them allegedly from middle-income families in the Jammu region, who were unable to afford annual fees estimated at ₹6–7 lakh.

Moreover, the independent review of admission lists suggests that students scoring between 511 and 489 marks could not secure entry because they did not apply under the paid category, even though several lower-scoring candidates were admitted after opting for payment seats.

The Family members of

the affected students alleged that that the fee structure effectively placed the college out of reach for economically weaker applicants, despite many of them scoring competitively. Several parents are government employees who said their annual salary was barely comparable to the yearly expenditure required at the institute.

The debate intensified after reports surfaced that three candidates with around 511 marks left government medical college seats to join SMVDIME, which is an unusual move attributed by critics to the flexible, payment-friendly admission pathway rather than purely merit-based selection. The development reinforced public suspicion that merit had been side-lined in favour of affordability.

Additionally, the official documents reviewed outline the following annual charges at the college—Tuition Fee: ₹4,95,000; Security (one-time): ₹50,000; Library & Sports: ₹59,000; Hostel (one-time): ₹20,000; Mess Charges: ₹72,000 per year; University Fee: ₹300; and including annual expenses and one-time components, the total cost for a student ranges roughly between ₹6 lakh and ₹7 lakh per annum.

Critics argue that such pricing contradicts the original public perception of the Shrine Board's health and education initiatives as affordable, charitable, and accessible, particularly for residents of remote districts and lower-income families particularly in J&K.

While the institution has not formally clarified its funding breakdown, past public statements and documentation suggest that Shrine Board funds were collected from devotees and contributed significantly to infrastructure and development.

No official clarification has yet been issued on why a fee model comparable to pri-

vate medical colleges was adopted when public donations constitute a foundational element of the project.

Interestingly, a second layer of controversy relates to governance. Although many believe the Shrine Board directly owns and manages the medical college, official records point to a different structure: the institute is legally owned by the Mata Vaishno Devi Charitable Society, a separate entity.

The experts further questioned about the college's partnership with private healthcare network Narayana Health. The precise nature of this collaboration—whether a public-private partnership, a management agreement, or a service contract—has not been explained publicly.

Education experts note that National Medical Commission (NMC) guidelines require that the medical college and its teaching hospital be owned by the same promoter. If the teaching hospital falls under a different ownership model through a corporate partner, it may raise compliance concerns and could affect future accreditation processes.

Observers say inconsistency between administrative statements and recorded legal structures has contributed to an atmosphere of mistrust. Calls for public disclosure of official documents related to ownership, partnership models, and regulatory submissions have been growing.

Admission procedures have also come under scrutiny. The intake process reportedly occurred in September, raising questions about procedural alignment with national admission calendars.

Additionally, critics argue that reservation norms were not implemented in clear or documented form. The 50 percent state quota and provisions for Scheduled Castes (SCs), ►P11

## Ladakh scripts history with first-ever Matric Level Exam held transparently LSSSSB Chairman Dr Kotwal inspects examination processes

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**LEH:** Ladakh Subordinate Services Staff Selection Board (LSSSSB) successfully conducted its first-ever Matriculation Level Examination Sunday in a smooth, transparent, and orderly manner across the Union Territory.

The examination was conducted at 19 centres set up in the district headquarters of Leh and Kargil. A total of 3,584 candidates appeared for the examination from both districts, reflecting strong participation and enthusiasm among aspirants.



The Matriculation Level Examination for 99 posts requiring a minimum qualification of Matriculation was conducted as advertised in the last week of July 2025.

To ensure seamless conduct, LSSSSB deployed adequate supervisors and invigilators at each centre. Their coordinated efforts, combined with the support of the respective district administrations, ensured efficient management of all ►P11

## Army Chief Gen Dwivedi reviews security readiness during visit to Fire & Fury Corps

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**LEH:** Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi, undertook a crucial visit to the Fire and Fury Corps to review the security situation and assess the operational preparedness of frontline formations tasked with guarding some of India's most sensitive borders.

The visit comes at a time when the strategic landscape in the northern sector continues to demand heightened vigilance and rapid technological adaptation.

During the briefing, senior commanders of the Fire and Fury Corps apprised the



Army Chief of ongoing initiatives aimed at further strengthening national security, enhancing surveillance

capabilities, and improving infrastructure in high-altitude operational zones.

The review also included

an assessment of troop readiness, winter stocking, logistics management, and synergy among various security agencies operating in the region.

General Dwivedi commended the Corps for their steadfast dedication, indomitable spirit, and consistently high level of operational readiness, noting that their efforts continue to play a vital role in maintaining peace and stability along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

He acknowledged the challenging climatic and geographic conditions under which troops operate and praised their ►P11

## DPS Leh hosts Heart-Warming Farewell: A Day of Joy, Performances, Unforgettable Memories

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**LEH:** Delhi Public School Leh bid an emotional and grand farewell to the outgoing Grade 12 batch yesterday, celebrating their journey with a vibrant mix of joy, nostalgia, and heart-warming performances.

The celebration featured dance and music performances by juniors and seniors, adding colour, rhythm, and cheer to the event.

The day included a series of fun-filled games, engaging activities, and memory-sharing sessions, giving students a chance to relive their school experiences.

One of the major highlights was the felicitation of DPS Shuhul Satish and DPS Aarya Singh, Phuntsok Namgial (Runner up) and Stanzin Etok (Runner up), along with the distribution of titles and special prizes, making every student feel appreciated and special.

Students shared their heartfelt reflections—stories of friendship, learning, laughter, and the bond they built with their school—creating an atmosphere filled with emotions and cherished moments.

Both dignitaries expressed immense pride in seeing the students grow academically, emotionally, and as ►P11

moments.

The ceremony was graced by Director Retd. Maj. General Mohinder Sagoch and Principal Sonal Mediratta, who addressed the gathering with inspiring and encouraging words.

They extended their best wishes for the upcoming Board Examinations, urging the students to believe in themselves and to pursue their aspirations with confidence and determination.

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## CEC calls Whispers of Ladakh asset for future Generations

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**KARGIL:** Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun, Sunday attended the launch ceremony of the book "Whispers of Ladakh", authored and illustrated by Kacho Jaffer Ali Khan, as the Chief Guest at the Tourism Facilitation Centre (TFC), Biathang, Kargil.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Akhoun congratulated the author and his family, stating that it is a moment of pride for the entire community to witness such valuable contributions

toward preserving Ladakh's cultural and linguistic heritage. He remarked that the book is a "remarkable asset for future generations," capturing historical elements—artifacts, cultural practices, attire, tools, and customs—in a visually rich and informative manner.

The CEC highlighted that the book offers an important visual documentation of how the people of Ladakh lived, worked, prepared food, dressed, and followed traditions across different eras. He praised the author's dedication and noted that such work significantly contributes to preserving Ladakh's ►P11

## SC to hear plea against Sonam's detention today

**NEW DELHI/LEH:** The Supreme Court will on Monday hear a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, wife of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, terming his detention under the National Security Act "illegal, and an arbitrary exercise violating his fundamental rights".

A bench of Justices Arvind Kumar and N V Anjaria is likely to hear the matter.

On November 24, the top court had deferred the matter after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the UT of Ladakh, sought time ►P11