

# Dr Jitendra calls for India-Sweden collaboration at multiple levels

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has called for bilateral collaboration between India and Sweden at multiple levels.

Dr Jitendra was addressing the 11th India Sweden Innovation Day (ISID) function. The theme for 2024 is "Accelerating Green Growth for Inclusive Transition".

Informing the audience about the growth of the country in the field of innovation, Dr Jitendra said, "India is climbing rapidly on innovation indices. In GII 2024, India ranks 1st among the 10 economies in Central and Southern Asia and 39th among the 133 economies, he said.

Similarly, the Union Minister noted that Sweden too is one of the global leaders in innovation. In Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, Sweden ranks 2nd among the 39 economies in Europe and among the 133 global economies featured in the GII 2024, he said.

He expressed hope that the country will certainly catch the top echelons of the world in the years to come.

Speaking about Prime Minister Narendra Modi aiming at global benchmarks in research and innovation, the Minister said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already announced the net zero carbon footprint target of 2070 and therefore I think India and Sweden can cooperate and collaborate at different levels



both government as well as non-government sector."

There is a bundle of scope for the two nations for joint research calls to collaborate on deliverable research, academia, innovation and industrial entrepreneurship, including startups.

Speaking about strides in the sector, Dr Jitendra mentioned, "I am also proud to note that over the last ten years, under the patronage of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there has been a special impetus and high prioritisation as far as science technology innovation is concerned. India Today is it in a position to claim to be a frontline nation in different areas, for example the space sector we plan to send a human being next year, the first human mission indigenously developed by India, and at the same time next year we hope to send on Indian human 6,000 metre deep

as a part of the deep-sea mission.

The continued presence of the Minister at the ISID inauguration since 2021 is a strong signal of the importance attached by India to its innovation partnership with Sweden.

Several Indian and Swedish government agencies partnering and jointly funding these calls (eg.DST, DBT). That includes extensive and growing research cooperation between Indian and Swedish universities. Leading Swedish universities like Karolinska, KTH, Chalmers and others have ongoing cooperation with leading Indian universities. This can be further strengthened by involving the private sector also.

In addition, several Swedish companies carry out R&D and innovation in India. Alkem Laboratories, which is pioneering the high-tech medical devices segment, has partnered with Swedish company Biosergen for clinical trials of fungal diseases. There is also growing cooperation between research, education, government and private sector in India, including vaccines, digital public infrastructure and defence.

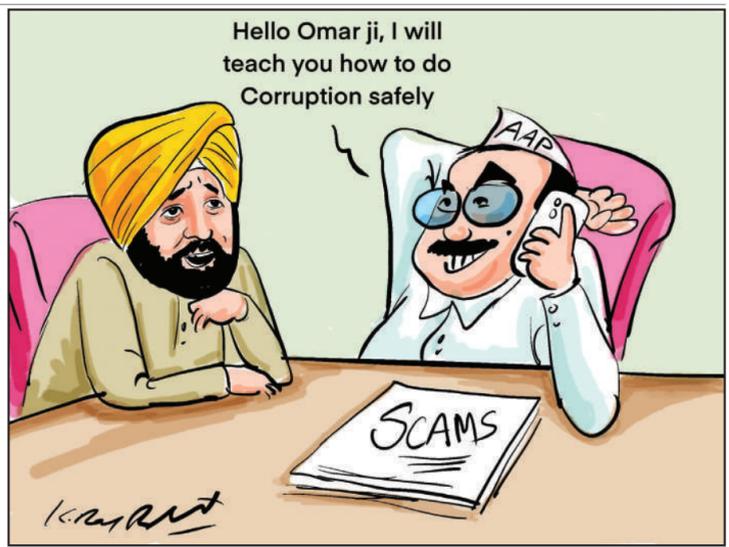
Use of Technology & innovative solutions scaling up Development interventions in the country, Dr Jitendra said, "India and Sweden are strengthening partnership in green technology through initiatives like LeadIT 2.0, focusing on low-carbon industrial transitions, sus-

tainable energy, and smart transport." This collaboration, highlighted at COP28, supports green innovations in sectors like steel, cement, and aviation, aiming for net-zero emissions by 2050.

Venus Mission - Sweden has officially joined ISRO's Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM). The Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are collaborating on a Venus mission. The Swedish Institute of Space Physics (IRF) will provide ISRO with the Venusian Neutrals Analyser (VNA), a lightweight and low-power yet highly effective energetic neutral atom (ENA) analyser.

India's active participation in several international Mega Science projects - capabilities of Indian scientists, engineers and companies. Going forward, the Minister said, "India, an unmatched source for Innovation, R&D and Talent and there is huge scope for bilateral collaboration for scalable, cost effective development solutions for energy and health challenges."

The event was well attended by senior officials, innovators, industry leaders and academia of the both countries, which was also addressed by Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Energy and Enterprise of Sweden Ebba Busch. Ambassador of Sweden to India Jan Theleff also took part through video conferencing.



# AIIMS Jammu conducts breast cancer awareness programme



Faculty of AIIMS Jammu with faculty and students from Central University Jammu.

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JAMMU: October is recognized worldwide as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about breast cancer, promoting early detection, and supporting research for a cure. Theme for this year Breast Cancer Awareness Month is "No one should face breast cancer alone". This campaign seeks to educate the public on the importance of regular screenings and self-examinations, while also providing support for those affected by the disease.

On October 10, 2024, under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, the

Department of General Surgery conducted an awareness campaign at Central University Jammu. Faculty and students participated in discussions about breast cancer, including its risk factors and the various treatment options available today. Participants were also informed about self-examination techniques for early detection.

The campaign featured a discussion with experts from AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu, where attendees had the opportunity to ask questions that were expertly addressed by the faculty members, including Dr. Maria Kapoor, Dr. Sushma Devi, Dr. Varun Dogra, Dr.

Julie Singh, and Dr. Suneha Kumari. Dr. Vinay Bhagat (Senior Resident) and Dr. Shubham (Junior Resident) were also part of the delegation from AIIMS Jammu.

Additionally, the Department of General Surgery has established special breast cancer awareness clinics at AIIMS Vijaypur Jammu, operating on all working days from 2 to 4 PM. Many more public awareness campaigns are planned for this year. The department will also host a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session and a hands-on workshop on October 26, 2024, aimed at enhancing medical education in this area.

# ADGP Jammu reviews arrangements for Annual National Police Day function

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JAMMU: Additional Inspector General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone Anand Jain, on Monday chaired a meeting of senior Police officers at Zonal Police Hqs Jammu to discuss various arrangements for the National Police Day, National Police Day, popularly known as Police Commemoration Day.

It is observed on 21st October every year in the memory of 10 Police personnel (CRPF) who laid down their lives while fighting the Chinese invasion at Hot Spring (Ladakh) during the year 1959. The main function will be held at Police Martyrs Memorial Rail



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain chairing a meeting.

Head, Jammu followed by National Police Day Parade at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

During the functions, rich tributes will be paid to all the martyrs of Police force who made the supreme sacrifice in line of duty for unity and

integrity of country.

In addition, a blood donation camp will also be organized after the culmination of the Commemoration Day Parade at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

While briefing the officers, ADGP Jammu Zone directed

them to put in their best efforts to ensure adequate logistic/security arrangements at the venues for the smooth conduct of the National Police Day function.

He directed the senior Police Officers present in the meeting to spread awareness among the general public regarding the importance of the Day.

He also exhorted the participants to ensure participation of Police personnel as well as general public in large numbers on the day and acknowledge the sacrifices made by the martyrs.

The meeting was attended by Sarah Rizvi, DIG IRP

Range Jammu, Sargun Shukla, Commandant, IRP 15th Bn., Commandant, SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu, SSP PCR Jammu, SSP Security, Jammu, SSP Railways, Jammu, Commandant, IRP 14th Bn. (Nodal Officer), Commandant, IRP 18th Bn (Nodal Officer), Staff Officer to DIG JKS Range Jammu, SSP Traffic City, Jammu, SSP APCR, Jammu, SSP Telecommunication, Jammu, Addl. SP PCR Jammu, SP City /South/Hq/Rural Jammu, S.O to ADGP Jammu Zone, DySP Crime Branch Jammu, DySP DAR DPL, Jammu, IC Police G.O 'S Mess Jammu.

# Teachings of Dastgeer Sahib are universally relevant: Dr Darakhshan



Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visits Dastgeer Sahib shrine at Khanyar to take stock of the Urs celebrations.

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SRINAGAR: J&K Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi today paid obeisance at the Ziyarat Dastgeer Sahib at Khanyar Srinagar and took stock of the arrangements made by the Waqf Board in coordination with different other departments in connection with the Annual Urs celebrations. Dr Andrabi issued instructions for updating the facilities after speaking to the pilgrims and the people involved in the management of the facilities. Dr Andrabi thanked the district administrative and all other government departments for their cooperation in extending the requisite facilities at the shrine. While speaking to the media after the visit, Dr Andrabi said that Dastgeer Sahib is revered by all communities in Kashmir. "The teachings of Dastgeer Sahib are universally relevant. He is the epitome of spiritual excellence. By celebrating him, we are celebrating the ethos of human excellence", said Dr Darakhshan.

Dr Andrabi prayed for the peace and prosperity of the humanity.

# GMC Jammu welcomes MBBS Batch 2024 with Induction Ceremony

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JAMMU: The Induction Ceremony for the new MBBS Batch of 2024 was held on Monday at the auditorium of Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, marking the beginning of an exciting journey for the students entering the medical profession.

The ceremony was attended by faculty members, parents, and students, and was organized with a blend of tradition and modern medical values.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Raehna Sabharwal (Professor & Head Biochemistry), setting an encouraging tone for the new students and their parents.

Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal & Dean of GMC Jammu, delivered the inaugural address, where he emphasized that becoming a competent doctor requires more than just the knowledge and skills of medical science. He stressed the importance of good communication, empathy, and ethical practices,



Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal & Dean of GMC Jammu with other faculty members and MBBS Batch 2024 students.

which are equally critical in shaping a well-rounded medical professional.

Dr. Ashok Sharma, Incharge Academics, Coordinator of the Medical Education Unit (MEU) and Curriculum Committee (CC), highlighted the significance of the upcoming academic journey and the various programs designed to enrich students' knowledge and skills.

A key moment of the ceremony was the symbolic White Coat/Apron Wearing and Stethoscope Adorning Ceremony, where the

Principal & Dean Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Heads of various departments presented the white coats to the students, marking their official entry into the medical field.

For successful execution of these ceremonies, the New MBBS Students were called on stage as per serial numbers by Dr. Nusrat Jabeen (Professor Anatomy).

This was followed by the Oath Ceremony, conducted by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, and other head of Departments, during which the students pledged to uphold the values of

the medical profession.

The heads of the departments-Dr. Sangeeta Gupta (Anatomy), Dr. Raehna Sabharwal (Biochemistry), Dr. Vanita Sharma (Physiology), and Dr. Rajeev Gupta (Community Medicine)-introduced their respective faculties to the new students.

The hostel rules and regulations were explained by the Chief Provost of the Girls Hostel Dr. Seema Gupta (Professor & Head, Pharmacology). The Chairperson of the Anti-

Ragging Committee, Dr. Nusrat Jabeen, briefed the students about maintaining a safe and respectful environment on campus and anti-ragging regulations.

Dr. Ashok Sharma presented a comprehensive overview of the academic calendar, rules, and regulations for the MBBS Batch of 2024, ensuring the students were well-informed about their academic responsibilities and expectations.

Dr. Raehna Sabharwal conducted the entire proceedings of the Induction program,

including oath ceremony, apron wearing and Stethoscope adorning ceremony and she also concluded the program with vote of thanks.

Following the formal induction, ceremony, the students were taken for an orientation tour of the Anatomy, Physiology, and Biochemistry departments.

The two-week Foundation Course, which begins tomorrow, 15th October 2024, will continue the orientation process, providing essential training and guidance under the expert mentorship of the Medical Education Unit and the Curriculum Committee faculty members. This course is designed to equip the new students with a solid foundation as they embark on their medical education journey.

The Induction Ceremony successfully laid the groundwork for the professional and academic development of the MBBS Batch of 2024, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering excellence in medical education.

# Reserve Bank of India celebrates 90th Anniversary with Nationwide RBI90Quiz



Winners of Regional-level round of the RBI90Quiz posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is commemorating the 90th year of its operations this year. As part of the series of events being held throughout the year to mark this milestone, the Bank has launched the RBI90Quiz, a nationwide general knowledge-based quiz competition aimed at

undergraduate students. Additional Inspector General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone Anand Jain, CEO and MD J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash, Executive Director and CEO of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu, Professor (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta along with

RBI officials and other dignitaries present on the occasion.

The RBI90Quiz is a team-based contest, being held in multiple stages. The online phase was conducted from September 19-21, 2024. Based on the performance in the online phase, college teams were selected for participation in State-level

rounds. The Regional-level round of the RBI90Quiz for the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was conducted at Radisson Blu Hotel, Jammu, where 112 students (56 teams) competed.

The team from Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST Kashmir comprising Zaid Ul Islam Bin Riyaz and Sania Shabir Soherverdy emerged as the winner, followed by those from SMVDU Katra and GCET Saphapora in second and third places, respectively. Prizes for the top three teams are of Rs 2 lakh, Rs 1.5 lakh, and Rs 1 lakh, respectively.

The winning team will now compete in the Zonal round, which will take place between November 21, 2024, and December 4, 2024. The national final will be held at Mumbai in December 2024.

# Two day CBP on GST for tax officers commences

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JAMMU: The two-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Tax Officers to strengthen human resource of State Taxes Department (STD) for implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST) commenced on Monday at Excise and Taxation Training Institution here.

The workshop is being organised by State Taxes Department (STD), J&K in collaboration with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

The two day workshop was inaugurated by Additional Commissioner, Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra in which all Deputy Commissioners of Tax department, Assistant Commissioner and State Tax Officers of Jammu division participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Namrita Dogra said that the Capacity Building



Addl Comm A&E Jammu, Namrita Dogra speaking at a programme.

Programme has been initiated under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes Department, P K Bhat.

She said that this strategic move not only enhances the productivity of tax officers of STD but also promotes significant partnership between the ICAI community for larger economic growth of the nation. She added that the training module will continue tomorrow (October 15) and resource persons from ICAI will cover topics on demand, recovery, appeals, E-way Bill and Enforcement process.

In the first session, ICAI's resource person CA Rahat

Mohan informed the officers of Jammu division regarding audit under GST, types of Audits, Basic & Procedural provisions, covering audit u/s 65 of CGST Act, 2017 and related rules in detail besides risk-based selection. Doubts of STOs were also cleared through question-and-answer session, wherein from basic concepts of audit to advance and technical issues were discussed in detail.

In the second session of the day, ICAI's resource person CA Archana Jain delivered the lecture on Audit of Banking and Insurance sector, Procedural Checks

under GST, ITC Taken, utilised, reversed, Specialised accounting practices for presentation of financial statement and Scrutiny of Returns and other records.

The Capacity Building programme also deliberated on issues included GST law pertaining to real estate, hospitality and tourism sector; banking & insurance industry, work contracts as well as analysis of financial statements of banking & insurance companies with GST perspective.

Other issues like Types of Red Flag Reports, Investigation Experiences - Interesting cases with practical insights, System Overview of Scrutiny and Audit and Return and E-invoicing under GST were also discussed during the workshop.

The Capacity Building programme received incredibly positive feedback from the participants.