

# LG lauds Yuva Shakti of J&K, asks them to be catalyst for change



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at valedictory function of 'Viksit Bharat Ke Rang-Kala Ke Sang' at Jammu on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, on Tuesday attended the valedictory function of 'Viksit Bharat Ke Rang-Kala Ke Sang' at Jammu. During the program, the Lieutenant Governor addressed the school and college students. The vibrant art workshop was organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) and Divisional Administration Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor began his address by applauding Yuva Shakti of Jammu Kashmir and asked them to be a catalyst for change. He said the event is unique and special and provides opportunity to youth to imagine and paint Viksit Bharat of their dreams.

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The Lieutenant Governor said, under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, we are committed to harnessing the potential of youth and providing them with the resources they need to achieve their full potential.

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He called upon the young generation and all sections of society to remain vigilant and unite against the divisive forces trying to destabilize the country.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the students who excelled

during the 'Viksit Bharat Ke Rang-Kala Ke Sang' programme. He also called for making this initiative a regular feature.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, IGNSA, senior officials, heads of various educational institutions and youth in large number attended the valedictory function.



# LG Kavinder assesses prevailing law & order situation in Ladakh

105 Security personnel injured in Sept 24 violence; lauds security forces for their courage in maintaining law & order

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Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta chairing high-level review meeting on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: The Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the prevailing law and order situation in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Director General of Police Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, senior officers of the Army, CRPF, and district administration. The officials briefed the Lt Governor on the latest developments, security preparedness, and inter-agency coordination to ensure peace and order in the region.

The Lt Governor inquired about the condition of security personnel injured during the unfortunate incidents of violence on September 24. It was informed that 105 security personnel including 57 CRPF personnel and over 48 police personnel sustained

injuries while performing their duty at various locations.

Kavinder Gupta assured that the injured personnel would receive the best possible medical treatment and directed the administration to extend full support to their families. He expressed deep appreciation for the courage and dedication displayed by the security forces in maintaining law and order under challenging circumstances.

The Lt Governor directed the senior police officials to identify and take strict action against the miscreants responsible for disturbing peace.

"No one involved in acts of violence will be spared. Law will take its firm course, and those trying to disrupt communal harmony will face stringent action," he stated.

Commending the people of Ladakh, the Lt Governor said the region has always

been known for its peaceful coexistence, brotherhood, and rich cultural traditions. He lauded the maturity and restraint displayed by the citizens of Leh in ensuring that normalcy is swiftly restored.

"The Union Territory Administration is committed to safeguarding the interests of every citizen. Peace, stability, and communal harmony are our foremost priorities, and every possible step is being taken to uphold them," he added.

The Lt Governor further emphasized that the administration will continue to strengthen its outreach efforts, enhance community engagement, and ensure that grievances are addressed promptly. "The government belongs to the people, and together we will ensure that Ladakh continues to shine as a beacon of peace, progress, and harmony," he added.

# Nobel Laureates inspire Graduates at 3-day KIIT Convocation 2025

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHUBANESWAR: The 21st Annual Convocation of KIIT DU concluded on Sunday, with the conferment of degrees to as many as 9,464 students, including 7,235 Bachelor's, 2,034 Master's, and 195 Ph.D. degrees. The event was held over three days for the first time in the University's history to accommodate the large number of graduating students and their families.

The convocation was graced by distinguished personalities, including Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, Nobel Laureate from Sri Lanka; H.E. Ouided Bouchamaoui, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate from Tunisia and Dr. Justice Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, Judge & Former President of the International Court of Justice.

Honorary Doctorate Degrees (Honoris Causa) were conferred upon Dr. Fidel Reyes Lee, Rector and Member of Congress, Republic of Guatemala; Dr. Huzaifa Khorakiwala,



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, Nobel Laureate from Sri Lanka presenting degree at 21st Annual Convocation of KIIT DU.

Executive Director of Wockhardt Ltd. and Global Humanitarian Advocate; Norbert Sauer, Chairman of the Archaeological Park, Germany; Sunjoy Hans, Founder Chairman of the Lalchnd Group; S. K. Sachdeva, Chairman & Editor of Competition Success Review, besides Ouided Bouchamaoui.

Addressing the students Prof Munasinghe spoke on the urgent challenges of sustainability and peace in a changing world during his convocation. Highlighting the "nexus

of poverty, inequity, and resource shortage," Justice Yusuf urged young graduates to embrace their role as global peace-builders and voices of justice. He called upon the KIIT graduates to "build bridges and structures of trust" across gender, caste, region, and religion, to stand up when "injustice whispers in darkness," and to carry compassion for the suffering and unheard," he said.

In her speech, HE Bouchamaoui expressed her gratitude for the honorary doctorate conferred on her, saying he felt privi-

leged to join the ranks of 23 other Noble laureates who have visited KIIT.

Several speakers hailed the vision of Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS in developing both the institutes into world class campuses. Dr. Khorakiwala said KIIT and KISS stand as towers of excellence in education and social service.

Prof Samanta, is a visionary leader and humanitarian whose life exemplifies service, resilience, and compassion," stated Mr. Sachdeva. Dr. Lee remarked that the

honour symbolizes the bond between India and Guatemala in education, peace, and justice.

"The graduating class of 2025 represents not only academic excellence, but also the courage and resolve to be torchbearers of change," said Ashok Kumar Parija, Chancellor, KIIT-DU. Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Acharya, Pro-Chancellor, also addressed the students, advising them to inculcate the value of constant learning as education does not come to an end with the award of degrees. KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof Saranjit Singh, Registrar, Prof J R Mohanty, department and school heads along with thousands of staff and students attended the three-day event.

On this occasion, Dr. Samanta congratulated all the graduates and said, "We renew our institutional commitment to excellence as we continue to deepen academic impact through enhanced research and innovation.

# IT Department & CSC-SPV observe Sewa Parv throughout J&K

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SRINAGAR: The Sewa Parv campaign was formally launched in Jammu & Kashmir on 17th September 2025 by the Chief Secretary, with Digi Vans flagged off by the Secretary, Information Technology Department. The initiative seeks to deepen citizen engagement and ensure last-mile delivery of digital services across the UT.

As part of the campaign, Common Service Centres (CSCs) have undertaken extensive awareness drives, community workshops, and outreach programmes at grassroots level. Between 17th and 30th September 2025, a total of 9,166 awareness programmes were organized across J&K, benefiting more than 1.37 lakh citizens. These included 8,786 VLE Point/Touch Point programmes, 30 Digi Van cam-



aigns in remote and far-flung areas, 269 ASK-BSK campaigns for citizen facilitation, 22 District/Divisional campaigns and 59 District Stall campaigns.

Through these initiatives, more than 1,37,723 beneficiaries were sensitized about digital services and citizen-centric schemes.

Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) have played a pivotal role in disseminating information and creating awareness on digital literacy, cyber hygiene,

e-governance services, G2C services and financial inclusion.

Speaking on the occasion, senior officials emphasized that Sewa Parv is not merely a campaign, but a movement aimed at ensuring digital empowerment at the doorstep of every citizen, particularly in rural and remote regions.

The CSC State Head, Jammu & Kashmir Faizan Manzoor, said, "Sewa Parv has created an opportunity to directly connect with citizens and sensitize them about the

transformative benefits of digital services. The exemplary efforts of our VLEs in reaching the last mile have been instrumental in ensuring access to government schemes and services. CSC Jammu & Kashmir remains fully committed to sustaining this momentum and advancing the vision of Digital India at the grassroots."

The momentum shall continue till 2nd October 2025, with further activities scheduled across districts to maximize outreach.

# SKUAST-J signs MoU with Kangwon National University, South Korea

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) has entered a significant global partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kangwon National University (KNU), Chuncheon, South Korea.

The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, and Prof. Jeong Jaeyeon, President of KNU, to promote academic exchanges, joint research, and student-faculty exchange programs.

Present at the ceremony were Prof. Sung-Jin Lee, Dean of College of Animal Life Sciences, and Prof. Junghoon Choi, Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine from KNU, along with Prof. Neelesh Sharma from SKUAST-Jammu. KNU, established in 1947, is South Korea's largest university with over 31,500 students, 1,950 faculty members, 18 colleges, and 55 research institutes, hosting more than 2,000 international students globally.

Prof. Tripathi emphasized that the MoU is a transformative step towards the internationalization of agricultural education and research in Jammu and Kashmir. He underlined the importance of global exposure for students and faculty, especially in tackling shared challenges like food security and climate change. He also highlighted the achievements of SKUAST-Jammu and advocated for international internships for students in veterinary, agriculture, horticulture, and biotechnology disciplines.

During the visit, Prof. Tripathi toured KNU's colleges and departments, meeting with deans to explore collaborative research opportunities. He also delivered a keynote address at



the International Symposium on "Innovations and Recent Developments in Animal Health and Production" organized by KNU.

Prof. Jeong expressed strong interest in the collaboration, noting its potential to enhance research in diverse agro-climatic zones and strengthen cultural ties. This MoU is aligned with national education policies and is expected to enhance the global relevance of agricultural education in the region while boosting research, innovation, and local agri-economic development.

# SPIC MACAY presents Classical Music Concerts

# Pt. Sajan, Pt. Swaransh Mishra mesmerize Jammu audience with celestial vocals

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The iconic Abhinav Theatre in Jammu reverberated with divine melodies as internationally renowned Hindustani classical vocalists, Padmabhushan Pandit Sajan Mishra and his son Pandit Swaransh Mishra, presented a soul-stirring concert that left the audience mesmerized. The concert was organized by SPIC MACAY in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAAACL).

Representing the fifth and sixth generations of the nearly 400-year-old Banaras

Gharana, the father-son duo showcased their mastery over the intricacies of Hindustani classical music. They were accompanied by Harnam Singh on Tabla, Dr. Harvinder Singh on Harmonium, and Dr. Jasmeet Kour on Tanpura.

The concert opened with a majestic presentation of the rare raga Salag Varali Todi, typically sung during the second prahar of the day - aligning with the concert's schedule. The raga, characterized by komal Rishabh, Gandhar, and Nishad, while Madhyam remains forbidden, was explored through the bandish



"Tumhi ek aadhaar". The seamless vocal transitions between the two artistes created an ethereal experience that held the audience spellbound in reverent silence.

This was followed by a poignant rendition of "Hey Janani Main Na Jiyun Ram

Bin" in raga Gowri Manjari, a heart-wrenching composition attributed to Tulsidas that captures Bharata's grief and rage towards his mother Kaikeyi upon learning of Rama's exile. Composed by the late Pt. Rajan Mishra, elder brother of Pt. Sajan

Mishra, the performance evoked deep emotions, with long-taans and high notes that stirred the soul.

Pandit Swaransh Mishra showcased his youthful flair through a self-composed rap-like swarajathi, blending classical techniques with modern

rhythm, skillfully traversing the saptaswaras. He further stunned the audience with another a capella composition, "Aghori Chalisa," entirely devoid of instrumental support, demonstrating his literary brilliance and vocal dexterity.

The duo also rendered "Sadho, Rachna Ram Banai", a devotional composition attributed to Guru Teg Bahadur, often sung at the revered Gurudwara Darbar Sahib in Amritsar. As a heartfelt tribute on the eve of Durga Ashtami, the concert concluded with the bhajan "Bhavani Dayani" in raga

Bhairavi, a prayerful homage to the Divine Mother.

Speaking on the occasion, Pt. Sajan Mishra emphasized the timeless relevance of classical music, stating that it permeates creation itself. He fondly recalled his last performance at Abhinav Theatre in 1995 and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to return. He praised the efforts of SPIC MACAY and JKAAACL for promoting classical music in the region and encouraged continued support to sustain such rich traditions. The audience included music connoisseurs, artists, professors, students,

and prominent citizens from across Jammu. Sonali Arun Gupta, Additional Secretary, JKAAACL, felicitated the artistes, while young student Aanandita Dutta conducted the proceedings with poise. The event was presided over by Suresh Kumar Sharma, retired judge, receiver of the Panjavaktar Mahadev Temple, and Chief Coordinator, SPIC MACAY (Jammu Chapter).

The concert not only celebrated the rich legacy of the Banaras Gharana but also reaffirmed the universality and transcendental power of Hindustani classical music.