

# LG chairs 19th University Council meeting of SKUAST-Jammu

**Directs for evaluating impact of university's programmes in increasing farmers' income**

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday chaired the 19th meeting of the University Council of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), here at Raj Bhavan.

The Council, led by the Lt Governor took several important decisions for making interventions for the advancement and development of the University and bringing qualitative improvement in its overall functioning.

The Lt Governor directed for evaluating the impact of the University's programmes and extension activities contributing to the government's efforts in increasing the farmers' income, transformation in Agriculture & allied sectors.

SKUAST to play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for farmers, access to appropriate technology, training and networks necessary to transform the agricultural landscape in the UT of J&K.

Taking strict note of the delays being made in conducting the audits of the university for the previous

years, the Lt Governor passed strict directions to conduct the Audit on a regular basis, besides engaging the internal auditors for financial discipline.

Issues of urgent importance must be flagged so that timely action can be taken to address the same, the Lt Governor told the University Administration.

The Lt Governor advised for conducting a conference of seed producers by involving farmers, local entrepreneurs and private players from across the country for assessing the seed quality and spreading general awareness among the farming community in this regard.

The Lt Governor asked the University to give a dedicated focus on encouraging the members of the Council made valuable suggestions and recommendations pertaining to adoption of New Education Policy 2020; publicizing University's projects having commercial viability and conducting extensive IEC activities so that maximum beneficiaries can reap the benefits of agricultural related schemes and programmes.

Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-J apprised the Lt Governor about the achievements of faculty members and students, besides the outreach and research activities, reforms undertaken in academics, financial systems, and Administrative sectors.

The meeting discussed important agenda items on the recommendations of different statutory bodies of

the University viz. Reservation in teaching and equivalent positions of SKUAST-Jammu; carving of Faculty of Horticulture from Faculty of Agriculture and institutionalization of BSc Horticulture Programme; implementation of Jammu and Kashmir rules in Non-teaching positions, adoption of SO 192 and SO 184 of UT of J&K.

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## Jammu Bar holds protest, projects demands



*Lawyers sitting on Dharna at Jammu.*

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JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu under the leadership of its President M.K. Bhardwaj, Sr. Adv. held a protest in the District Court Complex, Janipur, here wherein all the office bearers namely

the smooth functioning and also raised the demand for shifting of the CAT Bench in the court premises Jammu.

They also demanded for restoration of physical hearing of Central Administrative Tribunal Bench, shifting of Sub Registrars offices in Court premises, establishment of Consumer Forums in the Court premises and establishment of Consumer Commission and Human Rights Commission.

They

sought revocation of the order of shifting of Debt Recovery Tribunal to Chandigarh and creation of Five Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal in the U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for

In the event of failure to do the needful, the JKHCBA, Jammu, shall be left with no other option except to launch an agitation in support of their demands, he said.

Bhardwaj urged upon the Central Government as well as UT administration to immediately resolve long pending demands/ issues of lawyers fraternity.

The other members who spoke in the Dharna include Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Joint Secretary & Amandeep Singh, Treasurer besides many senior & young lawyers participated in support of their demands.

Bhardwaj, while addressing the protest, urged upon the Government to immediately resolve all the aforesaid demands of the legal fraternity of UT of J&K, so as to give relief to the legal fraternity as well as civil society.

The proceedings of the Dharna was conducted by Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary.

## SKJAVS Trust Jammu honours J&K Bank CMD R K Chhibber



*SKJAVS Trust members honouring J&K Bank CMD R K Chhibber.*

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JAMMU: Shri Kailakh Jyoti Avin Vedic Sansthan Trust on Saturday honoured J&K Bank Chairman and Managing Director Rajesh Kumar Chhibber. On the occasion, President of the Trust Mahant Rohit Shastri presented Shri Ramcharitmanas, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and 'Nag Devtao ki mahima' Book to R K Chhibber.

Expressing his views, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that under the leadership of Chairman & MD R K Chhibber, J&K Bank is providing quality banking services and it is with his renewed efforts and efficiency

that the Bank has embarked on a journey to become one of the best banks of the country and is attaining heights every passing day. For all this he really deserves great appreciation. Vice-President of the Trust Advocate Pawan Khajuria, General Secretary Trust Parbodh Sharma, Secretary Trust Rakesh Gandotra, MD Kalindi Nursing Home Dr Vishav Gupta, Uttam Chand Sharma and Amit Ajwai were also present on the occasion.

CMD, J&K Bank thanked the trust members headed by Mahant Rohit Shastri for the honor conferred on him and said that the trust played an important role in extending social service to the masses and promoting spirituality among the people. Notably, Rajesh Kumar Chhibber joined the services of the Bank as Probationary Officer in the year 1982 and has led the Bank in different capacities from managing business operations at Branches and Zonal offices to the Corporate Level across the operational geography of the Bank. Bringing a treasure of experience to the chair of CMD that spans over three decades, his areas of expertise include Credit, Finance, IT, Corporate & Retail Banking, Risk management, Trade Finance, Foreign exchange, Business continuity planning and bank assurance. As Vice-President in 2009, he headed the technology department of the bank and made remarkable contributions in the creation of Bank's technology infrastructure besides instituting the process of providing relevant expertise to the staff. He also became Chairman J&K Gramin Bank for two years and nine months and brought great laurels to the bank by accomplishing its key strategic goals.

Elevated as Executive President on June 1, 2018, he was the Bank's Chief Compliance Officer besides heading Business Support Division, Insurance, Government Banking, Lead Bank, CSC, FID, Subsidiary Management, Culture & Sports functions of the bank.

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JAMMU: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that 21st century opportunities can't be availed with 20th century mindset.

For the youth who have active years ahead, it is important to cultivate the right mindset to be able to avail of the amazing new opportunities unfolding in 21st century India, he said.

Delivering the keynote address at a Seminar cum Interactive Session on the theme "Youth Contribution to India @ 100" organised by the University of Jammu at Zorawar Singh Auditorium here to mark "Amrit Mahotsava", Dr Jitendra Singh said that unless the mindset is reoriented, new avenues will not yield optimum outcomes.

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*Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering address at a seminar at JU*

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JAMMU: Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that 21st century opportunities can't be availed with 20th century mindset. Initiatives to provide avenues of livelihood which are even more lucrative than a government job. But to avail of these avenues, the youth need to liberate their mindset from the clutches of government job. For this, he said, the parents also need to be educated and at the same time, the politicians and leaders also need to restrain themselves from giving false assurances of government jobs. India is passing through the 75th years of its independence and it is time to lay down the road map for the next 25 years before independent India turns 100, Dr Jitendra Singh said. It is a proud privilege and opportunity for the youth of India today to be able to contribute to the making of India when it turns 100 in 2047 and stands as a frontline nation in the world community. The greatest advantage for the youth today, said Dr Singh, is that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has made rapid strides which the entire world acknowledges and today India is seen as a force to reckon with.

Every generation of youth, said Dr Jitendra, has a contribution to make and the nature of this contribution is determined by the era in which he is born and the mindset through which the nation is going through. Therefore, he said, at the time of independence the youth of that era were entrusted with the challenge of sustaining the independence of India and stabilizing it as a progressive democratic nation at a time when several democracies of the world were collapsing and the Prophets of doom including Sir Winston Churchill had predicted that India as a democracy did not have the capacity to survive even for 50 years. Today, on the other hand, the youth of

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2021 owes the responsibility of sustaining what India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved in the last 7 years and made up for the lapses of the past 70 years, he said.

Describing the Indian youth today as privileged one, Dr Jitendra said, they have the unique opportunity to contribute the next active years of life to the making of India @ 100 and to be able to tell their children that they too were, to a bigger or smaller extent, architects of new India at 100.

Vice Chancellor of Jammu University, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar delivered the Welcome Address while Professor Naresh Padha presented the Vote of Thanks. Professor Rajni Dhangra also spoke on the occasion. The interactive session was moderated and conducted by Rajni Sharma.

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