

# Inaugurates National Academia-Industry Conclave LG urges Universities to make necessary changes in curriculum as per industry needs

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AWANTIPORA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday called upon the Universities to make necessary changes in their curriculum as per industry needs and provide students access to new technology having transformative impact on today's world.

"The traditional model of higher educational institutions are no longer adequate to prepare the present and future workforce and meet the needs of industries, which are being transformed by cutting-edge technology changing at an ever-increasing rate", the Lt Governor said while inaugurating the National Academia-Industry Conclave, on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora.

Sinha congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students on their foundation day.



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at National Academia-Industry Conclave on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day of IUST, Awantipora on Wednesday.

He welcomed the participating industry leaders, experts, and academia to the two-day conclave which aims to support the innovation, incubation and start-ups initiatives in J&K UT to minimize Industry-Academia gap.

The Lt Governor said the academic world and the industries will require strong collaboration and must function as one campus.

"What was invented yesterday will build the knowledge foundation of a student. But what is going to happen tomorrow will be decided by the collaboration between academia and industry," he said.

He also encouraged the students and young entrepreneurs to develop new and original ideas, inculcate high life values to achieve long-term success.

On the occasion, the Lt

Governor launched 'Skill to Enterprise Modelling pilot programme, a partnership initiative of SIDBI and IUST' wherein skilled youth will be trained for entrepreneurship development. The aim is that every student should develop his/her own enterprise at the end of the programme.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Small Industries Development Bank of India

(SIDBI) and J&K UT for financial assistance to MSME cluster infrastructure development projects for modernization, upgradation or establishment of infrastructure, development of industrial estates etc.

At IUST, the Lt Governor also inaugurated the Entrepreneurial Business Exhibition and the Humanity Block of the University.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Finance Department; Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and MD SIDBI; Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Skill Development Department; Dr Subi Chaturvedi, Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer, InMobi; prominent personalities from diverse fields, industry leaders, faculty members and students of IUST were present.



## Executive Director inaugurates LIC stall at 42nd India International Trade Fair



Executive Director (Corporate Communications), Aditya Gupta inaugurating LIC stall.

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JAMMU: LIC stall at the 42nd India International Trade Fair was inaugurated by Executive Director (Corporate Communications), Aditya Gupta. The occasion was also graced by Zonal Manager, Northern Zone, J P S Bajaj and other senior officials.

During the 14-day period of the India International Trade Fair, in the LIC stall, information regarding various plans of the Corporation and Career opportunity for recruitment as agents will be available. Information regarding LIC's E-services and online services will also be shared.

LIC is celebrating its 57th

Anniversary this year. Being one of the major financial institutions of the nation, LIC has catered to a large number of people for their Insurance needs and has come up with better products in the changing needs and preferences of the insurable population.

'Customers can also get information regarding their policies from Policy Mitra site by accessing to the LIC website. Alternatively they can also get information through IVRS by dialing 022-68276827. All policy holders can also connect for information and services of their policies through LIC Whatsapp no 8976862090.

In the changing scenario, the Corporation through various tools has made policy servicing more easy and accessible. Policy holders can pay premiums through different online modes. Along with Insurance, LIC also fulfills its social obligations through LIC's Golden Jubilee Foundation that contributes towards education, medical and other social services. LIC has also been contributing towards nation building projects as well.

LIC's motto- Yogakshem Vahamyaham from Srimad Bhagavad Geeta meaning 'your welfare is our responsibility' truly sums up the objective of the Corporation.

# Arms & Drugs were given to youth by our enemies shielded by politicians: Dr Darakhshan

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board and Minister of State Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday participated in an Anti Drug Awareness Program held by a Non Governmental Organization Save Kashmir at Exhibition Ground Srinagar.

School children and youth from different walks of life participated in the programme. In her address, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that this silent killer was introduced in Kashmir by those who wanted youth to follow



Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi briefing media.

their dietates of stone throwing and killing people in Kashmir for more than three decades. "Drug trade was the main source of funding the violence in Kashmir for three decades. Those who remained

under severe cases but it is not going to help till we all utilize our utmost powers at individual levels to uproot this deep rooted network from the society", said Dr Darakhshan.

She said that religious leaders, intellectuals and media fraternity has bigger roles to play. She appealed to the people to organise small programmes at mohalla levels to mobilize youth against drug menace. The organiser of the event Arish Bhat while welcoming Dr Andrabi said that she has been continuously working for creating awareness regarding drug menace.

in power during this period supported this notorious industry and used these traders for their political benefits. This nexus has ruined the future of our youth", said Dr Andrabi.

## B2V5: Yasha Mudgal visits Kunfer Panchayat, interacts with PRIs, locals



Commissioner Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal speaking during the programme at Ramban.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, on Wednesday visited Kunfer panchayat in Ramban block as Visiting Officer under ongoing ambitious 'Back to Village' Phase V programme to assess the status of development works and beneficiary oriented schemes.

Interacting with the people, she outlined the significance of 'Back to Village' Programme saying that the main motive behind launching this Government-people interface programme is to ensure that not even a single person is deprived of the benefit of development schemes. She emphasized upon the people to ensure their proactive engagement with the district administration in taking the development profile of the district to top place.

Emphasizing the role of Nasha Mukta youth in developing a flourished society, Commissioner Secretary asked the District Administration and people to launch a joint Nasha

Mukt campaign on mission mode to save the youth from drug addiction.

Yasha Mudgal had feedback from the general public about implementation of welfare schemes as well as developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

Commissioner Secretary also reviewed the action taken by the departments on directions issues in the previous 'Back to Village' meetings.

She directed the CEO, Ramban and executing agency to complete the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya building and make it functional as per directions. She directed the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative to intensify awareness drives to sensitize the people about schemes of Cooperative sectors.

Yasha Mudgal appreciated the Deputy Commissioner for adopting Kunfer panchayat for development as model Panchayat.

She also inaugurated a Carrom Match at Government Upper Primary School, Chanderkote.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, briefed the Commissioner Secretary about the initiatives being taken up by the District Administration in coordination with concerned officers to resolve all the issues of public interest pertaining to their respective departments. He directed the officers of NHA to construct an overhead bridge at Chanderkote to facilitate the locals, especially students.

During the programme, the officers from various departments sensitized the people about several schemes of their respective departments.

Earlier, the PRIs and locals highlighted their issues during Gram Sabha including construction of overhead bridges, completion of JJM schemes and augmentation of Water Supply Scheme, up-gradation of local Government High School, Chanderkote, construction of stadium, road connectivity to Magdan, etc.

Commissioner Secretary also distributed certificates among newly registered Cooperative Societies, sanction letters among loan beneficiaries besides baby and poshan kits, Nano Urea kits and blankets among the beneficiaries.

Among others, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, ADC, Harbans Lal, ACR, Giasul Haq, ACD, PRIs, other senior officers and people in large number participated in the programme.

# We will always stand by oppressed, speak for everyone who is subjected to suffering in J&K: Bukhari



Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressing party workers at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Wednesday, said that Apni Party will always stand by the oppressed and speak for everyone who is subjected to suffering in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was addressing a public rally in the Ijara area of north Kashmir's Uri, today. The party workers and residents gathered at the rally venue to extend a warm welcome to the party president, Bukhari, and his accompanying leaders.

Addressing the rally, Bukhari said that he and his party will always stand by and speak for those who are subjected to surfing in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, "The Apni Party is dedicated to supporting those who are oppressed or needlessly subjected to mis-



Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressing party workers at Srinagar.

eries and hardships."

He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are facing tough times and blamed the traditional political parties and their leaders for the prevailing situation.

He said, "We are enduring hardship solely because the parties and leaders whom we had entrusted with our mandate over the years betrayed our trust for their own political gains. These parties never engaged in negotia-

power corridors. To begin with, New Delhi bestowed power to NC post-1947, without any genuine public mandate."

He went on to say, "NC government was ousted from power by the majority of legislators in 1984 to pave the way for good governance and to get rid of the family rule here. The honorable high court later affirmed that the government was removed through democratic means. The change of the government at that time restored the dignity of the elected representatives and ushered in an era of development and abundance of employment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. However, just three years later, in 1987, New Delhi allowed the same party to seize power again, despite it rigging the elections here."

"The consequences of the

electoral rigging resulted in the tragic loss of two lakh lives in Jammu and Kashmir in the subsequent years. Once again, in 1996, the NC opted for power without actively pursuing negotiations with New Delhi for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir's interests," he added.

Talking about the sufferings of the people in Uri, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "The residents of this area have endured years of cross-border shelling, yet when it comes to providing essential facilities, they have been left high and dry. Despite the presence of two major hydroelectric power projects in this region, the locals have not received any economic dividends from these projects. The lack of infrastructure is evident, even in the fields of health and education here.

unique culture and traditions through remarkable performances and bestowed mementos among them.

He also visited the stalls showcasing traditions and customs of different tribal communities of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, The week-long Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah, being celebrated by Tribal Affairs department serves as a vibrant platform to exhibit the rich tapestry of tribal culture, traditions, and lifestyles, particularly highlighting the diverse tribes of Jammu & Kashmir like Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gaddis, Sippis and others.

## Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrations

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday addressed the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations at Abhinav Theatre here to mark the birth anniversary of the iconic tribal leader Birsa Munda.

Addressing the large gathering of different tribal communities of J&K, Advisor Bhatnagar said the celebrations of this Diwas symbolizes profound recognition and respect for the contributions of India's tribal communities to the nation's freedom struggle and cultural richness. He highlighted that this day reflects the spirit of bravery and resistance that

tribal communities embodied in their fight against colonial rule.

The Advisor remarked that the celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas aligns with the broader theme of 'Viksit Bharat' or 'Developed India', showcasing the integral role of tribal communities in the nation's progress and unique cultural diversity.

He highlighted that the tribal communities have tremendous contribution in every sphere of society, particularly in the ongoing developmental and economic progress.

Highlighting on some of the initiatives of the government, Advisor Bhatnagar underlined that the pres-

ent LG led Administration has started various schemes for the empowerment of tribal communities and the Tribal Affairs department has been pivotal in enhancing the welfare and development of tribal communities. He highlighted that new tribal hostels, transforming schools into smart schools in tribal areas, and modernizing existing hostels as well as Eklavya Model Residential Schools are some significant steps aimed at enhancing quality education to tribal children, encompassing not only academics but overall development.

The Advisor on the occasion commended the members of all tribal communities for presenting their

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for reviving the rich intangible heritage and folk culture of Jammu Kashmir.

Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi; Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages; Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi; senior officials of Civil Administration, renowned artists from West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and J&K were present.

## LG inaugurates 'Chhau Parv', lauds Sangeet Natak Akademi for holding event

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the 'Chhau Parv', traditional dance form of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the endeavour of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, country's apex body of performing arts, in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, for organising three-day festival,

workshop and seminar on Chhau Dances and folk dances of J&K to preserve and promote cultural diversity.

"In ancient times, Chhau was considered a war dance and an art form meant for the upliftment of the soul. The Chhau Parv aims to generate awareness about aesthetic appeal of this rich tradition, nurture young talents and strengthen the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'," the Lt Governor said.

At the inaugural ceremony,



Artists performing during 'Chhau Parv' at Srinagar while LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering.

the Lt Governor paid tributes to the Bhagwan Birsa Munda and remembered the

immense contribution of the tribal icons in the freedom struggle of the country.

He also highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration, under the

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