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### LG calls upon...

chasing your dreams and keep walking until you achieve your mission in life," the Lt Governor said.

He said learning how to learn in real world is one of the greatest skills and not to be afraid of failures in the journey of life.

"My advice to graduates entering professional career is never stop learning. If you want to start a business then go ahead & do it, those interested in start-ups with new ideas must pursue it with passion. Don't be afraid of failures. A person learns best from failures in his life," the Lt Governor observed.

Talking about the future beyond the campus, the Lt Governor said the contemporary areas today offer many opportunities and graduating students should evaluate their skills to execute the goals.

"The journey of life beyond campus is like a mirror. Students get an opportunity to see their ideal self, explore their passion, evaluate their unique skills and talents and prepare themselves to contribute to growth of the nation in multiple fields," the Lt Governor said.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented the University report on the occasion.

Members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Vice-Chancellors of various Universities; HoDs of different educational institutions, senior officials of Civil and Police administration, students and faculty members of SMVDU were present.

### LeT ‘terrorist associate’...

movement seemed suspicious, was spotted by security forces. On seeing security personnel approaching him, he tried to flee, but was apprehended, the official said.

Police said the man has been identified as Imran Ahmad Ganie, a resident of Nowpora Wagoora Kreeri. The official said a Chinese pistol, a magazine of the pistol, nine bullets and a mobilephone were seized from him. He has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

### J&K Panchayati Raj...

by the Government. It also defines process for removal and conditions of service of State Election Commissioner (SEC) here.

The proposed amendments aims to make J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 more effective by ensuring transparency in functioning of PRIs, constitutional alignment & consistency with practices in other states where reservation has been provided to the OBCs apart from the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

### MHA promotes 36...

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As per order, Shakti Kumar Pathak, Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, Javid Ahmed Koul, Sheikh Junaid Mehmood and Shahid Mehraj Rather, all IPS officers (AGMUT: 2009) have been promoted with effect from the date of assumption of charge.

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Further, the IPS officers of AGMUT cadre, Benita Mary Jaiker, Dr. Eish Singhal, Rajiv Omprakash Pande and Santosh Kumar Meena, currently posted on Central Deputation, are granted Proforma Promotion to the DIGP Grade (LEVEL 13A in the Pay Matrix) with effect from January 1, 2024 and on actual basis with effect from the date of assumption of charge of their immediate juniors in the cadre," it stated and added, "This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority."

### Dayal appointed CRPF...

Rajasthan cadre, is currently working as Special DG, CISE.

She has been appointed to the post till her superannuation on July 31, 2024, the order said. Vivek Srivastava, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, will be Director General, Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards.

He has been appointed to the post till June 30, 2025, i.e. the date of his superannuation, the order said. Srivastava is at present a special director in IB.

### Modi to inaugurate...

his office said on Thursday.

Official sources said the airport will be named "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham", after the saint who wrote the epic "Ramayana". Valmiki also enjoys a large following, especially among Dalits.

Modi will launch projects worth more than Rs 11,100 crore to revamp civic facilities and develop world-class infrastructure in Ayodhya and projects worth over Rs 4,600 crore for other parts of Uttar Pradesh.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said Modi's vision is to develop modern, world-class infrastructure in Ayodhya, improve connectivity and revamp its civic facilities, which also conform to the rich history and heritage of the city where devouts believe Lord Ram was born.

"In realisation of this vision, a new airport, a new redeveloped railway station, newly redeveloped, widened and beautified roads and other civic infrastructure are being inaugurated in the city. Further, foundation stones for many new projects will be laid that will contribute to the beautification and revamp of civic facilities in and around Ayodhya," the statement said.

The first phase of the state-of-the-art airport has been developed at a cost of more than Rs 1,450 crore. Its terminal building will have an area of 6,500 square metres, equipped to serve about 10 lakh passengers annually.

The building's facade depicts the architecture of the Ram temple while its interiors are decorated with local art, paintings and murals depicting Lord Ram's life.

It is also equipped with various sustainability features, such as an insulated roofing system, LED lighting, rain-water harvesting, landscaping with fountains, a water treatment plant, a sewage treatment plant, a solar power plant and many other facilities, to meet the five-star GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) ratings, the statement said.

The airport will improve connectivity in the region, leading to a boost in tourism, business activities and employment opportunities.

The first phase of the redeveloped Ayodhya railway station -- named Ayodhya Dham Junction -- has been developed at a cost of more than Rs 240 crore. The three-storey modern station building is equipped with all modern features, such as elevators, escalators, food plazas, shops for puja needs, cloak rooms, child-care rooms and waiting halls, the statement added.

Referring to the Amrit Bharat trains, it said these new superfast passenger trains have locomotives at both ends for better acceleration. The trains will provide improved facilities for the passengers, such as beautiful and attractively-designed seats, better luggage racks, mobile phone charging points with suitable phone holders, LED lights, CCTV cameras and a public information system.

Modi will also dedicate to the nation three railway projects worth Rs 2,300 crore to strengthen the rail infrastructure in the region.

To enhance accessibility to the upcoming Ram temple, the prime minister will inaugurate four newly-redeveloped, widened and beautified roads in Ayodhya -- Rampath, Bhaktipath, Dharampath and Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Path.

Lord Ram's idol will be consecrated at the under-construction temple in Ayodhya on January 22.

### New airport comes...

a message in Hindi, welcoming dignitaries and other people to Ayodhya.

"Hearty welcome and greetings to all seers, honourable dignitaries, devotees, tourists and citizens arriving in Avadhपुरi, city of 'maryada' (honour), 'dham' (religion) and 'sanskriti'," reads the message attributed to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

After dark when the old and new buildings of the railway station were illuminated in dazzling hue of pink, many passengers, security personnel and others were seen taking pictures of the new structure and the large posters.

These posters carry a footnote that says Uttar Pradesh's Information and Public Relations Department.

A few metres away from the station, another huge poster has been put up bearing the image of the new airport of Ayodhya and the same greeting message.

The airport also carries a traditional look with the design of its facade drawing inspiration from temple architecture.

Along the Station Road, another poster has been put up bearing the aerial view of the Deepotsav that takes place in Ayodhya's Ram ki Paidi at Saryu ghat.

The redeveloped Ayodhya railway station is a state-of-the-art infrastructure having modern "airport-like facilities", while its facade is inspired from the traditional temple architecture.

A massive crowd is expected to descend in Ayodhya close to the consecration cere-

mony and the city is getting decked up for the big day.

A set of imposing sun-themed columns -- 'Surya Stambhs' -- are being installed along a prominent street in the holy city.

Chief Minister Adityanath is slated to visit Ayodhya on Thursday to take stock of preparations ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to the temple town on December 30, officials said. After arriving, he will first visit the Hanumangarhi temple and pay obeisance to Lord Hanuman. Following this, he will have a "darshan" of Ram Lalla and then inspect the ongoing construction work of the Ram temple, a senior official told PTI. A ceremonial gateway to the Ramjannabhoomi temple site has been erected in front of the Birla Dharmshala and workers are giving finishing touches to it. The gateway is located near Hanumangarhi temple and leads to the site of the upcoming temple.

### COVID-19 case...

the new JN.1 sub-variant. He said the patient has no history of travel but came in contact with someone who had returned from abroad a few days ago.

"He is being kept in home isolation and is doing fine. There is no need to panic as adequate measures are already in place to meet any challenge," Gupta said.

Officials said the Health Department has already begun a drive to trace the patient's contacts.

On December 20, Health and Medical Education Secretary Bhupinder Kumar reviewed the COVID-19 situation and preparedness of the public health system across Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in light of the advisory issued by the Union Health Ministry following the JN.1 sub-variant's emergence.

Kumar directed all stakeholders to take proactive measures to ensure full preparedness to handle any potential scenarios.

He also asked all the heads of departments and chief medical officers to activate COVID-19 testing facilities, conduct ample testing following the revised surveillance strategy; and meticulously report ILI (Influenza-like Illness) and SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection) cases while adhering to recommended testing protocols.

### 157 cases of...

nine states and Union territories have so far detected the presence of the JN.1 sub-variant of the virus.

These states are -- Kerala (78), Gujarat (34), Goa (18), Karnataka (eight), Maharashtra (seven), Rajasthan (five), Tamil Nadu (four), Telangana (two) and Delhi (one), according to the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG).

The INSACOG's data showed 141 Covid cases recorded in the country in December had the presence of JN.1, while 16 such cases were detected in November.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has classified JN.1 as a separate "variant of interest" given its rapidly-increasing spread, but said it poses a "low" global public health risk.

The JN.1 sub-variant of the coronavirus was previously classified as a variant of interest (VOI) as part of the BA.2.86 sub-lineages, the parent lineage that is classified as a VOI, the world body said.

However, in recent weeks, JN.1 cases continued to be reported from multiple countries and its prevalence has rapidly increased globally.

The Centre has asked the states and Union territories to maintain a constant vigil amid an uptick in the number of Covid cases and the detection of the JN.1 sub-variant in the country.

### Pradhan’s visionary discourse...

those at the bottom of pyramid, Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas model, and the need for promoting education in mother tongue and drawing pride, inspiration, and confidence from Bharatiyata.

He reiterated, "We are in an era of game-changing reforms under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India has witnessed rapid transformation post 2014 and is on its way to become the third largest economy in the world. PM's welfareism model is a case study. On this occasion, I would like to encourage IIM Jammu family to examine it minutely and come up with long-term case studies on the unique propositions and possibilities for the U.T of Jammu & Kashmir. I would like to commend the active involvement of the Institute in Viksit Bharat Initiative and its commitment to nurturing future leaders, dedication in academics and skill development aligning seamlessly with our vision for a Viksit Bharat @2047. The next twenty-five years are crucial. I urge everyone out here that with Sabka Prayas, we must realise the goal of Viksit Bharat @2047."

Dr. Milind P. Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, warmly welcomed the Union Education Minister.

Dr. Milind. P. Kamble highlighted several key initiatives undertaken by IIM Jammu in a short span of time, further reinforcing its commitment to fostering a conducive and inclusive learning environment at the Institute.

He mentioned, "We have established "Anandam," ACenter for Happiness, which is aimed at addressing academic stress among students. Furthermore, the establishment of the Centre for Diversity and Inclusion is a testament to our commitment to providing an inclusive and diverse learning environment. These initiatives align seamlessly with our vision for a developed India by 2047 as part of the Viksit Bharat initiative. The institute remains steadfast in its commitment to transformative initiatives and looks forward to further collaboration with the Hon'ble Minister towards achieving the shared vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

During his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu underscored IIM Jammu's unwavering dedication to academic excellence and active participation in transformative initiatives like Viksit Bharat @ 2047. He emphasized the institute's commitment to shaping the educational landscape in alignment with the vision for a developed and thriving India by 2047.

Minister reviewed the progress of IIM Jammu's Jagti campus construction activities, acknowledging the institute's commitment to academic excellence, research, and fostering future leaders. He also visited and lauded the state-of-the-art library at the institute and its hi-tech facilities available there to provide a comprehensive learning ecosystem to the students.

One of the key highlights of the visit was the involvement of the student community with the Minister for in-depth discussion on the ViksitBharat@2047 initiative, a visionary program aimed at shaping the educational and skill development landscape in India by the year 2047.

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### Legal framework to...

The Lt Governor observed that in many areas of life, be it music, films, sports, art, or literature, persons with disabilities have achieved success and greater goals and today they are inspiring the entire society. He said many such great personalities have proved that they have no less capability than anyone else but they have special abilities to contribute in nation building.

Around 5000 people are participating in this unique event which is of, by, and for Divyangjan. A fully accessible event, it is an effort to showcase the minds full of courage, strength and determination of persons with special abilities.

This Festival of Inclusion will be a milestone in the journey of empowerment of Divyangjan in J&K UT. It will inspire every citizen to work unitedly for empowerment and rehabilitation of Divyangjan and to build an inclusive society, he added.

The Lt Governor said, J&K Administration is committed to create an environment that provides equal opportunities and protects the rights of Divyangjan.

"We have achieved saturation in distribution of motorized scooties. The administration has taken over Abhinandan Home for specially-abled students," the Lt Governor said.

He said, there is a need for all the stakeholders, society, NGOs to adopt a multi-dimensional approach and collaborative efforts to enable persons with disabilities to realize their full individual potential.

"Private companies and individual innovators have made impressive strides in new technology in the last few years. I urge them to develop user friendly instruments for Divyangjan which will help in their rehabilitation process and empowerment," the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor felicitated the Divyangjan Ambassadors including Para Athletes and Sportspersons for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields. He also handed over wheelchairs and assistive devices to the beneficiaries.

The two-day event will witness distribution of assistive devices, sports competitions in various disciplines, cultural events, fashion show, talent hunt and exhibition. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department; senior officials, members of social organizations and people in large number were present.

### Post Art 370...

after the abrogation of Article 370, the Administration has streamlined facilitation of disability certificate issuance for accessing benefits and services. He noted that so far, 176,355 UDID certificates have been issued and 182,338 UDID cards have been generated. As per CCPD data J&K is ranked 6th in the country.

"Efforts are being made through self-employment schemes to provide Divyangjan with facilities, options and opportunities to live their lives with dignity," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said that special electronic equipment is being provided to Divyangjan to ensure ease of communication and accessibility for persons with visual and hearing disabilities.

"Divyangjan are equal partners in the economic growth of J&K. The administration will ensure Divyangjan lead a life of dignity and self-respect," the Lt Governor further added.

Later, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar laid the foundation stone of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Samba through virtual mode. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament and Keshav Dutt Sharma, Chairman, District Development Council Samba were also present.

The CRC at Samba will be constructed by NBCC in 38 kanals 18 marlas of land. The estimated cost of construction is Rs 29 crores and the MoU has been signed with NBCC to initiate the construction work and finish the work within a span of one year.

### PS Sherghari recognized...

collective efforts of every individual associated with Police Station Sherghari. It reflects the relentless commitment of upholding the highest standards of Police services," the DGP added.

He has expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Home Affairs for acknowledging the exemplary performance of Police Station Sherghari.

DGP, J&K said that the Jammu and Kashmir Police takes immense pride in this accomplishment and added that it will boost the morale of personnel in providing exceptional service to the community.

Pertinent to mention that Police Station Dangi Wacha of Police district Sopore was included in the top ten Police Stations in the annual ranking of Police Stations in 2018.

### Principal Secretary Finance advocates collaborative development vision for transformed India by 2047

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KISHTWAR: Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh D Vaidya, who is on two day visit to Kishtwar on Thursday participated in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Dool A panchayat of Nagseni block.

District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar,

*Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh D Vaidya handing over sanction letter under HADP to a beneficiary.*

ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACP, Zakir Hussain Wani and other departmental heads besides officials were present on the occasion.

Dr Devansh Yadav presented an overview of the ongoing viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district besides highlighting the role of district administration in making this mega reaching out programme a grand success.

During the Yatra, the beneficiaries shared success stories concerning various pre-availing Central Sector Schemes during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" session, attended by Principal Secretary Vaidya and other district officials.

Amidst these engagements, Principal Secretary participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra proceedings, inspected departmental stalls showcasing citizen centric beneficiary schemes. He administered the VBSY pledge to the participants.

During the address, Principal Secretary emphasised the collective efforts of people, youth, officers and PRIs to materialize the vision of transformed developed India by 2047, emphasizing the crucial role of youth in this pursuit. He stressed the critical need to focus on infrastructure revamping, human resource development and social unity as the cornerstone of national development.

Discussing the transformative impact post Article 370 reform and successful navigation through the COVID era, Vaidya pointed out the substantial advancements in road infrastructure, water supply, health, water, hydro electric power, women's empowerment, and mobile networks over the past five years in Jammu and Kashmir.

Notably, the Union Territory's GDP surged significantly from Rs 1.7 lakh crore to Rs 2.5 lakh crore, he informed on the occasion.

Moreover, Principal Secretary termed the cultural and national integration imperative for nation's development. He urged upon the citizens to work collectively towards women empowerment which significantly contributes in raising a developed India. The event also featured a screening of PM's message on Viksit Bharat, musical and cultural performances by local artists and Nagseni Cultural group besides distribution of IEC material. Principal Secretary also handed over Abhinandan Certificates to some of the participants, sanction letters under HADP to eligible farmers and prosthetic aids including wheel chair and sticks provided by the Social Welfare Department for old age and PwDs. Furthermore, a free medical camp organized by the Health Department Kishtwar provided medical screenings, consultations, and free medicines to numerous citizens, enhancing the community's access to healthcare services.

### 6 chargesheeted for Rs 60 lakh investment fraud

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday filed a chargesheet in a local court here against six persons for duping investors of over Rs 60 lakh after inducing them to invest in a Haryana-based private company in 2017, an official said.

The 1266-page chargesheet was filed by the economic offences wing of Crime Branch, Jammu against six affiliates of Swarn Bhavya Gold Pvt Ltd, including its Managing Director Balvinder Kumar of Haryana, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, a spokesperson of the agency said. A case on the matter was registered in 2020.

The official said the accused hatched a criminal conspiracy to induce the complainants and other people to invest their money in the company by promising to provide bonus income on their deposits after every 15 days and additional bonus income on creating a network of depositors.

Others chargesheeted in the case are Sushil Kumar; Sandeep Kumar; Deepak Singh all residents of Haryana, Saphali Singh of New Delhi and Manveer Singh of Punjab, the spokesperson said.

A written complaint lodged in Crime Branch, Jammu by Mohd Younis of Pulwama, Asrar Ahmed of Srinagar; Ayaz Ahmed of Poonch and Mushtaq Dar of Rajouri has alleged that the accused came to J&K in October 2017 and conducted seminars at different hotels to get people to invest money in the company, the official said.

People were assured that the company is genuine and registered with the Reserve Bank of India, the spokesperson said, adding the company collected huge amounts from local residents within three months.

After police received the complaint, a preliminary verification was conducted and allegations of cheating and fraud were prima facie substantiated, leading to the registration of a formal case under relevant sections of law for in-depth probe, the official said.