

# Scouts, Guides inculcates values among youth: Sinha



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha being presented with 'Bharat Scouts & Guides Flag Sticker'.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Saturday interacted with the volunteers and officials of J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides, at Raj Bhawan.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the volunteers and everyone

associated with the Scouts and Guides movement for their exemplary contribution to the society.

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Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated the J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides team for inspiring more youth from the Union Territory to join the noble mission.

"It is a matter of great pride that J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides have seen a massive increase in enrolment of volunteers from 7500 in 2020 to 14,000 in 2024. The work done by the team is truly praiseworthy and they continue to discharge the duties with efficiency and effectiveness," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Patron of J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides, assured every support and necessary assistance to further strengthen the Bharat Scouts & Guides movement in the UT of J&K. He said: "The young volunteers of

J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides symbolise hope and promise of J&K and I am confident they will play a crucial role in bringing about constructive socio-economic changes in the Union Territory".

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor was presented with the 'Bharat Scouts & Guides Flag Sticker' as a part of its Foundation Day celebration, which was observed on 7th November. He was also briefed about the activities and achievements of the Scouts & Guides in the UT of J&K.

Wg. Cdr MM Joshi, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides; Maitre Jain, J&K Commissioner (Guide); senior officials, trainers, Guide Captain, Scouts & Guides were present during the interaction.



## 'India International Science Festival'

# Story of 'Viksit Bharat' to be written in alphabet of science: Dr Jitendra

## STATE TIMES NEWS

GUWAHATI: Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, in his Presidential address at the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024, declared that the story of 'Viksit Bharat' will be written through the lens of science. He emphasized that India's path to becoming a developed nation is deeply rooted in scientific advancement and innovation. Dr. Singh underscored that technology and research must drive progress across all sectors, from healthcare to infrastructure, contributing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Singh highlighted six key decisions taken by the Modi government within the first five months of its third term, which reinforce India's commitment to scientific progress. Notable initiatives include the establishment of a ₹1 lakh crore National Research Foundation, a ₹1,000 crore Venture Fund for space startups, and the launch of Mission Mausam for enhanced weather forecasting. He also mentioned the Bio-E3 initiative, focusing on biotechnology for environmental and economic growth, and the "One Nation, One Subscription" policy for universal access



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivering his Presidential address at the 4-day "India International Science Festival" IISF-2024, at Guwahati on Saturday.

to academic journals for over 2 crore students. Additionally, the Atal Innovation Mission has been extended to further nurture innovation.

Aligning with the theme "India as the Global Manufacturing Hub for Science and Technology," Dr. Singh highlighted India's growing leadership in bio-manufacturing, semiconductor investments, and medical instruments, with significant backing fields like quantum technology and semiconductor manufacturing.

The Minister also emphasized the importance of science communication and urged greater outreach to smaller towns and rural areas to inspire young innovators. Dr. Singh called for a national approach to

innovation, urging that startups should emerge from every corner of India.

The IISF 2024, organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), saw over 10,000 students from across the country participate, making it a major platform for fostering scientific curiosity and innovation. The event's "Whole of Science" approach brought together ministries, policymakers, and stakeholders, with a shared vision for a scientifically advanced India by 2047.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Singh expressed optimism about India's scientific future, emphasizing that the youth, especially startups, will lead the country to global leadership in science and technology.

# AIIMS Jammu hosts workshop on 'Crime Scene Recreation and Firearm Death Investigation' for JKP

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Jammu, organized a pioneering workshop titled "After Crime, Scene Recreation and Training in Solving Firearm Death Investigation".

This first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at equipping J&K Police officers with advanced skills in crime scene examination and evidence collection to strengthen criminal investigations.

The event was inaugurated by Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu, and Prof (Dr) Dinesh Rao, Head of the Department (HOD), Forensic Medicine.

Presiding over the workshop were senior police officials



Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu posing with police officials and other dignitaries.

Bharadwaj (SP) and Romish Gupta (SSP).

With participation of a total of 100 officers including 20 DySPs, 25 Inspectors and 60 Sub Inspectors from the Jammu, Samba and Udhampur, Police Academies.

Professor Dr Dinesh Rao, HOD, Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Jammu trained the

Officers on the Examination of the Crime Scene and Collection of Evidences and he also explained the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Investigating Firearm Deaths.

Prof Dr Dinesh Rao, highlighted the importance of Bod Bags in shifting the dead

from the crime scene and at the same time impressed upon the Fact the Examination of evidence and Processing the Crime scene and its importance in the prosecution. The workshop featured practical sessions on SOPs for firearm death investigations and the importance of processing crime scenes.

A notable highlight was the recreation of a real case, the Kishitwar VDGs murder, providing valuable insights into investigative methodologies. This initiative underscores AIIMS Jammu's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and enhancing justice delivery systems in the region.

# BJP committed to Nation-Building, development and progress: Slathia

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: MLA Samba, Surjeet Singh Slathia, on Saturday reaffirmed the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) commitment to nation-building and ensuring inclusive progress for all sections of society, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

He was speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of an Over Head Tank (OHT) at Village Chak Medu Basotra Supwal, located in the Samba Assembly Constituency.

During the event, Slathia, who is also the Vice President of the BJP's Pradesh unit, highlighted the significant strides made in the development of Jammu and Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

He emphasized that over the last five years, the region has witnessed holistic development across all sectors, including infrastructure,



MLA Samba, Surjeet Singh Slathia laying foundation stone of Over Head Tank.

economic growth, and technological advancements.

He further assured the locals that the BJP would continue to monitor the governance, ensuring that the momentum of progress is maintained, and no attempts to derail it will be tolerated.

Slathia also stressed the party's focus on policies that prioritize national interests while addressing the aspirations of every citizen, regardless of region, religion, or caste. He underscored the BJP's dedication to good governance, empowerment, and inclusive development.

The OHT project, estimated

at Rs 3.57 crore, will involve the construction of a 30,000-gallon OHT, a 20,000-gallon tank, a pump room, electric substation, and related infrastructure. The development aims to improve water supply and infrastructure in the region.

Slathia listened to the concerns of the locals, assuring them that their issues would be taken up for prompt resolution. The event was attended by several prominent figures, including Ex-Sarpanch Brijpal Singh and local leaders such as Gandara Singh and Tara Singh.

# CAT directs Health Deptt to consider regularization of doctors engaged during COVID-19

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, comprising Rajinder Singh Dogra (J) and Ram Mohan Johri, on Saturday disposed of the Original Application filed by Dr. Abbas Ahmed and another, directing the Health & Medical Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir to consider the applicants' case for regularization of their services.

The Tribunal ordered the department to examine whether the applicants were eligible for regularization under the guidelines set forth by the Madras High Court Judgment in the case Dr. R. Venkattaraman Vs. State, dated November 9, 2022. Additionally, the department was directed to release the applicants' unpaid salaries within eight weeks. The applicants, who served as Dental Surgeons in District Ramban, were initially engaged as volunteer doctors during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. They were part of a list of 378 volunteers forwarded by the Mission Director of National Health Mission (NHM), Jammu & Kashmir to the Director Health Services for deployment as required during the pandemic. The applicants argued that despite working without hindrance or interruption in their roles as Dental Surgeons, they were being deprived of their right to have their services regularized.

In their Original Application, the applicants, represented by Advocate Dinesh Singh Chauhan, sought regularization of their services based on the Supreme Court's judgment dated April 30, 2022 in the case Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2021 (Re: Distribution of Essential Supplies and Services During Pandemic).

They also referenced the Central Government Notification dated May 3, 2021, which called for the regularization of services of professionals engaged during the pandemic.

The State-Respondents were represented by Sudesh Magotra, AAG. The Tribunal's ruling underlines the government's obligation to address such claims in light of judicial pronouncements and existing notifications aimed at recognizing the contributions of healthcare workers during the pandemic.

# Pending AYUSHMAN claims to be cleared by Dec 31: Satish

## Emphasises improving healthcare accessibility, addressing policy gaps, fostering robust PPP collaborations

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) J&K hosted its Health Conclave 2024, themed "Health Reimagined: Strategies for a Better Tomorrow," at Hotel Golden Tulip, Srinagar. The event brought together government officials, healthcare experts and industry leaders to deliberate on the challenges and opportunities shaping healthcare in Jammu & Kashmir.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and ARI & Training, Satish Sharma, attended the event as chief guest.

Satish Sharma emphasized the need to address mental health issues, promote Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in healthcare and enhance Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) outreach through initiatives like mobile clinics. He remarked, "Efforts to improve the healthcare sector must focus on equitable access, innovative partnerships, and target-



Minister for Science & Technology, Satish Sharma with other at a conclave.

ed outreach in underserved areas."

The Minister highlighted three key focus areas for the UT's healthcare policy-Enhancing PPP models for healthcare delivery, addressing healthcare access in rural and remote regions, and mitigating human resource shortages and improving funding for government schemes. He assured the gathering that all pending claims under the AYUSHMAN Bharat scheme would be cleared by December 31, 2024.

The Minister exhorted that improving healthcare accessibility, addressing policy gaps, and fostering robust public-private collaborations are main focus areas of the government. He also underscored

the need for equitable healthcare infrastructure, enhanced insurance coverage and focused interventions in rural and underserved areas.

The conclave hosted different dignitaries from Government including Salman Sagar, MLA Hazratbal who in his address said, "We must prioritize healthcare in J&K by addressing gaps in the public health sector and tackling the issue of spurious drugs." Dr. Sajad Shafi, MLA Uri, said "Affordable healthcare and private sector involvement in remote areas are essential for comprehensive healthcare access."

Waheed ur Rehman Para, MLA Pulwama, said, "Key healthcare challenges faced by

providers in J&K will be addressed in the upcoming assembly session." Sanjiv M Gadkar, CEO, State Health Agency, J&K, AB-PMJAY said "Revised package pricing under AYUSHMAN Bharat and extended budgetary allocations will significantly improve healthcare coverage."

The event also featured leading healthcare professionals and industry experts, including-Dr. Shanty Sajjan, Group CEO, Paras Healthcare, said "Leveraging AI and technology is critical for making healthcare accessible to the masses." Dr. Shuchin Bajaj, Founder & Director, Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services said "Through our CSR initiatives, we aim to bring

healthcare benefits to underserved areas in J&K."

Other eminent speakers included Probal Ghosal, Chairman & Director, Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services, Aijaz Khan, Executive Vice President, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd, Nigam Gupta, Managing Director, Hexa Med Technologies (India) Pvt. Ltd, Faizan Mir, President, J&K Private Hospitals & Dialysis Centers Association & Managing Director, Shadab Hospital, Iqram Ali Shafiee, Convener, CII J&K Healthcare Panel & Managing Director, Shafiee Healthcare Pvt. Ltd and Sandeep Mengi, Co-Convener, CII J&K Healthcare Panel & Director, Maharishi Dayanand Hospital & Medical Research Centre.

The event concluded with actionable recommendations to strengthen Jammu & Kashmir's healthcare ecosystem, ensuring inclusivity and resilience while setting a roadmap for sustainable growth.

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**INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS**

**A. Position Title:** Senior Secondary School Principal  
**Location:** Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad  
**Employment Type:** Full Time  
**Salary:** Negotiable  
**Closing Date:** 15th December 2024  
**Job Description:** We are seeking an experienced and visionary Senior Secondary School Principal.  
**For details visit school website.**  
**How to Apply:** Download the application form from our website www.vbwnoida.com. You may submit hard copy at Vishwa Bharti Public School, Noida and can also send through email on gsvbnoida@gmail.com along with the payment receipt of the processing charge of Rs. 1,000/- (Link for the online payment is on school website). Application should be addressed to the General Secretary. For enquiries, contact: 0120-2455142/197.

**B. Position Title:** Administrative Officer  
**Location:** Noida  
**Employment Type:** Full Time  
**Salary:** Negotiable  
**Closing Date:** 15th December 2024  
**Job Description:** We are seeking a detail-oriented and organized Administrative Officer to join our dynamic team. The ideal candidate will be responsible for ensuring the efficient operation of our office, providing administrative support to various departments, and contributing to the overall success of our organization.  
**For details visit school website.**  
**How to Apply:** Download the application form from our website www.vbwnoida.com. You may submit hard copy at Vishwa Bharti Public School, Noida and can also send through email on gsvbnoida@gmail.com along with the payment receipt of the processing charge of Rs. 1,000/- (Link for the online payment is on school website). Application should be addressed to the General Secretary. For enquiries, contact: 0120-2455142/197.

**C. Position Title:** Accounts Officer  
**Location:** Noida  
**Employment Type:** Full Time  
**Salary:** Negotiable  
**Closing Date:** 15th December 2024  
**Job Description:** We are seeking a detail-oriented and organized Accounts Officer to manage our financial records, handle transactions, and ensure compliance with accounting principles. The ideal candidate will bring strong analytical skills, accuracy, and a commitment to maintaining financial integrity.  
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**D. Position Title:** Receptionist  
**Location:** Noida  
**Employment Type:** Full Time  
**Salary:** Negotiable  
**Closing Date:** 15th December 2024  
**Job Description:** The Receptionist will be the first point of contact for parents, staff and visitors, offering administrative support across the organization.  
**For details visit school website.**  
**How to Apply:** Download the application form from our website www.vbwnoida.com. You may submit hard copy at Vishwa Bharti Public School, Noida and can also send through email on gsvbnoida@gmail.com along with the payment receipt of the processing charge of Rs. 1,000/- (Link for the online payment is on school website). Application should be addressed to the General Secretary. For enquiries, contact: 0120-2455142/197.

**Last date of receiving the application form (through email or hard copy), complete in all respects is 15th December 2024.**

**General Secretary**