

# Infrastructural growth in Modi Govt hallmark of New India: Anurag Thakur

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency Anurag Singh Thakur has highlighted the work done in the Infrastructure sector during 10-year tenure of the Modi government. He termed this growth as a strong identity of new India.

Thakur said that 10 years of Narendra Modi government has shown a remarkable growth in infrastructure sector and has become a strong identity of new India.

Under the guidance and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the first time in the history of India, so much emphasis has been laid on infrastructure development, he said, adding that



with every passing year the increased public investment on infrastructure in budget is ample proof of this. In last 10 years of the Modi government nation has witnessed a major shift towards infrastructure build up. These changes are quite visible and not only in statistics, Thakur added.

He said the Modi government's main development focus has been on the expansion of infrastructural facilities like roads,

highways, rail, other logistics, electricity, airports, ports etc and it will further continue to meet the excellence. Anurag Singh Thakur said, "The Modi Government has allocated Rs. 11,11,111 crores for capital expenditure this year, which is 3.4 percent of our GDP. Since 2014, 500 percent increase in road transport and highways have been made in budget allocation. The pace of Highway construction was 37 km/day in 2020-21. The National Highway (NH) network expansion from 91,287 km in 2014 has reached up to 1,46,145 km by 2023. The 2.5 fold of increase in the length of 4-lane National Highway from 18,387 km in 2014 to 46,179 km by November 2023 is a testimony to the Modi government's commitment

towards infrastructure growth." Anurag said, "Since 2014, 3.74 lakh km of roads have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). More than 100 Vande Bharat trains have been started by the Modi Government. Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development and modernization of Railway Stations, 1318 stations have been selected for redevelopment process. Broad Gauge (BG) network of about 62,000 route kilometers has been electrified. This is about 94 percent of the total broad-gauge routes (65,556 RKM) of Indian Railways. Until 2014, only 21,801 km of broad-gauge network was electrified."

Talking about metro, Thakur said, the metro

network has been expanded from 248 km in 2014 to 1000 km in 2024. This is benefiting more than one crore commuters daily. From just 5 cities in 2014, today 919 km of metro lines are under construction in 21 cities and in 26 additional cities, he added.

Thakur said, "Today, we have 158 airports are in services in the country of them 84 airports have been built by the Modi government in last decade only. Additionally, work on 32 ropeway projects covering around 132 kms, have taken place in the last decade".

Anurag said that the last decade has specially been the decade of the rise of New India where world-class infrastructure is giving strength to the objective of building a developed India.

# Pipping ceremony held at ZPHQ Jammu



ADGP Jammu zone, Anand Jain pipping ranks on newly promoted DySPs.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu zone, Anand Jain, piped ranks on newly promoted Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) in a ceremony held at the Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu. The event marked a significant milestone in the careers of the officers who have demonstrated exemplary dedication and professionalism in their service. The ADGP, while congratulating the promoted officers, acknowledged their hard work and emphasized the increased responsibilities and importance of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. The newly promoted

officers included Reena Bhanu and Rajesh Kumar Sharma, both posted at the ZPHQ, Jammu, and Rajinder Kour, Rakesh Kumar, and Prabhnu Dayal, all posted at the PCR Jammu. The promoted officers expressed their gratitude for the recognition and pledged to continue serving the community with integrity and commitment. The ADGP also extended his best wishes for their future endeavours, emphasizing the importance of leadership and teamwork in their new roles.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG JKS range; Anwarul-Haq, Addl SP PCR Jammu; and Vishal Manhas, SO to ADGP Jammu zone, was present on the occasion.

# Livestock Development Board hands over Liquid Nitrogen Delivery Vehicles to Chief Animal Husbandry Officers



Dr. Parvinder Singh, Director AHD Kashmir handing over keys of Liquid Nitrogen Delivery Vehicle.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a significant move to strengthen the implementation of artificial breeding programs in the field, Dr. Parvinder Singh, Director Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir/ Chief Executive Officer of Livestock Development Board (LDB) today handed over two Liquid Nitrogen Delivery Vehicles to the Chief Animal Husbandry Officers (CAHOs) of Bandipora and Shopian districts. The vehicles, procured

under the revenue head of LDB Kashmir, are equipped to ensure the uninterrupted supply of germplasm and liquid nitrogen used in artificial insemination program. This initiative aims to bolster livestock productivity and enhance breeding services in these districts. During the handing-over ceremony, the Chief Executive Officer emphasized the importance of these vehicles in facilitating timely delivery of germplasm and liquid nitrogen

to remote areas, ensuring seamless operations of artificial breeding centers. He stated, "The addition of these vehicles to the infrastructure of the Animal Husbandry Department reflects our commitment to modernizing livestock services and supporting farmers in improving the genetic potential of their livestock." The CAHOs of Bandipora and Shopian expressed their gratitude to the Livestock Development Board, highlighting that these vehicles will address long-standing logistical challenges and significantly enhance field-level breeding services.

This initiative aligns with the broader goals of the Livestock Development Board to promote sustainable livestock development and improve the livelihood of farming communities through efficient breeding programs.

# UGC-MMTC, Community College CUJ inaugurate FDP on 'Research Methodology and Data Analysis'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: UGC-MMTC, in collaboration with the Community College of Jammu (CUJ), inaugurated a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Research Methodology and Data Analysis."



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain and other dignitaries at FDP.

The program, aimed at enhancing the research capabilities of faculty members, was conducted under the guidance and mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of CUJ. The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar, Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Director of JKEDI, and Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean of

the School of Business Studies, Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ and Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students Welfare. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, the Chief Guest, addressed the gathering by emphasizing the importance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)-driven research and collaborative efforts in achieving quality publications. He highlighted that research publications act as a "currency" for scholars and encouraged participants to make the most of

the hands-on training sessions offered during the FDP. Prof. Jain praised the organizers for hosting the program in offline mode, ensuring direct interaction and engagement. The keynote speaker, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar, stressed the importance of mastering the latest software tools to enhance the quality of research publications. Drawing comparisons between India's research journey and global success stories, he urged participants to stay updated with technological advancements and analytical tools. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, the special guest, highlighted the need for a conducive environment and sincerity for effective research outcomes. He assured participants that

JKEDI would offer incubation support to promising start-ups emerging from the program. Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean of the School of Business Studies, encouraged participants to absorb as much knowledge as possible, unlearn outdated concepts, and develop expertise in data analysis for quality publications. The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTC, who outlined the course's objectives and schedule. The event was coordinated by Dr. Naresh Kumar and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, with Dr. Ketan Bhatt conducting the proceedings.

# Valedictory ceremony of IFAC 2024 at IIM Jammu highlights Financial Literacy, Excellence in Research

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded the 2nd International Finance and Accounting Conference (IFAC) 2024 with a remarkable valedictory ceremony, highlighting insightful discussions, academic excellence, and impactful addresses from prominent leaders in finance and accounting.

The event, presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, marked a significant culmination of the conference.

Rajesh Krishnamoorthy, Chief Guest and Independent Director at PGIM Mutual Fund, emphasized the importance of innovative research, strategic thinking, and financial resilience in today's fast-changing world.

He clarified that resilience is



Director IIM Jammu Prof. B.S. Sahay presenting Best Paper Award.

not merely about large-scale projects but about practical, scalable measures to withstand disruptions. Using real-world examples, Krishnamoorthy illustrated risk management principles, emphasizing risk transfer, avoidance, and mitigation. He also spoke about the growing importance of sustainable goals and social investing, encouraging participants to align financial practices with broader societal objectives.

Nita Menezes, Founder of Financially Smart & Money Prastha, stressed the critical role of fintech, AI, and digital transformation in driving India's GDP growth, financial inclusion, and building robust infrastructure. Drawing attention to the low levels of financial literacy in India, particularly among women, she urged participants to advocate for financial inclusion and address the

gender gap in financial knowledge. She challenged the audience to adopt a reflective approach toward resilience and become agents of change.

In his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay reflected on India's remarkable progress over the last decade, citing transformative initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana and UPI, which revolutionized financial inclusion. He highlighted India's journey to becoming the world's third-largest economy and emphasized the importance of research in creating societal impact.

Prof. Sahay also announced IIM Jammu's participation in the "One Nation, One Subscription" initiative, aiming to enhance access to knowledge and research resources across the country. Present on the occasion were

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu. The ceremony began with a welcome address and conference report delivered by Dr. Vedika Saxena, Conference Co-Chair, IFAC 2024. She highlighted the objectives and achievements of the conference, which aimed to foster innovative research and dialogue in finance and accounting.

The ceremony also included the IFAC 2024 Best Paper Awards, presented by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Dr. Ashish Kumar, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Dr. Vasem Akram, faculty, IIM Jammu. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Harsha Jarivala, Conference Chair, acknowledging the contributions of speakers, organizers, and participants.

South India. They highlighted the diversity and unity that the initiative aims to promote while offering a platform for students to experience different regional cultures. The visitors were attended by various dignitaries, including Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, in the presence of Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vimal Kishore, Ravish Vaid, Jai Bharat, Harinderpal Singh, Rishiv Sharma who welcomed the troops and

# Tamil Nadu troop visits JU



Tamil Nadu troop during visit to Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A troop from Tamil Nadu visited the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu (JU), as part of the Government of India's initiative "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat." The event was organized to foster a sense of unity, cultural exchange, and national integration among students and faculty members of the university. The troop presented a vibrant showcase of Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage, which provided a unique insight into the traditions of

expressed the importance of cultural exchange in strengthening the bond between different regions of the country. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba emphasized that such initiatives help students appreciate the richness of India's diverse cultural fabric and encourage mutual respect among states. During the visit, they also had the opportunity to explore the sports infrastructure and facilities available at the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU, gaining insights into the various sports activities.

# Fit India Week organized at Tiny Tots HSS by SAITC



Dr. Vikram Handa with SAITC officials and others at a programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Sports Authority of India Training Centre (SAITC), Jammu organized Fit India Week at Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School. The event featured a variety of activities aimed at promoting fitness and a healthy lifestyle among students. The highlights of the event included, badminton competitions. Exciting badminton matches were held for both boys and girls, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. Musical Aerobic Drill by Senior students of the school who performed an energetic musical aerobic

drill, adding a fun and lively element to the event. Participants enjoyed refreshments sponsored by STC, ensuring they stayed energized throughout the activities. Sachin Dogra, basketball coach, expressed his gratitude to the management of Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School for organizing the event on such short notice. Dr. Vikram Handa thanked STC for choosing Tiny Tots School as the venue for this important activity. Notable attendees included Gurpreet Handa, Director of Tiny Tots, Vikram Saini, Badminton coach and Preety, Wushu coach.

# BVP Shivalik Branch organizes speech competition

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Shivalik Branch, Channi Himmat, Jammu, organized a speech competition on the life and teachings of Guru Teg Bahadur for children from various schools on Friday.

The event, held at the premises of J.S. Luthra Academy, Channi Himmat, saw the participation of ten schools. The program commenced with the rendition of "Vande Mataram" followed by the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, Vikram Randhawa, MLA, Bhau Constituency, Jammu, in the presence of other dignitaries.

The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Swarn Lata, Principal, J.S. Luthra Academy, Arun Sharma, National Council Member, Ashok Gupta, National Council Member, H.C. Vaid, President of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Sunita Gupta, Finance Secretary, Prant, and jury members Jagdish Chander Arora, N.D. Sharma, and Dr. Subash Gupta. H.C. Vaid, President of the Shivalik Branch, welcomed the chief guest, participants, and staff members, emphasizing the significance of Shaheed Diwas of Guru Teg Bahadur



BVP Shivalik Branch, Channi Himmat members with winner students.

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# HC set-aside conviction of revenue official in trap case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court set-aside the conviction awarded by the Additional Special Judge, Anti-corruption, Srinagar in case titled "State Vs. Mohammad Abdullah Geelani", arising out of FIR No. 24/2006 of PS VOK is not sustainable in the eyes of law.

According to the prosecution case that on June 28, 2006, an application was submitted by the complainant Mansoor Ahmed @ Mashooq before the SSP, Vigilance Organization, Kashmir, (for short 'the VOK') stating there in that he had gone to Tehsil Office, Handwara for the attestation of mutation of the land owned and possessed by the appellant who was posted there as Nazir/Jr. Assistant demanded an amount of Rs 10,000 from him.

He was a poor man and was making his both ends meet with difficulty and as such, after persuasions, the appellant had asked him to bring Rs 5,000 that day. As he was against paying the bribe and had managed Rs 5,000 with great difficulty, therefore, he approached the VOK for taking action against the appellant.

On receipt of this application, FIR No. 24/2006 u/s 5(2) of J&K PC Act read with section 161 RPC was registered. After completion of investigation challan was presented and Trial Court sentenced the appellant to rigorous imprisonment for three years with fine of Rs 10,000 for commission of offence u/s 5(2) r/w 5 (1) (d) of J&K PC Act and further two years rigorous imprisonment for commission of offence under section 161 RPC.

In default of payment of fine, the appellant has been ordered to undergo simple imprisonment for a further period of six months. Both the sentences have been ordered to run concurrently. Justice Rajnesh Oswal, after hearing both the sides, observed that the whole case of the prosecution is shrouded with mystery and there are un-explained gaps in the prosecution story, the benefit of which is required to be given to the appellant. There is no doubt that the allegations against the appellant are in respect of commission of offence against the society but the facts established by the prosecution merely raises a suspicion on the appellant in respect of commission of offence without establishing

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