

# SAYBO delegation calls on LG



SAYBO delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Jammu on Sunday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A delegation of Shri Amarnathji Yatra Bhandara Organisation (SAYBO) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Friday. The delegation led by Rajan Kapoor, President, SAYBO apprised the Lieutenant Governor on various important matters

pertaining to expediting the verification process for members of Langar organisations, improving mobile connectivity and other issues related to smooth operations of Bhandaras during the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025.

The Lieutenant Governor assured that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board was also present during the meeting.



## 'No Error of 'UT/state' in Class X Textbook of JKBOSE'

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: It has come to the notice of JKBOSE authorities that a message is being circulated in the social media creating a panic among the public especially student community regarding alleged printing of "UT" in place of "state" in the textbook of Economics & Disaster Management for class 10th.

The stakeholders are informed that the copies of this textbook which are being sold for market supply contain no such error; all the members of civil society may consult the online copy uploaded at JKBOSE website <https://jkbose.nic.in/pdf/class10thdisastermanagement.pdf>

Further, JKBOSE prepares/publishes more than 145 titles in a session which

is a laborious task wherein many experts from schools, colleges, university and connoisseurs in the relevant fields are involved at various levels in the process of development, review and proof-reading. During this rigorous process of development of a textbook, the possibilities of errors are minimised.

Nevertheless, if any error is located by the students, teachers or parents in any textbook published by the JKBOSE, it should be verified from or brought to the notice of the BOSE authorities for its rectification but not in the social media as this act may malign the image of this grand organisation which has always been a forerunner in addressing the student issues even in the toughest

times in the past. Still, it is a fact that the stakeholders' feedback is integral for continual improvement of services. We earnestly advise the students, educators, and parents to obtain the latest version of the textbook from registered booksellers to ensure that they have accurate and relevant content in hand. We request one and all to refrain from sharing or discussing any issue negatively on social media platforms as this may perturb the student community during the ongoing examinations. JKBOSE reiterates its commitment to work for furtherance of quality initiatives in all spheres of its operation and shall always endeavor to maintain a prominent place in the education sector of the country.

## CM Tripura calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses key State issues

**STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: Chief Minister of Tripura, Dr. Manik Saha called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Sunday to discuss key state-related issues, including advanced weather forecasting, administrative matters and boosting of the bamboo industry. The meeting also touched upon the recently inaugurated Agartala-Akhaura railway link, strengthening connectivity between India's Northeast and Bangladesh.

With Tripura witnessing unusually heavy rainfall this year-exceeding 500 mm-the Chief Minister sought technological support for improved forecasting and disaster preparedness. Dr. Jitendra Singh assured that the Ministry of Earth Sciences will set up a state-



Chief Minister of Tripura, Dr Manik Saha calling on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at New Delhi on Sunday.

of-the-art weather radar in the State within a year. This radar, complemented by an existing Space research centre in the region, will enhance real-time weather predictions for rainfall and cyclones, helping mitigate the impact of extreme weather events.

The discussions also focused on the strategic development of Tripura's

livelihoods, and economic growth in the state.

Another key issue raised was administrative matters, including the placement of bureaucrats and officers in the state. The Union Minister acknowledged the concerns and assured necessary discussions with relevant authorities.

Dr. Manik Saha also briefed Dr. Jitendra Singh about the establishment of Tripura's first Government Dental College, a significant development given his personal background as a dental professional. The college aims to bolster healthcare infrastructure and provide better educational opportunities in the State.

The meeting also highlighted the operationalization of the Agartala-Akhaura railway link, a project Dr.

Jitendra Singh had actively pursued during his tenure as Minister for the Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).

The 12.24 km rail corridor-comprising 5.46 km in Tripura and 6.78 km in Bangladesh-re-establishes historic ties between India's Northeast and Bangladesh's ports, boosting trade and people-to-people connectivity. The link is expected to enhance economic prospects for Tripura and the entire Northeast region by providing a faster route to international markets.

The meeting underscored the Centre's commitment to supporting Tripura's development through technological advancements, administrative coordination, and improved regional connectivity.

## Uplifting marginalized communities our duty: Omar Sakeena flags off 250 EWS students for cultural tour under 'Watan ko Jaano'

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday emphasized that uplifting marginalized communities like Gujjar-Bakerwal is not an act of favour but a fundamental duty of his government.

The Chief Minister said that despite the limitations in ministerial appointments after last year's elections, he ensured representation for the Gujjar community by appointing Javed Ahmed Rana as a minister in his cabinet.

Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, who also addressed the event, was in attendance. Minister Satish Sharma, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, Patron Chief GDCT Abdul Hamid Choudhary and Chairman GDCT Arshid Ali Choudhary also spoke at the event.

"After the election, we had to think about the cabinet ministers. However, there was very little scope. I requested Mr. Javed Rana to join the cabinet. Not only would he



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah speaking at felicitation ceremony at Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust in Jammu on Sunday.

serve Jammu and Kashmir, but he will also be responsible for representing the community, being your voice, and addressing all your issues," the Chief Minister stated at a felicitation ceremony held by Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust in his honor following his election as Chief Minister of J&K. He said that by inducting Javed Rana into the cabinet, he aimed to ensure that the Gujjar community's concerns were heard and addressed within the government.

On the demand for a Tribal University, the Chief Minister expressed confidence that with the dedication of the

trust and its people, this vision would become a reality soon.

"You should prepare a project. You should prepare a plan. I will sit with your trust when your plan is ready we will definitely do our part," he assured.

Reflecting on his previous visit to Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT) as Chief Minister, he acknowledged the changes over time-some positive, some challenging.

"After a long time, I have again had the opportunity to attend a function of Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust. If my

recollection is correct, perhaps when I came here for the last time, I was a Chief Minister. A lot has changed since then" he said.

Paying tribute to Dr. Masood A. Choudhary, the visionary founder of GDCT, the Chief Minister praised his legacy and contributions.

"But unfortunately, the person who planted this seed, whose dream was Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust, who laid its foundation, is no longer with us. If I begin my speech without remembering Dr. Masood A. Choudhary, it would be an injustice," he remarked.

The Chief Minister also expressed his emotional connection to the trust, recalling the close relationship his grandmother, Madre-Meharban, had with it.

"I want this trust to grow stronger. My grandmother had a deep bond with it. Though she is no longer with us, her name is etched here. You have honored her memory by dedicating a library in her name. I consider it my responsibility to ensure that wherever possible, the government supports this trust in fulfilling its mission," he said.

Assuring continued government support, Omar Abdullah pledged: "I assure you that on my behalf, on behalf of all ministers, advisor, and the government-wherever you need assistance, you will always find us standing with you."

Later, Chief Minister also visited the library block established by GDCT for research on the Gujjar-Bakerwal community.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Sunday flagged off a group of 250 school children for cultural tour to Delhi, Jaipur and Ajmer under 'Watan ko Jaano' Youth Exchange programme.

The 13 day tour is being organised by the Social Welfare department in collaboration with Union Ministry for Home Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion, Sakeena Itoo highlighted that this Youth Exchange programme will provide an exposure of social and cultural diversity of country to these young students.

"This exposure tour is a unique opportunity for EWS students from government schools of remote regions to learn and experience new things, which will benefit them throughout



Health Minister Sakeena Itoo flagging off a group of 250 school children for cultural tour to Delhi, Jaipur.

their lives," Sakeena stated.

She underlined that the Omar Abdullah led government is committed to provide quality education for students of all backgrounds and regions. "Our government is determined to broaden the horizons of education for students of backward classes as well as of remote and rural areas", the Minister maintained.

She further emphasized on the importance of such

educational tours in broadening students knowledge as well as fostering holistic development. She also encouraged the students to document their experiences throughout the trip.

After the flag-off ceremony, the Minister also inspected the buses and assessed facilities available for the students. She also interacted with the students and asked them to take maximum benefit from this exposure tour.

## Sant Pura Danna Trust organises Mahan Gurmat Samagam

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Under the patronage of Sant Tejwant Singh, the Sant Pura Danna Trust organized a Grand Gurmat Samagam at Gurudwara Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji, Machine Doman, Jammu, in sacred memory of Sant Gurbaksh Singh Danna.

This annual event honors the profound legacy of Sant Gurbaksh Singh, who played a pioneering role in establishing the revered Dera in Jammu and was instrumental in settling migrant populations during the partition of 1947 in different areas of Jammu.

The Gurmat Samagam witnessed overwhelming participation from a large number of devotees from various regions, who gathered to pay their respects and seek spiritual blessings.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Bhai Ravinder Singh and Bhai Simranjeet Singh, Hazoori Ragi Jathas from Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar. Their soul-stirring Kirtan uplifted the spiritual ambiance, leaving the congregation deeply moved.

In addition to the mesmerizing Kirtan, renowned religious preachers delivered enlightening discourses, sharing the teachings and values cherished by



Sikh devotees paying obeisance during Grand Gurmat Samagam at Gurudwara Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji.

Sant Gurbaksh Singh. The Katha Vachaks and Pareharks included Bhai Harpinder Singh, Mission Incharge J&K deputed by SGPC, Bhai Gurmeet Singh Jammu, Bhai Balwant Singh, and others.

The event served as a profound reminder of Sant Gurbaksh Singh's selfless service and dedication to spreading the message of Gurbani.

Prominent personalities present at the Samagam included Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to Chief Minister, Satish Sharma cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information

Technology, Youth Services & Sports, ARI & Training, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President NC, Divyani Rana Vice President BJP Youth leader, Gurmukh Singh, Former Minister; Ajay Sadhotra, former Minister; Sat Paul Sharma, BJP President J&K; Ravinder Raina, Senior BJP Leader; Charanjeet Singh Khosa, Ex-MLC; Ranjit Singh Tohra, President DGPC Jammu; Balvinder Singh, Vice President DGPC; Surjit Singh, Secretary DGPC; Karan Singh Bali, Ranver Singh and Avtar Singh Members DGPC; Jatinder Singh Lucky; Surinder Singh, Advocate;

and Navjot Singh Nalwa.

A large number of parents of school children from SGSD International and members of the management committee, including Ravinder Kour, Tejinder Singh Wazir, Tajinder Singh Kaku, Balwinder Singh, and others, were also present.

Notably, Gurcharan Singh Bagi, deeply involved with the Dera, had specially flown in from the USA to participate in the Samagam and was honored by the dera.

Baldev Singh, CEO of Peaks Group and Trustee of Sant Pura Danna Trust, provided detailed information about SGSD International School and Gurmat Vidyalaya Marh Bagh.

Manpreet Kour, who recently qualified as a KAS officer, was honored alongside Rajni Sharma, the daughter-in-law of the late Balwant Rai, who had donated the land for the Gurudwara and the school.

Sant Tejwant Singh expressed gratitude to all the devotees, especially the group from Sri Ganganagar, and all the seeders who arranged stalls for the devotees S. Manjit Singh, Administrator of SGSD International School, conducted the stage proceedings.

## IIM Jammu hosts Vittamanthan 2025: Annual Budget Discussion Event

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, organized Vittamanthan 2025, its prestigious annual budget discussion event, at Vivekananda Hall, Jagti Campus.

The event, a collaborative effort by Nidhi - The Corporate Finance Club and Artha - The Economics Club, provided a platform for in-depth discussions on India's Union Budget 2025 and its implications on various sectors of the economy.

The panel discussion, which was the highlight of the event, featured eminent experts from diverse fields. The panellists included Manjul Raizada, Retd. Civil Servant, Department of Income Tax, Professor Dipankar Sengupta, University of Jammu, Professor Meenakshi Rajeev, Department of Economics, IIT Jammu, and Dr. Praveen Kumar, Assistant Professor, Finance and Accounting, IIM Jammu.

These distinguished speakers provided insightful analyses of the key highlights of the Union Budget 2025, exploring its potential impact on sectors



Panellists at annual Budget Discussion Event at IIM Jammu.

such as finance, healthcare, education, infrastructure, and economic policymaking.

During the discussion, the panellists examined crucial budgetary allocations and their long-term implications on economic growth. They provided deep insights into fiscal policies, taxation reforms, public expenditure, and investment strategies outlined in the budget.

Special emphasis was placed on how these policy changes would shape India's business landscape and socio-economic framework. The panellists engaged in a thought-provoking exchange of ideas, encouraging the audience to critically analyse budget provisions and their role in nation-building.

Adding further depth to the discussion, Dr. Praveen

Kumar, Assistant Professor, Finance and Accounting, IIM Jammu, highlighted the fiscal challenges and growth opportunities presented by the budget.

He shed light on the government's financial roadmap, economic reforms, and the global economic scenario's influence on India's fiscal policies.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and professionals, making it an engaging and interactive session.

The Q&A session that followed the panel discussion provided students with an opportunity to pose questions to the esteemed speakers, further enriching their understanding of economic and financial policies.

As a mark of appreciation, the panellists were facilitated for their valuable contributions to the event. Their insights helped participants gain a holistic understanding of the budget's impact on industries, businesses, and citizens.

Vittamanthan 2025 reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering informed discussions on economic and financial matters. Events like these equip future business leaders with the knowledge and analytical skills needed to navigate the complexities of economic policies. The event was coordinated by the student-driven clubs, Nidhi and Artha, reflecting IIM Jammu's dedication to creating an environment of academic excellence and critical thinking.