

Women-led StartUps from India making global mark: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Monday that some of the women-led StartUps from India are making a global mark.
Not only this, the Minister said, even in difficult sectors like the Space, women-led projects have been hailed worldwide and cited the example of the Project Head of India's Solar mission "Aditya L1" which is led by Nigar Shaji who became known as ISRO's "Sunny Lady".
Dr Jitendra said, women-led development is a key priority of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance agenda with the vision that women-led startups will place India on the global map in the years to come and our women entrepreneurs have the potential to



A delegation of "Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry" - Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO) calling on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at New Delhi on Monday.

realise that goal.
Speaking to a delegation of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO), led by its YFLO Delhi President Dr. Payal Kanodia, Dr. Jitendra said, the Prime Minister has laid out the vision of Indian startups leading the global

the women workforce.
He further said, women entrepreneurship is being promoted in a big way under the leadership of Narendra Modi.
The Union Minister further said, the paradigm shift in women empowerment has enabled our womenfolk to increasingly assume leadership role in every sphere of life and every profession, moving away from a long-held participatory role.
Dr. Jitendra also told the delegation that nearly 70 percent of the youth who have availed financial assistance under PM Mudra Yojana are women to set up their own means to earn livelihoods for themselves, and become job providers for others. He also asked the delegation to contribute at its best to realize the vision of Prime Minister

Modi's a developed India by 2047, adding that the government has taken upon itself to scale up capacity building of its youth population including the young women.
The Union Minister further told, the exclusive asset of India, the traditional artisans and craftsmen, has been brought into the mainstream with the launch of PM Vishwakarma by the Prime Minister.
He said, the traditional artisans and craftsmen are as integral as anything in Indian society who have kept alive the centuries old traditions and crafts of the country but were never taken care of since independence.



Govt should take strict action against criminal activities: Ex-Mayor

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JAMMU: Former Mayor and former General Secretary, All India Mayor Council, Rajinder Sharma, while addressing media fraternity here on Tuesday, said whole of Jammu Samaj is shocked and stunned by the rise of the criminal activities in and around Jammu.
He, along with former Cooperators Ashok Singh Manhas, Sunita Gupta, Anil Kumar, Tripta Devi and Gurmeet Kour and prominent representatives from other wards, impressed upon the Government to take strict action against this menace.
He said due to urbanization and development prices of the land has risen enormously which has led to encroachment on Govt lands.
He impressed upon the Govt to issue white proper for demarcation of Nazool land, Ghas Chrrai land, Custodian land and Khads in Jammu district and specially right from Supwal, Vijaypur, Bari Brahmana, Ballol Khad which flows from Sunjwan to Marh and both sides of ring road in particular. All encroachments in its Vicinity be removed immediately, he



Former Mayor Rajinder Sharma addressing media fraternity at Jammu on Monday.

said adding that land mafia, drug mafia and sand mafia all are active in these areas and Revenue and Police Departments have turned blind eye to these activities.
"Our police force efficiency in per excellence. It is the same force which has rooted out terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. But there are some blue eyed personalities that are giving bed name to the department," he said.
He added that said some of these officers manage their postings in periphery of Jammu again and again, which is hampering transparency and acceptability.
He said Patwaris are busy for charging under table

Kms long and its activities for whole of passage are managed from the control and command unit, then why not we can manage our road activities through Unified Control and Command System established by the smart city.
"This is a high time we deliver out of box solution for the welfare of public. It will only happen if we work without considerations," he said.
He said, "I along with corporate are going to meet LG Manoj Sinha and CM Omar Abdullah so that a message in conveyed loud and clear to public that 'we' are here for 'you'.
He said it's time for usage of Artificial Intelligence technique for better results and not for old fashioned. I take system which annoys public. Thana Parbharis can have a watch on the criminals that reside in their jurisdictions and public need not to be harassed.
He said Police Department's budget is around Rs 1000 Cr. It needed to be spent on efficient and better public delivery service system.

NC committed for people's welfare, women's empowerment: Farooq

Says Popular Govt will address people's issue on priority basis

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JAMMU: Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and former Chief Minister, on Monday met a delegation of the JKNC Women Wing from Samba at Bathindi, here.
The delegation was led by Rajni Devi, Provincial Working President of the JKNC Women Wing Jammu, and was accompanied by Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu. Swarn Singh Blook President and DDC Bari Brahmana Suriya Begum were also present. During the meeting, the delegation apprised Dr. Farooq Abdullah about the hardships being faced by women due to the lack of basic amenities. They expressed deep concern over the growing difficulties that women have endured in the last ten years, stating that their sufferings have increased manifold due to administrative apathy, lack of employment opportunities,



President JKNC, Dr. Farooq Abdullah meeting with delegation of the JKNC Women Wing from Samba.

and inadequate healthcare and sanitation facilities.
The women leaders highlighted several key issues, including water and electricity shortages, poor road connectivity, lack of proper healthcare facilities, and rising unemployment among women in last 10 years. They stated that despite repeated pleas to the administration, their problems had remained unaddressed, leaving women and families in distress.
Dr. Farooq gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured them that the present

employment opportunities," Dr. Farooq asserted.
The former Chief Minister emphasized that the Popular Govt headed by Omar Abdullah will address people's issues on priority basis.
He further stated that the National Conference has always worked for women's upliftment and will introduce progressive policies to enhance their participation in governance and economic development. He assured that schemes aimed at financial independence for women, self-help groups, and skill development programs will be strengthened.
Dr. Farooq Abdullah urged the women of Jammu and Kashmir to stand united with JKNC in the fight for justice, development, and dignity.
He reaffirmed that the Party remains steadfast in its commitment to building a prosperous and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, where women play a crucial role in shaping the future.

Bhim Sen Tuti takes charge as IGP Jammu Zone

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JAMMU: Bhim Sen Tuti, an IPS officer of the 2004 batch J&K cadre, has taken over the charge of Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone today on 3-2-2025 FN from outgoing ADGP Jammu Zone Sh. Anand Jain, IPS.
Prior to his posting as IGP Jammu Zone, the officer served in the Police Department in various capacities as SDPO East, Jammu; Addl. SP Sopore; SP Leh; SP Kishtwar; DIG JSK Range (twice); DIG DKR Range; and IGP Hqr/POS PHQ J&K.
During service, he also remained on deputation to Jharkhand and UT of Ladakh as SP/DIG.
Upon his arrival, he was warmly received by DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar, along with other senior officers from the Jammu district.
A detailed briefing was given by the outgoing ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, to the incoming officer on emerging challenges on account of crime, militancy, and law and order in the Jammu province.
Besides, an introductory meeting was also held with the officers of ZPHQ Jammu by



Bhim Sen Tuti taking over the charge of IGP Jammu Zone.

IGP Jammu Zone, and a briefing was given to focus on important emerging issues/challenges of Jammu Zone. The Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu Zone bid a heartfelt farewell to Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu Zone. The farewell ceremony was attended by senior officials and staff members of the Zonal Police Headquarters/RPHQ Jammu.

India moving towards Viksit Bharat mission by 2047: Arun Gupta

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JAMMU: India is increasingly moving towards becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047. With the Citizen centric budget 2025, Modi government has taken another step to achieve the mission, stated Arun Gupta, spokesperson, J&K BJP.
Arun Gupta accompanied by Rajni Sethi, spokesperson and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Secretary, was addressing media persons in a press conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Monday.
Arun said that the citizen centric budget of 2025 has focused on Agriculture, MSME, Investment and exports to empower citizens by creating lot of resources in the country benefitting all segments of society. Middle class will get a relief with improvement in ease of living.



Spokesperson J&K BJP, Arun Gupta addressing a press conference at Jammu on Monday.

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Gupta mentioned that it shall benefit 1.7 crore farmers-PM Dhan Dhanaya Krishi Yojana. In Pulses, Tur, Urad, Masoor are targeted. He said that the Fish farming and cattle feed farming is also covered. The KCC Loan upto Rs 5 lakh will be provided. MSME credit is to be enhanced from Rs 5 crore to Rs 10 crore to make it easy for small entrepreneurs to grow. He said that with this budget, Leather industries, Textile

Cancer to be developed. More than 36 life-saving Drugs have been exempted from custom duty.
Arun mentioned that the Disposable income in the hands of citizens has increased substantially from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 12.75 lakh benefiting more than 1 crore citizens. He said that the life of marginalized society is to be made self-sustainable. Budget focuses to create skill-oriented youth. Clean energy by nuclear 100 GW generation.
Gupta said that Centre for excellence for AI will be given priority. Focus on making chips to boost digital sector. He also said that the new income tax act will make its implementation

easier. All these all steps will help the nation in the long run to achieve the aim of Viksit Bharat, he said.
Rajni Sethi lauded PM Narendra Modi and FM Nirmala Sitharaman in promoting the vision to empower women through Budget 2025. She said that the nation can achieve the aim of Viksit Bharat by empowering the women. She said that the focus of Budget 2025 is on Garib, Yuva, Nari and Amrdata. She mentioned that schemes like Anganwadi Centers, Poshan 2.0 to be strengthened. She also mentioned the schemes like Mission Shakti, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, One-stop Centre, term loan and Skill building.

Jammu Bridges Turn Pink: FICCI FLO JKL, Fortis Hospital Gurugram & JMC Unite for Cancer Awareness

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JAMMU: In a significant initiative to raise awareness about cancer, FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (JKL), in collaboration with Fortis Hospital Gurugram and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), turned the bridges of Jammu City pink from 1st to 4th February. This symbolic gesture aligns with World Cancer Day on 4th February, emphasizing the need for early detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer.
Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson FICCI FLO JKL and Dr. SP Singh, Cluster Head, Fortis Gurugram, met with Devansh Yadav, Municipal Commissioner, Jammu, to propose this impactful initiative. Understanding the growing threat of cancer as a global epidemic, Devansh Yadav extended his full support, ensuring that the city's iconic bridges light up in pink to spread awareness among the citizens.
This initiative follows the highly successful Cancer Awareness Conclave recently organized by FICCI FLO JKL & Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram. The conclave witnessed participation from over 200 women from both urban and



rural areas. Senior doctors from Fortis Gurugram served as key speakers, offering valuable insights into preventive measures, the latest advancements in cancer treatment, the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and surgical innovations. The informative session proved beneficial for all attendees, equipping them with crucial knowledge to combat the disease. In addition to the bridges illumination in pink, Jammu Municipal Corporation played a pivotal role by broadcasting cancer awareness videos on digital screens across the city, ensuring that accurate and essential information reached a larger audience. Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson, FICCI FLO JKL, expressed her gratitude to Devansh Yadav, for the proactive collaboration. She stated, "Cancer has become a global epidemic, and early

detection is key to controlling its impact. As women, we must prioritize our health, be mindful of symptoms, and take necessary preventive measures."
Devansh Yadav lauded the efforts of FICCI FLO JKL & Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram and emphasized the importance of such awareness campaigns. He urged more organizations and forums to step forward in spreading awareness and stated, "Community participation is essential in creating a wide-spread impact on cancer awareness. We all must work together towards a healthier Jammu & Kashmir."
This initiative marks a crucial step towards sensitizing the public about cancer prevention and treatment, reinforcing the importance of collective action in the fight against this life-threatening disease.

Hands-on training on 'Synthesis of Key Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)' commences at IIIM



Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, Jammu and others at inauguration of Skill Development Training Programme.

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JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, inaugurated its three-day Skill Development Training Programme focused on "Hands-on Training on Synthesis of Key Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)" on Monday at its campus in Jammu. Twenty-five participants from different parts of the country have been selected for this hands-on Training. The event was inaugurated by Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, Jammu. In his address, Dr Ahmed emphasized the importance of

capacity building in the pharmaceutical sector to bridge the skill gap and support India's vision of becoming a global hub for high-quality APIs. He further highlighted how such initiatives align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to the nation's mission for a 'Viksit Bharat'. Dr Ahmed further said that Hands-on training in the synthesis of key intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) equips participants with practical skills in designing and executing multi-step organic reactions, purification techniques and analytical validation.

He further advised participants to gain proficiency in optimizing reaction conditions, scaling up processes, and adhering to safety and regulatory standards. Dr Ahmed said that India despite having the third-largest pharmaceutical industry by volume in the world and being the largest manufacturer of generic medicines globally, India is heavily dependent on China for imports of raw materials, Key Starting Materials (KSMs), and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), and such programs bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world pharmaceutical manufacturing, preparing professionals to contribute effectively to drug development and quality assurance in the industry. The day began with a lecture on "Next-Gen API Production - Emerging Technologies & Strategies", delivered by Dr. Amol Gade, Scientist, NPMC Division. This session offered an insightful overview of innovative technologies and strategic approaches driving next-generation API production.

The second lecture, led by Dr. Prason Gupta, Sr. Principal Scientist, NPMC Division, CSIR-IIIM, focused on Lab Safety. Dr. Gupta highlighted the importance of adhering to best practices for maintaining a secure and efficient working

environment during pharmaceutical synthesis. The afternoon practical sessions provided participants with hands-on experience in state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and explored different synthesis techniques. These focused lab sessions offered participants the opportunity to gain practical knowledge of API synthesis techniques, essential for research and development in the pharmaceutical industry.
Several scientists, technologists, and researchers attended the inaugural program. Prominent among those present were Dr. Qazi Naveed, Head NPMC Division, Dr. PP Singh, Senior Principal Scientist, Dr. Nasir Ul Rasheed, Nodal Scientist, Skill Development. The welcome address was given by Dr. Qazi Naveed, while Dr. PP Singh gave insights into the Three-Day Hands-on Training program, and a Formal vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Nasir Ul Rasheed. Norein Sikander, PhD Scholar, conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session.