

Attends Mahayagya, Prana-Pratishtha ceremony at Shri Lakshminarayan Temple at Bankatashiv in Deoria, UP

# India scripting economic growth, civilisational resurgence under PM Modi: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday offered a threefold resolution for the future: "We must transform India into the preeminent nation of the world, forge it into the most formidable global power, and establish it as the ultimate sanctuary of knowledge and intellectual wealth on Earth".

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that every citizen must honour the glorious heritage with full responsibility. He said that the devotion that preserved our culture through adversity must now drive the new generation—turning the wisdom of the past into the strength of the present, lighting the way for-



LG J&K UT, Manoj Sinha being honoured during a public function at Bankatashiv in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh.

ward. The Lieutenant Governor was speaking during a public function at the sacred and historic site of Bankatashiv in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, where he joined the devotees of the Mahayagya and Prana-Pratishtha ceremony at Shri Lakshminarayan Temple.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that the sacred ceremony marks a civilizational revival, revitalizing timeless values and sharing them across society.

"Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple will inspire the youth to stand proudly resolute in their glorious past and awaken them to an extraordinary present that bears witness to sweeping transformations across all spheres of development," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India today is not merely scripting a tale of economic progress but also witnessing civilizational

awakening.

He said the entire world now acknowledges that India has firmly established as an emerging global power through inclusive growth, technology growth and world-class infrastructure.

"We have reached an era where fresh energy surges in every direction of progress, while a remarkable renaissance of spiritual and cultural consciousness takes shape.

The India that will stand tall as a developed nation by 2047- will be driven by economic aspirations and it will also be an India that is spiritually enriched, culturally self-assured, and fully awakened to its true identity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

# Dy CM calls for simplifying rules for workers' welfare

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Friday called for simplifying rules to ensure timely and hassle-free disbursement of benefits under various welfare schemes for workers in Jammu and Kashmir. He made these remarks while chairing a meeting with representatives of different workers' unions under the banner of Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), at Civil Secretariat here today.

MLA Kulgam, Mohd Yousuf Tarigami; CEO/Secretary, Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Muneer Ul Islam; Labour Commissioner, Charandeep Singh and other officers also attended the meet-

ing. During the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister directed the concerned officers to expedite cases related to death compensation claims, marriage assistance, resolution of wage disputes and other welfare assistance to safeguard the interests of workers. "Need is to simplify some rules and norms for easy disbursement and outreach of benefits to workers," he said.

Dy CM further stressed on the seamless functioning of all Assistant Labour Commissioners (ALCs) and called for prompt and amicable redressal of grievances of registered workers. He underscored need to ensure transparent functioning of trade unions and work as a bridge between workers and the administration to

ensure maximum coverage of workers under welfare schemes and pro-workers initiatives. "Transparency is imperative for the Government and Unions shall be entertained on their merit," he said. During the meeting, among other issues the representatives highlighted issues pertaining to amendments in the constitution of the Kashmir Construction Workers Union, representation of CITU in the Welfare Board and the introduction of pension and housing loan schemes for registered workers. Dy CM assured the representatives that all genuine issues would be examined sympathetically to strengthen the welfare framework for workers across Jammu and Kashmir.

# Modi Ka Bharat is leading world towards Vishwaguru Era in AI,' says Gaurav from AI Summit

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NEW DELHI: BJP Spokesperson and Convenor, International Affairs, Gaurav Gupta, who attended the recently concluded AI Summit in New Delhi, said the event marked a defining moment for India's emergence as a global technology leader under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The India AI Impact Summit 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam, took place from February 16-21, 2026. Originally scheduled to conclude on February 20, the summit was extended by one additional day due to overwhelming demand and unprecedented popularity among global delegates, policymakers, innovators and technology stakeholders. The extension, according to Gupta, reflected the global enthusiasm surrounding India's AI vision.

Issuing statement after attending



BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta shaking hands with a robot at the AI Impact Summit Delhi.

key sessions and interacting with innovators, startup founders and technology developers, Gupta said the summit demonstrated that "Modi ka Bharat is no longer a participant in global technology conversations - it is leading them."

He emphasised that representatives, policymakers and technology pioneers from multiple nations shared one platform in New Delhi, highlighting India's growing stature in global technology diplomacy.

"It is a historic moment that global forces converged on one stage in India. This reflects the immense trust and confidence the international community places in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and India's forward-looking digital vision," Gupta said.

Highlighting India's transformation over the past decade, Gupta stated, "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has transformed into a digital powerhouse. From world-class Digital Public Infrastructure to progressive AI innovation frameworks, Modi ji has laid the foundation of a confident, capable and

globally respected New India."

Referring to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India, he added, "This is Self-Reliant India in action. 'Made in India' technologies are now 'Made for the World'. India is not merely adopting Artificial Intelligence - it is creating, innovating and shaping global standards."

Gupta also stressed India's commitment to ethical and human-centric AI. "AI must empower humanity and uplift society. Modi ji's governance model ensures that technology benefits every citizen, reflecting the spirit of inclusive development," he said.

Calling India a rising Vishwaguru in the digital age, Gupta asserted that the summit reinforced India's central role in shaping responsible AI cooperation, inclusive innovation and global technological progress.

# Shrine Board invites pilgrims suggestions to enhance footfall, strengthen yatra facilities

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KATRA: In a proactive initiative aimed at further enriching the pilgrimage experience and enhancing overall footfall, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has invited suggestions from devotees across the country and abroad. The initiative has been launched as per the directions of the Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) for encouraging pilgrims to share their valuable inputs on various aspects of the Yatra.

Devotees have been requested to share their suggestions regarding various Yatra-related facilities, including infrastructure, cleanliness, accommodation, safety and security, transportation, crowd management and other essential services so that the pilgrimage experience can be made more seamless, convenient and spiritually fulfilling. In addition, devotees have also been invited to offer their valuable inputs on measures that could help enhance the overall footfall of pilgrims to the Holy Shrine.

The Shrine Board has urged pilgrims to submit their suggestions through the official website [www.maavaishnodevi.org](http://www.maavaishnodevi.org), to facilitate systematic review and timely implementation of the suggestions. In addition, devotees visiting the Holy Shrine can also share their inputs through suggestion boxes placed at key locations along the Yatra track and at Katra.

Pilgrims have been encouraged to actively participate in this initiative so that the planning, management and overall conduct of

the Holy Yatra can be further strengthened for the benefit of the millions of devotees who visit the Shrine every year. Meanwhile, as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen traditional religious practices in the region, the Shrine Board will also organize a Free Training Programme for Pujaris of various temples located in the region. The programme is scheduled to commence from the last week of February with an aim to enhance the skills of Pujaris in the proper conduct of

religious rituals and ceremonies, besides, preservation of traditional practices (Karam Kand) and cultural values.

# 4-day hands-on training on cGMP-based medicinal plant extraction and formulation concludes at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: The four-day hands-on training programme on extraction and formulation of medicinal plants under current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) concluded at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, reinforcing the institute's commitment to skill development in India's fast-growing phytopharmaceutical and herbal sector.

Organised under the CSIR Integrated Skill Initiative, the programme brought together 15 participants from across the country, including PhD scholars, post-graduate students, research associates and startup founders working in herbal and skincare products. The training provided end-to-end exposure to the value chain - from raw material handling and solvent extraction to formulation development, quality control, packaging and regulatory compliance in a cGMP-regulated pilot plant environment.

Addressing the valedictory session, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM Jammu, emphasized the urgent need to modernize India's traditional medicine systems and align them with global regulatory frameworks. He encouraged participants to move beyond theoretical knowledge and focus on quality, safety, authenticity and standardization of herbal products.

He highlighted that India possesses immense biodiversity wealth, particularly in medicinal plants, but must integrate traditional systems such as Ayurveda with modern drug discovery frameworks, including phytopharmaceutical guidelines issued by the Government of India.

Stressing the importance of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), he said such regulatory adherence is essential to position Indian formulations in the global market.

Dr. Ahmed also welcomed critical feedback from participants and acknowledged suggestions for extending the duration of such courses and expanding modules to include additional formulations such as



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM handing over Certificate to a trainee.

skincare products.

He informed that the institute has already initiated long-duration skill development programmes ranging from three to six months in analytical techniques, medicinal chemistry and cGMP operations for deeper industrial exposure.

Earlier, Dr. Rajkishor Rai, Senior Scientist and Head of the Quality Management & Instrumentation (QMI) Division, noted that the training successfully bridged the gap between academic knowledge and industrial herbal processing. He stressed that adherence to cGMP ensures product quality, safety and efficacy, which are critical for regulatory acceptance by bodies such as WHO and other international agencies. Congratulating the participants, he said their certificates represent not just attendance but demonstrated engagement in regulated manufacturing practices.

On the concluding day, participants attended a technical lecture on the importance of stability studies in determining shelf life of AYUSH formulations, where regulatory expectations and scientific parameters for ensuring product quality over time were discussed in detail.

This was followed by a hands-on session on syrup batch formulation in the cGMP plant, giving trainees real-time exposure to manufacturing protocols, in-process controls and documentation practices under regulated conditions.

The sessions were conducted by Dr. Anil

Kumar Katrare, Senior Principal Scientist, QMI Division, along with Sh. Ashok Bhargava, Technical Officer, who guided participants through practical aspects of formulation and compliance requirements.

While the feedback was largely positive, some participants suggested longer-duration programmes to allow deeper technical immersion and inclusion of additional formulation categories beyond conventional dosage forms.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Nasir ul Rasheed, Principal Scientist and coordinator of skill development initiatives, who acknowledged the leadership support and organizing team. He highlighted that CSIR-IIIM has expanded its hands-on training approach in recent years, introducing structured, job-oriented skill programmes lasting up to six months to enhance employability and industrial readiness.

Organizers stated that the initiative aligns with CSIR's broader vision of building skilled manpower for India's expanding phytopharmaceutical, nutraceutical and herbal industries, while enabling startups and young researchers to translate India's rich medicinal plant biodiversity into globally competitive products.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates to all participants, marking the successful completion of the four-day intensive hands-on training programme.



IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti chairing opening day of course at DPL Jammu.

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JAMMU: A three-day training programme on "Cyber Investigation and Mobile Forensics" commenced on Friday at the Conference Hall, District Police Lines (DPL), Jammu. The course was inaugurated by the Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti in the presence of Staff Officer to IGP Jammu, Shamsheer Hussain and trainees drawn from all the districts of Jammu Zone.

While inaugurating the programme, the IGP underscored the growing importance of cyber investigation in the evolving landscape of crime. He highlighted the rapid rise in cyber-enabled offences and emphasized the necessity of equipping investigating officers

with updated technical knowledge and legal expertise to effectively handle digital evidence and ensure successful prosecution.

During the course of the next three days, the programme will focus on critical aspects of cyber investigation, including handling and preservation of digital evidence, maintaining the chain of custody, adherence to proper legal and procedural safeguards. Special emphasis will be laid on the preparation of digital seizure memos and the correct method of conducting digital seizures to withstand judicial scrutiny.

Dedicated sessions will also cover the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023, particularly those relating to

admissibility and evidentiary value of electronic records. Legal and procedural prospects concerning cybercrime investigations will be discussed in detail to enhance the competence of Investigating Officers.

Expert speakers including experienced officers in the field of cyber investigation and mobile forensics will deliver technical and practical sessions during the programme. The course is structured to include interactive discussions, case studies, and practical demonstrations to ensure effective knowledge transfer. It is expected to strengthen cyber policing capabilities and building institutional capacity to tackle emerging digital threats in a professional and legally sound manner.

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