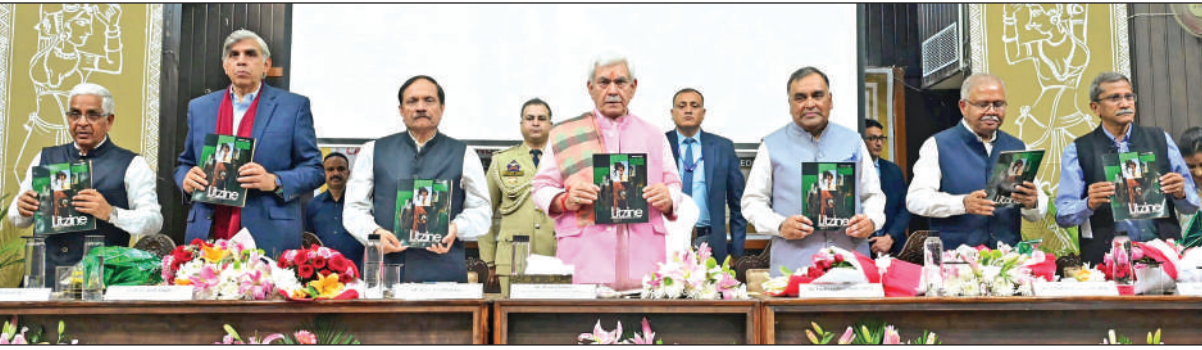


# Education should be driven by creativity rather than by curriculum: LG



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha releasing several publications during three-day capacity building programme at JU.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday inaugurated the three-day capacity building programme on 'Leadership Development of Academic Administrators and Principals of Colleges and said that education should be driven by creativity rather than by curriculum in order to develop the capacities of young people to be creative.

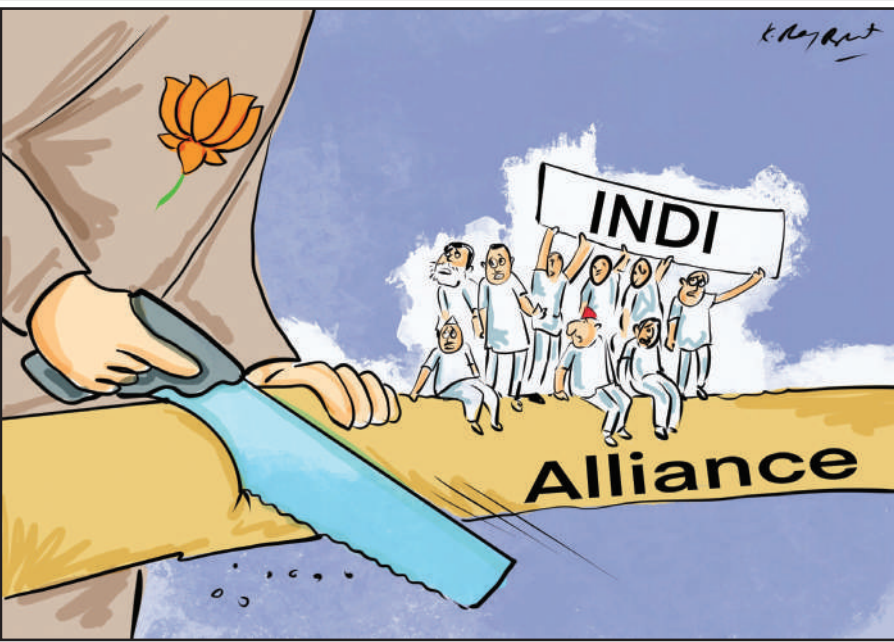
"It should be about developing the capacities of young people to be creative. It should be the main lever for a more competitive economy and educational institutions as well as other social institutions must follow this model," the Lt Governor said in his

keynote address. The Lt Governor lauded the collective effort of the University of Jammu and National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) for organizing the workshop which focuses on implementation of National Education Policy 2020 and internationalisation of higher education. He said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is leading the reforms in nation's educational ecosystem. "J&K UT is committed to reform and revamp higher education with the objective of giving our students the best curriculum and provide them knowledge

and skills to compete with the best in the world," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor called upon educational institutions to transform their campuses into the hub of skill development and innovation, and make their important contribution in realising the limitless potential of the youth of Jammu Kashmir. "Ideas are new wealth and Universities should focus on creating intellectual property. Educational institutions should focus on developing students' capacities to be creative, innovative and focus on programme to bring positive social change," the Lt Governor said. Addressing the eminent

educationists and heads of institutions, the Lt Governor highlighted five aims and vision to create a strong foundation for future-oriented education. Classrooms should be enabler of imagination. Mentoring and not teaching should be the main focus of educational institutions to thrive in 21st century, he observed. On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the teaching community, students and all the stakeholders to work with the resolve to establish Jammu Kashmir as a knowledge economy and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. He further emphasized on creating a conducive

environment for foreign students in educational institutions of the Union Territory. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor and Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council highlighted the reforms to transform the Universities into the centre of knowledge and excellence. Yashvardhan Sinha, Ashok Kumar Kanth - former Ambassadors; Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor, University of Ahmedabad and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu also spoke on the occasion. The Lt Governor released several publications including a magazine titled 'Litzine', Translation Samvad and Academic Journal 'Pariprekshya'. Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Prof. Manisha Priyam from NIEPA, Vice Chancellors, HoDs and faculty members of various Universities and educational institutions, educationists, experts and scholars were present.



## Good health of prisoners is constitutional obligation of State: Chief Justice

### Mega health camp held at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal for inmates

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a significant event, the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, who is also Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal services Authority in presence of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority on Tuesday inaugurated a Mega Health and Medical Check-up Camp at Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal here to address various health issues of the Jail inmates that was organized by J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Department of Prisons, J&K, Government Medical College and Associated Hospitals, Jammu as well as Directorate of Health Services, Jammu. The Mega Medical cum Health check-up Camp was conceptualized by Justice Tashi Rabstan.

On his arrival, the Chief Justice was received by Deepak Kumar, Director General Prisons, J&K; Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu; Amit Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority; Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal, Govt. Medical College and Associated Hospitals, Jammu; Anshu Jamiwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; Superintendent Central Jail and Heads of various departments of Govt. Medical College Jammu. A ceremonial Guard of Honour was also accorded to the Chief Justice.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Justice said that the most important fundamental right enshrined in the Constitution of India is Right to life and liberty and the liberty of the jail inmates has been restricted under law because of legal processes initiated against them. Some of the jail inmates may be convicted persons and others may be undertrial but nonetheless all the prisoners have a right to healthy life, and it is the constitutional obligation of the State to ensure that all the prisoners live good and healthy life. Chief Justice emphasised that to fulfil this constitutional obligation the J&K Legal Services Authority under the chairmanship of Justice Tashi thought of holding this camp which will not only ensure hassle free medical examination of all the inmates but would also help the jail authorities to identify those who may require some advance level treatment in Medical College. Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi laid stress on organizing such type of camps on regular basis to curtail filing of petitions in the courts by the undertrials for medical examination. He further said that the jail inmates are immensely benefited in such programs as all the senior doctors of various departments like Medicine, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Orthopaedics etc. are present



Chief Justice, HC of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh inaugurating mega health camp for jail inmates.

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## Dr Jitendra launches 'Common Fellowship Portal' for aspiring students, StartUps

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Tuesday launched "Common Fellowship Portal", a single interface between applicants and various fellowship schemes by the Department of Biotechnology today at National Media Centre, New Delhi.

The portal will save the energy and time of aspiring students and StartUps, besides bringing ease of applying.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisaged "Ease of Doing Science" for igniting scientific minds of Viksit Bharat", said Dr. Jitendra, while addressing the programme after launch of the portal.

He added that this portal will enable a simplified and streamlined process from the submission of application forms for selection. The applicants can create their profile on the portal and use the same information to auto-fill different applications. Thus, this Portal will help all applicants by reducing their time and energy by



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after launching "Common Fellowship Portal" at National Media Centre, New Delhi on Tuesday.

getting full information and submission of applications at a single place by click of a mouse!

Dr. Jitendra said initiatives of science & technology are in line with PM Modi's Government approach- one centralized portal for all research applications.

Dr. Jitendra further informed that at present, Departments under the Ministry of Science & Technology (DST, DBT, CSIR) have come together for submission of application forms and soon application forms for all other Departments such as ICMR, UGC and AICTE will also

be on-boarded. Dr. Singh said "Eligibility Calculator- a unique feature of the portal will prove to be a real gateway to research aspirations which allows applicants to check their eligibility for various fellowship schemes by providing specific details and also act as a data repository.

The Union Minister categorically mentioned that PM Modi has emphasised on providing a level playing field and giving equal opportunities to students and scholars from even the remotest parts of India. He expressed confidence that in the coming days we will also strive for industry linkage to create a bridge between academia and industry and prevent brain drain from our country.

Dr. Jitendra, while addressing the ceremony, congratulated the team of the 'Department of Biotechnology' under guidance of Dr. Rajesh Gokhale - for developing the Common Fellowship Portal for benefit of PhD and Postdoctoral students of the country. Dr. Singh guided them by saying that we have set a benchmark in technology and lead by example for other departments. Dr. Singh also congratulated the Working Group consisting of HRD divisions of DBT, CSIR and INSPIRE, KIRAN Divisions of the DST for their hard work in designing and successfully on boarding of application forms of various schemes of the Ministry. He acknowledged that it is not an easy task to coordinate, gather and map the information from various Departments and develop such a common portal.

## Shailendra reviews progress on CSSs, CAPEX, HADP



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of agriculture, horticulture departments and allied sectors here to evaluate the progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, CAPEX, and HADP implementation.

The Principal Secretary also reviewed both the physical and financial accomplishments achieved through these programs. The meeting was attended by Director Finance APD, Director Horticulture Jammu, CL Sharma, Director Agriculture Jammu, Heads of Departments of agriculture and allied sectors and district officers and other concerned.

At the outset, Director Horticulture Jammu, CL Sharma briefed the meeting about the expenditure and progress made under UT Capex, HADP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes in respect of Horticulture sector.

The meeting extensively covered centrally sponsored schemes such as RKVY, MIDH, IDDS, ATMA, NFSM, PM KISAN, Soil Health Card scheme, KCC scheme, among others, emphasizing the holistic development approach under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

Addressing the meeting, Shailendra Kumar emphasized the importance of prudent fund utilization across various CSSs, HADP projects, and CAPEX. He urged officers to ensure full expenditure of allocated funds to prevent any gaps, emphasizing transparency and accountability at all levels.

He also urged officers to closely collaborate with district administrations to execute initiatives effectively and reach farmers with the latest agricultural and horticultural technologies.

Principal Secretary stressed the need for collaborative efforts with local community representatives for successful grassroots-level implementation of schemes.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: With a view to provide concessions to the prospective borrowers besides convenience, Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Tuesday entered into an agreement with SANY Heavy India Pvt. Ltd. (SANY Bharat) and become one of the preferred financiers for the purchase of earthmoving and construction equipment manufactured and marketed by the company.

Deputy General Manager (Corporate Banking/MSME) put in his signatures for the

## AIIMS Jammu attains a milestone-thirty-seven million safe man hours achieved

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The 53rd National Safety Week was celebrated from March 4 to 10, 2024 at AIIMS Jammu.

Ahlwalia Contracts India Limited (ACIL), the construction company for AIIMS Jammu, organized various activities aimed at reinforcing the importance of safety practices and fostering a culture of safety awareness amongst the workers.

Very recently ACIL achieved a recording of 37 million working safe hours.

ACIL, its Vice President, Charanjeet Singh Walia and their team have prioritized the safety of workers as an important variable in the construction activities at AIIMS Jammu and achieved the milestone.

Throughout the celebration of the safety week, various initiatives were organized, including safety demonstrations, workshops, and interactive sessions aimed at empowering employees and stakeholders with the



ED and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta honouring ACIL VP, Charanjeet Singh Walia.

knowledge and skills needed to ensure on-site safety.

As part of the commemoration, ACIL, had the distinct honour of hosting Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu as Chief Guest for the closing ceremony.

The ED & CEO of AIIMS Jammu emphasized the critical role of the safety of workers in the workplace.

He commended ACIL for its unwavering commitment to safety standards and highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in ensuring the well-being of all individuals on-site.

Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta also appreciated the efforts of all the workers and acknowledged the sincerity and contributions of ACIL towards maintaining a safe work environment and providing the workers a safe workplace at AIIMS Jammu site.

He congratulated ACIL, VP, Charanjeet Singh Walia and their team for achieving the significant milestone of achieving 37 million safe working hours.

Charanjeet Singh Walia conveyed the gratitude of the ACIL to the construction workers for their commitment to safety and their contribution in reaching the milestone.

He exhorted them to continue practicing safety protocols. He said that the presence of Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta reaffirms our shared commitment to prioritizing safety and underscores the significance of collaborative efforts in achieving safety excellence.

He extended his gratitude to Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, his team, and all the participants for their invaluable contributions to the success of the event.

It has to be ensured that construction workers, who are the backbone of building Institutions, are themselves prevented from sustaining

workplace accidents, occupational illness, and injuries. AICL has provided the workers at AIIMS Jammu Site with safe working conditions and also a free-of-cost hygiene living place along with creche facilities.

A medical examination by an onsite specialist doctor is conducted for all the construction workers when they join the project of AIIMS, Vijaypur.

Pre-existing conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, and vertigo, are also ascertained and evaluated. Medical examinations for the workers are repeated every three months. This was done even during the COVID-19 epidemic. Vaccination and COVID-19 testing of the workers at the site were organized by the Director of AIIMS, Jammu Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta.

Many activities have been undertaken at AIIMS Jammu related to the health and Safety of workers by ACIL.

Safety Induction Training:

On joining the AIIMS Project for construction-related activities, each worker is given induction training. So far, 56,157 workers have undergone such training.

Job Specific Training: The workers are also given training related to specific traders such as electricity safety, working at heights, etc.

Skill Development Training: This is in consonance with the objectives of the Skill India Campaign and includes training for workers such as Bar Bender; Carpenter; Scaffolder; Plumbers, etc.

Safety tools box talk: This is a daily briefing given to workers regarding safety processes in their day-to-day functioning. These include Safe Scaffolding Erection, Safe Material Handling and Safe use of Portable power tools. Mock Drills: Regular and frequent mock drills are done for the roles and responsibilities of individuals in an emergency situation such as soil collapse, or fire/electrocution.

## J&K Bank inks MoU with SANY Bharat



DGM (Corporate Banking/MSME) of J&K Bank and COO Sanjay Saxena on behalf of SANY signing MoU.

Bank, while as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) Sanjay Saxena signed the MoU on behalf of SANY during

a ceremony held at the Bank's headquarters, which was also attended by senior officers from both the organi-

zations. Pertinently, SANY- a global supplier of excavators, cranes, wheel loaders and other heavy machines- is a leading manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment in the country.

Terming the association between two leading companies in their own fields a fruitful proposition especially involving a large clientele engaged in construction business, DGM Nishikant Sharma said, "We at J&K Bank always look for opportunities that are

beneficial to our customers. With J&K and Ladakh picking up pace in terms of construction of roads/rail links and other developmental works, the demand for earth moving and construction equipment is on the rise. That is where the prospective buyers of SANY equipment will benefit by availing finance under J&K Bank Construction Equipment Finance scheme - an easy-to-avail product tailored to meet the varied financial requirements of people."

He also stressed upon the need to strengthen the relationship between the two companies to achieve mutually beneficial future growth.

Calling J&K Bank a leading force of economic well-being in its core operational geographies COO SANY Sanjay Saxena expressed hope that the tie-up will further boost its sales in this region. He said, "J&K Bank has a huge market share in terms of lending in this part of the world. It is such a great moment for us to enter into a formal tie up with

the Bank commanding huge presence across length and breadth of J&K and Ladakh besides its ever increasing pan-India presence."

"Last year, our sales in J&K saw 80% of our equipment financed by J&K Bank - an indication of its significance and deep penetration. With J&K Bank as preferred financier now, our prospective customers won't have to look further for availing finances for our earthmoving and construction equipment," he added.