

AIIMS Jammu starts offline classes for MBBS students

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JAMMU: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu on Friday started its first offline classes for MBBS students.
"This is a proud and historic moment for all of us in AIIMS Jammu and people of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, with the commencement of first Offline/Physical Classes of 02nd Prof MBBS (First Batch) at Makeshift Hostel and Academic / Teaching Accommodation at Jammu," the officials said.
"The second batch of 60 MBBS Students' online classes have been started since 28th March 2022. They will be shifted to AIIMS



MBBS students attending first offline class at AIIMS Jammu.

Jammu before the end of April 2022," they said.
Once the first phase of accommodation is completed the students shall be shifted to AIIMS Vijaypur Campus. About 230 staff housing in multi-storey towers, Under Graduate (Boys & Girls) Hostel, Post Graduate (Boys & Girls), Post Graduate (Married) and Nursing

Hostel have been catered in the first phase.
The residential Campus will have cricket stadium, basket ball court, lawn tennis, squash court besides other sports facilities.
Sufficient surface parking for approximately 3284 equivalent car space have been provided.
A guest House Facility and Night Shelter for 256 patients' attendants have also been provided.
The construction of AIIMS, Vijaypur Campus spread over 227 acres of land with total construction area of 2,25,205sq.m.is going on in full swing and expected to be commissioned by March 2023.



BJP working not for enjoying power corridor but with mission of making nation strong: Chugh



BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh speaking at a workers meet at Jammu.

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JAMMU: BJP is working not for the enjoying the power corridor but for the mission of making our Nation strong and our society prosperous. This was stated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K, Tarun Chugh while addressing "activist meet" of party's organizational Districts Jammu & Jammu West, here on Friday.
He said that all the BJP activists are serving selflessly for generations to achieve the aim.
Tarun Chugh was also accompanied by J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, former President Sat Sharma, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, NEM Priya Sethi, Prabhari Sunil Sethi, Prabhari Karan Singh, District President Vinay Gupta, District President Munish Khajuria, Seh-Prabhari Naresh Singh, Dev Raj Sharma and other senior party leaders.
BJP Jammu District meeting was held at BJP head quarter, Trikuta Nagar, while district Jammu West meeting was held at Jagat Resorts, Shakti Nagar, Jammu.
BJP State office bearers, former MLC, Councillors, District office bearers, Morehas District Presidents, Mandal Presidents

and other prominent BJP activists living in both the organizational Districts participated in the meetings.
Tarun Chugh while addressing the meetings interacted with the activists of both the organizational Districts of BJP.
He inquired about the organizational set up of the party and its Morehas, departments & Cells at the basic level.
He asked the party activists to carry out their organizational activities among the masses so as to involve them with the party's mission.
Chugh further asked the party workers to work more dedicatedly for strengthening the party in every pending sphere and to ensure that party is able to create history every other day with the ever-increasing love and faith of common masses.
Ravinder Raina, in his address, spoke on the organizational principles and mission. He said that in the present time, BJP has emerged as the most popular political party in the Nation. In Jammu & Kashmir BJP has gained tremendous popularity among all the sections in both the regions where, earlier, other political parties like NC, PDP & Congress had deliberately cheated people of their time, money, emotions and lives.
He asked the party workers to get them started on the mission mode to make BJP victorious with flying colours.

Unnecessary diversions, improper use of traffic signals adding to woes of commuters

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SRINAGAR: Unnecessary diversions and improper use of traffic signals on major roads in Srinagar are creating traffic congestion thereby affecting free flow of commuters bound for tourist places like Mughal Gardens, Harwan Garden, Tulip Garden and other scenic places. Commuters alleged that authorities failed to put in place an effective traffic light system at busy intersections, causing hardships for passengers.
Most of the commuters said that closure of one of the lanes for vehicles bound towards other sides, cause inconvenience to them. Commuters bound for Boulevard from Lal Chowk, have to take U-turn near Khonakhan bridge. Similarly passengers coming from Abdullah Bridge have to take U- turn near Modern Hospital and commuters coming from Budshah Chowk have to take U-turn for Residency road near Sangarmall complex. These exercises prevent smooth flow of vehicular movement from old city towards other places besides leading to gridlocks at different crossings. "These days there are a huge flow of tourists and public transport is already diverted towards other route. Due to fear of traffic jams on normal days, taxi operators move via Gupkaar road leaving many passengers stranded. We understand that sometimes diversions are imposed to streamline traffic, but the bottleneck at different places is only creating problems for passengers. We hope that traffic department will look into the issue as these diversions are hindering essential service like ambulances coming from the district headquarters and adjoining areas of Srinagar city," a local said. The volume of vehicles on roads has increased manifold during last few decades but roads are still the same. Stray animals on roads also add to the mess prevailing in city. Government should step in and widen city roads so that city-dwellers can get rid of traffic mess.
"Authorities have installed traffic lights at many places in Srinagar but traffic signals are yet to be made operational. Government should prioritize operationalising traffic lights. I think it will play an important role in reducing traffic jams," told a resident, adding, "Road infrastructure in Srinagar is far below standard. People use their personal vehicles for short distances. There is a problem with traffic management. Proper traffic management and upgradation of road infrastructure are keys to manage continuously increasing vehicles on city roads."

Naib Tehsildar placed under suspension for dereliction of duty



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ANANTNAG: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla on Friday placed Naib Tehsildar Ranbirbora, Tehsil Anantnag East (Mattan) under suspension for dereliction of duty. The Naib Tehsildar has been placed under suspension for unauthorized absence from duty.
It is in place to mention that several guidelines have been issued from time to time directing public officials to attend duties on a regular basis. The DC said that regular vigil is being maintained on attendance in various public offices and any employees found absent will face similar penal action.


Excise Deptt clarifies on revenue collection

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JAMMU: The Excise Department on Friday said revenue of Rs. 2045.34 crore, including Rs.36.06 crore from Ladakh, has been realised during the financial year 2019-20. This also includes toll revenue of Rs.727.75 crore realised upto 31st of December, 2019.
Reacting to a news report published in a local daily newspaper, the department clarified that since the abolishing of all

the toll posts by the government with effect from January 1, 2020, vide notification SO 59 dated 31/12/2019 and SO 60 dated 31/12/2019 issued by the Finance department, an amount of Rs.1353.81 crore was collected in the financial year 2020-21 as excise revenue by the Excise Department as toll tax, which had already been abolished by the government vide aforementioned SOs.
After implementation of new Excise Policy from 2021-22, a revenue of

Rs.1777.37 crore has been collected by the department, Rs.423.56 crore more than the excise revenue realized by the department during the year 2020-21.
For the policy year 2021-22, 228 liquor vends were put on e-auction, of which, 221 licenses were issued. During the current year, 279 liquor vends were put on e-auction, of which, 252 vends have been cleared for allotment of JKEL-2 license.





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- Narendra Modi

