

VC HEC exhorts students of UG DYD Program to harness advanced IT tools for practical learning experience

VC JU stresses on collaborative real world projects

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Advocating hands-on experiential learning experience, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council, (VC HEC) Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Padma Shri Prof. Dinesh Singh on Thursday urged the students to harness advanced Information Technology tools for immersive practical learning experiences.

Leading a dynamic interaction session with the students and mentors under innovative four-year Undergraduate Design Your Degree (DYD) programme, the Vice Chairman stressed on the importance of designing algorithms tailored to tackle societal challenges, thereby nurtur-



VC HEC J&K UT Prof. Dinesh Singh interacting with the students and mentors at JU.

ing a culture of innovation and problem-solving among the youth.

Joining the dialogue, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, actively engaged with students and mentors from various institutions and stressed on collaborative real-world projects.

Prof. Rai emphasized the transformative power of teamwork in effecting meaningful change.

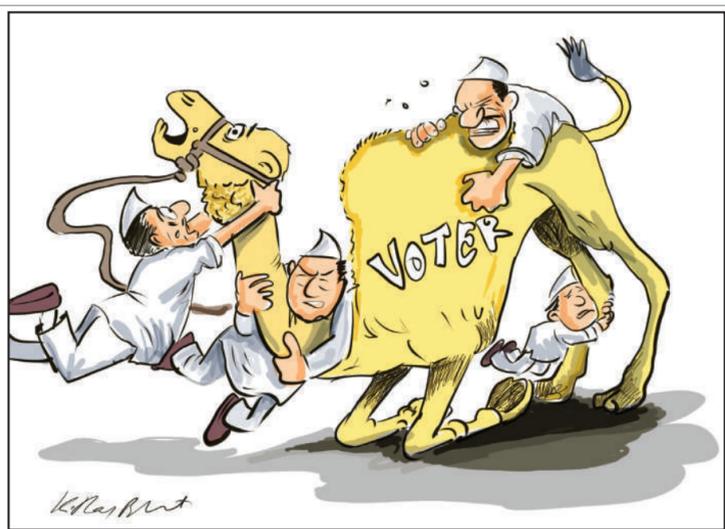
The interaction held at the Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, witnessed enthusiastic participation of students and mentors representing Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Govt College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar, Govt College for Women (GCW) Parade, and the University of Jammu.

The interaction session was further enriched by the presence and contributions of distinguished personalities in academia, including Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST, Jammu, Prof. Naresh Padha, and Prof. K.S. Charak. They underscored the collective commitment towards fostering educational excellence and innovation in the region.

This interactive session provided students and mentors with an opportunity to discover creative educational methods, fostering a collaborative atmosphere geared towards cultivating the future generation of leaders and innovators. Students were inspired to embrace interdisciplinary learning and apply their expertise in practical settings, leading them toward academic and professional success.

Prof. Sadaf Shah, Associate Director SIIEDC, University of Jammu, skillfully facilitated the proceedings, ensuring a vibrant exchange of ideas and insights throughout the session.

Dr. Guneet Sudan, OSD to Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council, JKUT, coordinated the interactive session.



DC Jammu urges PWD to prioritise public needs, ensure quality works

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Thursday chaired a meeting with senior officers of the Public Works Department to review status of road projects across different divisions.

The DC urged officers to strategise and prioritise works to ensure maximum efficiency and to meet public requirements effectively. He emphasised the importance of maintaining quality in all aspects of project execution and directed officers to prioritise works in a manner that addresses major public demands early in the project timeline.

Furthermore, Sachin Kumar stressed the need to address any hurdles or intentional hindrances



Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting on Thursday.

swiftly and firmly, ensuring that targets are met and contractors are motivated to complete projects on time.

The DC further directed Sub-Divisional Magistrates to ensure quality maintenance and personally inspect a significant portion of the road length under their jurisdiction.

The status of Road projects in blocks including Nagrota, Suchetgarh, Akhnour, Khour, Marh and city roads were reviewed on priority, along with other sector roads such as NABARD and CRF.

The meeting saw the participation of Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, senior PWD officers and SDMs.

Hands of dynastic politicians are stained with blood of innocents: Bukhari

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its ongoing campaign for the Lok Sabha polls, Apni Party held a series of rallies and other public outreach activities in central Kashmir's Budgam district, on Thursday. At public rallies in Astanpora Chadoora, Pakharpora, and Charar-i-Sharief, the party president and his accompanying leaders received a warm welcome from locals and party functionaries.

During his daylong visit to these places, Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari paid obeisance at Ziyarat-i-Sharief Sheikh ul Aalam in Charar-i-Sharief, as well as Ziyarat-i-Sharief Hazrat Sultan Syed Mohammad Ali Aali Bulki Sahib in Pakharpora.

While addressing the rallies, Bukhari urged people not to fall prey to deceptive narratives and fake promises made by traditional parties, especially the family parties, in the Lok Sabha polls. He said, "Let me remind you that the hands of



Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressing public rally in Budgam district.

these dynastic politicians are stained with the blood of innocent people, including children. One of these parties is responsible for the killing of 200 children in 2010, and the other party is responsible for more than a hundred deaths and the blinding of hundreds of young boys and girls through the use of pellet guns in 2016. The leader of this party even tried to justify the innocent killing by heartlessly remarking, 'Kiya ye bachay chocolates aur doodh lene niklay thay' (Had these children come out of their homes to fetch chocolates and milk for themselves)." "These parties consistently allure you with fake promises and misleading narratives. Once again, they are approaching you with emotionally charged slogans and false promises seeking your votes. You should not fall prey to their political gimmicks once again. It's crucial not to forget that hundreds of innocent people have been killed under the tenure of these family-based parties over the years," he added.

He went on to say, "In 2019, these parties came to you seeking your vote and promised that their elected leaders would protect Article 370 in Parliament. You trusted them and elected 3 MPs

from one of these parties, while the other had its two members in the Rajya Sabha. However, when Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, these MPs remained silent. At the very least, they should have resigned in protest of the abrogation of Article 370."

"Setting aside all other considerations, if the sitting MP Farooq Abdullah manages to secure the release of only 50 jailed youth, I will urge my candidate to withdraw from the elections to make way for the NC candidate in these Lok Sabha polls. These parties have accomplished nothing during their five-year terms. Why should people vote for them again?" he asked.

"We are committed to ensuring the political and economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir: Apni Party's government will ensure that all the rights guaranteed by the constitution of the country are restored to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

After decades of violence, we are living in Peaceful J&K: Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visiting Sufi Shrine of Sain Baba Miran Sahib in Poonch district.

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday met many public delegations, visited Sufi Shrine of Sain Baba Miran Sahib in Poonch district.

Dr Andrabi was accorded a welcome by the local population acknowledging her contribution in transforming Waqf Board into a dynamic and transparent organization. Dr Andrabi visited the campus and took stock of the facilities for the devotees there.

She assessed the infrastructural requirements too. Dr Andrabi was accompanied by Waqf Board CEO Dr Amir Hussain and other officers.

Andrabi convened a meeting with Board officers and took many decisions for improving the facilities in the campus. Waqf Chairperson met many public delegations and discussed important issues with them.

She also attended and chaired a meeting with religious preachers at Poonch. Eminent religious scholars like Mufti Farooq Misbahi Khateeb Jamia Masjid Poonch, Hafiz Abdul Majeed Madani, Maulana Syed Fida Hussain, Maulana Manzoor Qadiri, Maulana Fareed Ashrafi, Maulana Shakeel Ahmed, Maulana Farooq Rizvi, Maulana Qasim Raza and others participated in the meeting.

Speaking to media Dr Darakhshan said that fortunately law and order situation in J&K has improved a lot and it was pleasing to see Pir Panjal region thriving with development activities.

"After decades of violence, we are living in Peaceful J&K now and we all have the responsibility of sustaining this era of peace so that we are able to grant a peaceful and progressive future to our youth," said Dr Darakhshan.

She thanked the people for supporting Waqf Board's mission of development and assured them that in the days to come, this momentum of the Board will further strengthen infrastructure at our Sufi spiritual shrines.

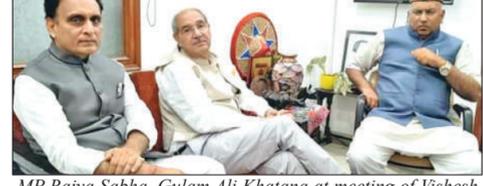
Khatana attends Vishesh Sampark Abhiyan of LS Elections-2024 meeting

MP lauds progress under leadership of PM Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana attended the meeting of Vishesh Sampark Abhiyan for Lok Sabha Elections 2024 team where prominent among those who attended were Shiv Prakash, National Joint General Secretary BJP and others. The meeting held discussions with Communication and Work Division members of BJP.

It talked about communication with State President, Organising Secretary and Convenor in assigned states.

Updates regarding meeting with Vishesh Sampark team of assigned states, personal



MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana at meeting of Vishesh Sampark Abhiyan for LS Elections 2024 team.

meetings with influential people were also taken along with status of the intellectual meetings in States.

Status of small/drawing room meetings was also reviewed.

Others present in the meeting were MP Rajya Sabha, Prof. Rakesh Sinha, National Vice President

uselessly talking bad of welfare measures of PM Modi as the Congress has a history of not working for the public and filling own coffers.

"There is a need of public outreach for disseminating the knowledge about welfare measures and schemes of PM Modi led government," Khatana said while speaking in the meeting.

He further said that better roads, tunnels and bridges have now improved the infrastructure of our country.

Khatana further said that soft landing on moon has marked the progress in scientific field our country has made under the improved governance led by PM Modi.

Prof. Rakesh Sinha, National Vice President BJP said that New Education Policy of PM Modi led government is a revolutionary step in the education field which will go a long way in helping the students at large.

Former Vice Chancellor AMU and MLC, Prof. Tariq Mansoor said that religious and linguistic minorities are now feeling safe under the government led by PM Modi and their economic status has also been improved now.

Dr. Sahajanand Prasad Singh, MBBS, MS General Surgery said that Ayushman Card health scheme of the government at present has helped lakhs of poor.

CS condoles demise of Ex CS, Moosa Raza



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and officers condoling demise of former Chief Secretary of J&K, Moosa Raza.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday condoled the demise of former Chief Secretary of J&K, Moosa Raza, who breathed his last recently at the age of 87 at Chennai.

In his condolence message, Dulloo remembered Moosa as a very erudite officer who has guided many towards making a mark in administration. He eulogized his role for steering J&K proficiently during most trying times.

He called him a very upright officer who chiseled the career of many young officers during those times. He called his departure a great loss felt personally by him.

A condolence meeting was also chaired by Additional Chief Secretary, Shaleen Kabra and was attended by Administrative Secretaries from both Srinagar and Jammu. He

Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir with effect from 9th May, 1988 to 23rd January, 1990 and also as Secretary to the Government of India in the Cabinet Secretariat and Ministry of Steel. He also served as an advisor to the Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

Raza also remained active during his post retirement life. He authored many books like "Kashmir: Land of regrets", "Of Nawabs and Nightangles" and "Of Giants and windmills-An Autobiography". He remained as Chairman of Southern Indian Education Trust and played a key role in the construction of the India Islamic Cultural Center at New Delhi. Shri Moosa Raza worked extensively on education and learning. Recognizing his contribution in diverse fields, he was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2010 by the Govt. of India.

Congress undoing Modi's efforts to unite India in single chord: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KOLKATA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday accused the Congress Party of trying to undo Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sustained efforts over the last ten years to unite India in a single chord.

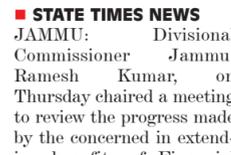
Dr Jitendra said, it is for the first time in the history of independent India that fortunately we have a Prime Minister whose name alone strikes a unifying chord across the country from East to West, North to South and even up to Northeast. PM Modi's pan-India acceptance and popularity is visible from the fact that whichever region or State of the country he visits, the common masses start chanting "Modi-Modi, Modi-Modi" which is something unprecedented in the seven decades long history of independent India, he added.

Addressing a BJP meeting in preparation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's four public rallies scheduled here on a single day on May 12th, Dr. Jitendra said, Congress is rattled by the overwhelming support that Modi is receiving wherever he goes and the Congress leadership finds this quite incompatible to their policy of divisive politics which helped them sustain their dynasty rule for over half a century. Therefore, instead of supporting Prime Minister Modi in his pan-India nationalism and

development agenda rising above all other considerations, the Congress think-tank recurrently comes out with divisive narratives like describing the people of Northeast as 'Chinese' and people of South India as 'South Africans', he added.

It may be recalled, said Dr. Jitendra said that before 2014, during the UPA rule, the people of Northeast were hesitant to visit Delhi and other parts of the country because of the inhuman treatment meted out to them and constant barbs and derogatory comments handed out to them. He said, before 2014, it was not uncommon to come across newspaper reports about Northeastern youth or students being mocked for their looks or their accent and sometimes even being abused as being non-Indians. Unfortunately, said Dr. Jitendra, the Congress Party is not comfortable with this transformation because they had got used to keeping peripheral regions like Northeast isolated and segregated so that they could manipulate their vote bank, election after election to their advantage. Modi has introduced a new political culture in this country where each Indian individual, regardless of his place of origin or his region, has the confidence to engage with each other at equal level and unitedly move on.

Div Com reviews implementation of financial assistance scheme for DPs, WPRs



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the progress made by the concerned in extending benefits of Financial Assistance Scheme to the Displaced persons and West Pakistan Refugees.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Provincial Rehabilitation Officer Jammu in person and via virtual mode.

The Div Com was apprised about the latest status of the claims received for availing the financial assistance as per the scheme. The Deputy Commissioners informed about the number

The Div Com directed the Deputy Commissioners to make the official responsible for not submitting the case files within the given timeframe. He also directed Deputy Commissioner Samba to submit a report of rejected cases to his office.

The Div Com asked the Deputy Commissioners to publish a final notification for the eligible beneficiaries to submit the deficient documents. He further asked them to conduct a meeting with the stakeholders and direct Tehsildars to ensure the deficiencies are submitted by the beneficiaries so that they can avail the benefit of the Financial Assistance Scheme for DPs and WPRs.

Enquiring about the reasons for rejection of the cases, the Div Com asked the DCs to put in all efforts through the field officials to ensure deficiency in the cases are filled by the remaining eligible beneficiaries. He asked them to complete the exercise within 15 days. He further directed for submitting the pending cases having complete documents within three days.