

# CS assesses issues of CUs Jammu, Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, on Friday deliberated on addressing key challenges and strategize effective solutions to enhance the functioning of Cluster Universities (CUs) of Jammu and Srinagar transforming them into beacons of educational innovation and excellence.

The Chief Secretary, while chairing a meeting held here at Civil Secretariat to assess the issues concerning both the Cluster Universities, emphasized that the goal for these institutions is to emerge as paragons of excellence, not only within the region but also as models to be replicat-



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

ed across the country.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Alok Kumar, Vice Chancellors of Cluster University Jammu, Professor Beehan Lal and Cluster University Srinagar, Professor Qayyum Hussain,

Director General Budget, Director Colleges and other concerned attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary reiterated government's unwavering commitment towards

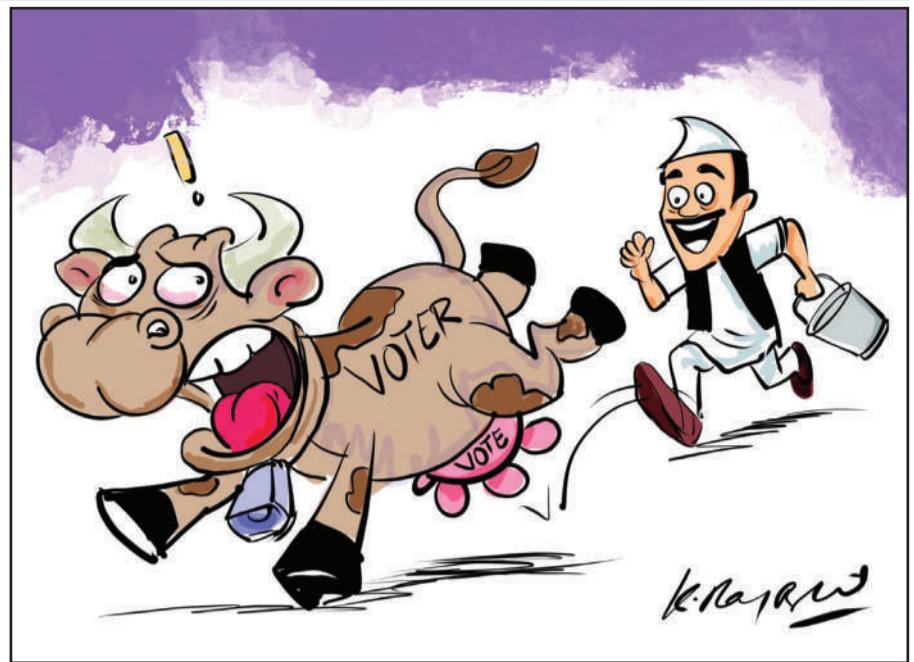
extending comprehensive support to the cluster universities.

Atal Dulloo had detailed review of several issues concerning working of the Universities which inter alia included creation of posts,

formulation of rules for the deputation of staff from Higher Education Department, and other administrative concerns.

Both Vice Chancellors elaborated on the challenges they face, encompassing the creation of teaching and non-teaching positions, resource allocation, and introduction of new academic programs.

During the deliberations, VC CUS emphasized the imperative need for the universities to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and elevate the higher education landscape in Jammu and Kashmir.



# Opposition manufacturing false narratives in anticipation of election debacle: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing a BJP Election meeting at Barackpore Lok Sabha constituency, West Bengal on Friday.

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KOLKATA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Friday that a desperate opposition is manufacturing false narratives in anticipation of the election debacle, which it is seeing as the writing on the wall.

Addressing a series of BJP election meetings in Bongaon and Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituencies here, Dr. Jitendra said, the opposition, notwithstanding its claim of coming together on a single

platform as INDIA Block or whatever, has exposed itself before the people of this country as a 'House of Cards', which is falling apart under the weight of its own contradictions. He said, as far as the Congress is concerned, it is at a loss to find candidates to fight against BJP and this phenomena has been noted across the country. While in Amethi, it made a laughing stock of itself, in several other constituencies across North India also, the Congress had to be reconcile by

putting up candidates who had been rejected by all the other political parties, he added.

Dr. Jitendra said, in this conglomeration of INDIA Block, while nobody is ready to accept each other as the leader, it is a hilarious situation in West Bengal where Mamata Banerjee is also aspiring to be the future head of INDIA Block and thus the claimant for the position of Prime Minister. It is all the more amusing to note, he said, that West Bengal in total holds the

key to 42 seats in Lok Sabha out of which in 2019, Mamata Banerjee led TMC had won 22 against 18 seats won by the BJP and there is every indication that BJP tally will increase this time, which, in other words could dampen Mamata's dream of claiming to be the leader of the INDIA Block.

While the BJP is in the election fray as an Organisational Unit, said Dr. Jitendra, the opposition parties like Congress and TMC are fighting an un-stratigised election in the hope of carrying the day on the strength of individual or family charisma, which the people of this country have long outgrown, he said.

Exuding confidence that the BJP led by Modi will not only improve its tally across the country, Dr. Singh said, even in a State like West Bengal, people will ensure defeat of TMC and send out a loud message that the State is a part of Modified mainstream India.

# Political dynasties have produced nothing but corruption, deaths, and destruction in J&K: Bukhari

Says, political families are like thorny and fruitless trees that need to be uprooted

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Friday, said that traditional political parties, particularly those rooted in family dynasties, have contributed nothing except corruption, deaths, and destruction over the years.

He compared these political families to barren and thorny trees for the people, emphasizing the need for their uprooting.

Bukhari made these comments on Friday while addressing a public rally at Upper Balhama in Srinagar. This event was a part of the Apni Party's ongoing campaign for the Lok Sabha polls.

The men and women thronged the rally, giving a rousing reception to the party president, Bukhari, and his accompanying leaders upon their arrival at the venue.

In a pointed critique aimed at the traditional parties, notably the NC and PDP, Bukhari asserted that these parties have damaged the interests of the people in Jammu and Kashmir to the core over the years and decades.

He said, "In 1947, the then leader of the NC acceded with the country without tak-



Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressing a public rally at Upper Balhama in Srinagar on Friday.

ing the people's views into consideration. For this, he was awarded government to rule J&K by New Delhi. However, just a few years later, after being removed from power, he began advocating the slogan of 'Raishumari', thereby misleading people through this emotionally charged and provocative rhetoric. More than two decades later, when offered government again, he happily buried this so-called movement and entered into an agreement, called the Indira-Abdullah accord, with New Delhi. Subsequently, his son did the Rajeev-Farooq accord to keep himself in the good books of New Delhi. This party and its leadership have always been concerned about attaining and remaining in power. In their pursuit of power, they even allowed New Delhi to hollow out Article 370."

He added, "To remain in power and accumulate riches for themselves and their families, the leaders of the NC kept people busy with emotional slogans like 'Raishumari' and 'Autonomy'. Similarly, the PDP kept people occupied with slogans like 'Self-rule', aiming to fortify its family rule here. The President of the Apni Party urged people to free themselves from the clutches of political dynasties that have been deceiving them for years and decades. He said, "These parties are like thorny and fruitless trees, and they need to be uprooted." He appealed to people to vote for the party's candidate, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, in the Lok Sabha elections in Srinagar. He said, "I urge you to vote for a brighter future. We are committed to ensuring peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir."

Unlike traditional parties, we will not deceive you with misleading narratives and emotional slogans. We will not disappoint you. This election is your chance to send a message that you desire change for a better and brighter future. Reject these traditional parties by using the power of your vote."

Echoing the same sentiment, the party's Senior Vice President, Gulshan Hassan Mir, while addressing the gathering, said, "The fourth generation of Abdullahs and the third generation of Muftis are ready to rule over you if not stopped at this point in time. They have ruined Jammu and Kashmir through their misleading narratives and emotional sloganeering. They have created empires and riches for themselves and their families, but have led the children of common people on the path of destruction."

# SPF condemns murder of Avtar Singh, demands job & cash compensation of Rs 1 Cr to family

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JAMMU: Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) under the leadership Balvinder Singh along with Manjit Singh Gen Secretary, Surinder Singh Wazir Vice President, Rajinder Singh Sudan Joint Secretary, Janak Singh, Paramjit Singh, Ravinder Singh, S Jagjit Singh advocate condemned the gruesome murder of Avtar Singh Son of Balbir Singh at Greater Kailash in presence of Police official by some unscrupulous elements and alleged land grabbers.

This unfortunate incidence



glorifies the lapses on the part of Police department and due to the conveyance of revenue authorities with the land grabbers resulting in the increase of such incidences of lawlessness. Sikh progressive urges upon UT administra-

tion headed by LG Manoj Singh and Director General of Police to take immediate steps to expose the nexuses and to book the main culprits, as per the provisions of law, including some ret'd and serving Police as well as some bureaucrats, as per news reports and take immediate action to assuage the feeling of the family as well as the general Public. SPF demanded immediate relief to the family of the deceased by immediately getting the Nishandahi of the disputed land and hand it over the proprietary rights to the rightful

owner. Besides SPF also demanded job for the one dependent member of Avtar Singh and make sure for provide free school education for the children of the deceased and cash compensation of Rs 1 crore to the NOK's of killed.

# JU launches Digital Governance with Samarth ERP Implementation

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JAMMU: In a major shift towards transparency, efficiency, and accountability, University of Jammu (JU) on Friday launched the E-Governance initiative with the implementation of Samarth ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system in sync with the Digital India initiative of the Government of India.

This strategic move by the E-Governance Initiative Cell marks a pivotal moment in the University's pursuit of modern governance practices. Speaking at the launch of the Samarth ERP, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU complemented the E-Governance cell of the University.

Prof Rai expressed optimism about the transformative impact of Samarth ERP, stating, "The implementation of Samarth ERP underscores our commitment to embracing technology for the betterment of governance practices. This initiative will enhance operational efficiency within the University system and empower stakeholders with greater access and transparency."

Prof. Rai further said that the JU endeavours to achieve



Vice Chancellor, JU, Prof. Umesh Rai launching Samarth ERP on Friday.

a paradigm shift in governance with the introduction of Samarth ERP, leveraging ICT to drive transparency, effectiveness, responsiveness, and accountability across all facets of University operations.

This transformative initiative aligns with the university's vision of adopting best practices to enhance service delivery and stakeholder engagement.

Dr. Guneet Singh Sudan, Head, E-Governance cell, while giving detailed overview of the Samarth ERP, said that the modules under this initiative shall be implemented in two phases.

In phase-I, 13 modules were launched today whereas 12

modules will be implemented in Phase-II.

This ERP system will streamline the operations, ensuring smoother day-to-day functioning by simplifying processes and workflows. With advanced data precision, SAMARTH guarantees accuracy in transactions and reports thereby enhancing the university's working.

The University of Jammu's adoption of Samarth ERP, an initiative by the Ministry of Education, underscores its commitment to deploying a digital framework of good governance. Samarth ERP offers over 40 software modules tailored to address the diverse needs of University operations and administra-

tion. In Phase - I of implementation, the University of Jammu has launched several critical modules that include Core Module, Employee Management System, Knowledge Management System, Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) Module, Grievance Management System.

Furthermore, the JU has also introduced modules such as Leave Management System, File Management & Tracking System, Inventory Management System, Guest House Management System, Fleet Management System, Legal Case Management System, Recruitment Management System and

Among those present on the occasion included Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Prof. Meena Sharma Dean Planning and Development, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Pankaj K Srivastava, Director DD&OE, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, SS to VC, Dr. Jatinder Khajuria Finance Officer, Jasvinder Kour, Parvinder Singh, Harsh Dutt Sharma, Shubam Dogra, Shweta, Raiz, Nitin Verma and other staff members of E-Governance Cell of the University.

# Teachers inspired by innovative training to teach Science



Science teachers posing for a photograph with dignitaries at closing ceremony of training workshop at AGS Wynne.

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KUPWARA: A two days training workshop for the capacity building of Science teachers concluded today at Army Goodwill School, Wynne Kupwara. CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrated Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) organized this training workshop in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK with the support of Army Goodwill School (AGS) on May 2 and 3, 2024.

Total 49 Science teachers from various government schools of Kupwara / Tangdhar participated along with the teachers from AGS, Kupwara. The program was organized under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director IIIM and guidance of Dr. Abdul Rahim, Head IIIM (Br.) Srinagar under the flagship of IIIM Jigyasa program. Hemant Lagvankar, a key resource person of this training programme said, "The aim of this teacher development programme was to give teachers the new techniques for delivering and engaging concepts in Science effectively.

Teachers were introduced to proven active learning techniques that can be applied easily in a science context, helping students to develop their conceptual understanding. Teachers got the opportunity to learn some practical science experiments that could be adapted to be used in any setting, including those with no traditional laboratory facilities".

Participating teachers thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings when they actively learned the techniques like Dart, Tarsia, Dominoes, etc. Deputy Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Manzoor Ahmed urged teachers to take these innovative techniques into the classroom and make Science teaching effective and joyful for the students. Senior Principal Scientist Dr Khurshed Ahmad Bhat from IIIM briefed the teachers about the objectives and various educational activities which are being conducted by IIIM through Jigyasa programme.

The Jigyasa programme is a regular activity of CSIR for student-scientist interaction.

Under this programme, scientists visit schools to outreach, students visit CSIR labs for hands-on training, live demonstrations of various scientific experiments / facilities, and student residential programme, etc. Dr. Asha Chaubey, Senior Principal Scientist, IIIM and Lt. Col. Rajiv from AGS, Kupwara played a key role in coordinating this two days workshop.

The Div Com also reviewed the assessment of the damaged property, restoration of road connectivity, public utilities and infrastructure devastated due to the calamity. During his day-long visit to Ramban, the Divisional Commissioner took first hand

stock of the damages at the site of calamity and listened to the people affected by the disaster. He enquired about the measures taken by the different departments for providing relief, temporary accommodation, food and other essential services to the affected families. He directed the concerned to provide all possible assistance to the affected people. Listening to the issues and demands of the affected families, the Div Com assured all possible support from the UT administration for their rehabilitation.

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RAMBAN: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Friday visited the relief camp set up by the District Administration for Pernote land subsidence victims and interacted with the affected families there.

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# Div Com Jammu visits Pernote Village, meets land subsidence victims

Reviews relief & rehabilitation measures taken by District Admin



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar reviewing damages at site of calamity during visit to Pernote Village.

He said that all their issues will be addressed by the administration and the District Administration has already drafted a comprehensive plan to address the issues raised by the victims.

The Div Com said that the compensation as per government norms will be disbursed soon. He said that on the directions of Lieutenant Governor the District Administration is identifying

the land to compensate the affected families. "The teams of experts from IIT Jammu and Geological Surgery of India have already visited the area and took stock of the situation besides taking samples to analyse the cause behind the sinking of land" he informed. The Div Com urged the people not to go near the sinking area as suggested by the team of experts of Geological Surgery of India. All the concerned departments were directed to provide benefits of schemes to affected families by the respective departments. Later, the

Divisional Commissioner also visited the Digidol-Sumber route and directed for ensuring alternative transportation solutions following the closure of the Ramban-Gool road. The alternative route will play a crucial role in maintaining economic activities in Sub Division Gool despite the challenges posed by land subsidence at Pernote. The Divisional Commissioner was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, SSP, Ramban Anuj Kumar, and other officers.