'J&K birthplace of Aroma mission'

Management strategies crucial to sustain StartUps: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Addressing the Annual Convocation of Indian Institute of (IIM) Management Jammu here on Friday, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said, management strategies are crucial to sustain StartUps and added that Jammu & Kashmir, being the birthplace of Aroma Mission (Lavender Cultivation), is being hailed as the torch bearer of Agri-tech StartUp movement in India and the value addition to India's economy in the years to come will be done by the unexplored



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the 6th Annual Convocation of IIM Jammu at Convention Centre, Jammy on Friday

the North and unexplored ocean resources in the

Dr. Jitendra said, this is the age of innovations, age of ideas. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is providing every kind of technical as well as financial support for ideas and innovations

The Minister said India is leading the Start-up Ecosystem in the world with more than one lakh start-ups & more than 100 unicorns today, what's is desperately required is the change of government job mind-set and parents can play a pivotal role in it.

Dr. Jitendra said, the greatest sustainability of Start-ups lies with the management scholars like the ones graduating today from IIM Jammu who can contribute to the Start-up revolution that is progressing in India.

Describing the National Education Policy is the cornerstone of education in India, Dr. Jitendra said, beneficiaries of National Education Policy 2020 which ensures universal access at all levels of schooling and should have been done long before.

Dr. Singh further said, the old education policy made educated unemployed youth in the country but NEP 2020 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi will make up for several anomalies of the past.

Dr. Jitendra said, the era of working in silos is over and there is a need for greater integration among the institutions.

The youth of 2023 will define India @2047 who are blessed both with the challenges and opportunities and who can contribute in making India @ 2047 leaving behind the best economies in the

Senior BJP leaders delegation meets LG, discusses issues of public importance

JAMMU: Delegation of Senior leaders of Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and discussed various issues of public importance.

The delegation included General Secretary Vivodh Gupta, former President and ex-Minister Sat Sharma, Formers Ministers Sham Lal Sharma and Surject Singh Slathia, Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi, Spokesperson Abhinay Sharma and President Youth Wing of Party Arun Prabhat.

Delegation took up issues pertaining to conducting of CUET exams outside Jammu Kashmir and concerns of students in getting admissions in colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. Delegation also thanked LG for taking corrective measures for this year on

Issue with regard to pavment of pension to widows and old age and disabled also was taken for discussion to cover cases which are presently mot eligible because of legal position and expediting cases where eligibility is not under doubt.

Delegation also discussed the issues with regard to difficulties being faced for beneficiaries of Ration card as also cases which are pending in pipelines.

Delegation also pressed for settling of cases of Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yoina by regularisation of possession of small pocket of lands which are state land and under possession of Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojna.

It was forcefully pleaded by delegation that recruitment process be expedited as lakhs of youth are waiting for jobs. Delay in selection process is causing distress and frustraof daily rated, contractual employees was taken up for early disposal.

Delegation also convinced Lieutenant Governor that pending cases of compassionate appointments be cleared

without delay. Majorly it was taken up that power curtailment during peak Summer is causing lot of discomfort and commotion amongst masses. It was agreed by LG that immediate steps will be taken to improve power supply.

On other issues also patient hearing was given by LG and he agreed to look into all issues raised and to direct redressal of grievances without delay.

The meeting ended with delegation appreciating the good works been done by LG Administration and the expectations that issues raised of public concerns and importance will be resolved

Dalai Lama to visit Ladakh on July 10: President LBA



President LBA Thupstan Chhewang addressing media.

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LEH: His Holiness The 14th Dalai Lama is scheduled to visit Ladakh on 10 July. After having rest for a few days at his residence in Leh, the Dalai Lama will make a visit to Chowkhang Vihara.

His Holiness is also scheduled to give teachings on 21, 22, and 23 July at Jivetsal teachings grounds.

President Buddhist Association (LBA) Thupstan Chhewang told this to the media at a press conference on Friday at Leh. Chewang got the confirmation of the Dalai Lama's visit from Dharamsala in the morning. He said that invitations and requests have been extended to the Dalai Lama to visit different places within Ladakh which will be decided only after the arrival of His Holiness in Ladakh.

Thupstan Chhewang informed that His Holiness The Dalai Lama will preside Yarchos Chenmo (Summer Buddhist Council) 2023 which is being organised this time by Lamdon Deskit Tsogspa and Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School during Lamdon's golden jubilee celebration.

SHAKEELA ANDRABI SRINAGAR: As mushroom

cultivation is gaining popularity in Jammu and Kashmir, Department of Agriculture Kashmir, and SKAUST-K is also providing proper guidance regarding scientific technology and ideas to the young farmer who are coming forward to become entrepreneurs.

Also to promote year-round mushroom cultivation in J&K, many projects worth crores are in pipeline, and many more are nearing completion.

The 25th annual group meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project

(AICRP-M) ended at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir (SKUAST-K) on Thursday.

During the two-day annual meeting hosted by SKUAST-K's Division of Plant Pathology was attended by various delegates, including ADG-Horticulture, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). New Delhi, Director, DMR Solan, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir, Directors, Deans and HODs of various institutions and Mushroom scientists from across the country to discuss latest technologies, cuttingedge research, and innovation in Mushroom cultiva-

Two-day annual meeting of All India Research

Project on Mushroom ended at SKAUST-K

The objective of the annual meeting is to enhance the productivity, quality, and sustainability of mushroom production in India.

Acting Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof. M. A. A. Siddiqui, while welcoming the delegates of the country's top agricultural universities and institutions thanked ICAR-AICRP for holding the annual group meeting for the first time in Kashmir.

He emphasized on mushroom scientists to develop cost effective production technologies of high valued mushrooms and ensure transfer of technologies to farmer's doorsteps, Kashmir is becoming major hub for mushroom cultivation. ADG Horticulture, ICAR, Dr. Sudhakar Pandey thanked SKUAST-K for hosting the annual meeting and put emphasis on the need for quality spawn production and domestication of new edible mushroom for enriching the diversity of edible mushrooms.

Dr. V.P Sharma, Director, ICAR, DMR, delivered the project remarks, coordinators report and presented the achievements of AICR-M and DMR Solan. He also stated about the roadmap for the future research needed for strengthening the mush-

room research in the country. Prof. A.H. Director SKUAST-K and Prof. Neelofar Banday, Dean Faculty of Horticulture emphasized on the importance of mushroom farming in the modern agricultural practices for addressing the nutritional challenges of the

Earlier Organising Secretary of the event, Dr. Mohammad Najeeb Mughal, formally welcomed all the delegates and guests and the inaugural session ended on vote of thanks presented by In-charge HOD Plant Pathology, Dr. Bilal Ahmad

Kavinder highlights importance of sustainable development for creating a better & equitable world

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Kavinder Gupta, a senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, stated that sustainable development advocates for a comprehensive and interconnected strategy for economic, social, and environmental growth that addresses present needs while safeguarding the ability of future generations to meet their

The senior BJP leader was speaking on the secday of three days National Legislators' Conference being held in

Jammu rank first under Dist Good Governance Index 3.0 STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Committed towards the welfare of the common people and continuing its endeavors on the developmental front and implementation of the various Government initiatives. Jammu District has scored the First Rank under District Governance Index (DGGI) 3.0 among the 20 Districts of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The district achieved a composite score of 6.43 points highest among the districts. Speaking about the achievements. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa said that this is a moment of great pride for Jammu District as the district has scaled up in governance and achieved new heights. The DC also applauded the efforts of the DSEO, Rupinder Kaur and her team for meticulously collecting and compiling the data for all the 58 indicators. She also congratulated the district officers who have worked relentlessly and urged them to work with added zeal, fervor and dedication to retain the top position. The Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta also congratulated the Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa and her team for the continued and concerted efforts put in for

Pertinent to mention that Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on 15th June 2023 released the rankings of District Good Governance Index 3.0, a J&K.

achieving the number one posi-



leader Kavinder Gupta.

Kavinder, who was the Chairman of the Session today, was addressing the MLAs is a valuable tool legislators and others on for fostering sustainable the topic Instruments & Impact of Sustainable Development.

Kavinder said sustainable development necessitates the cooperation and involvement of multiple interest groups such as governments, non-governmental organizations, corporations, and individuals at all echelons to establish a more sustainable tomorrow. The LAD Fund for development at the local level, benefiting communities directly affected by the initiatives undertaken. However, it is critical that these projects align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure their contribution to the world-

wide pursuit of sustain-

development, he

added. The former Deputy Chief Minister said it's the responsibility of all policymakers, including Legislators to work towards achieving the SDGs and creating a better future for all.

Later, Dr Khader Vali, renowned and independent scientist and Prof Lawrence Pratchett Faculty of Business, Govt & Law, University of Canberra, Austria, also spoke on the occasion.

Dr Khader Vali, who is also known as Millet Man of India, has stressed on using millets as staple food, which traditionally was the main entity of main course of Indian society but with the passage of time, and in race to copy west, have gone extinct from the diet chart. He asked one and all to once again bring

millets in meals to have a healthy and nutritious food. He asked the stakeholders to make use of science sensibly and ensure that resources remain available for the coming generations by using them judiciously in line with the earlier generations which saved the same for the progeny. He also highlighted the importance of switching over to millets claiming that the same will help boost economy.

Rajinder Waterman of India and Padam Shri Kartik Sarabhai environmentalist also raised many significant points with regard to sustainable development.

Later, Chairman NLC along with dignitaries honoured Kavinder Gupta for chairing the session on Instruments & Impact of Sustainable Development.

and adult population.

Dr Shashi Sudan lauded

the role of faculty and

students in bringing up

such an event with zeal.

Delegation of CCI Jammu calls on LG



CCI Jammu delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu led by its President Arun Gupta, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday.

The members of the delegation apprised the Lt Governor on various issues concerning the

business community, besides beautification of Jammu City and promotion of Tourism in Jammu region.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation that the issues projected by them will be looked into earnestly for early

I&K witnessed massive healthcare infrastructure development in BJP's 9 yr rule: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Minister has asserted that massive healthcare infrastructure developed in 9 vears of rule of BJP Government led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been one of its significant hallmarks.

She said that might and efficiency of the nation in health and medicare sector came to fore during the Covid-19 pandemic and stands acknowl-

edged by the whole world today. The senior BJP leader expressed this in her address after inaugurating a medical camp organized by Medanta Hospital in Channi Himmat area here today. She complemented Pooja Grover and her team for organizing the medical camp. Priya Sethi said that Ayushman Bharat Yojana providing Rs. 5 lakh cover to approximately 10 crore families i.e, 50 crore people across the nation is one of the greatest initiatives taken by the BJP Govt during its nine years of governance, at the same time the unprecedented expansion and upgradation of health care facilities and related infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir

deserves a special mention here. As a result of persistent efforts during the nine years of BJP rule, the facilities of indigenous medicines, oxygen gas and multiple health and medical related equipments and instruments with latest

technology besides much more

have further augmented the

 $\operatorname{medicare}$ and health facilities in

Former Minister, Priya Sethi and others at medical camp being organized by Medanta Hospital. J&K, she added. The senior B-IP leader highlighted specifically some of the

achievements during nine tears of BJP rule at the Centre which include Govt Ayurvedic Medical College at Jammu, 400 bedded Bone & Joint Hospital, 100 bedded new emergency block at GMCH Jammu, 275 bedded new maternity block at SMGS Hospital Jammu; Cancer Hospital at SSH Jammu; SDH Hospital at Bhalwal, 2 AIIMS, 6 Medical Colleges and a Cancer Institute at SKIMS Srinagar. Last but not the least multiple organ transplant programme facilities are available in J&K today.

The former minister said that the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir had kept it isolated from the development occurring in other parts of the country, and that repealing of Article 370 has opened new vistas of opportunities for private investment in Jammu and Kashmir and kick-starts economic growth in the region. She stated that the government was working towards attracting private investment in the region to boost economic growth and create employment opportunities for the youth. She emphasized that the government was committed to ensuring that the people of Jammu and Kashmir received the same benefits and opportunities as citizens of other parts of India. Concluding her address she

said that the infrastructure and facilities get further augmented by holding of multi utility healthcare and medical camps conducted by the reputed and renowned medical institutions like Medanta and others. She thanked the Medanta team for organizing today's camp for the benefit of the people of J&K. She hoped that it will conduct more such camps here in future too. Rekha Mahajan, President BJP Jammu South said medical camps also provide education and awareness programs about hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention. By educating people on how to take better care of themselves, these camps can help prevent the spread of diseases and reduce the burden on the healthcare system. These camps not only provide healthcare services but also provide awareness and education that can help reduce illness and improve the overall health of the community," she added.

CME-cum-awareness drive on HPV Vaccination held in GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: In collaboration with the Department Obstetrics Gynecology, GMC Jammu and under the stewardship of teachers from Development Gender Committee, students curated a special programme to raise awareness and to facilitate vaccination for MBBS students against Human Papilloma Virus.

The event was inducted by Rupambir Singh and Pragati Sharma who gave a prelude to objectives of the prospect. It was followed by an

elucidation over Gender Development Committee by Lavanya Gupta and Ritik from Final Prof. The event was graced by

the presence of Principal

and dean Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma. Dr Reema Khajuria, Professor and Head, Gynaecology Obstetrics shared her sincerest encomium on

doctors in this battle against HPV. Dr Saima Sadiq from

efforts of students and



Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology laid elaborative emphasis over screening methods for

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panel brought The



Cervical Cancer.

A special skit was performed by students that showcased various impediments for vaccination misinformation, myths, shame and stigma. A panel discussion was also held, moderated tooth and nail by Dr Mahajan, Professor, Department of Pathology.

together several luminaries like Dr Rakesh Bahl, Professor Community Dr Medicine, Sanjeev Kumar Digra, Professor of Pediatrics, Dr Pooja, professor Assistant Pediatrics, Dr Aakriti Manhas and Dr Anju Dogra, Assistant professor from Department of Gynecology. They discussed extensively on epidemiological aspects of disease, various modalities of detection and screening and safety of vaccines for pediatric

She emphasized on the need to fight against the preventable cancer of Cervix with the effective vaccine against the Human Papilloma Virus, the known cause of cancer cervix among women. She reiterated the need to make use of vaccines against Hepatitis B also, by all health care professionals to prevent the menace of hepatitis B cause of another cancer affecting liver. awareness event concluded with a vote of Thanks by Lavanya Talwar. This was followed by

vaccination drive helmed by nursing staff wherein students volunteered in droves to get themselves vaccinated. To make this event a success, encouraging spirit of Dr Jyotsana Suri, Professor Pathology, Dr Vinay Menia Assistant professor Gynaecology, Dr Neha Mahajan, Assistant professor gynaecology was thoroughly instrumental.