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## Special Convocation Ceremony of JU

# J&K charting new path of remarkable growth post abrogation of Articles 35A, 370: VP NEP 2020 promoting education system that makes students conscious, not mechanical: LG

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday addressed the Special Convocation Ceremony of University of Jammu, at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium.

Stating that the convocation ceremony holds a significant essence in one's life, the Vice President advised the students to never be under tension or stress and never be afraid of failure. He praised the Lt Governor of J&K for steering the UT to newer heights of development.

The Vice President said that Jammu & Kashmir is charting a new path of remarkable growth and development post abrogation of Articles 35A and 370. The region's integration into the national mainstream has paved the way for investments, development and improved governance, he



Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar and LG Manoj Sinha attending Special Convocation of Jammu University on Thursday.

maintained. Dhankhar noted that the region, unlike before, now has the prevalence of harmonious atmosphere and called it as the greatest homage to the life and mission of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee who laid down his life for building a strong and united India.

The Vice President announced a Memorandum of Understanding between the Indian Council of World Affairs and University of Jammu. This, he said, will facilitate greater exposure to the University in domains of culture, education and foreign affairs at a global level. Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha expressed gratitude to the Vice President for attending the convocation and blessing the students at the beginning of their working life. Congratulating the students, the Lt Governor urged them to follow their passion, move forward with new resolutions, adapt to the change

and learn new things accordingly, and share the wisdom earned at the University with the world. "Convocation is the moment of transformation in a student's life. Stepping into the real world is also considered as start of a new mission, a mission to use special knowledge and skills and to

contribute in equitable, sustainable growth in building a strong and prosperous India," the Lt Governor said. In this era of Artificial Intelligence and new emerging technologies, rapid changes are happening around us. This change has given us an opportunity to see the entire education system

in a new perspective, he observed. We have to respect individuality and unique talent hidden within each student. Classrooms should inculcate courage, give students the power of independent thinking and inspire them to become a better person and not just a class topper, the Lt

Governor said. The Lt Governor said, in the future, students will not come to Universities to receive just bookish knowledge or to accumulate more information. Universities will have to prepare human capital which will ensure its relevance in this fast changing world powered by algorithms, he added. The Lt Governor appreciated the J&K Higher Education Council and Vice Chancellors of all Universities of J&K and associated stakeholders for their significant contribution in implementing National Education Policy and promoting independent thinking, scientific temper, creativity and nurturing unique personality among the students. "Under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, NEP 2020 is promoting an

## Two doctors dismissed for fabricating evidence in 2009 'Shopian rape-murder' case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Fourteen years after a CBI probe unearthed the conspiracy behind the 2009 "Shopian rape-murder" case, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday terminated services of two doctors for allegedly "actively working" with Pakistan-based groups and fabricating evidence, according to officials.

Two women, Asiya Jan and Neelofar, were found dead in a stream in Shopian on May 30, 2009, leading to allegations that they were raped and murdered by security personnel. Four policemen were arrested in connection

with the case. It also led to the unceremonious exit of top police brass including the then special director general of police Ashok Bhan and the then inspector general (Kashmir) B Srinivasan. The incident sparked protests in the Kashmir valley and brought it to a near standstill for 42 days. Later, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) took over the probe and found that the two women were never raped or murdered. The two doctors, Dr Bilal Ahmad Dalal and Dr Nighat Shaheen Chilloo, stand

## Amit Shah arriving today on 2-day visit to J&K HM to inaugurate final event of 'Vitasta Cultural Fest' today

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Elaborate security measures have been put in place here ahead of the two-day visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir beginning Friday, officials said. Shah is scheduled to address a public rally in the Bhagwati Nagar area of the city and pay homage to founder of Jan Sangh Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 'Bhaldan Divas'. The officials said on Thursday multi-tier security arrangements have been set up at the venue of the rally. Personnel from the police, CISF and CRPF have taken positions to guard the venue, they added.



Mukherjee at the BJP office at Trikuta Nagar. He is also likely to visit Shri Tirupati Balaji temple in the Muejen area on the

outskirts of the city, BJP sources said. The home minister will also inaugurate some important works and lay the foundation of CFSL in Samba through virtual-mode. Later in the day, he will fly to Srinagar. The Home Minister would be inaugurating the third and final high-profile event of "Vitasta Cultural Festival" is all set to begin tomorrow with all pomp and show at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), located on the picturesque banks of Dal Lake, popularly known as "Srinagar's Jewel". Apart from esteemed presence of Home Minister, a multitude of distinguished

## Hope Amarnath pilgrims return with message of love from Kashmir: Farooq

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PAHALGAM: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday gave his wishes to the Amarnath yatriss and exhorted them to return to their native places with a message of love from Kashmir. "The yatriss should come here and return with the message of love. They should take the message that this country belongs to all the Hindus, the Muslims, the Sikhs, the Christians, the Buddhists, everyone," Abdullah told reporters after

reviewing the arrangements for this year's Amarnath yatra at the south Kashmir resort town, 100 kms from Srinagar. "We are all equal and there are no differences. This is what our Constitution has proved," he said. Abdullah, who is Lok Sabha member from Srinagar, was accompanied by south Kashmir MP Hasnain Masoodi. The leader said Muslims have been taking care of

## Rusted grenade recovered in Kathua, defused

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: A rusted live grenade was recovered by police in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, the officials said. The recovery was made in the forest area of Basantpura area of Basholi on the basis of information provided by the locals. The bomb disposal squad of police rushed to the spot and defused the grenade, they added.

## VC NITI Aayog tours Baramulla; reviews dev under ADP



Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery during visit to Baramulla.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: The Vice Chairman, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery on Thursday remarked that in the last few years the developmental scenario of J&K has changed drastically and significant progress is being witnessed on the ground. He also said

that the initiatives are being taken for the progress and prosperity of the people. The Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog said this during his extensive tour to Baramulla district today where he carried out an array of activities meant for the overall development of the district. At the outset, S.K Bery accompanied by Secretary Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langar visited Higher Secondary School Pattan where he inspected Smart class rooms and

## ITBP officer posted on Amarnath Yatra duty dies

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: An Indo Tibetan Border Police officer posted on Amarnath yatra duty died at Sonamarg in Ganderbal district, police said on Thursday. ASI Madan Raj, 58, fell unconscious near the Baltal base camp for the Amarnath yatra on Wednesday night, a police official said. Raj, a native of Uttarakhand, was rushed to a hospital where he died during treatment, the official said. Though the cause of his death was not known yet, death due to cardiac arrest - triggered by lower

## SIU attaches house of LeT terrorist associate in Anantnag

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday attached the residential house of a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist associate in Anantnag district, police said. Continuing its crackdown on harbouring terrorists and providing logistic support to them, the SIU Shopian attached the residential house of the terrorist associate in the Subhanpora Bijbhara area of Anantnag in south Kashmir after obtaining necessary sanctions from competent authority, a police

## Coordination meet to enhance synergy for Amarnath Yatra held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A coordination meeting to enhance synergy for the successful conduct of the annual Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to begin next month, was held in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. The meeting at Pahalgam in the south Kashmir district was held under the aegis of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and was attended by all stakeholders, including the Army. "#ChinarWarriors attended a coordination meeting held with all stakeholders

## Kashmiri artisans thank Modi for promoting paper-machie in US

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Paper mache artisans in Kashmir are elated that one of their products -- the exquisite box holding the diamond gifted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to US First Lady Jill Biden -- has graced the White House. Modi gifted an eco-friendly lab-grown 7.5 carat diamond, placed in Kashmir's exquisite papier mache box, to Jill Biden. US President Joe Biden and First

# India, US should work and lead together: Biden; PM Modi gets grand welcome at White House

**AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden on Thursday said India and the US should work and lead together given the challenges and opportunities facing the world, as he accorded Prime Minister Narendra Modi a grand welcome at the White House, with the two countries set to sign a raft of mega defence, trade and space cooperation agreements. "Welcome back to the White House," Biden told Modi, as he arrived at the official residence of the US President on his maiden pomp-filled state visit amid rapturous cheers of 'Modi, Modi' from the crowd gathered on the South Lawn. "The challenges and opportunities facing the world in this century require that India and the United States work and lead together... Two great nations, two



PM Narendra Modi along with President Joe Biden at White House Arrival Ceremony, in Washington, D.C on Thursday.

great friends, two great powers that can define the course of the 21st century," he said, describing the ties between the two countries as "one of the most defining" relationships in the 21st century. As the Biden administration rolled out the red carpet to Modi with the camaraderie between the US President and the Indian prime minister on full display, Modi in his response said India and the US are committed to working together for global good and peace, stability and prosperity. He said the societies and institutions of the two countries are based on democratic values and they take pride in their diversity. With India and the US set to elevate their strategic partnership, GE Aerospace announced it has inked a pact with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to

jointly produce fighter jet engines for Indian Air Force's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk-II Tejas. A senior US administration official said the pact is a "trailblazing initiative" to manufacture F414 engines in India and will enable greater transfer of US jet engine technology than ever before. After the ceremonial welcome and ahead of the delegation-level parleys, Modi held one-on-one talks with Biden at the Oval Office to discuss a wide range of issues of mutual and global interests, aimed at further boosting the Indo-US strategic relations in areas like defence, space, clean energy and critical technologies. In his initial remarks, Modi told Biden that the President's commitment to the ties between the two countries has prompted India

to take "bold and audacious" measures. He also described strong people-to-people ties as the real engine of India-US relationship and referred to the energetic diaspora crowd in the White House to assert that a "roar" was heard about this connect. "Today India and the US are walking shoulder-to-shoulder from the depths of the ocean to heights of the sky, from ancient culture to artificial intelligence," Modi said. The diplomatic relations between the two countries are generally spoken in terms of joint statement, working groups, he said, adding they are indeed important. "But the real engine of India-US relations is our strong people-to-people ties," he added. Modi, who is on his sixth visit to the US as

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 38.2°C Min: 27.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 67 Min: 50

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 34.8°C Min: 20.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 65 Min: 35

Sunset : 19:42 Hours  
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