

NEP 20 for UG to be implemented from July 2022: JU VC

Centre for Skills Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board under ambit of DDE in offings

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JAMMU: Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu on Friday chaired a high-level meeting of functionaries including Dean Academic Affairs, Dean Research Studies, Faculty Deans, Director College Development, Registrar, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Directors, Rectors/HODs and senior officers of the University at Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

Prof Rai in his opening remarks emphasized on the salient features of the NEP-20 and he called upon all the Head of Departments to prepare syllabi/curriculum for Semester-I to semester-iii of UG programmes so that same can be implemented from July this year. To synchronise the University's vision with the NEP, the University of Jammu would strive to become one of the leading research-intensive inter-disciplinary University in the Country, said Prof Rai. Vice-Chancellor further emphasized that he is committed to the development and strengthening of the Department of Distance Education at the University. Prof Rai further said that University is envisaging to start a Centre for Skills Innovation & Entrepreneurship under NEP. Thereafter threadbare discussions were held and it was



VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai chairing a meeting at Jammu.

resolved that the syllabus of PG programmes shall be revised for the academic year (2022-22) onwards to incorporate components of Skill education, entrepreneurship and industry-academia projects. It was emphasized that the research calendar shall be strictly adhered to. It was also resolved that the young faculty members will get seed money grant to carry out their research work from the research fund and the same shall be notified soon. Head of Departments were emphasised upon to develop redressal mechanism at the Departmental level for grievances of Research Scholars. Cooperation of all faculty members were sought in further streamlining and strengthening of the examination process. It

was announced that University of Jammu shall celebrate 5th September as its foundation day every year wherein faculty members and staff shall be facilitated for their distinguished achievements. The practice of awarding the 'Best Employee Ward' also be institutionalized. Further in its endeavour to becoming a Green and Clean Campus, University is envisaging to take a number of initiatives like to install solar panels in all the departments, managing E-Waste and taking numerous steps for beautification and upkeep of Campus.

Besides offering online courses, Directorate of Distance Education is also envisaging to start Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board

on weekends which is a huge milestone to educate women who are simultaneously pursuing employment to supplement their family incomes. Further, it shall provide centralized digital labs/ICT facilities for the benefit of the faculty and students.

The Department of Students Welfare is in the process of starting a membership drive for the registration of new members for the recently established Alumni Association. The DSW is also beginning an outreach programme wherein resource persons will be deputed to the nodal Colleges to impart training to the students in painting, fine arts etc. Threadbare discussions were also about the need to sensitize students and scholars to facilitate/follow the prescribed guidelines and rules while using Dhanvantri Library and importance of moving towards a hybrid model for having a blend of physical as well as digital library resources. Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar presented a formal vote of thanks and Dr Ginny Dogra, Deputy Director, DIQA conducted the proceedings of the function and also in her PowerPoint presentation underlined necessary steps required in connection with the preparation of NAAC accreditation cycle IV.



BJP will form next Govt in Telangana: Kavinder

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HYDERABAD: Alleging that KCR Government miserably failed to come upto the expectations of the people, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta expressed confidence that BJP will form the government in Telangana after the next Assembly elections.

He was addressing a gathering during a visit to Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram at Tandoor Mandal in Bellampalli Vidhan Sabha here on Friday. He said that the Vaishya Samaj acts as the arms of the BJP as this segment of people have always supported the party. Kavinder also had lunch with SC community members during his visit in the aforesaid Ashram.

The senior BJP leader said that BJP's slogan, 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Aur Sabka Vishwas', says it all about the party universal approach towards the people of the country irrespective of their caste, colour or creed. He said that water, funds and employment were the core issues over which the Telangana movement was fought and the TRS party came to power with a promise of fulfill the three but on ground it failed miserably



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta being felicitated at Telangana.

thus losing the ground and paving way for the BJP to serve the people selflessly which the saffron party will do soon after coming to power following elections.

Kavinder asserted that people of the state were denied benefits under PM Awas Yojana (Housing for All Scheme). He said that KCR came to power in 2014 and promised two-bed room houses for the poor by constructing over 7 lakh houses between 2014 and 2019, but till date the number has not crossed the one lakh mark whereas in the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh, the government during the last 6 years had built over 15 lakh houses.

Telangana also deprived the people of Ayushman Scheme, which is a philanthropic initiative of the Modi government", Kavinder said, adding that Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project has proved out to be a 24/7 ATM for Kalvakuntla (Surname of KCR) family, as the initial project cost was Rs 36,000 crore but now escalation cost of this project has gone up to Rs 1.40 lakh crore but the people have not received any benefit out of it which has exposed the deception by the KCR government.

"The TRS government is ignoring people's issues. It is a corrupt government that refused to implement several Central government schemes including Ayushman Bharat and Fasal Beema Yojana," he added. Kavinder appealed to the people of Bellampalli Vidhan Sabha to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the equitable development of Telangana.

Rana calls for united efforts for harmonious societal growth

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today called for a united effort for harmonious growth of the society, saying that the bonds of anity and brotherhood need to be further strengthened to make this world a better place to live in.

Speaking at a congregation, held to mark the weeklong recitation of Bhajjans and Kirtans in praise of Lord Vishnu at Bawa Talab here, Rana said that promotion of harmonious society holds the key to creating an enabling environment for peace and progress of mankind.

Suresh Shastri also addressed the congregation and referred to the week-long event being held annually to promote spirituality. He said the hallmark of these discourses is to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. He made a special reference to various evils inflicted to the society and stressed the need for imparting values among the



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing a gathering.

youngsters. The senior BJP leader said that the congregation being held at the iconic place of Bawa Talab reminds of the glorious ethos of Dogras, who are the proud inheritors of great cultural heritage. He described Jammu as the proud land of warriors and farmers and paid tribute to Baba Jitto, recalling the supreme sacrifice of the legendary peasant in fight against feudalism.

"We are the inheritors of the revolutionary farmers who fought relentlessly for the just cause of the farming community and the great warriors who have offered valuable sacrifices

for the integrity and sovereignty of the nation", Mr Devender Rana said.

He said social justice, compassion, anity and peace has been the sole motivation of the saints and sages who have blessed the greatest civilization across the country in general and Jammu in particular. Their message of peace and tranquility has to be imbibed in letter and spirit for bequeathing it to the posterity to make this world a better place to live in, he added.

Rana said the lives of revolutionaries like Bawa Jitto are full of the spirit of sacrifice that has all along served as a beacon

light for all those striving for a just society where opportunities to grow are available to all. The folklore revolving around the great farmer, who was a devout of Mata Vaishno Devi, and his daughter infuses a renewed spirit of valour among the people even after two centuries and inspires them to strive for equality and the righteousness even at the peril of one's life. The great people like Baba Jitto symbolize Dogra heritage and they have inspired generations because of their strong commitment to inclusiveness and harmonious growth of the diverse society. He said the people of the Duggarland attach immense reverence to these heroes who left an indelible mark of their selfless service to humanity, especially the peasantry and weaker sections of the society.

Interacting with the devotees, Rana called for strengthening the bonds and brotherhood, saying this has been the cornerstone of Jammu's glorious

ethos. He also seized the opportunity to impress upon the devotees to extend hospitality to the thousands of pilgrims thronging from various parts of the country for paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnathji on the Kashmir Himalayas. He said Jammu is a proud destination and gateway for the pilgrimages of Mata Vaishno Devi and Shri Amarnathji and therefore the people should extend all assistance to pilgrims as per their glorious tradition.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Ravinder Kumar (Lambardar), Pujari Rajinder Kumar, Pujari Parshotam Kumar, Satish Kumar, Capt. Mohinder Kumar, Bhopinder, Rakesh Singh District Secretary Rural B-JP, Babu Ram Bhagat and Pt. Puran Chand.

Ashok Singh Manhas, Sucha Singh and Surinder Singh Gilli accompanied the senior BJP leader Devender Rana to participate in the congregation.

TRS Govt has done nothing for Women & farmers

8 years of Modi Govt undoubtedly golden period of nation's history: Priya

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TELEGANA: Terming the eight years of successful rule of BJP Govt at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the Golden Period in the history of the nation, National Executive Member BJP and former minister, Priya Sethi on Friday while speaking at Telagana said that the progress report of the Modi Rule is totally unblemished and leaves no scope for anyone across the nation to be irked by it.

In a statement issued to media from Telagana, Priya Sethi said that common people of this nation feel quite satisfied with the BJP rule despite the fact that there is still a lot



Senior BJP leader, Priya Sethi speaking at a programme.

of scope for further improvement in the coming years. She said that transparency and accountability have been the hall mark of this government besides priority focus on serving the common people especially the poor and needy.

She added that TRS govt has done nothing for

women, OBCs and farmers.

The senior BJP leader highlighted various schemes launched by the Govt tailored specially for different sections of the society.

Some of the highlighted schemes and achievements included Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Ann

Yojana, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission besides conducting the world's largest vaccination against deadly Corona.

Priya Sethi said that the country is celebrating 8 years of Modi government during which unprecedented focus was maintained on service, good governance and welfare of the poor asserting that this is the way of working of the Modi government rather it is the soul of the PM Modi government.

She said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the culture of politics, and also, the culture of government in India and the results are visible on ground, especial-

ly the satisfaction and confidence of the common people in the Prime Minister Modi and his good governance. She said that except the opposition parties and their leaders are highly irked by the BJP Govt seeing no scope of their return to power in the near future. Reiterating that eight years of Modi led BJP governance has been the golden period of the nation, she asserted that the performance of the incumbent government speaks for itself and the Bharatiya Janata Party is all set to get a clear mandate for governing the world's largest democracy for the third consecutive term when the next Parliamentary elections take place.

Former Minister Sukhnandan calls on Lt Governor



Former Minister, Sukhnandan Choudhary calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: Former Minister, Sukhnandan Choudhary called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Friday.

The Former Minister apprised the Lt Governor about various issues of public importance including development of Border areas and welfare of people residing

along the International Border.

Sukhnandan Choudhary also put forth the demand of border area people pertaining to disbursal of compensation for land used for fencing at IIB, besides highlighting the ownership issues of land allotted to refugees from POJK and West Pak.

The Lt Governor while

interacting with the former Minister observed that the UT administration is committed to accelerated development of the Border areas.

The Lt Governor assured the Former Minister that all genuine issues will be taken up for early redressal. He further urged him to continue his endeavors of public welfare.

Service rules were not relaxed to allow private practice to Govt doctors for raising commercial enterprise

If Private Practice P is more to increase income, why not then allow it to all government employees
Jan Aushadi Store scheme has not been that 'professionally' supported even by Government doctors

■ DAYA SAGAR

Government doctors who do private practice do not handle emergencies and instead refer the serious patients to government hospitals / hospitals & above all as was even hinted about state of practicing government doctors by J&K Governor N .N. Vohra some government doctors who do private practice from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM at clinic, then work in government hospital/ college from 10 AM to 4 PM and then again work in private clinic from 5 PM to 11 PM, imagine what justice they can do to teaching, attending to regular duty in hospital and attending to emergency calls from the government hospitals.

It is no hidden fact that the private practice by government doctors, otherwise allowed in the cause of a social gesture has on date alleged having shaped into "malaise," is otherwise inflicting

serious damage on the common man in the form of neglect of government hospitals, inflated prescriptions with additional / "high MRP" drugs and investigations. Yes the "Public men" do not suffer since they have many to serve and enough to "buy".

No, doubt government has authority to make / modify service rules but no government in a democratic country is expected to ignore the basic principles and codes that are must for one who has to handle the common resources / provisions of the State.

The provision of the private practice by government doctors was created in relaxation of conduct rules for civil servants in the interest of social cause and was hence not bad .But objections against private practice by Government doctors had come because many of them had taken the provision as more for increasing the income This has lowered

the goodwill of even those doctors who have all care for the society.

Not only this, under the garb of Private Practice (for consultation only), many practicing doctors these days (1) allegedly look for joining with laboratories / investigation centers and even prescribe unnecessary tests (2) the doctors feel more interested in the drug manufacturers and some appear even working for defeating the public welfare programmes like Jan Aushadi Campaign (3) and the disproportionately high cost of appliances and supporting accessories too are prescribed by some doctors even where item could be avoided..

It was only after such like revelations that the then Pharma Advisory Forum GOI in its meeting held on 23rd April, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister of



A Look through the Mist Part-II

Chemicals & Fertilizers and Steel decided to launch a Jan Aushadhi Campaign. Ram Vilas Paswan ventured emotionally and enthusiastically for the scheme of Jan Aushadi (Drug) Store under Department of Pharmaceuticals GOI in 2008) and first such store to provide medicines to patients at truthful / genuine prices was opened on 25th 2008 in Amritsar (24x7 Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Store, JBMM Civil Hospital, Amritsar Punjab) to be backed up with adequate and timely supplies by the CPSUs (PL, HAL, BPCL, KAPL & RDPL).

Many people see even the failure of Jan Aushadi (drug) Store in the doctors not feeling interested in prescribing by generic name / chemical name. What to talk of private practitioners even the Government doctors do not

write prescriptions by generic name (they write by brand name). In a way we would say that drug prescription that could cost Rs.100 is allegedly written atleast for R.500 in many cases under the garb of brand name. The turnover of Jan Aushadi scheme even 14 years after 2008 in 2022 can well support the opinion. MANY suffer loss in health and some even die without taking treatment for self.

If it is assessed that pay scales/wages of government doctors are less and the public exchequer can afford to pay more , let higher salary be paid to government doctors, but private enterprise or non practicing allowance do not appear logical under present circumstances to government doctors who too are civil servants. If PP is to to increase income why not then allow it to all government employees.

The post graduate doctors and those

in the Medical Colleges should be given special grades no way less (even more) than superior bureaucrats but surely no PVT Practise and no NPA since it has been used by the doctors more to the disadvantage of the common man than to the advantage that was foreseen in this special gesture towards only Doctors and not towards other government servants..

No doubt , in case it is felt that in remote / distant / rural areas there is still a need to allow government doctors to see patients against monetary considerations before / after office hours then there, on case to case basis , government doctors could be permitted to do private practice and the payment received could be named as honorarium and not fee.

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