

# Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 3rd Northern Regional Council meeting of CCI

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Saturday remarked that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing an unprecedented growth and development due to significant initiatives undertaken by Government of India and present LG led Administration.

The Advisor made these remarks while addressing the 3rd Northern Regional Council meeting and Industry interaction of Confederation of Indian Industry (CCI) at Hotel Radisson Collection here.

Addressing the gathering of industrialists, business professionals and other stakeholders, Advisor Bhatnagar said that Jammu & Kashmir is poised for a significant industrial transformation. "We have focused on improving infrastructure, ensuring ease of doing business and fostering innovation. Our goal is to make J&K an attractive destination for industries ranging from manufacturing to information technology", Advisor said.

He outlined various strategic plans for industrial development in J&K and reflected about government's commitment to creating a conducive business environment and various incentives available for investors.

The Advisor further said that the successful imple-



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing council meeting at Srinagar.

mentation of government schemes is transforming our industrial landscape, fostering a robust ecosystem that is poised for sustained economic progress.

Addressing the gathering, Director General, Union Ministry of Tourism, Manisha Saxena, emphasized on the untapped potential of J&K's tourism sector. She highlighted several key initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable tourism and attracting both domestic and international tourists. "Jammu & Kashmir is a treasure trove of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Our focus is on creating a tourism ecosystem that preserves this heritage while providing world-class facilities for visitors. We are working on enhancing infrastructure, promoting adventure tourism, and ensuring safety and security for tourists," she said.

The Director General also encouraged industry stakeholders to invest in tourism-

related projects, noting that public-private partnerships are crucial for the region's tourism development. She underscored the importance of community involvement and development of local skills to ensure that the benefits of tourism reach every corner of J&K.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh in his address provided an overview of significant investments in the Union Territory. He highlighted key initiatives in the region's focus sectors and presented the status of government schemes like Gati Shakti Programme and PM Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). He also spoke about current industrial ecosystem and industrial landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairman, CII Northern Region, Madhav Singhania and Deputy Chairman, CII Northern Region, Sunjay Kapur also spoke on the

occasion. They remarked that today's insightful discussions at CII's Industry interaction has provided a clear roadmap for J&K's industrial and tourism development.

opment. They added that he collaborative spirit and forward-thinking strategies presented by the eminent government speakers are set to revolutionize J&K's industry landscape.

Pertinently, today's interaction facilitated a constructive dialogue between government representatives and industry members, addressing key challenges and opportunities in J&K. The discussions covered a range of topics including investment opportunities, infrastructure development, tourism and skill enhancement.

# Training programme by ICAI's Peer Review Board hosted by J&K Branch

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JAMMU: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Peer Review Board, in collaboration with the J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI, successfully organized a One Day Training Programme.

This event marks a significant step towards enhancing the quality and reliability of chartered accountancy practices through peer review.

The training programme was graced by the presence of CA Charanjot Singh Nanda, Vice-President of ICAI, who served as the Chief Guest.

In his address, CA Nanda highlighted the pivotal role of



CA Charanjot Singh Nanda, Vice-President ICAI and others during the event.

peer review in maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence and integrity within the profession.

The programme also featured CA (Dr.) Raj Chavla, Vice Chairman of the Peer Review Board, who empha-

sized the importance of adhering to best practices in peer review to ensure the credibility and accuracy of financial reporting.

Dr. Chavla's extensive experience and commitment to the profession provided valu-

able perspectives to all participants.

The seminar commenced with an inaugural address by CA Sourav Pargal Vice-Chairman, J&K Branch. CA Jatinder Malhotra, Member J&K Branch then took the



Cash-strapped Pak secures \$7 million bailout deal from IMF, says will be its last

# President CCI expresses concern over increasing terrorist activities in Jammu Division

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JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed serious concern over the increasing terrorist activities in Jammu Division and termed it as a big conspiracy of our neighbouring country Pakistan. He underscored Pakistan's discomfit with the returning of normalcy in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Arun Gupta while appreciating the efforts of security forces, stressed upon the need to further strengthen the security and other related agencies and take enhanced security measures especially in view of ongoing Amarnath Yatra. He also called up on the public to remain vigilant against the nefarious designs of the antinational elements and avoid falling prey to their designs.

Arun Gupta condemned the recent terror attacks in Jammu Division especially at Army Post at Manjakote in Rajouri district, Police Station in Udhampur district and terror attack on Army trucks at village Badnota in Billowar area of Kathua district. He demanded that the terrorists and their over ground workers wherever they are operating should be eliminated.

Arun Gupta appealed the international community to isolate and expose Pakistan who harbor terrorists, provide them safe heaven and condones terrorism.

He further said that if terrorism is left unchecked, it can become a major threat not only for the nation's peace but it will also prove a major threat for the global peace.

# IIM Jammu to hold five-day Holistic Orientation Programme

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu is set to welcome its new batch of students with a comprehensive five-day orientation program from July 15 to 20, 2024.

The event will cater to the 9th Batch of MBA (2024-26), 3rd Batch of MBA (HA&HM) (2024-26), 5th Batch of Ph.D. (2024-28), 3rd Batch of Ph.D. (Working Professionals) (2024-28), and the 4th Batch of EMBA (2024-26). The onboarding of the students will commence from July 13 to 14, 2024. The idea associated with this Orientation Program is to acquaint the incoming students with the culture, academic opportunities, ethos, and general rules of IIM Jammu. The programme will help in facilitating a welcoming environment for the new aspiring students and their families to meet and have open communication with the faculty, staff, senior students, and all key activity heads of the Institute under one roof.

The orientation programme includes a mix of academic sessions, personal development workshops, and networking opportunities with top bureaucrats, faculty, industry leaders, and peers.

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The inaugural day will feature sessions by R.R. Swain, Director General of Police, Jammu and

Kashmir, Mekhla Sinha, Executive Director, Global Human Resource Development Center, (GHRDC) followed by a meeting with Council and Second Year Students followed by dinner. The Orientation Programme will also feature various interactive and enriching sessions by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and other faculty and officers of the Institute.

During the Orientation Program, each day will commence at 6:00 AM with 'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness' sessions conducted by Sahil Mehra, Yoga Guru. Top bureaucrats and industry speakers are also invited to address the new batch and motivate them for their academic journey at IIM Jammu. On the second day, Dr. Karan Singh, Former Union Cabinet Minister for Health, Civil Aviation, and Education, Govt. of India, and Ambassador of India to the USA, Dr. Anurag Batra, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief E4m & BW Businessworld Group, Deepali Jetley, Chief People Officer, Marengo Asia Hospitals, Sourav Dasgupta, Sr. Vice President & Head of IT, All Cargo Logistics Ltd., will address the students.

This will be followed by cultural programs organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKACL). The third day will feature Shashi Kumar K, Talent Acquisition and Early careers (University Campus) India Lead, Publicis Sapient, Sheetal Sharma, Associate Director People and Culture, Grant Thornton, Satish Mohapatra, EVP Talent

Acquisition, Maruti Suzuki, Koustubh Kanade, Senior Leadership, British Biologicals, Mohit Gupta, Co-Founder, Friends of Books (FROB) and Anubhuti Sharda, DySP Cyber Cell, Jammu. The day will conclude with cultural programs by 'Natrang' led by Padmashri Balwant Thakur.

The fourth day will feature prominent leaders and bureaucrats including, Anshul Garg, CEO, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Deven Kanade, Director-Industry Solutions, Oracle, Kavita Kurup, Chief People Officer, UST, Dipti Naidu, Manager, HR Business Partner, Mastereard Technology Private Limited, Shiv Shankar Sharma, Secretary at Federation for World Academics (FWA) and Founder & Facilitator, Education Post, Mehul Oza, Vice President - HR, NSE, Dinesh Pandey, Leadership Team of Founder's Office, Mu Sigma. The day will conclude with cultural programs by first-year students.

The fifth day will feature notable speakers including Anand Jain, ADGP, Jammu, Souren Paul, Country Brand Lead - (Marketing Head) Pfizer, Pfizer, Nishant Shekhar, Managing Director, BCG, Sushmita Sinha, Head of Talent Acquisition and Internal Committees, Jubilant Food Works Ltd, Manay Khaitan, Associate Director and Head Supply Chain Finance, PepsiCo.

The holistic five-day orientation program at IIM Jammu is designed to provide a comprehensive and enriching experience, preparing the new batch for a stimulating academic journey ahead.

# ADGP Jammu conducts inspection of Kanachak Police Station



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain during visit to Kanachak.

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JAMMU: In a concerted effort to address and investigate recent security concerns, the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) JSK Jammu, Sunil Gupta, SSP Jammu, Vinod

Kumar, conducted a comprehensive visit to village Raipura. The team also visited Police Station Kanachak. Subsequently, the officers proceeded to the Border Outpost (BOP) Old Kanachak, where they interacted with the Inspector General of BSF Jammu and other senior BSF

officers. The discussions focused on aiming to enhance coordination and fortify security measures.

The Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone has issued a directive to the team at Police Station Kanachak to prioritize the investigation of pending cases. Emphasizing the importance of timely justice, the ADGP urged the officers to meticulously review each case file and expedite the investigative processes. This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the police force in Kanachak, ensuring that unresolved cases receive the attention they require.

# BJP Tourism Cell JKUT meets Director, Joint Director Tourism Dept, highlights pilgrims places in Jammu

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JAMMU: Ravi Bakshi, the convener of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Tourism Cell in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT), led a delegation to meet Director Vivekanand Rai and Joint Director Sunaina Sharma Mehta of the Tourism Department in Jammu.

The delegation aimed to highlight issues faced by tourists and discuss measures to improve their experience. Accompanying Bakshi were District Convener Aditya Gupta, Co-Convenor Charan Preet Singh Bagga, and Ravi Kant from Udhampur.

Ravi Bakshi emphasized the significance of tourism as the largest and fastest-growing industry in JKUT, which provides an opportunity for people to understand the culture, civilization, and religious aspects of the region. He pointed out that Jammu serves as a



BJP leaders calling on Director Vivekanand Rai and Joint Director Sunaina Sharma Mehta.

crucial point for pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi and for those traveling to Kashmir, Poonch, Doda, and Ladakh.

Bakshi stressed the need for better promotion of tourist spots in Jammu through various media channels to attract pilgrims. Bakshi advocated for comprehensive tourism planning in the Jammu region, taking into account the needs of both local residents and tourists.

He mentioned that the

District Tourism Cell teams of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur had personally visited several tourist spots to assess their potential and suggested that the tourism department ensure smooth connectivity to these locations.

He highlighted several notable tourist attractions in the region, including the world's highest railway bridge in Jammu, the Gondola in Maha Maya Mandir with Bahu Fort,

potential of Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, and Kathua districts as tourist destinations, with their picturesque beauty, natural water streams, and mesmerizing topography. He mentioned that the hilly terrains surrounding Ramnagar, Basantgarh, Duda, Latti, Sudhmaha Dev, and Mantalai could provide tourists with alternative places to visit while boosting the economy of the residents in these backward areas.

Bakshi also noted the

The JKUT BJP Tourism Cell submitted a list of tourist spots to the Director of Tourism for planning, with the aim of promoting Jammu as a favorite tourist destination.

This initiative is expected to provide livelihood opportunities to many residents of Jammu, especially with the region anticipating more than 17 million tourists this season.

# Charandeep Singh receives SKOCH Award 2024 for "Sustainable & Zero Landfill Amarnathji Yatra-2023"

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NEW DELHI: Labour Commissioner, Charandeep Singh, has received the esteemed SKOCH Award 2024 for his exceptional performance in achieving a "Sustainable and Zero Landfill Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023."

The award ceremony was held at the prestigious SKOCH Summit in New Delhi.

Under the guidance of Mandeep Kaur, the then Commissioner Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, J&K, and valuable cooperation from Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, this groundbreaking initiative has transformed the Yatra into an environmentally sustainable pilgrimage.

Charandeep Singh, who served as Director Rural Sanitation, J&K, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj during the project, spearheaded the "Zero



Landfill Shri Amarnathji Yatra" project, achieving remarkable results in waste reduction, segregation, and scientific processing. Despite the challenging Himalayan terrain with harsh weather, non-motorable roads, and limited electricity, the project successfully operated 13 Solid Waste Management Facilities, including biogas plants, composting plants, and material recovery facilities. In this regard, several innovative solutions were employed, such as special purpose organic waste shredders and manual bailing machines in high altitude camps without electricity. The segregated waste was then

sent to recycling centers, minimizing environmental impact.

Besides, Extensive Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns were also conducted to educate pilgrims, langar operators and service providers about waste minimization and source segregation. These efforts included audio jingles, video anthems, posters, banners, information kiosks, free cloth bag distribution, and swachhata rallies. Charandeep Singh said that this Sustainable and Zero Landfill Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023 was one of its kind unprecedented event which was only possible through the combined team efforts of the divisional administration, district administration, Shrine Board and sanitation partner agencies along with the entire rank and file of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. This historic achievement was even presented during the COP-28 Conference in Dubai, UAE.