

VC Vishwakarma Skill University calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses StartUp initiatives

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NEW DELHI: Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, which is the unique University of its kind in the country, called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Tuesday to discuss the various StartUp initiatives undertaken at the University and also brief the Minister about the innovative measures adopted to foster an environment conducive to the growth of science and technology as well as StartUp promotion.



Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana, Raj Nehru calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at New Delhi on Tuesday.

Jitendra Singh commended the University's efforts to shift from traditional education towards skill development and forge strong industry linkages. He emphasized the importance of creating a highly skilled workforce ready to be employed in various emerging sectors.

Referring to Rs. 1 Lakh Crore budgetary support announced for Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF), the Minister shared that a mechanism for spurring private sector driven research and innovation on a commercial scale is the government's priority. Vice Chancellor Raj Nehru invited Dr. Jitendra Singh to inaugurate the Centre of Excellence established at the University, recalling that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of the institution. He proudly shared that the university, a State institution under the Haryana Government, has achieved numerous accolades. Furthermore, the Vice Chancellor introduced the 'USTAV Foundation,' an initiative supporting school students and young innovators to turn their ideas into successful startups by providing funding and necessary support through industry partnerships. Dr. Jitendra Singh praised this initiative and wished for its success.



Delegation of J&K Sikh Coordination Committee calls on LG



Sikh Coordination Committee J&K delegation calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Sikh Coordination Committee J&K led by its patron Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh, Chief of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan on Tuesday. Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for resolving long pending issues of the Sikh community including the recent appointment of a member of J&K Public Service Commission from the community. The members of the delegation submitted a

Budget is public-friendly, focused on inclusive growth and development: Sunil Sethi

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and chief spokesperson Adv Sunil Sethi on Tuesday elaborated that the union budget for the financial year 2024-25 was all-inclusive, catering to the needs and aspirations of all sections of society. The budget discussion was organized under the leadership of its President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan here at party headquarters, Jammu, in the presence of former MLC Charanjit Singh Khalsa, State Secretary Ayodhya Gupta, Prabhari District Jammu Rajiv Charak, and all BJP Cells Co-Incharge Ved Sharma. In a statement issued to the media fraternity, Sunil Sethi stated, as far as J&K is concerned, the UT has got a Rs 1,18,390 crore budget for the financial year of 2024-25. For the first time, J&K has been allocated a whopping over Rs 42,000 crore in cen-



BJP J&K chief spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi speaking at Union budget discussion at Jammu on Tuesday.

tral assistance, including Rs 12,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP), he said. "This substantial allocation will help strengthen and modernize JKP in its fight against terrorists, particularly at a time when Pakistan is making all-out efforts to revive terrorism here. This will also contribute towards bolstering VDGs," Sethi said. Sunil Sethi said budget is public-friendly and focused on growth and development. He also appreciated the allocation of substantial funds for completion of Jammu

and Srinagar Smart City projects and the change in tax slabs offering income tax relief for the middle class, particularly the salaried class and pensioners. Highlighting the provisions of the union budget, Sethi said, "The seventh union budget 2024-25 of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has unveiled new hopes and innovative policies of the government. The budget is all-inclusive, encompassing provisions for all sections of society. With Rs 2 lakh crore outlay for job creation schemes, it focuses on the generation of 2.90 lakh new jobs for the youth; as a part of the skill-enhancement program, around 1 crore youth will be provided internship opportunities." In her presidential address, Rekha Mahajan, a prominent BJP leader, lavished praise on Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, saying she is doing an "excellent job" in managing the country's finances. She highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has presented a budget that is truly people-centric. "The budget's emphasis on education, healthcare, and infrastructure development will benefit all sections of society," Rekha Mahajan said. She highlighted the budget's key initiatives, including increased allocation for education and skill development, enhanced healthcare facilities and insurance coverage, a boost to infrastructure development, including roads, railways, and airports, etc. District Secretary Rohin Chandan presented a vote of thanks.

ADGP Jammu visits Kathua District, inspects working of Police Stations

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu, Anand Jain, on Tuesday visited Kathua district to conduct a thorough inspection of various police establishments. The visit was aimed at assessing the working conditions, operational efficiency, and infrastructural needs of the Police Stations in the region. ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain was accompanied by SSP Kathua Anayat Ali Choudhary, and other Police officers of the district. The ADGP's inspection tour included visits to the police establishments which include Police Station Hiranagar, Police Station Rajbagh, Border Police Post Chakra, Police Post Marheen and Police Station Kathua. During the visit, the ADGP



ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain inspecting working at Police station.

interacted with the officers and personnel at each location, reviewing their performance and discussing various challenges faced in their respective jurisdictions. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of professionalism and dedication to duty. ADGP Jammu also assessed the living conditions and facilities provided to the Police personnel, acknowl-

edging the importance of a conducive and secure environment for the well-being of those dedicated to ensuring public safety. The ADGP inspected the administrative setup, reviewed ongoing cases, and discussed strategies to enhance community policing and crime prevention at Police Station Hiranagar. He also examined the available facilities and directed the station in-charge to ensure proper maintenance of records and prompt response to public grievances. At Rajbagh, the ADGP evaluated the station's operational readiness and interacted with the staff to understand their needs and concerns. Moreover, he examined the operation of the Woman Help Desk at Rajbagh Police station. The ADGP's visit to the

JPDCL's TEC approves several power supply schemes for Jammu division

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JAMMU: Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited's (JPDCL) Techno Economic Committee (TEC) today cleared and subsequently approved several power supply schemes for Jammu division. The TEC which met here under the chairmanship of Managing Director, JPDCL, Vikas Kundal discussed, deliberated and accorded Techno Economic Clearance to the various schemes. Besides chairperson, the meeting was also attended by Chief Engineer JPDCL (Distribution) JPDCL, Chief Engineer (Planning and Procurement) JPDCL, Chief Engineer (Projects) JPDCL, Director Finance JPDCL and Technical Officer to MD, JPDCL, Jammu. The committee approved schemes to be undertaken in



MD JPDCL, Vikas Kundal chairing TAC meeting.

UT CAPEX Budget. The schemes include Outsourcing of manpower for various Receiving Stations and 33KV lines amounting to Rs. 200.22 lakh which will meet shortage of staff required for operation of existing and new Receiving Stations and 33KV lines to ensure reliable power to consumers of Jammu District; Creation of New 3.15MVA, 33/11KV Receiving Station at Malwana Gundna, Doda and Creation of New 6.3MVA, 33/11KV Receiving Station at Chilli, Pingal (Bhalessa) District Doda amounting to Rs. 450.76 and Rs. 554.07 lakh respectively which will provide quality power to Malwana Gundna and Chilli Pingal areas of District Doda, as the inhabitants were facing low voltage problem.

BJP committed to ensure sustainable development, better quality life for people: Yudhvir Sethi



Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi interacting with people.

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring sustainable development and a better quality of life for all citizens. This was reaffirmed by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP, Jammu & Kashmir, during his visit to the Kabir Basti area today, where he took stock of the various challenges faced by the residents. On the occasion, Dr Akshay former Corporator, Raman Sharma, Mandal President Amphalla, Prithvi, Basti President Rajkumar, Govinda and Rohit Mahajan accompanied the senior BJP leader. During his visit, Yudhvir Sethi interacted with the local people, who lauded him for his proactive approach in resolving their long-standing issues, particularly the construction of a protection wall and the

Sood, Raina, Koul address Tridev, Morcha Sammelans across region

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JAMMU: The BJP on Tuesday held a series of Tridev and Morcha Sammelans across various Assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, focusing on empowering different communities and highlighting government achievements. Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP President, praised the party's efforts to empower farmers, women, and youth, and improve socio-economic conditions through various welfare schemes initiated by the Modi government. He emphasized the party's commitment to uplift marginalized communities and criticized past governments for neglecting them. Ashish Sood lauded the Modi government's development initiatives in Jammu & Kashmir, contrasting it with the alleged resource mismanagement by previous NC, PDP, and Congress-led administrations. Ashok Koul highlighted infrastructural develop-

ments, such as the major rail bridge in Reasi, which connects Kashmir with the rest of India, and asserted that these achievements were made possible by the BJP government. Other key leaders, including Dr. Nirmal Singh, Sat Sharma, Pawan Khajuria, Ch. Talib Hussain, and Dalip Parihar, addressed various Sammelans, discussing issues related to agriculture, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). They emphasized ongoing efforts to address community needs and prepare for upcoming assembly elections. Events included the Kisan Morcha Sammelan in Jammu North, SC Morcha Sammelan in Ramgarh, and Mahila Morcha Sammelans in Doda and Hiranagar, among others. Each session aimed to consolidate support, address local concerns, and highlight the BJP's role in regional development.

RTO Enforcement Teams conduct drives in Jammu

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JAMMU: In a bid to improve road safety and ensure compliance with transport regulations, the enforcement teams of Regional Transport Office (RTO) Jammu conducted a thorough vehicle enforcement drives during the last four days. The enforcement drives covered over 450 vehicles, focusing on key compliance areas including Speed Limiting Devices (SLDs), Overloading in Passenger Vehicles, emission violations, vehicle fitness violations and documentation related violations. "SLD being one of the most important factor particularly in passenger Vehicles to avoid overspeeding, was checked in Mini-Buses, Buses, Taxi/Maxi Cabs and violators were booked accordingly under the provisions of M.V. Act and Rules framed thereunder. Pankaj Bhagotra, RTO, Jammu said that our goal is to ensure all vehicles meet safety standards to protect commuters, drivers as well as pedestrians. Our recent enforcement drives underscores our commitment to this cause, he added. The enforcement drives resulted in detecting 121 violations and e-Challans/penalties were issued accordingly. A fine of Rs. 126400 (Rupees One Lac Twenty Six Thousand & Four Hundred) was imposed on violators during these drives. In addition to issuing e-Challans, the overload Passenger Vehicles were offloaded on spot and alternate vehicles were arranged for the extra passengers for



Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQr) checking document during a drive.

their respective destinations. The RTO teams will continue to conduct regular enforcement drives to uphold road safety standards. Moreover public/commuters were encouraged to report any malpractice with the Motor Vehicle Department during these drives. The enforcement teams comprised of Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQr), Mudisar Iqbal, ARTO (B.O.I-G), Kuldeep Singh, ARTO (B.O.I-P) Motor Vehicles Inspectors, Vikas Srivats, Surinder Kumar, Jasbir Singh, Jagandeep Singh, SMVI, Amanish Sharma and Tarunjit Singh (MVTA).