

Dr Jitendra Singh, Gen N C Vij awarded Honoris Causa Ist Convocation of CUJ held

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JAMMU, Mar 18: As first Convocation of Central University of Jammu was held here today, Ph D, M Phil and PG Degrees were awarded besides Gold Medals to the successful candidates in the presence of Nobel Laureate Dalai Lama and other dignitaries.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State in Prime Minister Office and former Chief of Army Staff, NC Vij (Retd.) were awarded Doctor of Philosophy

you ever asked yourself who is going to build that New India? It is to be built by the people of India. More than 70 per cent population of the country is that of youth," he said.

General N C Vij, in his address, said that the 21st century belongs to India, provided all the institutions in the country rise up to the challenges and deliver. "Political leadership of the country, the Legislature, Judiciary, Bureaucracy and Armed forces, besides the people of the country, would be responsible for the rise of India," he said while speaking

Report and highlighted the achievements of the university in the arena of science and technology, education and curriculum.

Informing that 47 research projects were started by the university, the VC also stressed on the technological advancements of the university, including the automated Library, WIFI availability and smart cards.

In the first ever Convocation of CUJ, 14 students were awarded Ph D degrees, 20 M Phil degrees and 43 Gold Medals.

Those who were awarded Ph D Degrees, included; Mohd. Younus Bhat, Khalid Manzoor, Mohamd Saleem Lone and Mehraj Ahmad Lone, Pooja Bhagat, Jawaid Ahmad Ittoo, Mohd Haneef Kumar, Jyoti Bala, Anshu Mali, Gunjet Mahiwal, Khurshedd Hussain Dar, Indu Koul, Reemani Verma and Lt Gen (Retd) Komsam Himalay Singh.

M Phil Degrees were awarded to Shuchita Bakshi, Aamir Ali Ansari (Posthumous), Shivani Slathia, Tariq Ahmad Lone, Anjana Kumari, Mansoor Ahmed, Zen Ul Aabidin, Pallavi, Ram Kumar, Vidya Bhaskar Shukla, Sayima Irshad, Sonam Angmo, Nirmal Kumari, Anuradha, Pankaj Bhardwaj, Stanzin Stamin, Deepanjali Sharma, Simpy Bala Sabarwal, Dolon Sarkar and Rubina Akhtar.

Toppers, who were awarded Gold Medals, included, Amandeep Kour, Pooja Anand, Pranav Sharma, Sindhya, Priyanka Mahajan, Rupali, Heena Saini, Richa Vats, Manav Singh Jamwal, Nourcen Rehman, Sunakshi Gupta, Surbhi Gupta, Tarun Vashishat, Shivalika Sharma, Vijeta Bhagat, Diksha Kapoor, Kumari Roma, Sukandhya Kumari, Himmat Sharma, Seema Rani Thappa, Deepak Antal, Sorab Kochhar, Sonali Rana, Sakshi, Vijay Kumar, Chetana Kumari, Priyank Goswami, Anjuman Deep Singh, Manmeet Kour, Akshay Kumar, Vinica Bhat, Sonam Angmo, Nandini Sharma, Parul, Anu Sharma, Kavita Rani, Shriya Raina, Munish Sharma, Shivali Mehra, Somalya Dogra, Haneez Kaur, Zulaykha Khurshid Dijoog and Manik Jain.

Parvez Ahmad, Chairman and CEO of J&K Bank presented recently instituted 'The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Gold Medals' to Richa Vats and Manik Jain.

In the absence of Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor Prof Ashok Aima granted permission to Registrar Dr Ravi Kumar for declaring open the Convocation and close the same.



CUJ VC awarding Honoris Causa to Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and Ex Army Chief NC Vij while Dalai Lama looks on during the University Convocation on Sunday.

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(Honoris Causa) Degrees by the Vice Chancellor of Central University Jammu, Professor Ashok Aima. Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Advisor to the J&K Chief Minister, was also present on the dais.

In his 'Acceptance Speech', Dr Jitendra Singh said that he was accepting this honour with all the humility, as a token of love, affection and recognition from the land of Jammu which he had served for a better part of his life, with all the diligence and commitment at his command.

The Union Minister said that Central University Jammu has to focus on unique contribution towards scientific education and in future it would be the centre of excellence. He said that a good education institution is the one which has an exclusive stream of teaching and international standard of research output.

Stressing the need to overcome the confusion that has been created by linking the degrees with education and terming the situation as challenging, Dr Jitendra Singh disclosed that 96 out of 170 IAS recent pass out were toppers of leading IITs of India. "This is great loss the country's resources as the nation is spending huge resources in grooming them technocrats who are ending up coming as Babus," he said and added that in the process, casualty was the aptitude and caliber.

"Prime Minister Modi keeps talking about New India. Have

on 'India emerging and role of Armed forces in nation building.'

While elaborating, he said the 21st century is predicted to be the Asian century and it is because more than 50 per cent of the global output and more than 60 per cent of the business is going to be from the region. "Three of the five economies of the world will be from Asia. These are China, India and Japan. So that the world is looking towards Asia and the world is specifically looking at India because, by 2020, we will be the youngest nation in the world," he explained.

Pointing out that by 2020 the country would have the single largest English speaking population and skilled force in the world while our economy is rising very fast and at a good pace, Gen Vij said that the only other competitor will be China but the world is skeptical about this country because of its expansionist and non-democratic nature.

He suggested India to venture into the business of arms manufacturing on principle of dual use technology, which should be useful for weapons and also for the civil purpose.

Stating that India is confronted with maximum challenge along the borders, the former Army Chief said that the Armed forces are rock solid as far as security and fence of the country are concerned.

Earlier, CUJ Vice-Chancellor Prof Ashok Aima presented the University

15 kanal prime land worth crores retrieved 73 structures dismantled in Rajouri road widening operation

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JAMMU, Mar 18: In yet another major anti-encroachment operation aimed at widening of roads, the District Administration Rajouri retrieved around 15 kanals of prime land worth crores in Municipal limits and smashed about 73 structures (partially/

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary and SSP Yugal Manhas were closely monitoring the operation.

BJP leader, Kuldip Raj Gupta (Having MoS Rank), whose shop is located near Abdullah bridge himself appeared at the site and showed some resistance but the officers



Administration carrying out anti-encroachment drive in Rajouri on Sunday.

fully), including a shop of senior BJP leader and Vice Chairman of Pahari Board, Kuldip Raj Gupta besides several houses today.

The day long operation involving over 12 JCBs and 150 security men, commenced early in the morning and the illegal structures raised on alignment of roads were removed. The drive was aimed at widening of the main approach road of Rajouri town.

A team comprised of Tehsildar Rajouri, Executive Office Municipal Committee and field staff initiated the anti-encroachment drive with security and Police assistance lead by SDPO Manjankote. Officers from PHE and PDD pressed their teams into action for shifting of utilities for uninterrupted supply of services. PWD (R&B) marked the alignment of road.

that a total 73 structures were demolished which included illegal structures like stairs, extensions, roof and annexes encroaching upon road and several shops constructed on Government land. These structures included 59 extension cases and 24 shops. Eight shops constructed by a Government department in violation of norms were also demolished. The extension involved an area cover ranging from 2 ft to 12 ft and overall carpet area ranging from 40 Sq ft to 120 Sqft. These structures were covered over more than 15 kanals of land.

Deputy Commissioner along with other officers from line departments also visited the spot and inspected the anti-encroachment drive again in the evening. More than a dozen machines and round 150 string contingent of police and CRPF was deployed. However, no untoward incident was reported.

The DC also appreciated the gesture of most of the shopkeepers in personally facilitating the removal of encroachments. Some individuals attempted to create ruckus at the culmination of the drive was witnessed, however the general public from the area extended cooperation.

It is pertinent to mention here that several deputations from Rajouri town approached the Chief Minister on December 23, 2017 during the public outreach programme and demanded removal of encroachments wherein District Administration was issued directions. The district administration in two such drives earlier has retrieved more than 285 Kanal prime State land and major infrastructure development projects have been started over same. The general public of Rajouri town has widely appreciated the action of District Administration.

in the Administration asked him to stay away as prior notice was served to all and moreover, all were equal in the eyes of law. There was some protest from the local people including BJP workers but the Administration carried out its operation with the help of strong police force. Later, in the evening another strong group of people in the town raised slogans in support of DC Rajouri, lauding his efforts of clearing road near congested Gujjar Mandi-Abdullah Bridge area and some other parts. They demanded that main approach road right from Salani Bridge to Gujjar Mandi Chowk and also towards Darhali Morh and Old Bus Stand side be cleared from encroachment by people. An official spokesman said



A view of the Holy Cave of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji on the commencement of Navratras.

Shat Chandi Maha Yagya commences at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

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KATRA, Mar 18: Shat Chandi Maha Yagya organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board at the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji commenced today on the auspicious occasion of beginning of Navratras amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras and performance of other religious ceremonies.

The Maha Yagya, which is performed at the Holy Cave Shrine during Navratras for peace and prosperity, will conclude with Purna Ahuti on Ramanavami.

The Bhawan, Atka and the area surrounding it have been tastefully decorated with flowers brought from various parts of the country and abroad. The Shrine Board has made elaborate arrangements for the large number of pilgrims expected to visit the shrine during Navratras, which include sufficient water and uninterrupted power supply along the track and in the Bhawan area, sanitation and availability of special "fasting" related food at the Bhogjanalayas of the Shrine Board.

The Shrine Board has also

launched a special sanitation drive on the track and in the Bhawan area for ensuring utmost sanitation and cleanliness. This cleanliness drive is in addition to the normal sanitation activities of the Shrine Board which include maintaining sanitation along the entire track and various establishments of the Shrine Board.

Anshul Garg, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Jagdish Singh, SDM Bhawan; other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides a large number of pilgrims were present on the occasion.

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