

# Record number of tourists visiting UT show new and changed J&K: Minister

**\*Key areas identified for Agri growth: LG**

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SRINAGAR, Oct 11: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today launched 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health

est gratitude to PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister Parshottam Rupala for implementing 'A-HELP' Programme for livestock sector in J&K and the launch of 50 state-of-the-art Mobile Veterinary Units to provide veterinary health services at the doorsteps.



**Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Parshottam Rupala at a programme in Srinagar on Tuesday.**

and Extension of Livestock Production) programme and Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme in the Union Territory of J&K. Rupala, who presided over the launch ceremony, congratulated the UT Government and the people of J&K on the beginning of a new era in Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Health Care sector and becoming the first UT to launch Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme.

ward on the path to progress, the Lt Governor informed that an apex committee has already laid down the road map and assured the farmers that no region in the country has developed such model. He further sought participation of all stakeholders for the effective implementation of the recommendations of the apex committee on the ground.

Sinha said that dedicated efforts of Self Help Groups and Cooperatives are complemented by the Government support to strengthen the entire value-chain from milk production, processing to marketing so that farmers can receive higher prices and improve their quality of life.

Milk Self Help Groups and Farmer Producers Organisations established by JKRLM will be called as village level dairy Cooperative Societies and they will become eligible for various benefits provided under different Central sector schemes, he said.

The Union Minister said that the 'A-HELP' programme and Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme will increase accessibility of veterinary services at farmers' doorsteps while empowering the Pau Sakhis.

The new initiative will play a significant role in vaccination, breeding, and livestock extension programs, he said.

Now the veterinary Hospital is just a call away. Dairy farmers can dial 1962 on phone and a Mobile Veterinary Unit, equipped with state-of-the-art veterinary diagnostic and treatment accessories, a qualified Veterinarian, a Para-Vet, will be at their door step, the Lt Governor added.

Pointing out that women have played a crucial role in sustaining the household incomes by participating in the agricultural activities including livestock rearing, Sinha said, tangible interventions in livestock sector can guarantee increase in household income and women empowerment.

Although the livestock sector offers tremendous opportunities for women but till now institutional support was lacking. This gap will be filled with the launch of A-HELP program, he added.

Sinha said that for holistic growth of agriculture & allied sector, we have identified key areas where J&K UT has a core competence for integrated action. "We have decided to achieve certain goals with clear targets. It is our responsibility to fully support our farmers in building a bright future for themselves and the society," he added.

Noting that Agriculture & allied sector is full of self-confidence today and is marching forward. "We have decided to achieve certain goals with clear targets. It is our responsibility to fully support our farmers in building a bright future for themselves and the society," he added.

He also assured full support from the Union Ministry to the UT Government for development and growth of the Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and the Dairy sector.

The Union Minister appealed to the farming community to avail the benefits of the schemes and programmes launched by the Central Government under the guidance of the Prime Minister aiming at improving the standard of living and their overall welfare.

Further, the Union Minister said that record number of tourists visiting the UT speaks volumes about the new and changed Jammu Kamir. He also expressed his affection towards the language, culture and the warm hospitality of the people of J&K.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor expressed deep-

## DDC Kulgam reviews progress under District Capex

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KULGAM, Oct 11: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers at conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the progress and status of works under District Capex budget 2022-23.



During the meeting the DDC took sector wise review and progress of works in Education, RDD, PDD, Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, PHE and other sectors.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department said, it is a proud moment that J&K has been selected for the pilot launch of the A-HELP programme. He said that new initiatives taken in convergence of two Ministries- Animal Husbandry and Rural development through National Rural Livelihood Mission will help in filling the gap between Animal Husbandry and Veterinary health services.

Upamanyu Basu, Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, and Dairying gave detailed information regarding the newly launched A-HELP programme and Mobile Veterinary Unit Schemes.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Joint Director Planning and Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Exen REW PDD, BDOs and other officers.

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**Advisor Bhatnagar during National Level Conference.**

## Advisor addresses two day National Level Conference

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Oct 11: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that with the rapid development and increasing connectivity across the global world, the problem of virus transmissions is amplifying on daily basis.



**Advisor Bhatnagar during National Level Conference.**

The Advisor made these remarks while addressing the two day National Level Conference cum Workshop on 'Emerging Viral Infections, Challenges and Road Ahead' at Government Medical College here.

The Conference was organized by Post Graduate Department of Microbiology, GMC Srinagar in collaboration with ICMR, New Delhi.

Addressing the large gathering of eminent doctors, medical researchers and other scholars, Advisor Bhatnagar said that due much interconnected world, the virus transmissions are amplifying and we as a society need to be future ready for facing any kind of viral exigencies in future. He added that we need to develop our infrastructure keeping in view the future challenges the viruses may pose for the mankind.

## GMC nod for shifting CD hospital to Sonwar

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Oct 11: The authorities today accorded sanction to the shifting of the CD hospital to GB Panth hospital after assessing the functionality of all vital aspects.

According to an order issued by Principal Medical College, Srinagar, CD hospital will be now utilized as an infectious disease hospital.

"Consequent upon the shifting of GB Panth Hospital to newly constructed 500 bedded Children Hospital Bema vide Govt. Order No. as mentioned in the reference above, sanction is hereby accorded to the shifting of the entire CD Hospital to GB Panth Hospital Sonwar Srinagar after assessing the functionality of all vital aspects by Medical Superintendent Chest Disease Hospital and HOD Pulmonary & Respiratory Medicine Chest Diseases Hospital Srinagar," order issued here reads.

It further stated that the existing Chest Diseases Hospital shall be utilized as a communicable or Infectious Diseases Hospital and in the later stage may be kept for a Drug De-Addiction center also, if the need arises.

## Sushil Khajuria appointed Inquiry Officer

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Oct 11: Sushil Kumar Khajuria, Additional Secretary in Higher Education Department, has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer for inquiry into unauthorized absence from duty by Talat Khan, Association Professor of Computer Applications in Government Degree College Nagrota.

The Inquiry Officer shall conduct detailed inquiry into unauthorized absence of the Associate Professor, who remained stationed abroad without permission with effect from November 1, 2021 to September 19, 2022.

He shall submit the report within 15 days, along with specific recommendations. An order in this regard was issued today by the Higher Education Department.

## Dr Jitendra addresses UN meet, highlights India's growing geospatial economy

*Excelsior Correspondent*

HYDERABAD, Oct 11: India's geospatial economy is expected to cross Rs 63,000 crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8% and provide employment to more than 10 lakh people, mainly through Geospatial StartUps.

This was stated here today by Union Minister for Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing the Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UN-WGIC) 2022 here today.

The 5-day conference is being attended by over 2,000 delegates including 700 plus international delegates & participants from about 150 countries. Moreover, National Mapping Agencies (NMAs) like the Survey of India, which has a glorious history of 255 years, senior officials, non-governmental organizations, academia, and industry, user, & private sector from across the globe are taking part in the Geospatial Congress.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the current boom of technology-led start-ups, there are around 250 Geospatial StartUps in India and to give further boost to this sector, the Minister unveiled a Geospatial Incubator today.

The Minister pointed out that the national organizations like Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization (NATMO), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Informatics Centre implemented several GIS-based pilot projects across a range of domains like waste resource management, forestry, urban planning, etc. to demonstrate the applications of Geospatial Technology.

The Minister said, the Government, industry, researchers, academia, and civil society are coming together to establish quality geospatial ecosystem to build key solutions. He said, democratization of Indian geospatial ecosystem will spur domestic innovation and enable Indian companies to compete in the global mapping Geospatial Congress, Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the Government of India released the new geospatial data guidelines in 2021, where it acknowledged the benefits of availability of comprehensive, highly accurate, granular and constantly updated representation of Geospatial Data in diverse sectors of the economy with the belief that it will significantly boost innovation in the country and greatly enhance the preparedness of the country for emergency response.



**Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the 5-day UN World Geospatial Information Congress (UN-WGIC) 2022, at Hyderabad on Tuesday.**

cantly boost innovation in the country and greatly enhance the preparedness of the country for emergency response.

Dr Jitendra Singh, however, pointed out that a modernized and evolved national geospatial ecosystem cannot be developed based on the innovations and advancements in technology only, but has to be based on the individual priorities of the stakeholders (including nations) and how it can impact the lives as well as livelihoods of the common citizens.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the recent Covid-19 pandemic management is a remarkable example where geo-enabled technology was used to develop a health service app, which helped in identifying containment zones, aided in monitoring citizen movement, administering vaccines and ensuring social distancing. Other geo-enabled technologies helped in managing activities like sanitizing hotspots, establishing telemedicine facilities for remote health care and diagnosis, and analysing infrastructure availability to address the health crisis.

The Minister added that even though geospatial technologies have been produced, used, and managed in the country for over five decades now, the Government of India's revolutionary steps towards geospatial democratization, advocacy, and integration over the last few years gave a new momentum to this sector.

## Conference on 'Sustainable Agricultural Innovations' at SKUAST-J from tomorrow

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JAMMU, Oct 11: SKUAST-Jammu is going to host a three day Indian Ecology International Conference, 2022 (IESIC 2022) on "Sustainable Agricultural Innovations for Resilient Agro-Food Systems" from 13 to 15 October.



**SKUAST-Jammu Vice Chancellor Prof JP Sharma addressing a press conference on Tuesday.**

Stating that food security is a global issue affecting millions of people around the world and its effects have been worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic, Prof Sharma explained that as the world population continues to grow, much more effort and innovation will be urgently needed in order to sustainably increase agricultural production, improve the global supply chain and decrease food losses.

"Responding to this challenge requires a holistic view of the agriculture sector to develop sustainable, productive and resilient systems for food production, processing and distribution in order to meet the growing demand for food in India and globally," he added.

"Land, healthy soils, water and plant genetic resources are key inputs into food production," and their growing scarcity in many parts of the world makes it imperative to use and manage them sustainably. Boosting yields on existing agricultural lands, including restoration of degraded lands, through sustainable agricultural practices would also relieve pressure to clear forests for agricultural production," said the Vice-Chancellor and underlined the need for wise management of scarce water through improved irrigation and storage technologies, combined with development of new drought-resistant crop varieties.

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J&K Police has registered a case against a mauvi for allegedly beating a madrasa student in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir for not following the dress code at the seminary.

Police said the case was registered after a complaint by the boy's father.

On Monday evening, a written complaint was submitted by Mohammad Sadiq Chiche of Kangan Wuder claiming that his minor son was allegedly beaten by Maulvi Reyaz Ahmad Khantana in a local Darul Uloom for not wearing Khandress which is dress code in Darul uloom, police said.

A case under section 341,323, IPC 75 JJ Act has been registered in Police Station Kangan and further investigation has been taken up, a police officer said in Ganderbal. (UNI)