

### Existing industrial landscape transforming across J&K Private investment proposals worth Rs 66,000 cr received, 1455 industrial units established

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SRINAGAR, Feb 15: Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing biggest industrial revolution in the history of UT as private investment proposals worth Rs. 66,000 crore have been received within a period of around one year as well as 1455 industrial units have also started their operations.

These remarkable developments have opened up doors of immense possibilities for the new generation as promised by Lieutenant Governors Administration. The existing industrial landscape is being transformed into a futuristic, profitable and sustainable ecosystem, leading to livelihood generation, better education, skill development and better quality of life.

From job creation to entrepreneurship, Government is going to make J&K a model of Industry 4.0, the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Government is working tirelessly on promoting institutional readiness, increasing entrepreneurship and attracting investments. The multiplier effect of industrial transformation will be felt across the entire length and breadth of the UT.

New Industrial Development Scheme, with an outlay of Rs. 28,400 Crore, has been approved by the Government of India for encouraging investment in manufacturing and service sectors in J&K, which has started helping in stepping up

economic development in Jammu & Kashmir. This is the dawn of new era for the growth, development and overall well-being of the people of J&K. Barriers to commerce and trade have also been removed. The people of J&K can now fully enjoy the rights and benefits enjoyed by all other citizens of India rather than just a limited set of rights and benefits.

J&K is on a mission to renovate, reinvent, and ready to take a quantum leap to become the fastest-growing region in the country, pushing the targets for economic growth and employment. The aim of J&K Administration is to deepen the trust with the business conglomerate, build the industrial base and strengthen the socio-economic stability.

With the consistent efforts of J&K Administration, Jammu and Kashmir is emerging as one of the best destinations in the country for setting up new businesses as of now with the best incentives and improved infrastructure facilities.

Moreover J&K Government is fulfilling all the crucial requirements of the industries including the transparent policy of land allotment, private industrial estate development, ensuring ease of doing business, besides the administration has actively worked with solutions approach and introduced various initiatives and reforms in a short period of time.

### JK saw phenomenal progress under Modi: DDC Chairman

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JAMMU, Feb 15: The quantum of development which the J&K UT witnessed under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP Government at the Centre is unprecedented and what is in offing is also unexpected in many ways.

This was stated by DDC Chairman Jammu Bharat Bhushan Bodhi after inaugurating tile works in the cremation ground at Channu Chak in Marh constituency. The development work was completed with an estimated cost of Rs 5 lakh. On the occasion, DDC member Balbir Lal, BDC Chairman Surinder Kumar, Sarpanch Prem Singh Chib and Panchs Daljeet Kour, Pawan Kumar and Shukar Dass were present.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC Chairman said that with the completion of the aforesaid work a long pending demand of the people of this village has been fulfilled today. He expressed his profound gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP Government for continuously providing funds for the developmental works at Panchayat level, due to which works are going on

unhindered in the Panchayats at a rapid pace. He said that steps are being taken continuously for the development of rural areas under the Modi led Government at the Centre which is making the requisite funds available for the Panchayats.

Bharat Bhushan said that a glance on the comparison between earlier Congress Government's and the BJP dispensation under PM Modi will show the gigantic difference between the two regimes. He said that no previous government in the country took so much pain as the Modi Government, which changed the scenario as far as development profile is concerned and also the political course.



Guest speakers and members of ICAI J&K Branch during a seminar in Jammu on Wednesday.

### J&K ICAI organizes seminar on Union Budget 2023

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JAMMU, Feb 15: The Jammu and Kashmir Branch of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) today organized a seminar on 'Union Budget 2023'.

Eminent speaker (Dr) Girish Ahuja addressed the members on critical issues in Union Budget 2023 with respect to Income Tax Act. Navya Malhotra gave a very detailed presentation on latest development in Goods & Service Tax Act 2017.

Both the guest speakers addressed the queries raised by the members on related issues

and highlighted various aspects of the Union Budget 2023.

Nakul Saraf (Chairman of the Branch) welcomed the guests and delivered the inaugural address. He also deliberated on certain issues of professional importance.

Vineet Kohli (Secretary of the Branch) conducted the proceedings whereas Vikas Purdhami (Vice Chairman of the Branch) presented the formal vote of thanks. A

Other executive members including Ayush Sawhney, Sourav Pargal, Priya Seht along with a number of Chartered Accountants were also present at the occasion.



Plus 2 officers during a meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

### Plus 2 Officers Assn holds meeting

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JAMMU, Feb 15: A meeting of All J&K Plus 2 Officers Association was held in SRML Jammu with the Executive Council members and District Presidents as well as other registered members here on Wednesday.

The meeting discussed the issues of Plus 2 cadre members threadbare to resolve them as soon as possible.

All the speakers authorized the Executive Council to represent and put forth with the Principal Secretary School Education Department (SED) the main issues of the association for their early redressal.

The main issues highlighted by the Plus 2 cadre members include MACP for all the Plus 2

cadre officers, filling up of all posts in SED from lecturers to Joint Directors level, staff in all DIETs as academic units with all infrastructure, regularisation of all the incharge incumbents upto March 2023, approval for the RRs to be uploaded for objections, promotion and placement of more new CEOs and equivalents in March-April 2023 besides other issues.

Those who attended the meeting included Rajeev Kumar Sharma, Kapil Banotra, Dr Rajneesh Sharma, Nittu Bhasin, Prem Paul Verma and others.

### Shutdown in parts of Kashmir against demolition drive

*SRINAGAR, Feb 15:*

Parts of Kashmir on Wednesday, including commercial hub of Lal Chowk, observed a shutdown against the demolition drive launched by the Jammu and Kashmir administration to retrieve state land.

Shops and other business establishments remained closed in most parts of Srinagar while reports reaching here from Anantnag said the main town observed shutdown. Although it was not immediately clear who had called for the strike, unofficial reports from Anantnag said posters purportedly issued by the Hurriyat Conference had appeared at some places in this regard. (PTI)



Renewed artist KK Gandhi has been specially invited by Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) Chandigarh for attending the National art camp as part of 51st Rose Festival from 17th to 19th February at the Leisure Valley. According to chairman of LKA Chandigarh, participation of the Gandhi will not only enhance the grace of the event but also be a treat to the eyes of connoisseurs and other participating artists from across the country. Pertinently, LKA Chandigarh is engaged in promotion of various art forms including painting, literature, sculptures, symposiums etc.

### Secy Culture for early revival, functioning of Abhinav Theatre

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Secretary, Culture Department, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah today visited the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) and Abhinav Theatre and discussed in detail the issues concerning the revival of Abhinav Theatre.

Special Secretary, Trishla Kundal; Officer on Special Duty, Toufal Matto; Additional Secretary, JKAACL and other officers of the Culture Department accompanied the Secretary during the visit.

On the occasion, Dr. Abid interacted with the officers and officials of the JKAACL and heard their grievances patiently. He showed serious concerns about the long-pending promotions and recruitments in JKAACL. He also interacted with the artists present there and listened to their feedback and concerns to get a holistic viewpoint of the issues.

While inspecting the Abhinav Theatre, the Secretary asked the concerned officers to expedite the process for renovation and functioning of the theatre.



IIMC students posing with Defence PRO Col. Anand and others at Jammu on Wednesday.

### IIMC students made aware about Defence reporting

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Colonel Devendra Anand, PRO Defence interacted with the students of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Northern Regional Centre to communicate about the defence reporting, here today.

Colonel Anand shared information about the Indian Army, its working style, its challenges and basics of the defence reporting with the students.

Initially, Prof. Rakesh Kumar Goswami, Regional Director IIMC Jammu welcomed the resource person and emphasized about the defence reporting.

The resource person said, "The right information is disbursed in the right manner, without any delays and it is very important. The defence reporter must be concentrating on national security, integrity and humanitarian values."

He also elaborated on how

the army conducts 'Sadbhava' activities to streamline the thought process of the youth towards the military.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session with students of English Journalism, Hindi Journalism and Digital Media.

During interaction, the Defence PRO mentioned the Defence correspondence course and encouraged students to join this course in future. He mentioned that the course is the best way for a journalist to improve their command on defence reporting and give them holistic exposure.

The Colonel concluded the session by showing the students 'Sainik Samachar'-a magazine. During the session, Prof. Anil Saumitra, Coordinator Hindi Journalism, Dr Dilip Kumar, Coordinator English Journalism, Dr. Vinit Utpal, Coordinator Digital Media, Vishv and Sant Kumar Sharma were present during the event.

### Ever-increasing pool of talented youth in Jammu: RVS iGlobal

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JAMMU, Feb 15: There is ever-increasing pool of educated youth talent in Jammu and we can harness this talent by providing them with an opportunity to work in their home state.

This was stated by Managing Director (MD) RVS iGlobal



Officials of RVS iGlobal and job aspirants during mega job fair organized in Jammu.

Bhatnagar and Sarita Chauhan, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Labor and Employment Department. Job seekers from all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the event.

He said approximately 4,000 job seekers from all over J&K participated in the event. The MD further shared that RVS iGlobal received applications from more than 200 candidates and has shortlisted 60 IT professional candidates, who will be trained on latest IT technologies to work in their Network Operations Centre in Jammu, enabling them to get an international level work exposure while working in their own home land.

"RVS iGlobal is confident to increase its skilled workforce by double fold in next 1 year and with the ever-increasing pool of educated youth talent in Jammu, the journey is looking good going forward", Gupta added.

### Restore exam centers at Devak, Qila Darhal, Androoth: Ex-MLC

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Former MLC and chief spokesperson of JKPC Ravinder Sharma has urged the authorities of J&K Board of School Education to continue the examination centres of 10th 12th class at Higher Secondary School Devak, Qila Darhal and Androoth in Rajouri district.

Sharma further said that he personally visited the Branch office Sunderbani which is presently in a very dilapidated building at Primary School Kathana, where the important record is unsafe. This branch office should be shifted to some suitable alternate place.

He also said that there was a move to open the Board branch at Nowshera for which a site was also selected on my initiative. However thereafter no initiative was taken and the matter is still pending. Besides Nowshera, there is also urgent need for Branch at Kalkote in view of the need of students and teachers in this far flung area. He urged upon the authorities to initiate immediate action in this regard, in the larger interest of students.

### Saurabh chairs maiden meet of Steering Committee constituted for smooth implementation of PM-KUSUM Scheme

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology (S&T), Saurabh Bhagat, today chaired the maiden meeting of the Steering Committee constituted for smooth implementation of PM-KUSUM Scheme across Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by MD, KPDC, CE JPDC, CEO, Jammu & Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) and officers from JKSPDC, Finance, I&FC, Horticulture, Agriculture Departments and other allied departments.

During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary briefed the members on all the three components of the PM-KUSUM Scheme which has primarily been conceived for upliftment of farmers in the country. The Committee members were also updated on the progress achieved by JAKEDA under Component 'A' and 'B' of PM-KUSUM Scheme.

The Commissioner Secretary also advised the officers of Agriculture and Horticulture departments for identification of prospective beneficiaries who could avail the benefits of PM-KUSUM scheme including the provision of easy financing of beneficiary shares, for installation of solar agriculture pumps, through J&K Bank under Kissan Dost Scheme.

It was informed in the meeting that the Component 'A' of PM-KUSUM scheme envisages setting up of Decentralized Ground/ Stilt Mounted Grid Connected Solar or other Renewable Energy based power plants in the capacity range of 0.5 to 2.0 MW within 5 Km radius of grid sub-stations. Under this component JAKEDA has identified seven sites for development of solar power projects with a cumulative capacity of 13.4 MWs.

The Component 'B' of the scheme entails installation of Standalone Solar Agriculture Pumps by farmers with a collective subsidy of 80% for irrigation of their farm lands. JAKEDA has installed 900 solar pumps across the UT of J&K under this component, against a target of 5000 pumps sanctioned by the MNRE, GoI.

Similarly, under Component 'C' of PM-KUSUM Scheme JAKEDA is contemplating to solarize 4000 individual Grid Connected Agriculture Pumps ranging from 1 HP to 15 HP Capacities at a total project cost of Rs.140 Cr in a phased manner with an aim to reduce the electricity subsidy burden of the DISCOMs and earnings by farmers through sale of excess solar power to the DISCOMs or the excess energy generated could be adjusted against the energy bills of their residences under Group Net Metering facility.

During the meeting various issues including execution of power purchase agreements with the farmers under component 'A' of the scheme and installation of bi-directional net meters for all rooftop solar consumers were discussed with the DISCOMs who assured their full cooperation for successful implementation of the scheme.



DC B'pora reviews revenue matters of Ring Road Phase-II

During the meeting, the DC directed the officers about issuance of 3A Gazette Notification for the land measuring 13,929 hectares tentatively. He also briefed the team about disposal of various objections filed by various land owners under Section 3C.

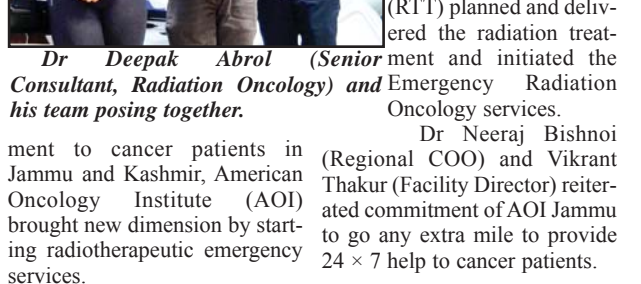
The NHAI officials submitted that some dropped out survey Nos, which were not included in the earlier 3A.

The chair directed the concerned department for issuance of additional 3A notification within two days and after lapse of 21 days, 3D shall be issued for the total land

### AOI starts radiotherapeutic emergency services

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Going by its commitment to provide quality and evidence based management of cancer patients in Jammu and Kashmir, American Oncology Institute (AOI) brought new dimension by starting radiotherapeutic emergency services.



Dr Deepak Abrol (Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncology) and Emergency Radiation Oncology services.

There are few radiotherapeutic emergencies which need urgent attention and one such case landed in AOI Jammu and ASCOMS Sidhra who was in need of urgent Radiation treatment for prostrate bleeding.

A team comprising Dr Deepak Abrol (Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncology), Manjinder Kaur (Medical Physicist) and Shubham Negi (RTT) planned and delivered the radiation treated the radiation treated patient and initiated the Consultation, Radiation Oncology and Emergency Radiation Oncology services.

Dr Neeraj Bishnoi (Regional COO) and Vikrant Thakur (Facility Director) reiterated commitment of AOI Jammu to go any extra mile to provide 24 x 7 help to cancer patients.

### Dir Agri launches 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' drive

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu, K.K Sharma on Wednesday launched Meri Policy Mere Hath (MPMH) drive under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for season Rabi 2022-23 here at Krishi Bhawan Talab Tillo.

He emphasized that Fasal Bima Yojana will go a long way in mitigating financial risk of the farmer suffering from crop losses and it aids in stabilizing farmers' income.

"This will also ensure flow of credit in Agriculture Sector. During current season about 40,000 policies will be delivered to farmers," he maintained adding that 182,000 farmers in J&K have been covered under PMFBY scheme since Khariif 2021 and insurance claims to the tune of Rs. 56 crore have been settled under PMFBY during Khariif 2021 and Rabi 2021-22.

Manoiti Kumar Sharma (CSS), Mahavir Singh Rawat, Reliance GIC and Shubham Paliwal, IFFO Tokio were also present on the occasion besides others.