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## Press Release

### **Viksit Bharat Ambassador Meet Up Jammu: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Information, Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India Addresses Students at IIM Jammu**

**Jammu, March 27, 2024** - The Viksit Bharat Ambassador Meet Up Jammu witnessed a momentous occasion as Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Information, Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, graced the event with his presence at the IIM Jammu Jagti Campus. The event aimed to shed light on India's epochal journey towards becoming a developed nation, under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The event commenced with Ms. Kritika Padode introducing the audience to the Viksit Bharat Ambassador Program, followed by the arrival of Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Information, Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India who was warmly welcomed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu. A walk around the campus and a plantation ceremony added a symbolic touch to the occasion, culminating in the planting of a Rudraksh sapling at the IIM Jammu Campus.

In his address to the students, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Information, Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, highlighted India's remarkable progress over the past decade, emphasizing its emergence as the third-largest startup ecosystem globally. "From sports to space, infrastructure development, manufacturing and science to startups, it is India's decade." He stressed on the exceptional performance of the Indian youth in the last ten years. He proudly emphasized how we have come far from the fragile five to the leading five economies across the globe. He urged the youth to contribute towards India's upward trajectory, envisioning a prosperous 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). The minister underscored the importance of skilling India's youth population and praised initiatives like the Jal Jeevan Mission for positively impacting millions of households.

Acknowledging the role of technology and Agri-tech startups in modernizing agriculture, he highlighted initiatives which empower entrepreneurs and boost economic growth. He lauded India's strides in infrastructure development, public sector project execution, and tax reduction to attract foreign investment. The success of initiatives like the Khelo India Initiative and India's progress in gender equality were also celebrated during his address.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, delivered the welcome address on the Viksit Bharat Ambassador meet up. He welcomed Shri Anurag Singh Thakur Hon'ble Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India. He commended the exponential progress of the nation in all fields including but not exclusive to infrastructure development, education, energy, women empowerment, and healthcare including focus on environmental sustainability, economic development. He reiterated the commitment of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to transforming India into a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by 2047.

The event also featured a Q&A session with Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, providing an opportunity for students to engage directly with the Hon'ble Minister of Information, Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the end of a truly enriching and insightful gathering.

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Glimpses from the Viksit Bharat Ambassador Meet Up at IIM Jammu.

















