



Vice-President to Visit Jammu | Jammu & Kashmir | 15 Feb 2025

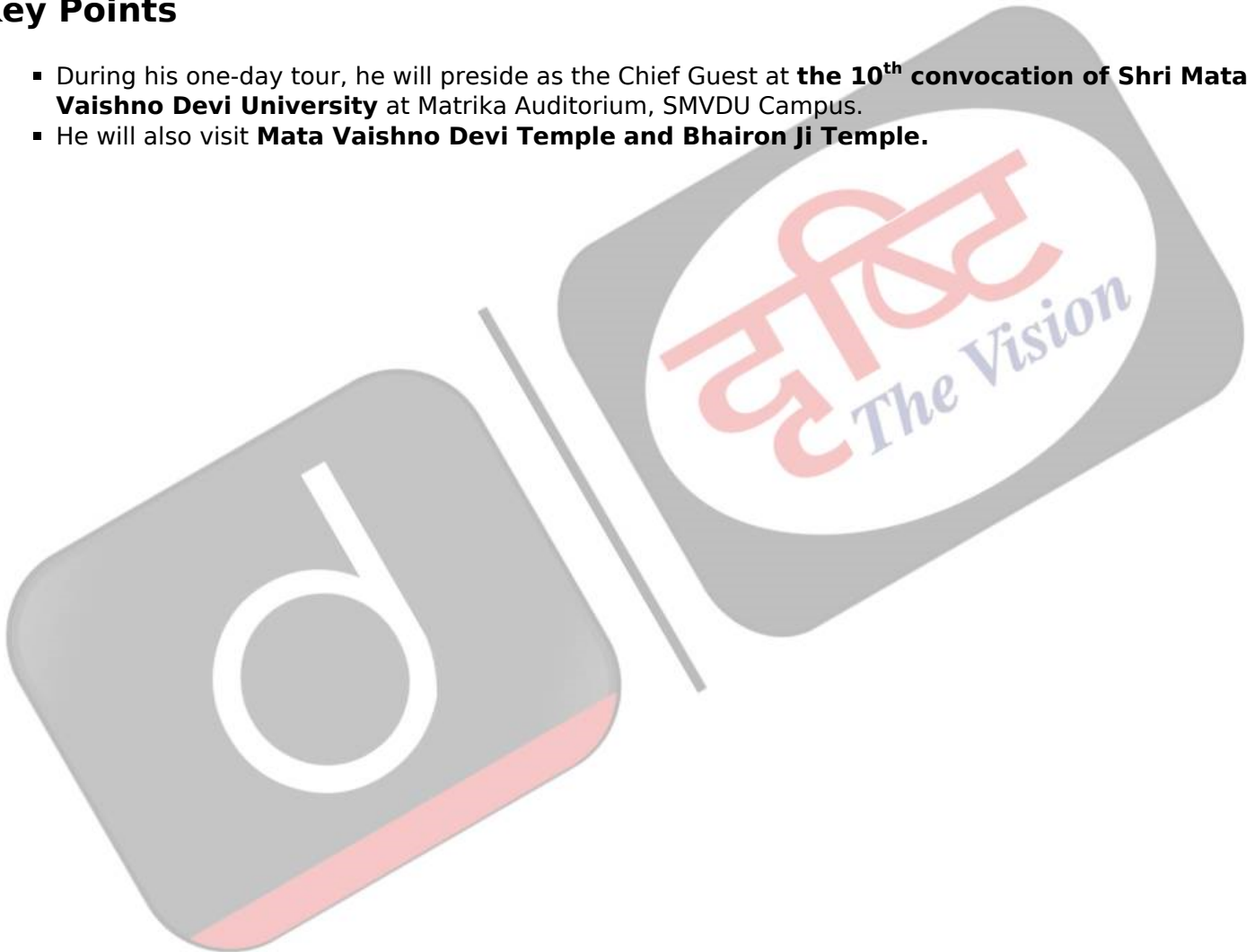
Why in News?

[The Vice-President of India](#) is going to visit Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) on 15th February 2025.

Key Points

- During his one-day tour, he will preside as the Chief Guest at **the 10th convocation of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University** at Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU Campus.
- He will also visit **Mata Vaishno Devi Temple and Bhairon Ji Temple.**

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Vice-President of India

Occupies the second highest office in the country after President



Origin

Modelled on the lines of the American Vice-President

Const. Provisions

Article 63-71

Election

Indirectly elected by an electoral college

This electoral college consists of the elected members of LS and RS + nominated members of RS but not the members of State LAs (unlike electoral college for Presidential election)



The power of conducting elections to the office of VP rests with the ECI (Article 324)

Qualification

Citizen of India - at least 35 years of age

First VP and Current VP

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
Jagdeep Dhankhar

Term of Office

5 years; eligible for re-election

Removal from Office

- VP may resign
- Removal by a effective majority of RS (all the then members) and LS agreeing to it (simple majority)
 - Resolution for removal is introduced only in RS
- Constitution mentions no ground for removal

Powers

- Ex-officio Chairman of RS - Powers and functions similar to the LS Speaker
- Acts as President (max 6 months) - when a vacancy occurs in his office

This is different from the office of American VP who succeeds to the Presidency when the office falls vacant

When acting as the President, VP does not perform the functions of the Chairman of RS



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24th Divya Kala Mela | Jammu & Kashmir | 15 Feb 2025

Why in News?

[The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities \(DEPwD\)](#), under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, is organizing the 24th Divya Kala Mela in collaboration with [the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation \(NDFDC\)](#).

- The event will take place at **Gulshan Ground, Jammu, from 14th to 24th February 2025.**

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Government of India

DIVYA KALA MELA

A Unique Fair for Promoting Craftsmanship & Products of more than 100 Divyang Entrepreneurs

14 to 24 February, 2025 | 11 AM to 9 PM | Gulshan Ground, Jammu (J&K)

Highlights

- Exhibition & Sale of Swadeshi Products of the Divyang Artisans & Craftsmen from Various States
- Traditional Cultural Programme (6:00 PM Onwards Everyday)
- Delicious Cuisines

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In the past 10 years, we have laid a strong foundation for the progress of the Divyangjans, and today, our Divyang companions are making us proud by becoming dedicated partners in the nation's journey towards development
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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Key Points

- **Promoting 'Vocal for Local':**
 - The Divya Kala Mela reflects the Prime Minister's vision of **promoting local artisans and entrepreneurs.**
 - The event highlights handmade products, skills, and craftsmanship of **Divyang (PwD) entrepreneurs** from across India.
 - Visitors can explore a diverse range of products, including **handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery, packaged food, eco-friendly goods, jewelry, and more.**
- **Aim:**
 - The Mela **aims to empower Divyang artisans** by providing them with **marketing opportunities and a platform** to showcase their talent.
 - Previous editions have been **successfully held in Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Guwahati, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Chennai, Patna, Nagpur, Pune, and other cities.**
 - The Jammu edition will feature around **100 Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs** from 20 states and Union Territories.
- **An Inclusive Experience for All:**
 - The event will include interactive experience zones tailored for different disabilities.
 - Special attractions include **Divyangjan sports activities and exhibitions** of new assistive aids and appliances.
 - The Mela is more than just a marketplace—it is a **celebration of ability, inclusion, and**

empowerment.

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