



## Vice-President to Visit Jammu

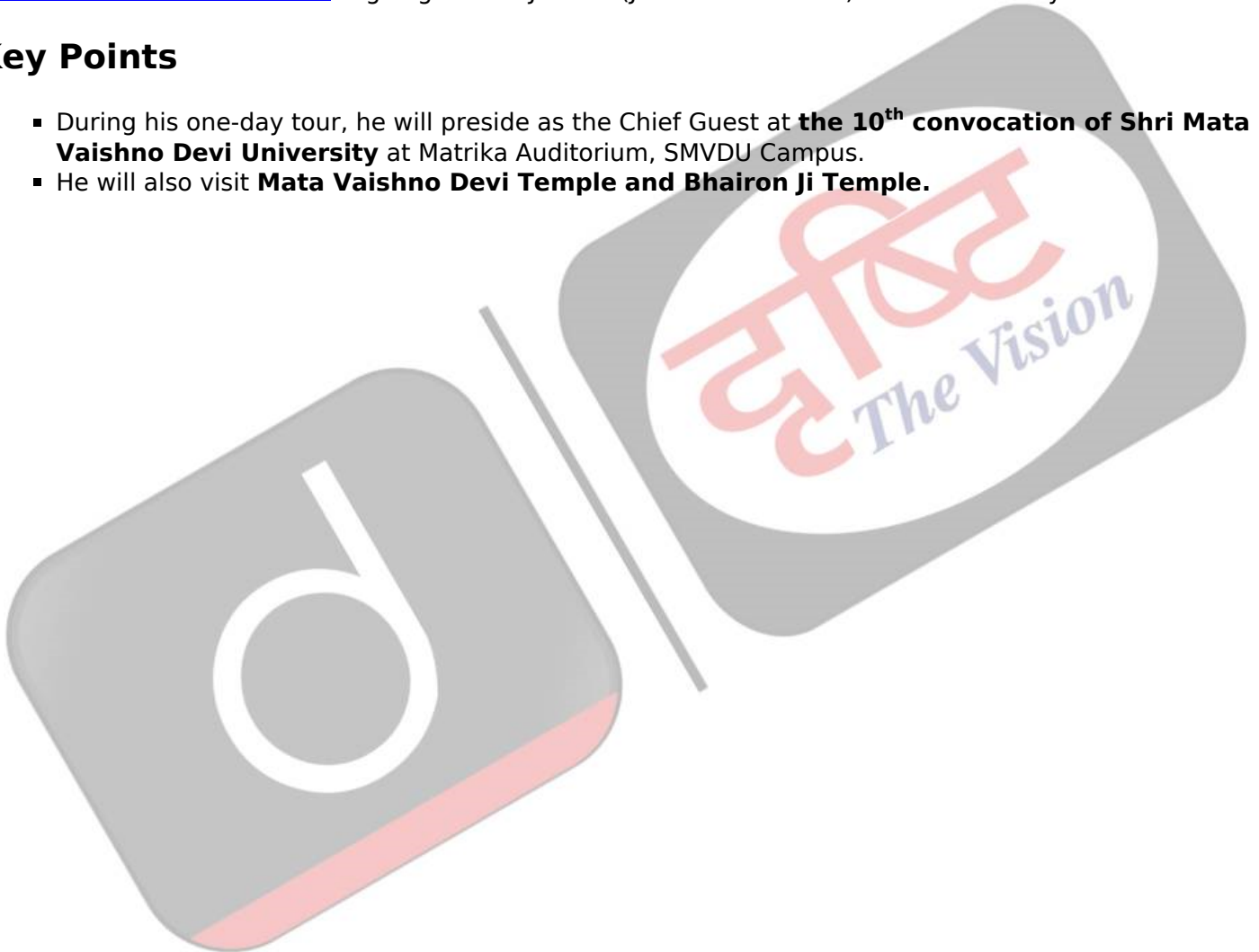
### Why in News?

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

### Key Points

- During his one-day tour, he will preside as the Chief Guest at **the 10<sup>th</sup> 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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