

CM for making JK Research & Dev hub

Proposes 2 Science Museums To 'Nurture Natural Curiosity Of Science Students'
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Jammu, Jan 17: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah Tuesday stressed on utilizing the bio-diversity and human resource talent to make J&K a scientific hub in Research & Development (R&D).

“The bio-diversity and human resource of the State could be well harnessed for generation of wide-ranging economic activities and employment,” he added.

Omar was chairing the first meeting of Scientific Advisory Committee to the Chief Minister (SAC-CM)

at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) here.

The CM said that lagging behind in the growth of science and technology despite having the potential can be largely contributed to the non-existence of a befitting policy in the sector.

“The Advisory Committee has an important role to play in helping the State to concretize the initiatives and formulate a policy that can be implemented to utilize the bio-technology and bio-diversity potential for economic welfare and employment generation in the state,” he said.

“We have taken initiatives in the field of industry and entrepreneurship development sectors to generate employment but there is need to utilize IT and ST initiatives for giving fillip to the production of ‘high value low volume’ products in the State”, he said Referring to the initiatives the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India has taken for the development of leather industry in the Valley, the CM asked the Advisory Committee to constitute a smaller group and formulate some concrete proposal to be incorporated in the overall policy of the State

aimed at the growth of science and technological research and development in the State.

He also proposed creation of two provincial science museums in the State to nurture the natural curiosity of students in scientific knowledge.

The Chief Minister visited various units in IIIM Complex, Jammu and laid foundation of Experimental Animal House for Drug Discovery in the Complex.

Mutton consumer

Omar said that J&K is the highest consumer of mutton in the country and adequate raw material for leather industry is locally available in the shape of sheep skin. “We are not utilizing this advantage for wealth and job generation”, he said, stressing on exploiting this and similar other kinds of potential available in the State.