

# Dr Jitendra launches special campaign for disposal of pending government matters

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched a month long Special Campaign, with a dedicated Portal, for disposal of all pending government matters.

The inaugural function was joined by Secretaries of different Ministries and Departments in the Government of India, Designated Nodal Officers for the campaign and several Heads of Department from Attached, Subordinate and Autonomous Bodies.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Modi Government brought a paradigm shift with the "Minimum Government-Maximum Governance", the main aim of which is progressive rise in transparency and added that more than 1500 obsolete laws have been done away with since 2014. The Minister said, there had been a 10-fold increase in public grievance cases since this Government came to power in 2014 and it, in fact, reflects the trust citizens have shown in the Government. The public grievances have increased from 2



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching a Special Campaign for disposal of pendency in Government of India, at DARPG, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on Friday.

lakh in 2014 to nearly 22lakhs at present with more than 96 percent disposal of cases. The main Mantra of the Modi Government is to reach out to the last man in the last queue with all the benefits of the welfare schemes, he added.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Special Campaign is aimed at ensuring timely and effective disposal of Public Grievances, References from Members of Parliament, State Governments, Inter-Ministerial Consultations and Parliamentary Assurances by each Ministry/Department and its

attached/subordinate offices during the campaign period.

Dr Jitendra said as the campaign is just happening after Prime Minister's launch of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban to make all cities of India garbage-free, it is all the more imperative that during this special campaign, files of temporary nature may be identified and weeded out as per the extant instructions and redundant scrap material and obsolete items may be discarded to improve cleanliness at work places.

Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) will be the nodal Ministry to monitor the implementation of this campaign. They have developed a dedicated Dashboard for this purpose, and issued detailed guidelines in this regard to all Ministries/Departments of Government of India. Each Ministry/Department has designated a Nodal Officer for the special campaign. The progress should be monitored by the Secretaries/HOD on daily basis. Dedicated portal at <https://pgportal.gov.in/scdpmhas> been created and made live from 22 September 2021 to enable the Ministries to feed the data on identified parameters.

The preparatory phase of the Special Campaign was conducted from September 13, 2021 to September 30, 2021. In the preparatory phase, Ministries and Departments have identified the status of pendency. Over 2 lakh cases of pending Public Grievances and 2 lakh physical files for weeding have been identified for disposal in the campaign. The cleanliness campaign will be undertaken in 1446 campaign sites and 174 rules/ processes have been identified for simplification.



# LG's message on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, Shastri's birth anniversary

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended greetings and good wishes to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

In his message, the Lt Governor observed that Gandhi Jayanti reminds us to rededicate ourselves towards promoting amity, peace, selfless service, social equity, and social justice. It also calls upon us to actively contribute to the progress of the nation. I believe that this occasion will inspire us all to follow Gandhiji's path of truth and non-violence.

The Lt Governor said that Mahatma Gandhi Ji dedicated his entire life for the cause of the downtrodden, deprived, and oppressed sections of the society. His work was focused on promoting communal harmony and national integration.

He urged people to work diligently for the welfare and upliftment of the under-privileged and to live life based

on secular traditions.

The Lt Governor said that promoting the values, ideology, and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, we are keeping 'People First' at the centre of the governance process.

As the nation celebrates birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, we are moving ahead with the second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister. Swachh Bharat Mission has effected behaviour change taking the shape of Jan Andolan. The focus of SBM-U 2.0 will be on sustaining the sanitation and solid waste management outcomes achieved, and accelerate the momentum generated, thus taking Urban India to the next level of 'Swachhata' in the next 5 years, he added.

The Lt Governor also remembered Lal Bahadur

Shastri, former Prime Minister of India on his Birth Anniversary.

Paying rich tribute to the former Prime Minister, the Lt Governor recalled his vision for a progressive India. Humble yet steadfast in his resolve, honest to the core, and a symbol of honesty and humility, his legacy will continue to inspire the generations to come, he said.

We will always remain indebted to him for changing the lives of millions through the Green Revolution and the White Revolution, mobilizing the entire nation with the slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, and leading India towards self-sustenance & self-reliance, added the Lt Governor.

Following the ideals of the most dynamic leaders India ever had, we are making strides for ensuring social, educational, and economic equality amongst the people so that everyone can lead a dignified life, the Lt Governor observed.

# CB Jammu books three people for preparing fake 'Will Deed' to grab property

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JAMMU: Crime Branch Jammu has registered a criminal case under relevant provisions of law against three persons for hatching a criminal conspiracy and preparing a fake will deed to grab immovable property.

The criminal case was registered against Vikas Sharma, son of late Mumshi Ram Sharma, resident of 230-A Old Rehari Jammu, Ajay Salgotra, son of Om Parkash Salgotra, resident F-281, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu and Karan Singh Bandryal, son of Shanker Singh, resident of Ward No. 49 Channi Rama Jammu for hatching a criminal conspiracy and preparing a fake will deed in respect of deceased Poonam Sharma, wife of late Krishan Lal Sharma, to grab the immovable property of aforesaid deceased, market value of the property is worth in crores.

CB official said a written complaint lodged by Arun Sharma, son of Late P.K Sharma, resident of H. No 230-C, Amphala, Jammu duly forwarded by the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st. Class City Judge, Jammu was received in Crime Branch, Jammu alleging therein that Vikas Sharma and his wife Madhu Sharma is in litigation with respect to House No. 230, Amphalla, Jammu with complainant.

He has forged a will deed alleged to have been executed by deceased Poonam Sharma in order to usufruct the property in connivance with his wife Madhu Sharma. The alleged Will Deed was sent for expert opinion for comparison of signature in FSL Jammu by the Ld. Principal District and Session Judge Jammu where upon, FSL expert has given his expert opinion that the questioned signatures does not agree with the admitted signatures in minute and inconspicuous details of formation and combination of various characters. The complainant further alleged that Vikas Sharma is not having blood relation with deceased Poonam Sharma. He has intentionally/deliberately in connivance with his wife forged the Will Deed with the main motive to grab the property of the deceased Poonam Sharma, the market value of said property is worth in crores of rupees.

On receipt of instant complaint, official said, a preliminary verification was got conducted and during the course of enquiry, oral as well as documentary evidences were collected and the allegations have been prima facie substantiated against the above named suspects, which constitute offences punishable u/s 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B RPC.

Accordingly, a formal case is registered in P/S Crime Branch, Jammu against the suspects for in-depth investigation.

# Disengaged NHM workers deserve compassion: Rana

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JAMMU: Expressing anguish over disengagement of contractual workers engaged under National Health Mission in Jammu, National Conference Provincial President Devender Singh Rana today said they should be respected and honoured because they are the heroes of the society and their being on the road is sad.

"The action of disengagement coming at a time when the health warriors are being saluted around the world for their huge contribution in serving the virus hit population at the peril of their own, and their families', life is unfortunate", Rana said while joining the protesting NHM workers at Government Medical College Hospital here this morning.

Rana sought a compassionate view by the administration to the plight of protesting employees and hoped they would be allowed to continue and adjusted against the available vacancies. Since they have attained experience in meeting challenges like pandemic, their services will be useful for the health sector in general and the suffering people in particular. The administration should find a way out in helping them, as their disengagement will make their families to suffer during these difficult times, he added.

He said the difficult times are not yet over as the threat of virus is looming large and services of health workers at this crucial time is not perhaps



NC Provincial President Devender Singh Rana interacting with protesting NHM employees.

advisable. He expressed solidarity with the terminated employees saying the government should show a human heart. Besides there is a need for these workers as the governments in various states of the country are requisitioning the services of retired personnel to meet the challenge.

The protesting workers told the Provincial President that they have rendered their services in the GMC and Associated Hospitals, Jammu, without pay and without taking care of their lives. They said they had been employed under different schemes of NHM for three months, six months and for one year and therefore they want their services to be continued.

"In one of the advertisement of NHM (J&K), there were total 125 posts and of these 107 staff nurses have been terminated while other 18 staff nurses are still working in SMGS Hospital under Laqshya scheme", they said adding that they were hired under the same order ", they

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# High Court tough on worsening Dal Lake scenario

## ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Almost all the water bodies of the Kashmir Valley are facing abject neglect by the administration besides encroachment and unauthorised constructions by the people. Dal and Wullar lakes, Asia's most beautiful lakes, are in the danger zone, notwithstanding several steps being taken, but the LAWDA and other government agencies have not been able to check the encroachments and other illegal construction works, especially around the Dal Lake. Several years ago Nishat, Shalimar and other adjacent areas including foreshore road were declared green zone or non-construction zones but due to negligence of the authorities influential people are engaged in construction of large commercial buildings, hotels and other commercial establishments. As a result, the Dal Lake has lost its beauty and glory, water stands polluted and some unscrupulous elements have now encroached on almost every part of the world famous water body. Maximum portion of Dal is under illegal construction and illegal occupation.

High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has asked LAWDA to take effective steps for ensuring there was no encroachment in and around Dal Lake and that all unauthorised constructions were duly dealt with in accordance with law and are

removed as soon as possible.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul issued these directions while appreciating the work done by the LAWDA.

" ( We) expect that it ( LAWDA) proceeds ahead on the lines of the scheme and concentrates on the dewatering, dredging and stopping of flow of all drains and waste affluent into the Dal," the Bench said and urged the Authority to ensure there is no encroachments in and around Dal.

In regard to the inlet and outlet of the lake, the court said that a report be submitted before the next date of hearing in the Public Interest Litigation on November 17.

"It may be pertinent to note that there is an inlet or there may be several such sources through which the lake receives water throughout the year, and there is also

an outlet. This inlet and outlet provides the lake with clean water and helps in the outflow/overflow the waste or excess water, the court said, adding, "Therefore, it is also necessary to maintain these inlets and outlets in proper condition and to remove all obstacles, if any, from such sources and out-sources."On last date of hearing, the court had asked LAWDA to draw a complete scheme for the management and development of the Dal Lake and the area around it in coordination with the various departments and to submit the same to the Court.

In pursuance to the directions, the LAWDA has filed a compliance report with the affidavit of its Vice Chairman, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat bringing on record the scheme for the management and development of the lake.

The Vice Chairman made a power point presentation

and showed to the court the various proposals essentially with regard to the construction of the Ring Road, Sewage Treatment Plants and places of parking etc.

"We appreciate the work done by the LAWDA and expect that it proceeds ahead on the lines of the scheme and concentrates on the dewatering, dredging and stopping of flow of all drains and waste effluents into the Dal," the court said.

The water quality of Dal Lake has tremendously been affected in the past three to four decades and has rendered it to useless from many aspects like drinking, aesthetic value. A lot of people draw their employment from the lake in terms of agriculture, fisheries, tourism etc. But these activities that provide revenue, employment, residence, food and recreation to the people have become a threat to the lake.

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