

# Dr Jitendra reviews work disposal in Ministries, Departments under his charge

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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 on Wednesday reviewed the progress of Special Campaign launched on 2nd October for disposal of work pendency in nine Ministries/Departments under his charge.

Dr Singh was informed that in less than 20 days of the Special Campaign, more than one lakh square feet of space has been generated from avoidable occupancy in all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. Similarly he noted with satisfaction that in such a short span of time nearly 4 lakh files have been weeded out.

Dr Jitendra informed that the Special Campaign on Disposal of Pendency in Government is being con-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh holding a Review Meeting regarding progress of Special Campaign launched on 2nd October for disposal of pendency in nine Ministries/Departments under his charge, at New Delhi on Wednesday.

ducted on the directions of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the progress will be presented to him on the conclusion of the campaign. It may be recalled that the Minister had launched the Special Campaign on 1st October, 2021 for disposal of pendency during the period 2nd October to 31st October, 2021.

Dr Singh asked the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, DARPG to do a comparative analysis of all the Ministries/Departments of

the Government of India on reduction of pendency of various categories and also to cull out the best practices to be shared with all. He asked the DARPG to coordinate with Ministries to speed up the campaign as it is going to end after 10 days. The Minister, however reiterated that the motivation behind the campaign should last even after it is over as pendency reduction is a continuous process.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first speech from the ramparts of Red Fort on 15th August 2014, wherein he

announced to launch Swachh Bharat Mission from 2nd October, 2014, Dr Jitendra said the mission on hygiene cleanliness became a Jan Andolan and imbibed by the people as a Social Reform Movement. He said, in the same spirit, from 2nd October, 2021 a new Swachhata Campaign was launched for clearing of all the pendency of files and discarding redundant scrap material and obsolete items in office premises and its backyards.

Dr Singh said this month only Prime Minister launched the second phase

of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban to make all cities of India garbage-free, therefore, 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.

Dr Jitendra 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.

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.



## Govt, BJP's claim of normalcy in Kashmir proved to be hollow: Rajni Patil

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: AICC Incharge J&K Affairs Rajni Patil, who arrived here on Wednesday, reviewed the prevailing situation with the Senior Congress leaders and frontal wings.

She took stock of the overall scenario in wake of stepped up killings of civilians especially minorities and outside labourers as well as the martyrdom of several Javans in Poonch-Rajouri area and elsewhere.

Rajni said that the claims of total normalcy by the government and BJP, have proved to be hollow and the innocents especially minorities are being killed and targeted by terrorists, day in & day out, which is very serious and shocking.

Expressing serious concern over the prevailing situation in which all the peace loving people especially minorities are feeling threatened and leaving Valley for the safety of lives, she said that this is worst situation after 1990's adding that Govt.'s claims came out to be hollow-



J&K congress leaders welcoming AICC Incharge J&K Affairs Rajni Patil at Jammu Airport.

proved to be wrong about ground situation. She was appraised about the grave concern amongst the people over the recent upsurge in terrorist activities resulting into targeted killings of innocents.

The party leaders sought adequate security arrangements for all vulnerable sections especially minorities, including employees from Jammu and outside residents.

Patil briefed the party leaders about the detailed deliberations in the CWC over the Jammu and Kashmir situation and the

serious concern expressed by the leadership of the Congress party over the prevailing situation. She raised issues of public concern especially the safety, security and welfare of migrating people.

She advised the party leaders to keep close watch on the growing situation and highlight with the administration, the concern of the innocent citizens and minorities and the sufferings of the labourers returning to their native places, but facing great hardships without any help from Govt.

## CCI President releases Dogri song, emphasises on promoting Dogra culture

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Arun Gupta President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu released a Dogri song sung by Alka Mahajan and Aditya Rao at the Chamber House at Bahu Plaza here on Wednesday.

The song has been written and composed by renowned singer Bishan Dass while the music has been arranged by Sahil Nath and videography done by Akash Dogra.

The Chamber President performed the ritual release of the song in presence of his office bearers Anil Gupta Sr. Vice President, Rajiv Gupta Jr. President, Gaurav Gupta Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta Secretary and Rajesh Gupta Treasurer, besides Dr.



CCI President, Arun Gupta and others releasing a Dogri song.

Arvinder Singh Amn Additional Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Sajanya Sharma and Ashok Choudhary President International Delpic Council J&K.

While addressing the

august gathering on the occasion, Arun Gupta President CCI lauding the singers and their team appreciated their efforts in keeping the Dogra Culture alive through the songs.

He said that the artists are the best ambassadors of cul-

ture as they disseminate the culture and tradition of the areas which they represent through their performances especially on auspicious occasions.

He added that the songs are the easiest medium to propagate and promote the

rich Dogra Cultural heritage in which the singer duo has been more than successful. Moreover, the singers deserve full credit for providing the live source of entertainment to the people in the present era of materialistic race when the life has become monotonous, Gupta asserted.

Arun Gupta thanked the singers for enriching the rich and vibrant Dogra culture of Jammu with their valuable contributions and appealed to the youth to come forward to join the pursuit to promote Dogra Culture and folklore.

The programme which was witnessed by a galaxy of dignitaries was conducted by Kusum Tickoo.

## Valmiki Jayanti: Defeat evil by goodness: Rana



Former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing a gathering.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: Calling for strengthening the bonds of amity and working towards achieving the objective of social empowerment, Former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said that this will be biggest tribute to Maha Kavi Valmiki.

"Best way of remembering the great saint Valmiki would be to take a pledge to tread the path shown by him and work

for the growth of harmonious society where people, irrespective of caste, creed or colour live a dignified life based on the well defined principles of 'humanity', Rana said at a function held here to celebrate the Valmiki Jayanti, at Dhokwaziran in Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

He said that great saints and sages have blessed humanity with their eternal message of peace, harmony, love and com-

passion that has helped the society to steer to light from the dark tunnel of ignorance and selfishness.

Describing Adi Kavi Valmikiji as an epitome of righteousness, Devender Rana that his great work on the life of Lord Rama in verse will continue to guide humanity till eternity and help society to overcome the malice of hate. Those inspired by Ramayana can never do injustice with fellow beings or tolerate injustice. He lauded the organizers for holding a befitting function in remembrance of the great epic poet and said this is because of the inspiration from Ramayana that youth in particular remain in the forefront in spreading the message of truth and righteousness through various modes.

Rana referred to the eternal message sent out by Maha Kavi on good over evil has more rele-

vance in present times than ever before. The best way of celebrating such occasions is to stand for truth and promote harmony in the society.

Extending his good wishes to the people on the auspicious occasion, the former MLA said, "Let us seek the blessings of Maharishi Valmiki to find the purpose of existence and contribute to the society by good deeds to make this world a best place to live in."

The function was organized by the Valmiki Committee, Dhokwaziran, led by Sarpanch Dhok Waziran Raman Wazir; Suresh Kumar; Raj Kumar; Bittu, Rahul Kumar; Avinash and Ashok Kumar.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Som Nath Khajuria, Pt. Rameshwar Dutt, Kulbushan Singh, Bashir Malik, Mohd Rashid Bhatti, Madan Sharma, Aju, Suraj Singh Janwal, Suresh Sharma Panh, Kuldeep Singh Panh, Sumit Sharma and others.

## Allowing Mahajans, Khattris, Sikhs to buy & sell agricultural land will lead to multi-factorial benefits: BJP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Allowing Mahajans, Khattris and Sikhs to buy and sell agricultural land will lead to multi-factorial benefits including agricultural advancement, financial growth and improved employment in Jammu & Kashmir, said J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi accompanied by BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra in a press conference addressed at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Wednesday.

BJP welcomes the decision of Jammu and Kashmir administration, in which Mahajans, Khattris and Sikhs get the right to buy and sell agricultural land in J&K for agricultural and allied activities, Adv. Sunil Sethi said.

He added that the



J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi addressing a press conference.

Mahajan, Khatri and Sikh communities have long been demanding the right to buy and sell agricultural land.

He said that allowing these three communities to buy and sell agricultural land will surely lead to increased pace of agricultural advancement, financial growth and improved employment in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sethi said BJP J&K has

long been vocal for the demand to give rights to these 3 communities and highlighted the issue at every administrative level right from Jammu & Kashmir to the Union government level.

He said that these laws existed before the reorganization of the state which remained there even after the new laws of Union Territory were framed.

The J&K BJP immediately raised the issue before Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT and with the Union Home Ministry. He said that with the great efforts today the justice has been served which is a matter of pleasure for all of us.

He said that J&K BJP is steadfast to raise all the issues of public importance at the appropriate level, be it at LG level or Union Ministry level for their prompt redress.

Sethi also said that targeted killings in Kashmir are dreadful attempts to derail the peace and progress process in J&K by Pakistan and its supporters.

Our security forces are successfully eliminating terrorists responsible for the carnages and the non-locals will again feel safe in Kashmir, he added.

## Union MoS B L Verma takes stock of dev works of Cooperatives Deptt



Union MoS Cooperation and Development of North Eastern Region, B L Verma chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Cooperation and Development of North Eastern Region, B L Verma on Wednesday visited Jammu under public outreach programme of the Central Government. During his visit, the Minister chaired a meeting with senior officers of the Cooperative Department to review the functioning of the Department. The Minister said that the Union Government under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi is committed to promote the Cooperative sector in J&K. The Minister appreciated

Cooperative Department administration for taking several bold initiatives to uplift the working of the department. The Minister also sought suggestions from the stakeholders for the revival of defunct cooperative societies and diversification of business activities. Earlier, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal briefed the Union MoS about the various activities and achievements of the cooperative Department. The Minister was apprised about the various sectors including tier structure of Cooperative Societies, working and modernization of cooperative Super Bazaars for the aug-

mentation of the businesses.

She informed that 4 new Bazaars approved for Udhampur; Kathua, Ganderbal and Kupwara districts, working of 9 cooperative Banks, and having 272 branches working in all districts. She also informed about the revenue budget 2021-22 financial year and implementation of E-Office in Administration Department and in the office of Registrar Cooperative Societies J&K.

Among others, Registrar Cooperatives Department, Shaafiq Iqbal and other officers of Cooperative Department were also present.

## Skyview by Empyrean launches luxury stays at Patnitop

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Skyview by Empyrean on Wednesday announced the launch of a new premium boutique hospitality offering at Patnitop hill resort in Jammu and Kashmir. Skyview by Empyrean, hospitality venture of Empyrean Skyview Projects Private Limited (ESPPL), at Sanget-Patnitop is a 90-minute drive from the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra and houses India's highest ropeway in terms of ground clearance of over 65 meters, which started its commercial operations in July 2019.

"With the launch of our high-end rooms and suites at Skyview World, not only we have created a benchmark for international standard hospitality hitherto unavailable in Patnitop, but we have also reiterated our commitment to upping the tourism quotient in the region. "Our guests will now be able to indulge in a luxurious stay



and enjoy a host of holistic experiences offered at the destination," ESPPL Managing Director Syed Junaid Altaf said. Skyview offers a holistic hospitality experience, featuring artistic luxury and the warmth of J&K's rich heritage and culture in stand-alone rooms and suites, overlooking the Sanget valley with panoramic mountain

views of the Shivalik range. An ESPPL spokesperson said these 25 keys (deluxe, premium and suites) will be located within the 22 acres of Skyview World, offering privacy and solitude. It will also offer personalised Empyrean service, a butler providing 24-hour assistance to meet guests' requirements. "The rooms and suites are inspired by the sylvan locale

and architecture. All rooms are elegantly appointed with plush furnishings, embellished with crewel embroidery and fine linen with hypoallergenic pillows. They are also equipped with Smart TVs, spacious closets with electronic safes, tea/coffee services and Hi-Speed WiFi," he said. The spokesperson said large picture windows and balconies allow guests to

enjoy uninterrupted views of the breathtaking Shivalik mountain range throughout the year.

He said a 24X7 in-room dining facility has been introduced for the very first time in Sanget Valley-Patnitop.

"Guests to Skyview by Empyrean can also enjoy culinary delights from across the world, including regional specialties, such as Dogri cuisine and the all-time favourite Dosa at the multi-cuisine Banana Leaf restaurant. In addition, there are Street Food Carts, Bar-beque in the outdoors as well as the alfresco Skyview Cafe for a range of snacks and beverages," the spokesperson said. He said the Skyview Gondola was the first step towards setting a benchmark for responsible tourism and green mobility as it eliminated a 45-60 minute road journey to Patnitop from Sanget Valley by gondola ride of over 2.8 km to just 10-12 minutes.