

## Dr Jitendra interacts with first 20 All India toppers of IAS

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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 Thursday interacted and felicitated first 20 All India toppers of IAS/ Civil Services Exam 2020, who called on him at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) headquarters, North Block here.

The result of the exam was declared recently.

Welcoming the top-20 rankers and their family members, Dr Jitendra Singh said that it is indeed very encouraging to note that the top 20 candidates include 10 female candidates and they also represent a pan-India coverage as these candidates hail from the States/UTs of Bihar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

The Minister said that the demographic change, both at gender and regional level, in the last few years augurs well for a diverse country like India.

He noted that a total of 761 candidates (545 men and 216 women) have been recommended by the UPSC for appointment to various



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh with first three All India toppers of IAS/Civil Services exam, Shubham Kumar, Jagrati Awasthi and Ankita Jain, who called on him at DoPT headquarters at North Block, New Delhi on Thursday.

Services this year.

During the interaction, Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that in 2014, he had introduced in the DoPT a new tradition of personally inviting the first 20 All India Toppers to North Block and felicitating them. Since then this tradition continues, he said.

Describing the young officers as Architects of New India, Dr Jitendra Singh said, they are privileged to enter the services during 75th Year of India's Independence and added, they had eventful 25 years ahead to serve when independent India turns 100 and realises Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of New India that leads the rest of the world.

He said, under Prime Minister Modi, India is already on the ascent and Civil Servants of this new genre have the privileged responsibility of taking it to the top league in the global arena.

Dr Jitendra also recalled some of the path breaking reforms brought in for the young probationers and LAS officers during the last seven years. These, he said, included introduction of a 3 month stint of mentorship at the Central government before giving over to the respective State or Union Territory to join the allocated cadre.

Dr Jitendra also noted the presence of eleven Engineers and three Medicos in the first 20 toppers of

this year, which he hoped will add to the work assigned to them in carrying out various specialized schemes and programmes introduced by the Modi Government in the last 6-7 years. The Minister hoped that the technocrats will add value to the highly specialised schemes and flagship programmes of the government in sectors like Health, Agriculture, Sanitation, Education, Skills and Mobility to name a few.

Dr Singh said the training is also undergoing a sea-change in LBSNAA Mussoorie and other Central Training Institutes with a renewed focus on modern curriculum and Integrative Approach. He said, through Mission Karmayogi, the ultimate objective of the Governance is to bring "Ease of Living" for the common man of India.

While welcoming toppers of CSE 2020, P.K. Tripathy, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training said that the officers are entering the service in the beginning of Amrit Kaal and they have to play a stellar role in next 25 years to define the future of the country.

He wished that in their great career ahead full of diverse opportunities and challenges, they would be able to give their best to the country. The programme was attended by all the senior officers of the department.

### Then



### Now



## Eviction notices under garb of Smart City project unwarranted: CCI



CCI Jammu President Arun Gupta chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: A meeting of Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu, was held at Chamber House under the chairmanship of its President Arun Gupta along with the office bearers Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer in which various issues related to traders were discussed.

The CCI President applauded the LG Govt. for considering various demands of the Chamber including grant of rights to Mahajans, Khatri, Sikhs and Jain to purchase and sale of agriculture land in the UT.

He also expressed gratitude for allowing cinemas and banquets to function with certain necessary restrictions.

He also appreciated the

government for taking adequate measure in addressing the long pending demand of continuous ban on mining in Jammu region. He welcomed the move of government for constituting committees to this regard.

Arun Gupta said that there are few more demands of the CCI like issue pertaining to single wine shop owners, to stop the opening of huge number of Reliance store in the region should also be considered to be resolved soon.

Jammu Chamber also appealed to the government to withdraw the order issued by the department asking residents of Gandhi Nagar to vacate front 10 feet area from their premises which is not quite possible.

He said that Jammu Chamber is not against the Smart City project but what is the fun of making Jammu a smart city when its people

will have to lose earning avenues. He said that shopkeepers who have got the notices from the Jammu Municipal Corporation to vacate their shops in Gole Market, near Sai Temple as these traders are running their shops for the last more than 50 years.

Similarly, the traders running their establishments at Eidgah Road for the last 40 years, have also issued notice by J&K Tourism Development Corporation to vacate the same. He said that these shopkeepers will be ruined if the government will not rescind these orders as they are dependent on their businesses which existed there since a half century back.

Jammu Chamber

President asked the government to take a lenient view in the matter and find out via media to save these traders from getting shattered.

## Tributes paid to Sepoy Karanveer Singh at Chinar Corps War Memorial

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SRINAGAR: General Officer Commanding of the Army's 15 Corps Lieutenant General D P Pandey on Thursday led all ranks in paying tribute to Sepoy Karanveer Singh, who was killed in an encounter with militants in Jammu and

Kashmir's Shopian district. Singh was killed in the encounter on Wednesday.

"GOC Chinar Corps and all ranks laid wreath on the mortal remains of the brave heart, Sepoy Karanveer Singh of Rajput, posted with 44 Rashtriya Rifles, at Chinar

Corps War Memorial," an army official said.

Acting on specific information about presence of terrorists, a joint cordon and search operation was launched in the morning of October 20 and in the firefight with the terrorists, Sepoy Singh was griev-

ously injured and later succumbed to injuries, he said.

The official said that two terrorists were neutralised and an AK rifle, one UBGL and other war like stores were recovered during the encounter.

Singh (25) had joined the Indian Army in 2015. He hails

## Patients suffering due to shortage of medicines, essential supplies in SKIMS

### ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar is suffering from shortage of essential medicine supplies, lack of patient-care and many other related problems. Patients coming from remote areas of Kashmir as well as from Jammu division are facing many unavoidable problems due to lack of essential medical items and medicines in the reputed hospital.

"As conveyed by concerned employees, some of the items are not available in central store and pharmacy sections for further supply among patients. The patients and attendants are being advised to buy these

items from open market to avoid any inconvenience to patients," a notice issued by SKIMS reads. The items not available in hospital include Urine bags, 10-ml syringe, drip-sets, surgical gloves and some medicines as well.

"All items from tablets to syringes are to be purchased from open market. Even small items required during surgery are not available in hospital, which is facing such crises for the first time in its history. Reason is very simple, Director SKIMS Dr A G Ahangar is in his chair without procurement and other powers," sources informed.

"Last week my daughter has severe abdominal pain, so I brought her to this hospital.

Sources told that it is very

tough time for patients as well as for professionals. "How a doctor can treat patients even under serious circumstances when there is dearth of medicine and other important medical items," they added. As per sources, contract of SKIMS management with suppliers has expired due to which there is acute shortage of medical supplies to the institute.

STATE TIMES correspondent, when visited the hospital, found that patients were really suffering, as there was dearth of some medicines and even X-ray machine in OPD block was non-functional, causing hardships to numerous patients.

On contacting Director

Finance, SKIMS regarding the matter, he said that these allegations are completely baseless as Institute is not short of funds and other things. He further said that the people, who are claiming that SKIMS is in very bad situation, have their own interests as all allegations are completely wrong. Recently, we had a budget meeting, wherein all the matters were discussed, he added. "If there is any crisis or shortage in hospital, we are here to sort out all problems. We do not want to put patients in pain as it is an important Medical Institute of Jammu & Kashmir, with top-quality medical professionals who are treating patients," he added.

## 100 Billion Doses-'Shandaar, Zabardast, Zindabad' of Yugpurash amidst pandemic



### ■ TARUN CHHUG

**T**he famous dialogue of 'Shandaar, Zabardast, Zindabad' of the film 'Manjhi-The Mountain Man' has become a symbol of undying spirit and insurmountable will of a man tearing through a mountain to fulfill his mission. This film is an inspiration for many and suggests that you can tear apart mountains and can move them with your dedication and deter-

nated! India has become the first and founder member of the Billion doses club. It took 10 months which are 276 days which is equal to 6624 hours and 3,97,440 minutes. It means in each hour, India is administering 150,966 jabs. It was the biggest ever Vaccination drive in the history of the world. 100 crores is more than the population of whole Europe, Australia and many other countries.

Corona Virus ravaged the world. As per experts in the medical-field, there are two plausible ways to protect yourself from virus: protecting and preventing yourself from the virus infecting you that can be done through social-distancing, washing-hands regularly and wearing a mask. The second way is by increasing your internal body immunity through vaccination. The plausible long term solution given by these medical experts to break the speed and intensity of the menace of Corona is vaccination. When the world was amidst a life-raging pandemic, where the 'experts' were predicting doom's day for India; India has come off with flying colours.

We have vaccinated 77% of the total population. India was the fastest to administer 10 crores in just 85 days. In the month of August, India administered 18 crores vaccination

which was more than the entire vaccination put together by the G7 group. India is administering 64 lakhs jabs per day which is more than the entire population of 120 countries.

India's COVID-19 vaccination drive was launched on January 16, 2021. Initially, the vaccination was opened for Health Care Workers only. From February 2, front-line workers were made eligible for vaccination. These included State and Central Police personnel, Armed Force Personnel, Home Guards, Civil Defence & Disaster Management Volunteers, Municipal workers, Prison Staff, PRI Staff and Revenue workers involved in containment and surveillance, Railway Protection Force and election Staff. Further, more than 103.5 crores vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs till now. Over 10.85 Cr balance and unutilized vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs as on 21.10.2021. As per the data of Ministry of Health, recovery rate currently is at 98.15%; highest since March 2020.

This is unprecedented, unparalleled and magnificent achievement of Indian people led by the most popular Pradhan Sewak, Sh. Modi Ji. It goes to the credit of Indian scientists encouraged and inspired by the able leader who have developed an

Indian vaccination. Not only a vaccination was developed, it was developed in record time and was found to be the most effective vaccination against humanity's war against this menace. Also, credit needs to be given to the doctors, health-workers and volunteers and many other unsung heroes who following the clarion call of the leader of nation gave their best to save us.

The other unnoticed aspect is how the vaccination drive was executed. It was a flawless and errorless- a textbook execution. Not even a single case of chaos, rioting or fight has been reported. There was no cry for any discrimination. Vaccination was made national agenda. The people of India must be complimented for their having reposed confidence and faith in the leadership of the ablest and the humble 'Yugpurush' who like the king in Ramayana loves his subjects as his own sons and family members. To show their love and affection for their own leader, people came in huge number and set a record of 2.26 crores vaccination on the birthday of Modi Ji.

There cannot be a better Diwali-gift for the entire nation than this amazing feat.

(National General Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party).