

# Dr Jitendra presents 'Anubhav' awards, hails governance reforms for positive social impact

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NEW DELHI: Governance reforms initiated by this government since 2014 have a far reaching positive social impact, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today.

Administrative initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, such as the Pre-Retirement Counselling workshops, Anubhav Awards and Pension Adalat have ensured timely disbursement of pensionary benefits to the large number of retiring employees every year, he said.

The Union Minister was addressing the 'Anubhav' Awards - 2023 presentation ceremony organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW), at Vigyan Bhawan here. Later he also participated in the All India Pension Adalat & Pre-Retirement Counselling (PRC) Workshop.

Dr Jitendra said the 'Whole of Government' approach is evident from the fact that even during the Covid pandemic years there was not a single case of delay in pension payment due to the uninterrupted services provided by the Department of Posts.

The Bhavishya portal has also evolved over time and technology is being applied by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW) to ensure that the retirees are handed over Pension Payment Orders well in time before superannua-



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after presenting "Anubhav" Awards 2023 to superannuating government officials at a programme organised by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW), at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Monday.

tion, he said.

He said that banks are providing doorstep service for submission of Digital Life Certificates (DLC) annually to retired employees. Now, the Govt of India is the first to use the Aadhaar based Face Identification Technology. Due to such technologies, the senior citizens do not have to go through the tedious process of submitting the life certificate.

Most of the functioning has been converted online and in order to bring in transparency, accountability and citizen participation, the human interface has been reduced to the bare minimum, he said.

Dr Jitendra said that the Modi Government has scrapped more than 1,500 redundant laws since 2014 and provisions such as self-attestation introduced. Working with the principle of "Minimum Government-Maximum Governance", the aim of Good Governance is to bring Ease of Living to the common man, he said.

Dr Jitendra launched the National DLC Portal for Nation-wide DLC Campaign 2.0, Integrated Pensioners' Portal with Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of Baroda and unveiled a Compendium of clarifications/ case studies. He also gave away the Anubhav Awards 2023 to felicitate

13 awardees for their write-ups.

Dr Singh said the Anubhav portal, launched at the initiative of the Prime Minister, has been a huge success. The campaign has resulted in publication of 1901 Anubhav write-ups which is highest in number since its inception in March 2015.

Later, Dr Jitendra chaired the All-India Pension Adalat. Pension Adalats have become an effective medium of prompt disposal of long-pending pension disputes, he said. Of the 45 cases brought before the Pension Adalat, 30 cases were resolved.

Till date eight Pension Adalats have been conducted by DoP&PW and out of 24, 671 taken up in the Pension Adalat, 17,551 grievances were resolved (71%) by the different Ministries/ Departments/ Organisation which participated in this initiative.

Secretary, DoP&PW V. Srinivas, said the Department will be organising Nation-wide Digital Life Certificate campaign 2.0 in the month of November, 2023 to enable 70 lakh Central Government pensioners to submit life certificates. DLC camps will be organised in 500 locations in 100 cities across India in collaboration of 17 banks.

Additional Secretary, DoPPW, S N Mathur; Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO, PNB and Debadatta Chanda, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda also addressed the workshop.



## Nidhi Aapke Nikat to be held at 3 venues across J&K, Ladakh on Oct 27

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JAMMU: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) J&K and Ladakh to conduct "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0", a participatory outreach programme simultaneously at three venues across the two union territories on October 27.

The venues are

Himalayan College of Education, Thandi Kassi, Rajouri; Conference Hall, G.D. Goenka Public School, Baramulla and Siddhartha High School, Choskor, Leh (Ladakh).

The PF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin informed that subscribers, pensioners, establishments, employees' representa-

tives, and industrial chambers are advised to actively participate in Nidhi Aapke Nikat Program. The programme at Rajouri, Baramulla, and Leh would be addressed by the District Nodal Officers Amit Jakhmola, Suhail Khan and Pawan Kumar respectively, he added.

## Establish chair in name of Pt. Premnath Dogra in JU: Dadhichi

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JAMMU: To celebrate the 139th birthday of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra, Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Trust Chairman Parshotam Dadhichi garlanded the statue of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra, Dogra Chowk, Jammu alongwith other Trustee Dayaram Sharma, Subash Chandyal, Aseem Gupta and Shyam Sundar, Adv. Nanda and Corporator Amit Kumar.

Dadhichi recalled the dedication and devotion of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra to the nation and particularly to the people and region of Jammu.

Pt. Dogra fought for the cause of nation as well as Dogra due to his honest and sincere approach towards the problem of Jammu region as well as state the foolad agitation and agitation for removal of Article 370 were quite successful. Trust made an appeal to the present J&K administration to pay special attention and budget for the development of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra birth place Smailpur and also to establish a chair in Jammu University in the name of Pt. Premnath Dogra.



Trust members paying tribute to Pt Prem Nath Dogra.

## PRSI Jammu Chapter welcomes new members, discusses plans for future events

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JAMMU: The Jammu Chapter of the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) convened a meeting today at Press Club Jammu marked by the welcoming of new members and discussions on the organization's future endeavours.

The meeting also featured a brief interaction with Ashutosh Bhatnagar, eminent journalist and Director of Jammu Kashmir Study Circle, who shared insights into journalism and diverse aspects related to the history, geography, and culture of Jammu Kashmir Ladakh region.

"Read different historical documents and books to understand the intricacies and significance of J&K," Bhatnagar encouraged the students.

During the meeting, the members delved into an array of key topics that will shape the future of public relations in the region.



Ashutosh Bhatnagar, eminent journalist posing for a photograph with other participants at Jammu.

One significant point of discussion was the participation of PRSI Jammu in the upcoming 'International Public Relations Festival 2023', which is in conjunction with the '45th Public Relations Conference', scheduled to take place in New Delhi from November 25th to 27th, being organised by the Public Relations Society of India.

Prof. Anil Samraita, Chairperson, PRSI J&K Chapter, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, highlighted,

"With the objective of establishing a strong presence and providing our members with invaluable exposure, a team comprising executive members and student members will represent PRSI Jammu at the event." Another topic on the agenda was the discussion on organising 'Media Chaupal' in Jammu. Building on the success of the previous editions

held across the nation, this event would bring together students, professionals and academicians from the different fields of media. It would also feature an Academic Chaupal where research papers will be presented, facilitating intellectual discourse. University of Jammu, Central University of Jammu, Press Club Jammu, and Indian Institute of Mass

Communication, Jammu would be collaborating for this event. It was attended by Opendar Sharma, Vice Chairperson PRSI Jammu, Sant Kumar Sharma, veteran journalist, Kailash Langar, Interads Advertising, Dr. Archana Kumari, Secretary PRSI J&K chapter, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali, Treasurer, PRSI J&K chapter, Assistant Professor, University of Jammu, Dr. Ravi Gupta, Organising Secretary, PRSI J&K chapter, Assistant Professor, University of Jammu, Dr. Bharti Gupta, Central University of Jammu, Dr. Anshula Garg, Assistant Professor, IIMC Jammu, Harry Walia, journalist and media professional, Komal Shandoo, and students of IIMC Jammu.

## 5 singers got entry into mega final of Devotional Song Competition

Celebrity singer Shanker Sawhney, Anjusha, Ravi Kumar enthralled audience



Winner participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Katra.

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KATRA: In the Semi Final on eighth day evening as a part of Navratra Festival's All India Devotional Song Competition being organised by SMVD Shrine Board, Deptt. of J&K Tourism, Mh1 in association with J&K Bank, Nice Gems, DIVINITI, Nidheesh Builders Jammu Pvt. Ltd., Pure Roots, Vishwavyas Yog Ashram Complex with active support of District Administration and the local host Community, began today at Yog Ashram Complex in the evening by lighting of a traditional lamp by famous singer Shanker Sawhney, Chairman CINEFIL the film Producers body Rishi Raj, Film maker and film Trade Analyst Kumar Mohan, Tauseef DFO, in presence of Rakesh Wazir Chairman All Devotional Song Committee & President Hotel Association Katra, Asstt. Director Tourism, Arif Lone, Vice President Hotel Association, Katra Ajay Kotwal, Kartik Singh and Kriti Bhardwaj.

In this semi final, out of 16 participants who qualified for it through preliminary rounds of competitions, quarter final, and then this semi final, five participants qualified for the Mega

Final to be held at Yog Ashram Complex Katra including Sukhjinder from Punjab, Anmol Raj from Hoshiarpur, Laisel Rai from Chandigarh, Stenzin from Ladakh, Rajeev Salotra from Jammu in the tough contest held here.

The competition was adjudged by the panels of experts in music including celebrity Singer Shanker Sawhney, Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma HOD Govt. Degree College Sunni Shimla and Dr. C L Verma Ex. Chairman Post Graduate University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Usha Bhagati former Head of Department of Music in many degree colleges.

Famous celebrity singer Shanker Sawhney who had come all the way for performing in the event enthralled the audience with his melodious songs and the total environment of the venue became spiritual and likewise the previous winners of the Competition including Anjusha and Ravi Kumar to mesmerised the audience with their beautiful songs and the people were seen dancing and singing on her tunes.

The proceedings of Competition were conducted by Rakesh Wazir Chairman of the said Competition.

## Grand finale of Navratra Prabhat Pheri: A spectacular conclusion to festivities

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KATRA: The nine days Navratra Festival Prabhat Pheri in the holy town of Katra-Vaishnodevi came to conclusion on Monday morning which was jointly organized by Department of Tourism J&K Govt. & Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board Katra in association with J&K Association Prabhat Pheri beside indirect support from other organizations during Navratra Festival 2023.

The function concluded amidst chanting of Bhajans & beating of drums at Bus Stand Katra.

Earlier Chief Guest, Baldev Raj Sharma, ex MLA Reasi and Guests of Honour, Jitender Singh Tehsildar Katra and Ghulam Abbas Joint Director Central Bureau of Communications in presence of Special Guests Gopal Dutt BMO Katra and Shiv Kumar Sharma former Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council flagged off the Prabhat Pheri from Bus Stand Katra. A colourful procession was taken out in which artists of CBC from J&K, Rajasthan,



Ex MLA Reasi, Baldev Raj Sharma and others during a Prabhat Pheri.

West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and a large number of locals and devotees participated.

Today's attraction was jhanki of Maa Sidhidatri showcased by Nikita and Vanshita. Pilgrims group from Delhi and other states joined the Prabhat Pheri and they chanted the Jaikaras of Maa Vaishnodevi and danced to the beats of drum all along the route.

Baldev Raj Sharma wished may Maa Vaishnodevi shower her blessings upon all on the pious occasion of Ramnavmi & complimented the efforts of members of the J & K Association of Prabhat Pheri in making

this event colourful, successful and spiritual.

Ghulam Abbas said that Prabhat Pheri during navratras is a form of devotion towards the holy deity & performing Prabhat Pheri at Katra will definitely please maa Vaishnodevi. Sr. Citizen Forum led by Rattan Chand participated in the Prabhat Pheri in large numbers.

Being the last day of festivity, the association members were all enthusiastic and danced in full swing all along the route while wearing colourful Pagaries.

A felicitation ceremony was hosted to honour the dignitaries present in the procession, various organi-

zations and members of J&K association of Prabhat Pheri with mementos for making necessary arrangements and better coordination during Prabhat Pheri.

Baldev Raj Sharma and Jitender Singh and Ghulam Abbas felicitated with Pagari and Chunari and memento by association members.

After the felicitation function Kanya Poojan was performed by the dignitaries and Halwa was served to the Yatries and participants who participated in the procession of Prabhat Pheri.

Raj Kumar Padha, President J&K Association of Prabhat Pheri told that it was the result of coordination



Devotees performing Sakh Visarjan on Durga Ashtami in River Tawi at Jammu.

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