

Industry to be major contributor in future StartUp ventures: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that the Industry will be expected to be a major resource contributor in all the future StartUp ventures and other new technology initiatives.

The Minister said, all will have to be equal stakeholders right from the beginning and for this the Industry will also have to change its earlier mindset of looking up to the government for everything.

Delivering keynote address at the 3rd India Quantum Technology Conclave 2023 organised by ASSOCHAM here today, the Minister said, "There is no option but to strike an equitable relationship with the Government, Academia and Industry to be on an equal page as the nation takes further strides in frontier R&D including emerging Quantum Technology. Global challenges need global outlook, global strategies and global parameters, he said, adding the Industry will have to come forward in risk management.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF), announced by Prime



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address at the "3rd India Quantum Technology Conclave 2023" organised by ASSOCHAM at New Delhi on Thursday.

Minister Narendra Modi, will have huge non-governmental resources. As much as Rs. 36,000 crore, viz 70% of the NRF budget of Rs.50,000 crore over five years, is envisaged to come from non-governmental sources.

"As a result, the demarcation between the Public and Private sector will be bridged and there will be integration. NRF will also act as a think tank, it has the mandate of even deciding the themes on which the projects have to be undertaken and funded, and decide on foreign tie ups," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said there will be Industry linkages right from the beginning, creating an optimum ecosystem for innovation. Active involvement from the industry and the capital to push the quantum start-up ecosystem in India is required to boost

the industry. "Today, we have 3,000 Startups under the Aroma Mission and 150 Space Startups. We will have to follow up in order to ensure that the over 1.25 lakh Startups that have taken off in the last nine years are sustainable," he said.

Compared to the policy paralysis previously, the Modi Government rolled out a clear cut policy planning, with Digital India and Make in India paving the framework for a robust indigenous manufacturing environment. As a result we witnessed a "quantum jump before Quantum Technology came our way."

"We are the seventh nation to come out with Quantum Technology, but today we are at par with the developed nations and also taking the lead. The world looks up to us today and that increases our responsibilities," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the National Quantum Mission (NQM) approved recently by Prime Minister Modi will make India one of the Top Global leaders in areas like quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum sensing, quantum materials, metrology and devices.

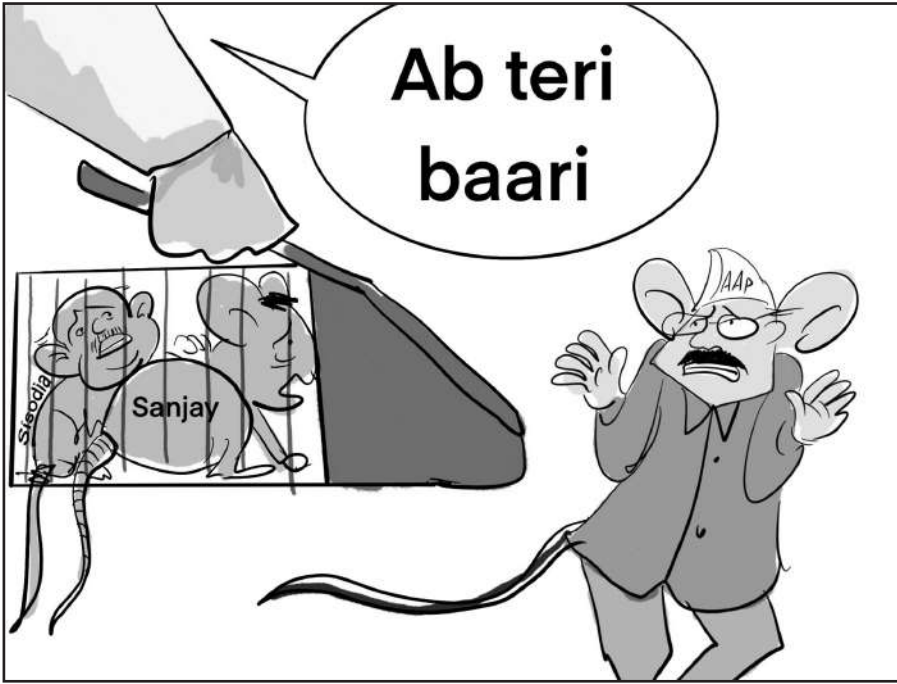
Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the NQM approved by the Cabinet at a total cost of over Rs.6,000 crore aims to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT).

"India is the seventh country to have a dedicated quantum mission after the US, Austria, Finland, France, Canada and China. The Mission will greatly benefit sectors like health, finance, energy apart from applications in drug design, space, banking, security etc. It will also provide a huge boost to National priorities like Digital India, Make in India, Skill India and Stand-up India, Start-up India, Self-reliant India," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said India has the potential to become an attractive destination for quantum R&D, software development, and components and equipment manufacturing, thus leading to a huge number of job opportunities.

"This resonates very strongly with Prime Minister Modi's larger scheme of creating an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in terms of science, technology, and innovation in India," he said.

India currently has nearly a hundred quantum projects of which about 92 per cent are sponsored by the Centre. The NQM targets developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits in 8 years in various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology.



GGM Sc College students made aware about corruption

Only voting upright, educated candidate can eradicate corruption: Mayor

'To restore fame of Vishav Guru, people of our country should support PM Modi in eradicating corruption'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The students of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College were on Thursday made aware about damages caused by the corruption to our nation.

Under the ongoing 'Jan Jagaran Abhiyan' the unprecedented anti-corruption campaign launched by the Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma with revolutionary slogan 'Inandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu', the Mayor while addressing students said that PM Modi while addressing the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort had said that corruption and dynasts are not less than termite eating the very basics of our nation and these needs to be curbed at any cost.

"To fulfill the dream of PM Modi for honest India, movement has been started across the country and the public is now forced to thing that if they want proper welfare services and facilities then corruption free society is essential as there is no other option. "This thought process is very good for the society," Sharma said adding that especially the younger generation participating in the 'Jan Jagaran Abhiyan' is very good sign for the society.



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma addressing students at GGM Science College on Thursday.

He continued: "The public of our country has now decided that for the prompt and honest delivery of services in our country there is a dire need of upright elected representatives of the public."

He said that the direct transfer of money during COVID-19 pandemic was a revolutionary start by the government led by PM

Modi. "Earlier for getting a Rs. 2 cheque for compensation to crop loss one used to visit offices of the concerned authorities repeatedly," he said adding: "Now the direct transfer of money to the accounts of beneficiaries has revolutionized the system."

The Mayor further said that though there is no magic wand to eradicate corruption but honesty displayed while casting votes preferring honest, upright and educated candidate having command over administrative activities can do it. He further said that the ongoing anti-corruption campaign shall continue till the entire public of Jammu becomes aware about the menace of corruption.

The Mayor also said that all the people of our country should be determined to support PM Modi in eradicating corruption from the soil of India so that the fame of Vishav Guru may again be restored to our nation.

Ritu Singh flags-in CRPF Women Motorcycle rally

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JAMMU: CRPF Women Motocycle Campaign-2023 of Jammu 86 Kashmir Zone started its journey from Lal Chowk, Srinagar and reached at Hari Nivas Palace, Jammu on Thursday.

Under the guidance of Sandeep Khirwar, IG Jammu Sector and Rakesh Sethi, DIG Range Jammu. Welcome ceremony is organized by 76 Battalion CRPF under the leadership of Tarique Hussain Khan, Commandant-76 Battalion at Hari Niwas Palace, Jammu.

Kunwarni (Dr) Ritu Singh, the chief guest of this program, welcomed all the eminent Women and personnel involved in this campaign on reaching Jammu and said that the participation of the brave women of the Central Reserve Police Force in the bike campaign is a symbol of the strength of Women power. Their sacrifice, patience and dedication are proving mettle in every field.

Giving the message of women Power and Unity, this Women MotorCycle campaign started its journey from Lal Chowk, Srinagar and covered a total distance of 2134 km via Jammu, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Pinjore, Sonapat, Gurugram, Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Gandhinagar and Baroda. The journey will



Kunwarni (Dr) Ritu Singh welcoming CRPF women bikers.

finally reach Ektanagar, niariat.

Tarique Hussain Khan, Commandant-76 Battalion, Mahendra Singh, Second in Command, Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Second in Command, Girish Sontiyal, Deputy Commandant, Karnail Singh, Deputy Commandant. Local People of Jammu City and Jawans of 76 Bn CRPF with their Families participated in the program.

HC directs respondents to consider case of petitioner for the post of Assistant Prof

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SRINAGAR: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar has allowed the petition of Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad directing the official respondents to consider his case against the post of Assistant Professor non-medical in the Department of clinical Pharmacology by giving him the benefit of such appointment from the same date it has been given to respondent No 3, belonging to medical category, strictly in conformity with the directions passed by this court in SWP No 2523/2018 decided on 30-10-2018.

The respondents failed to comply with the directions of the earlier judgment by taking a stand that the petitioner could not make the grade as he could secure only 48 points in OM category as against the respondent No 3 who scored 70 points.

The petitioner again took up the case with the High Court giving further detail of the case and the court on the very first hearing restrained the respondents from finalizing the selection in pursuance of their subsequent advertisements dated 17-4-2021.

The Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing the Advocate M. A Qayoom for the petitioner and Sajad Ashraf GA for R-1 and 2, Ser Adv Jehangir Iqbal Ganai, Mehnaz Rather, Adv and Asifa Padroo Adv for R-3 for respondents and also after going through the record held that the petitioner succeeds to make out his case in the instant petition.

J&K Bank commissions ATM in Rajouri, CRM in Pulwama

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SRINAGAR: Continuing with its mission to extend convenient banking facilities to people at their nearest possible destinations, J&K Bank commissioned an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at Dharat in Nowshera, Rajouri and a Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) at Lethpora in Pulwama. In Jammu, Former MLC Vibodh Gupta inaugurated the ATM on Thursday in presence of Bank's Zonal Head (Rajouri) Satish Kumar, DDC member Sangeeta Sharma, BDC Chairman Neena Sharma, President Beopar Mandal Bharat Bushan Gupta, Vice-chairman Municipal Committee Vishal Gupta and Sarpanches amid valuable customers, local residents



J&K Bank's Zonal Head (Pulwama) Tariq Ali inaugurating CRM at Lethpora while Former MLC Vibodh Gupta inaugurating ATM at Dharat.

and other officials of the Bank.

Commending the role of J&K Bank in providing latest banking facilities to the people Vibodh Gupta thanked the Bank for providing hi-tech banking facility to the general public of the area. He appreciated the role of the Bank in promoting different financial schemes tai-

lored to meet economic and social security needs of the people. Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head said, "While deepening our digital footprint here, the machine will cater to the needs of people thereby saving their valuable time and energy. With this commissioning, the total number of ATMs in Zone Rajouri has reached to

eighty-four." In Kashmir, the Bank's Zonal Head (Pulwama) Tariq Ali inaugurated the CRM amid a gathering of valuable customers, senior citizens and prominent locals besides other bank officials.

Reiterating the bank's commitment to provide accessible and convenient banking facilities to the people across its area of operations, Zonal Head said, "Since cash recycler machine allows both depositing and dispensing of cash, the installation of CRM will facilitate the customers and people at large besides helping in reducing footfall at the adjacent branch of the Bank."

The participants present on both the occasions appreciated the bank for extending basic banking services conveniently to the people.

Heavy fines imposed for smoking in public places Public Support Crucial in Combating Menace: DHS

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI
SRINAGAR: To curb the menace of tobacco use in public places, the Health Department in Kashmir has realized fines amounting to over Rs 1.5 lakh from violators in 2023, Director Health Services Kashmir Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather said on Thursday.

Talking to media persons on the sidelines of one day media sensitization workshop under National Tobacco Control Programme, he said that the push for a tobacco-free environment is not only a matter of law but also a public health imperative, emphasizing the

critical need for public support in achieving this goal.

The Director stressed the significance of public backing in the fight against tobacco use and highlighted that no programme or struggle against any issue can truly succeed without the active support of the public. Encouragingly, a significant portion of the fines collected is a testament to the willingness of residents to adhere to tobacco control regulations.

Dr. Rather further emphasized that the battle against smoking extends beyond public places and into homes.

Smoking in domestic environments can have adverse effects on children and elderly family members. He cited a recent study conducted in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, revealing that out of 70,000 people, 50,000 were found to be users of intravenous drugs.

Alarming findings indicated that many of these drug users had a history of smoking, including minors. Dr. Rather underscored the interconnectedness of tobacco use and substance abuse, advocating for a comprehensive approach to address both issues.

92,800 street lights installed in Jammu municipal limits: JMC

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JAMMU: All the 75 wards within the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation are being provided with street lights in two phases.

As per the JMC, till date installation of 61300 street lights has been completed under phase-I and the work of installation of street lights under phase-II is in progress. Out of 35130 street lights in phase-II, about 31500 lights have been installed.

The job of installation and commissioning is going on as per the tripartite agreement among Power Development Department, EESL and Housing & Urban Development Department.

As per the agreement PDD has to make available the whole infrastructure viz. providing of poles, phase wire and allied accessories



JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav briefing media.

meant for the installation of these street lights and EESL has to provide street lights of different wattages as per the requirement of the area. The JMC has to supervise and make the payment for the maintenance of these street lights as per the agreement.

As per the tripartite agreement, the ESSL has to provide the street lights with

necessary accessories and has to maintain these lights for seven years.

The JMC has to make the payment for the maintenance of street lights as per the agreement and JMC is doing so for the completed 61300 street lights only. The maintenance part is taken by EESL on regular basis and there are 3 ways in which the complaints can be registered with EESL viz. Toll Free No. 1800-180-3580; J.K.LED app for J&K only, whereas another app is available on all India level is EESL SAMPARK app.

The individuals can lodge their complaints on these portals and the same are being rectified by EESL on regular basis and a perfect record in this behalf is being maintained by EESL and being periodically checked also. This keeps a thorough check on the maintenance part rendered by EESL.

Amit chairs meeting on rationalisation of motor vehicles in UT Ladakh

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LEH: Amit Sharma, Secretary Transport, Union Territory of Ladakh on Thursday chaired an important meeting of the Committee regarding rationalisation of Motor Vehicles in Ladakh in his office chambers. This Committee had recently been constituted by the UT Administration to examine all the Motor Vehicle proposals from various departments so as to assess the current status and actual requirement of vehicles in the UT of Ladakh.

Secretary Transport Amit Sharma, at the outset of the Meeting, explained the basic objective and rationale behind the constitution of this all-important Committee under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Lieutenant Governor Brig (Retd) Dr B.D Mishra and Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal so as to ensure that



Amit Sharma, Secretary Transport, Union Territory of Ladakh chairing a meeting.

the transportation resources of the UT of Ladakh can be optimally and rationally utilised. All the members of the Committee chaired by Transport Secretary Amit Sharma and including Director Accounts and Treasuries Safdar Ali, Deputy Director Planning Tsering Angdus, Deputy Director Garages Dr Namgyal and Under Secretary to LG Vivek Sharma, held detailed deliberations on the subject and

later on, briefed Advisor on the decisions arrived-in during this Meeting.

It was decided that this Committee will have to initially acquire the data on all existing vehicles under usage in UT Ladakh and then decide on the rationalisation subsequently. Further, Transport Secretary Amit Sharma directed the concerned to seek all the required data on newly purchased vehicles, old vehicles fit for condemnation and data on function-

al and public utility vehicles in the UT of Ladakh in a time-bound manner.

It was concluded by the Chair Amit Sharma that once the requisite data is received by the Committee, a comprehensive report shall be prepared on the optimal requirement of motor vehicles in the UT of Ladakh and their rational utilisation, especially keep into consideration the tough terrains and severe weather conditions prevailing in the Union Territory of Ladakh.