

Dr Jitendra addresses 'Karmayogi Saptah' programme, underlines 'Rule to Role' shift

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NEW DELHI: Setting the context for Karmayogi Saptah 'Samuhik Charcha' for officers of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (I/C) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh, briefed about Mission Karmayogi, National Learning Week and Karmayogi Competency Model.

The Minister emphasised that Mission Karmayogi underlines a paradigm shift from "Rule to Role" and focuses that Civil Servants should not be bound by rules but by responsibilities.

The Union Minister outlined how the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has been the first among the ministries to start this cycle of regular learning. During the occasion, Minister also recounted the journey of setting up Mission



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing "Samuhik Charcha" session of "Karmayogi Saptah", at New Delhi on Monday.

Karmayogi, which was after taking inspiration from Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He also applauded the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) for taking up this task.

Union Minister stressed that Mission Karmayogi has led to the development of a new culture in gov-

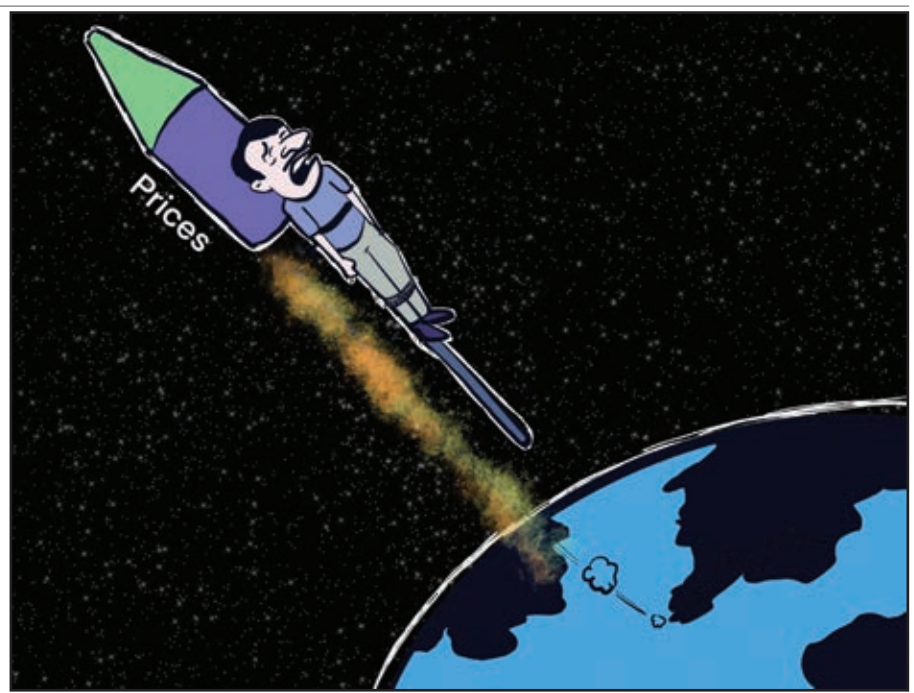
ernance which is responsive, dynamic and allied with contemporary India. He further outlined that Mission Karmayogi will help bureaucrats in performing the diverse range of works in government in different ministries.

Union Minister highlighted how Mission Karmayogi creates a layer of sustainable ecosystem with the 'One

Government' approach to realise the dream of Viksit Bharat. He also stated that given the needs of changing times, one should be continuously engaging in the learning processes. This will carry much significance for the bureaucrats who will be at the forefront of Viksit Bharat 2047.

He remarked that this brainstorming cycle of Samuhik Charcha will aid in the creation of an allied, vast framework, a vast ecosystem, aligned across industries, across the department, and whole of the Government.

Furthermore, the aim of the 'Samuhik Charcha' for the officers of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is to facilitate and entrench learning on a chosen theme by bringing officers across departments within the Ministry together. The 'Samuhik Charcha' is designed to enable officers to contemplate and exchange ideas on a chosen theme derived from a webinar that comprises part of the National Learning Week programme.



Randhawa meets LG Sinha, discusses development initiatives for Bahu Constituency

Urges LG Sinha to celebrate Diwali with Jammu people

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SRINAGAR: Vikram Randhawa, MLA of Bahu Constituency, held a meeting with LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar, where he extended his congratulations to the Lt. Governor for the peaceful and successful conduct of the recent Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the discussion, Randhawa highlighted key issues pertaining to the development of Bahu Constituency. He emphasized the importance of addressing local needs and improving regional infrastructure, calling for a comprehensive policy framework to support economic growth and enhance the quality of life for the residents.

The meeting also focused on broader regional development and collaboration between the administration and local representatives to ensure effective governance.



MLA Vikram Randhawa calling LG Manoj Sinha at Srinagar.

Vikram Randhawa reaffirmed his commitment to work closely with the administration to represent and serve the interests of his constituents, underscoring the need for continued efforts towards holistic development.

MLA Randhawa also requested Lt. Governor Sinha to celebrate this year's Diwali with the people of the Jammu region, as a gesture of unity and goodwill.

Lt. Governor Sinha assured MLA Vikram Randhawa of his full support in addressing the developmental concerns raised during the meeting. He appreciated Randhawa's proactive approach and commitment to the welfare of his constituency, and assured that the administration would take necessary steps to expedite ongoing projects and introduce new initiatives for the region's progress.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Doda and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 27 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarthal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 23 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Bhaderwah Town and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 23 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Burmal, Rakh Muthi, Devipur, Ballian da Bagh, Pallwan, PHE Line, BSE, Jourian, MES, Troti, Bakore and adjoining areas will remain affected

on October 23 and 25 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Areas fed from Akhnoor and Kalakote Grid Stations, Akhnoor, Jourian, Pargval and Kalakote will remain affected on October 23 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Nud, Navodhay and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 22 from 7 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarore Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 26 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to PHE utilities and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 23 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Farmers suffering as PDD fails to give regular power supply: Sukhnandan

Villages in Marh, Muthi, Ghomanasa Akhnoor sector facing acute power shortage

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JAMMU: As electricity remains cut off for more than ten hours a day, former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan said that the paucity of electricity has made the life of farmers tough. He said that there is no dearth of funds which could be utilized to execute lots of work including installations of transformer, polls and change of wires. He said that the areas badly hit due to dearth of electricity include Muthi, Gajansoo, Ghomanasa, Marh, Nagbani, Jhiri, Kanachack, Gole Gujral, Pouni Chak and upto Akhnoor sector forcing villagers to suffer.

The erratic power supply position in this belt of Jammu region is haunting the villagers, who depend on cultivation as their lone source of income. Power woes have pushed the villagers to immense inconvenience, ex-minister Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar said.



He said the unscheduled power cuts have become a cause of great concern for the people and especially farmers who are using electric machinery for irrigation and cultivation purposes.

"It is unfortunate that the same situation is being repeated during cultivation period and the farmers are left helpless being devoid of basic amenities, especially the power and essential commodities," he added.

Not only in non-metered areas, but in metered areas too, the power supply remains erratic. The power schedule announced by the Power Development Department is not adhered to. This has virtually become an annual ritual for the department to keep the people of the Valley devoid of basic amenities, especially the power supplies and essential commodities, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar said while making an appeal to the higher officers of the power department.

Dheeraj Gupta takes over as Addl CS to CM

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JAMMU: Dheeraj Gupta, and balanced and deft handling of complex issues which were acknowledged by him being a recipient of "Lt Governor's Award for Honesty, Integrity and Meritorious Public Services" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public services.



His portfolio of works in Jammu and Kashmir include Power, Housing & Urban Development, Forest & Environment, Revenue, Relief, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management departments. During his career, Gupta served as Deputy Commissioner of Baramulla & Leh Districts, CEO of Sh Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Addl CEO of Sh Amarnatiji Shrine Board.

Gupta was the first Commissioner/Secretary of the Relief, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Department that was created in the wake of the devastating

floods of 2014. He laid a solid foundation for the new Department and negotiated and finalized the contours of the Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project with the World Bank.

In the centre, he handled the transition management from Planning Commission to NITI Aayog; Restructuring of the Planning Commission, and developing the blueprint of the new Secretariat to enable the Aayog to fulfil its mandate.

The officer is also a recipient of the Chief of Army Staff's Gold Medal for the synergy that he had brought about among the civilians, administration and the army during his tenure as Deputy Commissioner of the then militancy ridden Baramulla.

Meanwhile, Dawanjet Singh, Administrative Officer has been transferred from the Office of Forest Protection Force, J&K and posted as Additional Private Secretary with Deputy Chief Minister.

Anti-Pakistan protests break out in Jammu over Ganderbal killings

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JAMMU: A day after a deadly terror attack at a tunnel construction site in J-K's Ganderbal left seven people dead, members of the Shiv Sena Dogra Front and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal on Monday burned Pakistani flags in Jammu in protest against the killings amid slogans against the neighbouring country.

The protesters demanded that the terrorists involved in the fatal attack be eliminated at the earliest to restore confidence among the people.

Blaming Pakistan squarely for the attack, the agitators claimed it was the fallout of the frustration among the terrorists after the peaceful Assembly elections and the formation of an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Led by Shiv Sena Dogra Front President Ashok Gupta, the protesters also



Various organisations staging protest in Jammu on Monday.

burned the effigy of Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif in response to the "dastardly" attack in Ganderbal, raising "Pakistan Hai Hai" slogans.

A doctor and six labourers were killed when terrorists struck a tunnel construction site on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway in Ganderbal district on Sunday.

"Terrorists involved in such acts should be eliminated so that a strong message is sent to Pakistan. The houses of over-ground workers

should be identified and bulldozed to ensure that no one dares to support the terrorists," Gupta said.

Stating that the nation should stand united and avoid political manoeuvring, Gupta said, "A strong retaliatory strike should be launched against the terror nation so that the world can be freed from its nefarious plans for once and all."

"Pakistan has to be taught a lesson. As our defence forces tighten the noose in Kashmir, terror activities are shifting to Jammu, while Punjab is

already grappling with the menace of drugs spread by Pakistan."

Claiming that the latest attack shows that Pakistan cannot tolerate the democratically elected government in J-K, Gupta said, "There can be no talks with them (Pakistan) if they continue to attack us. The prime minister is going to Russia this week to attend the BRICS Summit. I appeal to him to respond to Pakistan by saying there will be no talks, only action."

On B C Road, members of the Rashtriya Bajrang

Dal (RBD) blocked traffic and burned Pakistani flags.

"We urge the lieutenant governor and the Union home minister to instruct the police and the army to eliminate those behind the attack in Ganderbal. They should be hunted down, and their bodies be sent back to Pakistan," RBD Chairman Rakesh Kumar said.

Members of the Shiv Sena (UBT) also took out a protest rally here blaming Pakistan for the violence, which they claimed stemmed from the frustration over the peaceful Assembly polls and the subsequent government formation in J-K.

"The government must ensure the safety and security of those working in Kashmir. The terrorists must be taught a lesson, and Pakistan must stop promoting them," said the party's J&K unit chief Manish Saini.

Status of Cabinet w.r.t LG in a UT is not same as in a State but still Omar can freely execute some promises

DAYA SAGAR

First elections to Legislative Assembly of UT of J&K concluded on 1st Oct 2024, results declared on 8th Oct and Omar Abdullah has been sworn as the Chief Minister on last 16th Oct. National Conference headed by Dr Farooq Abdullah though won only 42 seats out of 90 but as part of INDIA alliance did secure majority worth forming the government and also received support of CPI(M), AAP and 5 independent MLAs. Many are opining that Omar Abdullah will not be able to deliver smoothly since his legislative and administrative delegations / authorities are under the jurisdictions of LG of J&K, some even say Omar Abdullah is 'half' Chief Minister. The comments being made may appear true to some extent but are not surely like making the Chief Minister ineffective. No doubt the Omar Cabinet has passed a resolution demanding that Statehood for J&K should be restored earliest which is a link to the National Conference - Congress alliance

demand as well as part of NC manifesto but that is for Union Government to get executed through parliament of India. So let the Omar Abdullah lead & Congress supported J&K UT government in the meantime work on ground worth the delegated administrative & legislative authority in terms of the J&K Reorganisation Act of 2019, Act 34 of 2019 and whatever the elected government can do for people of J&K in terms of the election manifesto of National Conference and promises made by Congress as her election ally. Those who profess that LG may not support the UT Cabinet are totally wrong since why should LG not side with the UT Cabinet even where the State cabinet does not have direct jurisdiction, he will surely do that for every fair action/proposal. Those who profess that J&K Legislative Assembly and Cabinet have to get approval of LG for every subject / action are totally wrong.

The UT Cabinet has many fields where it can work without any limitation, like .

1. The NC manifesto talks of filling all vacancies in government departments within 180 days which is good

but for Omar govt first priority should be to (i) immediately regularize all the casual / daily wage workers who have been engaged for more than 3 years on the same assignment / similar assignment of regular nature and for that powers should be given to the head of the department as regards field departments / particularly Chief Engineers like that of PWD/ PHE/PDD. Every time when there are elections promises are made for regularizing daily wagers and numbers of 50000- 60000 are quoted which have remained unchanged at least since 2002; (ii) Order undoing any contractual appointments / Academic Arrangement appoints in higher education as well as in professional colleges like Government College of Engineering Jammu and advertising through PSC all vacant posts of Lecturers/ Asstt Professors



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including where any contractual / academic arrangement appointments have been made

to be filled on regular basis within end of current session. It has been given to understand that in institutions like GCE Jammu academic arrangement appointments are a routine although in appointment orders at occasions it is also mentioned that appointment is for the session or till post is filled by PSC (enquiry need be ordered to know that where mention of PSC is made had the post been advertised before contractual/ academic arrangement appoint or immediately after that or at least before end of the session, if no then who is responsible). Such appointments are affecting the studies of the students more in addition to the teachers where paid less than the scale of post & have unsafe appointments are surely to remain under stresses which further affects their teaching capacity/ skills/ commit-

ments.

2. At page 13 the manifesto promises to provide 200 units of electricity free and also says will provide free drinking water to each household and this should be done immediately.

3. At page -14 the manifesto promises to provide Rs. 5000 per month to female heads of households to EWS, provide 12 cylinders free of cost per year to EWS and there should be no problem of authority for that so orders must be issued without any loss of time. But the Government must make public immediately the definition and criteria for fixing a EWS which should have been mentioned in the manifesto.

4. As promised the old age and widow pension can be enhanced to Rs.3000/ pm.

5. Orders for entitlement of woman for free travel in public transport can be issued immediately.

6. Hope the Government will immediately nominate the UT level minorities (religious) and also initiate for appointment of UT Minority Commission as promised.

7. As promised on page 14 of the manifesto there should be no problem to order for increasing FREE rice allocation to 10 kg per person per month for some and for general public entitlement to 10 kg rice/Atta per person per month.

8. As promised on page - 18 of manifesto to establish Village & Mohalla Clinics for basic healthcare and emergency care with regular doctors & medicines availability

9.. The erstwhile J&K Constitution too under directive principles directed the state to provided free education to permanent resident of J&K upto University (PG) level and the manifesto at page -20 promises for Free education for all upto University level and this could be initiated immediately without any reservations in the name of LG.

10. At page-20 the manifesto promised resumption of Full Darbar Move and there should be no hitch in that too.

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