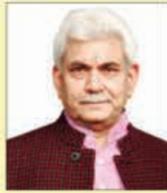


मनोज सिन्हा
उपराज्यपाल
जम्मू एण्ड कश्मीर
MANOJ SINHA
Lieutenant Governor
Jammu and Kashmir



Message

Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 28th of October to 3rd of November 2024 with theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity". Corruption is a major obstacle to sustainable development, as it diverts resources away from essential services and economic growth. Vigilance plays a critical role in ensuring the smooth, ethical and transparent functioning of organizations, institutions and societies as a whole. Leveraging technology is instrumental in enhancing transparency and reducing corruption. Digital platforms for public services can reduce the need for face to face interaction which propagate opportunities for corruption. Vigilance awareness amongst all stakeholders fosters a culture of accountability, protects public interests and ensures that institutions operate efficiently and with integrity. By remaining vigilant, we contribute to the creation of a system that promotes fairness, justice and progress in society.

Let all the departments and individuals play vital role in reporting corrupt practices and adequate transparent and accountable governance.

23rd October, 2024
Srinagar

Manoj Sinha
(Manoj Sinha)



Omar Abdullah
Chief Minister
Jammu & Kashmir

Message

As we mark the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 28th October to 3rd of November, 2024, I take great pride in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to a corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir. Eradicating corruption is more than a priority; it is a mission that drives us to introduce bold reforms, strengthen oversight, and empower citizens. Our goal is to build a governance model where every resource is utilized for the public good, reflecting our dedication to building a brighter, more equitable future for all. We stand with the people in our shared vision of a transparent and accountable governance.

It is also crucial to reflect on this year's theme Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity and its relevance to our society. Integrity is the cornerstone of any successful nation, and its impact on growth, welfare, and progress is undeniable. Upon stepping into office, the newly elected government made a firm pledge to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to create a governance system rooted in integrity, fairness, and honesty. Our mission is simple yet profound; to serve with honor and ensure that every decision benefits the people we represent.

I encourage everyone to take part in the initiatives being organized during this week and to make integrity the guiding principle of both personal and public life. Together, we can work toward a future of justice, equity, and shared prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar Abdullah
Omar Abdullah



Atal Dulloo, IAS
Chief Secretary
Jammu & Kashmir

Message

I extend my warm greetings to everyone as we come together to observe Vigilance Awareness Week, an occasion dedicated to promoting the core values of transparency, accountability and integrity in governance. This year's theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," resonates with the vision of building a strong and prosperous nation rooted in the ethos of honesty.

2. Integrity is the foundation upon which good governance and effective public administration are built. By fostering a culture of integrity, we not only ensure the efficient use of public resources but also strengthen the trust between the government and the people. In Jammu and Kashmir, we have taken significant strides toward enhancing transparency and accountability in all spheres of governance. Vigilance Awareness Week serves as a reminder of our responsibility to uphold these values in our daily work and to set an example for future generations.

3. I urge everyone to actively participate in the activities of this week and pledge to commit themselves to cultivating a culture of integrity. Together, we can contribute to the prosperity of our nation and ensure that our governance systems are free from malpractices and corruption.

4. Let us work hand in hand to make Jammu and Kashmir a model of ethical governance, where the spirit of integrity guides every decision and action.

Atal Dulloo
Sd/- (Atal Dulloo)



SANJEEV VERMA
IAS

Message

It is a matter of immense pleasure that Vigilance Awareness week is being observed from 28th October to 3rd of November, 2024 with the theme; "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" To achieve equitable, inclusive and prosperous future for all, we must foster a culture of integrity, transparency, accountability and good governance. This week highlights that the measures to curb corruption, are organically linked with peace, security and development. Tackling the menace of corruption is a fundamental duty of every citizen, which can be achieved through cooperation, by securing deep involvement of citizens and institution(s) /department(s), in equal measure.

Let us resolve to fight corruption, while acknowledging the salience of transparency, accountability and ethical governance in combating corruption, efficaciously.

Place:- Srinagar
Dated:- 24.10.2024

Sanjeev Verma
(Sanjeev Verma)



Shakti Kumar Pathak, IPS
Director, Anti Corruption
Bureau J&K

Message

The Vigilance Awareness Week-2024 seeks to highlight the role and responsibilities of everyone in tackling corruption. The theme for observance of Vigilance Awareness Week is "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity". To achieve this, policies, systems and measures need to be placed for people to be able to speak up and say "No to Corruption". These measures contribute to effective, accountable and transparent institutions towards a culture of integrity and fairness.

In recent years, technology has become one of the greatest allies for preventing and tackling corruption. Digitization and digital transformation have advanced and transformed the delivery of public services tremendously, with the enormous potential and wide ranging benefits of improving the efficiency and effectiveness in public administration, besides service delivery as well as enhancing of transparency, accountability, accessibility and citizen participation. Technology and Anti-Corruption measures have a mutually reinforcing relationship.

I urge all stakeholders to take pledge to eradicate this menace which affect us all. Speak up and "Say# No To Corruption".

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Shakti Kumar Pathak-IPS

Modi 3.0 'science push' aimed at realising 'Viksit Bharat': Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a forward-looking discussion during an exclusive interview to a national media house, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh laid out the government's bold and strategic vision for India's science and technology sectors and said that Modi 3.0 "science push" is aimed at realising "Viksit Bharat". From launching a Rs 1,000 crore venture capital fund to support Space StartUps to introducing the Bio E3 policy aimed at creating a bioeconomy, the Modi government's major initiatives in the first 100 days of its third term signify its commitment to advancing India's role on the global innovation stage, the Minister said. The Minister highlighted that these initiatives not only bolster India's scientific prowess but also contribute to a sustainable, self-reliant economy that can withstand global shifts in industry and resources. Dr. Jitendra Singh opened by emphasising the speed at which India has embraced major reforms in science and technology. "In the first 100 days of Prime Minister Modi's third term, we have laid the groundwork for transformative changes in science, technology, and innovation," he said. He pointed out that the Prime Minister's vision prioritises long-term, out-of-the-box initiatives to ensure India's leadership in critical domains like space exploration, biotechnology, and meteorology. One of the major highlights of Dr. Jitendra Singh's interaction was the announcement of a Rs 1,000 crore venture capital fund exclusively for the space



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview with a National News House at New Delhi.

sector. This fund, approved by the cabinet, is part of a broader plan to leverage India's growing base of nearly 300 space startups. In the span of just a few years, India has seen a remarkable shift in its space ecosystem, following the government's decision to open the sector to private players.

According to Dr. Jitendra Singh, this decision has helped unlock India's potential, allowing it to grow from a single-digit startup presence to an ecosystem with hundreds of space tech companies today. "India's space economy will play a critical role in our country's growth," Dr. Jitendra Singh noted, referencing the global recognition India has garnered from achievements like the Chandrayaan-3 mission. He further highlighted the Gaganyaan mission, India's first human crewed space mission has been scheduled, which will include a female robot test flight as a final dress rehearsal before sending human astronauts into space. "Our advancements are not just about joining the ranks of other spacefaring nations, but also about leading with innovation, precision, and reliability," he added.

With the Bio E3 policy, Dr. Jitendra underscored a vision

for a "bio-driven" future, asserting that the next industrial revolution will stem from bioeconomy initiatives rather than traditional manufacturing. The policy, which covers Biotechnology for Environment, Economy, and Employment, is designed to create self-sufficiency in resources while reducing dependency on imports. A key objective, he explained, is the shift from petroleum-based resources to biofuel alternatives, enabling waste-to-fuel transformations and other sustainable practices.

"Our natural resources, including rich bioresources along the Himalayas and a 7,500-Kilometre coastline, position us uniquely to drive this revolution," Dr. Jitendra Singh said. "We're tapping into the biotechnology potential of the regions, ensuring economic growth that is both inclusive and environmentally sustainable." Dr. Singh also announced significant updates on Mission Mausam, an initiative launched within the first 100 days of Modi's third term, aimed at enhancing the accuracy of meteorological forecasts. The mission, which integrates space and IT technologies, allows India to provide real-time, actionable weather forecasts,

not only for India but also for neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Reflecting on India's legacy in meteorology, he acknowledged that the sector has struggled to receive adequate investment until recently. "Now, we're not just forecasting the weather. We're helping citizens understand the implications of weather events and prepare accordingly," he said. New AI-driven applications will allow for hyper-local, hour-by-hour forecasts for farmers and other stakeholders who depend on reliable predictions. "Our aim is to deliver global-standard forecasts and move towards predictive models that empower our agricultural sector," Dr. Jitendra emphasised.

A cornerstone of India's approach under Prime Minister Modi, Dr. Jitendra noted, is an all-encompassing strategy where scientific disciplines converge to produce more impactful outcomes. He highlighted that such collaboration is essential to achieving India's broader developmental goals, with the science and tech sectors working cohesively to drive transformative results. Dr. Singh pointed to the India-Germany science partnership as an example of this whole-of-science vision. Germany, hosting over 50,000 Indian students and researchers, has become a preferred destination for Indian scholars pursuing innovative projects. "Germany and India's collaboration, particularly in areas like biotechnology and renewable energy, underscores the importance of international partnerships in realising our scientific ambitions," he said.

APS Nagrota celebrates Annual Day with grandeur

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Nagrota celebrated its Annual Day with great pomp and splendor.

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Lt. Gen Navin Sachdeva AVSM, SM GOC 16 Corps, Senior Patron APS Nagrota as the Chief Guest and Maj Gen Shailendra Singh, SM, CoS HQ 16 Corps, Patron APS Nagrota as the Guest of Honour. Dr Reena G Sachdev Zonal President White Knight AWWA, Namita Singh Zonal Vice President White Knight AWWA and Brig Anurag Tyagi, Chairman APS Nagrota also graced the occasion. The programme commenced with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a mesmerizing welcome dance that set the tone for the evening.



Army Public School Nagrota students performing cultural programme.

The Principal of APS Nagrota Ruchi Bahl presented a comprehensive annual report, highlighting the school's academic achievements, co-curricular activities, and infrastructural developments.

A captivating lineup of cultural performances enthralled the audience. The highlight of the evening was the Nritya Natika depicting the mythological tale of Samudra Manthan, showcasing the students' artistic

prohess and dedication. The event also recognized and rewarded academic excellence, with prize distribution for the top performers in the Class 10th Board exams.

Additionally, students were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in sports in cluster and national level. The best house was declared and Captain, Vice Captain with teacher incharges were felicitated. In his address, the Chief

Guest commended the school for its holistic approach to education and its commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

He inspired the students to strive for excellence in all their endeavors and to uphold the values of discipline, hard work, and integrity.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Avinash Mahajan, Vice Principal of the school.

Humanity Public School celebrates Accession Day of J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Humanity Public School Bassi Kalan, Bari-Brahmana celebrated Accession Day with great zeal. The day that commemorates the instrument of accession by Maharaja Hari Singh in 1947. A special Assembly was organised by the students and staff of the school. The programme was started with paying floral tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh by the Principal, Gaurav Charak and Vice - Principal, Anku Charak along with the Incharges of different wings - Ravinder Sadhu (Administrative officer), Akashdeep Raina (Academic Incharge), Prasad Singh (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrta Sharma (High Wing Incharge), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary Wing), Er Varinder Kumar (Incharge IT Dept.), Aparana Billovria (Incharge Pre-Primary Wing), and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharges). After paying floral tribute, Nandini of class 10th,



Humanity Public School faculty during Accession Day celebration.

Raksha from class 11th and Elina from 7th class presented their speeches on this special day. After an interesting speeches a beautiful dogri song performed by the girls of 8th and 9th class. They sang a very beautiful song under the guidance of Music teachers Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash. The whole programme was hosted by the Niharika of 9th class.

Principal, Gaurav Charak said that the last Dogra ruler of J&K, Maharaja Hari Singh initially decided to keep the state as an independent entity to keep the identity of J&K State

and to decide the future of state by its own. Vice - Principal, Anku Charak also enlighten her words on this special day. After the celebration of Accession day, an Inter-House Rangoli making competition was also held to mark the celebration of this day.

Students from different houses i.e. Akash House, Agni House, Prithvi House and Trishool House were participated in the competition. They made very beautiful and elegant rangoli designs. Principal and Vice - Principal applauded all the participants for their hard work. In this competition

first position was bagged by the Akash House, second position by Trishool House and third position by Agni House.

The participants of Akash house were Jagriti, Niharika, Rifat, Bhavmeet and Sania, participants of Trishool house were Gurpreet, Nitara, Shrishti, Sheetal and Angel and participants of Agni house were Jahnvi, Kirti, Vasundra, Navya and Simar. This Rangoli making competition motivated the students to perform and outshine in their creative skills and most important work as a team to bring laurels to their houses.

Helpage India celebrates Diwali Milan with inmates of Home for Aged & Infirms



Helpage India and IDPS faculty celebrating Diwali Milan with inmates of Home for Aged & Infirms Amphalla in school campus.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Helpage India along with International Delhi Public School conducted Diwali Milan along with inmates of Home for

Aged & Infirms Amphalla in school campus. Brightening Diwali and spreading joys for elderly from Helpage India, the initiative has

been taken for the first time to celebrate pre-Diwali with elders. In a heartwarming display of community spirit, elderly from Old Age Home visited IDPS

Jammu to celebrate Diwali. The elderly were welcomed and greeted at IDPS Jammu by little IDPIANS with a festive spirit.

IDPIANS gave a melodious and a heart-warming music and dance performances bringing joy and cheer to the elderly residents.

They were engaged in various activities and games specially put up for them as they shared laughter with the elderly.

The lively atmosphere filled the air with excitement and happiness.