

LG Ladakh meets Dr Jitendra, discusses upcoming Night Sky Sanctuary

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NEW DELHI: The work on India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary, being set up by CSIR under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, in Ladakh's Hanle is going on in full swing and shall be complete in over a month's time.

This was stated by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, when Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur called on him at North Block on Friday.

Mathur apprised the Dr. Jitendra about the Rozgar Mela held on October 31 in Ladakh where the UT Administration gave away appointment letters to around one thousand local youth, furthering the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give jobs to the deserving youth of the



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at North Block, New Delhi on Friday.

country.

While discussing the various projects, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always accorded highest priority to Ladakh

and other peripheral regions.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the efforts of RK Mathur-led Ladakh administration in carrying out development work in various spheres in

Ladakh. The Union Minister assured all possible assistance of the Centre in completion of developmental projects in the UT.

Mathur informed the Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh about the status of several public welfare and developmental projects in Ladakh.

In a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative, the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt of India, has undertaken to set up India's first-ever "Night Sky Sanctuary" in Ladakh.

The proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle in Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost Astro tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes.

Rana calls for united efforts in bringing harmony, promoting peace

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AKHNOOR: Praying for universal brotherhood, the essence of Sanatan Dharma's eternal philosophy of Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday called for putting united efforts for harmonious growth of the society besides promoting peace and tranquility.

"The basic tenets of Sanatan Dharma and the great Indian civilization considers the world as a family and this ethos holds promise for global peace, especially now when the cold war is gripping the continents", Rana said while interacting with devotees after participating in the Puran Ahuti of Maha Vishnu Yagna of eleven days at spiritually blessed Akhnoor this afternoon.

The Yagna was performed by Suresh Shastri which attracted thousands of



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing devotees during Maha Vishnu Yagna.

devotees from various parts of Jammu all the eleven days. Rana joined Suresh Shastri and hundreds of devotees in Parikrama.

Devender Rana said in the recent years India has been taking a leading role for forging universal bonding in true spirit of "Vasudeva Kutumbakam", be it the crisis unfolded by COVID pandemic or the Russia Ukraine conflict.

This is because of the deeply ingrained Vedic philosophy, which does not dif-

ferentiate between the people on regional, religious or continental basis but treats them as one. This effort has been appreciated globally.

He said every Sanatan begins the day with the prayers of everyone to be happy, everyone to be in good health and everyone to prosper as they believe God in every particle, least to speak of human beings.

Rana stressed the crucial need of strengthening the bonds of amity and brotherhood, saying this has been the cornerstone of Indian ethos.

He said the spiritual land of India has emanated the message of humanity from times immemorial and guided humanity to peace, prosperity and spiritual bliss. He urged the devotees, present in the congregation, to spread the message of love, peace and compassion, which, he said is imperative for national integration and promoting inclusiveness across the

country and in Jammu and Kashmir.

He hoped that everyone will play a role towards the growth of the society based on social justice and equality.

Suresh Shastri addressed the congregation and referred to the week-long event being held annually to promote spirituality.

He said the hallmark of these discourses is to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. He made a special reference to various evils inflicted to the society and stressed the need for imparting values among the youngsters.

Those present were Prem Sagar Aziz, former Minister and Sr. BJP leader, Baba Chanchal Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Sarpanch, Rajan Singh (Happy), Kuldeep Singh Langeh, Rekha Manhas, Kabal Singh, Dayal Singh (Lucky) and others.

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