

# Outreach programme to popularise contemporary India's 9 top science stories: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said, a massive public outreach program will be launched soon to popularise contemporary India's 9 top Science stories and schemes rolled out through different Science Ministries and Departments. Chairing the joint monthly meeting of all the Science Secretaries at Technology Bhavan, Science & Technology headquarters here, Dr Jitendra said, the 9 Missions of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) are at par with Global Missions on subjects like Chandrayaan, Deep Ocean Mission, Quantum Technology, Vaccines & Bio-manufacturing, Aroma



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh chairing the joint monthly meeting of all the Science Secretaries at Technology Bhavan, New Delhi on Wednesday.

Mission & Purple Revolution, Global Biofuel Alliance, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Waste to Wealth Mission, National Biodiversity Mission etc. Dr Jitendra asked the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, Prof Ajay Sood to soon convene a meeting of all the Science Secretaries and related Ministries and

Departments to chalk out a detailed Media Strategy including social media and Audio-Video content. Giving the example of Quantum Mission, Dr Jitendra said, building competence in Quantum Frontier is essential to national security and economic well-being with breakthroughs in Control of the quantum mechanical sys-

tems, Quantum Communication, New materials, Quantum sensors, Quantum cryptography. He said, similarly the other Missions of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) are world class. These cutting-edge technologies, innovations and their use for common good must reach every nook and corner of the country through a wide media outreach program, the Minister added. Dr Singh also gave instructions to finalize before the month-end the roadmap for the next five years of important Science and Technology Projects and do the prioritisation based on the importance of the subject. Dr Jitendra reviewed the

preparations of Global Bio-India to be held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 4th of December, 2023. The Minister also reviewed the overall scenario of the 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 to be held at Faridabad, Haryana from January 17th-20th, 2024. India's mega Science Fair will be held at the campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) of Department of Biotechnology in Faridabad. IISF 2023 will have a total of 17 themes to showcase scientific achievements offering diverse benefits to participants and the general public.

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**JAMMU:** BJP OBC Moreha Udhampur team led by district president Sagar Verma, called on Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (organization) in presence of Sunil Prajapati, J&K BJP OBC Moreha president and discussed in detail the issues of OBC community in Jammu and Kashmir. Ashok Koul gave a patient hearing to the district team and said that the BJP is of the view that this community has been discriminated against and ill treated for long and that the political parties in the past were never serious for the welfare and political empowerment. He said that the BJP has repeatedly stood for equality and justice to all the communities of the society. As far as OBCs, the BJP stands for socio-economic and political empowerment and the



BJP OBC Moreha Udhampur team calling on Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (organization).

Narendra Modi government at the centre, is committed to deliver justice to this community at all levels. Ashok Koul asked the district team to intensify their political activities in the ongoing Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan programmes and educate the people to strengthen B-JP and vote overwhelmingly in its favour in 2024 general elections to see Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of the country for the third term. He also assures the members that OBC's of

Jammu Kashmir will get all their pending constitutional rights in coming times. Ashok Bandral, Om Parkash District Vice presidents, Rakesh Kumar, Mulkh Raj, Sub. Subash Chander, Gurdeyal Dhiman Mandal Presidents Krimchi, Majalta, Khoon, Tikri-alhad, captain Nand Lal, Charan Dass Sumbria, Kuldeep Kumar Pathania District General secretaries and Babu Ram vice President Malhad Mandal and others the team members who called on Ashok Koul.

# HC dismisses petition of JK Auto being devoid of merits

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Wednesday dismissed the petition of JK Auto Mobile, Rehari Jammu filed against the order of Assistant Labour Commissioner Jammu dated December 31, 2018 for payment of wages under Wages Act 1936. According to the case, Devinder Kumar Batra Partner of Jay Kay Automobile filed a petition OWP-338/2019 against the order of Assistant Labour Commissioner Jammu dated December 31, 2018 directing the petitioner to make payment of wages to respondent No 2 to 5 to the extent of compensation @ 15 days salary for every completed year and to deposit Rs 3,10,230. The

counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondents 2 to 5 of the petition are neither entitled to retrenchment compensation nor the Authority has the jurisdiction to entertain or adjudicate upon such claims. Petitioner said that Principal company LML Ltd has stopped the production of two wheelers in Aug 2015 and subsequently went into liquidation under the court order wef July 31, 2017 therefore the establishment served advance notice on 1-2-2017. The employees were thus relieved by July 31, 2017. The establishment also issued a cheque also for Rs 95,330 as wages etc to respondent No 2 to 5. Hence the impugned order for payment of excess wages needs to be quashed. The counsel on behalf of

the respondents Ajay Gandotra submitted that the petition is not maintainable because the petitioner failed to submit an appeal to the Authority under rules and instead resorted to the present petition which is barred by alternate efficacious remedy. He added that Assistant Labour Commissioner is the only competent authority for the purpose of deciding claims of the respondents. After hearing counsels for both the parties the Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal held that the court is of the view that the petition is devoid of any merit and is liable to be dismissed and the same is accordingly dismissed. He said that the order passed by the Authority under Section 15 of the payment of wages Act 1936, dated December 31, 2018 is upheld.

# Jammu's day one embraces of 'Dhai Aakhar Prem' for cultural harmony

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**JAMMU:** The inaugural day of the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' in Jammu unfolded with vibrant cultural activities, fostering an atmosphere of love, peace, and harmony. Led by the Prasanna, the day's events brought together artists, intellectuals, and enthusiasts in a celebration of cultural unity. The day commenced with a captivating procession from Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir to Peer Mitha Sahib Dargah. The colourful parade traversed the city, symbolizing the journey of love and cultural enrichment. The 'Panjvaktar Mahadeva Mandir,' also known as the 'Rupaaye Wala Mandir,' boasts a unique and rich history as Jammu City's oldest temple. Suresh Sharma, the receiver of the temple, shares insights into its distinctive features with National



Led by the Prasanna, participants taking out procession in Jammu.

Cultural Jatha. Noteworthy for its floor adorned with British-era coins, the temple reflects a historical and cultural blend. Serving as a cultural nucleus, it hosts classical music events in its amphitheater, such as the Sawan Mahotsav, Sharad Mahotsav and dance performances. Positioned centrally in Jammu, this revered site harmonizes rare antiquity, spiritual significance, and cultural richness in the city's heart. Ziyarat Peer Mitha, a time-

less symbol of harmony, welcoming people of all faiths for centuries. As the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' parades through Jammu, it echoes the shrine's ethos of unity. Led by Prasanna, the Jatha's cultural odyssey aligns with Ziyarat's spirit, fostering love, peace, and coexistence. A second procession followed in the afternoon, starting from Maharaja Hari Singh Park and making its way to Abhinav Theatre via

Jewel Chowk Spectators lined the streets, captivated by the sight of the Jatha. The cultural Jatha reached its pinnacle at K.L. Sehgal Hall at Abhinav Theatre Complex. The hall resonated with discussions on the life and role of Comrade Dhanwantri, a freedom fighter from Jammu who was very much impressed with the ideology of Bhagat Singh. The paper on Comrade Dhanwantri read by Dr. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri

Sansha, Jammu. Prasanna and Tanveer Akhtar engaged the audience in an insightful interaction, followed by a dynamic question/answer session. The soulful melody of peace echoed through the hall as Seema Anil Sehgal presented a heartfelt song, further enhancing the cultural tapestry of the evening. The program concluded with a captivating performance by the talented artists of IPTA, Patna, leaving the audience with a profound appreciation for the arts. Prasanna's guidance and leadership played a pivotal role in orchestrating the day's events, infusing them with a spirit of artistic expression and cultural understanding. The 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' continues its transformative journey, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of Jammu.

# B2V5; CS visits Flora Nagbani, stresses on online services, Jan Bhagidari portal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday visited panchayat Flora Nagbani, in block Marh, and interacted with the locals and PRI representatives in a public event organised under the Back to Village 5 program. Speaking to the public, Chief Secretary highlighted the significance and transparency of online services and encouraged all to look at government works on Jan Bhagidari portal. He said that paper applications and documentation are discouraged these days and the Prabhari officer must educate the public about the government online services. Chief Secretary said that all the government works are reflected



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta speaking at a programme in panchayat Flora.

online public disclosure is the new norm. He underlined that public participation is encouraged by the current system and the public can view the status of the works without any need for username or passwords. He also informed that 55 officers have been

appointed for not providing services in time. Dr Mehta asked the public about their experience and knowledge of online services and Jan Bhagidari portal. He underlined the significance of time bound disposals and asked about the status of gov-

ernment welfare activities and delivery of schemes such as KCC, old age pension, functioning of schools etc. He laid great importance on self employment and swachhata. DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan said that the three tier system established since January 2021 has brought positive change and given power to the PRI representatives. He called for rationalisation of funds and allocations

for Jammu district panchayats. The DDC Chairman said that B2V is helping the government improve upon the implementation of schemes through public participation and the role of Visiting Officers is crucial. He encouraged the public representatives to raise genuine and effective demands only. Sarpanch Vandana Kimari apprised the Chief Secretary of the local development activities and the issues faced by the panchayat. Dr Mehta also interacted with a few members of the public, listened to their grievances and passed necessary directions for redressal. Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, DC Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, Dr Vinod Kumar; DDC Member, Surinder Kumar were present on the occasion.

# Registration for All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination 2024 begins

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JAMMU: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has opened the registration for All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination (AISSEE) 2024 for admission in Sainik Schools for Academic Session 2024-25. The Application Form is to be submitted online by eligible students at the official website of NTA. The AISSEE 2024 is a golden opportunity for students to embark on a journey by joining Sainik School Nagrota (Jammu) that will train them to join NDA/INA and become future Military Leaders. As one of the 33 schools of its kind, Sainik School Nagrota has been providing rigorous training and quality education. The school has a rich legacy of over 52 years and is a

crucial step for those with dream of a career in the armed forces. Online registration for the AISSEE 2024 is now open. Interested candidates can submit their applications exclusively through the official website: <https://exams.nta.ac.in/AISSEE/>. Navigate to the registration section and follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the website. Fill in the required details accurately. Upload the necessary documents as specified in the guidelines. Complete the payment process for the application fee. Verify the information provided and submit the application.

of leadership and beacon for individuals who aspire to serve the nation. The AISSEE serves as the gateway for entry into prestigious institutions like the National Defence Academy (NDA), Indian Naval Academy (INA), Air Force Academy (AFA), and various other Defence Training Establishments. The examination is a crucial step for those with dream of a career in the armed forces. Online registration for the AISSEE 2024 is now open. Interested candidates can submit their applications exclusively through the official website: <https://exams.nta.ac.in/AISSEE/>. Navigate to the registration section and follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the website. Fill in the required details accurately. Upload the necessary documents as specified in the guidelines. Complete the payment process for the application fee. Verify the information provided and submit the application.

# Traffic Police conducts drive against e-Rickshaws Issues 106 challans, seizes 16 e-rickshaws



Traffic police checking document of e-rickshaw driver.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A special drive against e-Rickshaws was launched on Wednesday by Traffic Police City Jammu under the supervision of SSP Traffic Fiesel Qureshi and Adkl

SP Rajpaul Singh. The drive was conducted all over the city. Dy SP Traffic City South, North and Rural, Vikram Kumar, Farha Nishat and Satish along with their teams laid special Nakas at var-

ious locations. During the drive, various documents were checked like Driving license, insurance and RC. A total of 106 challans issued and 16 e-rickshaws were seized for plying without proper documents under the various sections of MV Act. Traffic Police City Jammu asked all the e-rickshaw drivers to follow the route allocated to them and abide by the traffic rules while also ensuring not to overcharge and over load the passengers. Also, they were asked to affix number plate and complete all necessary formalities with Regional Transport Office before plying on the routes.

# PM-KISAN scheme: Agriculture Dept Jammu organises live streaming of release of 15th installment by PM

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu organized live streaming of the release of the 15th installment of the PM-KISAN scheme at Khunti, Jharkhand by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC, Jammu presided over the function organized at Baba Jitto, Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu. T.K. Bhat, Special Secretary Agriculture Production Department graced the occasion as the Special Guest.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is one of the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer schemes. A flagship scheme of the Government of India, it exemplifies the continued commitment of the Government of India to initiate policy actions for an inclusive and produc-

tive agricultural sector. It is a central sector scheme launched on 24th February 2019 to supplement the financial needs of all land-holding farmers subject to certain exclusion criteria of higher income status. Financial benefit of Rs 6,000/- per year in three equal installments, every four months, is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT Mode). During the main event at Khunti, Jharkhand Prime minister, Narendra Modi released the 15th installment of around Rs. 18,000 crore by click of a button benefitting over 8 crore farmers of the country. The total amount transferred to the beneficiaries since the inception of the scheme has crossed well over Rs 2.80 lakh crore. This financial assistance will support farmers in meeting their agricultural and other incidental

needs besides contributing to their overall well-being. Ram Savak, Director Agriculture Jammu, in his welcome address, emphasized upon Members for JK Advisory Board for development of Kisans, PRIs & farmers to extend cooperation to Govt for 100% implementation of PMFBY in all districts to save farmers from vagaries of weather besides activation of inactive Kisan Credit Cards for welfare of farming Community. He informed that e- KYC has been made mandatory for receiving benefits under PM - KISAN, which is currently being done with assistance of field staff of the department through a mobile app with face recognition feature to facilitate Farmers. Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC, Jammu said that the purpose of PM KISAN Samman Nidhi scheme is to give

respect to 'Annadata' of the nation in the shape of financial assistance. He emphasized upon farmers to adopt innovative agricultural practices under guidance of Agriculture & allied departments to raise their income level & farm profitability. He appealed to educated youth to adopt farming as a full time profession. Director Command Area Development, Jammu, Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Abdul Hamid Wani, Secretary and Members, Balbir Kour & Basant Singh Saini of J&K Board of Advisory for development of Kisans, Joint Director of Agriculture (Input), Joint Director of Agriculture (Ext), Joint Director of Agriculture (SLUB) and senior officers besides more than 150 farmers of Jammu division participated in the Programme. It was informed that about 8 lakh farmers of JK UT have been benefi-

ed today under the 15th installment. Similar programmes were organized in all districts, Sub divisions, Blocks and Panchayats in Jammu Province. The release of the 15th installment of the PM-KISAN scheme underlines the Government of India's commitment to promoting agriculture, empowering farmers, and ensuring the sustainable development of the agricultural sector.

## NOTICE

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