

Modi used technology to give citizen-centric governance: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had successfully used technology to give citizen-centric governance.

The overall impact of this in the last nearly ten years is the emergence of a new work culture which makes optimum use of latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence, to curb corruption, increase transparency, promptly address grievances and finally enable the citizen to become a core participant in governance, he said.

The Union Minister was addressing the 'National Conference on Public Administration and Citizen Centric Governance: Priorities, Policies and Strategies', organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), here.

Dr Jitendra said, PM Modi's policy of 'Maximum Governance - Minimum Government' has been translated into reality by Digital Empowerment of citizens.

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Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the 'National Conference on Public Administration and Citizen Centric Governance: Priorities, Policies and Strategies', organised by the IIPA at New Delhi on Thursday.

nance process in the last 9-10 years under Prime Minister Modi, each of these components of Good Governance has been used for better functioning with use of technology," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India was the first country to use Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to get rid of middlemen and check pilferage with the help of technology.

"Governance reforms introduced by Prime Minister Modi are not confined to governance, they have a huge socio economic implication as well," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi abolished Interviews for recruitment to lower posts within the first year of his tenure, eliminating human and administrative interface to the extent possible. Similarly, the practice of attestation of documents by Gazetted Officers was abolished.

"Besides, nearly 2,000 obsolete rules have been scrapped that were proving to be detrimental to the convenience of the citizens," he said.

Referring to the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Dr Jitendra

Singh said, the Modi government amended it after 30 years in 2018 with an aim to punish bribe givers for the first time. Dr Jitendra Singh said, IIPA will be the catalyst, grooming the youth of today to be the architects during Amrit Kaal to transform India into Viksit Bharat @ 2047. Emphasising on eGovernance, Dr Jitendra Singh said it has led to Easy, Economic and Environment friendly functioning in the Government.



Modi govt has earned trust of common masses: Sham

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JAMMU: "The Modi government has earned the trust of common masses with the dedicated selfless efforts at the ground level", said Sham Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President and former minister. Chander Mohan Gupta (former Mayor), and BJP Incharge Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Dil Bahadur Janwal along with Sham Lal listened to the grievances of a people from different areas of Jammu and Kashmir at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar,



J&K BJP Vice-President, Sham Sharma listening to public issues.

here.

Deputations and individuals from R.S. Pura, Doda Bhalessa, Sidhra, Naali Kishtwar, Gandhi Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Batote, Khag

Budgam Srinagar, Sangali Mandi Samba, Bara Samba, Patta Marjali, Bawe Wali Mata Mohalla, Maira Mandrian Akhnour, Khour, Sunderbani and other places visited party

headquarter to share their problems.

They presented issues related to mandir space, resettlement of pension in BSE, bush cutting in park, repair of lanes/ drains, issuance of revenue record, repairing of link road, arms licence, scarcity of water, installation of new electric poles etc.

Sham Sharma said that the entire family of BJP activists is working day and night to serve the society. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government has

ensured that the needs of a person living in the most difficult situation are adequately met. He said that the dedicated cadre of the party is augmenting the efforts of PM Modi. Owing to these dedicated selfless efforts at the ground level, the Modi government has earned the trust of common masses.

Dil Bahadur Janwal said that aggrieved people visit party headquarters with various issues and party leaders sincerely try to find solution to every single issue.

Director Tourism Jammu inaugurates India Travel Mart Jammu



Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu and others dignitaries at the event.

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JAMMU: India Travel Mart Jammu-a three days event was inaugurated by Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu and Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu in presence of other officers at KC Regalia (a unit of KC Hotels Pvt. Ltd) Bahu Plaza, Here on Friday.

The delegates from state tourism boards, hoteliers, travel agents, tour operators, local tour/hotel and trade associations were also present on the occasion.

Directorate of Tourism, Jammu under the visionary leadership of Secretary Tourism Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed has meticulously planned the aforesaid mart with intend to promote tourism by undertaking promotional and publicity activities, to facilitate the exchange of market information, encourage partnerships between the public and private sectors and facilitate the easing of barriers to travel. Vivekanand said that such marts provide an excellent opportunity for networking and meetings with executives and leaders from all segments of Tourism Industry, World Wide. Attractive pavilions have been put up by different States including Gujarat Tourism, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism, Tamil Nadu Tourism and other participants of hotels & resorts from Jammu and Kashmir and nearby cities.

After browsing through different exciting options, one can have a face-to-face interaction with tour operators, travel agents from PAN India and hoteliers and gather information about the upcoming holiday season. The basic purpose of holding this showcase and conclave is to boost

tourism awareness worldwide.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta added that such Marts has been started to bring together Travel and Tourism industry along with customers under one umbrella in a direct interaction with consumers, to provide them with great and hassle free deals. It has been a success from its inception and has been going strong since then.

She further added that if one is not sure about his next vacation, a visit to ITM is a must because it is the next best thing to actually tour so many places. Moreover, such type of exhibitions focuses on inbound, outbound and domestic Tourism. ITM has been running successfully in cities like New Delhi & NCR, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Lucknow, Goa, Srinagar, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Agra, Noida and Pune.

Members of National local travel trade association like Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI), Association of Domestic Tour Operators (ADTOI), Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI), Network of Indian Mice Agents (NIMA), India Golf Tourism Association (IGTA), Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI), Indian Association of Travel and Tourism Experts (IATTE), Enterprising Travel Agents Association (ETAA), Tourism Leaders Club of Gujarat (TLC) played important role in supporting this showcase and conclave. The opening hour of the B2B travel & tourism showcase & conclave is between 11 AM - 06 PM for the second day (Friday) and from 11 AM - 06 PM on the last day (Saturday).

Power Department intensifies crackdown against defaulters, thieves

1,082 consumers disconnected for non-payment of bills

■ MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Failing to provide adequate electricity supply to its consumers, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) launched a massive crackdown against power theft by carrying out night patrolling on Wednesday, and disconnecting lines of nearly 600 commercial and industrial units.

On Thursday, KPDCL has further intensified its inspection drives across all district of Kashmir Division to check incidents of hooking and power theft, which are primarily responsible for power outages and distress cuts.

As many as 566 drives were conducted across all 19 Electric Divisions and a penalty of Rs.7.84 lakh was imposed on those found hooking wires on bare conductor and bypassing the meters. Meanwhile, 64 Domestic Transformers (DTs) were also reported damaged on Wednesday due to overloading.

Giving details about the inspections conducted, a KPDCL spokesperson today stated that 183 drives were conducted in Circle II Srinagar, 60 in Circle I Srinagar, 123 in Circle Ganderbal, 71 in Circle Pulwama, 35 in Circle Bijbehara and 94 in Circle Sopore. The spokesperson further stated that 1082 domestic, commercial and industrial connections were also disconnected for non-payment of energy dues for more than three months. This includes 371 domestic, 549 commercial and 157 industrial consumers.



Exhorting consumers to treat DTs as their own assets, the KPDCL spokesman said 64 DTs were reported damaged across all Electric Divisions. "While those fully damaged are being transported to Central Workshop at Pampore, the rest are being repaired at divisional-level workshops," he said, adding that KPDCL is committed to replace the damaged transformers within the stipulated timelines.

KPDCL has also urged all domestic, commercial and industrial consumers to pay their long-pending energy dues or face disconnection. "The Corporation is actively pursuing recovery of pending arrears and Rs.8.00 crore were collected on Wednesday alone from the consumers," he said, adding that KPDCL will make all out efforts to achieve the target of revenue realization fixed by the Government.

Meanwhile several political parties including Indian National Congress staged protest today in Srinagar against electricity crises in Kashmir. Leaders were holding placards and posters demanding an end to power cuts. The protest is to wake the administration from the deep slumber as Kashmir has plunged into darkness due to the worsening power crises. The leaders further said that the local residents are suffering endlessly and the administration has failed to provide basic necessities and unfortunately hospitals in many areas are deprived of electricity supply.

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