

Dr Jitendra inaugurates Children Science Festival, emphasises harnessing of young aptitudes

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JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday emphasised the harnessing of young aptitudes.

The union Minister was speaking after inaugurating the "Children Science Festival" organized here today by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM).

Dr. Jitendra also took a round of the stalls in the exhibition put up on the occasion and witnessed different kinds of science models prepared by the students.

The students drawn from the schools of Jammu region have also scripted slogans under the themes like Health & wellness, Water conservation, Waste management and Save mother Earth.

While addressing the students, Dr. Jitendra narrated how the Jigyasa programme is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a new India and Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) of Scientific Community and Institutions. Jigyasa is a student - scientist connect programme implemented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

Dr. Jitendra applauded the efforts of CSIR-IIIM for organizing such outreach activities for students from schools and colleges.

He said that such activities help to increase the scientific aptitude and inculcate the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating the Children Science Festival organized by CSIR-IIIM at Jammu on Monday.

young minds.

He also distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions organized during the Children Science Festival.

Dr. Jitendra said, India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children under CSIR Jigyasa Programme was launched, which built a strong connect between students and Scientists with scientists across the country. He also said, the main objective of establishing the Virtual Lab was to provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium.

He said, the new facility will immensely benefit students from Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Government Schools of various States Boards and will help in catching them young.

Today, in the Children Science Festival, more than 350 students from about 55 schools under the government of J&K, Kendriya

Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Army Public Schools, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Schools, etc, from various districts of Jammu region showcased their talent in various competitions such as Science models (Themes : Health & wellness; Water conservation; Waste management; Save mother Earth), Science/current affairs Quiz Competition, Poster competition on 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and Slogan writing competition on 'Space Mission of India'.

Students of Seva Bharti, an NGO that provides free education and vocational training to children from economically weaker sections of society. These students displayed various products developed under the 'Waste to Wealth' theme.

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, in his welcome address gave the details of this event and said that the main objective of the Children Science Festival is to

ignite the scientific spirit in young minds.

Dr. Zabeer also informed that CSIR-IIIM has three incubation centers viz. Technology Business Incubator (TBI), BioNEST Incubator and Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) for hand-holding and promoting the startups.

Prominent among the dignitaries present in the function were Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal Govt. Medical College, Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu, Nagendra Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, KV Sangathan, Jammu. The main programme in the auditorium was conducted by Rajni Kumari while as Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head Srinagar Branch presented formal vote of thanks.

The event was organized under the chief patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, Jammu and coordination by Dr. Asha Chaubey, Senior Principal Scientist and Nodal Officer Jigyasa Programme, CSIR-IIIM. Among other organizing committee members were: Dr. Shashank Singh, Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Tasduq Abdullah, Dr. Sumit G Gandhi (Sr. Principal Scientists), Dr. Deepika Singh and Saurabh Saran (Principal Scientists), Vikram Singh (Sr. CoA), Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer and Shri Dileep Gehlot, Store & Purchase Officer.



Mayor Jammu educates students on ways, means of eradicating corruption

Work to start political reorientation, transformation from Jammu: Sharma



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma addressing students at PSPS College for Women in Gandhi Nagar.

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JAMMU: Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Monday educated the students on ways and means of eradicating corruption from the country at Padma Shree Padma Sachdev (PSPS) College for Women in Gandhi Nagar.

Carrying forward his anti-corruption campaign christened as 'Imandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu', the Mayor addressed about 4,500 students who had gathered at the College ground.

He also administered an oath to the students and staff of the College for making all efforts to eradicate political corruption from the country, voting an educated candidate having knowledge of administrative affairs as public representative and abolishing the habit of preferring caste candidate while voting a public representative.

Highlight of the event is that members from 25 of the Committees which the Urban

Local Body is making in each Ward also were present on the function to have insight of the campaign. Earlier, a delegation of PSPS College students who attended the recently held national level students' parliament in New Delhi visited the Mayor and sought information regarding working of JMC and works done by it in last one year: The Mayor responded in informing the students about 'Imandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu' campaign, anti-polythene campaign, work done by JMC in Building Bylaws, administrative changes, working of General House of the Local Body etc.

The delegation of students informed the Mayor that in students' parliament at New Delhi they among other things mentioned about his resolution regarding minimum qualification for being a Municipal Councillor to be graduation which fetched them second prize at all India level.

The Mayor felicitated these students and asked all the students to motivate their family members about setback to the nation due to corruption.

He said that he plans to reach out to 2 lakh students, from school to University level, in Jammu through which his campaign will reach 10 lakh people of the Jammu.

"These students will enlighten the entire of Jammu on importance and urgency to eradicate political corruption from the country and for voting a proper and well educated candidate to power as a public representative," Mayor Rajinder Sharma maintained.

He motivated the students to work in such a manner that the results may start political reorientation, transformation for betterment in India politics from Jammu itself.

"Look how Sheetal Devi-a 16 years old armless girl from a remote village in Kishtwar used her feet to win two gold medals in archery. This only reflects that when a human starts with determination the results come naturally as blessings from the Almighty," he said adding that he can easily see the same determination in the eyes of the students standing before him and listening him. The students assured the Mayor to leave no stone unturned for making India a corruption free and progressive nation ready to guide the world as conceived in the dream of PM Modi.

Congress represents each and every section of society: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Monday made a fervent appeal to the people to support Congress for "steering Jammu and Kashmir out of the present crisis."

Interacting with aggrieved people of Bahu constituency, Bhalla said Congress has a roadmap for solving the economic and social problems and wipe the tears of suffering people.

"Support Congress party to get the roadmap implemented and making your dream come true," Bhalla said.

He also talked about delay in assembly polls, economic and social issues, unemployment and growing drug addiction among the youth.

Referring to the delaying in assembly polls, Bhalla



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

said that there is no end to the wait for polls.

"Nobody knows when exactly these elections will be held," he said.

He stated that Jammu and Kashmir is presently facing serious economic problems.

"Inflation is badly hitting the people. He alleged that the unemployed people are

not getting employment.

"How many times the interviews were conducted but the jobs are not provided. We have social problems. Lakhs of our educated youth are unemployed. Their parents had invested whatever they had for the education of these youth. We have to come out of these economic and social

crisis. We cannot come out with mere sloganeering or through lectures and speeches but with proper planning and the execution of the plans," Bhalla said.

Bhalla also expressed serious concern over the

increasing drug addiction problem among the youth and urged for a joint fight on all levels against this menace.

He said the main reason for drug addiction is unemployment among the youth. The former Minister advocated stringent punishment for those who earned wealth by smuggling drugs.

Bhalla referred to the contributions of Congress party towards upliftment of downtrodden in every sphere including political empowerment from top to bottom right upto panchayats. He said it was Congress which framed the reservation Act for Reserved categories in 2004 which was earlier regulated by an SRO in J&K.

CS reviews preparation for upcoming fifth phase of B2V

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired a high level meeting of senior functionaries of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to review preparations for 'Fifth Phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V5)' which is J&K Government's flagship public outreach programme and serves as a robust tool for participation of people in Governance.

The meeting was attended by DGP, Administrative Secretaries of Home, Jal Shakti, PWD (R&B), Finance, Education, General Administration Department, Rural Development Department, Information



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a high level meeting.

Technology Department, Revenue Department and other senior functionaries, besides Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir provinces, ADGP Kashmir, IG Jammu, DCs and SSPs and District Officers through video conference.

At the outset, Chief Secretary said that the previous editions of B2V have

helped in improving service delivery, bridging infrastructure gaps and ensuring last mile delivery. They have also helped in identification of beneficiaries (especially youth and women) for availing skill development and self-employment schemes.

Dr. Mehta said that Prabhari Officers should take their job seriously and visit their respec-

tive panchayats to interact with the public and undertake review of previous and current year deliverables, preparation of next year Gram Panchayat Development Programme with special focus with respect to improving e-services penetration, and saturating flagship programmes.

Chief Secretary stressed that this edition of B2V shall

among others focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes including old-aged pension scheme, sports, culture, progress on achievement of deliverables, availability of electricity in villages along with host of other parameters for which a booklet is being circulated to Prabhari Officers.

Dr Mehta asked the Deputy Commissioners to do the phasing of B2V in their districts as per their felt requirements.

B2V5 will be conducted from November 7 to 16 with main objective to saturate the services and bridging the gap between Government and people.

Yasha Mudgal reviews functioning of J&K SCARD bank across J&K

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Co-operatives, Yasha Mudgal, on Monday reviewed the functioning of J&K State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd., (J&K SCARD Bank) Branches operating across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the Managing Director/ CEO, J&K SCARD Bank

appraised the Commissioner Secretary of key financial parameters of the bank.

Commissioner Secretary urged concerned officers/officials to further intensify their efforts to achieve the set targets within the stipulated time frame and make the Bank profitable up to end of current financial year. She emphasized the need for stringent action against poor performing Officers/ Officials of the

Bank.

The meeting had a detailed discussion on various vital aspects including Deposits, Loan and Advances, CD ratio, Recovery against NPAs, Loan disbursement and other related matters too.

The meeting was also attended by Director Finance Cooperative Department, Joint Registrar, Additional, Administrator, J&K SCARD Bank Limited and other officers and officials of the Bank.

JKBOSE organises awareness sessions on JK SOS

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SRINAGAR: One day awareness cum orientation session was on Monday organised by the JK SOS Units of Academics Wing of J&K Board of School Education KD at Shopian.

Senior functionaries of the School Education Department and members of civil society participated.

The objective of the orientation programme was to ensure successful implementation of JK SOS in UT of J&K and its maximum outreach at every nook and corner especially at Shopian in Kashmir.

The program aimed at bringing the Head of the Institutions (both Govt and Private) and School Management Development Committee members abreast of the features of the JK SOS, which has immense potential to provide opportunity to students/dropouts/ failures/ non-formal school dropouts/ never enrolled/

unemployed/ partly employed adults/ SC/ STs and disadvantaged groups to complete their Secondary and Senior Secondary education by enrolling themselves in JK SOS as per the recommendations and guidelines of NEP-2020.

Various strategies were discussed for spreading awareness about the J&K State Open School, a subsidiary of J&K Board of School Education. JK SOS has recently announced maiden admissions in class 12th; earlier only class 10th was being offered.

Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman, JKBOSE in his message conveyed that the mission taken by JKBOSE to initiate Open Schooling System for Secondary and Senior Secondary education will augment opportunities for further education, democratize education and make it a lifelong process thereby helping tens of thousands of



Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman, JKBOSE and other officials at an awareness session.

students/ unemployed youth/ adults etc. who have dropped out of the formal system or those who cannot attend a regular institutions.

Manisha Sarin, Secretary JKBOSE also applauded the efforts of the team for effectively rolling out sensitization programs on JK SOS in the UT of J&K. She conveyed her good wishes to all the participants for success as ambassadors of JKBOSE for this noble cause which has a great

potential of bringing 'Out of School Children' back to their studies.

Director Academics/ JK SOS of JKBOSE, Prof Sudhir Singh inaugurated the programme and emphasised the role of teachers in spreading awareness and connecting the drop outs, children of disadvantaged and marginalised communities and working people with the immensely beneficial initiative of JKBOSE in the domain of Open Schooling System.

"There has been no enrollment from many places till date. This implies that people are unaware about it. It will be a great contribution to the society if we all can join hands together for reaching out to the needy groups so that optimum benefit can be extracted from this scheme. I look forward to the Principals for organising sessions with their neighbourhood, local body representatives, parents and NGOs for spreading a word of awareness for this cause

and CEOs to take a follow up of the same. Adding this feature in morning assemblies shall also involve the young minds in this cause," he added.

The session at Govt Degree College, Shopian Kashmir was organized by the team of JKBOSE Academics Division led by Dr Arif Jan, Dy Director Academics KD.

The programme was attended by more than 100 participants including HOIs from government and private schools, SMDC mem-

bers, members of civil society of District Shopian.

The participants were briefed about the benefits of open schooling and made aware of how out-of-school children and children unable to avail formal education due to various reasons/circumstances can be brought under the ambit of open schooling.

Principal, GDC Shopian, Principal, DIET Shopian, CEO/DY CEO, Shopian also attended the programme. The participants were also

briefed about various centrally-sponsored scholarship schemes looked after by JKBOSE. Itikar Inran and Zubair Saklani, Academic Officers of JKBOSE KD coordinated the program.

JKBOSE has again extended the dates for admission in JK SOS class 10th & 12th till 13th of November so that maximum number of needy students can apply. JKBOSE shall soon release the Academic Calendar for the current session of JK SOS.

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Auction Date & Time	16.11.2023 at 12:30 hrs.
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