

Grievance redressal time reduced from 30 to 13 days: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, on Monday highlighted a transformative achievement in public grievance redressal, announcing that the average time for resolving grievances has been reduced from 30 days to just 13 days, with plans for further reduction.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the inaugural session of "National Workshop on Redressal of Public Grievances" at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on Monday.

Addressing the "National Workshop on Effective Redressal of Public Grievances" via a virtual platform, Dr. Singh emphasized this milestone as a testament to the government's commitment to responsive, citizen-centric governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Minister outlined that the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS), launched in 2007, has

1,16,000 grievances being registered in October 2024 alone, with pending grievances in central secretariats reduced to 53,897.

Dr. Singh highlighted that, for 28 consecutive months, more than 1,00,000 grievances have been resolved each month, showcasing the system's effectiveness.

Dr. Singh also shared that many citizens have provided positive feedback, reflecting growing trust in the government's grievance redressal efforts.

Ministries such as Skill Development, Postal, and Food Distribution were recognized as top performers in Group A categories, while Parliamentary Affairs, Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, and Land Resources led in Group B categories.

The Minister also announced the

integration of next-generation technology powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to further streamline the grievance process. These technologies aim to make the system more efficient, user-friendly, and aligned with citizens' expectations.

Dr. Singh lauded the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for consistently setting new benchmarks and noted that over 51,000 new users joined CPGRAMS in 2024, signaling its growing reach.

He concluded by reaffirming the government's commitment to proactive governance, emphasizing not just the resolution of grievances but also the prevention of issues through systemic reforms, ensuring a seamless and inclusive public service experience.



J&K farmers being cheated with duplicate black fertilizer Sukhmandan appeals Nadda to intervene to expose PROM fertilizer supplier's nexus

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Alerting the Jammu and Kashmir farmers from being victim of fake a duplicate Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) PROM fertilizer, the using the former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhmandan Kumar on Monday accused the government of ignoring this serious issue which is related to the livelihood of these poor farmers in Jammu region.



Addressing the media persons in Jammu, the Ex-BJP minister sought the intervention of J P Nadda, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, to issue instructions to fulfill the acute shortage of branded DAP fertilizer like IFFCO and IPL, so that the J&K farmers are saved from the cheating.

The Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) was very much needed during sowing period. Since for the last several years, the farmers in Jammu region are facing natural calamities like thunderstorms and heavy rains, now the UT government has created another trouble for them. "During the LG rule in J&K, we have never suffered such types of problems and in case of any issue, the things were resolved in days," said Sukhmandan, the present government is totally ignorant of the farmers issues especially of the farmers of

Jammu region. Now no one is here to listen to the plight of the farmers, said Sukhmandan. Our Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi and LG Manoj Sinha have always supported farmers in J&K. However, this time, the sowing season will go waste as J&K government is totally ignorant of major trouble of this scarcity of DAP fertilizer.

The farmers here are facing hardships to get fertilizer during the sowing season", said Sukhmandan Kumar adding that the government is deliberately showing shortage fertilizer because of hefty commission from other fertilizer companies which produce and manufacture the fertilizer in other states like Gujarat and Rajasthan . The market is full of Prom fertilizer. It contains only 7.5 per cent phosphorus whereas in DAP fertilizer, the percentage must be above 46. I advice the farmers not to use this black PROM fertilizer, said Sukhmandan.

"There can be a nexus between the government, who may have been getting huge commission from the private fertilizer manufacturers," the ex-minister Sukhmandan Kumar alleged, adding, "We are also seek the intervention of the LG Manoj Singh to assure the availability of quality DAP fertilizer at the time of its need."

IIM Jammu inaugurates third batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program

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JAMMU: Under the Aegis of The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Monday inaugurated the third batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program, Under the Aegis of, "The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme" in an inaugural session held at its permanent campus in Jagti.



A dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp at IIM Jammu.

The leadership training program is one of the unique residential programs designed to develop the leadership skills of educators at different levels and create a pool of potential leaders for generational transition.

The program, scheduled from 18th to 22nd November 2024, will be conducted by the faculty of IIM Jammu to help institutions evaluate and enhance the leadership potential of their faculty members.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, presided over the inaugural ceremony on

the online mode. The second batch consisted of 37 participants from Institutes across India and is fully funded by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

Prof. Sahay welcomed participants to the program, highlighting IIM Jammu's role as a premier management institution committed to excellence and innovation in education.

He emphasized the importance of active engagement, encouraging participants to connect with fellow educators and IIM Jammu faculty.

He marked the day as a significant milestone in advancing educational excellence and leadership development.

He praised the transformative initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aimed at cultivating academic leaders as agents of positive change.

He also addressed the acute shortage of leadership in academia, reiterating that teaching is a noble profession with a profound impact on students' lives.

During his remarks, he

encouraged participants to explore IIM Jammu's state-of-the-art infrastructure at IIM Jammu, and actively participate in interactive discussions.

He urged them to share challenges faced at their institutions to foster open dialogue and collaborative solutions. Concluding his address, he expressed enthusiasm for meeting participants personally and wished them a productive and enriching experience at IIM Jammu.

The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and a welcome address by Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Program Director, and Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE &C), IIM Jammu, who welcomed participants to the Nurturing Future Leadership Program, highlighting its role in developing academic leaders.

He provided an overview of IIM Jammu's Executive Education and Consulting initiatives and outlined the sessions ahead. Present on the occasion

were Dr. Anuja Akhouri, faculty, IIM Jammu.

The residential training program will be divided into four broad themes, such as leadership, communication, skill development, and recent government initiatives, and will feature four sessions each for the next five days.

These sessions will include lectures, interactive workshops, group discussions, case studies, role-plays, and practical exercises to ensure active engagement and application of concepts.

Participants will also have the opportunity to network with prominent experts from reputed Institutions and IIM Jammu faculty.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Program Director and Co-Chairperson Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu on Online mode. Finally, the inaugural program culminated with the National Anthem, filling the room with a sense of unity and pride.

Macadamization of Samba-Mansar Double Road

BJP to work in mission mode to realize PM's Naya J&K vision: Slathia

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Highlighting the crucial and transformative role of the BJP in giving impetus to development as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi post 2019 in Jammu and Kashmir, MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia said that every effort will be made to pursue this agenda despite being in the opposition to ensure welfare and prosperity of the people.



MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia inaugurating macadamization of Samba-Mansar Double Road at Samba on Monday.

Interacting with people, after kick-starting macadamization of Samba Mansar Double Road at an estimated cost of Rs 80 lakhs, Slathia said that a strong infrastructural edifice has been laid during the past five years that is needed to be sustained and carried forward in a missionary mode.

"Our collective efforts are

aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of a self-reliant and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir. The steps taken in education, health-care, employment, and connectivity have brought remarkable progress, and we must carry this forward with dedication and unity," he said, hoping that the people will play a participatory role in development by monitoring the schemes.

Slathia referred to the measures taken for enhanced infrastructure in terms of highways, bridges and road connectivity carried out in the recent past to boost economic opportunities. He said the interests of every segment were taken care of, especially the youth by launching skill development to channelize their energies towards positive pursuits. The tourism

revival has been a focused area that benefitted both the regions by way of fillip to pilgrim and adventure tourism.

Slathia said the BJP will work in a mission mode to realize the PM's vision of Naya Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP MLA and Pradesh Vice President exhorted the Karykarts to remain proactive in seeking redressal to the public grievances and assured the locals that all the issues raised during his visit would be taken up at appropriate levels for redressing these earnestly.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mandal President Karan Singh, Vice President BJP Samba Mohan Lal Sharma, Vijay Singh DDC, Ramesh Chander Ex Sarpanch, Surinder Singh, Ramesh Singh, Surraj Prakash Verma, Sunil Choudhry, Puran Chand Sharma and others.

Sham Sharma strengthens civic amenities with new projects



MLA Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma laying foundation stone for development work.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Taking another step towards strengthening local infrastructure and addressing basic civic issues, MLA Jammu North and former Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Sham Lal Sharma, on Monday laid the foundation stone for two significant development projects in Lane No. 7, Anand Nagar, and Lane No. 5, Saraswati Vihar, located in Ward No 61. These projects, focused on the construction of lanes and drains, aim to improve connectivity and address the longstanding problem of waterlogging in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Sharma emphasized the importance of grassroots infrastructure development for enhancing the quality of life for residents. He stated, "The construction of lanes and drains is a basic yet essential step towards ensuring the overall development of any region. These projects will not only resolve issues like poor drainage and connectivity but will also contribute to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for the residents."

Highlighting the progress achieved under the BJP government, Sharma said, "Under the BJP regime, development has become a central

focus. The fast-paced completion of various infrastructure projects is a testament to our commitment to serve the people. These initiatives reflect our goal of transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a model region of growth and prosperity." Acknowledging the support of the local community, he added, "The cooperation and trust of the people have always been our strength. Together, we can overcome challenges and pave the way for a brighter future. I urge everyone to stay united and support developmental initiatives that aim to benefit all sections of society."

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from residents, who welcomed the initiatives and expressed satisfaction with the ongoing developmental work. The ceremony was also attended by several prominent personalities, including Ex-Corporator Mohinder Kumar, Vice President BJP KDD Chetan Wanchoo, ABE Raman Kapahi, JE JMC Rakesh Kumar, Ramesh Rakwal, Rajesh Mantoo, Naresh Kumar, Virender Magu, S.K. Bhat, B.N. Koul, and other dignitaries.

Jugal Kishore emphasizes on fast-tracking developmental projects across Reasi



Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing DISHA meeting at Reasi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Jammu-Samba-Reasi constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma on Monday presided over the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting here.

The meeting focused on reviewing the progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and ongoing development projects in the district.

During the meeting, the MP took detailed assessment of physical and financial review of all major central sponsored schemes ongoing in Reasi.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Jugal Kishore highlighted that Reasi is poised for holistic development, with new projects on the horizon and pending works being fast-tracked.

He directed officials to complete their targets within stipulated time frame so that beneficiaries get timely services. He also emphasised on collaborative approach among departments to ensure the timely completion of projects especially projects related to road infrastructure, education, health and engineering works. He highlighted the need for collective field visits by officials and pub-

lic representatives to enhance public service delivery.

The MP directed officers to adhere to project timelines and prioritize resolving issues raised by DDC Chairperson, MLAs, and other members during the meeting. He encouraged the use of modern technology to ensure the saturation of government services. He also stressed the optimal utilization of resources and urged officers to monitor and follow up on the progress of ongoing development works closely.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan gave a comprehensive presentation on the achievements and progress of various CSS initiatives, alongside the status of key developmental projects being executed across Reasi like Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, Chenab bridge, Anji bridge and others.

The meeting witnessed participation of DDC Chairperson Saraf Singh Nag; MLA Reasi Kuldeep Raj Dubey; MLA Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Baldev Raj Sharma; MLA Gulabgarh (ST) Khurshid Ahmed; Vice Chairperson, Sajra Qadir; SSP Paramvir Singh; ADDC Sukhdev Samyal and other district and sectoral officers.

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Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Satwari, Ashok Nagar, Airforce, Military Hospital, Mil. Cant., Belicharana and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 and 20 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 20 and 22 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Jarai, Parliwand, PHE installations, Main Bazar, Ward No. 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Taraf Sanji, Bhagthali, Court Jail, Basantpur, Lakhampur Dhama, Thein and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 20, 22 and 24 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Cops deployed at key points to prevent over-speeding, other violations in Srinagar

Over 1,000 motorcycles seized in 3 days in Srinagar: SSP Traffic City

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Traffic Police has been deployed in every nook and corner of the Srinagar city to strictly enforce traffic rules, check over-speed and violations.

However, it is being observed that despite warnings issued by RTO Kashmir and Traffic Police, minor boys and girls are driving cars, e-auto's, load carriers and riding scooties without any fear.

Days after the two young students were killed in a tragic road accident in Srinagar's Tengpora, the

Traffic Police has launched a drive to prevent traffic violations in all districts to prevent minors from driving two wheelers and four wheelers.

When asked about reasons for not taking action against traffic violations, especially minors riding motorcycles, without HSRP number plates, SSP Traffic Srinagar City told STATE TIMES said that in the past three days action has been taken against more than 1000 vehicle operators, most of them driving two-wheelers, bikes and scooties.

"It is not possible for the traffic police to check the vehicles in the interiors of the city or on the outskirts of Srinagar but we appeal to the people to cooperate with the authorities to deal with the situations", he added.

It is important to mention here that two young students of Delhi Public School (DPS) were killed at Tengpora by-pass road of Srinagar in a deadly road accident that sent shock waves across the Valley.

The incident prompted the traffic department to launch a massive drive

against the minors driving two wheelers, he added.

"It has been seen that parents are helping their children who are not even 18 yet and they drive two wheelers and scooties, which is very painful for the society," the SSP said.

"To avoid such incidents in future we have started advising minor boys and girls driving two wheelers and cars", he added.

He said, "Without the cooperation of parents, the department cannot control this menace. Even the Traffic Police is doing its duty to make people aware

regarding safe driving, traffic rules and regulation but parents can play a very big role to bring down the number of accidents, we need full support from the parents".

"Before the Tengpora tragic incident, we seized many two wheelers and also counselled the minors by calling their parents as well. But in some places parents are taking it lightly and not following the instructions. We have seized almost 500 two wheelers a day which are being driven by the youth without license", he said.