

# Dr Jitendra reviews Pandemic, other issues with DDC Chairpersons, DCs

► Reviews launch of ‘Sansad Khel Spardha’ in J&K

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NEW DELHI: In the wake of Pandemic related restrictions and weekend shutdown, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday virtually reviewed pandemic and other related issues with DDC Chairpersons, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, which is represented by him in the Parliament.

In addition to the Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of the six districts, the meeting was attended by DDC Chairman Udhampur, Lal Chand, DDC Chairman Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag, DDC Chairman Doda Dhanater Singh Kotwal, DDC Chairman Kathua Col (Retd) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairperson Ramban, Shamshad Shan and DDC Chairperson Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur.

Dr Jitendra enquired about the availability and functioning of Dashboard in districts for real time updates and also issued fresh instructions to deal with the surge in cases.

District Collectors, SSPs, DDC Chairman of Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Reasi, Kishtwar, and Ramban joined the review meeting along with other district officials.

The Minister was informed that most of the positive cases in the third wave have remained asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic with flu-like symptoms which lasts for 4 to 5 days and then dissipates.

The Minister, however, underlined



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh holding a virtual meeting with DDC Chairpersons, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of six districts falling in Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha Constituency, on Sunday.

that there is no room for complacency and all COVID norms and protocols must be followed in the strictest possible manner. He also lauded the efforts of DCs for completing the vaccination process in his Parliamentary Constituency, barring a few far-flung pockets in districts like Kishtwar.

Dr Jitendra today also received an update about the "Sansad Khel Spardha" programme or the Parliamentary Sports Competition Programme in his constituency to promote sports, sports talent and also

identify young budding as well as hidden talents in village, Panchayat, Block and District level.

The Minister said that sports competition will be organised in coming days at Panchayat, Block and the Constituency level as a whole to tap hidden talents in sporting activities like archery, wrestling, boxing, badminton, table tennis, athletics, cycling, and swimming and in games like hockey, football, volleyball and cricket.

Dr Jitendra announced the forma-

tion of Steering Committee comprising all the DCs, SSPs, DDC Chairpersons and District Sports officials to organise Indoor and Outdoor competitions for boys and girls under 17 Years and identify the sporting talent to catch them young.

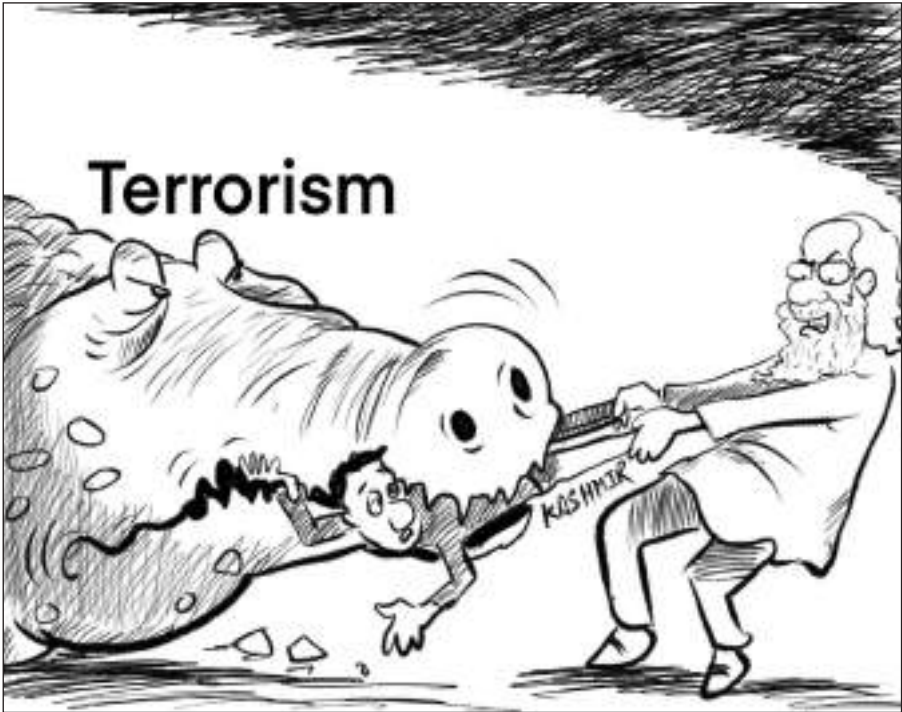
He said, the budding stars in the individual category will be provided an opportunity to get the best of the training facilities at National Sports Coaching Institutes and Academies.

He also asked DCs to nominate Sports Ambassadors for each District.

Dr Singh said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several Flagship Schemes in the country to promote and encourage sports in India. He said, PM Modi is himself an epitome of fitness and someone who leads by example and suggests fellow citizens to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

Dr Jitendra also asked the DCs to come out with a niche sporting event for each district to build brand and promote the same with the help of corporate sector, local influencers and civil society.

He, for example, pointed out that Winter Sports and Archery can be popularised in Doda, while Wrestling and Cycling are popular sporting activities in Reasi. The Minister also expressed his desire to promote Doda District as a Hub of Winter games in coming days, which will also give a fillip to tourism.



## Voluntary donations help heart patient Dolma’s treatment

Blood Donors Association expresses gratitude to all donors

### ■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: Blood Donors Association of Ladakh on Sunday expressed gratitude to all donors who supported heart patient Tsewang Dolma with financial support through donation.

Dolma, a mother of four children, was treated in Delhi after being diagnosed with heart disease.

On reaching Leh cured after being treated at AIIMS, Dolma also thanked everyone who helped with her treatment.

Quarantined in Leh for a week since she returned from Delhi, she will be now heading towards her village Henasku in Kargil district to reunite with her family members.

"Tsewang Dolma belongs to an underprivileged family and therefore she had no source of income for her treatment," Phunstog Riyong, a member of Blood Donors Association said, adding that expenses for her treatment was going to be very costly.

He said that when volunteers from Blood Donors Association came to know her financial conditions, they got its genuineness verified from the village representatives of Henasku and later launched a campaign on social media requesting financial help for her treatment.

Within days of the campaign, more than enough money was credited into her bank account and this managed her treatment at AIIMS in Delhi. He thanked all donors and also those who supported the patient in Delhi.



Heart patient Tsewang Dolma back in Leh after treatment.

Talking about the need of Blood Donors Association, active member of association, Tsewang Rigzin Snyimo, said that Blood Donors Association is a Leh based association of individuals who felt the need for having a platform primarily to help arrange bloods for patients at SNM hospital.

He informed that in the last four years the association helped arrange more than 1000 pints of blood.

The association has also started helping needy patients like Tsewang Dolma as and when required.

Advocate Mohd Nasir and Gyatso Spituk also addressed media and thanked everyone who supported Tsewang Dolma during her treatment.

## Activists from different wards of Jammu join IkkJutt Jammu



Newly joined youth posing with President IkkJutt Jammu, Ankur Sharma.

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JAMMU: Renowned youth political activists having full-fledged teams at Ward levels from Jammu, joined IkkJutt Jammu Party in presence of President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma, Party General Secretaries, Secretaries,

Youth President Ajay Singh, Treasurer and other office bearers.

Those who joined the party include Devinder Verma, Ward No. 64 Durga Nagar, Vikas Verma, Lucky Bakshi, Abhey Bakshi, Ward No. 37 Janipur Colony, Ankush Gupta and Chain Singh

Ward No. 15 Residency Road, Jammu.

President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma expressed hope that with the joining of active youth members in the party, the fight of IkkJutt Jammu for political empowerment and liberation of Jammu will gain strength.

## Take all stakeholders into confidence before imposing weekend lockdown: Manohar asks Govt

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KATHUA: Former Minister & Senior Congress Leader Dr Manohar Lal Sharma on Sunday came down heavily on LG Administration and District Administration Kathua for failing in communicating & handling the Covid weekend lockdowns due to which he said people especially shopkeepers and traders are suffering especially in this festive season.

Citing yesterday's protest by shopkeepers at Phinter Billawar Dr Sharma said present administration led by LG has history of posting orders on public without any proper communication and prior intimation. He said a situation of chaos has been seen among the shopkeepers which led to yesterday's protest. Further he said that we don't oppose lockdowns as they are for saving lives of masses from pandemics but we insist on proper communication and also taking all stakeholders in confidence and discussion before imposing such orders as the business community has been worst hit by this pandemic. He said District administration should call meetings of all Beopar Mandals to discuss the issues and after coming on a common platform they should move forward with weekend lockdowns and restrictions.



## IIPA organises 12th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on Indo-China Conflict

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JAMMU: The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) organized 12th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on the topic of Indo-China Conflict.

Maroof Raza, Defence Analyst from New Delhi delivered the memorial lecture while Maj Gen (Dr.) G. G. Dwivedi (Retd.), presided over the function.

While sharing the historical perspective on the topic, Maroof Raza said that the genesis of the conflict can be attributed to the two contested areas of Aksai Chin & the McMahon Line. While narrating the sequence of conflict post Independence, he said that 1962 Indo-China War was a leadership failure and India could have utilized its military strength to its advantage as done during Operation Falcon in 1987. Further due to China's Geo-Strategic ambition and its water storage & control strategy, Chinese agenda of using Pakistan to destabilize India has been successful, he said. He was of the opinion that India should balance the strategic equation by following a proactive and aggressive approach against China. While India has an advantage in a conventional war, China has the power to inflict more damage to India through Cyber and Space Warfare strategy, he said. He suggested that since China is a power of consequence to the world, therefore Indian leadership should strengthen its negotiation power by strengthening its economy and defence infrastructure.

Maj Gen Dr. G. G. Dwivedi (Retd) emphasized on a long-term strategic policy towards China.



Dignitaries interacting online during a programme.

He was of the view that the policy of appeasement will prove detrimental towards the strategic interest of India. According to him, India should exploit Chinese vulnerability by understanding the lacunas in their national objectives of stability, sovereignty, deception, relevance of conducive periphery and expansionist approach. He cautioned that Chinese have the tendency to violate all agreements and feared that once the current dispute settles, the gravity will shift towards Indian Ocean.

According to him as the way forward to reduce the power differential, India should adopt a two-fold approach of improving economic & military strength, and build alliance with QUAD from defence perspective.

In his welcome address, Lt Col (Retd) Karan Singh Joint Director (Seminars), IIPA J&K Regional Branch introduced the theme and build a perspective for the session.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Patron of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and former DGP, J&K Police paid glowing tributes to the memory of Late Sat Paul Sahni and described him as multifaceted personality.

Describing him as one of the most revered journalists of his time and a moving spirit of the IIPA, he said that it was fortune of many to have worked with him.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, presented the vote of thanks while the proceedings were conducted by the Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary.

Among others, the event on virtual mode was attended by Prem Sahni, wife of late Sat Paul Sahni and other family members, office bearers and members of IIPA, academicians, research scholars and students from various Universities across the country.

It is pertinent to mention that IIPA J&K Regional Branch instituted the memorial lecture in the memory of Sat Paul Sahni, who was one of the founding members.

As a veteran multi-media journalist of yesteryear, he had a rare distinction of covering all the first four wars India fought in 1947, 1962, 1965 & 1971.

reforms, the JKGAD also introduced several Administrative and Human Resource Management reforms for improving the governance and administrative set up in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. More powers have been delegated to Divisional Commissioners/ Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Magistrates for effective control over their subordinates.

To accelerate the path of development across J&K and to organise Public Outreach Programmes on regular basis, Administrative Secretaries have been allocated districts to monitor development schemes. The Administrative Secretaries also interact with public in these districts during these outreach programmes to get first hand appraisal of developmental works. In order to fill up the vacant posts in departments, the JKGAD has initiated the process of fast track recruitment after identification of around twenty five thousand vacant posts across various depart-

ments. Around 54 Recruitment Rules of various departments/services have been finalized, besides 98 different rules have been amended/issued afresh to remove the ambiguity/anomaly due to reorganization.

To motivate the officers and officials at various levels, Departmental Promotion Committees were held in respect of various services manned by the GAD, resulting in promotion of around 500 Gazetted and 120 Non-Gazetted Staff members besides promotion of around 1000 officers of JKAS at different levels has also been done in recent months. A decade long seniority dispute amongst JKAS officers has also been settled with the issuance of revised seniority list in April, 2021 followed by substantive promotion of officers.

Keeping the officers and officials updated with latest introduction of technologies in office work and in order to hone their skills, around 2500 officials were imparted training at various Institutions, including J&K IMPARD. Also, online training was

imparted to around 300 CPIO's through J&K IMPARD regarding RTI, Act 2005.

Notably, in a first of its kind initiative, this year around 60 senior officers of JKAS were deputed to National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), GoI for capacity building training programme.

To monitor the progress of disposal of public grievances/complaints received by Lieutenant Governors office, the JKGAD has established Lieutenants Governor's References Monitoring Cell. So far, 13587 grievances/references have been disposed off by the cell out of 15886 received.

With the advent of new technologies and introduction of more robust office tools for better disposal of work, the JKGAD by virtue of its duties being the nerve center of the administration is evolving on regular basis to elevate the efficiency of governance in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir:

## JKGAD on path of Good Governance, initiates several reforms

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir General Administration Department (JKGAD) in recent months has revolutionised the system of office culture in Jammu and Kashmir by introducing various e-Governance initiatives, bringing efficiency in disposal of work here.

With the adoption of e-Office, a Simplified, Responsive, Effective and Transparent paperless working culture in most of the Government offices of Jammu and Kashmir was established. The e-Office system is providing a convenient way for officials to access information related to every aspect of their working and knowledge sharing by presenting a single gateway to information and services.

The e-Office is helping government departments to improve the public service delivery by eliminating the delay of files in offices. The speed and efficiency of file disposal has not only increased by introduction of e-Office but timely and quicker decisions

on various matters of public importance is also being achieved by it.

Moreover, to bring efficiency in the work of officers of J&K Administration, the GAD also introduced the Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system to write and track Annual Performance Reports (APRs) of these officers.

The main purpose of introducing this unique system is to facilitate timely filling of APRs electronically in a way that is not only user friendly but also allows to fill the details from anywhere anytime as per the convenience of officers. The system is also expected to reduce delays in submission of completely filled APRs.

Apart from this, the department also launched Electronic Vigilance Clearance System. The system furnishes vigilance clearances through electronic/online mode in favour of all the Government employees as and when they require during their service career. The employees are also informed

about the status of their applications through email/SMS by this system.

In order to establish citizen friendly-people centric governance, the JKGAD also launched the 'Satark Nagrik App' through which any ordinary citizen can lodge complaint with the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) online. The mobile application has been developed with a purpose to facilitate seamless flow of information about corruption and enable citizens to submit their grievances with ease and mobility.

Keeping its commitment of institutionalising corruption free administration, the JKGAD launched online portal for e-filing of property returns (PRS-Portal). The new portal will facilitate access and monitoring of the property details of all the employees besides facilitate the employees in obtaining vigilance clearances. The portal will also assist the ACB in investigating the cases of disproportionate assets expeditiously against corrupt employees.

Apart from these unique e-governance