

Dr Jitendra launches national 'Hackathon', underlines Indian StartUp economy

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NEW DELHI: Launching the first of its kind national "Geospatial Hackathon" here on Saturday, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh underlined Indian StartUp economy and said, StartUps in new emerging technologies are key to India's future economy.

Dr Jitendra said, the Hackathon will promote Innovation and StartUps in India's Geospatial ecosystem. He invited the nation's youth to participate and contribute towards the building of the nation's geospatial economy.

The Minister said, half of our population is under 40 years of age and are very aspirational and that is evident that the Indian StartUp economy crossed a major milestone as it added the 100th Indian StartUp to the unicorn club in 2022. Dr Singh said, in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is on the cusp of Geospatial Revolution and a healthy synergy among Government, Industry and

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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Surveyor General of India Sunil Kumar, launching the first of its kind national 'Geospatial Hackathon' on Saturday.

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Haphazard implementation of Smart City projects leading to traffic jams, muddy roads in Valley

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SRINAGAR: As Srinagar received first snowfall of season on January 13, the residents and traders have expressed strong resentment against simultaneous execution works including Smart City projects across the summer capital saying haphazard implementation leads to traffic jams with muddy and slippery roads during inclement weather situation. They said that various projects like drainage, roads, and other development projects have forced partial closure of roads and traffic diversions across the city. The business community said that although they are for the development, the haphazard way these works are executed have hit their business and cause gridlocks. "While Srinagar has been defaced by these mega construction projects," said a trader.

Simultaneous construction projects in Srinagar areas like Residency Road, M A Road, Polo View, Jhelum Bunder, Downtown, Eidgah, Foreshore, Shalimar, have crippled the city. The business community and transporters in Srinagar said that they were hoping that they would be taken on board so that they could cooperate with authorities. "We are important stakeholders, and we want a developed city. It should have been done in coordination with us

so that we could have done our business accordingly. Our business is badly hit as roads are partially closed. Whole city is in a mess. We could have even closed our shops according to a timetable to make way for construction. We hope authorities will look into it," they said. The commuters, office goers, and students are also bearing the brunt of these haphazard projects. "The haphazard manner in which these projects are carried out is making the situation worse. We already have an issue with traffic jams, now when there are multiple construction projects after every kilometer, the situation is difficult and many two wheelers injured due to muddy and slippery roads. These projects have forced closure of roads at various places and resulted in traffic jams. Commuters are suffering. The work should have been carried out so that minimum inconvenience is caused. We are all for the development of roads and drains, but there should be a well-thought-out plan to do so," said a daily-wager.

Various experts and planners said about the ongoing project, including Smart City projects. They said that all the projects have to be done in a coordinated way so that the least inconvenience is caused and normal life does not come to a standstill. The experts also

believe that coordination under one umbrella, having a city development council, and expert opinions are important aspects of Smart City creation. Experts said that whenever such projects are executed, there is an alternative plan to keep normal life going. He also said that taking transporters business community on board is an important thing because they are important stakeholders. "We cannot let Traffic police handle everything. We must take help from experts while executing projects and managing how the fallout will affect important things like traffic. And all the things have to be done keeping the Master Plan in consideration. I am not sure if that is being done. Instead of concretization, we should focus on increasing green cover and do things in a coordinated way," he said. An official informed that many projects executed under the Smart City are not in tune with the Srinagar Master Plan. While as Srinagar Traffic police said that multiple projects are going on simultaneously, which have created bottlenecks and triggered traffic jams. "These projects are carried out by multiple agencies but we are trying to regulate traffic in the best possible way and we hope soon some of the projects will be completed and we will get a respite," said an official.

Dr Ritu Singh performs Mangal Deep Arti of Maa Tawi to celebrate Makar Sankranti

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JAMMU: Dr Ritu Singh, Co-Founder of Maharaja Hari Singh Trust celebrated Makar Sankranti by paying gratitude to Surya Dev and performed a heart-warming and the first of its kind Mangaldeep Arti of Maa Tawi at Panjthirthi to mark the beginning of an initiative towards preserving, conserving and worshipping Maa Tawi and to thank nature for its abundant resources. A large number of people from all walks of life gathered at the banks of Tawi for paying salutations to Surya Dev amidst Shankh Naad, divine Vedic chants, audio-visual messages of blessings from Swami Chidanand Saraswati of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh and Mahakandeshwar Swami Kailashanand, Vidhi Sharma, a famous classical singer from Jammu, lending divine energy to the occasion.

The event started with Gau Poojan as per the Hindu tra-



Co-Founder MHST, Dr Ritu Singh and others performing Mangaldeep Arti of Maa Tawi at Panjthirthi.

ditions, followed by salutations to the Sun God, invoking His blessings for all present. This was accompanied by an awe-inspiring Yoga Surya Namaskar presentation by the children from DPS Jammu and Alexander Memorial School. The students also chanted auspicious Surya Mantras along with the children from Sanskrit Vidyalaya, Birpur who recited Surya Stuti. The atmosphere was charged with the divine aura as the Mangal Arti dedicated to Maa Tawi was released. This Arti was sung by Seema Sehgal, a famous singer of

Jammu. Seven priests from Chitrakoot, led by Acharya Shukla ji were brought into Jammu on this special occasion to perform the Arti which was done on the lines of Maa Ganga Arti performed at Rishikesh following full Vedic rites and rituals.

A beautiful Bhajan was performed on the occasion by the Teachers' Choir of DPS Jammu and DPS Nagbani.

Tawi Maa was also offered Bhog. Seen performing the Arti were the Committee Members Purushottam Dhadchi, Adv Purnima Sharma, Ajay Gondotra,

Esther William, Baldev Khullar, Rajan Singh, Rahul Thakur, Mona Saraf, Pankaj Khajuria, Sandeep Kumar, Seema Murthy, Umesh Kumar, Swati Dadhechi, Manik Slatia and Neha Mahajan.

Special Guests on the occasion were Moksh Priya, who came in to pay her tributes from Haridwar and Rahul Thakur, Entrepreneur, Spiritual Coach and healer, other than the members of Yuva Rajput Sabha and the senior members of business and trade associations of Jammu, prominent citizens of Jammu, large number of women from rural Jammu, priests, media persons and citizens from Jammu, teachers and parents of DPS & Alexander Memorial School, local residents of Panjthirthi, Jammu and Katra who also joined the celebrations, creating History with their collective efforts to initiate the process of preserving, conserving and worshipping Maa Tawi.

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Court frames charges against Patwari, other in corruption case

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge, Anti-Corruption Udhampur, Dinesh Gupta framed charges against Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari, Halqa Duddu Basantgarh and Mohd Javed, son of Late Mohd Amin, resident of Duddu Latti, Marothi, booked by ACB in FIR No 3/2016 for making false/ fictitious entry of Girdawari into the Revenue Record pertaining to Khasra No 76 (Land measuring 2 Kanals 18 Marlas) in village Duddu in favour of Mohd Javed (beneficiary).

According to case Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Basantgarh conducted enquiry into the allegations against Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari, Halqa Duddu Basantgarh, who had made false/ fictitious entry of Girdawari into the Revenue Record pertaining to Khasra No 76 (Land measuring 2 Kanals 18 Marlas) in village Duddu in favour of Mohd

Javed. It was revealed that

Mohd Javed (beneficiary) with an intention to grab land of his sister namely Asmat Begum, entered into a criminal conspiracy with Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari, Halqa Duddu Basantgarh and got illegal entries. Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari despite having knowledge that said land belonged to Asmat Begum and was under cultivation, Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari by abuse of his official position made wrong Girdawari entry into the Girdawari Register during the Girdawari (Rabbi) 2005 for 4 Kanals 8 Marlas under Khasra No. 76 Min mentioning that it was a self-cultivated piece of land (Khud Kasht) through Mohd Javed (beneficiary) by manipulating records and conferred wrongful gain to the beneficiary and thereby deprived the actual owner of her rightful claim. Consequently, on the outcome of enquiry FIR No. 03/2016 was registered under relevant sections of law and investiga-

tions taken up by the Vigilance Organization, Jammu (now ACB). During the course of investigation conducted by ACB, it was revealed that a complaint was submitted by Mohd Javed against the Revenue officials, the then Patwari Halqa Duddu and Girdawari Circle Basantgarh regarding tempering of Revenue record pertaining to Khasra No 76 (land measuring 2 kanals 18 marlas) of village Duddu (Basantgarh) Tehsil Ramnagar. The matter was taken up with the DVO (ADC), Udhampur who after getting the matter enquired, forwarded the written report to the Vigilance Organization Jammu (now ACB) with recommendations that the allegations were found proved against Mohd Farooq, the then Patwari and Mohd Javed (beneficiary).

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Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Bakshi Nagar, Rajpura, Gurha, Rehari, Sarwal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 15 from 11 am to 1:30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gho Manhsa, Marh, Gajansoo, Sari Rakhwlan, Poomch and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 16 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Mohinder Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Canal Road, Krishna Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Patel Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Canal Road, Rajpura, Bakhshi Nagar, Shiv Nagar, Vijaypur, Kolpur, Bandral, Bari-Brahmana, BB-Town, Sarore, Jakh, Jopur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 15 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial area of SIDCO Bari Brahmana, MES, Ratnuchak, Birpur, Data Talab, Sainik Colony, Gurah, Industrial Estate Digiana, Parts of Preet Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Babiliana, Industrial Area Bari-Brahmana, Sainik Colony, Ratnu Chak, Raya, Smailpur, Mandal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 15 from 9 am to 2 pm.

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Similarly, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Seoda, Kanal, Birpur Industries and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 15 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Me a n w h i l e , Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industries under feeder 1st shall remain affected on January 15 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Industries under feeder 2nd shall remain affected on January 15 from 10 am to 1 pm.



Idol of Lord Vishnu and statue of Yashpal Sharma unveiled on his death anniversary in Poonch.

Sharma and Dr Sushil

and loved by his community.

Meanwhile,

Swami Umeshanand Ji Maharaj mesmerized the local populace with the divine enchanting bearing message of the importance of Karma and Bhakti yoga.

National Conference DDC Member Batote joins BJP

BJP only hope for people to steer J&K to peace, political stability: Koul

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JAMMU: Saying that the BJP is the only hope for people to steer Jammu and Kashmir to peace, political stability and progress, the Secretary Organization of its Union Territory Unit Ashok Koul on Saturday exuded confidence to achieve the objective of heralding a new era of inclusive development with equal opportunities to all, irrespective of region, religion or caste.

"A massive thrust is already on to ensure overall growth by way of massive investments and implementation of various schemes and programmes, designed as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Naya Jammu and Kashmir", Koul said while welcoming Youth National Conference President of Ramban District and Member District Development Council from Batote Jagbir Dass into the BJP at the party headquarters here this evening.

Koul said that joining of pub-

lic spirited people will further strengthen the world's largest political party-the BJP-to serve the masses with renewed vigour and confidence. A collective effort alone can put Jammu and Kashmir on the faster track of development, he said, adding that the day is not far when this part of the country will join the nation's enviable growth story. Welcoming the new entrant into the party fold, senior leader Devender Singh Rana described the BJP as a force to reckon with, saying the past about nine years in particular have shown how a new

dimension could be given to nation building with visionary policies and a sense of devotion and dedication. India's image has grown manifold across the globe under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he added.

Present on the occasion were former MLC Surinder Ambardar, Som Nath Khajuria, Surinder Singh Bunti, Rajeshwar Kumar District President Ramban, Tariq Lone, District President Minority Moreha, Ramban and others.

Bharat Jodo Yatra has broken spiral of silence in country: Bhalla

Calls on Dangri terror attack victims' families

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RAJOURI: Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra is an engagement - among and between various ideas, several streams of thought, numerous aspirations and disparate cultures. It is celebration of diversity as strength instead of leaving it to devices of those who see diversities as divisions. It was stated by JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla while convening series of Bharat Jodo Yatra preparatory meeting in Rajouri, organised by former Minister Shabir Ahmad Khan, District President Poonch Choudhary Ghani, DDC Member Sai Rashid, Refugee Cell Congress Chairman Amrit Bali, Madam Parveen Sarwar Khan, Municipality Chairman Thana Mandi Shakeel Mir, Sajad Tariq, Ishar Singh, Babu Mohd. Sayeed, Madam Zabaida, Azam, Rattan Lal Metha, Lalit Mahajan, Gulzar Jatt

and Bal Krishan Sharma. Bhalla further said that Bharat Jodo Yatra isn't just about walking the 3,570 Km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, covering 12 states and not a road-show of a political party. "Bharat Jodo Yatra will bring back the Constitution and democracy in the country. Both are under threat under the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre and in J&K. BJY has broken spiral of silence in the country. Yatra has given the people who are

against the divisive politics in the country a sense that they are not alone. We are facing an extraordinary moment where the future of democracy and the constitution are at stake. An extraordinary moment like this requires you to set aside your prejudices and look at the bigger picture. What we need to do is to save the country to bring different energies together," Bhalla added. Shabir Khan said that there is no freedom of speech and freedom of questioning the Government.

"Bharat Jodo Yatra is being held to combat the divisive politics of the BJP-led Centre and to awaken people," he added. District President Poonch Choudhary Ghani also spoke on the occasion. Later, Bhalla led Congress leaders also visited Dangri village to meet terror attack victims' families.