

Modi Govt's governance reforms provide enabling environment for working women: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Tuesday that the Governance reforms introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi provide enabling environment for working women.

Briefing about several measures undertaken by the Ministry of Personnel, which is the nodal Ministry for personnel management, Dr Jitendra said, DoPT has taken concerted efforts to increase the representation of women in Central Government jobs and to provide them a balance between professional as well as family life.

The Minister cited the example of Child Care Leave (CCL) and said, in continuation of grant of 730 days CCL, some new measures have also been taken and those are like an employee on Child Care Leave may be permitted to leave headquarters with the prior approval of appropriate competent



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking to the media at New Delhi on Tuesday.

authority, the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) may be availed, while an employee is on CCL and can also proceed on foreign travel provided clearances from appropriate competent authorities are taken in advance. Moreover, minimum period for Child Care Leave reduced from 15 to 5 days and the limit of 22 years in case of disabled child for the purpose of a Government servant availing Child Care Leave under the provisions of

Rule 43-C of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 has been removed.

Dr Jitendra also underlined that Special Allowance of Rs.3000/- p.m. to Women employees with Disability has been granted for child care with effect from 01st July, 2022, which will increase by 25% on increase of DA by 50%. The Minister said, Special Leave provision made connected to inquiry of sexual harassment, as leave up to a period of 90

days can be availed by an aggrieved female Government Servant, which will be granted during the pendency of the inquiry and the leave granted to the aggrieved female Government Servant under this rule shall not be debited against the leave account.

Dr Jitendra said, keeping in view the potential emotional trauma caused due to stillbirth or death of a child soon after birth, which has a far-reaching impact on the mother's life, it has now been decided to grant a Special Maternity Leave of 60 days to a female Central Government Servant in case of death of a child soon after birth / stillbirth.

The Minister pointed out that even during entire COVID period, special provisions for women officers and staffs made through various OMs like provision for attendance as per roster / skeletal staff and Pregnant employees were exempted for roster and

allowed to "Work from Home".

Dr Singh also spelt out special dispensation for woman officers of All India Services of North East cadres, as AIS women officers borne on the North East Cadre are now allowed to go on inter cadre deputation including her Home State after completion of 6 (six) years of actual service in the North East.

They would also be eligible for deputation for a maximum of 9 (nine) years with flexibility to utilize the maximum allowable period of inter cadre deputation in two or more spells in her entire career, subject to the condition that every spell should not exceed 5 (five) years at a time. In case of marriage between an AIS women officer borne on the North East Cadre and an officer of another Cadre, the women officer would be mandatorily accommodated in the cadre of her spouse, if she so opts, the Minister added.

LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue holds Youth Conclave

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JAMMU: LEAD Youth Conclave is being organised by LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue on 18th January 2023 at Jammu in partnership with Jammu University.

development of the region.

With the under-40 age group set to constitute over 80% of India's population in the next decade, their active participation in shaping the country's future is vital.

They will bring alive the opportunities available for youngsters in the evolving entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir and guide them on how to acquire the attributes to be successful entrepreneurs.

Court issues proclamation notice for claiming ownership of seized Scooter

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JAMMU: Police Station Pacea Danga has seized Scooter (Bajaj) bearing Registration No JK08J-6811 with Engine No 152416 under Sec 550 Cr. PC and complaint under Section 523 Cr. P.C has been filed in the court of Special Excise Mobile Magistrate, Jammu.

The Special Excise Mobile Magistrate Umesh Sharma has issued a Public Notice for information of general public that any person who is interested in claiming the ownership of the aforesaid vehicle may approach the court for filing his/her claim either personally or through authorized agent within a period of six months from the date of publication of this notice after that no claim will be entertained.

ICSI to declare CSEET Jan 2023 result today

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JAMMU: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) today announced that the result for CS Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) January 2023 session will be announced tomorrow, i.e. January 18, 2023. Once released, candidates who appeared for the exam will be able to check their result at the official ICSI website - icsi.edu. According to the official notification, the result will be declared at 4 pm tomorrow.

Thar RWD launched at Astro India Automobiles

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JAMMU: Astro India Automobiles Pvt Ltd, the authorized dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra launched Thar (RWD) in presence of its Chairman Mohinder Gupta, MD Vikram Mahajan, Director Satyam Gupta and Dr C D Gupta.

The all-new range includes Rear Wheel Drive (RWD) variants in two engine options and enhanced capability in Four Wheel Drive (4WD) variants. The Diesel variants of RWD range comes powered by an all-new D117 CRDe engine producing 117 BHP and 300 Nm torque (87.2 kW@3500 rpm) with manual transmission. Powering Gasoline variant of the RWD range is the mStallion 150 TGDi engine producing 150 BHP and 320 Nm torque (112 kW@5000 rpm) with automatic transmission. The new Thar range starts at

producing 130 bhp of power & 300 Nm of torque. These engines are offered with a choice of 6-speed manual transmission or 6-speed torque converter automatic transmission. The new Thar range takes personalisation quotient to the next level. Two exciting new colour options - Blazing Bronze and Everest White are now available for customers to choose from. New accessory packs - comprising exterior and interior styling options - are offered in four different designs. Keeping in mind the needs of customers, front and rear armrests are being offered as accessories.

The armrests come with built-in storage. Also, the rear armrests will be equipped with cup-holders and USB charging ports for greater comfort and convenience. The RWD range will be offered only with Hard Top Option.

an attractive price of Rs 9.99 lakh, making it accessible to a wider customer base of SUV buyers and to those who have always aspired to own this iconic SUV. The Thar offers a highly unique driving and ownership experience, exemplifying the promise of 'Explore the Impossible'. The 4WD variant now comes with an advanced electronic brake locking differential, which kicks in more aggressively. Developed in collaboration

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