

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
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.

LEAD is an initiative, the first of its kind, aims to provide a forum for constructive dialogue on a wide range of issues related to the growth and development of the region.

LEAD has set an ambitious goal for the region, with a vision for Jammu and Kashmir to become one of the top startup and entrepreneurship hubs in the country by 2024.

The group plans to achieve this through strategic partnerships, a conducive ecosystem, large-scale investments, and the implementation of the right policy interventions.

Additionally, the group aims to support the creation of world-class incubation centres, funding opportunities, and propagate incentive structures that are on par with other states in the country.

In a report by LEAD, youth engagement has been identified as crucial for the long-term

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.

To sustain and accelerate the engagement of youth in the scripting of the future of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, the development of a robust Youth Leadership platform is deemed imperative.

To provide a platform for J&K's youth to express themselves and demonstrate their ability to innovate towards finding solutions that impact our collective future, LEAD has decided to organise the 'LEAD Youth Conclave' as an annual event.

The first edition of the conclave, 'LEAD Youth Conclave 2023', is being organised in partnership with Jammu University on the coming 18th of January.

The theme the first edition of the Youth Conclave is 'Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship'.

The event will provide an excellent platform for students and young entrepreneurs to interact with experts and

achievers who have distinguished themselves in industry and business. Expert entrepreneurs will share their perspectives on the exciting journey of becoming an entrepreneur.

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police Station Pacea Danga has seized Scooter (Bajaj) bearing Registration No JK08J-6811 with Engine No 152416 under Sec 550 Cr. P.C 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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
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.

Better late than never; Pak should mend ways, come to terms for warm ties: Kavinder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday asked Pakistan to mend its ways and come to terms with India after its Prime Minister confessed and admitted that Pakistan was at loss for waging wars with India.

The BJP stalwart leader from J&K was speaking at the meeting after the culmination of the BJP National Executive Meeting in New Delhi. In the meeting, All BJP leaders were present.

Kavinder said that the adage 'better late than never' suits Pakistan and it is advisable for that country to shun the path of terrorism and exporting terror to this side of the border as India wanted warm ties with its neighbouring countries but until Pakistan will not mend its ways the same are



Senior BJP leader and former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta speaking at a meeting.

not possible.

Kavinder reminded the Pakistan premier Shahbaz Sharief about attempts made by former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee to have friendly ties with Pakistan but the response was abysmal at that time and thereafter also. He also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also gone out of the way by visiting Pakistan to greet its former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharief but the consistency of that

country in deceiving India again and again has deteriorated the relations. He said that if Pak PM means what he has said and will show the same through his deeds, the resumption of talks and normal ties are not an issue.

He however said that Pakistan is facing an acute economic crisis right now and therefore it is advisable for that country to come clean and restore good relations with this side as India never disappoints any country in need.

Thar RWD launched at Astro India Automobiles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
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.



Astro India Automobiles Pvt Ltd, the authorized dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra launching Thar RWD.

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 TGD engine producing 150 BHP and 320 Nm torque (112 kW@5000 rpm) with automatic transmission. The new Thar range starts at

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

with Bosh, it will allow off-road enthusiasts to tackle low traction situations with more ease. For those who still prefer mechanical locking differential (MLD), it will be available as an option on the LX Diesel 4WD variants. The 4WD power train line-up remains unchanged. It is powered by the 2.0L mStallion 150 TGD petrol engine producing 150 bhp of power & 320 Nm of torque and the 2.2L mHawk 130 Diesel engine

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.

DAP delegation joins protesting Rehbar-e-Janglat, NYC youth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The delegation of Democratic Azad Party on Tuesday visited the protesting Rehbar-e-Janglat and NYC youths in Jammu. The delegation on the instructions of party Chairman Gulam Nabi Azad, while meeting the protesting candidates assured them that they stand for their genuine rights. The delegation urged the government to have a humane approach towards their demands since they have given the best of their life to serve the government. The members of the delegation comprises of G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, Jugal Kishore Provincial President, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, PR Manhas Zonal President, Mehboob Azad Secretary,

Prabha Salathia Mahila President, Sumita Arora Secretary, Ashutosh Raina Social Media Head and others.

"They are promised regularisation of jobs after completing successfully the tenure. Now whosoever have completed the tenure shall be regularised," demanded Saroori.

The delegation said that they will continue to fight and stand for them as long as the government is not fulfilling their demands. "The party chairman Gulam Nabi Azad had ten years back visited them and supported in their fight for rights. It is unfortunate that our highly educated youths who should have been serving the government are protesting this time in harsh winters," said Saroori.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Parade, Kalijanni, Pacea Danga, Link Road, Purani Mandi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 18 from 12 noon to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to MS Nagrota, Dhounthly, Kaachi Chawni, Jain Bazar, Part of Karan Nagar, Panjtirthi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 18 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Sheetli, part of Sidhra, Bamyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheetli, Barath, Dashnan Ghat, Bhabore, Doda City and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Yatri Niwas, Bhawani Nagar, Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, Panjveer, NITCO Lane, Vikas Nagar, Sari Rakhwal, Vijay Nagar, Sain Mohalla, Indra Colony, Bhagwati Nagar, Agriculture Complex, Baba Sehaj Nath Part of Patel Nagar, Part of Puraan Nagar, Kheriyar, Sari Raipur Sari Jagir, part of Sari Kashmiri, Mohalla Trilokpur near Exchange SROA, DRDO Hospital, Jhajjar Kotli, Dansal, Jindrah, Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal MES, BSF, Pindi, Aldehar, Baba Chamlyal, Suhagpur, Kotli Jabowal, Part of Arnai, Trewa, Raya, Gurah, Mandal, Kartholi and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 18 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandal, BB Town, Sarore, Jakh, Jogpur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 18 from 9 am to 3 pm.

State land retrieved from illegal encroachments in Hakkal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Complying with the directives issued by the administration of union territory of Jammu & Kashmir regarding making State land free from illegal encroachments, in a major action, 26 Kanals 19 Marlas enroached State land has been retrieved at Village Hakkal, tehsil Jammu South. As per details, a team of revenue officials, led by Tehsildar Jammu (South) Harjeet Singh, comprising Naib Tehsildar Anayat Ali, GQ Jagjit Singh, Patwari Varun Dogra, Patwari Sunil Kumar and other officials successfully retrieved 26 Kanals 19 Marlas State land, from illegal encroachment, in



Tehsildar Jammu (South) Harjeet Singh along with other officials after removing illegal encroachment from State land.

Village Hakkal, tehsil Jammu South. Speaking on the occasion, the officials said that more such anti-encroachments drives will continue fur-

ther in coming days for removing illegal encroachments from State land with necessary action under rules against land-encroachers.

State Handloom Expo 2023 concludes at Jammu Haat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To provide a vibrant platform to the weavers and cooperatives of Jammu Division to exhibit and sell their handmade products, the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu, under the guidance of Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K, organised a 15 Day State Handloom Expo 2023 sponsored by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Valedictory function on the successful conclusion of the State Handloom Expo 2023 was held at Jammu Haat.

Anoo Malhotra, Director General Industries & Commerce, Jammu was the

chief guest at the event.

Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu; Atul Sharma Managing Director J&K Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation and Joint Director MSME; Tilak Raj, Joint Director Handicrafts, Jammu; Pardeep Singh, Joint Director Handloom, Jammu, Development Officers, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors and Deputy Registrar Induscos of the Directorate, were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu apprised the guests about the functioning of the directorate. He affirmed the resolve of the directorate to work in the interests of the weaver community. He also apprised that the

Department is making great efforts for the welfare of artisan and the weaver community.

Anoo Malhotra appreciated the efforts made by the directorate in organizing the State Handloom Expo and providing a platform to the weaver community for selling their handmade products. She appealed to people to support the local weavers and artisans by purchasing local handmade products.

More than 60 cooperatives/weavers from all over the UT participated in the said event and a sale of Rs. 1.25 Crore (approx.) has been realized during the said event. These kinds of events not only provide a platform for sale of handmade products to the weaver community but also provide them with the opportunity to showcase

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JAMMU: Continuing developmental activities in different areas of old city, Narotam Sharma Councillor Ward-3 inaugurated tile work of lanes near Aap Shambu Shiv Temple, Dhakki Peer Kho on Tuesday. The composite work of laying of interlocking tiles and repair works of drains has been initiated at an estimated cost of Rs 15 lakh, to be executed by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Speaking on the occasion, locals thanked councillor for his relentless efforts in continuing developmental works in different areas. While speaking on the occasion, Narotam asked contractor and engineering staff to ensure quality of work so that locals may not feel any inconvenience. He further said that Bharaitiya Janata Party is



Councilor Ward-3, Narotam Sharma inaugurating tile work of lanes.

committed for welfare of the people and nation building while taking every section of the society along. He asked the residents to keep him informed about their demands and grievances and he would make it sure to resolve them at the earliest. Others present on the

occasion included BJP East Mandal President Parveen Kermi, Senior BJP leader Kuldeep Sharma, Vidya Devi, Saroj Gupta, Ward President Amit Khanna, Booth President Sanjay Abrol, Sanjay Sharma, Dayal Singh, Parveen Sharma, Pappu and Manik Khurana.

J-K Cong Spokesperson resigns over Lal Singh's participation in Bharat Jodo Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress spokesperson Deepika Pushkar Nath on Tuesday resigned from the party, citing its decision to "allow" former minister Lal Singh to join the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra which will enter the Union territory later this week. Nath said she is leaving the party on ideological grounds as Singh was responsible for sabotaging the 2018 Kathua rape case. Singh, a two-time MP and three-time MLA, had switched from Congress to BJP in 2014 and was also a minister in the PDP-BJP government which collapsed in June, 2018 after the national

party pulled out of the alliance.

Several months before the fall of the government, Singh resigned from BJP and floated Dogra Swabhimana Sangathan Party (DSSP) following an uproar over his participation in a rally in support of the Kathua rape accused in January 2018.

He had defended his participation in the rally stating that he was there to "defuse the situation".

"In view of Ch Lal Singh's proposal of joining @bharatjodo & @INCJammuKashmir allowing the same, I am left with no other option but to resign from @INCIndia(,)." Nath wrote on Twitter.