

Vision 2023 to define India at 2047: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: In a media interaction on the first day of the New Year, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that Vision 2023 will define India at 2047, also because the year 2023 happens to be the first of the last 25 years or the last quarter of the calendar before independent India turns 100 at 2047 and realises its century dreams.

This is also the year, the Minister said, when India under PM Narendra Modi would have an opportunity to reiterate its stature in the international fora as the host of G20 as well as the nation on whose proposal the world is observing the International Year of Millets.

Departments dealing with Science and Technology have already outlined their focus and thrust areas for the year 2023, said Dr Jitendra Singh adding that our scientific achievements are going to have a huge bearing on India's economy in subsequent years.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's penchant for



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking to the media about the roadmap for the New Year, at New Delhi on Sunday.

"Innovation", Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out to his Independence Day address, where he had said, "Till today we always remember our revered Lal Bahadur Shastri ji for his inspirational clarion call of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan meaning "Hail the Soldier, Hail the Farmer". Later Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji added a new link of Jai Vigyan which meant "hail science" and we gave it utmost importance. But in this new phase Amrit Kaal, it is imperative to add jai anusandhaan that is "hail innovation". "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan Jai Anusandhaan."

Dr Jitendra Singh underlined that in the Centre-State Science Conclave held in September, 2022 also, Modi had highlighted that in order to make India a global center of research and innovation in this Amrit Kaal, we have to work on many fronts simultaneously and stressed the need to take science and technology-related research to the local level.

ISRO, after the opening up

of Space Sector to private participants on the intervention of PM Modi, today has more than 100 Startups in a short span of time. At the same time, its focus is on scientific exploration missions, Technology Demonstration missions and Human spaceflight programme "Gaganyaan" which will land an Indian on the surface of Moon.

2023 will also witness further headway in the Blue Economy, said the Minister. Significantly, PM Modi referred to the Deep Ocean Mission twice in his Independence Day address, first in 2021 and then again in 2022, he added.

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) would take forward the successes of COVID-19 vaccine mission by investing in improvement of vaccines for the existing and emerging diseases.

Significantly, major missions would also be launched on millets and patho-genomics of plant viruses in the International Year of Millets.

CSIR in 2023 will also focus on Green Hydrogen as it has already made a headway in Green Hydrogen indigenous as part of clean energy mission.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will focus on Deep Sea mission & technologies which will add value to India's economy in the years to come.

Contributing to India's Electoral Management, delivery of about 21.00 lakh equipment for the Election Commission of India which includes Ballot Units (BU), Control Units (CU) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) will be completed by ECIL by Sept/Oct 2023.



Pakistan's economy in critical stage; need to tackle terrorism, says Army chief Gen Munir

Huge Jan Sampark rally organized in RS Pura Secular forces alone can pull together J&K as single entity: Tara Chand



Former Dy Chief Minister, Tara Chand and other leaders during Sampark Rally at RS Pura.

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KATHUA: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla accompanied by Pranav Shagotra on Sunday convened Block level meetings at Hiranagar, Keeran Gandyal, Kathua Railway station Govindsar of District Kathua organised by District Kathua president Pankaj Dogra.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sohan Lal, Rakesh Kumar, Jagdish Dogra, Pankaj Sharma, Pawan Kumar, Anant Ram, Nirdosh Sharma, Rajnish Verma, Arun Metha, Ramesh Chander, Yog Raj, Gurdev Singh, Paramjeet Singh, Ravinder Pal Singh, Ramon Thapa, Dr Satish Kumar, Parveen Sharma beside others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that Rahul Gandhi through Bharat Jodo Yatra has opened the shop of love in the marketplace of hatred." This line has been echoing throughout the Congress outreach programme, which commenced from Kanyakumari and ends at Srinagar on January 23. But the Congress is not planning to sit back after the Yatra comes officially to an end. On January 26, the party will start the 'Haath Se Haath Jodo Abhiyan', which will continue for the next two months. The party has reached out to like-minded leaders to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Some have already joined and some have agreed to join like Mehbooba Mufti and Farooq Abdullah. The party activists will distribute letters written by Rahul Gandhi and a charge sheet against the BJP

government to every person, added Bhalla. JKPCC Working President said Bharat Jodo Yatra has become a movement. Lakhs of people are participating in this yatra every day. Starting from Kanyakumari, till today, crores of people have participated.

Apart from Congress leaders, general people enthusiastically participated in the Yatra. their involvement is huge in this Yatra, which will resume from January 3.

Bhalla also said as this yatra emerged as a greatest movement in this country, a proper follow-up is needed, and that is why, the Congress Steering Committee decided for a Haath Se Haath Jodo Abhiyan' from January 26 onwards.

This, he said, will be a two-month massive campaign at the grassroots level. Two months of continuous padyatra will be there at the block level under the leadership of senior leaders, while state units will assign two leaders for each block to conduct the yatra. The yatra will be undertaken by the leadership of the Block Congress Committee, but two leaders deputed by the state unit will be there to lead the yatra, added Bhalla. Bhalla said that the critics now accept that the Yatra is successful. They too have been heard praising the kind of effort Rahul Gandhi is putting in the Yatra. Bhalla further said that "every Congressman and Congresswoman to work with unity, faith, determination, and a sense of collective purpose."

The victory of the party, he said, "will be the victory of every leader and Karyakarta

and a victory for the idea of India that guided our freedom movement and is enshrined in our Constitution". "Crores of people struggle with soaring prices (increasing at nearly 7%) and record unemployment (8%), even as the Government allows the concentration of the nation's wealth in a few chosen hands. Economic growth continues to slide with every passing year," he said.

"The deliberate subversion of, and attack on Constitutional institutions continues. The premeditated attempt that is underway to de-legitimise the judiciary and orchestrate a confrontation between the executive and the judiciary is particularly alarming. The Government continues its silence on Chinese incursions on the border and the change in status quo on the LAC, even as credible reports indicate increased deployment of Chinese troops and weaponry," Bhalla said. Pranav Shagotra and Pankaj Dogra claimed that Bharat Jodo Yatra has been successful in achieving its objective of raising people's issues and going forward it will ensure that the government is held accountable. The opposition party also asserted that "untruths" spread about Rahul Gandhi to malign his image have been "demolished" by the Yatra and his "reality" has come to the fore before the country. They said the Yatra has been successful beyond expectations. "When it started, there were a lot of questions about whether people would come or not or whether we will be able to cover 25 km every day. The last 60 days have passed in a jiffy," they said.

Yatris have gone beyond physical pain. The yatra has achieved its first objective. Yatris have become comfortable with the yatra, the yatra has become comfortable with the country and the country has become comfortable with yatra," they said.

Yatra has achieved its first objective and people know that it is being undertaken to highlight their issues, they said. It has to now move towards its second objective which is to make the government of the day accountable on issues of the people and country, they said.

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"The reactionary and divisive forces might have got away with polarising and vitiating the democratic process but the damage done in the process has

put J&K at a crossroads," Tara Chand said.

He said people have realised the sinister game plan of dividing the regions on religious lines to remain glued to power.

"We will carry forward cherished slogan of 'Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Unity' will remain guiding force for the cadre," he said and urged upon the Central Government to restore statehood to J&K with job and land security for the locals. He also demanded special employment package for the youth of the UT.

He expressed the hope that secular forces would form next government in J&K.

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"The reactionary and divisive forces might have got away with polarising and vitiating the democratic process but the damage done in the process has

arized the security, peace and prosperity of the people of J&K. My association with Azad dates to those years when I wasn't even formally into politics. The rapport I enjoyed with him is something that I would cherish all my life.

The unflinching confidence that he always reposed in me and the relationship of trust that we shared is my source of strength to endure this situation. Not for nothing did he entrust me with the task of negotiating with people from other political parties and make me the pointsman for taking his party forward. Every single meeting, discussion and negotiations were done with the knowledge and consent of Azad Sahib.

Former MLA Thakur Balwan Singh, President JKHCBA MK Bhardwaj, Vinod Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Dr Ramesh Sharma, Kissan leader Mohan Choudhary were also present.

Take benefit of central schemes: Khatana

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JAMMU: MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday urged the people to take benefit of centrally sponsored schemes for the welfare of the downtrodden and backward areas. He also extended new year greetings and hoped that year 2023 will bring peace and prosperity to the people of country especially Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a largely attended meeting at Mandal in district Samba today Er. Gulam Ali Khatana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government has ensured that benefit of welfare schemes reaches to the needy and poor and multiple checks have been ensured so that pilferage comes to minimum.

He said that special focus is on providing potable drinking water and electricity to every household and in near future this dream will come true.

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ing of unavailability of funds under PMAY by Samba administration and he will take up the issue with the district administration. He said that Panchayati raj Institutions and local bodies have been empowered by the central govt after neutering of the Article 370 so that local problems can be resolved at local level.

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Khatana urged the people to keep any eye on anti-social elements especially drug smugglers as drugs are capable of destroying a whole generation.

Earlier, Sarpanch Sapna Sapolia welcomed MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana and said people have lots of hopes from him.

Prominent among other who spoke were Roshan Hussain Choudhary president BJP ST Morecha, Ch. Fareed, Ch. Poto, Ram Saroop, Des Raj Naib Sarpanch and Ghulam Hussain.



Sanchalika Arya Veerangana Dal, J&K, Sukriti Chowdhary and others witnessing training programme.

taught the heart-thrilling practices of lathi-wielding, gun-wielding, sword-wielding, stupa-making, tile-breaking, judo karate etc in the Shivir.

To ensure that the event is successful, the members of the executive committee of

Arya Veerangana Dal- Arpana Sethi (Mantrani), Monika (Up Mantrani), Seema Gupta (Koshadhyaksh), Dr. Pratibha (Mukhya Sanrakshak), Dr. Aruna Bhagotra (Sanrakshak), Ritu Shastri (Prachar Mantrani) and Sunita Gupta (Mantrani) were involved.

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came from Delhi to impart culture and self-protection training.

This Shivir was conducted under the leadership of Arun Chowdhary, President Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir.

The Shivir was presided over by Sonia Gupta, Principal Sessions Judge, Jammu and Kashmir in which Arya Veerangana displayed a variety of physical arts and skills which they imbibed in the past eight days.

The Shivir was concluded with prize distribution function followed by Rishi Langar.

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