

Dr Jitendra inaugurates 'International Science Festival', suggests Indian solutions to Indian problems

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FARIDABAD: The four-day 9th India International Science Festival' was inaugurated on Wednesday by Union Science & Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at a majestically decorated venue here with over 12,000 delegates in attendance and nearly 200 faculty holding simultaneous multiple sessions in different halls over the next four days.

Addressing the inaugural session, Dr Jitendra suggested Indian solutions to Indian problems as India emerges as a frontline nation in the comity of developed and scientifically advanced countries.

The Minister cited three success stories in Science & Technology that have defined India's emergence in the recent times.

"India is the first country to land on the South Polar



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating the 4-day 9th "India International Science Festival" (IISF)-2023 at Faridabad, Haryana on Wednesday.

region of the Moon, India's Vaccine success story is cited the world over and the Aroma Mission that has spurred the sprouting of a range of Agri StartUps," he said.

"We have a political leadership today under Prime Minister Narendra Modi which has sent a message loud and clear that gone are the days when we waited for others to take the lead and

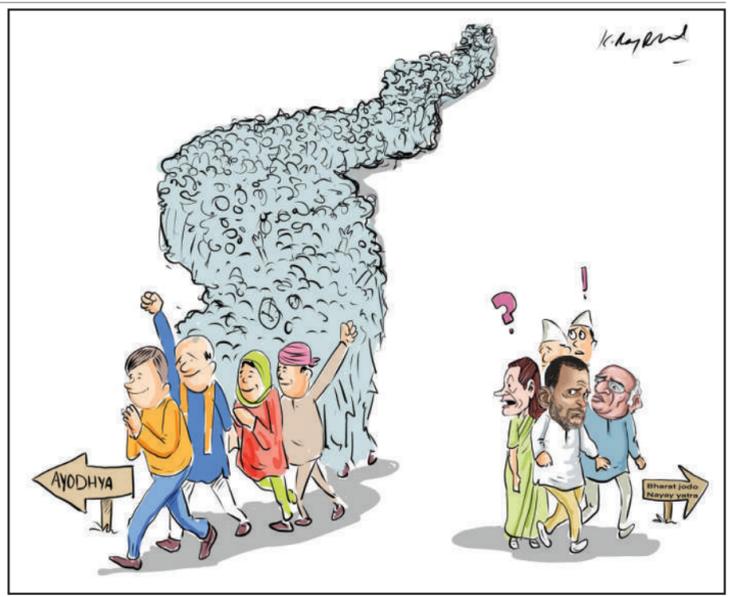
then follow. India of 2024 is ready to take a giant leap and move forward on its ascent of its scientific acumen and its technological prowess," he said.

"India's Space economy today stands at a modest \$8 billion, but our own projection is that by 2040 it will scale \$40 billion. But more interesting is that according to some international observers,

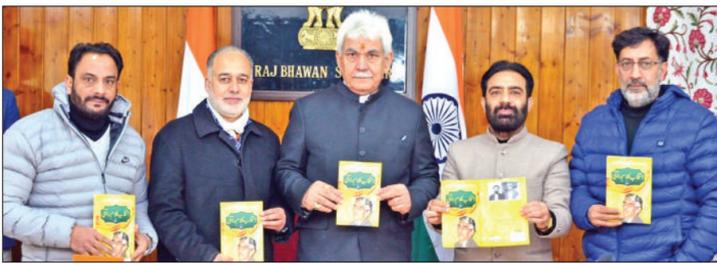
for example the recent ADL (Arthur D Little) Report mentions that we could have the potential of \$100 Billion by 2040," he said.

Stating that the "Anusandhan National

Research Foundation" will pave the way for a greater PPP model in scientific research, Dr Jitendra said the NRF will catapult us to the league of a handful of Developed nations pioneering new research in new frontiers. "NRF budget envisions a spending of Rs. 50,000 crore over five years, out of which over 70%, will come from non-government sources, including domestic as well as outside sources," he said. Stating that most journals describe India as the bright spot, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the children of today are blessed to be the architects of the technology driven Amritkaal.



LG releases Satish Vimal's book 'Intikhab-e-Kalam-e-Rahi'



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha releasing 'Intikhab-e-Kalam-e-Rahi'.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday released 'Intikhab-e-Kalam-e-Rahi', Urdu translation of the poet-

ic compositions of Jnanpith Award recipient poet Prof. Rehman Rahi by noted writer Dr Satish Vimal.

The Lt Governor congratulated Dr Satish Vimal and

the team associated with the publication.

Writer Mushtaq Barq and Literary Activist Sheikh Waseem Ahmad were also present.

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JAMMU: As a Civil Society Initiative Hemant Kumar Lohia IPS Memorial Charitable Trust Jammu organized Bhajan Sandhya and Seminar on the Life and Achievements of H.K. Lohia, to mark the Birth Anniversary of former DG Prisons J&K Police Lt Hemant Kumar Lohia.

Swami Vijayeshananda Maharaj from Rama Krishna Mission Jammu and Ajay Kumar & Party enthralled the audience with Bhajans and songs.

The programme started with lighting of traditional lamp by the dignitaries and wreath laying was performed on the portrait of Lohia.

Everyone offered flowers of wreath and remembered the contributions

Civil Society celebrates DG Lohia's birthday



Civil Society members listening to Bhajan Sandhya at celebration of DG H.K. Lohia's birthday at Jammu.

and achievements of H.K. Lohia with special reference to Jammu & Kashmir.

Nisha Pandita conducted the proceedings while the welcome address and vote of thanks were presented by Rajiv Khajuria, Patron and Virender Gupta, President & Managing Trustee of the HKLM Charitable Trust.

The Guests of Honour who attended and spoke on the life & achievements

of H.K. Lohia in the programme include Kuldeep Khoda former DG, Alok Kumar DG Fire Services J&K, Ashok Bhan Former DG, J.P. Singh, Jagjeet Kumar former IG's and Kapil Sharma Special Secretary Youth Services & Sports. All the speakers highlighted the meritorious rendered by Lohia to Jammu & Kashmir.

The speakers lauded the contribution of Lohia in anti-terrorism operations

and termed him as a successful officer who not only performed well in policing but also won the hearts of the communities and general public.

The Managing Trustee Virender Gupta emphasized that the formation of this Trust is a tribute to Lohia who always stood for poor and needy.

He further added that Trust will mainly work for charitable activities and for empowering Children,

Youth, Women & Older people.

The Trustees present on the occasion include Vikram Garg, Arti Sharma, Ashiq Bhat, Daleep Dhar and Shruti Agarwal.

The prominent Advisors/dignitaries who attended the Programme include Raj Daluja, K.K. Langer, Vinod Monalisa, Vinod Mahajan, Rajni Sehgal, Kapil Dhar and Tahir.

Secretary Revenue chairs entrepreneurship conference, Public Darbar at Kishtwar



Secretary Revenue, Prasanna Ramaswamy G chairing an "Entrepreneurship Conference" at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: Secretary Revenue, Prasanna Ramaswamy G, on Wednesday chaired an "Entrepreneurship Conference" organised by the district administration here at DC office, Kishtwar.

The conference aimed to provide a platform for dialogue and facilitating discussion with business aspirants, and stakeholders to understand challenges and opportunities in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The initiative would stimulate economic activities, create employment opportunities and contribute towards overall development of the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Inderjeet Singh Parihar, Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal, ACR Kishtwar; Varunjeet Singh Charak, CEO Kishtwar Development Authority; Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma besides other district officers and representatives from the Traders Associations, Women Self-Help Group (SHG) members, students and Business aspirants were present in the event.

The interactive session, held during the Entrepreneurship Conference, focused on identi-

fying local issues, addressing concerns related to business development, employment and economic growth specific to the district. Secretary Revenue, in his address, highlighted the collaborative initiatives being taken up among the Employment Department, Mission Youth and district level institutions to encourage and support new entrepreneurs. Emphasizing the role of district administration in pushing collaboration with various entities to facilitate financial support for the budding entrepreneurs, he asked for launching sector specific initiatives towards exploring

potential areas for business growth in these areas.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, on the occasion, provided insights into the entrepreneurial profile of the district besides highlighting interventions, including establishment of Kishtwar Haat and Mission Youth initiatives and AVSAR scheme implementation, fostering entrepreneurship for youth in the district. He also detailed tourism initiatives, emphasizing revival of tourism sectors and providing training to youths of Kishtwar in mountaineering, winter and water sports recently. He also highlighted that the ITI Kishtwar and SBI RSETI have been roped in for conducting various training programs, enhancing skills for

employment. Later, Secretary Revenue also presided over a mega public darbar and listened to the issues and concerns of delegations.

Prasanna Ramaswamy took stock of public concerns, ensuring prompt redressal of revenue related demands. He underscored the government's commitment towards ensuring accountability and transparency, stating that grievance camps are a step towards achieving these ideals. He directed concerned officers to take necessary actions to address the issues raised by the participants during the public darbar.

Secretary also reviewed the functioning of District Hospitals Drug Addiction Treatment Facility in the district. He emphasized enhanced collaboration between ATF medical officers, district administration, Police department and stakeholders to combat drug addiction effectively. He highlighted the role of society and family members in addressing this menace from the society.

Sikh community celebrate Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday across Kashmir

MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Devotees of Sikh community in the Kashmir Valley on Wednesday thronged Gurdwaras on the auspicious occasion of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday, also known as Guru Purab, to pay obeisance on his 357 birthday.

The largest gathering was witnessed at Gurudwara Chatti Padshahi Rainawari in Srinagar where hundreds of men, women and children visited on the occasion and paid obeisance. Devotees on the occasion prayed for peace, prosperity and wellbeing of all, besides divine mercy was sought to end the ongoing dry spell in Jammu and Kashmir.

Devotees told the STATE TIMES that amidst unusual weather conditions in J&K, people from every faith must turn to their religion and seek mercy from the Creator, which is the only possible way to end this dry spell.

"Kashmir is famous for



its natural beauty. Any absence of snow at this juncture may trigger catastrophic situation in future. So people from all communities must seek mercy from Almighty to end this dry spell," said devotees.

Similar gatherings took place in other parts of the Valley where member of the community rushed to Gurudwaras and prayed for peace and wellbeing.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhandari, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Bilal Mohi-ud-din and IGP Kashmir Zone Virdi Kumar

Birdi took part in Gurupurab Celebrations in Chatti Padshahi Srinagar.

On this occasion, the Divisional Commissioner congratulated the community and prayed for peaceful atmosphere for Jammu and Kashmir in coming days. "Kashmir is known for brotherhood and that is why we celebrate every festival with religious fervour and happiness", he said.

IGP interacted with the Gurudwara management, local authorities and community leaders to ensure seamless coordination for the comfort and safety of the worshippers.

Mahant Rohit Shastri calls on Rana Learning Sanskrit will enable youngsters to access repository of knowledge: Rana



Mahant Rohit Shastri presenting a book to Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said that promotion of Sanskrit language will enable the younger generation to access the vast repository of knowledge and wisdom.

"Preserving and promotion of Sanskrit is not only to sustain the language deeply rooted to Indian ethos but to safeguard the cultural legacy", Rana said while interacting with a delegation of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, Raipur Banatalab Jammu led by its President Mahant Rohit Shastri here this afternoon.

Lauding the tireless efforts of the Trust for promoting the ancient language, Rana emphasized the societal role in making use of Sanskrit that will empower the people to know their past, rich heritage and glorious ethos. He also advocated for making it mandatory for students to learn Sanskrit so that they remain rooted to their heritage. Learning Sanskrit language will hugely help in sharpening the mind and gaining knowledge about the ancient texts and scriptures which are mainly written in this language, he added.

Mahant Rohit Shastri presented the Annual trust

Patrika "Kartavya Marg" and discussed various issues pertaining to heritage and culture and reiterated that the issue with regard to teaching of Sanskrit language from the sixth grade in schools across Jammu and Kashmir to keep children acquainted with the ancient scriptures-treasure trove of wisdom and knowledge. He hoped that this issue will be taken up with all the concerned, especially Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for implementation in the larger good of the coming generations.

Mahant Rohit Shastri said the Trust is committed to preserve and promote Sanskrit, a language deeply rooted in ancient Indian knowledge and literary tradition.

He gave a detailed brief about the efforts being made by Shrikailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur Banatalab Jammu (registered), to start the study and teaching of Sanskrit language from the sixth grade in schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rana assured the issue will be pursued vigorously with all the concerned.

Kansal visits Suryachak Panchayat; describes public participation as essential in nation building

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JAMMU: Central Prabhari Officer and Union Additional Secretary, Ministry for Textiles, Rohit Kansal, on Wednesday visited Panchayat Suryachak in Mandal block, under the ambitious public outreach programme "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra".

Secretary Planning Aijaz Asad, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, ADDC, Sher Singh, ACD Preeti Sharma and other senior officers, eminent citizens and public representatives were present on the occasion.

While highlighting the significance of the yatra, Rohit Kansal said that the ambitious initiative aims to create awareness among citizens about various welfare schemes and seek their participation in the spirit of "Jan Bhagidari" to ensure 100 per cent saturation of government schemes. It is the largest-ever outreach initiative of Government of India which will ensure required services are accessible to all targeted and eligible beneficiaries facilitating the last mile delivery. He highlighted the significant impact of government schemes on lives of



Union Additional Secretary, Ministry for Textiles, Rohit Kansal visiting a stall at Panchayat Suryachak in Mandal block, under VBSY.

common masses over the past decade, citing the success of Ayushman Bharat, PM Kisan, PMAY, Ujjwala, Ujala, Laadli Beti and other such schemes. He proudly shared that Jammu and Kashmir has excelled in achieving universal health coverage under Ayushman Bharat scheme, a unique accomplishment in comparison to rest of the nation.

Rohit Kansal also shed light on transformative outcome of various historic schemes on lives of people while making a mention of direct transfer of financial assis-

tance to bank accounts of farmers.

He articulated that the primary objective of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is to create awareness in every corner of the nation and ensure that all eligible beneficiaries avail benefit government schemes. He mentioned about recent reports indicating that 24.8 crore people have risen above the poverty line, largely attributed to initiatives like free ration and pension schemes.

Referring to 'Amrit Kaal', the period until the centenary of

India's Independence in 2047, Rohit Kansal maintained that all efforts are underway to transform the country into a developed nation while emphasising the indispensable role of public participation in this regard.

Rohit Kansal encouraged every individual to contribute towards nation development by diligently performing their duties, protecting public amenities and adopting sustainable practices like water and energy conservation.

Later, he inspected the departmental stalls aimed at raising awareness about various government schemes where the public had the opportunity to engage with representatives from different departments, gaining valuable knowledge about the diverse range of government initiatives.

An integral part of the event was the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" segment, where beneficiaries shared their positive experiences of government schemes. They highlighted their success stories under schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ladli Beti, Ayushman Bharat and various agricultural programmes.