

'Viksit Bharat Yatra' raised aspiration, esteem in common citizen: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" (VBSY) has raised aspiration and esteem in common citizen, and brought about change in the work culture both at political as well as official level, said Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh here on Thursday.

The Minister was addressing media-persons after participating in Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's virtual interaction with beneficiaries of VBSY.

He said that the VBSY has also transformed people's attitude and behaviour.

Dr Singh explained the change in the work culture, saying government servants are now delivering services at the doorsteps of citizens since the launch of the VBSY.

Dr Jitendra said, earlier people had to make rounds of government departments to get their work done.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking to media-persons after participating in PM Narendra Modi's virtual address during "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" at Jammu on Thursday.

Despite making visit after visit to these departments, their work continued to remain pending. As a result, they would feel dejected, and resigned to their fate. All that has now changed

for good, Dr Singh added.

The Union Minister stated that due to the VBSY, there is a spurt in people's aspirations as their dreams are being realised by the government.

He said the poor and the underprivileged have now their own concrete houses built under the PM Awas Yojana.

The Minister said that district officials are reaching to the people on their own, urging them to avail of the government services as they have to be accountable to Prime Minister Modi-led government.

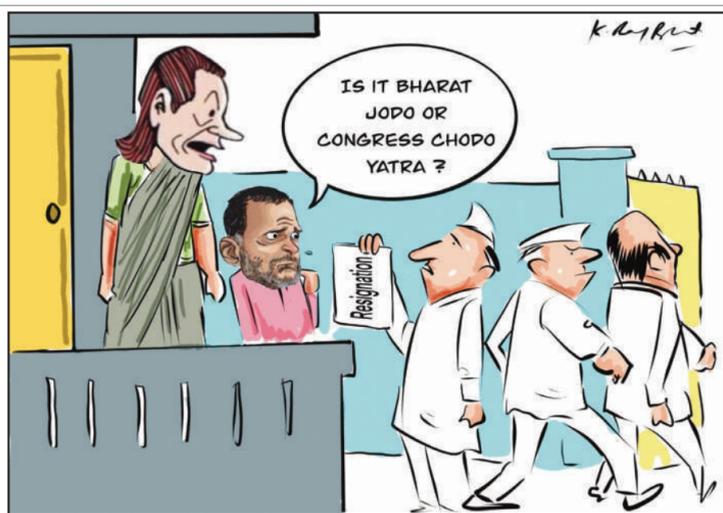
The services are being provided by the government to the deprived and deserving sections of society without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and political affiliation.

Dr Jitendra said PM Ujjvala Yojana has not only empowered women and increased their respect but has also taken care of their health because they

no longer have to breathe toxic air emanating from traditional methods of cooking. In the same way, women do not need to defecate in the open in absence of toilets in their homes, the minister said. Swachh Bharat Mission has totally changed the rural landscape, with the construction of toilets for public use, Dr Singh added.

The Union Minister asserted that development is the main mantra of the government which has risen above politics to commit itself to the service of all sections of society across the country.

Dr Singh said that Prime Minister Modi has dedicated himself to serving the nation from day one in the office. The Union Minister maintained that the government's sense of service to citizens is not driven by vote bank politics. Rather, it is due to the love and commitment for the motherland, Dr Singh underlined.



Labour Commissioner interacts with representatives of Trade Unions



Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh chairing meeting with Trade Unions' representatives.

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JAMMU: Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh on Thursday chaired an interactive meeting with the representatives of Trade Unions here to discuss issues related to workers' overall socioeconomic well-being.

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Others who were present on the spot include DDC Marh Balbir Lal, Ex Sarpanch Shiv Salaria, Ex Chairman Ghou Manhasa Municipal Committee Jatinder Singh, Ex Vice Chairman Krishan Lal, District Secretary BJP Deepak Pandey, Ex Naib Sarpanch Sanjeev Singh, Ex Naib Sarpanch Pardeep Chouhan, Atul Sharma, Panch Ganesh, Suraj Singh, Surinder Singh and Chain Singh.

J&K, Deputy Director (Planning) and Assistant Labour Commissioners were also present.

The Trade Union representatives, while welcoming S Charandeep Singh on assuming charge of Labour Commissioner J&K, assured their support in raising awareness among the workers regarding the Government schemes being implemented for their welfare in the UT. They gave a brief about their working and union constitutional mandate.

Detailed deliberations were held on issues of common interest with Labour Commissioner J&K reiterating that welfare of labour and improving their living stand-

dard shall remain the primary focus of cooperation between the Department and the Trade Unions.

"Trade Unions play a crucial role in advancing the interests of workers and allowing amicable solutions of issues between establishments and workers," the Labour Commissioner said and added that unions are a good source of information on work place practices and non-compliance of labour laws.

Charandeep Singh sought cooperation of the trade unions in ensuring that benefits of labour welfare schemes of the Government reach to the workers of both the organized and unorganized sectors and effective implementation of labour laws.

Rs 2.50 crore road project to connect many villages Sukhmandan starts road work from Pounichak to Kharian village

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JAMMU: Under NABARD scheme, the former minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhmandan Kumar started the road work from Pounichak to Kharian via Khanpur which will connect many villages in the area.

This project costing Rs 2.50 crore will be very beneficial to all the surrounded villagers, said the former Minister, adding that Modi government is making all efforts to develop the rural India.

Sukhmandan assured that Modi's vision is to make India a developed nation by 2047 when the country completes 100 years of independence.

"We will have to fulfil the resolve we took, the promises we made to the coming generation", the senior BJP leader said urging all to intensify efforts. "The contribution of everyone is



BJP leader Choudhary Sukhmandan Kumar starting the road work from Pounichak to Kharian.

important to achieve the goal of being a developed country", Sukhmandan said quoting PM Modi.

Sukhmandan asked the youth to connect as part of the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign.

Drawing an analogy between the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Mahatma

Gandhi's Dandi march, he said: "Dandi March reignited the flame of independence while Amrit Kaal is turning out to be the resolution of the 75-year-old journey of India's development journey".

Sukhmandan said that during Modi government India achieved many things--

becoming one of the top 5 economies in the world, successfully landing Chandrayaan 3, organising the G20 Summit and bagging more than 100 medals at the Asian Games.

He said the country also had many other achieve-

ments such as combating the Covid-19 pandemic, a new Parliament building and passage of the women's reservation bill.

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JDA conducts anti encroachment drive in village Majeen, Rangoor, retrieves 80 Kanals land



JCBs demolishing 'Pucca' houses during anti-encroachment drive at Marheen in Jammu.

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JAMMU: In a major move against the encroachers, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) on Thursday conducted a massive anti encroachment drive in village Majeen and Rangoor of Tehsil Jammu during which 30 Kullas and 12 Pacca structures were removed from the JDA land, here on Thursday.

During drive, 80 Kanals

JDA land has been retrieved and JDA sign boards installed and on spot work of fencing was started.

The drive was conducted by the concerned Tehsildar JDA with police coordination lead by SDPO Jammu East, SHO Bagh-e-Bahu, SDPO Nagrota and SHO Nagrota.

The drive was a major success conducted by JDA lead

by Tehsildar JDA under the control of Director Land Management JDA and overall supervision of Vice Chairman JDA with active support of Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu. Tehsildar JDA gave a message to all such persons to refrain from encroaching/trespassing into JDA lands else they will have to face strict action.

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JAMMU: The Community Service and Social Justice club of "Utsaah" University of Jammu during its ten day's Multi Arts Festival "Protsaahan" on Thursday organised a De -Addiction Dialogue on Drugs under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan.

The purpose behind the programme is to discourage the use of drugs among the youth.

Under the direction of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu, University is aiming to promote the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

The program was organized to promote the societal outreach vision of University of Jammu by inspiring students to utilize their energies and other resources in positive and social development. Shakti Pathak DIG



DIG JKS range, Shakti Pathak and JU faculty at a programme.

Jammu, Kathua, Samba range was the Chief Guest of the programme.

In his address, Pathak appreciated the initiative of conducting the drug De -Addiction Dialogue at the University level. He very impressively related the theme by stressing upon the word 'SHE' where Security, Health and Economy was related with drug awareness. Harish Kumar, Asstt.

Director from Narcotics Central Bureau, Jammu zone was the guest speaker.

Prof Satnam Kour, Convenor, Utsaah presented the welcome address. She apprised the audience about the various activities conducted by the different clubs during the last one year.

The resource person Harish Kumar, Assistant Director, Narcotics Central Bureau in his lecture on drug de -addic-

tion elaborated at length on the problems, concerns and measures to be adopted to stay away from intoxicating substances.

After the presentation of the resource person, the dialogue started with a very fruitful discussion held between the students.

It is pertinent to mention that the community service and social justice club provides all space to the student volunteers to come out with their constructive ideas for serving the community.

The students presented a wonderful stage performance "Nashe Se Tauba" directed by Sumit Sharma, Drama Instructor, DSW, University of Jammu.

Prof. Suman Jawwal, Prof. Lalit Sen, Prof. Virender Koundal, Prof. Manoj Batt, Dr. Chhinmoye and staff members of the campus were

present in the function.

The vote of thanks was presented by the Coordinator of the Community Service and Social Justice Club, Dr. Shashi Prabha.

The programme was conducted by Suman Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography.

Earlier on the 17th January, the Photography Club had organised a Heritage and Street photography in Mubarak Mandi and Old Jammu City.

The photography club being coordinated by Dr Pritam Singh is aiming to train the students in the techniques of photography and also educate them about using this medium for various themes and concerns. More than 50 students had participated in this photography and explored their city through the eye of the lens.

Automation, digitization way forward towards better management of Tpt sector: CS

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the working of Transport Department along with its allied activities of traffic here in the UT. The meeting was attended by Secretary, Transport; IG Traffic; DIG, Traffic, Jammu; MD, JKRTC; besides other concerned officers of the Department.

While speaking in this meeting the Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers that the technological interventions and digital services are pivotal for ensuring hassle free, time-bound and flawless working of the transport department here. He observed that the modern technology has made many strides in this field and there is still scope for making the functioning of this department seamless by invoking such advancements. Dulloo further declared that in order to obtain the flawless results in issuance of driving licences and fitness to vehicles the technology can play a very indiscriminate role. He emphasized upon the optimum use of such measures as adopted in other regions of the nation for making the transport sector vibrant and progressive. He called for bolstering the technology with strict enforcement of rules and legislations for obtaining the best results on ground. He also advised for efficient use of road infrastructure and manpower for reducing occurrence of mishaps thereby saving lives lost due to road accidents. The Chief Secretary was informed by the Secretary Transport, Niraj Kumar

that the department has made much advancements in offering services to public facelessly. He apprised him that services related to both driving and vehicle operations here have been made online with offering around 53 digital services by the Motor Vehicles Department.

He further gave out that the Department has switched over almost completely to online/auto approval mode in providing the services to the general public to reduce the footfall in the office of the RTOs/ARTOs across the UT to encourage paperless, cashless & faceless transactions here.

As far as the working of J&K Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) is concerned it was explained that the implementation of Intelligent Transport Management System (ITMS) portal (www.starbus.jk.gov.in) was launched to streamline plying of its bus fleet and its availability for public.

It was given out that the portal offers seven modules viz. Online Ticketing Facility/Management, Web-based Current/Counter Booking Management, Route Schedule Management, Employees Database Management, Real Time Fuel Pump Management System, Real Time Management Information System (MIS) and Public Information System (PIS).

Regarding the Road Accident Victim Fund it was given out that its objective is to provide immediate succour to the dependents/kith and kins/legal heirs of the persons killed/injured in road accidents. Relief

amount to the tune of Rs 1,00,000 in case of death, Rs 75,000 in case of permanent disability, Rs 50,000 in case of grievous injuries and Rs 10,000 in case of minor injury to the next of kin or the victims themselves as the case may be.

While throwing light on the future roadmap of the department it was said that the operationalization of Institute for Driver Training and Research (IDTR) at Samba, setting up of Regional Driving Training Centres (RDTCs), establishment of Automated Testing Stations (ATS), customization of IRAD in a way that enables first responders in an accident to send alerts to all the departments parallelly.

The department also aspires for launching eDAR for collection of road accident data for efficient processing of claims for accident victims and thereby reducing the time taken in settlement of claims for road accidents cases. It also delineated that it is looking into going for auto approvals as per the guidelines of the PSGA, scrapping redundancy for better quality interfaces in issuance of Drivers' licenses/Registration Certificates by making the process paperless as in Assam and Andhra Pradesh for ease of doing business.

It also looks for promotion of electric vehicle policy for J&K besides use AI for ensuring road safety by introduction of Project iRASTE (Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering) in the UT, as was given out in the meeting.

Secy Civil Aviation reviews progress on Jammu Airport expansion project

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JAMMU: Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, chaired a meeting to review progress on expansion of Jammu Airport here on Thursday.

While seeking status of different aspects of the prestigious project, the Secretary directed the concerned officers to further step efforts accelerating pace of progress on these vital works so that the project is completed within the fixed timelines. He asked them to remove the impediments, if any, in expeditious execution of this airport expansion project so as to avoid any kind of delay in its timely completion.

Secretary also directed the Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police to ensure that no illegal construction work is done in and around hundred meter of the boundary wall of the airport area. In this regard, he asked for submission of a proper



Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Mohd Aijaz Asad, inspecting the Airport expansion project.

report to the concerned on periodic basis.

The Secretary directed the Animal Husbandry department to shift the cattle farm in the newly built camp at Chatha and handover the farm area to AAI. He also instructed them to shift the remaining structures especially poultry farm area for taking up the apron work by AAI. He asked them to explore the possibility of shifting the Hatchery at alternate location and handover the structure to the Airport Authority

within month's time so that the area could be utilized properly for expansion of the airport.

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, briefed the Secretary that evaluation of Residential structures falling in the project area has also been done and compensation is being given to the affected people in a phased manner. He also informed that the structures of Animal Husbandry Belicharana, which have come in the project area, are being demolished as

per requirement of the project.

Earlier, Director Airport, Jammu, Sanjeev Kumar Garg, gave a detailed presentation highlighting broad contours of Jammu airport expansion plan and present status of the works being done there.

Later, the Secretary visited the site of Animal Husbandry Belicharana and inspected the works in progress under the Airport expansion project. Among others present in the meeting were Y K Kandalkar COO, Air force Station Jammu, RR Choudhary ATCO, Air force Station Jammu, Ganesh Sharma, DGM (E-C), Airport Authority of India, Rajiv Chopra, AGM (EE), Airport Authority of India, A. Ezhilarasan, DGM (E-C) Airport Authority of India, Veedushi Kapoor, Additional Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, SP City South Jammu, Shaheen Wahid and other concerned officers.