

Successive success stories elevated India’s science esteem: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that successive success stories in recent times have elevated India's science esteem. Addressing the gathering at the 40th foundation day celebration of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), the Minister enumerated recent science success stories of India. He said that the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and CSIR brought about the purple revolution, which originated in the North and has now captured the entire Himalayan region. The Department of Biotechnology came out with the first DNA Vaccine and a country like India , which was earlier struggling to provide curative health care, has now become a preventive



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, addressing the 40th Foundation Day celebration of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, at New Delhi.

healthcare leader, he said. The Department of Space registered triple success...Chandrayaan 3, Aditya Mission and XPoSat, said the Minister. Dr Jitendra Singh said, these success stories have made scientific research, innovation and StartUps popular like never before. Pointing out that all these successes are closely connected to Industry linkage, the Minister urged the scientific community to work towards a strong industry linkage to bring the outcomes of Research & Development to

society. It will also make StartUps in the S & T field commercially more viable, he added. Earlier, as Chief Guest, the Minister kickstarted the 40th Foundation Day Celebration of DSIR by lighting a lamp. Minister also congratulated the gathering of scientists on the momentous occasion. Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat, Member(S&T), NITI Aayog and Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, PSA to the Government of India were Guests of Honour at the event. Addressing the gathering

vations and enhance innovations through its resources and channelize benefits thereof, to the people. DSIR is also the nodal department for granting recognition/ registration to the In-house R&D centres established by industry in the country. Scientific Research Foundations in the areas of medical, agriculture, natural and applied sciences and social sciences (SIROs) and Public Funded Research Institutions (PFRIs), Universities, IITs, IISc and NITs. There are about 2400 In-house R&D centres, 878 SIROs and 543 PFRIs with DSIR recognition. DSIR also undertakes programmes to promote R&D by the industries and to support the industrial units developing state-of-the-art globally competitive technologies of high commercial value. The department operates four sub-schemes, viz PRISM, PACE, CRTDH and A2K+ under its umbrella scheme "Industrial Research & Development" (IRD).



PM Modi’s Scuba diving in Lakshadweep

ADGP Jammu Zone inspects Cyber Police Station Jammu

‘Assured all possible dynamisms would be taken up to strengthen Cyber Police Station’

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 JAMMU: In view of increasing cases of cyber-crime, ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Friday paid a visit to Cyber Police Station Jammu Zone and issued necessary directions to the Officers/Officials to professionally deal with the Cyber-Crime related cases.



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain during visit to Cyber Police on Friday.

During inspection ADGP Jammu Zone appreciated the efforts made by the Cyber PS Jammu in the investigation of various kinds of Cyber Crimes and insisted on putting more human and technological efforts to deal with forthcoming cyber cases related to emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence/Deep Fakes etc. Cyber Cells/Cyber investigation teams would be made operational at district headquarters level in every district of Jammu Zone so that the innocent general public may not feel hardship in reporting various types of cyber-crimes. He assured that all possible efforts would be taken up to further strengthen the Cyber Police Station with men and advanced technology. ADGP also enquired about the progress of the construction of Cyber PS building and insisted to speed-up the

pace of the construction work in consultation with the concerned construction agency, so that it could be made operational at an earliest. Directions were given for vigorously increasing the pace of cyber awareness at every level to educate the masses about various types of cyber-crimes to prevent them from being cheated of their hard-earned money by the online fraudsters/cyber criminals. At the outset, Superintendent of Police, I/C Cyber PS Jammu, Kameshwar Puri, apprised the Addl. DGP, J/Z, with the functioning of Cyber PS & various online portals being handled by Cyber PS Jammu like 1930. He was also apprised with

the various kinds of cyber-crimes which are reported at Cyber Police Station like financial frauds, social media related cases like sextortion and other Cyber special natured cyber Crime related Cases like malware attacks, cyber security breaches, cyber terrorism etc. ADGP was also apprised with the functioning of online cyber-crime reporting mechanism on 1930 portal followed by their investigation procedure at Cyber Police Station/other jurisdictional Police Stations' level at different districts of Jammu Zone. ADGP was also apprised that more than 1.25 Cr. have been recovered by Cyber PS since its creation by the Cyber Police Station.

Regional P F Commissioner met M D Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd

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 JAMMU: EPFO has been striving towards effective implementation of EPF & M P Act, 1952 in J & K and Ladakh. Ongoing Power Projects employ a significant number of employees and accidental deaths have been a cause of concern for P F Commissioner. Accordingly matter was taken up with Chairman NHPC - Rajiv Vishnoi, who promptly responded and facilitated a meeting in this behalf with Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd (CVPPL). Accordingly Ramesh Mukhiya, M D Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd (CVPPL) called on P F Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin on Friday along with Manoj Verma, GM, HR, Sumit Kumar Puri, GM (Civil)/for enhancing awareness and compliance with the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and Miscellaneous Provisions (MP) Act, 1952. It was decided that CVPPL would review compliance of all the contractors engaged



EPFO Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin meeting MD CVPPL Manoj Verma and others.

directly or as sub-contractors in various Power Projects being executed by CVPPL in J & K. Shri Saroj Kumar Sethi was accordingly designated as Nodal Officer towards specific assignment who would ensure proper compliance of all the Contractors. EPFO would also facilitate the work through awareness programmes and handholding sessions. Nidhi Apke Nikat 2.0 (NAN 2.0) would be organized in Kishtwar in association with CVPPL. The meeting between RPFC I and MD, CVPPL

highlighted the importance of not only enforcing regulations but also fostering a culture of understanding and cooperation among employers and workers. RPFC-I has also stressed for strict compliance by the defaulters contractors/sub-contractors engaged through CVPPL and further stressed on enrolling the new subscribers in the Kishtwar district and in other areas also where the CVPPL projects are going on at present. The collaboration envisions proactive engagement through workshops, semi-

nars, and informational sessions. Experts in EPF and MP Act will be engaged to provide valuable insights, address queries, and guide stakeholders for effective implementation. The CVPPL has requested to provide the publicity materials of EPFO for advertising them and creating awareness about the EPFO Schemes at their Project Sites. Project Manager, M/s Patel engineering was also present in the meeting who was directed to provide details of remittances of all the contractors engaged in J&K and

Ladakh to nodal Officer of CVPPL, prior to March, 2023 and thereafter. CVPPL has also ensured that full compliance will be made by the contractors and also added that a Nodal Officer Sh. Saroj Kumar Sethi, Sr. Manager HR will be deputed who will coordinate with EPFO Nodal Officer Devinder Singh, EO/AO for raising any issues/complaints if received by the employees engaged through their contractors/sub-contractors. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin, explained the importance of social security in today's scenario. He highlighted the key features of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976. These two prominent social security schemes are being extended to workers in J&K and Ladakh from November, 2019. He also discussed the features of these schemes in detail.

Power shutdown

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 JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Phinter, Billawar, Mandli, Parnalla, Baddu and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 06 from 8 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Sarore, Jakh, Jogpur, Raika, Industry, Patli, Bhaderwah Town, Thatri, Premnagar, Dhara and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Sainik Colony, Birpur, Greater Kailash, Chowadhi,Birpur Complex, Bari Brahmana industrial area, Sainik Colony, Sainik Colony, Birpur, Greater Kailash, Narbadha and some parts of Bari Brahmana will remain affected on January 07 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Reasi, Dharmari, Pouni and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 8 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Badhori, Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 7 from 10 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Koulpur, Jerda and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 8 from 10 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Baba Chamliyal and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 7 from 10 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Raika-I, Raika-II and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 8 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Review meeting of Akhnoor Gaushala held, many important decisions taken Sham Lal assures every possible support for Gaushala

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 AKHNOOR: Jai Maa Surbhi Gau Samiti Trust Akhnoor on Friday organized a review meeting of the Gaushala. During the meeting, the functioning of the Gaushala and the necessary development works for the future were discussed and some important decisions were also taken unanimously. During the event, former minister Sham Lal Sharma, Mahant Keshav Shastri, Pandit Subhash Shastri, Sarpanch Shamsher Singh, Sarpanch Jagdish Sharma, Sarpanch Ganesh Das, Sarpanch Manga Ram, Ex councilor Rakesh Malhotra, Ex councilor Khema Devi and many prominent people from Akhnoor city and villages were present. The members of Jai Maa Surabhi Gau Samiti Trust



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma speaking during a meeting at Akhnoor.

informed all the people present in the meeting about the work done in the GauShala in the last months. Committee members informed that at present there are about 100 cows in the Gaushala, for whose cooperation and support from everyone is needed. The committee members demanded a regular roster of veterinary doctors for the cows present in the Gaushala

so that the sick cows can get treatment from time to time. The committee members expressed their gratitude for the service provided by Akhnoor Municipality and Akhnoor Veterinary Hospital and raised the demand for such cooperation in future also. During the meeting, the committee members and people discussed the construction of additional sheds for the

growing number of cows, raising the boundary wall of Gaushala, recurring revenue for the smooth functioning of the Gaushala etc. Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, present on this occasion, said that the work of serving the bovines rescued from bovine smugglers and the abandoned and helpless bovines in Akhnoor city is highly commendable and for this he would like to thank Jai Maa Gau Surbhi Gau Samiti and all the people who are supporting them. He said that the local administration and police have also played a very important role in starting the Gaushala. He expressed his views on many important issues during meeting and requested everyone to contribute to this noble cause. He assured the committee of all possible

cooperation from his side for the development and regular work of the Gaushala. He said that more like minded people from Akhnoor city and villages, should be included in the Gaushala Committee so that everyone can do this noble work together. He assured everyone that he will raise the issues pertaining to medical facilities etc with the higher officials of the concerned departments and will get them resolved soon. Mahant Keshav Shastri and Pandit Subhash Shastri while speaking on the occasion said that cow has a revered place in Hindu religion and it is believed that even the biggest suffering can be overcome just by serving mother cow. The arrangement of the meeting was done by Jai Maa Surbhi

Gau Samiti Akhnoor founder Rajinder Singh, members Gaurav Sharma, Karn Sharma, Rimpi Singh, Shiv Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Anav Gupta, Bobby Sharma, Sat Sharma, Rabia Khajuria, Sandeep Singh Sonu. During the meeting, members of NGO Team Umeed Anmol Sharma, Siddharth Mahajan, Tannu Thapa, Sham Magotra, Manish Gupta took charge of the membership arrangement. In the meeting, Suresh Gupta, Pawan Sharma, Jimmy Mammi, Jagdev Singh, Mohan Sharma, Pitambar Singh, Anil Sharma, DN Abrol, Balak Ram, Soni Sharma, Mohani Pandit, Raghuvver Singh, Monu Verma, Arun Chib, Kuldeep Singh, Sonia Verma. Many intellectuals including Raj Kumar, Sham Magotra were present.

Unchecked prohibited dazzling lights on vehicles can result in slow vehicular traffic & accidents

More is need for Public Services to behave & deliver Smartly than is need to make a City physically look Smart
 ‘Dazzling or Blinding’ lights should be removed also by RTO even after passing / registration of vehicles
 To make a city Look Smart it is Smart Public Servant that matters more than Financial inputs

■ DAYA SAGAR
 J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha as per reports is said to have suggested, on 25th February last year (2023) , while addressing a high level meeting with senior officer from various departments concerned with traffic management and discipline enforcement , among other things, to conduct "causative analysis" of road accidents for working out multi-pronged strategies for road safety so as to reduce fatalities on roads due to accidents. In that context the use of prohibited lights / headlights on the vehicles particularly cities like Jammu and the drivers also

not using the dipper too become a cause for accidents and slow traffic during the late evening / night hours (particularly endangering the senior citizens and two wheelers). Hence to make the traffic flow on roads faster and make others to drive stress free (particularly senior citizens) during late evenings/ nights the use of dipper as a routine & no installation of prohibited dazzling lights / headlights need be enforced very very strictly. Presently the status in that regard is very disappointing. As regards fitting of the lights/ headlights the role of Regional Transport Officers / Asstt. Regional Transport

Officers is very very important since "bad"/ prohibited lights could be removed even at the time of passing / registration of vehicles and while on roads by RTO authorities but that is not atall being done to check violation of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 Notification S.O. No. 873 (E) dated. 15.12.1997, item No. 20, of Ministry of Surface Transport (SAFETY STANDARDS No. 15.1 [like 4.3 Headlight - A lighting device providing an upper and/or a lower beam used for providing illumination



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part of the road, in order to reduce the dazzle for an observer approaching ahead of the vehicle. 5.2 The position of headlights on the vehicle shall be as per Rule No. 105 (3) of CMVR , THE CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES RULES, 1989 106. Deflection of lights (1) No lamp showing a light to the front shall be used on any motor vehicle including construction equipment vehicle (whether fitted with single or

dual head lamp) unless such lamp is so constructed, fitted and maintained that the beam of light emitted therefrom-is permanently deflected downwards to such an extent that it is not capable of dazzling any person whose eye position is,- (A) at a distance of 8 metres from the front of lamp, 111. Prohibition of spot lights, etc. No spot light or search light shall be carried on the front of any vehicle except in exceptional circumstances with the prior approval of the registering authority. But prohibited / dazzling lights have become almost regular fitment on vehicles and it could be inferred that both the traffic police as well as RTO/

MVD authorities appear taking almost no notice of so serious a violation. They can take help of CCTV Cameras also. To make cities "smart" no doubt the need also to make them physically look smart but more is the need to make the agencies / public services behave & deliver smartly. To make cities behave and look look SMART it is not only the money but truthful governance & delivery of utilities and services by the human resources deployed that matters more.

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