

Satish Sharma calls on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

Discusses development scenario in J&K with special focus on rural, border areas



J&K Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma calling on Union Minister for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh.

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NEW DELHI: Minister for FCS&CA, Transport Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science and Technology, ARI and Trainings, Satish Sharma, on Thursday called on Union Minister for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh and had a detailed discussion regarding overall development scenario in J&K with special focus on rural areas and border areas, initiatives and innovations in the field of

Science & Technology, research and exploration in medicinal plants. During the discussion, the Minister said that Jammu and Kashmir is home to several iconic water bodies which are vital to the region's ecology, economy and tourism industry. He put forth proposal for establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Rejuvenation of Water Bodies with comprehensive approach for environmental revitalisation and resource optimisation. The proposed plan will ensure sustainable resource utilisation, environmental conservation and socio-

economic upliftment of local communities.

Satish Sharma also stressed that J&K is bestowed with huge natural resources in terms of medicinal, aromatic, floriculture and cash crops. He urged for early completion of two upcoming Industrial Biotech Parks, implementation of CSIR Aroma Mission and Floriculture Mission besides developing a start-up ecosystem in the region.

He also requested for establishment of an Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) to support the Science, Technology and Innovation initiatives in the region.

The Minister also discussed overall development of refugees and urged for development of border areas having potential to attract tourists so that these spots can be highlighted in tourism maps in order to benefit local populace.

The Union Minister, while responding to the issues and demands projected by Satish Sharma, assured to consider the same for prompt action.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Prabble, Humble, Mangota and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 10, 11, 14 and 15 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Udhampur, Pathi, Army, Airforce, Battalion Balian Industry area will remain affected on January 11 from 12 noon to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Gharota, Rajan, Jandial, Suka RandThathi, Aghore, Shoa, GCET College, ChakBhalwal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 10 and 15 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial areas of Bari-Brahmana, Kartholi, Ratnuchack, BD-Bari and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 12 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Hiranagar, Chadwal, Dayala Chack, Kootah, Jhandi, Dingaamb and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 10 from 9 am to 12 noon.

PMGSY Phase IV to be launched soon: Dy CM

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JAMMU: The fourth phase of ambitious initiative 'PMGSY' would soon be launched in Jammu and Kashmir to connect the left out areas.

This information was given in a meeting held here on Thursday under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Chowdhary.

The meeting was attended by Director Union Ministry of Rural Development, Reena Nazar; Director Finance R&B Mazhar Hussain, Chief Engineers PMGSY Jammu/ Kashmir and other senior officers of PMGSY-IV.

"The implementation of PMGSY in J&K, since its launch in December, 2000 has helped immensely in improving the income of rural masses. While nearly 99.5% of the eligible habitations have been provided all weather connectivity under PMGSY-I as per Census 2001. Some habitations that have acquired substantial size in recent past due to rural growth and socio-economic progress require connectivity through allweather roads", maintained the Deputy Chief Minister. He said that these habitations could not be covered and needed special



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Chowdhary chairing a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

intervention and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has been actively pursuing the launch of phase IV of PMGSY in the Union Territory.

The meeting was told that on persistent demand from J&K, the Union Ministry of Rural Development, (MoRD) has proposed to launch PMGSY-IV to provide all weather connectivity to rural populace considering census 2011 as the

basis for eligibility of unconnected habitations.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed the officers to ensure that no eligible habitation as per 2011 census is left unmapped and the requisite survey be completed in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry in this regard.

The meeting was informed that, out of the 1500, survey for 700 habitations having

population of more than 250 as per 2011 census has been completed.

It was also given out that the Union Cabinet has approved the PMGSY-IV on 11th September, 2024 to connect unconnected rural habitations which have become eligible in view of their population increase as per census, 2011 which shall be implemented from 2024-25 to 2028-29.

The meeting was also told that the Ministry has also launched Mobile App named as "PMGSY Gram Sadak App" for digital mapping of unconnected habitations of PMGSY-IV. Accordingly, the department has initiated finalising the alignment of the road project for providing connectivity to the eligible habitations as per 2011 Census by using PMGSY Gram Sadak App.

Athletics trials on Jan 12

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Athletics Association shall conduct selection trials to pick up probable for participation in forthcoming National Games to be held in Uttarakhand.

The trials shall be conducted at University of Jammu athletics facility on Sunday January 12, a handout issued by the Association here on Thursday mentioned. Selection shall be based on the entry standards fixed by Athletics Federation of India (AFI). Athletes, who wish to participate in the selection process, may shall contact Nirmal Singh (7889401211) and Gurcharan Singh (7006341648).

STD intensifies inspection drives to curb tax evasion, ITC mismatches

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JAMMU: In continuation to the drive against menaces of ITC mismatch, recycling B2C bills and GST violations, Jammu and Kashmir State Taxes Department (STD) intensified its inspections and enforcement drives across various districts of Jammu division.

STD Officials on Thursday said that based on inputs generated by various AI tools including Business Intelligence and Fraud Analytics (BIFA), E-way Bills Portal, inputs from SIU and other components of enforcement wings,

the department constituted special teams headed by State Tax Officers (STOs), tasked to carry out inspections.

STD official said that these teams visited seven different locations and inspected various business premises simultaneously to investigate violations under GST Law by verifying documents, physical stock position, bill books etc.

The inspections were carried under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes J&K, P K Bhat and under the supervision of Additional Commissioner

Enforcement and Administration Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

"At present inspections have been conducted at seven different locations, which commenced on Wednesday and continued on Thursday also," an official informed.

He added teams specifically targeted dealers who were found engaged in the recycling of B2C invoices into B2B invoices, thereby passing on ITC to other dealers and contractors. The ITC was being used to settle GST output tax instead of being paid in cash, which

results in less flow of cash.

The State Taxes Department urged the dealers to follow the fair-trade practices and avoid indulging in tax evasion activities or fraudulent practices involving fake ITC.

Furthermore, the department appealed all taxpayers to practice invoice-based business and report their actual sales and pay the necessary amount of GST in their monthly/quarterly returns to avoid enforcement actions and penalties.

VRS Union Jammu protests against delayed payments, appeals LG for intervention

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JAMMU: A demonstration and Secretariat Gherao rally was organized on Thursday under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali, President of the VRS Union of RTC Jammu, at Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Jammu.

The protestors voiced their strong discontent against the Finance Department and the higher authorities of the Transport Department for alleged delay in releasing long-pending payments.

Speaking at the rally, the protestors criticized the "unnecessary delaying tactics" being adopted by these departments, despite the availability of funds.

According to the VRS/GHS and retired employees of JKRTC, all necessary bills have already been prepared and forwarded to the Civil Secretariat, but the payments remain inexplicably withheld.



VRS employees of RTC raising slogans during a protest.

The protestors highlighted the tragic loss of 75 employees who passed away during this prolonged struggle, unable to afford proper medical treatment due to the lack of funds. They lamented that their families, along with those of surviving employees, are enduring immense hardships, with no other source of income or pension to rely on.

The protestors appealed to Lt. Governor of J&K and Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah to intervene and address their grievances.

Their demands include release of COLA arrears from 1999 to December 31, 2005, 6th Pay Commission arrears from January 1, 2006, to March 2012 and

DA arrears from April 2012 to March 2021.

The demonstration witnessed participation from notable members, including Sat Bhusan Singh, Surinder Singh, Balvinder Singh, Ramesh Bhat, Ram Paul, and Shiv Kumar, among others.

The protestors urged the government to take immediate action to release their dues and alleviate their suffering.

The VRS Union has called for compassion and justice from the administration, urging the Finance and Transport Departments to expedite the release of their payments.

Training prog for Legal Services Unit for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities begins



DLSA members during a Training Programme for Legal Services Unit for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority, organized a two days Training Programme for the Legal Services Unit for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM) constituted under the NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024 which was held on Thursday at Conference Hall Lawyer's Chamber District Court Complex Janipur Jammu under the Chairmanship of Y. P. Bourney, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge), Jammu and supervision of Smriti Sharma, Secretary District

Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu.

The resource person and our Mentor of the training programme was Sunit Gupta, Retired District Judge. Smriti Sharma, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Jammu, in her address to the gathering, welcomed the Mentor of the training programme and all the participants.

Secretary DLSA Jammu highlighted the importance of the training programme in understanding the various provisions of the NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024.

The training programme was attended by Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels namely Adv. Ajatshatru Kohli & Adv. Sourav Gupta, Adv.

Gurdeep Singh Gill, Adv. Deepali Arora, Adv. Shahla Rafiqi, Adv. Upasana Thakur, Adv. Rita Kumari are all Panel Lawyers of District Legal Services Authority Jammu and PLVs Bhajan Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Sunil Bogal, Sahil Khosla, Joginder Lal, Gourav Sharma, Happy Sharma, Ankush Singh Chib, Parminder Kour and Suman Lata. The aim of two days training programme is to enhance the understanding and implementation of the NALSA Scheme 2024 and ensuring access to Justice for Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities Persons. The mentor and Advisor of the committee, Sunit Gupta highlighted the importance of the scheme in ensuring access to justice for individuals

with mental and intellectual disabilities. He emphasized while addressing the participants that the need for effective implementation of the scheme and provided valuable insights on the role of LSUMs in bridging the gap between the legal system and vulnerable individuals.

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: STC BSF UDHAMPUR (J&K) AUCTION NOTICE

A public auction will be held on 15 Jan 2025 at 11:00 Hrs by STC BSF Udhampur for condemned stores i.e. Clothing/EQPT, Tentage stores, Misc stores, Defence Stores. Sports stores Officers Mess stores. SOS Mess stores. Welfare fund stores. Wet Canteen stores. Wet Canteen PM. Ration Fund stores. Ration PM. Ration fund stores, Trg stores. Construction stores. MT stores Communication stores, Newspapers. Ammunition PM, Charger clips, CSO Canteen stores and Recreation room stores etc. of STC campus at Roun Do-Mail. Dhar Road Udhampur (J&K).

- All bidders must have valid GST No and All bidders will have to register themselves with the IG, STC BSF Udhampur at least one hour before the time of auction of stores and to deposit Rs. 50,000 /- only as security money before start of the bid and said amount will be returned adjusted immediately after auction is over.
- Only those bidders will be allowed to participate in the public auction who have registered themselves under Central/State Govt for procurement/Selling of Scrap material, all the bidders will have produce their valid registration certificate all the time of entry at gate for the public Auction.
- The IG STC BSF. Udhampur reserve & the right to reject one or all bids without assigning any reasons.
- The final bidder will have to deposit 100% cost of stores on the spot Plus GST 18% in cash and will lift the stores immediately after Auction at his own arrangements.
- In case final bidder fail to deposit the cost of auctioned stores on the spot, the earnest money will be forfeited. In case the successful bidder fail to lift the store from the site of auction within the stipulated time the bidder is liable for being charged ground rent at the prevalent rates up to a maximum period of 10 days. Thereafter, the amount deposited by him shall be forfeited and store again put up for auction.
- Decision of IG, STC BSF Udhampur will be Final and binding in all respects in case of any dispute regarding above auction. Any dispute on such aspects will have local jurisdiction.
- The auction notice is also available in our website [HTTP://www.bsf.nic.in](http://www.bsf.nic.in) & Centre Public Procurement Portal (CPPP).

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Shiv Sena launches online employment, complaint and assistance facility

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit today launched the party's website regarding placement, complaint and assistance facilities.

In a program organized at Jammu Press Club, party state chief Manish Sahni launched a website named "Shivsenajk.in" regarding the said facilities.

Sahni said that increasing unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir is a matter of deep concern. Today we are at the next position in terms of unemployment after Lakshadweep and Andaman Nicobar.

The total unemployment rate of Jammu and Kashmir has reached 11.8 percent. According to the data of July-September quarter of 2024, 32 percent of the youth between 15 to 29 years are unemployed. Sahni said that this effort will work to curb unemployment to a large extent. Sahni said that the needs of the corporate

and industry sector will be fulfilled through the applications received. This facility will be completely free.

Along with this, public issues, complaints and help facilities have also been provided on the website. Anyone can reach us with your legitimate complaints against any government and private departments through the website.

Every possible effort will be made to resolve them. If the complainant wishes, his name and identity will be kept completely confidential. Sahni appealed to the youth and the public to give him a chance to serve and to spread the website to other people through social media so that more and more people can take advantage of this facility.

On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Bharat Mahajan, Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Sanjeev Kohli, Rajesh Jandial, Rohan Malwal were present.