

Dr Jitendra hosts luncheon meeting, reiterates BJP's commitment to Delhi based KPs

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NEW DELHI: In a powerful show of solidarity and commitment on the eve of the Delhi Legislative Assembly election, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Wednesday hosted a luncheon meeting for Jammu & Kashmir origin Delhi residents living here.

The event, which gathered prominent members of the Delhi based displaced Kashmiri Pandit community, became a platform for discussing the pressing issues faced by Kashmiri Pandit migrants.

Dr. Jitendra, known for his fierce advocacy for the welfare of Jammu & Kashmir displaced Kashmiri Pandits, reiterated BJP's commitment to Delhi based KPs and exuded confidence that after February 8, BJP will form government in Delhi State and resolve displaced KPs' issues.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Jammu MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Delhi State BJP President Vijender Sachdeva, senior BJP leader Ashok Thakur, J&K MLAs Shakti Raj Parihar, Dilip Singh Parihar, Balwant Singh Mankotia and Dr Bharat Bhushan.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, known



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh interacting with J&K origin Delhi residents over lunch hosted by him at his New Delhi residence on Wednesday.

for his fierce advocacy for the welfare of Jammu & Kashmir displaced Kashmiri Pandits, affirmed BJP's commitments to Delhi based KPs and exuded confidence that after February 8, BJP will form government in Delhi State and resolve displaced KPs' issues.

He said, these longstanding issues will get resolved promptly once the BJP's Double Engine government resumes full control in NCT of Delhi after the February 8 poll results.

"The time for change has come. On February 8, when the BJP's Double Engine government takes charge, the days of neglect and apathy towards Kashmiris will be over. We will bring resolution, development, and a

brighter future for every Kashmiri migrant," said Dr. Jitendra Singh with unwavering determination.

In a scathing critique of the current administration, Dr. Jitendra Singh slammed the state government for its poor governance and failure to address the needs of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the migrant community.

"The state government has failed miserably in ensuring the basic rights and dignity of the people of Union Territory. But, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we will change this. There is no dearth of talent, acumen, dedication, and commitment to the nation

among the youth of Kashmir. What is lacking is governance that understands their aspirations," Dr. Singh asserted.

"Delhi is at the cusp of a golden opportunity," Dr. Singh continued, "Under the visionary leadership of PM Modi, it is the best time to secure the progress of not just Delhi, but the entire nation. While Delhi needs a government that listens, understands, and acts, the people of Delhi have been let down by the incumbent. It's time for change. It's time for a BJP government that delivers on its promises and creates a prosperous future for all."

"In the upcoming elections, people of Delhi will have to choose between progress and the status quo. Under BJP, Delhi will continue to be the city of dreams. Under the opposition, it will remain trapped in the shackles of inefficiency and corruption."

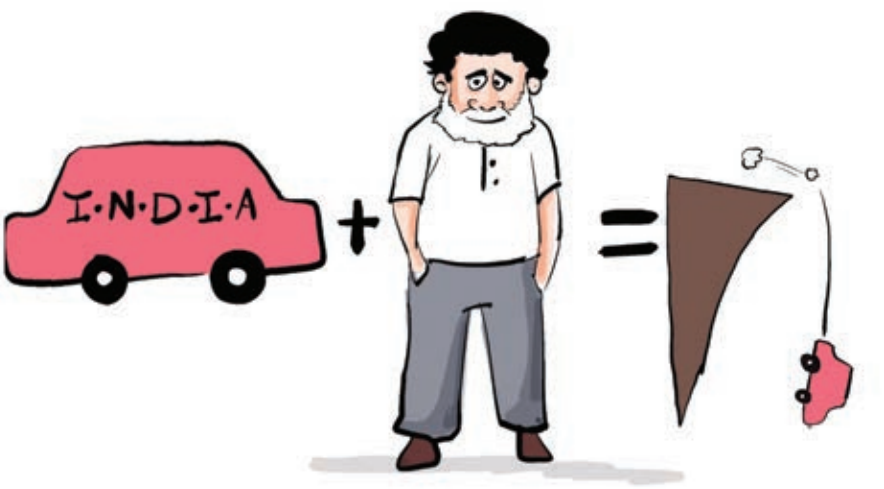
Dr. Jitendra Singh also called on the Kashmiri displaced community to be an active force in the upcoming Delhi elections, urging them to support a leadership that has always stood by them, especially in their times of crisis.

Dr. Jitendra Singh categorically mentioned That it was BJP which stood for Kashmiri Pandits and gave reservation to the children in states Such as Maharashtra where they were in power. He also shared that it gives him immense pride and satisfaction when our children from Kashmir are serving excellently in foreign countries such in New Zealand , United Kingdom and many more. He said similar opportunities need to be created here to do justice to the inherent intellect, and academic bent of mind of people from J&K.

"The strength of the Kashmiri people lies in their resilience and their unwavering patriotism. Now, it's time to ensure that their future is as bright as their spirit. We need to unite, rise, and contribute to the progress of this city under the BJP's leadership."

Dr. Jitendra Singh's comments come in the lead-up to the highly anticipated Delhi Assembly Elections, where the BJP is set to intensify its campaign, promising a stronger, more prosperous future for every resident of Delhi, including the hard-working Jammu & Kashmir natives.

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CBC Jammu conducts review meeting of department's performance in J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu on Wednesday conducted a review meeting of the department's financial and physical performance for the current financial year in Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh regions.



Director CBC, J&K and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

The meeting was convened by Director CBC, J&K and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas at the CBC Regional Office in Jammu, with the participation of key officials, including Deputy Director CBC, Ayushi Puri; Senior Accounts Officer; Ashwani Kumar Gupta; Administrative Officer; O. P. Maurya and other staff members.

The Director commended the field units for their achievement, especially given the challenges posed by the model code of conduct that came into effect twice in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

It was informed in the meeting that CBC also contributed significantly during the Amarnath Yatra by coordinating with local administration to organize theme-based cultural programs at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu.

During the meeting, it was reported that CBC has successfully organized a significant portion of the targeted Integrated Communication and Outreach Programs (ICOPs) in the region. Out of the total goal of 3 big, 6 medium, 16 small, and 24 mini ICOPs, the department has already conducted 1 big, 2 medium, 9 small, and 19 mini ICOPs, achieving approximately 65% of the target.

Deputy Director, Ayushi Puri, highlighted the department's efforts, including the deployment of additional teams to cover the Ladakh region and organizing publicity programs in remote and border areas such as Turtuk, Kargil and Tangtse.

The cultural troupes of the department, along with registered groups, performed approximately 228 theme-based programs, showcasing centrally sponsored schemes and highlighting the rich art and culture of Jammu & Kashmir.

Additionally, CBC is set to organize seven more Mini ICOPs in the region, including 3 in Kashmir; 2 in Udhampur and 1 each in Rajouri and Poonch.

In Jammu, CBC successfully organized several ICOPs in various regions, including Kathua, Samba, Udhampur; Akhnoor; Nowshera, Channi Prat, Rajouri, Doda, Padder, and Poonch. A notable event was the Jhiri Mela (Marh), a publicity program held over eight days that empowered thousands of people through the dissemination of key information.

Another key achievement highlighted was the performance of Private Registered Troupes (PRTs) from the J&K region at the prestigious International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

The newly appointed Administrative Officer; O. P. Maurya, was also welcomed to the CBC team on the occasion.

Attends 4-week-long training program of SOG

ADGP Sinha highlights SOG Training as key to building capable, confident Police Force

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police, Headquarters & Coordination, M.K Sinha, on Wednesday attended the closing ceremony of the 4-week-long Special Operations Group (SOG) training program as the Chief Guest.



ADGP Jammu zone, Anand Jain presenting memento to ADGP Headquarters & Coordination, M.K Sinha.

The closing ceremony marked the culmination of an intensive training initiative organized by the Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu, at the Commando Training Centre, Sunjwan, aimed at enhancing the operational and tactical efficiency of police personnel.

and confidence. Speaking on the occasion, the ADGP HQ lauded the trainees for their dedication and resilience throughout the program. He highlighted the importance of such training initiatives in building a capable and confident police force ready to address complex operational challenges.

ADGP HQ and ADGP Jammu distributed two individual and two district awards, namely, trainee-adjusted best in firing and best in endurance and districts-adjusted best in firing and endurance.

The training program focused on equipping trainees with advanced and specialized techniques crucial for counter-terrorism operations and public safety and covered various aspects, including physical fitness and combat strategies. The training emphasized mental fortitude, discipline, and the ability to handle critical situations with precision

Abrar Chowdhary, Principal, Commando Training Center, Sunjwan, gave a vote of thanks. Sarah Rizvi, DIG Trainings PHQ J&K; Dr. Surinder Choudhary, Dy. CO IRP 14 Bn; other gazetted officers; instructors; and trainees were present on the occasion.

VC SKUAST calls on Dy CM

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor, Sher-i Kashmir University for Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu, Dr B.N.Tripathi, on Wednesday called on Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary. The VC discussed several issues related to welfare and development of the University and also sought intervention of the government in redressing the same. The Deputy Chief Minister assured the VC that the present government is committed to ensure academic and scientific excellence in the higher institutions of science and research. He said that the all possible assistance would be extended



VC SKUAST Jammu, Dr B.N.Tripathi calling on Dy CM, Surinder Choudhary.

for redressing the issues projected.

Minister of Textiles inaugurates India Pavilion at Heimtextil 2025, Frankfurt, Germany



India Pavilion got inaugurated by Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Textiles, in the presence of B.S. Mubarak, Consul General, Consulate General of India, Frankfurt; Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Mentor in a role of Director General, EPCH & Chairman, IEML, Senior Officials from Textiles EPCs, Messe Frankfurt; R. K. Verma, Executive Director - EPCH and participating member exporters during Heimtextil 2025, Frankfurt, Germany.

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NEW DELHI: The Heimtextil 2025 got underway at Frankfurt, Germany and will conclude on January 17, 2025. The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Textiles, Govt. of India in the presence of B. S. Mubarak, IFS, Consul General, Consulate General of India, Frankfurt; Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Mentor in a role of Director General, EPCH & Chairman, IEML; Senior Officials from Textiles EPCs, Messe Frankfurt and participating member exporters were present, informed R. K. Verma, Executive Director, EPCH.

Giriraj Singh, while inaugurating, shared that India Pavilion at Heimtextil 2025 celebrates excellence and innovation in the textile industry. "India's presence here is not just a testament to our rich heritage but also

a reflection of our dynamic journey toward becoming a global leader in sustainable and cutting-edge textile solutions," he said.

He further invited global buyers at India Pavilion to explore the diversity and innovation that India offers. Minister of Textiles also interacted with member participants and assured all support in future business promotions.

Dileep Baid, Chairman, EPCH, shared that India's participation will enhance the fair vibrancy and cultural diversity of the exhibition.

He stated that Heimtextil offers a valuable opportunity for international manufacturers, retailers and brands to explore India's strong capabilities in textiles, home furnishings and consumer products. He highlighted India's well-established ecosystem, which blends traditional craftsmanship with modern production tech-



Visitors doing business enquiries with EPCH exhibitors at EPCH India pavilion during Heimtextil 2025, Messe Frankfurt, Germany.

niques, offering a competitive advantage in global markets.

Baid also emphasized the importance of such events in fostering international collaborations, expanding market reach and reinforcing India's position as a preferred sourcing hub.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Mentor in a role of Director General, EPCH & Chairman, IEML, shared that Heimtextil is one of world's premier events for interior textiles, home furnishings, and household fabrics.

He remarked that the trade show serves as a hub for unveiling cutting-edge designs, eco-friendly products and the latest trends, drawing significant interest from buyers, designers, and industry professionals worldwide.

This event provides a vital platform for India to showcase its "Incredible Textiles of India," representing the country's unparalleled diversity, rich cultural heritage and longstanding traditions of arts and crafts.

R.K Verma said that India's growing presence at Heimtextil reflects the steady progress made by Indian

exporters in aligning with global standards and consumer preferences.

He stressed that the industry's increasing focus on sustainability and the use of natural and organic fibers further strengthens India's appeal in the global market.

He further added that EPCH has coordinated the participation of 18 member exporters from various parts of the country, displaying their collections in Hall 5.0, Hall 6.2, and Hall 9.1. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts is a nodal organization for promotion of exports of handicrafts from the country and create brand image of magic of the gifted hands of millions of artisans and crafts persons engaged in production of home, lifestyle, textiles, furniture, and fashion jewellery & accessories in craft clusters of the country. The overall Handicrafts exports during the year 2023-24 was Rs. 32,759 Crores (US \$ 3,956 Million), with exports to Germany was Rs. 1,530.14 crore (USD 184.88 million), informed R. K. Verma, Executive Director - EPCH.

Dr S D Singh Jamwal conferred with WCMD-DRR award



Union Minister, Piyush Goyal presenting award to Dr S D Singh Jamwal, DGP Ladakh.

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JAMMU: Dr S D Singh Jamwal IPS, DGP Ladakh was conferred with prestigious World Congress on Disaster Management- Disaster Risk Reduction (WCMD-DRR) award under category "Response during disasters and emergencies".

The award was given by Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industries, Government of India in a well attended gathering in the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi, for his outstanding contribution for capacity development and training of police forces and first responders in managing Chemical Biological

Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) disasters in the country. Prominent dignitaries who graced the occasion included Justice M.M Kumar, former chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir; Sanjay Kumar IAS Secretary Education, Government of India and S Ananda Babu, president and convener DMICS- WXMD, Holding a PhD in the field of bio weapons and biological disaster management, Dr Jamwal has been associated with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) since 2007 and has remained member of the steering committee which has drafted biological defence guidelines for India.

Div Com, ADGP visit MA Stadium; review R-Day arrangements

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain on Wednesday took stock of the arrangements for UT level Republic Day 2025 celebrations here at the main venue- MA Stadium.

Accompanied by senior officials of Police and Civil administration, HoDs of line departments, the visit was focused on putting in place all the requisite arrangements for smooth and successful conduct of the national festival. The Divisional Commissioner was apprised on the preparations made by different departments as per their role and responsibilities.

Taking a detailed look at the arrangements being made by the concerned departments, the Div Com stressed on maintaining close synergy among the concerned departments while executing the plans. The concerned departments were directed to ensure all arrangements on the ground well in advance.

The Div Com and ADGP took a detailed stock of security arrangements, traffic management, seating arrangements,



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar interacting with officers.

decoration, Power & water supply, sanitation, Medicare, convenient parking spaces, shuttle service for citizens, barricading, frisking points, fire emergency. The concerned officers were instructed to follow the SOPs while executing their assigned tasks. The Div Com was further apprised that the rehearsals are commencing at the main venue from tomorrow with the participation of contingents of the Armed forces, School children, bands, besides troupes participating in the cultural programmes.

While inspecting the ongoing works at the main Pavilion, the Div Com directed the Hospitality and Protocol department to make available water proof tentage and heat-

ing arrangements.

The Traffic department was directed to formulate a traffic management plan, finalise parking spaces and notify the diversions on time for the convenience of the general public.

The JMC was directed to ensure cleanliness in and around the venue and functioning of street lights, while PWD was asked to expedite the renovation works at the venue and complete the same at the earliest. The JPDCL was instructed to ensure installation of lights at specific points besides making arrangements of Genset at the venue for backup.

The Div Com also directed the concerned departments to complete their Tableaux by January 20.