

# Dr Jitendra inaugurates Mega 'Innovation Complex' at Mumbai, dedicates it to StartUps

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI : Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind CSIR Mega "Innovation Complex" at Mumbai and dedicated it to StartUps and Industry stakeholders.

The new Innovation Complex at Mumbai, inaugurated by the Science & Technology Minister, is a huge state-of-the-art set up spread over nine floors, equipped with 24 "ready-to-move" incubation labs in addition to furnished office and networking spaces for innovative StartUps, MSMEs, industry, and CSIR labs. The Mega facility will provide high-end scientific infrastructure, expertise, and regulatory support to stakeholders including CSIR labs, StartUps, MSMEs, and industry, for the SOP-driven studies necessary for regulatory submissions and compliance.

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Catching up with the excitement of the audience, Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked, "This inauguration is just the beginning. We are excited about



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating India's first-of-its-kind CSIR "Innovation Complex" at Mumbai.

the future potential and the immense contributions this Innovation Complex will make to India's growth story."

The Minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his vision, which has enabled India to emerge as a global hub for StartUps and innovation. He described the inauguration of this complex as another landmark step inspired by the patronage of Prime Minister Modi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "We are proud to be the third-largest start-up ecosystem in the world, with over 100 Unicorns that stand as testaments to India's entrepreneurial spirit. This remarkable growth is a reflection of the transformative initiatives and policies introduced by our government to empower

the youth and drive economic self-reliance."

The Science and Technology Minister further highlighted that the CSIR Innovation Complex Mumbai comes at a pivotal moment in India's start-up journey.

According to the Minister, the state-of-the-art facility has been designed to provide incubation and business spaces, enabling start-ups, MSMEs, and industry stakeholders to collaborate with CSIR's network of researchers and innovators. It serves as a bridge between cutting-edge science and its application to address real-world challenges, thereby contributing to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

He called the Innovation Complex a significant milestone

for CSIR, representing a giant leap forward in India's innovation landscape and reinforcing the nation's position as a global leader in science and technology. Dr. Jitendra Singh underscored the high-end scientific infrastructure and expertise designed to foster critical translational unmet needs (spanning lab-to-regulator and regulator-to-industry domains) for start-ups, MSMEs, and CSIR labs, while catalyzing faster technology transfer processes.

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Adding further, he said, "The facility includes ready-to-move world-class incubation labs and IP/business development support for innovative start-ups, companies partnering with CSIR labs, MSMEs, deep-tech companies from India and abroad, public-funded research institutions, and CSIR labs."

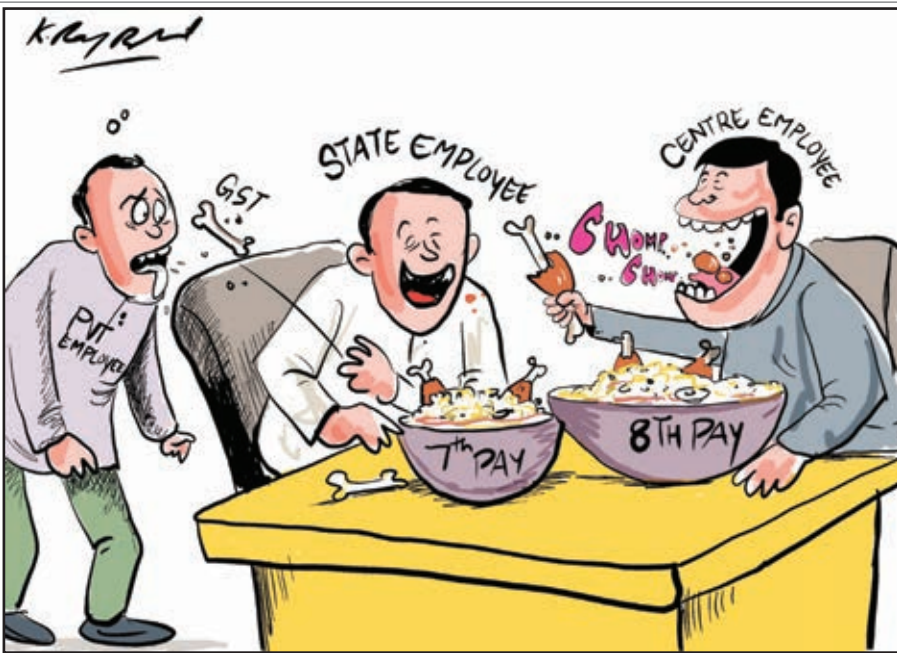
Informing the industry and start-ups, Dr. Jitendra Singh shared that the complex will function as an innovation and incubation hub to support, collaborate, and partner in key industrial sectors such as

healthcare (pharma, biopharma, medtech), chemicals, materials, energy, and other relevant areas of interest to CSIR labs.

Speaking about the physical infrastructure of IC-Mumbai, Dr. Jitendra informed that the facility, spread over nine floors, is equipped with 24 "ready-to-move" incubation labs and furnished office and networking spaces for innovative start-ups, MSMEs, industries, and CSIR labs.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Jitendra said, "The inauguration is just the beginning. We are excited about the future potential and the immense contributions this Innovation Complex will make to India's growth story." He added that facilities like the C-ICM embody the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity that define the nation's approach to building a self-reliant India.

The event was attended by Dr. VK. Saraswat and Dr. VK. Paul, Members of NITI Aayog; Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary of DSIR and DG CSIR; and Dr. Ram Vishwakarma. The inaugural event witnessed participation from industry leaders, foreign delegates from Norway, Switzerland, and Germany, MSMEs, start-ups, and over 1,000 scientists from CSIR labs across India.



Interacts with youth participating in BAYEP

## LG exhorts youth to play active role in socio-economic progress



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacting with the youth participating in Border Area Youth Exchange Programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday interacted with the youth from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, who are on a five-day visit to Jammu under Border Area Youth Exchange Programme (BAYEP), under the aegis of NYKS-MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports,

Government of India. During the interaction, the participating youth shared the experiences about their visit to the border areas of Jammu region. Extending his best wishes for their future endeavours, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to play active role in socio-economic progress and contribute towards realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The Lieutenant Governor also reiterated the commitment of the government for Border Infrastructure development and welfare of the border area dwellers. Nisar Ahmad Bhat, Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) J&K and Ladakh, officials and volunteers of NYKS were also present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

# Dy CM reviews progress on Capex works in Nowshera

### Visits Sunderbani fire victims, assures help

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Sunday chaired a comprehensive review meeting of ongoing works under the District Capex Budget here.

The meeting was attended by ADC Nowshera, Babu Ram Tandon, ACD, Vijay Verma along with other district and sectoral officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister issued clear directives to expedite completion of all ongoing developmental works, ensuring adherence to quality standards. He emphasised the importance of timely project execution to meet the expectations of public and enhance the district's infrastructure.

Undersecoring the signifi-



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary interacting with Sunderbani fire victims.

cance of responsive governance, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the officials to address public grievances at their doorsteps. He also called for strict implementation of the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) at the grassroots level, ensuring transparency and

accountability in service delivery. The Deputy Chief Minister further urged the officers to maintain a proactive approach in resolving issues faced by the public. He stressed the need for effective coordination among various departments for seam-

less execution of projects. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, visited the fire incident victims at Sunderbani and assured them complete support. The Dy CM was accompanied by MLA Sunderbani, Randhir Singh and other

senior officers of local administration. While interacting with the fire sufferers, the Deputy Chief Minister assured them that the government will provide adequate compensation to them. He directed the officers to prepare a comprehensive damage assessment report as early as possible.

## Cardiac health in rural areas-disparities and challenges: Dr Sushil

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To strengthen their campaign further to aware the common populace about the ill effects of Cardiovascular diseases Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma in collaboration with Shri Ram Krishan Jan Kalyan Mission Trust held a day long cardiac awareness cum health check camp at Shri Raghunath Dham Bhojpur R S Pura, Jammu in loving memory of Late Yashpal Sharma (former MLC J&K ) who will continue to inspire upcoming generations to work for upliftment and betterment of society in their diverse sectors.

While interacting with the people, Dr Sushil stated that cardiac health is a critical component of overall well-being, yet significant disparities exist between rural and urban populations. "Individuals living in rural areas often experience higher rates of heart disease and related conditions, exacerbated by systemic inequalities in access to healthcare, socioeconomic factors, and lifestyle challenges. Understanding these disparities is vital for creating targeted solutions to improve cardiac health outcomes in rural communities. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death and rural populations are disproportionately affected. Studies show that residents in rural areas have higher rates of hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and smoking as key risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Limited access to preventive care often means that these conditions go undiagnosed or poorly managed, leading to more severe outcomes such as heart attacks and strokes," he said.

He elaborated that one of the primary reasons for



Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma and others paying homage to late Yashpal Sharma during a camp at Jammu on Sunday.

underserved areas can also make a significant difference. Community-based interventions, such as public health campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles, are another critical component. Educating rural populations about the importance of heart health and preventive care can empower individuals to make informed choices. Policymakers must also address systemic issues, such as improving infrastructure for transportation and increasing access to affordable healthy food options. He Said Swami Shri Umeshanand Ji ( Director & Guardian) of the Trust while addressing the people of the area during homage to Late Yashpal Sharma appreciated his contribution to the society irrespective of any region or religion and his contribution will be remembered for the ages to come and Dr Sushil Sharma and his team is carrying forward the legacy of Late Shri Yashpal Sharma, he said.

Others members of the Trust Jasvir Singh, Rajinder Sarfu , Bhag Singh, Ajit Singh Chaidi, Mohinder Lal and Rajinder Kumar appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp in their area for welfare of the people . Others who were part of this camp includes Dr Ventatesh Yellupu. Paramedics and volunteers includes Ranjeet Singh, Annish Datta, Rajkumar, Gourav Sharma, Vikas Kumar , Anish Jamwal, Rajinder Singh, Rohit Nayyar, Makhan Sharma and Nirvair Singh Bali.

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## Maha Kumbh, One Message, One Nation: CM Yogi

■ **SHAHZAD AKHTAR**  
MAHAKUMBHNAGAR: After reviewing the preparations before Mauni Amavasya on his visit to Prayagraj on Sunday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that a large number of devotees are coming to Maha Kumbh from the country and the world.

Maha Kumbh has only one message, this country will remain united only with unity. We are all joining with the message of unity and integrity.

CM Yogi said that the Maha Kumbh, for which Prayagraj is known, is being organized with full grandeur. Everyone is working with full commitment to implement the vision given by the Prime



Minister for Maha Kumbh at the local level. For this, I would like to thank all of you that you have worked to take the image of Prayagraj forward in a positive way. The main baths of Paush Purnima and Makar Sankranti have been completed and now two big Mahasnas are to be held on Mauni

Amavasya 29 January and Basant Panchami 3 February, which are also the beauty of this Maha Kumbh. More than 7 thousand organizations have come here so far. He also said that If we look at the total number of people bathing on the banks of Sangam since morning and the Kalpvasis living here as well as people associated with other organizations, then more than one crore people are present here. CM Yogi said that the Chief Secretary, DGP and other senior officials of the state government were sent here to look into all these issues. Keeping in mind the Mahasnan of 29 January and 3 February,

the entire arrangement has been observed. I am confident that with the blessings of Lord Prayagraj and Mother Ganga, we will be able to complete both these baths here safely. He said that the program of the Prime Minister, President, Vice President and Home Minister is also proposed in the Maha Kumbh. Former President Ram Nath Kovind is currently associated with the organization of Maha Kumbh. Governors and Chief Ministers of various states are continuously coming here. Public representatives associated with various states are also continuously coming here and taking baths.

## Value based education is foundation for better society: Sham Lal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Annual Day celebration of Bhardwaj Academy, Barui, was marked by great enthusiasm and vibrant cultural activities.

Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North and former Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the spreading of knowledge.

This was followed by a series of colourful and engaging cultural performances by the students, showcasing their creativity, talent, and dedication.

The audience, comprising parents, teachers, and dignitaries, was thoroughly enthralled by the performances.

Addressing the gathering, Sham Lal Sharma praised



MLA Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma and others at a programme.

the school for its commitment to holistic education and character-building.

He said, "Bhardwaj Academy is setting a commendable example by focusing not only on academic excellence but also on cultural and moral values. These values are the foundation of a responsible and progressive society. The efforts of the school management, teachers, and students are truly laudable."

He further emphasized the importance of integrating moral and value-based education into the learning process, stating, "Education is complete only when it prepares students to be compassionate, ethical, and socially responsible individuals. Schools like Bhardwaj Academy play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our youth and, thereby, the future of our nation."

Sharma also appreciated the management and staff of the school for their dedication and innovative approach to education. He encouraged the students to continue excelling in all spheres of life and to uphold the values imparted to them by their institution.

The highlight of the event was the prize distribution ceremony, where Sharma personally felicitated stu-

dents who had achieved excellence in academics, co-curricular activities, and other fields.

His words of encouragement motivated the students to strive for greater heights while remaining grounded in humility and ethics.

In his concluding remarks, Sham Lal Sharma expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the parents and dignitaries for their presence and unwavering support for the school.

He said, "The collective effort of parents, teachers, and the school management is crucial in shaping the future of these young minds. I commend Bhardwaj Academy for being a beacon of quality education and values in the region."

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the school's Principal, Bal

Krishna Sharma. He expressed sincere gratitude to Sham Lal Sharma for his inspiring address and encouragement.

He also thanked all the dignitaries, parents, teachers, and students for their participation and support, saying, "Your presence has made this event memorable and successful. We look forward to continuing this journey of excellence and value-driven education with your blessings and cooperation."

Prominent dignitaries present at the event included DDC Suresh Sharma, School Chairperson Sunita Sharma, Former Sarpanch Rashpal Sharma, School Management Committee Chairman Ramesh Lal, Retired Regional Education Officer Madan Lal, DGPC Member Ranvir Singh, Former IB Officer Navjot Singh, and other respected members of the community.