

## India jumps to 3rd global ranking in scientific publications: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: India has jumped from 7th to 3rd global ranking in scientific publications. This was disclosed here on Sunday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing the media in the presence of Union Secretary Department of Science & Technology (DST) Dr S. Chandrasekhar.

Lauding the consistent efforts of India's scientific fraternity, Dr Jitendra gave all credit to an enabling milieu and freedom of working provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said, the very fact that such quantum leaps in our scientific pursuits are happening only in the last few years is a testimony to the push given by PM Modi both in terms of the ease of policy as well as his personal indulgence and prioritisation.

Dr Jitendra informed that as per the National Science Foundation (NSF)'s Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 report of the United



Dr Jitendra Singh addressing media in the presence of Union Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Dr S. Chandrasekhar at New Delhi.

States, India's position globally in scientific publications, has improved from 7th position in 2010 to 3rd position in 2020. He also added that India's scholarly output increased from 60,555 papers in 2010 to 1,49,213 papers in 2020.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, this became possible only because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who not only has a natural predilection for science but is also forthcoming in supporting and promoting science and technology based initiatives and projects in the last 8 years. He said, India's

scientific prowess is going to have a major role in the making of "AtmaNirbhar Bharat".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India's research performance in science and technology has improved significantly over the past few years which is visible through large amount of scientific knowledge in terms of research publications, development of technologies and innovations contributing to overall development.

Dr Jitendra Singh also took pride that India now ranks 3rd in terms of number of

PhDs in science and engineering. He was also apprised of the fact that the number of patents granted to Indian scientists at India Patent Office (IPO) during the last three years has also increased from 2511 in 2018-19 to 4003 in 2019-20 and 5629 in 2020-21.

The National Science Foundation is an independent agency of the United States government that supports fundamental research and education in all the non-medical fields of science and engineering.

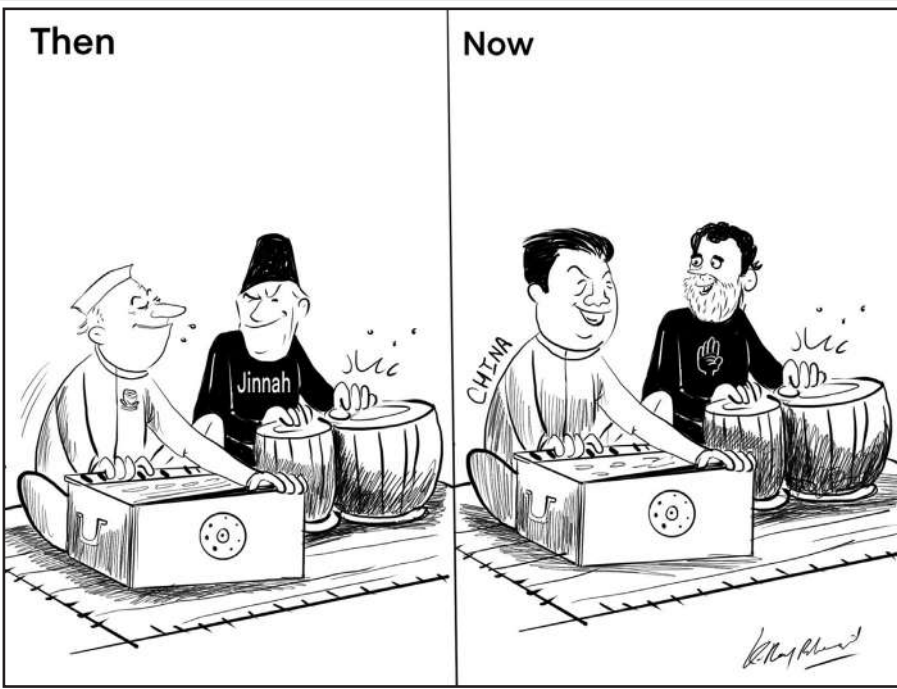
It may be recalled that as per the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 brought out by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), India's GI ranking has also improved significantly from 81st in 2014 to 40th position in 2022.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the government has taken several steps to boost the science and technology sector which includes successive increase in allocations for Scientific

Departments, incentivizing investment by private sector to increase their share in GERD, improving the ease of doing business in the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) activities; introducing flexible tools for public procurement; creating avenues for collaborative STI funding through portfolio-based funding mechanisms such as Public-Private-Partnerships and other innovative hybrid funding mechanisms.

A senior official informed that the Department of Science and Technology is likely to get 20 percent more money in the upcoming Union Budget 2023-24 to around Rs 7,930 Crore including funds for National Research Foundation.

In the last budget, DST was given Rs 6,002 Crore, which was 42 percent of the total fund of Rs 14,217 Crore allocated to the Ministry of Science and Technology. DSIR received Rs 5,636 Crore (40%), while DBT got Rs 2,581 Crore (18%).



## Dietary cholesterol, cardiovascular risk; need to rethink our approach: Dr Sushil



HoD Cardiology SSH Jammu, Dr Sushil Sharma with his team examining patients at a camp.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In order to educate the masses regarding the ever rising incidence of cardiac ailments due to dietary cholesterol levels, Head Department of Cardiology SSH Jammu, Dr Sushil Sharma organized a screening cum cardiac awareness camp at Shiv Mandir, Village Sangrampur Block Marh.

More than 250 people were screened, evaluated, diagnosed and free medicines were given as per the requirements.

While interacting with the patients, Dr Sushil stated that the Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is one of the leading cause of death.

For years, dietary cholesterol was implicated in increasing blood cholesterol levels leading to the elevated risk of CVD, he said adding that there are several types of lipids.

The main ones you've probably heard about are "good cholesterol" and "bad cholesterol." Good cholesterol is called high-density lipoprotein (HDL). Your HDLs carry cholesterol to your liver. Your liver keeps your cholesterol levels balanced. It makes enough cholesterol to

support your body's needs and gets rid of the rest. You must have enough HDLs to carry cholesterol to your liver. If your HDLs are too low, you'll have too much cholesterol circulating in your blood. Bad cholesterol is called low-density lipoprotein (LDL). This is the culprit that makes plaque form in your arteries. Having too many LDLs can lead to heart disease over time.

He further added that when to get your cholesterol checked, High cholesterol can start in childhood or adolescence. That's why current guidelines suggest beginning screenings during childhood. Get your cholesterol checked every five years starting at age nine. A child whose parents have high cholesterol or a history of heart problems may begin even sooner.

For adult males: Get your cholesterol checked every five years until age 45. From age 45 to 65, get checked every one to two years. After age 65, get checked every year. For adult females: Get checked every five years until age 55. From age 55 to 65, get checked every one to two years. After age 65, get checked every year

Dr Sushil Sharma in his concluding remarks told that people should talk with healthcare provider about the best way to lower cholesterol. Some people only need some simple lifestyle changes like eating less saturated fat. Others need lifestyle changes plus medication. People with medical conditions that affect their cholesterol may need a more complex approach.

Prominent Member of the area Mahant Biplav Kumar, Kamlesh Nand Maharaj, Bishan Shastri, Ashwani Kumar, Tejinder Singh, Pandit Makhan Lal, Ashwani Sharma, Sahil Brad appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp in their locality which was appreciated by all section of the society

Others who were part of this camp include Dr Nasir Ali Choudhary (Cardiologist), Dr Anitpal Singh (Ortho) and Dr Dhaneshwer Kapoor.

Paramedics and volunteers includes Kamal Sharma, Raghav Rajput, Rajkumar, Ranjeet Singh, Harvinder Singh, Sandeep Pal, Akshay Kumar and Lovely Malpotra.

## DSS demands early revival of Dogra monuments, Heritage

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Th Gulchain Singh Charak, President Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K and former minister chaired a review meeting of Central Working Committee (CWC) of DSS wherein roadmap for follow up action on agenda of previous meetings was discussed in detail. It was also resolved to place unsettled issues before the LG Manoj Sinha and other concerned for immediate redressal. The participants reiterated major demands of DSS to immediately restore Mubarak Mandi complex to its pristine glory and not to shift the soul of Mubarak Mandi complex, that is the archives, worth hundreds of crores of rupees artifacts, to Kala Kendra or any other place outside the complex as that would render the monument 'soul-less and attraction-less' for the students, tourists and lovers of heritage and history. Proposed conversion of Maharani Charaki Palace into a hotel was also decided on technical grounds being against the standard norms of heritage. Immediate strengthening of embankments and other conservation measures on the circular roadside of Mubarak Mandi hillock were stressed



DSS members during a meeting in Jammu on Sunday.

to prevent sliding and collapse of the priceless structure. Simultaneously, the need to meticulously connect Mahamaya Hillock to Jaymunt Cave Cable Car Project with Mubarak Mandi Heritage complex was stressed once again for convenience of the visitors, particularly for the tourists from outside the Union Territory. Demand for the facelift of the 118 year old DSS Bhawan under Smart City Project was also raised with one voice. It was noted with satisfaction that there was a proposal to hand over management of Balidan Stambh at Jammu to the Army. Satisfaction was also expressed over abandoning the extravagant practice of Darbar move and functioning of the secretariat at both capital cities of the UT,

although some hiccups required to be removed.

Participants suggested befitting Memorial of the Martyrs at Akhnoor and Planwala also and requested officials to show due honour to ex-servicemen and their families. Percentage reservation for border area residents was desired to be appropriately raised. Revival of Jammu Festival on a grand and graceful scale by focusing on exhibition of local and folk art, culture, brotherhood and development scenario was stressed besides ensuring smooth and flawless functioning of light and sound programmes at Bagh e Bahu. Its frequent disruption was bringing bad name to the UT, the participants observed. Demand for establishing a War Memorial at

the Dal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir to honour the gallant soldiers and other martyrs was strongly asserted as they have made supreme sacrifice for defence of not only Jammu, but also Kashmir and other parts of the motherland.

The members also sought removing restrictions on passing of general public through General N C Vij Road along front of Civil Secretariat, Jammu was stressed to conveniently connect monuments, heritage buildings and places of interest for visitors and public like Gandhi Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple, Jambulochan Memorial, Ranbir Public Library, Government College for Women, Zanana Park (park exclusively for women) and several other institutions

and trade and business hubs. Government was urged to declare the Ranbir Canal as the State Heritage to facilitate its regular maintenance and ensure unhindered irrigation to the world renowned traditional basmati rice crop of R S Pura besides other crops.

Lt Gen R K Sharma, Col Dr V K Sahi VRC (Retd) and Brig M S Jamwal demanded compensation to war widows. Raj Kumar Thapa and Sangra of Kathua District made a serious case for control of 'monkey menace' that was taking heavy toll of farming in Kandi areas.

Charak concluded the meeting with an assurance to all members to take up these points with concerned authorities. Others who were present in the meeting were included Prem Sagar Gupta, Chander Mohan Sharma, Kuldeep Wah, Virender Kumar Gupta, Dr. Sant Kumar Digma, Sukhdev Singh, Raj Kumar Sagotra, Balwinder Singh, Ravi Singh, Chhankar Singh, Prem Paul Singh, Chhajju Singh Jamwal, Om Parkash Sangra, Narinder Singh Jamwal, Rajinder Gupta, Quadar Hussain and Romesh Singh Bhanu.

## Srinagar Admn launches massive anti-encroachment operations

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Continuing anti encroachment operations in Srinagar District to evict Government Land from the illegal occupants, the District Administration Srinagar on Sunday launched a massive Tehsil wise anti-encroachment drives and retrieved about 170 kanals of land from different parts of the City.

The anti encroachment drives were conducted on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad.

A team of Revenue and Police Officers/Officials headed by Tehsildar Eidgah, Ishfaq Ahamd Khan conducted an anti-encroachment drive and retrieved about 50 kanals of Government land from the land grabbers.

A Revenue Team headed by Tehsildar South, Moean Azhar also in an anti-encroachment drive retrieved over 5 kanals of land unde survey no. 1155 from

the encroachers at Estate K P Bagh.

In Chanpora Tehsil around 35 kanals of Kahcharai land under survey no. 2521 was also evicted from land mafia in Estate Nowgam area under the supervision of Tehsildar Chanpora, Saqib Saleem.

Similarly, in Shalteng Tehsil about 20 kanals of land was evicted.

While a major anti-encroachment was launched at Lasjan highway under the supervision of Tehsildar Pantha Chowk, Rakib Ahmad in collaboration of NHAI and SDPO Panthachowk during which 44 kanals of Kacharie/Shamilat land was retrieved and serveal roadside encroachments were also removed.

In addition, 15 kanals of State land worth crores was also evicted from land mafia.

Similarly, 16 marlas of State land under survey no.1473 was also evicted in min estate Brarimbambal area of Khanyar

Tehsil under the supervision of Tehsildar Aailya Tabasum.

Speaking about the anti-encroachment drive undertaken to preserve Government land, the DC Srinagar said anti-encroachment drives will continue in all the parts of the district to retrieve entire State and Kahcharai land encroached by the land grabbers. He said involvement in land encroachment will be dealt with sternly as per the law.

The DC sought cooperation of the general public in its action against encroachments and also warned of action under CrPC in matters of encroachment on State/kahcharie lands.

The DC also lauded the efforts of the concerned Tehsildars and their teams and asked them to continue the anti-encroachment drives in their respective jurisdictions with added zeal and dedication so that all State/Kahcharie land is retrieved.

## PNBMT holds meeting to discuss arrangements for Chetna Diwas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT) organised a meeting of activists, heads of various KP organisations and leading individuals at Ban Talab to decide on agenda of Chetna Diwas and future course of struggle for passage of Temples & Shrines Bill. A number of people from adjoining localities also participated in the event. The meeting was chaired by Prof A N Sadhu while Chairman Roshan Lal Pandita adorned the dias.

PNBMT has been observing Chetna Diwas for last three decades and on this day the Community Speakers lay down core agenda of the KPs in an elaborate manner. Prior to meeting, events were organised at Lale Da Bagh, Anuradha Puram Barnai, Muthi Village, Bhawani Nagar and Jagti in which a large number of people participated and provided valuable inputs. In addition to the inputs on temples bill, issues related to the PM Package Employees and Permanent rehabilitation were also taken up by the general public.

Sundri Lal said that the primary agenda of the trust remained passage of the Temples and Shrines Bill. He said that PNBMT waged an intensive campaign for the last more than a decade and was successful in bringing the bill on the portal of the assembly and the day is

not far when the bill would be ultimately passed.

Prof A N Sadhu said that there is no need to get disheartened, we need to redouble our efforts and get back to the drawing board and re-strategise. He said that the temples of Kashmir are an inseparable part of our civilization. Satish Kissu eulogized the role played by Prem Nath Bhat in creating awareness amongst KP community regarding the impending dangers in Kashmir and offered supreme sacrifice. Kuldeep Raina said that the struggle for the passage of the temples and shrines bill has been able to create a global consciousness regarding the condition of the temples in Kashmir.

Chairman Roshan Lal Pandita said that the need of the hour is unity and PNBMT has demonstrated that all parties can come under one banner for the cause if the community. Dr Ramesh President Tral Prabandhak Committee appealed to all community members, who are part of different political parties to take up the issue of temples bill in their outfits. He also appealed to the general public to make the event of Chetna Diwas a great success. Chairman Roshan Lal Pandita thanked the participants and said that more meetings would be organised in coming days to create mass awareness in the community.

## Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha passes amendments in its Constitution

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) passed some amendments in its constitution during Working Committee Meeting under leadership of Sabha President Romesh Chander Gupta on Sunday.

Earlier, the meeting started with chanting of Gayatri Mantra and a translation of the constitution from Urdu to Hindi was released by Yash Pal Gupta (Chief Patron), Romesh Chander Gupta (President), Shiv Partap Gupta, Harinder Gupta, (Sr Vice Presidents), Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary) and Dr Mohan



JCMS members during a meeting at Jammu.

Lal Gupta (Cashier).

On the occasion, some amendments were proposed and unanimously passed by the Amendment Committee Chairman Yash Pal Gupta (Chief Patron).The suggestions from members were also agreed and included . The last amendment in

Constitution was made in 1999 and keeping in view the need of time, some major amendments were made which included increasing tenure of President from 2 years to 3 years, reopen life membership with fee of Rs 1100 and eligibility for contesting the election of

President, renewing existing Life membership by depositing Rs 100, ensuring that strength of patron, office bearers, working Committee Members not exceed above 275 members etc.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Subash Jandial, Dinesh Gupta (Councilor), K B Jandial, Mukesh Mahajan, Balbir Gupta, Subash Gupta, Rajesh Choudhary, Atul Gupta, C L Gupta, Dr Bimal Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Mrityunjay Gupta, Ram Kumar, Om Parkash Gupta, Ravi Rohmetra, K K Gupta and Nirmal Gupta.

## NPS employees to observe Black Day on Jan 1, rally on Jan 2

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: All India Pension Restoration United Front (AIPRUF) has given a protest call on January 1 and January 2, 2023 at Press Club, Jammu and Press Colony, Srinagar. An emergency meeting of AIPRUF/JKTA announced calendar of protest under the leadership of UT President JKTA and National Convener AIPRUF, Bhupinder Singh, which was and attended by Sudesh Kumar DP Udhampur JKTA, Surjeet Singh District Chairman JKTA, Surinder Khajuria Spokesperon AIPRUF



NPS employees during a meeting at Jammu.

(J&K),Raghubir Singh ,Surinder Kumar (Patwar Association ), Akash Kumar District President All Sheep and Wool workers Association, Chander Partap, Sanjeev Singh District President Horticulture Association, Sunil Sumberia, Satish Sharma (Horticulture

Association), Arjun Singh Bhagwan Singh, Mubarak, Tirth Ram (Lineman Workers Union) Sunil Salaria, Pradeep Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Ravi kumar, Sanjeev, Darshan Singh and others. The meeting decided to observe Black Day on January 1, 2023 and to hold

a protest demonstration on January 2, 2023 in support of their demand of restoration of Old Pension scheme for employees of Jammu and Kashmir.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on January 1, 2010, Old Pension scheme was stopped. Speaking on the occasion, Bhupinder Singh urged NPS employees to participate in protest at Press Club, Jammu and Press Colony, Srinagar at 11 AM on both the days. Protest will also be held at Press Club, Srinagar under the leadership of Shah Fayaz Chairman JKTA and President JKECC.