

Dr Jitendra presides over meeting of 'Hindi Salahkar Samiti'

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has emphasised the importance of translation of Science literature including Science Journals and Magazines for the benefit of students and scholars who wish to undertake courses in Hindi medium or other vernacular languages.

Presiding over the joint meeting of the "Hindi Salahkar Samiti" for the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra said, after the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the meetings are happening at regular intervals with measurable and visible outcomes. Dr Jitendra pointed out to Rajya Sabha MP Sangeeta Yadav and members of the Hindi Salahkar



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh presiding over a joint meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti for Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi on Monday.

Samiti that Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, DST Shri S. Chandrasekhar, Secretary, DSIR, Dr N.Kalaiselvi, Secretary, DBT Dr Rajesh Gokhale are from non-Hindi background, but they always prefer to speak and encourage work in Hindi.

The minister also suggested that the meetings of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti Sub-committees constituted on his sugges-

tion should be held every third month with selected theme and later on the review meeting should take into account the outcomes of such meetings.

He also asked the members of the Committee to suggest some good experts who can be engaged by the Science Ministries for quality translation of Science Journals, Magazines and other documents.

Dr Jitendra Singh, pointed out that in October this

year, Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah launched the MBBS course books in Hindi-making Madhya Pradesh the first State to offer medical education in the language. Shah called the initiative a moment of "renaissance and reconstruction" for the education sector in India.

Pointing out that languages bind people, never break them away unless they are forcibly

implemented, Dr Jitendra said, all of us should relentlessly work both for mother tongue and the official language Hindi, and should make an endeavor to learn more languages.

Dr Jitendra said that he will take the issue of non-continuation of Hindi Teachers in North Eastern States, which were appointed at the behest of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He said, a large number of youth from the region are working in the Tourism and Aviation Sectors and the knowledge of Hindi has helped them secure the jobs.

The Minister observed, when the language is linked with jobs or vocations, it finds its own path of growth and development.



Khatana discusses security situation, unemployment with Home Secy

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NEW DELHI: MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today met Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and discussed the present security situation in union territory of Jammu and Kashmir; problems of drug trafficking and unemployment here.

He submitted a charter of demands to the Union Home Secretary and demanded positive action on the same at the earliest.

MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana said that the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new era of peace and tranquility after the neutering of Article 370.

The Govt of India under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi has given a new developmental push to the UT. But there are certain areas which need your personal and immediate inter-



vention.

He said that the enemy country is frustrated by the present peace in the UT of J&K has posed new challenges by pushing in drugs and arms, a threat well recognized by the Home Minister Amit Shah and serious efforts are also being put in to counter this menace.

A proposal for putting up Gamma Scanners has already been put up by CRPF and I also recommend that atleast 5 Gamma Scanners be put up at Qazigund, Anantnag in Kashmir; One on Rajouri-Poonch/Mughal Road, One at Bann Toll Plaza, Nagrota in district Jammu and two in district Kathua at Lakhanpur and Nagri-Parole. This will greatly help in checking the smuggling of drugs and arms and ammu-

nition.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana further said that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir is facing growing unemployment and needs a comprehensive employment package. Those already working on adhoc arrangements, daily wages, contractual are also on the roads. It would be prudent if the Govt of India sanctions atleast 20 new Battalions of IIRP/Border battalions and JKP so that unemployed youth could be given jobs and they should not fall in the hands of anti-social elements.

The social media has become another tool for the enemy nation to mislead our youth and radicalize them. It is imperative that we further upgrade out security grid and form a special battalion titled "Information Warriors" to counter; track and nab the cyber warfare, said Khatana.

Debate competition under AKAM organized at CLUJ



Winner students posing with faculty members.

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JAMMU: Department of Chemistry, School of Sciences Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) organized debate competition under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) under the guidance of Coordinator Chemistry Dr. Deepali Mahajan. The event was organized by Chemistry UG students of 5th Semester.

The topics of the debate were Aatmnirbhar Bharat and Prepoll freebies. The Dean Academic Affairs Dr Naveen Anand was the Chief Guest. Dean of Counselling Cell, Prof. DS Manhas was also present on the occasion. Dr. Shalima Gupta and Dr. Ruby Verna were the judges.

Ahsan Ulhaq stood first while Vishal Singh bagged second prize and Anvisharna got third spot, Neha Singh stood fourth.

Those who awarded consolation prizes on the occasion include Kartik Sharma, Akshita Sharma, Sonia

Sharma and Sonakshi.

In the prize distribution, trophies, medals and certificates distributed to winners. The event was hosted by Sohail Abbas and Muskan Sharma.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Ratnuchak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 27 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industries under Feeder-III shall remain affected on December 27 and 28 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Industries under Feeder-II shall remain affected on December 29 from 10 am to 12 noon.

NHM releases ranking of Public Health facilities on JK e-Sahaj Nov 2022

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir National Health Mission on Monday released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e-Sahaj) for the month of November, 2022.

In first phase of implementation, 578 facilities have been covered under this initiative and will be further extended to other facilities in a phased manner. In the category of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges the first rank has been clinched by PHC Kakapora followed by PHC Aishmuqam, PHC Hakura, PHC Dhanni and NTPHC Kalaban. Bottom five in this category included CHC Marwah, CHC Bani, CHC Khour, CHC Khan Sahib & CHC Thathri.

In the category of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and UPHCs, first rank has been clinched by EH Qazigund followed by CHC Seer; CHC Yaripora, CHC Kokernag and CHC Rangarh. Bottom five in this category included CHC Marwah, CHC Bani, CHC Khour, CHC Khan Sahib & CHC Thathri.

In the category of District Hospitals, first rank has been secured by DH Bandipora followed by DH JLNLM, Srinagar, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; DH Poonch and DH Samba. Bottom five in this

category included DH Shopian, DH Handwara, DH Kishtwar, DH Kulgam & DH Budgam.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), first rank has been clinched by EH Qazigund followed by CHC Seer; CHC Yaripora, CHC Kokernag and CHC Rangarh. Bottom five in this category included CHC Marwah, CHC Bani, CHC Khour, CHC Khan Sahib & CHC Thathri.

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JK e-sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration J&K) initiative was formally launched on 4th November 2022 as part of Jashn-e-Schat, by the Honourable Lieutenant Governor, J&K, for different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and some

New Type PHCs. JK e-Sahaj has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW, Government of India.

Hospital Ranking has been assigned for different categories of facilities i.e. Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record) and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e-Sahaj for the month of November 2022, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has shared on NHM website.

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu has been constantly concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Kashmir Valley over the past three years ever since Articles 370 and 35A were abrogated by the Parliament of India on the 5th of June 2019, Notwithstanding the fact that the Government of India as well as the UT government have made all out efforts to go after the terrorists and their sympathizers during the past three years and the results are visible on the ground yet the ecosystem of terrorism is very much intact.

This was stated by K.K Khosa, President Kashmiri Pandit Sabha in a press conference here on Monday.

"Although the menace of stone pelting has been eliminated and frequent Hartals are also a thing of the past yet the incidents of violence and terrorist attacks have been on the rise especially in the form of targeted killings of the minorities and non state subjects for the past three years," he said.

Khosa said both the PM package employees and the reserved category employees serving in the Valley for the past more than a decade are feeling



President KPS, K.K Khosa addressing a press conference.

extremely scared and their concerns need to be addressed.

Unfortunately the UT government has been ignoring their issues notwithstanding the fact that they have been forced to sit on protest here in Jammu for the past seven months, he said adding that the government instead of sympathizing with the employees has adopted a rigid attitude and wants them to rejoin their duties in spite of the loss of their sense of security.

KPS president appealed to the UT government to play a proactive role by engaging with the package and other employees in order to boost their sagging morale and mitigate their suffering by releasing their upto date salaries at the earliest. He also requested the UT government to take cognizance of the warnings issued by the

terror outfits especially the TRF and track the source of these social media messages which are compounding the sense of insecurity among these employees.

The construction of accommodations in the Valley should be taken up on war footing to send a clear message that the forces of destabilization which are working at the behest of Pakistan will be crushed with an iron hand, he said adding that the UT Govt and the GoI must initiating a dialogue process with the Kashmiri Pandit community regarding the formation of a robust return and rehabilitation policy for the displaced Kashmiri Pandits which will not only be denial of justice for our community but will also have an adverse impact on national interests.

Return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits back in the Valley is the litmus test of restoration of peace and normalcy in the Valley which has been the ultimate stated goal of GoI, he said.

The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha is also of the firm opinion that the gulf between the majority community of Kashmir and the Kashmiri Pandit minority needs to be bridged for the lasting success of any return and rehabilitation policy which needs to be formulated by the government of India in consultation with the community leadership at the earliest.

Creation of a conducive environment in the strife torn valley is the bedrock on which the edifice of any return of Kashmiri Pandits is possible and for that engagement with every stakeholder of Jammu and Kashmir is imperative.

An exclusively hard-line approach is not sufficient. Hard-line approach has to be restricted to hard-core Jihadi terrorists, their sympathizers and the other radicalized sections of society alone.

In the meantime, the amount of relief which is being paid to the displaced needs to be increased substantially till they are living in exile, he said.

Cong leaders meet LG to discuss security arrangements for Bharat Jodo Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Congress leaders met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday to discuss security arrangements for the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra which will enter the Union territory next month.

Congress general secretary organisation K C Venugopal, AICC in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir Rajani Patil, and party leaders Vikar Rasool Wani and Ghulam Ahmad Mir met Sinha and sought the administration's cooperation for the yatra.

The Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir yatra, which has so far traversed more than 2,800 km through 10 states, is on a nine-day win-



Senior Congress leaders calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

ter break and will resume on January 3. It started from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu on September 7 and is likely to conclude in Srinagar by January-end.

"Bharat Jodo Yatra is marching towards its final destina-

tion - J&K. Held a meeting today with the Lt. Governor of J&K Shri Manoj Sinha,ji along with senior party leaders.

Discussed the security arrangements and sought the cooperation of the administration," Venugopal tweeted after

the meeting with Sinha. He also shared a picture of the Congress leaders meeting with Sinha.

Jammu and Kashmir Congress working president Raman Bhalla was also present during the meeting.

Questions on provisions for reservations in Legislature, in jobs & education must be truly addressed

■ DAYA SAGAR

Some people in India often ask (i) Why did at all the provision for reservation of seats in the Union legislature (Art-330) and State Legislatures (Art-332) was made in Constitution of India for "socially and educationally" backward classes {so far classified and commonly understood as Scheduled Caste (SC)Art-341& Scheduled Tribe (ST) Art-342} and directions were given in directive principles (Art-46) that The State shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation?; (ii) and they contest further that why the reservations in legislature are still continuing after 7 decades when it was also laid down(Art-334) that Reservation of seats and special representation to cease after ten years ? (iii) and some people also question the 'indirect provision' made for reservations in government services under Art-335 providing that the claims of the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes shall be taken into consideration, consistently with the

maintenance of efficiency of administration, in the making of appointments to services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or of a State and which too is continuing almost at the same scale as has been prescribed for reservations in the legislature? On the other hand after 1950 even more classes for reservations have included in the name of Other Backward Classes for reservation in services and educational institutions only and not in legislature. The sections which have been included in other backward classes (OBC) after 1950 too have in recent years started pleading that why are not they being given reservation also in Legislature like SC&ST, why limited to only in services and educational institutions ?

Reservations in services and educational institutions had crossed even 50% and many more 'sections' are still agitating which in a way reflects that after independence the socio economic conditions of more of Indian people have 'deteriorated'/ class divisions have increased instead of improving. In 2019, though only in government services and educational, reservations in addition to the existing reservation and subject to a maximum of ten per cent , for economically weaker sections

out classes other than unreserved classes of Indian citizens/ economically weaker sections of citizens other than the classes mentioned in clause 4 & 5 of Art-15 and other than mentioned in clause (4) of Art-16 ,have also been provisioned by amending Article-15 , Article-16, Article-19 and Art-29 of COI, { The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019 effective 12 Jan 2019)} and a 5- Judge Constitutional Bench in its verdict (3-2) has upheld the 103rd Constitution Amendment for its validity and not being a violation of the basic structure of the Constitution of India. Validity has been held by 'numbers'. Now Muslims are asking reservations for Muslims and Christians too as demanding for them inspite of 'Their' leaders well knowing that though Schedule Tribe (ST) reservations in constitution are caste& religion neutral but SC reservations are based on "discriminated" socially & educationally backward 'castes' and so in case they too have caste based discriminations amongst them let them openly declare that they too have caste system and social discriminations amongst them too like 'Hinduism



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/ Hindu' had been accused of (Art-17 of the constitution was drafted more (rather it will not be wrong to say) pinning "allegations" on those who were practicing Hinduism). In case others like those practicing Sikh religion (1956) / Buddhist religion (1990) also admit existence of socially discriminated 'castes' among them then some from amongst them (Muslims / Christians) too can be got included in SC by further amending Constitution (SC) order of 1950 as was also done in 1956/1990 without any sustainable objection from any side and quantum of reservation for SC can so simply go beyond 15 % .Why do not they do that and end controversies? On date in a way the people of India have been divided into two categories, General Category and Reserved Categories. The position of ground is that those who are really 'depressed' economically, educationally, socially and 'resource' wise still remain depressed. The political parties have found such demands worth yielding them the mandate and do not even talk of reviewing our system as regards the success of 'reservation' provisions over last 7

decades so that it could be investigated that while the Elders had kept the reservation in legislature for 10 years why the political government that followed have not been able to shed that even in 70 years and on the basis of that findings the needed steps are taken for enabling the benefits to at least now reach only those whom the elders had kept in focus in 1950.

So in view of the 'political environment' that has been there for last nearly four decades rearing only number games there seems no immediate end even after 7 decades of India having become an independent democratic republic to the discussions and debates on reservations.

Hence in the greater interest of the people of India all those who are truthfully concerned for the cause of "their" people both from reserved and unreserved categories must hold patience and take feel of the provisions made in the original constitution & amendments made later carefully and work for a solution where the Indian people move out of conflicts and time of the 'nation' is more utilised for common work instead of caste/ region/ religion focused controversies and unproductive controversies like debates on Reservations & No Reservations.

Let WE work with open mind , do not debate but discuss the demands and objections for & against reservations so as to address the genuineness of the issues worth satisfying the 'leaderships' of either side so that atleast now some meaningful 'quantum' of good happens to the beneficiaries who were kept in focus by the framers of Constitution of India while drafting articles like Art-330, Art-332, Art-341, Art-342, Art-46 (The State shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation), Art-334 (Reservation of seats and special representation to cease after ten years, Art-335 (the claims of the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes shall be taken into consideration, consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration, in the making of appointments to services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or of a State) and like.

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