

Dr Jitendra addresses IIPA National Convention, emphasises citizen's role in decision making

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NEW DELHI: Citizen-centric governance will evolve into an increasing role of citizens in the decision-making process, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said on Friday.
Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over in 2014, transparency, accountability and citizen-centricity became the hallmark of the Governance Model, he said.
"The era of working in silos is long over. Government is making maximum use of technology to ensure hassle-free delivery of services to the citizens. Capacity Building Programmes enable us to be ready for that," he said.
The Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh was addressing the "Dr Rajendra Prasad National Convention" on 'G20 people centric governance and public policy', organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) here.
Beginning with India's vaccine success story in January, Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the "Dr Rajendra Prasad National Convention" on 'G20 People-Centric Governance and Public Policy' at IIPA, New Delhi on Friday.

Singh said, the year gone by, with just a week left, witnessed PM Modi's citizen-centric governance model.
"India's prestige as a Space power was well-established by the flawless landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the virgin South Polar region of Moon," he said.
Stating that this year has been quite rewarding as India emerged among the frontline nations in the comity of nations, Dr Jitendra said, a series of opinion polls reaffirmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerge as the tallest leader in the world.
"With the most majestically planned G20 Summit and the International Year of Millets during

the year, it was gratifying that India set the flagship agenda at the international fora," he said.
Earlier India was not taken seriously, said Dr Jitendra Singh, but now the world has veered around to the agenda set by PM Modi and India at the G20.
"Over 200 meetings of the G20 were held at 65 cities across India during the course of the year. Assuming leadership role on Climate Change, PM Modi stressed on Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment). With the target of Net Zero by the year 2070, as committed by PM Modi, India is well set on course to achieve its staggered emission targets. From issues like Terrorism, Cyber Security to Anti-Corruption, the G20 meetings chaired by India throughout the year have been very successful," he said.
Dr Jitendra Singh said, India today is among the leading 5 or 6 nations in the world using Quantum Technology.



Big relief for commuters; Shalteng to Parimpora flyover approved by Union Ministry

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SRINAGAR: Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday approved the Primpora-Shalteng Flyover, aimed at alleviating traffic congestion.
In addition, he pledged support for an infrastructure project in Sonamarg, focusing on enhancing connectivity.
Expressing appreciation, LG Manoj Sinha conveyed gratitude to Prime Minister and Road Transport and Highways Minister Natin Gadkari for their support.
On a social media platform X LG stated, "Grateful to PM Narendra Modi and Nitin Gadkari for assistance to a key infra project that will boost connectivity to Sonamarg and approval to the vital Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover to ease traffic congestion and make travel smoother for people of North Kashmir".

Wanted Kashmir drug peddler booked under PIT NDPS Act

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI
SRINAGAR: Baramulla Police on Friday registered a case against a wanted drug peddler, Shoaib Aijaz Guru, under the stringent PIT NDPS Act.
"Acting sternly against drug peddlers and aiming to eliminate the drug menace from society, the police have booked one of the most wanted and notorious drug smugglers under the PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla. He has been lodged in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal Jammu," an official press release said.
"The most wanted and notorious drug smuggler, Shoaib Aijaz Guru alias Shoaib, son of Aijaz Ahmad Guru, a resident of Milat Colony Kanis Pora Baramulla, has been booked under the PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority," the statement reads, adding, "The detained drug smuggler has been lodged in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal Jammu."
It is worth mentioning that numerous cases are registered against these drug smugglers, who were involved in promoting the drug trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla and other areas of the district. Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not cease his activities and continued to promote the drug trade by supplying drugs to local youth.
"The general public of Baramulla has commended the police for their action against drug peddlers. The consistent efforts of Baramulla Police against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that the police are making every effort to keep our society free from drug abuse," further reads the statement.

DIPR staffers acquainted with new trends in media for information dissemination

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JAMMU: Keeping in view the dynamic shifts in the realm of media and communication, the staffers of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) were on Friday acquainted with the emerging trends for effective and time bound dissemination of information to print, electronic and social media.
The staffers of the department were also briefed about the latest digital tools for wider circulation of information about the policies and programmers of the government with focus on implementation of various welfare schemes and execution of developmental projects.
During a day-long workshop on "Emerging trends in Media and Communication", organized by the Indian Institute of Mass



Resource Person briefing staff members of DIPR at Jammu on Friday.

Communication, Jammu, the senior faculty members as Resource Persons spoke in length about various communication skills. They focused on enhanced coordination between the department and media fraternity for dissemination of information, not only on the governmental schemes, but various events taking place across the Union Territory.
Joint Director DIPR Jammu, Atul Gupta, while delivering inaugural address, emphasized the significance of the workshop in equipping the participants with the emerging communication trends to deal with the subject in a better way. He hoped that the initiative will immensely help the employees perform their tasks with added efficiency and accuracy.
The Resource Persons including Yasir Arfat and Dr Vinit Utpal delved on intricacies of impactful press releases containing useful information for public consumption, besides using different IT tools to improve general presentation.
In the first session, Yasir Arfat enlightened the participants about the key ingredients requisite for further streamlining of press release preparation suitable to present communication scenarios. He emphasized the need for keeping pace with changing

media patterns to deliver the best to the public. He aptly described five tools requisite for preparation of an ideal news story.
During the second session, Dr Vinit Utpal elaborately explained about the emerging methods in the field of photography and videography to get better results. He offered the participants deeper insights into the use of latest tools and different technically affluent methods to make their performances even better. Earlier, the first session unfolded an introductory account about the objective of the workshop by Joint Director, DIPR Jammu, Atul Gupta. The workshop was attended by Deputy Director Central, Deputy Director PR, Jammu, and other officers and officials while staff from Srinagar office participated virtually.

VBSY transformative movement of citizen awareness, empowerment: Advisor Bhatnagar



Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar speaking during a programme.

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UDHAMPUR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Friday remarked that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) a transformative movement of citizen awareness, empowerment, saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes towards making Bharat a developed Nation.
The Advisor made these remarks while actively participating in the ongoing nationwide campaign, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, at Panchayat Rathian West of Udhampur district.
DDC Chairman, Udhampur, Lal Chand; Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai; SSP, Joginder Singh, senior officers of district administration, BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, PRI representatives, and large number of locals also participated in the yatra.
Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar underlined that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is a transformative movement for development from grass root level and it aims to create awareness among citizens regarding different welfare schemes for ensuring 100% saturation and also seek their participation in the spirit of 'Jan Bhagidari'.
The Advisor further highlighted thag transformative initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir like JJM Har Ghar Jal, strengthening power distribution, NEP implementation in schools, HADP projects in agriculture, and advancements in the health sector have amplified the

Deputy Commissioner, on the occasion took round of stalls established by various government departments, reviewing schemes and encouraging public participation.
The event also featured the Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge, with the Advisor, BDCs, DDCs, District officers, PRIs, and locals reaffirming their commitment to the nation's development. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's message also resonated through an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van on the occasion, capturing the attention of audience.
'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani' success stories from beneficiaries of various schemes, adding a personal touch to the event besides cultural performances by school students on 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke', added vibrancy to the occasion.
The Advisor also distributed Baby kits under BBBP, Sports kits, KCC smart cards, Brush cutters, Loan sanction letters, Abhinandan Patra, and Sehat cards under Ayushman Bharat Scheme among the beneficiaries, on the occasion.
development as well as economic prosperity of the UT. He emphasized on the importance of digitisation and Public Service Guarantee Act in streamlining government services for the benefit of common masses.
Advisor Bhatnagar, in his address, urged PRI members and government officers to achieve 100% saturation of welfare schemes before January 26. He also called for active participation in India's developmental journey and saturation of government schemes for welfare of all residents.
The Advisor, on the occasion, also expressed gratitude for the participants and applauded the District Administration for organising this event.
Advisor Bhatnagar, accompanied by DDC Chairman and

'Dairy Darbar' program enlightens villagers of Doliian Jatta on dairy farming

JKMPCL giving best rates to rural farmers among all state cooperatives: MD



Mission Director, Dairy Development, N S Bali during inauguration of "Dairy Darbar" at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Mission Director, Dairy Development, N S Bali, on Friday inaugurated "Dairy Darbar" programme organized by Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited in Doliian Jatta village, Hiranagar sector, district Kathua.
The event, a unique initiative of the government of J&K, was attended by around 400 milk producers associated with JKMPCL of the region. The program was organized to encourage and promote dairy as a remunerative vocation among the milk producers of the area.
Bali pointed out that the major challenge being faced by the milk producers is lack of right market for their produce with remunerative prices which is being taken care by JKMPCL. He assured the farmers that the J&K government is closely monitoring and pushing dairy development in the UT in a mission mode.
He said that best rates are being provided by JKMPCL among all state cooperatives which makes the dairy farming financially rewarding for youth and rural farmers. "J&K government has planned progress of milk producers on priority by implementing different schemes and policies. Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited is always at the forefront of launching the technology needed to make high-quality processed milk and milk products", he added.
On the occasion, MD distributed cheques for the Price Difference for 2022-23 among all the farmers present in the program. He also assured to establish dairy plants in both divisions of J&K. Further, he talked about progress made by JKMPCL over the years besides highlighting veterinary extension services provided in recent times. He spoke on progress of land allotment to JKMPCL in Jammu and Kashmir for establishment of new Dairy Plants. A pledge was also taken to strengthen the cooperative model in the UT and stop the entry of private organizations with mala fide intentions. On the occasion, CEO, JKMPCL and Board member JKMPCL, Sahib Singh along with staff of JKMPCL were also present.

Joint Churches Fellowship Jammu City takes out colourful Christmas procession



Glimpses of colourful procession taking out in Jammu on the eve of Christmas on Friday.

(Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

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JAMMU: In connection with the ongoing Christmas celebrations, a colourful procession was taken out this afternoon here by J&K Joint Churches Fellowship Jammu City.
Demonstrating the unity of the Christian community, thousands belonging to different Churches participated in the rally.
The procession that began from Shahidi Chowk passed through Residency Road, Raghunath Bazaar, City Chowk, Shalamar Road, Parade, Library Chowk, Kachi Chawni, Panjirthi, CPO Chowk, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, City Chowk, Kanak Mandi and culminated at Shahidi Chowk.
Santa Claus and tableaux with angels and King Herod who was the Roman king at that time and church Choirs were special attraction of the rally. People liked every part of the tableaux, the Choirs of different churches of the city song's relating to the birth of Jesus Christ. The market Associations at many places gave a warm welcome to the Christmas Procession and offered refreshment to the participants.
The main organisers of rally were Rev. Shoukat Peter President Joint Churches Fellowship Jammu, Pastor Musraf Bhatti, Vice President, Rev Rohil Mattoo General Secretary, Pastor George Kutty, Rev. Robin Bhatti, Novamanikana, Pr Stephen David, Pastor Stonious Bhatti, Pr Polus Gill, Pastor Raju Masih, Pastor John Roques Bhatti, Camres David Babbloo, Pastor Thomas Paul, Pastor John Sidhu, Pastor Zion Mattoo, Pastor Hazar, Titus Gill, Pastor Lovvy Sobey Church, Pr Ramesh, Pastor Daulat, Pastor Finney Samuel, Pastor Stephen Gill, Pastor Simon paul Bro Rohan and all the Pastors and churches.
At the end, the organisers expressed gratitude towards Distt administration for extending all help and cooperation they also expressed gratitude towards the SSP Jammu, SP City North Jammu, DSP both Police and traffic. They also expressed thanks to general public and shopkeepers for their cooperation and warm welcome and wish a merry Christmas and a Blessing New year 2024 besides special thanks to media teams.

