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Disability categories for PwDs reservation increased from 3 to 5: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: Number of disability categories for reservation for PwDs (Persons with Disability) has been increased from 3 to 5 by the Modi Government.

Sharing this information with a delegation of Divyang Employees national organisation who called on him, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Incharge (department of Personnel & Training), said that in addition to the earlier

three categories of 1) blindness and low vision 2) deaf and hard of hearing and 3) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy, the two more categories included are 4) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness, and 5) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (1) to

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) got a

big boost on Sunday when

two prominent personali-

ties joined the party along

with thousands of support-

ed in presence of Party

General Secretary (Org)

Ashok Koul & BJP

Member & Chairperson

Darakhshan Andrabi.

Board

Earlier a programme was

held by the party at Town

Hall Pulwama in which

eminent Social Activist &

patron of Awaam Ki Awaaz

NGO Arshad Bhat joined

BJP along with his sup-

In yet another significant

programme held in the

lawns of the New Mamta

Srinagar, Ex NC Vice

Executive

National



A delegation of Divyang Employees national organisation calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at New Delhi

(4) including deaf-blindness. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Government has implemented several welfare schemes for the benefit of Divyangs.

This, he said, is in keeping with PM Modi's commitment to attend to those sections of society which were left out of the mainstream by the previous governments.

"Under 'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016', the categories of disabilities have been increased from 3 to 5 and the Central Government retains the power to add more types of disabilities. Besides, the reservation quota for Divyangs has been increased from 3 to 4 per cent in Central Government Services and 5 per cent in Education for them," he said.

Stating that Divyangs are an integral part of human resource, Dr Jitendra said, the Government is all committed to work for an inclu-

Ex NC leader Er Kamran Bhat joins BJP at Srinagar

sive society and empowerment of persons with disabil-

"Be that the fee remission for Divyangs in Civil Services Examination, two choices of home cadre for Divyangs qualifying Civil Services Examination, increase in the Divyang pension, hike in attendant allowance etc., all possible steps have been taken by this government for the welfare of Divyangs," he

Dr. Jitendra said that

stronger with each pass-

ing day in Kashmir also

and the youth of Kashmir

have understood that

their future is bright with

BJP only. BJP growth

story is directly related to

the growth story of J&K",

In her addresses Dr

Andrabi while welcoming

the young new leaders

alongwith their support-

ers into the BJP fold, said

that this expansion move-

said Ashok Koul.

for Divyangs, which were lving vacant for long years, were filled under a special drive by the government. It was the idea of PM Modi who gave the title 'Divyang' (Divine Body) instead of 'Viklang' to address persons with disability.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the Minister, suggesting inputs for promotion avenues and service conditions.

The Union Minister recalled that the Prime Minister, in his speech from the historic Red Fort to mark the 77thIndependence Day, promised to develop paraathletes and elevate them to advance in the Paralympics.

During the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics held in August-September, 2021, Indian Paralympians created history by winning 19 medals including 5 Gold, 8 Silver and 6

Prime Minister Modi &

thus such programmes

attain significance when

young dynamic leaders

like Arshid Bhat &

Engineer Kamran Bhat

become part of this new

Kashmir called BJP", said

Other senior party lead-

ers who were also present

on the occasion were Seh

Prabhari Kashmir Rafiq

Wani, Media Incharge

Media

President

Pampore

reality

STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Vijay Kumar and Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar visited district Poonch on Sunday to take stock of security scenario in the district post Dera ki Gali (DKG) encounter in which 5 army personnel attained martyr-

police Anand Jain, DIG Rajouri Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal also accom-

Interacting with the locals, the Divisional ${\bf Commissioner\ assured\ local}$ communities of enhanced security arrangements and a revamped plan of action to prevent terror related incidents in the district. Further, the Divisional

commissioner assured the residents of fair treatment/compensation to all the victims of terrorism related events. He assured that the LG administration is committed towards maintaining peace and providing a sense of complete security to all districts, especially border districts of Poonch

and Rajouri. A detailed discussion on and tranquility.

various security related aspects was conducted with Commissioner Deputy Poonch Yasin Choudhary and Poonch Vinay Kumar. As the discussion ensued, the ADGP (Law and Order) and Div Com issued a slew of instructions to district administration for stepping up vigil to improve general security scenario in the dis-

Local delegations appreciated the prompt response of LG administration in tackling issues of vital security interest in the district and assured their full support to the administration in maintaining peace



Inspector General of panied the ADGP.

During the visit, the officers met with civil society delegations and got feedback on a wide range of

Rusted mortar shell defused in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A bomb disposal squad of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday defused a rusted mortar shell in a conexplosionSamba district, officials

The mortar shell was found lying in a field in Regal, a border village in the Rajpura area, by locals, they said.

Acting on information, the bomb disposal squad

reached the spot and recovered the mortar shell, the officials said.

The explosive weapon was taken to an isolated place and later safely destroyed in a controlled explosion, they added.



President for Central Kashmir Kamran Bhat joined BJP along with thousands of his supporters amid huge sloganeer-

Many prominent trade union leaders and leaders of the transport unions also joined BJP at Hotel at Kohnakhan

Speaking on the occasion BJP J&K Gen Sec (Organisation) Koul said that BJP family's extension in Kashmir valley speaks volumes about our government's decision making for peace, prosperity and development in this blessed val-

Ashok

ment will continue in all parts of J&K. "Kashmir has seen the deceitful and bloody politics of the dynasts and their by-products working under different old and new banners selling the old wine in new bottles, but Kashmir has resolved to be with the peace and

Kashmir Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah, Social Incharge Er Sahil Bashir, District Pulwama M Lateef, DDC Pulwama, DDC Tral Avtar Singh, Ex-MC President Yaqoob Bhat and other senior leaders of the dis-

trict and state

political

Darakhshan.

Tribute to the Bravery and Sacrifice of Sahibzaade



Date 26 December 2023

Time 10:30 AM

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

March-past by children

Rendition of Shabad Kirtan by Sikh children

Various events across the country 💠

Martial Arts demonstration by children

Interactive quiz on MYBharat platform and MyGov portal

Digital exhibitions and special gatherings in schools and childcare organisations (CCI) all over India

In the august presence of

Narendra Modi

66 The saga and the life's message of our Sahibzaadas should reach every child of the country. They should take inspiration from them and become dedicated citizens of the country.



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