

Fusion of traditional knowledge, modern technology can give India advantage: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the transformative potential of integrating India's ancient knowledge with modern technology during the celebration of five years of the Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI). Organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the event focused on preserving and modernizing India's rich heritage while advancing scientific innovation. Dr. Singh emphasized that blending traditional wisdom with contemporary technology could provide India a unique global advantage, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking during an event to celebrate five years of the "Science and Heritage Research Initiative" (SHRI) at New Delhi on Monday.

and significant monuments like Konark and Khajuraho, each a testament to the country's scientific and architectural excellence. He pointed to key SHRI initiatives, such as non-invasive preservation techniques, digitalization of the Ajanta Caves, and artifact restoration, which demonstrate how heritage and technology can work together for societal progress.

ects like the Deep Sea and Hydrogen Missions are inspired by India's ecological heritage. Dr. Singh also underscored the importance of global recognition for India's traditional knowledge, using the success of International Yoga Day as an example of how India's heritage can offer universal solutions. He urged Indian scientific institutions to adopt global benchmarks and validate traditional knowledge to position India as a leader in the global knowledge economy by 2047.

HerbaHeal cream and gel, rooted in Tamil Nadu's tribal knowledge, and a yoga module for diabetes management based on ancient traditions. Additionally, the Minister launched a virtual reality project, "Tales of Ajanta," that brings the Ajanta Caves to life through modern technology, setting a new benchmark in heritage preservation. As India approaches its centenary of independence in 2047, Dr. Singh stressed the importance of blending heritage with innovation for sustainable global leadership.



Sub Inspector recruitment: Sukhnandan seeks rectification from minimum age criteria from 18 to 21 yrs



Former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar addressing media persons in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar, has raised a significant demand regarding the recruitment age criteria for Sub Inspector posts in the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

He emphasized the need to revise the age eligibility from the current range of 18 to 28 years to a more practical range of 21 to 31 years. And, this should be implemented from the ongoing recruitment process of Sub Inspectors posts. Sukhnandan Kumar, while addressing press conference at party headquarters on Monday, pointed out that individuals are typically not graduates by the age of 18, which is a necessary qualification for the role. From 2010 onwards the education qualification was changed to graduation from class 12, but the age minimum age remained 18 years. This

too needed to be upscaled. Recently 1200 positions were filled but no one pointed out this. "Now this strike to my mind and I have assured the aspirants that I will take up the matter with the J&K UT administration," Ch Sukhnandan said in press conference. This change, he argued, would provide more realistic opportunities for aspiring candidates who meet the educational and age requirements. Former Minister and

JKBOSE organises UT level role play and folk dance competition

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) organized UT level Role Play and Folk Dance Competition at the Seminar Hall of Government Higher Secondary School (Boys), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.



Dr. Yasir H. Sirwal, Dy Dir Academics-JD with other dignitaries and winner students.

Conducted under the National Population Programme (NPEP) and Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) and funded by NCERT, the event brought together teams from ten districts of Jammu Division and ten districts from Kashmir division to showcase their creativity and cultural talent while addressing important themes such as health and well-being, personal safety, media literacy, substance abuse prevention, gender equality, and environmental conservation. Out of the total merit drawn at UT Level from divisional level competitions held at Srinagar and Jammu, GHSS Tikri, Udhampur excelled in Role play competition, PM Shri GHS Batote Ramban remained second whereas GHSS Rainawari Srinagar got third position.

all the participants were given certificates. The topper teams will participate at national level competitions to held at Gwalior. The event was inaugurated by Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas Chairman JKBOSE in presence of Prof. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics and UT Project Coordinator (NPEP/AEP). In his inaugural address Prof. Manhas emphasized upon the importance of creative platforms in fostering awareness and critical thinking among students. "Practice makes a man perfect. Positivity coupled with consistent practice of values certainly yields success. Dissemination of awareness on prevalent evils is important in creating a progressive society and this programme is a creative step in this direction. By merging education with artistic expression, the Board continues to empower young minds to address pressing societal challenges with confidence

and insight, shaping them into thoughtful and proactive citizens," he added. Prof Sudhir Singh in his address expressed satisfaction on the efficient conduct of competitions right from school to UT level. "This year we could successfully involve all the ten districts of Kashmir also after almost a decade; the outstanding enthusiasm and active participation is an indication of visible change," he added. Principal GHSS Shastri Nagar Jammu assured support in organising such programs in future. Earlier the programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by welcome address by Dr. Yasir H. Sirwal, Deputy Director Academics-JD. He said such Programmes have good impact on the students which is reflected in their enthusiasm. The competition was evaluated by a panel of judges, including Promila Manhas,

Senior Lecturer, GGHSS Sarore Raj Kumar, Instructor at Institute of Music and Fine Arts, University of Jammu; and Sheikh Mohammad Haneef, a celebrated theatre artist and playwright. Chandar Sharma, Academic Officer, expressed vote of thanks. Sugandh, Academic Officer, gracefully anchored the Programme. The UT level event was dignified by the presence of Rajesh Singh Asstt Secretary, Mohd Jameel Asstt Secretary, JKBOSE Ashutosh Parashar Academic officer Syed Kashif Hashmi Academic officer, Jamil Ahmed Assistant Secretary CDR/SOS JD JKBOSE, other officials of Academic Division JKBOSE and staff of GHSS Gandhi Nagar. This competition highlighted JKBOSE's commitment to nurture creativity, cultural awareness, and social responsibility among students.

Shakti Nagar Cremation Ground will be equipped with all necessary facilities: Arvind Gupta

Vows to improve cleanliness & upgradation of infrastructure

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JAMMU: Responding to the demands of the local residents, Arvind Gupta, MLA Jammu West, on Monday visited the Cremation Ground at Shakti Nagar, Jammu, to take stock of the issues faced by the community. The visit highlighted the urgent need for cleanliness and renovation of the infrastructure at the site.



MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta during visit to Cremation Ground at Shakti Nagar, Jammu.

During the interaction with the people, the residents emphasized the importance of maintaining the sanctity of the Cremation Ground, which serves as a vital facility for the last journey of life. They appealed for better upkeep and enhanced amenities, ensuring dignity and convenience for those visiting the site. Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta assured the residents that their concerns

would be addressed as priority. He emphasized that the Cremation Ground holds significant emotional and cultural value, and its development will reflect the community's respect for life and death alike. "We are committed to ensuring that this sacred place is equipped with all necessary facilities and is maintained with the utmost care," he said. Arvind Gupta emphasized the need for the development of the cremation ground to ensure dignified last rites for all. He stated that upgrading the facility with proper infrastructure, including shelter, seating, and sanitation, is a basic necessity for the community. He urged the authorities concerned to prioritize this project, highlighting its significance in maintaining respect for cultural and religious practices.

Arvind Gupta further announced a series of measures, including immediate steps to improve cleanliness and a detailed plan for upgrading the infrastructure. He stressed that the development of such sites aligns with the broader vision of improving civic amenities in Jammu West. The MLA was accompanied by officials from Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) led by Surinder Choudhary, as well as prominent local leaders, including Ex-Corporator Atul and Mandal Presidents Keshav Chopra, Vedu Sharma, Kushant Karan, and Mohit.

Sham, Mohan Lal hold Public Darbar



MLAs, Sham Lal Sharma and Mohan Lal Bhagat listening to grievances of people.

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Sharma, MLA and vice-president, J&K BJP and Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA, listened to the grievances of people from different areas of Jammu province at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar. Visiting people, individually and in deputations, highlighted their problems related to construction of road, upgradation of lanes and drains, restoration of wall, scarcity of drinking water; replacement of PHE pipes, blacktopping of road, fixing of crates, etc. Sham Sharma, while listening to the grievances, reiterated the BJP's stand to provide good

governance to the general masses. He said that the party is committed to mitigating the sufferings of the people and believes in keeping continuous contact with the public for 365 days a year. He said that although BJP is not a part of the government in Jammu & Kashmir; all MLAs of the BJP are committed to mitigating the sufferings of the masses. Mohan Lal Bhagat said that the party has initiated this Public Darbar to provide easy access to the masses to share their issues, which, otherwise they are not able to communicate effectively at the appropriate platform. He said that they have made a sincere try to give solution to the maximum issues presented.

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Mayawati endorses 'One Nation, One Election' proposal

SHAHZAD AKHTAR
LUCKNOW: Bahujan Samaj Party President Mayawati welcomed the move of 'One Country One Election' bill to be brought in the Parliament by the BJP government. She said that all parties should have a consensus on this. Mayawati said that some are showing the copy of the Constitution in their hands for political gain. Now, under its cover, even important issues of the country and public interest are being sidelined. The Constitution is being politicized, which is not right at all. Mayawati said that Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, had sensed in the first Congress government formed in the country that while the power in the center and states is in the hands of people with casteist and narrow-minded mindset, the people of SC, ST and OBC classes who have been neglected for centuries, have seen this himself while being the first law minister in the center. Being concerned about this, he had even resigned from his post to the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The BSP president said that although the Congress government of that time did not even



allow him to speak in Parliament about the reasons for his resignation, he was then forced to put forth his views in the media. The real face of the Congress on the Constitution was exposed. Even after Dr. Ambedkar's death, the Congress government remained in power at the Centre for many years, but Dr. Ambedkar, who deserved the Bharat Ratna title in every respect, was not honoured with this title. BSP president Mayawati said that being a party of the poor; it also welcomes the related bill brought by the BJP government regarding one country one election. On this issue, it would be better for all parties to rise above party politics and work in the interest of the country and the general public. By holding simultaneous elections, the expenses will be reduced a lot. The general public will not be burdened by this. There will also be no need to impose the election code of conduct frequently, so that public welfare works will not be stopped. The Bahujan Samaj Party believes that it is not right to do any politics in the guise of this issue. All parties should support this bill in the general public interest.

Finance Deptt mourns demise of CAO, Namisha Dogra

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JAMMU: The Finance Department and JAKFAS on Monday convened a condolence meeting to mourn the tragic and untimely demise of Namisha Dogra, Chief Accounts Officer, JMRDA.



Finance Department and JAKFAS officials mourning demise of Namisha Dogra, CAO JMRDA.

Director General, Accounts and Treasuries, Fayaz Ahmad Lone, expressed deepest shock and sorrow over the demise of CAO, Namisha. He extended his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family during these difficult times, offering support and strength in their hour of grief. He assured them that the entire department stands in solidarity with them, providing strength and comfort as they cope with this tragic loss. Director General, Codes, Mahesh Das; Director General, Budget,

Mohammad Sultan Malik and other senior officers, who also attended the condolence meeting, conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. They remembered Namisha as a passionate officer, acknowledging her professionalism, warmth and commitment towards her duties.

President JAKFAS, Rashmi Deepika, offered heartfelt condolences with the bereaved family, appreciating Namisha for her dedication, integrity and outstanding work throughout her career. She shared that Namisha following her ill health was shifted to Medanta hospital, where she unfortunately succumbed to her ailment on

Saturday. Her untimely departure has left a void in the hearts of all who knew her. Further, Chief Accounts officer, Iram Nazir, Srinagar Metropolitan Region Development Authority (SMRDA), who attended the meeting virtually, also spoke in remembrance of Namisha. She shared cherished memories

of working alongside her in the same department and fondly remembered Namisha as a dedicated and hardworking colleague who always went above and beyond in her professional role. The condolence gathering included JAKFAS Executive Body members including VP (K) Rafiq Shah, VP (J) Rahul Mahajan and Director Finance(s), Joint Director(s), FA/CAOs, Deputy Directors, CAOs and Accounts officers, who came together to honor her memory and offering prayers for the departed soul. Director Accounts and Treasuries, Kashmir, Shaheeh Mohd Ashraf and several other officers attended the condolence meeting virtually from Srinagar.