

Young civil servants architects of India 2047: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday hailed young civil servants as the "architects of Viksit Bharat @ 2047" during his address at the "Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Convention" held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

Dr. Jitendra emphasized the critical role young leaders will play in shaping India's transformation into a developed nation by 2047.

Describing civil servants as the driving force of change, he said their vision, dedication, and innovative approach will determine the success of this national mission.

Dr. Singh reiterated that the government is committed to empowering young people to take on this monumental task, highlighting key initiatives introduced under the Union Budget 2024-25.

He announced advanced skill training for 20 lakh youth, modernization of 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), and internship opportunities for one crore young people. These steps, he said, are aimed at equipping



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the "Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Convention" at IIPA, New Delhi on Thursday.

India's youth with the tools to lead in a competitive global environment.

Dr. Jitendra spoke passionately about the government's focus on inclusivity, particularly the enhanced participation of women in the nation's workforce. Citing measures such as working women hostels, crèches, and market access for women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs), he called these initiatives game-changers that would ensure women's role as equal partners in India's development journey.

He also highlighted the government's commitment to creating world-class infrastructure under PM Gati

Shakti and fostering sustainable development through clean energy investments. Dr. Singh emphasized India's global leadership in green initiatives, including its ambitious target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030.

Furthermore, he pointed to the growing prominence of Indian innovation in sectors like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and renewable energy, driven by policies under Digital India and the Atal Innovation Mission.

Touching on the nation's achievements in diplomacy and global leader-

ship, Dr. Singh lauded India's successful G20 Presidency and its pivotal role in addressing challenges like climate change, food security, and digital transformation.

Dr. Jitendra concluded with a powerful call to action, urging young civil servants to take ownership of the nation's growth story. He reminded them of their immense responsibility in translating policies into tangible outcomes, ensuring that development reaches every corner of the country and benefits every citizen.

"You are not just administrators; you are the architects of our future," he said. "The vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 rests on your shoulders. Together, let us build an India that is not only developed but also inclusive, sustainable, and a global leader in every sense."

The Minister's address resonated deeply with the audience, leaving them inspired and motivated to contribute to this ambitious vision. It served as a reminder of the collective responsibility of every citizen in achieving the dream of a prosperous and self-reliant India by 2047.



BJP holds Dr. Ambedkar in very high regards Cong, allies must apologize for distorting HM's speech: Sethi

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JAMMU: The BJP strongly condemned the deliberate misrepresentation of the Union Home Minister's speech by the Congress and its allies.

This distortion is a clear attempt to mislead the public, particularly the followers of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and create unnecessary controversy, undermining the spirit of democratic discourse in the nation.

The BJP makes it loud and clear that the party holds Dr. Ambedkar in high regard and does not need any certificate for its respect towards the architect of the Indian Constitution from Congress or any other political party.

Sunil Sethi, chief spokesperson, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this while addressing media persons at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here, along with party spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan and SC Morcha president Neelam Langleh.

Sunil Sethi said that a portion of few seconds from the full speech of the Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been deliberately dis-



Chief spokesperson, J&K BJP, Sunil Sethi talking to reporters in Jammu on Thursday.

orted by the Congress to divert the attention of the people from its total failure to raise public related issues in the parliament and its biased approach towards Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

"Instead of countering the speech of Union Home Minister with facts, the Congress indulged in false and irresponsible allegations in frustration as it failed to clear its stand on anti-Ambedkar, anti-dalit mindset" Sunil Sethi said, adding that the history stand witness to the fact that the BJP always respected DR. B.R. Ambedkar, whereas, Congress insulted the architect of the constitution a number of times.

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Congress and its allies should seek an unconditional apology for their actions, which have hurt the sentiments of the dalits across the country as well as committed crime of distorting facts of the speech of the country's Home Minister.

Sethi further said that the Bharatiya Janata Party holds Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, in high regard for his contributions to social justice, equality, and nation-building. The party acknowledges his efforts to eradicate caste-based discrimination and empower marginalized communities. The party has also undertaken initiatives to preserve his memory, such as developing memorials and promoting awareness of his work.

CJ exhorts law students to be advocates of change, spread awareness to prevent crimes

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JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Tashi Rabstan, on Thursday chaired an interactive session organised by the J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with DLSA Samba and Dogra Law College, Bari Brahmanna.

The event was aimed at educating and empowering law students about their critical role in fostering justice, promoting awareness and addressing pressing societal challenges.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority.

R. N. Wattal, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Samba, Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Th Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Education Trust, Sandeep Singh Sen, Secretary, DLSA Samba, Principal, Dogra Law College, Dean, Dogra Group of Colleges, besides other faculty members of the school were present on the occasion.

In her welcome address, Shuchi Sharma highlighted the importance of such interactive sessions in bridging gap between legal education and



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan speaking at interactive session at Dogra Law College.

its practical application. She emphasised the need of nurturing socially conscious and professionally competent lawyers. He underlined that programs like this are crucial for instilling in students a deeper understanding of their responsibilities as future custodians of justice.

The Chief Justice, in his keynote address, appreciated the role of students and acknowledged their talent displayed through the skit. "Such initiatives particularly of the law students can prove a milestone in spreading awareness among the masses especially in rural areas, if they associate with the Legal Services Authority and reach to the last man standing in the queue" said Justice Tashi. He urged the student community to come forward and take proactive role in bringing the change in the society.

The Chief Justice directed the Legal Services

Institutions to rope in the law students in their calendar of activities including Lok Adalats so that the future law practitioners understand their role in amicable resolution of issues besides creating informed citizenry. He urged the students to use their legal education to foster equality, uphold constitutional values and ensure justice reaches the most vulnerable sections of the society.

The Chief Justice also planted a sapling in the campus of Dogra Law College, symbolizing growth, sustainability and a commitment towards a greener future.

While tracing the history of legislation regarding acid attack, Advocate Rohit Verma, Panel Lawyer, HCLSC Jammu in his impactful presentation said that it was on the directions of Apex Court that IPC was amended and Section 326 A & B were incorporated therein

to ensure that the perpetrators of acid attack are not only booked but are also punished with stringent punishment as per the law. He further informed the audience that similar provision has been incorporated U/S 124 (1) & (2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023.

Advocate Verma also highlighted the broader social and emotional impact of acid attacks emphasising that these heinous crimes are not just physical assaults but are attacks on a person's dignity and identity. He pointed out the significant role of laws like Section 357C of the CrPC, which mandates free medical treatment for victims and the Victim Compensation Scheme, which ensures financial relief. He urged the law students to become advocates of change and spread awareness to prevent such crimes in the future.

A poignant skit was also

performed by the students of Dogra Law College portraying the social evils like dowry demands, domestic violence, Pre-natal sex determination of child, unlawful termination of pregnancy, eve-teasing and the dastardly act of acid attacks. The scintillating performances rendered by the students in the skit left the audience spellbound.

On the occasion, NALSA theme song was also played which eloquently displayed the mission, motto and objective of Legal Services.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Education Trust, felicitated the Chief Justice, expressing gratitude for his inspiring address and guidance to the students.

This interactive session stands as a testament to the commitment of Dogra Law College and the J&K Legal Services Authority in nurturing the next generation of legal professionals and empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the justice delivery system.

SCERT J&K's Toycathon 2024 Grand Finale Exhibition: A Showcase of Tradition and Innovation

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JAMMU: The grand finale of Toycathon 2024 exhibition organised by Jammu & Kashmir State Council of Educational Research & Training (JKSCERT) concluded on Thursday at Abhinav Theatre with great enthusiasm and celebration, highlighting a vibrant amalgamation of tradition and innovation.

The event witnessed exceptional creativity and technological brilliance as participants showcased toys and games designed to integrate the rich cultural heritage of J&K with modern innovation.

In keeping with the mission to encourage creativity and excellence among students throughout the Union Territory, the event was organised under the direction of Sakeena Masood (Itoo), Minister of Education, JKUT, and the exhibition was inaugurated by Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, School Education J&K.

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ongoing infrastructural development in J&K but raised concerns about the potential economic impact on Jammu due to the train connectivity to Srinagar and Baramulla. To mitigate this, he proposed a landmark project in Jammu, akin to the Statue of Unity in Ahmedabad, dedicated to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, to boost tourism and the local economy.

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Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, School Education J&K visiting an exhibition.

The Principal Secretary, Director JKSCERT along with the dignitaries visited every stall and interacted with the students.

While addressing the audience, Principal Secretary, School Education, described that Toycathon is a platform that promotes learning and cultural awareness, this is like contributing to a movement that nurtures young minds and supports local innovation.

Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT, applauded the students for their innovative spirit and hard work and reiterated that Toycathon 2024 has become a vibrant stage to inspire the young minds.

The overwhelming participation this year reaffirms the creative potential of the students of Jammu and Kashmir, he said adding that the Toycathon initiative is part of the larger mission to nurture innovation, promote critical thinking, and support the Prime Minister's vision of "Vocal for Local."

Toycathon 2024 attracted approximately 112,657 pupils from all throughout Jammu and Kashmir, with 51,156 of them coming from the Jammu Division.

Participants competed in three categories: Category 1 (Classes 6-8): 30,549 students, Category 2 (Classes 9-10): 15,581 stu-

traditional crafts and stories.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, JKSCERT, Jammu Division, commended the extraordinary talent of participants, saying, "These young innovators have created toys that not only entertain but also educate and preserve the traditions of J&K."

She further added that this initiative is a step towards fostering creativity and innovation while staying rooted in our cultural legacy.

The Grand Finale brought national resources and experience to this significant project in the form of partnerships with NIPAM and the Indra Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Rakesh Magotra, Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, Joint Director DSEJ, Subah Mehta, Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, IGNC, Harvinder Kour, Secretary Culture, Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary Culture and Dr. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics JKBOSE also graced the occasion and inspired the participating students.

Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT, J&K, expressed his gratitude to all participating schools, DIETs, and stakeholders for their support in making Toycathon 2024 a grand success.

Additionally, he thanked the hard-working organising team for the tireless efforts to ensure the smooth execution of the event.

The winners of the competition will receive awards and recognition in a separate ceremony to be held later this month.

CEO SSCL inaugurates Intelligent Traffic Management System



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Srinagar: In a significant step towards modernizing urban management, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) launched the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) through its Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) located at HMT Zainakote. The system was inaugurated by Dr. Owais Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer of SSCL, with the aim of enhancing city governance

through data-driven decision-making in daily operations and crisis response.

The ICCC acts as a central hub, integrating applications and services across various departments and agencies. It provides critical infrastructure, including computing power, storage, networking, and security, to support Smart City projects with 24/7 operational capabilities. Key features of the ICCC include a Data Centre, secure server farm offering

2PB storage, hybrid cloud capabilities, dedicated leased lines, and a NOVAC fire suppression system. Network Operations Centre, equipped with a video wall and workstations maintains continuous surveillance for optimal performance. A computational system integrating applications offers secure access, work allocation and KPI monitoring. Additional facilities include a convention centre, war room, multi-communications hub and robust power infrastructure with fail-safe provisions. The ITMS is a cutting-edge solution for improving traffic regulation and enforcement. Cameras have been strategically deployed at 66 key junctions in the city, monitored from the ICCC and the Office of the SSP, Traffic Police Srinagar.

Key features and benefits of ITMS Traffic Enforcement Red light violation detection (RLVD) are automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), helmet compliance, seat belt monitoring, and checks on speeding and wrong-way driving. Under this advanced technology, a total of 1,052 cameras, including RLVD (249), ANPR (453), PTZ (101), and box cameras (249), provide comprehensive coverage. Enhanced Safety, introduction of an e-challan system, panic buttons and connectivity through SDNet are other important aspects.

SSCL remains committed to leveraging innovative technologies to create a safer, smarter, and more efficient urban environment, setting a benchmark for other cities in India.

CCI delegation meets Union Ministers

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JAMMU: A delegation of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, led by its President Arun Gupta and accompanied by Anil Gupta (Senior Vice President) and Rajesh Gupta (Secretary), met Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, in New Delhi. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, was also present. The delegation highlighted various issues affecting trade, industry, and tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Arun Gupta raised concerns about the alleged harassment of hoteliers in Patnitop due to CBI cases filed on dubious grounds, requesting Dr. Singh's intervention for a swift res-



CCI Jammu delegation calling on Union Ministers.

olution. He also discussed the challenges faced by arms and ammunition dealers due to the conversion of licenses to Form VIII, which has halted their operations and led to the sealing of their premises. Gupta urged Dr. Singh to take up the matter with the Union Home Secretary to provide relief to these dealers.

Dr. Singh facilitated the delegation's meeting with the Union Minister for Railways, Information Broadcasting, and Tourism. During the interaction, Arun Gupta expressed gratitude for the decision to develop Jammu as a Railway Division, emphasizing its potential to streamline train operations

and create local employment. He also proposed establishing a Rail Coach Repair Factory in Jammu to support ancillary units and generate jobs. Additionally, he suggested starting a daily direct train between Jammu and Prayagraj during the Maha Kumbh Mela.

On broadcasting, Gupta advocated for a full-fledged Duggar Channel in Jammu, similar to the Kashmir Channel in Srinagar, to promote the region's culture and counter negative propaganda. The Railway and Information Minister assured the delegation that these suggestions would be addressed appropriately. While discussing tourism with the Tourism Minister, Gupta acknowledged the