

Dr Jitendra addresses 'Good Governance' workshop, highlights transformation in work culture

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NEW DELHI: Addressing the National Workshop on "Good Governance," Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the significant transformation in work culture under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. A circular economy, Dr. Singh emphasized the "whole-of-government" approach as a key driver of governance reforms. The event, which runs from December 19 to 25, also marks the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, renowned for his legacy in governance.

Dr. Singh commended the collaborative efforts across government ministries that have resulted in improved administrative efficiency and enhanced social welfare. "The whole-of-government" approach harmonizes efforts to implement reforms that are efficient, inclusive, and impactful," he remarked. A major highlight of his address



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the National Workshop on "Good Governance" at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on Monday.

focused on innovations in waste management, which have become models of economic and environmental sustainability. He specifically praised the Swachhata Campaign, calling it a landmark initiative in reshaping governance.

The campaign has generated over Rs 2,364 crores in just four years through the clearance and monetization of scrap and obsolete materials from government offices. Dr. Singh pointed out that this sum was four times greater than the cost of the Chandrayaan mission, India's lunar project, which cost Rs 600 crore.

He further noted that over 643 lakh square feet of office space had been cleared, making room for better utilization and repurposing.

The Minister also revisited Prime Minister Modi's 2014 Independence Day speech, which called for the construction of women's toilets. This initiative led to the construction of over 4 lakh toilets, addressing a critical societal need.

Dr. Singh highlighted several

pioneering waste management projects, including the conversion of household waste into fuel and recycling used cooking oil into biofuel. A pilot project in Dehradun has significantly curbed harmful reuse practices and promoted recycling.

In line with India's commitment to a circular economy, Dr. Singh discussed innovations such as mobile waste conversion vans, which enable on-site transformation of waste into usable resources, reducing dependency on centralized facilities.

He underscored the potential of waste management as a key driver of India's economic

ambitions, stating, "The next industrial revolution will be driven by recycling."

Dr. Singh concluded by stressing the importance of extending good governance practices to the grassroots level, engaging districts and local communities. He urged for greater civil society involvement, citing the Swachh Bharat Mission as an example of how public participation can drive change. He also announced plans to integrate public and private sector efforts in future campaigns, ensuring that both sectors benefit from each other's efficiency.



PIB Jammu organises seminar and bike rally to promote WAVES

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JAMMU: The Press Information Bureau (PIB) Jammu, in collaboration with the University of Jammu, organized a seminar and bike rally on Monday to promote the upcoming World Audio-Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES), set to be held in New Delhi from February 5 to 9, 2025.



Neha Jalali, Director of PIB Jammu presenting memento to Chief Guest, Vikramjit Singh, Secretary I&C Department.

The seminar aimed to raise awareness about WAVES and explore the role of modern technology in shaping the entertainment industry, with a focus on content creation and media literacy.

The Chief Guest, Vikramjit Singh, Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, highlighted the transformative role of technology in democratizing content creation.

He emphasized how emerging technologies like Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) have made content creation more affordable and accessible, empowering creators across the country.

Singh also pointed out India's unique advantage, noting its multilingual market offers significant investment potential, making WAVES an ideal platform for showcasing creativity to a global audience.

Neha Jalali, Director of PIB Jammu, spoke about the interconnectedness of media, where content creation and consumption are closely linked.

She stressed the economic impact of content creation, particularly with the rise of OTT platforms, and the importance of policy col-

laboration across sectors to drive the industry forward. She encouraged attendees to take advantage of WAVES for learning, networking, and exploring the industry's potential.

Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM, discussed the rapid transformation of the media industry, highlighting its market value of \$27.3 billion. He noted that India's diverse landscapes, from Bollywood to regional cinema, position the country as a major player in the global content market, and WAVES will further strengthen India's position as a global investment hub.

Prakash Anthal, Dean of Students' Welfare, JU, expressed gratitude to PIB for the collaboration. He emphasized the importance of the

media industry in India's development, encouraging students to participate actively in WAVES to gain skills and showcase their talents.

In his address, Media and Communication Officer, Zakir Nazeer said India is poised to become a prominent hub for high-quality and cost-effective content development. He also briefed the gathering on 27 incredible competitions spanning animation, gaming, sports, comics and filmmaking under Create in India Challenge Season One.

The event concluded with a bike rally, flagged off from the University of Jammu campus, which traveled to the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in Bantalah.

The rally, with 20 participants, aimed to engage youth and raise awareness about WAVES and career opportunities in the entertainment sector. During a ceremony held on the IIMC premises, Neha Jalali and Regional Director, Dr Dilip Kumar jointly felicitated each biker. The participants of the rally were presented certificates of appreciation.

Earlier in his welcome address, Media and Communication Officer, Press Information Jammu Muzafar Wani highlighted that the Indian media and entertainment industry is experiencing significant growth, driven by changing consumer behaviour and technological advancements and the WAVES Summit will provide a platform for content creators and other media professionals to showcase their talent at national and international levels.

Gaurav Gupta calls on National President Special Olympics Bharat in Delhi



President SOB J&K UT, Gaurav Gupta meeting with Malika Nadda, National President SOB in Delhi.

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JAMMU: Renowned sports enthusiast, bare-foot marathon runner, and Secretary of Jammu Club, Gaurav Gupta, met with Malika Nadda, National President of Special Olympics Bharat during a meeting in Delhi, following his installation as the President of Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) for the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT).

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Ashwani Jojra, Founding President and current Area Director of SOB JKUT.

During the meeting, Gaurav Gupta laid out a comprehensive agenda focused on strengthening the Special Olympics movement across JKUT. He emphasized the importance of reaching out to underserved areas and communities to ensure the inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Gupta assured Mrs. Malika Nadda of his unwavering commitment to fulfilling the goals and vision of Special Olympics Bharat. He vowed to engage all sections of society and collaborate with like-minded organizations to provide a

solid foundation for this noble mission. Highlighting the transformative power of sports, he expressed his determination to explore and nurture the hidden talents of persons with intellectual disabilities in the region.

"It is an honor and privilege for me to be part of such a global philanthropic movement, which operates in over 194 countries to enhance the dignity and lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports. I am committed to working with zeal and devotion to achieve the set targets," said Gaurav Gupta.

Malika Nadda expressed her full support for advancing the SOB movement in JKUT. She acknowledged the significant potential within regions of challenging topography and high-altitude areas, urging sincere efforts to identify and harness the talent of special athletes.

"The Special Olympics movement is a voluntary mission, and everyone willing to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities is welcome to join. With focused efforts, we can unlock the immense potential in states like Jammu & Kashmir and transform the lives of countless individuals," said Malika Nadda.

Dr. Ashwani Jojra praised the inclusion of Gaurav Gupta in the SOB mission, expressing confidence in Gupta's dynamic leadership and vast experience to elevate the movement to new heights. "Under the skilled leadership of Mrs. Malika Nadda and the energetic approach of Mr. Gupta, the Special Olympics movement in JKUT will undoubtedly achieve its ultimate goal of restoring smiles on the faces of special athletes, their families, and caregivers," he stated.

The meeting concluded with a shared vision to expand the reach of Special Olympics Bharat in JKUT, ensuring that no individual with intellectual disabilities is left behind. Together, the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to creating a more inclusive and dignified world through the power of sports.

Sham, Mohan Lal hold public Darbar at BJP headquarters

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice-President & MLA Sham Lal Sharma, and MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat held a Public Darbar at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

More than 30 deputations visited BJP headquarters, to share their issues with the party's senior leaders.

A big deputation of reserved category employees presented their issue before the senior leader of BJP about their transfer policy issue.

Among other issues, the Deputation from Talab Tillo requested construct-



BJP MLAs Sham Lal Sharma, Mohan Lal Bhagat listening to public issues.

ing a road patch in Wazir Lane. Deputation from Raipur Domana, Thathar & Khairi requested for repair of water pumping machines.

Deputation from Hyderabad, Srinagar requested for clearing the backlog in Education. Deputation from Aghore requested for speedy pur-

suit of the theft case. Deputation from Jourian Jammu presented their issue regarding railways matters. A deputation requested for laying of protection of land near Nallah.

Deputation from Chattha presented their issue in the sanitation department. Deputation from Jwala, Raipur presented their issues regarding the inter-connection of pipes.

Deputation from Trikuta Nagar requested for protection work in sector 5, Ward 54.

Deputation from Bhagwati Nagar requested for blacktopping of the road. Deputation from Gandhi Nagar presented the issue of Lane & Drain upgradation. Deputation from Trikuta Nagar presented the CAPD issue.

Deputation from Channi requested for shifting of electric poles. Deputation from Muthi presented revenue-related issue. Deputation from Akhnor presented the issue of new hand pumps.

Sham Lal Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, said that the BJP leaders are continuously engaged in redressing the issues of the common people.

He said that the Party has scheduled the public darbar in its headquarters to help out the needy persons who have otherwise limited access to the government departments regarding their genuine issues.

He added that they are associated with an organization that gives top priority to helping the poor and needy.

Shree Gou Gopal Mahayagya Zorawar advocates devotional, spiritual lifestyle to combat Drug menace

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JAMMU: During the ongoing nine-day-long Shree Gou Gopal Mahayagya held at the holy Samadhi Sthal of Shri Dawarika Nath Shastri Ji Maharaj at Sohanjana Marh here today, Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal delivered an inspiring message, emphasizing that devotion and spirituality are powerful tools to guide the youth away from drugs and towards a life of purpose and positivity.

Addressing the gathering, Zorawar Singh Jamwal stated, "Drug addiction is a growing menace that destroys lives and the very fabric of society. A life rooted in devotion and spirituality not only keeps us away



Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal speaking at a programme.

from harmful influences but also provides the inner strength and clarity needed to face life's challenges. The teachings of great saints like Shri Dawarika Nath Shastri Maharaj remind us of the importance of self-discipline, service, and spiritual growth as the foundation for a meaningful life."

While appreciating Shri Gangadhar Ji Maharaj for organising such a mega religious and spiritual programme every year, Zorawar Singh Jamwal urged the youth to

embrace spiritual practices such as prayer, meditation, and community service to cultivate resilience and purpose. "Devotion to higher values and a connection with the divine can fill the void that often leads people to substance abuse. A spiritual lifestyle keeps the mind focused, the body healthy, and the soul at peace," he said.

Team Jammu Chief also called upon parents, educationists, and community leaders to actively promote spiritual and devotional activities among the younger generation. "Guiding our youth toward spiritual practices is not just a personal responsibility but a social obligation. Together, we can create an environment where our children find joy and

BJP delegation, Chairman FICCI call on LG



BJP delegation calling on LG Manoj Sinha on Monday.

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JAMMU: A delegation of BJP leaders including Ravinder Raina, Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, Thakur Randhir Singh, Mohd. Iqbal Malik and Murtaza Khan called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Monday.

The delegation discussed with the Lieutenant Governor various public important issues of Rajouri and Poonch districts pertaining to Jammu-Poonch Highway; implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes; Degree Colleges at Peeri, Khawas and Manjakote; completion of Anas and Rajal irrigation canals; Railway project for Rajouri-Poonch; early completion of Rajouri-Thana mandi-Bafli az road; construction and upgradation of various roads; development of tourism potential areas including Shakar Marg project etc.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the members of the delegation that appropriate action will be taken for redressal of the issues projected by them.

Meanwhile, Rajesh Sharma, Chairman, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), J&K UT Council, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

JMC, Police conduct joint anti encroachment drive

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JAMMU: In continuation to its anti-encroachment campaign, Jammu Municipal Corporation, in collaboration with traffic police on Monday conducted a massive drive in Channi Himmat, Narwal, Panama Chowk, Railway Road, Baggar Basti, Gandhi Nagar to ease traffic congestions and ensure free movement of pedestrians on footpaths. The drive was conducted on the instructions of Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The special squad of Jammu Municipal Corporation seized the mate-



JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav with police officers during a drive.

rial displayed by the shopkeepers in front of their shops and footpaths causing traffic congestion and free flow of pedestrians. The team also lifted illegal rehries and removed unauthorized hoardings/flexes from these areas.

Jammu Municipal Corporation has repeatedly issued strict instructions to the shopkeepers regarding removal of encroachments by

shopkeepers through public notices. The shopkeepers violating rules by displaying their goods beyond the shutter line of their shops shall face action under Section 232 of the Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 which may further lead towards the sealing of the shops.

Strict instructions were also issued to the street vendors/phari walas to ply their rehries only in the rehri zones established by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Meanwhile, Commissioner JMC conducted a tour of Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu to take stock of the area. He was accompanied

by Sr. Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Faisal Qureshi. During the tour, he briefed the media about measures taken by the Corporation to ease traffic congestion on the Apsara Road. "The road has been upgraded with the aim to boost the business activities in the area. However, the parking of vehicles on the left side of the road create traffic chaos resulting in major traffic jams and problems to the visitors/customers," he said.

He further added that one way sign boards have been installed by JMC to overcome traffic congestion on

the road. "To streamline the parking system and to ensure smooth flow of vehicular traffic, instructions have been issued not to allow parking only on the right side of the road, strictly within the yellow line," he added.

He said the Shopkeepers of Apsara road shall have to park their two wheelers on the road side area adjacent to Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and four wheelers at nearby parking space of J&K Housing Board. Any violation will be acted upon under JMC Act, 2000, he added.