

Dr Jitendra joins 'Gaon Chalo Abhiyaan', reiterates resolve to reach last mile

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KATHUA: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday reiterated the Modi Govt's resolve to reach the last mile while joining the nationwide "Gaon Chalo Abhiyaan".

The Minister held meetings with public representatives, local residents and women in Block Barnoti of Panchayat Nagrota in district Kathua of Jammu and Kashmir.

The public interactions were part of Gaon Chalo Abhiyan, during which Dr Jitendra Singh spent time with the local populace to hear from them and elicit their views as well receive feedback on the government's welfare programmes and schemes.

Dr Jitendra said it is part of the Modi government's approach of reaching the



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh holding interactions with public representatives, local residents and women in district Kathua as part of "Gaon Chalo Abhiyan" on Tuesday.

last man in the last queue. This mantra drives the government's spirit of service to citizens of India, he stated, adding that the development of India can be achieved by ensuring development of the poor, farmers, women and youth.

It is with this spirit that the Modi government has

been working for the last nearly 10 years, he added.

Dr Singh said the government has been serving all sections of society without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or political affiliation of people.

Later, addressing students of Government Higher Secondary School

at Budhi in the district, Dr Jitendra encouraged them to tap the potential of internet and social media to give a fillip to their learning and StartUp potentials, saying it has the effect of a force-multiplier in this digital age.

He also asked them to channelize their energies for the good of the society and development of the country.

The Union Minister urged the school administration to introduce Atal Tinkering labs in the school to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds.

In the same vein, the Minister suggested the students to take up career in agri-startups which are increasingly becoming an alternate and lucrative source of livelihood in J&K.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the mentality around securing only government jobs for sustainable living is changing, with the increasing number of new avenues springing up, like agri-startups.

Even moderately educated are now earning handsomely after joining J&K's famed Aroma Mission under which cultivation of lavender has shot Bhaderwah tehsil of Doda district into national prominence, thereby providing thousands of youth with opportunities to earn their living, the Minister said.

Dr Singh added that perfumes made from lavender are selling at exorbitant prices, with the youth associated with the Mission earning well from their sale.

GDC Marh, JKSOTTO organize awareness lecture on Organ Donation



Principal GDC Marh, Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Koul presenting memento to resource person Ansu Sharma.

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JAMMU: Red Ribbon Club, GDC Marh, on Tuesday organized one-day awareness lecture on Organ Donation in collaboration with the State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO), Jammu & Kashmir under the guidance of the Principal of the college Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul.

While addressing the faculty and students, the Principal

emphasized that the need for organ donors has increased significantly over the years. He said that voluntary organ donation is the only way to meet the huge demand for organs.

The resource person of the awareness program was, Ansu Sharma (IEC, SOTTO), who gave a PPT presentation about the functions of SOTTO in J&K and different types of organ donation and donors like liver, cornea, Kidney,

deceased/dead donors.

She also focused on Brain Stem Death (BSD) wherein vital organs are taken only after the person is declared Brain Stem dead.

She added that people die due to the non-availability of organs for transplant so it is very important to donate organs. The pledge 'Donate Organs, Save Lives' was also taken by the students and faculty.

Modi Govt is committed to empower marginalised section of society: Rekha



Rekha Mahajan, District President Jammu South addressing ST community at Bathindi, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Modi Govt is committed to empower marginalised section of Society by taking central government schemes to the last person, said Rekha Mahajan, District President Jammu South while addressing the ST community at Booth 54, Bathindi, organised by Booth President Mohd Yaqoob which was attended large number of people belonging to ST community included

Sarpanch Bashir Ahmed Khatana, Panch Mushtaq, District Secretary Sadeeq Choudhary, ST Moreha District President Rafiq Choudhary. During this meeting she highlighted, the welfare schemes for the Scheduled Tribes has risen by five times and the scholarship for tribal students has grown by two-and-a-half times in the last 10 years under the Modi government.

She emphasised that the government has exerted its full force to ensure that extremely backwards among the tribal population benefit from its every scheme. More than four crore pucca houses have been built for the poor by the Modi Government. She mentioned asserting that those who were always ignored earlier have not only been reached out by him but also worshipped.

During the event, Rekha interacted with some beneficiaries of PM-JANMAN as they highlighted the positive changes in their lives after they availed of government schemes.

She also interacted with youth playing cricket in the playground, visited Madrasa take selfies with beneficiaries and draws lotus flower on the five walls and wrote the slogan "Ek bar Phir Modi Sarkar."

Another Astha Train flagged off from holy town Katra to Ayodhya

Yudhvir assure full support in facilitating scared journey of Ram Bhakts

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KATRA: Amidst religious fervour and devotion, yet another Astha Train, carrying 1375 devotees of Shree Ram, was flagged off from the Shree Mata Vaishno Railway Station in Katra towards the Holy City Ayodhya.

The Astha Train was flagged off by senior BJP leaders including Rohit Dubey, State Secretary and Prabhari Reasi, Shashi Sharma, Ex-chairman Municipal Committee Katra, and Ex-MLA Baldev Sharma, at the Shree Mata Vaishno Railway Station in Katra.

Upon its arrival at Udhampur, the Astha train was warmly received and flagged off by Arun Gupta, District President Udhampur, alongside dedi-



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi with devotees receiving the Astha Train at Railway Station Jammu.

ated party workers who added to the spirit of the event.

Similarly in Jammu, Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, who is also a Convenor of Ram Darshan Ayodhya Committee along with his Co-Convenor Reema Padha received the Astha Train at Railway Station Jammu.

Sethi has also reviewed arrangements for the devotees travelling in the Astha Train, ensuring everything was in place for the seamless journey of the devotees.

Later, they flagged off the Astha Train from the Railway Station in Jammu. Yudhvir expressed that this sacred journey to Ayodhya will not only deep-

en spiritual bonds but also reinforce the spirit of nationalism among devotees across the country. Emphasizing the significance of pilgrimage, he highlighted its role in fostering unity and solidarity. Additionally, he extended gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling the dreams of crores of people of the country with the historic construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya after a gap of nearly 500 years.

He mentioned that the District Offices of the Bharatiya Janata Party across the Union Territory facilitating the devotees by assisting them in train ticket bookings, arranging accommodations, providing local conveniences, and facilitating their Darshan at the

Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Sethi also extended his gratitude to the Northern Railways for their overwhelmed support in making this pilgrimage initiative possible.

By facilitating the journey of Ram devotees to Ayodhya, the BJP aims to provide an opportunity for spiritual fulfillment and strengthen the bond of devotion among the people of Jammu & Kashmir, he added.

For further information and assistance regarding the Ayodhya pilgrimage, Yudhvir Sethi urged the Ram Bhakts to contact their respective District Offices of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu and Kashmir and assured that full support will provide to them in their sacred journey from Katra to Ayodhya.

Hotel Association delegation calls on CMD, IRCTC

Good facilities, best use of railway infrastructure top priority of Railways: Jain

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KATRA: Chairman-cum-Managing Director Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC), Sanjay Kumar Jain, while speaking to a Joint delegation of various organisations led by Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra (HRAK), said that best facilities to the Railway passengers and best usage of the Railway infrastructure is the prime focus of Railways/IRCTC.

Chief Commercial Manager Railways S.S Aggarwal, Station Director (DTM) Jammu Parteeek Srivastava, Divisional Commercial Manager Freight Manu Garg, Station Manager Katra Raj Kumar Hakku were also present in the meeting.



HRAK delegation calling on CMD IRCTC, Sanjay Kumar Jain on Tuesday.

The delegation was comprising of HRAK President Rakesh Wazir, Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, Sr. Vice President HRAK & President Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Katra Virender Kesar, President Press Club Katra Arun Sharma, President Taxi Union Katra Parkash Raj,

Rajeshwar Singh, Shubham Sharma and Rakesh Singh.

Rakesh Wazir requested for starting of new trains to Katra besides extension of certain trains/DMUs which come upto Jammu/Udhampur only.

He also suggested that world's highest Railway bridge be developed as

good Tourist destination with all Tourist facilities over there besides extending of vestadome to Katra/Jammu which is already running at Srinagar or new vestadome be started between Jammu & Srinagar.

Shyam Kesar highlighted the issue of inconvenience to the Railway passengers

in absence of escalators, lifts and other facilities at Katra Railway Station and requested for starting of electric cart service over here. He also suggested for standardized parking standards on all Railway Stations so that people may not be over charged.

Virender Kesar and Arun Sharma requested for opening of good restaurants on the pattern of Katra Railway Station at other Railway Stations as well for quality food, besides starting of more good IRCTC packages to Katra Vaishnodevi. Jain listened to the delegation patiently and assured that things would be examined, and sympathetic consideration will be given to each and every point raised in the meeting.

IFFCO Jammu holds farmers' awareness campaign, blanket distribution programme



SMM of IFFCO J&K (UT), Sukhpal Singh Sidhu distributing blanket.

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JAMMU: IFFCO Jammu on Tuesday organized a Farmer's awareness campaign and Blanket distribution programme at village Pouni Chak, Block Marh, here.

The event was led by Sukhpal Singh Sidhu, State Marketing Manager of IFFCO J&K(UT), and was attended by the Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO) of Pouni

Chak along with other agriculture officers.

Over 200 farmers from village Pouni Chak participated in the meeting.

During the programme, the State Marketing Manager, IFFCO, briefed the farmers about the benefits of IFFCO Nano Urea and Nano DAP, highlighting their importance in reducing reliance on conventional Urea and DAP.

He emphasized how these

products contribute to the reduction of soil, groundwater, and environmental pollution. Additionally, it was mentioned that one bottle of Nano urea can replace one bag of conventional urea, thereby reducing the fertilizer subsidy provided by the Government of India.

Farmers were informed that Nano Urea is available at Rs. 225 per bottle (MRP for 500ML), which is 15% less than the MRP of conventional urea, while Nano DAP costs Rs. 600 per 500 ML bottle.

Furthermore, more than 250 blankets were distributed among the farming community during the programme. The event was organized by Vivek Verma, Field Officer, Jammu Division.

Shalby Hospital Mohali launches innovative services for Kidney Transplant, Knee Replacement



Deputy CEO at Shalby Hospital, Mohali, Dr. Prabhjot Singh briefing media at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Shalby Hospital Mohali recently inaugurated its cutting-edge kidney care unit, a significant milestone in the field of kidney transplant services within the region. Spearheaded by Dr. Priyadarshi Ranjan, former Director of the Kidney Transplant Unit at Fortis Hospital, Mohali, and Dr. KL Gupta, former HOD at PG Chandigarh, the unit has already achieved a series of successful kidney transplants. What sets this hospital apart is its innovative approach, allowing patients without a compatible donor to benefit from kidney transplants through ABO incompatible/swap or deceased donor proce-

dures. Dr. Prabhjot Singh, Deputy CEO at Shalby Hospital, Mohali, commended Dr. Ranjan's expertise and dedication.

He said, "A huge number of patients from the Jammu region have already been cured by successful kidney transplant by Dr. Ranjan and he is a very familiar name here. We also follow a modern immunosuppression regime based on risk stratification for donors and recipients, resulting in a remarkable success rate of nearly 100 per cent with minimal rejection incidents. The hospital also runs a post-transplant fitness program called "Trans Care", aimed at increasing longevity, preserving mus-

cle mass, and minimizing side effects of immunosuppression."

Dr. G.S. Natt, Senior Consultant and Head of Orthopedics & Joint Replacement at Shalby Hospitals Mohali, is an expert in the ROBO-N 3D Knee Resurfacing Technique (Robotics Assisted Natural 3D Knee Resurfacing). This innovative technique is set to revolutionize the treatment options available for knee arthritis patients.

The ROBO-N 3D Knee Resurfacing technique is a part of Shalby Hospital's 'Let's Walk Again' campaign. It combines surgical skills, artificial intelligence, and augmented reality to provide a personalized treatment plan for each patient.

"The benefits of this advanced technique are manifold. It leaves healthy bones, ligaments, and cartilage intact, ensuring minimal surgical time and physiotherapy. Patients can look forward to a fast-track recovery, natural knee motion, and there is no need for blood transfusion or ICU stay," said Dr. Natt.

State Yoga Commissioner felicitates Dr Kailash Sharma

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JAMMU: Dr. Kailash Nath Sharma has been recognized and felicitated by the State Yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, for his outstanding contributions to society and mankind.

Dr. Sharma, although preferring to remain anonymous, has made significant contributions as a physiotherapist, leader, and inspiration for the youth.

He has served in the Indian Army with distinction, participating in multiple wars and contributing to the concept of surgical strikes in India.

Dr. Sharma is noted for his diverse talents, including being a singer, actor, dancer, political analyst, and strategist. He has authored numerous books on English grammar, composition, poetry, and post-pandemic topics, showcasing his intellectual prowess.

Additionally, he has excelled academically, earning degrees from various prestigious institutions. Hailing from a remote village in the Chenab Valley, Dr. Sharma's journey is an inspiring tale of determination and

resilience. Despite facing challenges, he has marched through



State Yoga Commissioner, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain felicitating Dr Kailash Nath Sharma.

life with valour, leaving a mark wherever he goes.

The recognition bestowed upon Dr. Sharma reflects his immense contributions and serves as a source of motivation for future generations.

His biography, "Win We Must," promises to be an intriguing account of his life and achievements.

The Vichar Kranti Manch International, through its president Dr. Jain, has pledged to honour Dr. Kailash Nath Sharma with a "Life Time Achievement Award," recognizing his exceptional accomplishments publicly.

This acknowledgment highlights Dr. Sharma's exemplary life and his invaluable contributions to society.

Knowledge Sharing Session on Monetary Policy of India held at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of Public Policy and Public Administration (PPPA) at Central University of Jammu organized a knowledge sharing session on Monetary Policy of India. The session aimed to provide valuable insights into the functioning and significance of the country's monetary policy.

Dr. Mohd Anwar, Assistant Advisor in the Department of Statistics was invited as eminent speaker for the session. He was recognized for his knowledge and experience in the field. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar Central University of Jammu, attended the session as a special guest. Prof. Santap Sanhari Mishra, Head of PPPA Department, delivered the welcome address and facilitated the presence of the esteemed guests. As the host of the event, Prof. Mishra set the tone for the session and expressed gratitude for the presence of the distinguished dignitaries. He specially thanked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University Jammu Prof. Sanjeev Jain for the encouragement for organizing this session.

During the session, Prof. Singh emphasized the impor-



Dr. Mohd Anwar, Assistant Advisor in the Department of Statistics and others at CUJ.

importance of understanding monetary policy and the role of technology in the banking system. He highlighted how this knowledge would be beneficial for students and researchers in comprehending the finance system of the nation. Prof. Singh's insights shed light on the intersection of technology and finance, providing a broader perspective on the subject.

Dr. Anwar's presentation focused on various aspects of the monetary policy framework in India. He discussed topics such as Monetary Policy Operation, Liquidity Market Operation, Foreign Exchange Operation, Monetary Policy Transmission, Financial Stability, and Monetary Statistics. Through his presentation, Dr. Anwar provided a

comprehensive overview of the evolution and functioning of the monetary policy framework in the country. Thereafter an interactive session where students had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with Dr. Anwar.

The knowledge sharing session witnessed a significant turnout, with students, scholars, faculty members, and deans from various departments of Central University of Jammu in attendance. The diverse audience highlighted the widespread interest and importance of understanding the monetary policy of India. The session served as a platform for knowledge exchange and promoted a deeper understanding of the subject among the participants.