

Budget reflects emphasis on innovation, StartUps to achieve ‘Viksit Bharat’: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said the Interim Budget 2024-25 reflects the emphasis on Innovation and StartUps to achieve the goal of "Viksit Bharat @2047".

The Minister referred to the Interim Budget proposing a corpus of Rs One Lakh Crore to boost innovation and private investment in sunrise technologies.

As the Union Finance Minister said, "This will mark a golden era for our tech savvy youth," he said, adding, "it will encourage programmes that combine the powers of our youth and technology."

The Union Minister was speaking with the media soon after the presentation of the Interim Budget in the Parliament.

"A corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore announced in the Interim Union Budget to promote Innovation and StartUps coupled with a new scheme for Deep Tech StartUps in Defence and an exclusive



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh briefing the media after the presentation of Interim Budget in Parliament on Thursday.

Biomanufacturing scheme to supplement Bio-StartUps and bio-economyall point to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarity and conviction to optimally utilise Science & Technology for achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

Dr Jitendra said, Atmanirbharta in Science & Technology will also get

a fillip with the proposed new scheme to be launched for strengthening Deep-Tech technologies for Defence Sector.

Lauding the acclaimed success of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of S&T, in developing a series of vaccines, Dr Singh said, the Interim Budget proposes the vaccination against cervical cancer of girls in the age group of 9-14 years for the prevention of the disease.

Dr Jitendra had announced India's first indigenously developed vaccine, "CERVAVAC" for the prevention of cervical cancer, developed by DBT and the Serum Institute of India, Pune, in September, 2022.

Dr Singh said the Interim Budget also proposes a new scheme of bio-manufacturing and bio-foundry which will provide environment friendly alternatives such as biodegradable polymers, bio-plastics, bio-pharmaceuticals and bio-agri-inputs.

"DBT will again play a key role in

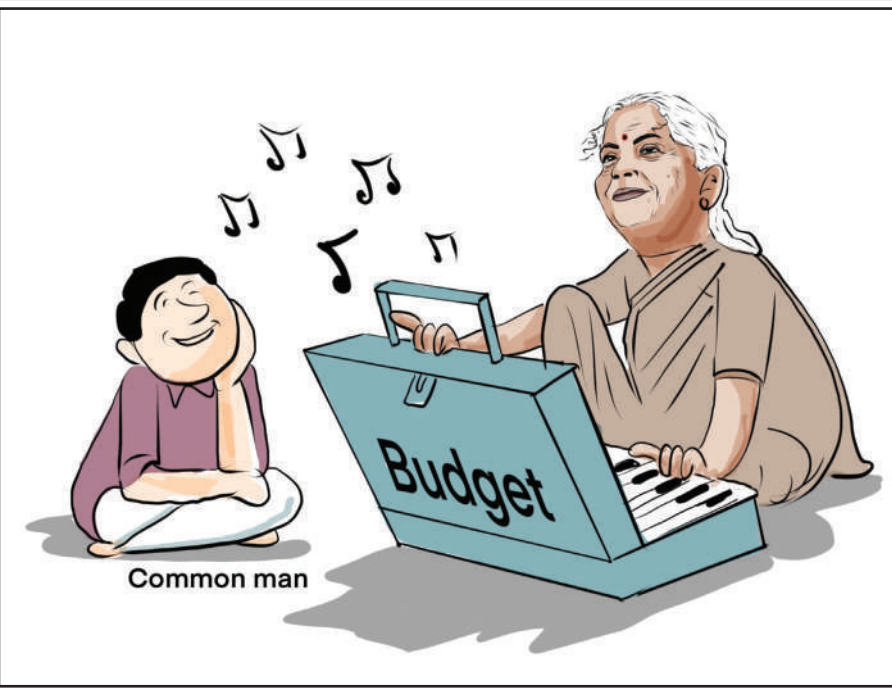
this scheme that promotes green growth and will help transform today's consumptive manufacturing paradigm to the one based on regenerative principles," he said.

"In the years to come, "Blue Economy" will be a major contributor to India's overall economy and the Deep Ocean Mission announced by Prime Minister Modi will be the core component of it," he said.

Dr Jitendra said, the Interim Budget promotes indigenous Solar Energy manufacturers in a big way by laying out a Sustainable and Eco-Friendly approach to Power Subsidy by linking it to Roof Top Solar Development that sells back power to the Distribution Grids.

"As India moves towards its goal of Net Zero by the year 2070, as committed by PM Modi, the budget speech also stresses on expansion of the EV ecosystem," he said.

All these initiatives, said Dr Jitendra, will give a further boost when the full-fledged budget will be presented in July.



Aadhaar seeding camp organised by ESIC in Jammu



Regional Director (In-Charge) ESIC, Dushyant Pande monitoring Aadhaar Seeding Camp at Monalisa Stores Private Limited, Digiana, Jammu.

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JAMMU: To facilitate ease of seeding and authentication of Aadhaar Numbers of Insured Persons & their family members Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Regional Office, Jammu conducted Aadhaar Seeding Camp in the premises of Monalisa Stores Private Limited situated at Digiana Jammu.

Hundreds of IP's and their dependents visited the camp and availed benefit of Aadhaar Seeding. The camp was closely monitored by Regional Director (In-Charge) Dushyant Pande.

He informed that holding such camps create a more secure and supportive work environment, promoting the well-being of employees and their families. It ensures that employees have access to medical care and financial assistance during various life events, contributing to their overall job satisfaction and productivity. He further added that ESI Corporation, Jammu & Kashmir will regularly hold such camps in future enabling employees working in various units to avail benefits of ESI Scheme. He further thanked Vinod Kumar Sachdeva (Director) of M/s. Monalisa Stores Private Limited for this exemplary initiative.

J&K witnessing new era of hope under Modi regime: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is witnessing a new era of hope and optimism. The visionary leadership has played a pivotal role in steering Jammu and Kashmir towards positive developments, fostering unity, and instilling a renewed spirit among its residents.



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public grievance at Jammu on Thursday.

of East Mandal were also present.

The senior BJP leader dwelt in detail about various path breaking initiatives taken across Jammu and Kashmir during recent years with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as

a result of massive investments.

Yudhvir asserted that the BJP believes in inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, with every segment of society, irrespective of region, religion, race or caste having equal opportunities to prosper and progress and equal rights in the governance.

The party does not believe

in the political hegemony of any region or a particular section of elites, he said adding that the people's power will triumph under the cherished agenda of Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

Sethi said the Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat is Sashaktikaran (empowerment) of all, irrespective of religion, region or caste. It is with this mantra that every BJP Karyakarta is reaching out to the people, making them aware about the schemes tailored by the government for their welfare, listen to their problems and make every effort in getting these resolved by taking up the grievances or issues with appropriate forums in the administration.

Earlier, the senior BJP leader gave a patient hearing to the deputations and resolved most of their issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on the phone.

Sethi said that the BJP is committed to addressing the day-to-day problems being faced by the people in general and Jammu City in particular and that the party is making a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people.

The senior BJP leader also stated that only BJP can fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and address their issues on a priority basis. He assured the public that he will take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get them resolved soon.

Benam Tosh assumes charge of SSP Crime Jammu

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JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Benam Tosh on Thursday assumed charge of SSP Crime, Jammu in pursuance of J&K Government, Home Department order dated January 27, 2024.

Immediately after assuming the charge, SSP held introductory meeting with the officers and sought an overview of the functioning, manpower and crime position. On his arrival, he was received by the senior officers of Crime Branch Jammu.

1999 batch JKPS officer, SSP Benam Tosh has been SHO Hiranagar as probationary DySP, Head of SOG Kathua, SDPO Nowshera Rajouri, DySP Operations Udhampur, DySP operations Jammu, Additional SP Kathua, Staff Officer to DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Additional SP Udhampur, I/C SSP Udhampur, Staff



officer to IGP Railway J&K, Commandant IRP 17th Battalion Mattan Anantnag, Commandant IRP 19th Battalion Kathua and SSP Samba.

He has twice functioned as Incharge Holy Cave in South Kashmir Himalayas and has been deployed in Anarnath Yatra for over ten times.

He has also functioned as SSP JPCR Pahalgam and Incharge Special Law & Order deployment in Kargil & Leh districts of Ladakh.

He is also having performed duties in Warwan & Dachhan areas of Kishtwar, Marmat area of Doda, Ind-Gool area of Ramban, Narla-Bambal area of Rajouri, Holy Trikuta Hills and several other tough terrains of J&K.

Benam Tosh functioned as Parade Commander of J&K 's biggest national parades record seven times at Srinagar.

Labour Com holds video conference with workers across J&K

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JAMMU: Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh on Thursday interacted with a large gathering of workers who joined through video conferencing from all twenty districts of J&K. The interaction provided a platform to the workers for directly engaging and raising issues concerning them with the Labour Commissioner.

Acknowledging their crucial role as nation builders, the Labour Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the Government in protecting and safeguarding their interests and ensuring that the benefits of welfare schemes reaches each and every worker including their



Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh interacting with workers through video conferencing on Thursday.

family members. "The Labour Department is meant to serve and empower you" he said.

During the interaction, Labour Commissioner enquired about problems, if any, being faced by them including in availing benefits of welfare schemes like educational assistance for their

children, healthcare etc. "Not just the schemes of the Labour Department, if you face any issues in availing benefits of schemes in other departments of the Government, our offices in the districts will help you in getting them", he told workers.

The Labour Commissioner

emphasized upon the Labourers, the significance of being aware of their rights and entitlements guaranteed under Labour Laws. He also invited attention of workers towards registering on the e-shram Portal which will facilitate the Government to seamlessly deliver benefits under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Pension Scheme and other UT and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the workers.

Workers were also informed about the 2- Day camps being organized on 2nd and 3rd February, 2024 at every Tehsil Supply Office of the Food Department in the UT

for providing Ration Cards to the left-out unorganized workers in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard.

While expressing gratitude for the interaction, the workers appreciated the role of the Labour Department for their welfare and providing of services through online mode which has made it easy for the stakeholders to avail various services.

The Labour Commissioner expressed optimism and assured workers that such interactions aimed at fostering a culture of awareness and cooperation between the labour force and the Department will continue in the right earnest.

CS reviews IT reforms taken by J&K in collaboration with BISAG

Asked for launching single centralised helpline for all public purposes



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing meeting to review IT reforms taken by J&K in collaboration with BISAG.

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday took review of certain collaborative initiatives taken up by the UT administration regarding certain reforms in the IT sector for the ease of citizens here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, APD; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Skill Development; Secretary, Grievances; CEO, JaKeGa; SIO, NIC, team members of BISAG-N besides other concerned officers.

At the outset of this meeting the Chief Secretary had an overview of the newly made interventions made by the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) in making the government services

more meaningful, accessible and result-oriented for people.

Dulloo told the BISAG team to assist the J&K administration in making the necessary interventions in using the latest technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) for making government more accessible and responsive to public. He applauded them for the work done so far and asked them to make the blueprint fully applicable on ground.

The Chief Secretary also implored upon the team to help them in capacity building of the JaKeGa staff for future operation and maintenance of such reforms here.

He enjoined upon them to assist UT in developing a robust centralised helpline for meeting all public purposes. He asked them to make it a one stop solution for all their grievances, requirements and informa-

tion purposes.

He told them to assist the administration in developing a flood forecasting system, IoT based water supply information mechanism, panchayat profiling for developmental purposes besides developing and synchronising the facial recognition system into our law enforcement machinery for streamlining of traffic and stopping other criminal activities here. The Chief Secretary was then informed by the Commissioner Secretary, IT, Purna Puri about the status of different reformative measure taken in collaboration with the BISAG-N. She gave out that these initiatives had been taken in light of the directions passed on by the Chief Secretary earlier.

In their presentations the team BISAG-N threw light on the progress they had achieved in formulation of

Grievance redressal mechanism- Samadhan. It was said that the refurbished mechanism is a multi-lingual forum which would be based on AI.

It was also given out that the mechanism would be more responsive, real-time updates, prompt acknowledgement and chatbot integration. It would be having features of IVRS and video chat facilities for the public to reach to the higher-ups.

The Chief Secretary was also demonstrated the renewed mechanism of farmer empowerment mechanism by virtue of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) ecosystem. The said system would be having innate characteristics of farmer registration, sale of agricultural inputs, scheme on boarding mechanism, advisories, skilling, expert consultation, digital marketing, decision support and developing of smart phone applications.

It also discussed about the development and creation of Digital DPRs and Skill Management in the UT. The said mechanism is going to take help of AI and others for career counselling, job opportunities in Pvt and public sector, self employment besides imparting skills and incubation to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month: AIIMS Jammu organises two multidisciplinary health camps



AIIMS Jammu doctors and others at multidisciplinary health camps.

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JAMMU: Every year January is celebrated as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

In a bid to promote women's health and raise awareness about cervical cancer, multiple community outreach activities were conducted to commemorate this initiative.

Aligning with the national mission of Cervical Cancer Mukht Bharat, AIIMS Jammu organized two multidisciplinary health camps at CHC Ranghar and PHC Sumb and all the eligible females were offered free cervical cancer screening (PAP Smear).

The health camps were organized by AIIMS Jammu in coordination with the Department of Health, Jammu and Kashmir; and the local health authorities with the aim to bridge the gap in healthcare access and offer vital services to women who may otherwise not have the

opportunity for regular check-ups.

The collaborative effort involved in organizing these camps highlights the collective commitment to women's health and underscores the importance of community-based initiatives in combating cervical cancer.

Through education, outreach, and accessible healthcare services, these camps not only raise awareness but also empower women to take charge of their health and well-being.

The camps were multidisciplinary, involving the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Community Medicine, Department of General Medicine, Department of General Surgery, Department of Ophthalmology, Department of Dermatology, and Department of Orthopedics from AIIMS Jammu.

Key activities included

gynecological check-ups along with cervical cancer screening of women by PAP Smear, eye check-ups, and treatment of common medical, dermatological, surgical, and orthopedic problems. Distribution of free medicines was also done.

One of the primary objectives of these camps is to dispel myths and misconceptions surrounding cervical cancer while emphasizing the importance of early detection.

Many women in rural areas lack awareness about the disease and may hesitate to seek medical help due to social stigmas or financial constraints. By providing information and services directly in their communities, these camps aim to break down barriers to healthcare access and encourage proactive healthcare-seeking behaviors among women. Furthermore, the multidisciplinary approach ensures that women receive holistic care

catered to their individual needs.

To further contribute to this national mission, two awareness sessions for school-going children were held.

One was conducted at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Nagrota and the other session at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Canal Road, Jammu. The students of classes 9th to 12th were educated about cervical cancer preventive measures with an emphasis on HPV Vaccination. This was an effort by AIIMS, Jammu team to reverberates within communities, leaving a lasting legacy of awareness, empowerment, and hope for a future free from the burden of cervical cancer by spreading awareness regarding its preventive and screening measures. Let's educate, vaccinate and screen to make India - Cervical Cancer Mukht Bharat.