

Dr Jitendra launches ‘YUVA’ portal for potential young StartUps

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday launched "YUVA" portal, which will help in connecting and identifying potential young StartUps.

While launching the NPL's "One Week -One Lab" programme in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra again underlined that unless the stakeholders' participation is broad-based, particularly the Industry.

The StartUps may not remain sustainable for want of proper industry mapping and right aptitude, he cautioned.

Highlighting India's global excellence in technology, innovation and StartUps, Dr Jitendra said each of the 37 CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching 'YUVA' portal and 'One Week One Lab' programme, at National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi on Monday.

Research) Labs spread across the country is dedicated to a different exclusive area of work and the "on week, one lab" campaign will offer an opportunity to each one of them to showcase the work being done by it so that others can avail of it

and stakeholders learn about it.

Dr Jitendra Singh also hailed the launching of the astronomy lab that has come up in Haryana's Karnal and said it will provide level-playing field to all and even Divyans can excel

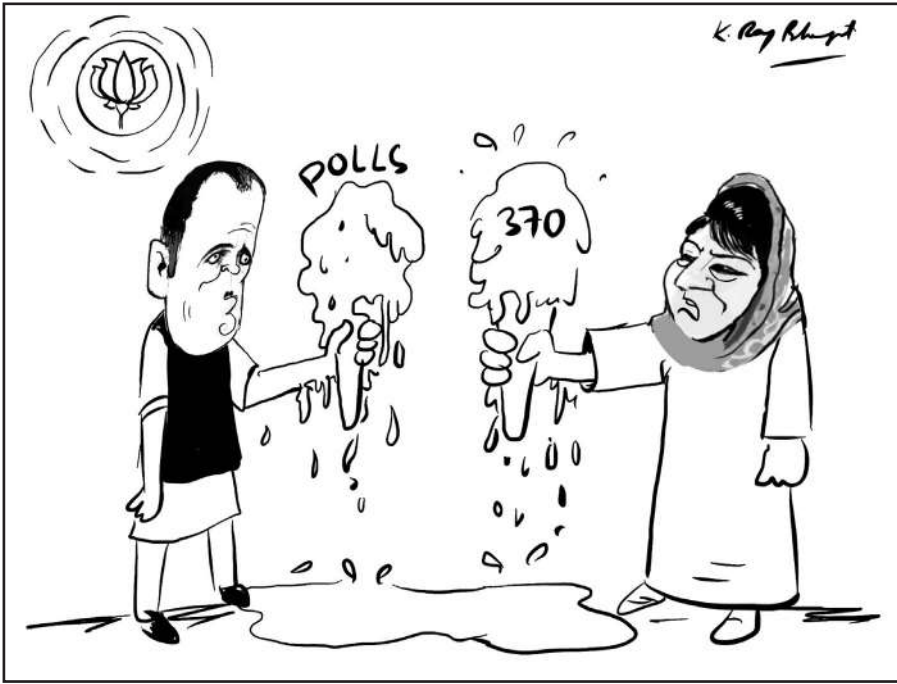
in various forms of skill, art and craft. He said, the facility in different languages to start with will enable hearing impaired students to learn about sun, moon and stars, apart from simple to complex concepts of space.

Dr Jitendra Singh said,

with today's program, in which all labs of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) will reach out to public to not only showcase their technologies but also to ignite the minds of young innovators, students, start-ups, academia, and industry to look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.

Dr Achanta said 180 schools of Delhi -NCR were exposed to NPL to labs for different activities and more and more schools will be thrown open for such open interactions in future.

For more details about CSIR-NPL and its "One Week One Lab" programme, one can visit NPL website: <https://www.nplindia.org/>. To participate, the interested may register for the event.



Registration Deptt holds training session on e-office implementation



Revenue Department officials during a training session.

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JAMMU: A training session on e-office implementation was organized by Registration Department Jammu, on Monday at Revenue Training Institute Gole Gujral, here on the initiative of Secretary, Revenue Department and directions of Inspector General Registration, J&K for the

Registrars, Sub-Registrar and field functionaries of Registration department.

A number of participants from all districts of Jammu division took advantage of the training programme regarding operations, usage and implementation of the e-office.

The training was organized in collaboration with JakeGA

J&K to clear difficulties on various levels to make e-office fully functional.

The e-office implementation will enable the department to achieve the goal of e-governance and better delivery of government services.

A interactive session was also organized at the end of the program for the participants.

ANTF seizes huge quantity of narcotics, arrests two hardcore drug dealers

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JAMMU: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drug trafficking and drug abuse from gross root level under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) on Monday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 830.9 kilograms of the poppy straw from their possession in Jammu's winter capital city.

Acting on the intelligence input, the ANTF Jammu team, a specialized unit to check rising menace of drugs, achieved another success after it foiled a bid to smuggle a commercial quantity of poppy straw worth lakhs of rupees when they seized a truck.

"ANTF Jammu has seized a truck bearing registration number JK18A-0425 from Narwal and recovered 830.900 kilogram of poppy straw. In this regards case FIR No 02 under Section 8/15/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station ANTF Jammu," ANTF J&K SSP Vinay Sharma said.

"Two inter-state drug paddlers namely Nazil Qadir, son of Ghulam Qadir Bhat, resident of Rajpura Pulwama and Jasvinder Singh, son of Manohar Singh, resident of Phillaurl Jalandhar have been arrested in the case," he said adding that the ANTF team has zeroed in the main drug receiver who has been identified

as Harvinder Singh Basi, son of Bhag Singh Basi and Digvijay Singh Basi, son of Harvinder Singh Basi, residents of Garaha Phillaurl Jalandhar who was wanted in multiple cases of NDPS in J&K.

A team of ANTF was constituted which was led by Inspector Sanjeet Sharma under guidance of Shamsheer Singh DySP ANTF Jammu under overall supervision of Vinay Sharma, SSP ANTF J&K.

With this recovery followed by immediate arrest of main receivers of drugs ANTF Jammu has been able to break the nexus of Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs suppliers and receivers

from Kashmir valley to Punjab, SSP ANTF J&K said and appealed the general public particularly the youth to stay away from drugs and to share any kind of information regarding drug related activities with ANTF so that strict legal actions are taken against such drug dealers.

The identity of the informant as well as whistle-blower shall be kept confidential, he said adding that persons found in drug peddling will be dealt strictly as per law. The community participation in fight against drug abuse can serve the purpose of complete eradication of the menace of drugs from our society, SSP Vinay said.

ADGP Jammu Zone visits district Reasi; lays stress for joint operations, coordinated plan to tackle terrorism



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh visited district Reasi on Monday and held a

joint meeting of district heads and DIGs of Rajouri and Reasi with regard to conduct of operations along the boundary of Reasi and Rajouri. He laid stress on

joint operations and a coordinated plan to address the areas where the presence of terrorists is likely. During the meeting, progress of investigation of UAP Act cases of Reasi was also discussed. Investigation into cases of drugs abuse and strategies to counter the drug menace was deliberated upon.

The meeting was attended by Suleman Chaudhary, DIG UR Range, Haseeb Mughal DIG RP Range , Amritpal Singh SSP Rajouri, Amit Gupta SSP Reasi and all Gazetteer officers of district Reasi.

Bukhari calls for reconciliation to bring positive change in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Apni party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday emphasised that reconciliation is important to shape the destiny of J&K and its people in a positive way.

Bukhari was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a party event, in which a large number of political leaders and activists from central Kashmir's Badgam district joined the Apni Party at its headquarters in Srinagar.

In response to questions, Apni Party President said, "The terrorism has taken a



Apni Party President S.M.A Bukhari during a joining programme.

backstage in J&K and the people have been contributing to restoring the normalcy here; therefore, the time has come to start

a reconciliation to shape up the destiny of this land and its people in a positive manner."

However, Bukhari

expressed his worry about the prevailing drug menace in society and yet again called for comprehensive efforts by one and all to eradicate the menace and protect the young population from falling prey to it.

He said, "As you know, Apni Party has already launched a campaign named 'Say yes to life and say no to drugs' with a range of initiatives, but the problem needs to be tackled on a large scale and everyone from the society, especially our religious leaders, need to come forward to play their vital role in eradicating the

drug abuse from the society."

Earlier, greeting a large group of political leaders and activists from Badgam district into the party fold, and addressing the gathering of these new entrants, Bukhari said, "I am delighted to welcome you into Apni Party, and I am sure your joining will strengthen our party cadre in your respective area and will help to drive us forward in our mission to serve the people.

Together, we can work towards a better future for Jammu and Kashmir and its people."

CS for resolution of all pending Forest Rights claims by May ending

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired a meeting to review the implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 here in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Forests, Dheeraj Gupta; PCCF, Mohit Gera; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar besides District Officers of the Department through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta discussed the pace and procedure of claim resolution, in accordance with rules, in consultation with villagers, Gram Sabha and other stake holders. He called for preparing concrete check list of steps for resolu-



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

tion within prescribed timelines so that all claims received by the Department are resolved within stipulated period.

He directed that all the pending claims be addressed and closed by the end of May this year. He also stressed on creating necessary awareness among the eligible population for submitting their

applications successfully so that none of them struggle to obtain their due.

The Chief Secretary directed the DFOs to prepare a detailed action plan with the requisite records and maps and coordinate with Deputy Commissioners and Sub Divisional level Committees for conduct of verification by the Forest Rights Committee

in order to put these before the concerned Gram Sabha for its decisions. He asked them to expedite its putting before district level committees after taking the necessary resolution from Gram Sabhas.

During the meeting the Chief Secretary was presented with district wise list of pendency of claims. He

spoke with participating district heads in this regard and took stock of pendency at various levels, like Sub Division Level Committee and District Level Committee. The meeting was informed that around 38000 out of 42000 applications received have been disposed of.

He also had a discussion with district heads regarding drug menace and measures to curb it, besides deliberations on awareness activities and rehabilitation of those affected by it.

He called for identification of drug hotspots, carrying out awareness activities in collaboration with education institutes, and eradication of the menace.

J&K Bank commissions CRM at Kangan

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SRINAGAR: In line with extending further convenience to people belonging to rural and remote areas, J&K Bank on Monday dedicated a Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) for public at its Kangan Branch. The Bank's Zonal Head (Budgam/Ganderbal) Saadut Hussain inaugurated the CRM in presence of President (Traders Union Kangan) Firdous Ahmad Dar amid a good gathering of valuable customers, local traders and residents besides other Bank officials.

Informing the people on the occasion about benefits of digital banking, Zonal Head urged them to use Bank's digital platforms. He further said, "The commissioning of CRM here is part of the Bank's plan to ensure ease-of-banking for common people." Hailing the Bank's efforts, customers present on the occasion expressed their gratitude to the Bank's management for providing them instant and easily accessible banking facility. Notably, the self-service terminal dispenses as well as accepts cash thereby reducing the footfall at the adjacent branches and ensures facilitation of cash for customers on holidays besides beyond banking hours.



J&K Bank's Zonal Head (Budgam/Ganderbal) Saadut Hussain inaugurating a CRM.

ICAI J&K delegation calls on LG Mishra



ICAI J&K delegation calling on LG Ladakh, Brigadier (Retd) B. D. Mishra.

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KARGIL: CA Rohit Ruwatha, Central Council members, CA Vineet Kohli, Vice Chairman, J&K Branch of NIRC and CA Nakul Saraf, Immediate Past Chairman, J&K Branch of

NIRC, ICAI met Lieutenant Governor Brigadier B. D. Mishra at the Raj Nivas, Kargil, to discuss and promote the Commerce Education and CA course amongst Government and Government Aided

Secondary and Higher Secondary school, Graduate/Post Graduate students in Ladakh.

Various measures were discussed to bring out the true potential of students belonging to Ladakh, promoting motivational stories and creative content for disseminating knowledge with a focus on CA education.

The delegation appraised the various initiatives taken by ICAI for the benefits of students and members at Large and promised to conduct training programs for school/ college/ university teachers.

The Lieutenant Governor Brigadier B.D Mishra took note of the concerns of the delegation and assured to look into the matter.

■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: Thousands of people from all walks of life, all faiths, and all parts of the region assembled on Leh Pologround to show solidarity with His Holiness The Dalai Lama while Ladakh remained complete shut for the whole day on Monday on the call given by Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) and Ladakh Gonpa Association (LGA) with support from all other religious communities.

A peaceful protest rally was taken out from NDS ground by thousands of people. It passes through P. Namgyal road all the way to Leh Pologround where a mammoth gathering was addressed by leaders from LBA, LGA,



People from different walks of life during a rally at Leh.

Anjuman, Immamia, Jamyang, Tsering, Anjuman, Moin-ul, Christian association, leaders from Tibetan Settlement Ladakh, CEC LAHDC, Leh, Tashi Gyalson and MP Ladakh

benefactors and requested Government of India to take action against media organisations and celebrities who spread propaganda against the Dalai Lama.

Leaders condemned the malicious intent of vested interests to defame His Holiness The Dalai Lama in order to please their

President LBA Thupstan Chhewang warned that LBA will intensify protest if no action is taken against those defaming HH Dalai Lama before G20 summit. He also appealed to the public to unsubscribe to some TV channels that had been spreading manipulated video against the Dalai Lama. Leaders also announced that celebrities who too defamed The Dalai Lama will not be allowed to shoot in Ladakh.

Leaders termed the Dalai Lama an apostle of peace and a symbol of compassion in the world. Similar protest rallies were taken out in Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar, Sham and other regions of Ladakh on Monday.