

# Dr Jitendra announces written test for jobs in 15 languages

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NEW DELHI: In a landmark decision, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has approved conduct of the Staff Selection Commission Multitasking (non-technical) Staff (SSC MTS) examination and CHSL Examination for government jobs in 15 languages in total, that is, 13 regional languages in addition to Hindi and English.

This was announced here on Tuesday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the Minister Incharge DoPT.

This historic decision has been taken at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing media about the DoPT decision regarding job selection at New Delhi.

impetus to participation of local youth and encourage regional languages, said the Minister.

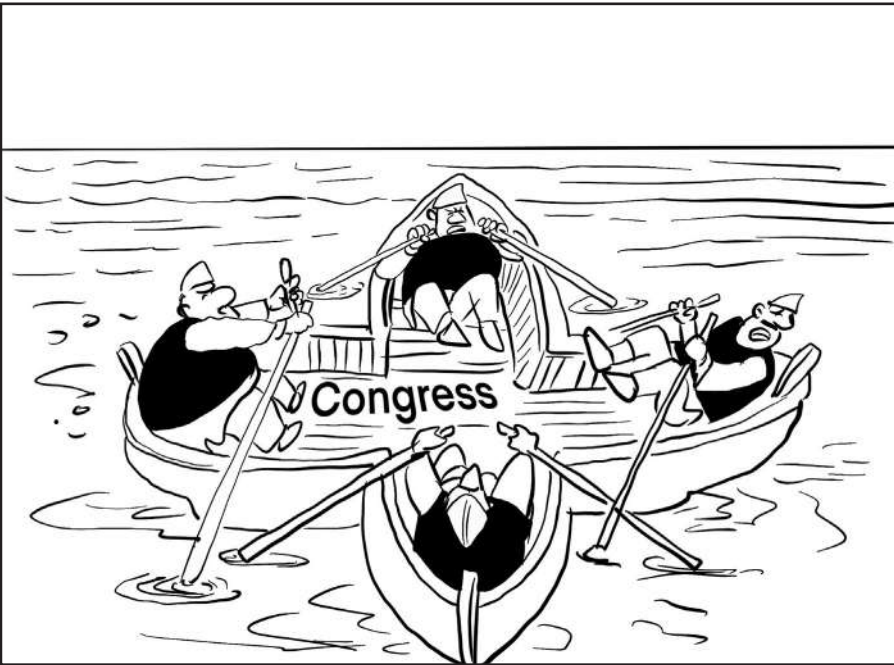
In addition to Hindi and English, the question paper will be set in the 13 regional languages i.e. Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri (also Meiti) and Konkani, he said.

Government accepted this recommendation of the Expert Committee and asked SSC to work out the modalities.

To start with the Commission has decided to conduct MTS Examination, 2022 and CHSLE

Examination, 2022 in 15 languages (13 regional languages + Hindi + English) as used by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) / Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) for conducting their examination. The notice of MTS Exam has already been issued. Notice for CHSL Exam in Multi-Language will be issued in May-June 2023.

The Minister said that the MTS 2022 exam notice has received positive response amongst the candidates especially belonging to South India and also on social media. The first exam in multi-language (MTS 2022) will commence from May 2nd.



## Keep close watch on over ground workers, drug peddlers: ADGP Jammu to officers



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh has stressed upon close watch on over ground workers and identification of new ones of any.

ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh chaired a meeting of officers to review the crime situation of the Doda -Kishtwar Range here

on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by DIG DKR Range Sunil Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom and SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal.

While addressing the officers, ADGP Jammu Zone stressed on quality investigation of cases and close supervision by the supervisory officers.

Some cases of each Police Station have been identified for close monitoring and Pairvi so that the cases end in conviction.

At the same time cases of terrorism registered under the UAP Act were put on special focus.

ADGP Jammu laid special emphasis on timely action against known drug peddlers in the range.

## Divyvasu delivers lecture on 'Role of Artificial Intelligence in Social Media'

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NEW DELHI: Divyvasu Sharma, Business Head of Twentyfive Technoarts, a Jammu based IT company, recently delivered an engaging and informative lecture to officials from the Defence Ministry of India, including personnel from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, on the topic of the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Social Media.

The lecture, held at the prestigious Indian Institute of Mass Communication New Delhi, was attended by high-ranking officials and professionals from the Defence Ministry, including representatives from various branches of the military.

Divyvasu, an expert in AI and its applications in the



Divyvasu Sharma, Business Head of Twentyfive Technoarts, with others after delivering a lecture.

field of social media, shared valuable insights on the ways in which AI is transforming the landscape of social media and its potential implications for the defence and security sector.

Divyvasu highlighted the growing significance of AI in social media and its impact

on various aspects of national security. He discussed how AI algorithms and machine learning techniques can be leveraged to analyze vast amounts of social media data in real-time, identify trends, patterns, and potential threats, and aid in decision-making for defence and security operations.

Divyvasu also discussed the ethical considerations and challenges associated with AI in social media, including issues of privacy, bias, and misinformation, and stressed the need for responsible and ethical use of AI technologies in the defence sector.

The lecture was well-received by the Defence Ministry officials expressing their appreciation for the insights shared by Divyvasu.

His expertise and knowledge on the topic were evident throughout the presentation, and the attendees gained valuable insights into the potential of AI in social media and its relevance to

the defence and security domain.

Divyvasu expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to share his expertise with the Defence Ministry officials and personnel from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. He stated, "Artificial Intelligence has the potential to revolutionize social media and transform the way we analyze and respond to information. It was an honor to share my insights on the role of AI in social media with the esteemed audience from the Defence Ministry. I believe that responsible and ethical use of AI can greatly benefit the defence and security sector, and I am committed to continuing my efforts in driving innovation in this field."

## ANTF seizes narcotic drugs, arrests multiple hardcore drug dealers

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JAMMU: Under the Union Government's programme Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) J&K, the specialised unit of JKP to tackle the menace of drugs, on Tuesday recovered a large quantity of formulated narcotic drugs from a sleeper bus and arrested the driver.

"The team of ANTF conducted series of raids in Jammu and finally zeroed in and arrested one of the most wanted drug suppliers who was identified as Mohd Ishaq alias Shaka, son of Rehmat Ali, resident of Gujjar Colony, Channi Himmat, Jammu along with the consignment of 120 Codeine Phosphate Bottles at ISBT Transport Yard Narwal

Jammu," said SSP ANTF J&K, Vinay Sharma.

Vinay added that the accused is main drug peddler of Channi Himmat Jammu and involved in multiple case of NDPS at different police stations.

"The arrested person is the main supplier of Narcotics and Psychotropic substances which are being smuggled from NCR to J&K UT and a Case FIR No 3/2023 under Section 8/21/22 NDPS Act of Police Station ANTF has been registered against the habitual offender," SSP Vinay said adding that there is nexus between narcotics drug peddlers and few distributors of Delhi, NCR, Solan, who supply the formulated narcotics to the peddlers in Jammu and Kashmir and the suppliers

and distributors supply the drugs to the addicted youth of the UT of J&K and Punjab.

"The investigation is under progress to unearth the nexus between the suppliers and the distributors and owners of the bus if any to transport narcotics to different states," Vinay said.

The arrest and the recovery were done by Inspector Varuneshwar Singh under guidance of Shamsheer Singh ANTF Jammu Zone under overall supervision of Vinay Sharma, SSP ANTF J&K.

This arrest has been hailed as a big sigh of relief for the sleuths as well as Youth of Jammu and Kashmir. The other involvements in the case are being investigated and more arrests are expected in near future.

In yet another successful operation, ANTF Jammu has conducted raids at multiple locations in Kashmir Valley recently and arrested one of the hardcore narcotics drug suppliers with the help of Budgam Police from Iehgam in Budgam district.

The arrested person has been identified as Nisar Ahmed Rather, son of Mohd Qasim Rather, resident of Iehgam Budgam, who is a notorious Kingpin/Supplier and wanted in Case FIR 15/2022 under Sections 8/15/20/25/29 NDPS Act 201 IPC of Police Station ANTF Jammu, SSP Vinay said adding that Nisar is the main supplier of Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs which are being smuggled from Jammu and Kashmir to Punjab and other states of

northern India. He was operating from Kashmir Valley and was associate of another drug dealer of Punjab Surinder Pal and his other associates who used to collect the consignments and sell it to the local youth of Punjab to earn hefty illegal amounts.

The Punjab based main receiver namely Surinder Pal is already arrested and lodged in jail.

With the arrest of these main notorious drug dealers, ANTF Jammu has been able to break the nexus of Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs suppliers and receivers from Kashmir Valley to Punjab.

The raids were led by Inspector Amandeep Singh of ANTF under the guidance of senior officers.

## Time to promote 'Kaman Post' as tourism destination

## ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: There is completely peaceful atmosphere in boarder areas in Jammu and Kashmir as there is no ceasefire violation on the LoC for a long time now so it is the right time to promote Kaman Post as a tourist spot.

Kaman Post, also known as the Bridge of Peace, situated along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Baramulla district, is finally open for tourists and common people, marking a significant moment of peace and tranquillity in the region. After years of remaining out of bounds for com-

moners, the place is now being promoted as a tourist destination, an initiative made possible due to ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan last year. "Visitors are now allowed to visit the post by submitting their Aadhaar card to the concerned authorities.

However, due to sensitivity of area, the visitors are allowed to visit post only during daytime," an official said.

The post has been given a complete facelift, upgradation and renovation to make it more alluring and attractive for tourists.

The revamped Kaman Post is not only rich in history, but also offers an opportunity to walk on the 'Veer Path' as posters of martyrs have been erected on both sides along with

slogans of unity and strength. "While Kaman Post has already started to witness a footfall of visitors, we are planning to organise school trips to the Post to infuse a sense of patriotism among young minds. When school children will see the Veer Path, it will instill a feeling of patriotism among them," the official added.

The initiative to promote the Kaman Post as a tourist destination has raised expectations of locals that the move will further pave way for promotion of border tourism by exploring other adjacent areas of Uri sector. The locals have also demanded promotion of shrines named after Baba Qazi Nag and Baba Fareed, along with areas like Chotali, Limber and Bosnian.

## LG Sinha congratulates Shahid, Sehrish for getting PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration



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JAMMU: Chief Executive Officer Mission Youth Jammu and Kashmir and Deputy Commissioner Baramulla have been selected for prestigious PM's award for excellence in public administration. This is the highest award in the country in civil

services.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO Mission Youth J&K and Secretary to Government and DC Baramulla Dr Syed Sehrish Asghar have been selected for the coveted award.

Meanwhile, Lt Governor Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha has felicitated and congratulated the officers for being selected for this award.

"Congratulations & best wishes to Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, and Dr Syed Sehrish for prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration-2022 in category of Innovation (State) and Aspirational District Programme respectively. Keep it up," office of LG J&K tweeted.

## Bukhari hails administration's decision to allow congregational prayers at Jamia Masjid on Shab-e-Qadr

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday hailed the government's decision to allow congregational prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Qadr.

In a statement, Mr.Bukhari said, "I was delighted to see that unlike on the occasion of Jum'at-ul-Vida, the administration allowed congregational prayers on Shab-e-Qadr in Srinagar's historic Jamia Masjid, which has been a spir-



itual centre for the Muslims of Kashmir for centuries and has traditionally been attracting large gatherings during the significant events.

Apni Party president

expressed his gratitude to the authorities for reconsidering their decision to close down the mosque during important gatherings, and hoped that the government would adopt the same approach on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr as well.

He said, "I extend my gratitude to the concerned authorities for revisiting their unpopular approach in this regard, and I hope they, keeping the sentiments of the people in view, will allow Eid prayers in the grand masque as well."

## Delegation of Kashmiri Migrant Relief holders calls on LG

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JAMMU: Delegation of Kashmiri Migrant Relief Holders, Jagti Township called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Tuesday.

The members of the delegation led by Ravinder Koul expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the unprecedented initiatives

taken by the UT administration for the welfare of Kashmiri Pandit community.

They also submitted a memorandum of demands to the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of redressal of the genuine issues put forth by them on merit.

# DBPS takes out Bhagwan Parshuram Shobha Yatra in Jammu



Impressive Shobha Yatra taken out on Parshuram Jayanti by Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha in Jammu on Tuesday. (Pics by Sanjeev)

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) in its ongoing three-day Bhagwan Parsuram Jayanti celebration, on Tuesday flagged off the Rath Yatra and Car Bike rally, here.

The event was organized jointly by Sabha President

Ved Parkash Sharma and Yuva President of the Sabha, Ritiz Khajuria in presence of Tawi Andolan President Chander Mohan Sharma, B.D Sharma Retd. IAS, Ex. DC B.S Jamwal, NMC President Subash Shastri, several JMC Corporators, heads of vari-

ous social and religious organizations, beside senior prominent citizen from length and breadth of Jammu Province and apart from religious scholars.

Ex. Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma, Ikkjutt Party President Ankur Sharma, Bawa Bhairdev Sathan

Trust President Balwant Singh and General Secretary Ramesh Sharma, Bajrang Dal President Rakesh Kumar, Sanatan Dharam Natak Samaj President Anil Masoom and others were also present.

The Rath Yatra, Jhankis by various religious organi-

zations and bike car rally passed through the authorized routes viz Chankaya Chowk to Moti Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, City Chowk, Kanak Mandi, Residency Road, Ragunath Mandir Bazar, Ranbirashwar Mandir

Chowk and culminated at Chanakya Chowk Parade. Vishal Bhandhara was also served by the DBPS.

The three day celebration programmes will end on 22nd of April 2023 by performing Vishal Hawana and Kirtan and Vedic discourses regarding Bhagwan

Parsuram teaching followed by Vishal Bhandara.

The entire programme was supervised by the Sabha office bearers namely V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Advocate P.C. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, M.L. Padha, Shiv Ram

Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, K.L. Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Rohit Shastri, Davinder Sharma (Baboo), S.S. Baru, Barita Ram Sharma, Gurdass Sharma, Sat Paul Sharma, Raman Sharma, Rajesh Bargaota, Prem Balotra and Kanav Sharma.