Dr Jitendra addresses Hyderabad Expo, underscores innovation, industry linkage for sustainable StartUps

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HYDERABAD: In a spirited call for greater linkage innovation and between industry for sustainable StartUps, Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the time has come for Indian science to break silos and integrate the ecosystem with stakeholders including industry, investors, and the public.

Speaking at the 2-day Startup Expo Conclave 2025 jointly organised by CSIR-HCT, CSIR-CCMB, and CSIR-NGRI in Hyderabad. Dr. Jitendra highlighted that India's moment in science and innovation has arrived.

Addressing a gathering of scientists, entrepreneurs, students, and policymakers, Dr. Singh lauded the rare joint initiative by the three Hyderabad-based CSIR labs, noting that "such an integrated scene of science and governance under one roof" reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of collaborative and inclusive innovation.

The Minister made a strong pitch for dismantling the outdated image of government labs as "ghost-haunted places where frogs are dissected." narrating how villagers once misunderstood the work of CSIR labs due to lack of public outreach. "Science should not be confined behind gates.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the 2-day "Startup Expo 2025" jointly organised by CSIR-IICT, CSIR-CCMB and CSIR-NGRI at Hyderabad on Tuesday.

If your domain is agriculture, invite the farmers in. Let them see what you're doing, he asserted.

Dr Jitendra underlined the need for early and deep industry involvement in research and innovation, pointing to the success of CSIR's Aroma Mission, where over 3,000 youth, many of them non-graduates, became successful agrientrepreneurs with minimum annual earnings of ?60 lakh. "That's the real transformation-a blend of technology, livelihood, and dignity," he

Dr. Jitendra expressed concern over internal compartmentalisation within CSIR and even within his own Ministry. He revealed that he now holds monthly joint meetings of all science departments including Atomic Energy, Space, and Biotechnology, to ensure

overlapping initiatives are integrated rather than duplicated. "How can we compete globally if we don't even know what our neighbouring lab is doing?" he questioned.

Minister The announced plans to open up the nuclear sector, noting that a new realism has replaced the secrecy that once shrouded scientific endeavours. "When Google can peek into our lives, what's the point of denying access to potential collaborators in the name of confidentiality?" he asked.

The Minister made a compelling case for realistic. demand-driven innovation. "Let the industry do the mapping. Let them invest from day one. If they put in Rs 20, they'll make sure your startup doesn't fail," he said, encouraging researchers to see industry not just as a customer but as a co-investor.

tainability lies in self-sufficiency and public-private collaboration. "You can start a startup, but sustaining it is the challenge. Social and economic security must match the aspiration," he said.

Concluding his address, Dr. Singh emphasised that Hyderabad, with its unique blend of scientific legacy and tech-savvy spirit, is best positioned to lead India's scienceled development agenda. "This is not just about Hyderabad or about CSIR. This is about India stepping out of the shadows and leading the global innovation nar-



Sunil Sharma's new song 'Dil Tod Ke Na Ja' released



Editor-in-Chief STATE TIMES Raj Daluja, Shourya Mahajan, Ajay Anand, Mahesh Sharma along with other dignitaries releasing song at Press Club Jammu on Tuesdav.

Anurag Thakur bats for 'one nation, one election', calls it 'win-win situation' for country

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said the implementation of the 'one nation, one election' formula would be a win-win situation for the country as it would not just cut the expenses incurred in conducting various polls but also save a lot of time.

"Elections were held in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir within a few months of the Lok Sabha polls (last year). Then elecheld in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi. So, there are at least five assembly elections in a vear.

"If all the polls are held simultaneously, it will reduce the expenditure, save time and increase the voting percentage as well," Thakur told reporters in Srinagar on the sidelines of a party event on 'one nation, one election' (ONOE).

The former Union minister said conducting simultaneous polls would reduce the expenditure of the candidates, political parties, and help the country save

Salal Dam gates opened to manage heavy water inflow into Chenab river **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Authorities on Tuesday opened the gates of the Salal hydroelectric power project dam to ease the heavy inflow of water into the Chenab river in the wake of continuous rains in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said.

Locals have been asked to remain vigilant and keep away from the banks of the river.

"Due to the high inflow and increasing trend in the Chenab River, the gates of the Salal Dam have been opened as a precautionary safety measure," a senior National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) official

He said the discharge into the Chenab River is very high, causing the water level downstream of the Salal dam to

"Due to this, it is not advisable for people, vehicles, livestock, and animals to approach the river. Therefore, the general public in the area is informed to take proper precautions and avoid going near the banks of the Chenab river during this period," he said. The district administration has issued an alert in Reasi as water levels rise in river rise. An official at the dam control said the water level in the river had increased due to heavy rains in the upper areas through which the river passes.

"Around Rs 1.5 lakh crore was spent in the (2024) Lok Sabha elections -- by political parties, candidates, other institutions and the Centre, which can be saved. It can add 1.5 per cent to

India's GDP. Thus, it will be a win-win situation for India wherein people will have a good government for five years," Thakur said. With the implementation of ONOE, officials who are usually busy conducting elections will be able to

focus on their primary duties, the five-time sitting from Hamirpur. Himachal Pradesh, said. "When the model code of conduct is implemented, it slows down developmental

works. A lot of time is lost before and after the conduct of elections, which usually takes 45-90 days. "It also takes time to form

a government, so a lot of time is lost. That is why we are saying that there should nation, one election'," Thakur said.

If the ONOE formula is implemented in 2029, all the elections will be held together, he said.

"If it (ONOE) matures up for 2029, elections in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab, which are scheduled in 2027, will be valid for two years only, and in 2029, all the elections will be held together," Thakur said.

"If Lok Sabha polls and state elections are conducted together, the country will benefit," he added.

To a question on the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Thakur said the BJP has promised it and "J-K will get

Asked about the situation in the Jammu region, which witnessed a spate of terror attacks in the recent past, Thakur said the BJP has tolerance policy towards terrorism.

"Naxalism and terrorism are being dealt with sternly across the country. Naxals are being killed and arrested al Naxals have laid down arms. If you see the situation in Kashmir, there is a lot of peace now compared to the previous years.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Sunil Music

Dr. Jitendra acknowledged

that while the government

has significantly increased

support-CSIR and DSIR

budgets have risen over

Entertainment on Tuesday released its latest soulful musical offering "Dil Tod Ke Na Ja", a touching romantic track that promises to resonate with every heart nursing memories of love and

The song was released by Editor-in-Chief STATE TIMES Raj Daluja, Shourya Mahajan, Ajay Anand, Mahesh Sharma along with other dignitaries at Press Club Jammu on

Penned, composed, and soulfully sung by Sunil Sharma, fondly known as the Kishore Kumar of Jammu and Kashmir, the song is a melodic blend of emotion and nostalgia.

Sunil Sharma welcomed all the dignitaries by honouring them by presenting shawl and thanked them for gracing the event. He also introduced his team behind the

The music has been masterfully arranged by Jiven Bharti, whose soothing composition perfectly complements the heartfelt lyrics and vocal delivery.

The video features a talented cast including Aryan, Sonia Bhagat, and Sunil Sarmaal, bringing the song's emotional journey to life through expressive perform-

Directed by the visionary Rahul Dutta and captured beautifully by D.O.P. Raju, the video is visually stun-

"Dil Tod Ke Na Ja" explores the delicate feelings of separation and longing, leaving a lasting impression on its listeners with its rich vocals and poetic depth.

ning and emotionally stir-

At a vibrant cultural gathering, Raj Daluja, a prominent figure known for his love of songs, extended heartfelt congratulations to the team behind the song. He praised the director, producer, writer, singer Sunil Sharma, and the entire

artistic team for their remarkable effort in preserving and promoting the Jammu heritage through

Commending their creativity, Daluja emphasized the growing need for such initiatives that reflect the soul of Jammu & Kashmir. He urged the people of

J&K to wholeheartedly support local talent, enabling artists to flourish and represent the culture with pride. Pledging his continued support, he added, "I am always ready to extend a helping hand for any future project that showcases our rich her-

Shourya Mahajan also

extended his warm wishes to Sunil Sharma and lauded his exceptional talent and dedication. He expressed hope for more such creative ventures in the future. Other dignitaries present at the event echoed similar sentiments, appreciating Sunil Sharma's musical journey and contribution to regional art. This release marks another artistic milestone Sunil Entertainment and showcases the growing talent pool from Jammu and Kashmir.

The song is now available across all digital platforms and is expected to strike a chord with music lovers across the nation.

Court issues notice in defamation complaint to Prop of Hind Agro Foods

allegedly published by the

accused against the com-

plainant, despite knowing

that the statement/news

being published in the daily

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a complaint filed by one Rajeshwar Sabharwal, seeking legal against action Proprietor/ Managing Partner of M/s Hind Agro Food, Barnai Road, Jammu, namely Ravinder Gupta, the Court of JMIC Forest Court, Jammu on Tuesday issued a notice to the accused and listed the matter for May 20,

Rohit Sharma, Judge, JMIC Forest Magistrate, Advocate for the complainant Rajeshwar Sabharwal, has issued the notice and called upon the accused Ravinder Gupta, Proprietor/Managing Partner of M/s Hind Agro Food, Barnai Road, Jammu.

In the complaint, the complainant has alleged that the cused got a news article published in the newspaper in which the accused made false statements with malafide intentions to newspaper was totally false

The same was published with malice, aiming to defame and injure the repu-

the Counsel for the com-

Visits affected areas in Ramban for second day

CM assures swift restoration of NH, relief for affected families

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: In a significant outreach to the people affected by the recent cloudburst in Ramban district, OmarChief Minister Abdullah on Tuesday visited the affected areas for the second consecutive day to personally assess the situation and oversee ongoing relief and restoration efforts.

The Chief Minister conducted an aerial survey of the damage caused at Dharmkund and along National Highway-44, accompanied by colleagues and concerned officers. He later visited various severely impacted locations, including Seri, Boli Bazar, Main Bazar Ramban, and the surrounding

Government Higher Secondary School Ramban. During his visit, the Chief Minister interacted with affected families and assured them of all possible support. He emphasized that the immediate restoration of NH-44 is the topmost priority and directed the district administration Ramban to expedite the damage assessment process, covering death cases, structural losses, property damage, agricultural losses and livestock casualties.



CM Omar Abdullah revisits Ramban on Tuesday.

Chief Minister assured that relief compensation will be provided by the J&K Government to all those affected by the cloudburst. He further stated that the J&K Government is committed to supporting the victims during this difficult time and will seek assistance the Central from Government to ensure timely and adequate relief measures are extended to the affected families.

He instructed the administration and NHAI to intensify relief and restoration works and assured adequate financial assistance for the same. He further directed for clearing of link roads and removal of debris from

residential areas, restoration of power supply and deployment of water tankers to ensure drinking water in affected localities. He also called for the enhancement of community kitchens (langars) to support displaced families and the submission of fund requisition to the Finance Department for immediate financial support from the government.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the prompt response and real-time action by the district administration and Police, which helped save many precious

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani.

Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan, MLA Banihal Sajad Shaheen, MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, SSP Ramban Kulbir Singh and other senior officers.

Later, a review meeting was also held at Ramban, where Chief Minister Omar Abdullah took stock of the ongoing rescue, relief, and restoration efforts being carried out by the district administration and stakeholder departments. Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani suggested measures for the timely restoration of essential services and urged early insurance claims processing to avoid delays in compensation.

The Chief Minister also directed authorities to strictly regulate construction near water channels and nallahs to prevent obstruction to natural water flow. The DDC Chairperson, MLAs, and other officials highlighted various pressing issues that require immediate attention.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary briefed the Chief Minister about the tragic incident and measures undertaken so far for rescue, relief and restoration across the district.

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tation of the complainant. The Court, after hearing

Sabharwal, issued the notice in the complaint filed under Section 356 of BNS (offence of defamation) and listed the case for hearing on May 20,

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY Notification

New Delhi, the 16 April 2025

S.O 1758 In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 515 to Km. 566.52 in the village(s) namely- Majeen Taluk- Jammu in the district of JAMMU in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1)

of section 3C of the said Act. Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Deputy Commissioner Jammu in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either

allow or disallow the objections. Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can

be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority. SCHEDULE Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-NE5 in the stretch of

land from Km. 515 to Km. 566.52 in the village(s) namely-Majeen Taluk-Jammu in the district of JAMMU in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR

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