

# Dr Jitendra holds ‘bilateral’ talks with German Minister, focuses on ‘AI’ Start-Ups

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BERLIN: India and Germany have agreed to work together with focus on Artificial Intelligence (‘AI’) StartUps as well as AI research and its application in Sustainability and Health care, said Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences after he held "bilateral" talks with German Minister for Education & Research, Bettina Stark-Watzinger.

Both the Ministers agreed that there is a lot of scope to work together in Artificial Intelligence for which experts on two sides have already met. An Indo-German call for proposals for this would be raised soon inviting proposals from researchers and industry.

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that in November 2019, during Chancellor Merkel's visit to Delhi, Germany and India had agreed to establish a joint research programme in Artificial Intelligence. They also decided on the extension of the Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education for another four years, with contributions of 3.5 Million Euros each.

Both India and Germany



Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh being formally received by "bilateral" talks by the German Minister for Education & Research, Bettina Stark-Watzinger at the Education Ministry headquarters, at Berlin on Tuesday.

have expressed satisfaction on the ongoing Science & Technology Cooperation between the two countries which is one of the strategic pillars of our bilateral relations.

Academia, Research Institutions and Industries of both countries have strong bonding and are playing the role of catalyst in our strategic research and development partnerships.

On the third day of his official engagement in Berlin, Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that both the countries are now working in frontier areas of science & technology, including Electric Mobility, Cyber Physical System, Quantum

Technologies, Future Manufacturing, Green Hydrogen Fuel, Deep Ocean research and proposed to develop joint cooperation in these areas. Two countries have already started mapping each other's strength in areas like application of Artificial Intelligence in Sustainability and Healthcare.

Both the Ministers expressed satisfaction on recently concluded MOU between Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and German Research Foundation (DFG) to support the International Research Training Groups (IRTG)

program would further boost the cooperation towards capacity building targeting the training of Indian and German students for pursuing the PhD program. The maiden call for inviting proposals under this program from Indian and German research groups is already on.

Both Ministers felt delighted that several initiatives for human capacity developments in science and engineering have recently been worked out, which includes Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research

(WISER) to facilitate lateral entry of women researchers into ongoing S&T projects and Paired Early Career Fellowships creating an inclusive ecosystem for the Indo-German S&T cooperation with exchange of young researchers on both sides. Industrial Fellowships aimed at industrial exposure of young Indian researchers in a German industrial ecosystem.

Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives great importance to innovation.

The present Government puts emphasis on promoting the value chain of innovation, entrepreneurship and IP generation. Indian innovation system is more purpose driven rather than process driven with focus on affordability and accessibility.

Bettina Stark-Watzinger supported the idea to further strengthen bilateral scientific cooperation by partnering in emerging science & technology areas where both Germany and India have strength to work together and serve two societies.

# Rana joins Parshuram Jayanti celebrations, greets people on Eid at Sidhra

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday joined the Parshuram Jayanti celebrations at Pracheen Parshuram Temple at Purkhoo and visited the Jamia Masjid, Sidhra to exchange greetings with the people on Eid-ul-Fitr.

Devender Rana hoped the auspicious festivals would usher the country in peace and harmony and



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana exchanging Eid greetings with Muslim brothers.

further strengthen the high values of the compos-

ite culture of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Pray such festivals to be an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to strengthen the bonds of inclusiveness, share our joys with others and serve the humanity", he said, adding that the unity in diversity has been the biggest strength of this great nation, which has always withstood test of times.

# Kavinder calls on Maharashtra Guv, discusses J&K's roadmap to peace, progress

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MUMBAI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday met Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and discussed J&K's roadmap to peace, progress and prosperity. Kavinder, while having the threadbare discussion over the UT of J&K, divulged about latest changes being witnessed in J&K as far as political scenario is concerned. He told the Maharashtra Governor about the status of terrorism in the Valley. He made it clear that the security forces are on their job and terrorists are on run in the Valley. The senior BJP leader asserted that it can be said that the terrorism is on last leg in J&K as security forces has tighten noose around the terror mongers and infiltration is also at all time low.

He said that the change in strategy for tackling terrorism as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked phenomenally and that is the



Ex-Dy CM J&K, Kavinder Gupta interacting with Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.

reason behind terrorists running for life in Valley.

The former deputy Chief Minister also discussed the initiatives taken by the local government and the central dispensation with regard to development of J&K especially in context with the investment and industrial growth.

He said that people are upbeat over the recent developments in the UT of J&K as they had never seen such colossal progress in their entire lifetime.

Upon this, Governor of

Maharashtra appreciated the efforts of J&K BJP leadership for making the base to bring in peace and prosperity. He said that without the sincere efforts of local BJP leadership the Centre would not have been in a position to bring about the required changes.

The Governor of Maharashtra also enquired about the well being of senior BJP political leaders of Jammu and Kashmir. Later, he presented a Murti of Sidhivinayakji to Kavinder Gupta as a token of respect.

# JMC's Garbage Transfer Stations without compactors proving to be damp squib

Despite crores being spent filth, garbage continue to lie on streets, roads



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JAMMU: There is no doubt that Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) takes pain in bringing innovation in civic infrastructure and never hesitates in importing the latest technology to improve Temple City's civic conditions by remaining abreast with what is going on at the global level but when it comes to the implementation part things often go haywire as is the case of newly constructed garbage transfer stations, which are lying unused in absence of fixed compactors despite dissipation of crores of rupees for construction of such transfer stations.

It is pertinent to mention that Jammu Municipal Corporation has constructed garbage transfer stations in many wards to ensure proper disposal of solid waste and management of the garbage in a scientific manner but the sad part of the story is that the will to accomplish job in an exuberant manner is missing as these stations have lying unused for the last more than six to eight months due to which filths are lying here and there unattended in the streets and stray cattle finding it easy to gulp tons of polythene which is still a big part of the city's garbage despite being banned years' ago.

Talking to STATE TIMES, Councillor Mohi-Ud-Din Choudhary expressed resentment against the functioning of the Jammu Municipal Corporation. He said that compactors could be reached Jammu before constructing of such transfers stations. Due to mismanagement, the sufferings of people have

been increased manifold. Mohi-Ud-Din Choudhary said that instead of managing the garbage the JMC has recently closed the dumping point near Pir Kho Temple at Circular Road as the same dumping point caters to near about four wards comprising No 3, 5, 6 and 7. He said that after the closure of this garbage collecting point, Garbage collecting autos are straightaway going to the Bhagwati Nagar to dump the garbage collected from the residential areas which seems to be a great inconvenience for the sanitation workers in collecting the waste and shifting the same to Bhagwati Nagar. Corporator Ward No 32, Sat Paul Karhupia, said that it's the responsibility of JMC authorities to install compactors well before time but it could not happen. He said the whole Jammu city is waiting for installation of compactors. He made a fervent appeal to the JMC Commissioner to immediately carry out necessary steps to make these garbage shifting stations functional so that the garbage should be managed scientifically instead of remaining scattered on the roads.

Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told STATE TIMES that the Municipal Corporations has placed an order for fixed compactors in several wards of Jammu city and very soon the same will be installed at the garbage transfer stations thus paving way for the start of the modern technique of garbage disposal. He hoped that such garbage transfer stations should be made functional within a period of one month with the installation of fixed compactors.

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