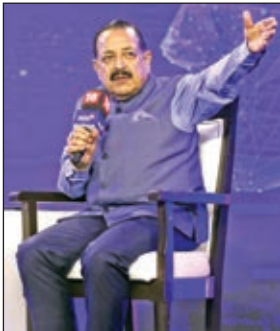


Modi Govt democratised education, job opportunities for youth: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Crediting the Modi government for having democratised education and job opportunities for youth, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra delivered a compelling keynote address at the "Education Tech Summit" organised by News18 , showcasing India's meteoric rise as a global leader in innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth. He underscored the nation's transition from being one of the "Fragile Five" economies to "Top Four" now competing with the most developed nations on key global indicators.

Dr. Singh highlighted India's dramatic improvement in the Global Innovation Index, rising from Rank 80 to 39 in just a few years. "This index is a universal parameter - not developed by us, but by the global community," he remarked, adding that this



reflects international confidence in India's innovation ecosystem.

Citing the phenomenal impact of the Startup India initiative, Dr. Jitendra said India has surged from Rank 350 to Number 3 globally, with over 1.7 lakh registered startups. What started as a visionary call from the Red Fort has become a grassroots movement, driving job creation, technological advancement, and youth-led innovation. The "Make in India" initiative, he said, has sparked a nationwide sense

of self-belief and empowerment, particularly among the younger population. With a focus on domestic production and reduced dependency on imports, it has opened up new avenues for innovation and enterprise.

Dr. Singh praised the government's efforts in democratizing education and job opportunities. "Gone are the days of connections and under-the-table dealings," he stated. With digitized recruitment, outsourced testing, and interview-only qualification processes, meritocracy now defines career progression in India.

Pointing to India's 11,000 km coastline, the Minister highlighted the Deep Ocean Mission as a strategic step to explore the country's untapped marine wealth - including minerals, metals, fisheries, and biodiversity.

He emphasized that India is one of the few countries

with an ocean named after it, underscoring the nation's deep-rooted maritime legacy.

India's Himalayan region, long overlooked, is now being tapped for its vast ecological and economic potential. Dr. Singh lauded the emergence of agri-tech startups and drone-based farming, which are transforming agriculture into a high-tech, high-efficiency sector, ensuring both environmental sustainability and farmer prosperity.

Under the government's Aroma Mission, a new wave of Lavender Startups has taken bloom, particularly in the Union Territories. Over 3,000 youth entrepreneurs, many without formal degrees, are earning Rs. 65 lakh or more annually - proving that innovation doesn't require a Ph.D., only a mindset and the right opportunity.

India is preparing to send an astronaut to the International Space Station

this June, a milestone moment that reflects global recognition of India's scientific and technological capabilities. "The world has started valuing Indian talent and expertise," Dr. Singh said, pointing to a new era of international collaboration in space exploration.

Concluding his address, Dr. Jitendra highlighted the far-reaching impact of the National Education Policy 2020, calling it a transformational roadmap that equips youth with critical thinking, digital skills, and a learner-first approach. NEP 2020, he said, is key to unlocking India's full potential by 2047.

"From ocean depths to outer space, India is rising with confidence, powered by reforms, innovation, and the aspirations of its people," Dr. Singh affirmed. He expressed firm optimism that India will reach the pinnacle of global leadership well before 2047, when the country celebrates 100 years of independence.

DPS Jammu's Musa Malik crowned best performer at state-level swimming championship



DPS Jammu faculty felicitating a winner student.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Musa Pervaiz Malik, a student of Class X-F at Delhi Public School Jammu, has brought immense pride to the school and his family by being declared the "Best Performer" in the Senior Open Swimming Championship 2025-26, held in Jammu, on 24th and 25th May 2025. The prestigious event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Swimming Association.

Demonstrating exceptional talent, determination, and ath-

leticism, Musa clinched an impressive five gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. His standout victories include 1st Place: 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, and 4x50m Relay; 2nd Place: 50m Freestyle; 3rd Place: 50m Breaststroke.

Despite his young age, Musa has been selected to represent Jammu & Kashmir in the upcoming Senior National Swimming Championship, scheduled to be held later this year. This achievement adds to

an already illustrious record. Musa has consistently proven his mettle as a national-level swimmer, having competed and excelled at various district, state, and national-level competitions. DPS Jammu remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing young talent and providing holistic development opportunities that empower students to excel not just academically, but also in co-curricular and sports domains.

The management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary leadership of President-RCIT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro-Vice Chairperson, Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S. Sodhi, and Principal, Ruchi Chhabra, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Musa Pervaiz Malik, his proud parents, and his dedicated coach Ravinder Deonia on this remarkable achievement. They lauded Musa's outstanding performance and conveyed their best wishes for his continued success and a bright future in the field of swimming and beyond.

Chess, Kabbadi competitions held on Day 3



Chess match in progress at a sports events in Doda.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament being held at Indoor Sports Stadium Doda witnessed

chess competitions for U 14 /U17 Girls and Kabaddi contests for U 14 Boys as the event entered day 3 on Monday.

The event is being conducted on the direction of Director General YSS Rajinder Singh Tara and Deputy Commissioner

Harvinder Singh and under the guidance of the District Youth Services and Sports Officer Doda Pritam Singh.

Around 250 Students participated in the sports events such as Kabaddi and Chess.

The tournament was graced by the presence of the DYSSO Doda, who not only supervised the smooth conduct of the events but also delivered an inspiring message.

This initiative aims to channelize the energy of youth into positive and productive pursuits, helping them grow as responsible, healthy, and confident individuals.

BJP high-level committee assesses border damage, recommends Bunkers, Jobs, and increased Compensation



Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition & General Secretary, J&K BJP talking to reporters.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A high-level committee comprising senior BJP leaders visited the shelling hit villages to assess the damages to the life and property and outlined the party's assessment of civilian losses and ongoing relief efforts in border areas affected by Pakistan shelling. This was stated by Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition & General Secretary, J&K BJP, accompanied by Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National Secretary & MLA, Sham Lal Sharma, BJP Vice President & MLA, and Adv RS Pathania, J&K BJP Spokesperson & MLA, was addressing a press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

he said, stands as one of the most horrifying terror crimes committed in Jammu and Kashmir in the last 36 years of terrorism.

In a resolute and strategic response to the Pahalgam attack, Indian security forces launched Operation Sindoor on the night of 6th and 7th May. Sunil Sharma clarified that the operation was meticulously designed to be non-escalatory, non-civilian, and non-military in nature, focusing exclusively on neutralizing terrorist infrastructure. The operation resulted in the elimination of over 100 terrorists and dismantling of nine major terror hideouts.

Despite the targeted and controlled nature of the operation, the Pakistan Army retaliated unreasonably, launching indiscriminate shelling on civilian areas along the border. This led to significant loss of life, destruction of homes, livestock, and agricultural assets.

Sunil Sharma briefed that in response to Pakistan's aggression, Indian forces undertook a historic counterstrike, which resulted in the destruction of 11 Pakistani airbases and military establishments. This

strong action compelled Pakistan to seek a ceasefire. Demonstrating strategic restraint, the Indian Army temporarily withheld further action under Operation Sindoor, placing a clear condition: any future act of terror will be treated as an act of war, and consequences will be far more severe.

The operation also represented a diplomatic victory for India, reinforcing its global position on counter-terrorism while avoiding full-scale military escalation.

To assess the extent of civilian loss and damage due to Pakistani shelling, a committee was constituted by the BJP's central leadership. The committee comprising Sunil Sharma, Dr. Narinder Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, and Adv. R.S. Pathania, visited all major affected areas including Hiranagar, Suchetgarh, Arnia, RS Pura, Chamb, Pallanwala, Akhnoor, Rajouri, Nowshera, Poonch, Mendhar, Surankote, Uri, and Tangdhar.

Their findings included 14 civilian deaths in Poonch, 2 in Rajouri, 1 each in Uri and Nagrota and more lives were lost in the chaos. Widespread damage to property, with 690 houses damaged in Poonch, 534 in Uri, and over 1,500 to 2,000 houses affected overall.

Sunil Sharma said that the local population, though grieving, expressed satisfaction with the swift and firm response of Indian forces. Many residents acknowledged that existing community bunkers helped save lives,

though there is now an urgent need to construct additional individual and community bunkers along the border.

Sunil Sharma shared that the BJP delegation submitted the key demands to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, which included Immediate construction of more bunkers to ensure civilian safety; Government jobs for families who lost a member due to shelling; Increased compensation for damaged homes beyond the existing limit of ₹1.2 lakh under SDRF norms. The committee also recommended the disbursement through Direct Benefit Transfers (DBTs) to ensure efficient and immediate disbursement of aid.

The government has already disbursed Rs 6 lakh from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rs 10 lakh from the UT Government as ex-gratia relief for bereaved families. Assistance to the injured has also been provided. However, compensation for property damage remains inadequate, and the BJP has formally requested that revised guidelines be introduced to address this gap.

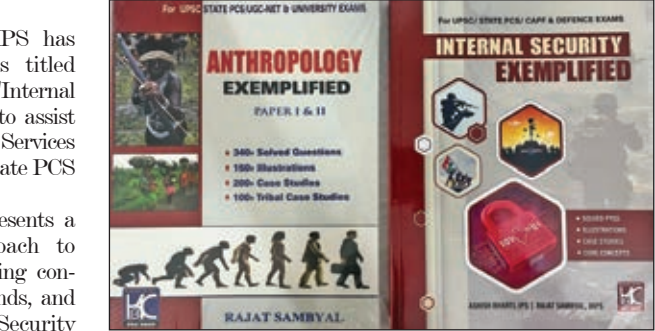
Sunil Sharma reiterated the party's commitment to the safety, security, and dignity of all residents living in border areas. They pledged to continue advocating for better infrastructure, stronger compensation mechanisms, and long-term policy solutions to deal with the persistent threat of cross-border terrorism and shelling.

Books by Rajat Sambyal, JKPS offer strategic edge for students in UPSC & PCS Exams

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Rajat Sambyal, JKPS has authored two insightful books titled "Anthropology Exemplified" and "Internal Security Exemplified", designed to assist aspirants of the UPSC Civil Services Examination as well as various State PCS Mains examinations.

"Anthropology Exemplified" presents a structured and applied approach to Anthropology Optional, integrating conceptual clarity, previous year trends, and practical insights. "Internal Security Exemplified" addresses key topics under General Studies Paper III, including cyber security, terrorism, border management, and internal threats, with a focus on clarity and relevance for the Mains stage.

These resources are particularly useful for candidates who have appeared in the



UPSC Prelims 2025 held on May 25 and are now preparing for the Mains. The books also align well with the syllabus and requirements of multiple State PCS examinations.

Rajat Sambyal, known for his resilience and connection with aspirants through

social media, narrowly missed the final list of UPSC CSE 2021 by just 11 marks in his sixth attempt. His widely shared tweet - "10 years of hard work ended in ashes... And still I rise" - became a symbol of perseverance and continues to inspire thousands of aspirants.

In addition to writing, Rajat has actively mentored students through platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, providing guidance on strategy, answer writing, and mindset - all with an unwavering focus on student success. Both books are available on Amazon and Flipkart.

Executive Meeting of J&K Shri Kashi Vidvat Parishad charts new path for Sanskrit Education



Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri with others at a programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: An executive meeting of the Jammu & Kashmir Shri Kashi Vidvat Parishad concluded at Government Women's College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Monday.

The Parishad, committed to reviving Indian cultural and scriptural traditions, laid out a roadmap for transforming Sanskrit education. The session was jointly chaired by Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri and Principal Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

In a groundbreaking move, the Parishad resolved to

move Sanskrit beyond academic confines into practical and professional domains. Initiatives including internship programs, training workshops, and joint certification courses were announced to integrate Sanskrit learning with real-world applications in fields like astrology, Ayurveda, yoga, ritual practices, and Vastu Shastra. The meeting emphasized career-oriented Sanskrit education, empowering students with practical skills and cultural competence. Key attendees included Prof. Ram Bahadur

Shukla, Dr. Vijender Kumar, Dr. Mamta, Dr. Sandhya, Dr. Shubh Kumar, Dr. Om Prakash, Dr. Praveen Shastri, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, and Shri Shakti Dutt Sharma. The Parishad also confirmed collaboration with government and private institutions to operate these programs jointly, enhancing student self-reliance and promoting institutional synergy.

Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, in his keynote, stated, "Sanskrit is the soul of India's cultural identity. Our goal is not limited to educa-

tion but extends to national reconstruction through Sanskrit." He emphasized that students must be guided toward livelihood opportunities rooted in traditional knowledge.

Principal Dr. Geetanjali Andotra expressed pride in hosting the meeting and pledged to initiate regular workshops in yoga, Vastu, and Indian culture for students, especially girls.

The Parishad announced plans to begin internship programs in all Sanskrit-teaching colleges in the region, conduct seminars on Vedic science and Indian lifestyle, and organize a Sanskrit Youth Conference in Jammu.

The meeting concluded with unanimous support from participants, who hailed the initiatives as transformative. This strategic shift aims not only to empower Sanskrit learners but also to reestablish India's eternal heritage as a vital force in contemporary society.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHEEP BREEDING FARM BALNOI

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Sub: Advertisement for livestock at 'Govt Sheep Breeding Farm, Balnoi'

This is for information of the general public that the auction of livestock is scheduled to be held on 27/05/2025 at 11:00 AM in the premises of "Sheep Breeding Farm, Balnoi" in presence of the auction committee; so anyone Interested can participate in the bid.

The bidder shall have to necessarily pay 100% of the final bid amount on spot to the auction committee.

The Auction Committee reserves the right to cancel the auction if the amount is not received properly on the spot.

Any terms and conditions, if found necessary, shall be announced accordingly on the bid spot.

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Dated:- 26/05/2025

Sd/-
Assistant Director
Sheep Breeding Farm
Balnoi

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E-NIT NO. 03 OF 2025-26

Dated:- 24-05-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, E-Tender (in two cover system) Cover-I containing CDR/FDR prequalification documents and Cover-II containing price bid are invited from registered Contractors/firms for the works below:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Cost tender document (tender fee)	Earnest money (in Rs)	Position of Funds	Class of Contractor
1.	Repair/ maintenance /improvement of Irrigation system of various khuls in Irrigation Sub Division Udhampur as detailed below: OssuKhul, D1, D2 & D3 of Udhampur Canal, BishalKhul, PangaraKhul, Raje-Di-Bain Khul,KhambliKhul,Pagedi Khul, Dhandhal Khul, KultyarKhul, Latyar left & right khul, MengaKhul, Lander Khul, JalsooKhul, DiggiKhul, Verandah Khul, AngarikKhul, KattiKhul, SudhmahadevKhul, BaschalKhul, GourikundKhul, BashatKhul, Jugail to ChannailKhul, SarrorikKhul, BanjakKhul, Bain Khul & Fide Di Bain Khul, NagnePanikKhul, SararkKhul, Kulnee to NeelikKhul & Divisional Office premises, provision for emergent nature of works for the year 2025-26(Stage Contract).	Irrigation Division Udhampur	1000/-	50000/-	Partially available	A to D

1. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 24-05-2025 at 05.00 P.M to 05-06-2025 upto 4.00 P.M

2. The bids shall be uploaded/submitted in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 24-05-2025 at 05.00 P.M to 05-06-2025 upto 4.00 P.M

3. The Complete bidding process will be online.

4. The Technical bids & Financial bids uploaded on the website upto due date and same will be opened on 06-06-25 (11.00 AM) in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Udhampur as well as in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on account of holiday the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue, or any other day convenient to opening authority.

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (Irrigation) Division Udhampur and shall be communicated separately.

No. IDU /-1044-83

Dated:- 24-05-2025

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Dated:- 26/05/2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division
Udhampur