

# Dr Jitendra releases book on '8 Years of Administrative, Pension reforms'

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday released a book and its e-Version on 8 Years of Administrative and Pension reforms (2014-2022).

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, eight years of administrative and pension reforms under Prime Minister Narendra Modi are aimed at social transformation.

Delivering the inaugural address at a webinar on Administrative Reforms and Pension Reforms (2014-2022) in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, large scale use of technology and integration approach are the twin pillars of both the revolutionary Governance and Pension Reforms carried out in the last eight years.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh releasing a book at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on Wednesday.

Dwelling on Pension Reforms, Dr Jitendra Singh said, ever since Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare had introduced a number of revolutionary reforms including relaxation in the provision of Family Pension for divorced daughters and Divyangs, introduction of Face Recognition Technology

through mobile app for ease in submitting Life Certificate by elderly pensioners, Electronic Pension Pay Order, assistance from Postal Department to facilitate pension process etc. He said, moreover steps like extension of Family Pension to differently abled child of a deceased Government employee/Pensioner or giving a major hike in the Family Pension

emoluments for Divyang children of a deceased government servant/pensioner are not only pension reforms but these are social reforms having wide implications. Dr Jitendra Singh also informed that at the behest of the Prime Minister, the Department also started a portal entitled "Anubhav" to show-case the experiences in Government of retiring officials

## White Knight Corps commemorates 50th Raising Day



Officiating GOC Maj Gen J S Bindra paying tributes to bravehearts at Ashwamedh Shaurya Sthal.

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JAMMU: The Indian Army's 16 Corps, also known as the White Knight Corps, commemorated the 50th anniversary of its raising on Wednesday with its officiating General Officer Commanding (GOC) Maj Gen J S Bindra remembering the gallant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, a defence spokesman said.

The General Officer paid floral tributes to the bravehearts in a traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the "Ashwamedh Shaurya Sthal" in Nagrota Military Station and complimented all ranks for the high standards achieved while discharging operational as well as administrative duties, the spokesman said.

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