

# Dr Jitendra interacts with first 20 All India IAS toppers

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday interacted first 20 All India Toppers of IAS/ Civil Services Exam 2021, who called on him at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) headquarters at North Block here. The result of the exam was declared on 30th of May.

Among the first 20 IAS/Civil Services toppers, the first three toppers this year Shruti Sharma (First), Ankita Agarwal (Second) and Gamini Singla (Third) happen to be women, followed in that order by Aishwarya Verma, Utkarsh Dwivedi, Yaksh Chaudhary, Samyak S Jain, Ishita Rathii, Preetam Kumar, Harkeerat Singh Randhawa, Shubhankar Pratyush Pathak, Yasharth Shekhar, Priyamvada Ashok Mhaddalkar, Abhinav J Jain, C Yaswanthkumar Reddy,

Anshu Priya, Mehak Jain, Ravi Kumar Sihag, Diksha Joshi and Arpit Chauhan. In his welcome address to the top-20 rankers and their family members, Dr Jitendra Singh described the 2021 batch of Civil Servants as the "Architects of Century India".

He said, when India is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav coinciding with 75th Year of India's Independence, this Century Batch with 25 to 30 years of active service ahead will charter a new course when independent India turns 100. He said, the onus will be on them to become active partners in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of New India that leads the rest of the world.

During introduction of the 20 toppers, Dr Jitendra pleasantly noted that there are 10 engineers and two medicos among them and hoped that



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Shruti Sharma (First), Ankita Agarwal (Second) and Gamini Singla (Third), during his interaction with first 20 All India IAS/ Civil Services toppers, who called on him at DoPT headquarters at North Block, New Delhi on Tuesday.

they will add value to the work assigned to them in carrying out various specialized schemes and programmes introduced by the Modi Government in the last 8 years. The Minister hoped that the technocrats will be able to do justice to the highly specialised flagship programmes of the government in sectors like Health, Agriculture, Water, Environment, Industries, Education, Skills and Mobility to name a few.

Responding to some of the

suggestions of toppers that India language students face difficulties and challenges in taking up the exam, Dr Jitendra said that Indian Government is committed to promote Indian languages and efforts are on to translate the engineering and medical books in Indian Languages through professionals. He also reminded the officers that National Education Policy, NEP-2020 will also address some of the challenges.

The Minister also informed

that The National Recruitment Agency (NRA) under DoPT is gearing up to conduct computer-based online Common Eligibility Test (CET) for recruitment to Non-Gazetted posts by the year end. He added that to begin with, the test will be conducted in 12 Languages and gradually it will include all the languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

Dr Jitendra wished that in their great career ahead full of diverse opportunities and challenges, they would be able to give their best to the country. The programme was attended by all the senior officers of the department.

## Umran might have to wait for his debut, hints Dravid

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NEW DELHI: India head coach Rahul Dravid has always maintained that he likes continuity and gave clear hints on Tuesday that pace sensation Umran Malik might have to wait for his turn.

Dravid was speaking ahead of the first of five-match T20 International series between India and South Africa here on Thursday.

"We just have to see how much playing time we will be able to give him. We have a big squad, not possible to have everyone in the playing XI," Dravid was categorical when asked about the 'Jammu Express'.

"I am someone who likes consistency and give people time to settle in. Arshdeep has also done well, who is also an exciting

# Dr Nirmal Singh calls on Lt Governor



Former Dy CM, Dr. Nirmal Singh calling on Lieutenant Governor; Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: Former Deputy Chief Minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State, Dr. Nirmal Singh on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here.

Dr. Singh, accompanied by former MLC, Ajay Bharti

discussed with the Lt Governor about major decisions being taken by the government to ensure the safety and welfare of PM Package and Minority Community employees. He also apprised the Lt Governor about various issues relating to public

importance. The Lt Governor while interacting with Dr. Singh observed that the UT Government is taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of minority communities in J&K.

## AAI Jammu conducts plantation drive at Jammu Airport



Air Cmde G.S Bhullar, AOC, IAF Jammu planting a sapling.

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JAMMU: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Airports Authority of India (AAI) organized a plantation drive at Jammu Airport. Around 50 plants were planted in the drive.

Air Cmde G.S Bhullar, AOC, IAF Jammu was the Chief Guest, who planted

saplings along with D.S Daniel Dhanaraj, CASO, CISEF, Rajesh Nambiar, CADO, IAF and various other officers of AAI, IAF, CISEF and Airlines. Officiating Airport Director Vivek Katara appreciated the efforts put in by all for their overwhelming participation in the plantation drive.

# Vaishno Devi Sarovar Portico-a hotel with distinction to be re-opened on June 9

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JAMMU: Once the first choice of film stars, dignitaries and devotees and the hotel where the shootings of mega-movies like Madhuri Dixit, Akshay Kumar starrer Aarzu; Amitabh Bachhan, Nana Patekar, Jaya Pradha starrer Kohram 'No one killed Jessica', etc took place is once again going to open on June 9, in its new form as 'The Vaishnodevi Sarovar Portico' and will be inaugurated jointly by Managing Director, Sarovar Hotels & Resorts, Ajay Bakaya & Chairman, Katra Mata Vaishno Devi Hotels & Restaurants Pvt Ltd (KMVDHRL) & Head of



Wazir family Pushpa Devi, after a gap of more than two years which it took for taking the new shape by way of its complete modernization, renovation and diversification.

Rakesh Wazir, Managing Director KMVD Hotels & Restaurants Pvt Ltd said that hotel is a green 1.5 acre property at entrance of Katra, adjoining SMVD Shrine

Board Central office, 500 meters before Katra Bus-stand and 550 meters from newly made Railway Station. The holy Trikuta mountains, where Goddess Vaishno Devi's shrine is located, can be seen from within and outside the hotel. The hotel in addition to double-rooms, have spacious suites also. The hotel is fully air-conditioned with heating

in winter, direct dial telephone in every room, in-house laundry, courtesy cars to pick-up and drop guests from the hotel to Banganaga, main bazaar and back on 24X7 basis with play area for children, lawns, space for prayers, café, recreation center with facilities like carom, chess, scrabble, snakes & ladder etc. He further said that hotel in past has contributed a lot towards enhancement of tourism and has remained the first choice of travelers and in its new form will prove to be a big facility for the tourists, who want to have luxury and good accommodation in holy township of Katra.

# JU Biotechnology, a leading center of excellence, say experts

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JAMMU: An Advisory committee meeting of the School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu as per the mandate of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT, GOI) was held in the University in the hybrid mode.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, former Vice-Chancellor, JU.

The meeting was attend-

ed by Dr. Sudhanshu Vrat, Executive Director, Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad as DBT nominee, Prof. R.N.K. Bamezai, Former Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Katra, Director Delhi School of Public Health, University of Delhi; Prof. Neeraj Dilbaghi, Head Department of Nano and Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University,



Former VC JU, Prof. Manoj K. Dhar chairing a meeting.

Hisar; Dr. R.K. Maurya, Vice-President, Concord Biotech, Ahmedabad (Industry expert); Ankit Rana, Cluster Head - North Zone, Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council, New Delhi.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dhar informed that the School of Biotechnology is considered to be one of the leading Biotechnology Departments in the country and has been ranked 'A' by the DBT. In view of the implementation of the National Educational Policy 2020, the course curricula needs to be strengthened with courses

in frontline areas, he remarked. Prof. B. K. Bajaj Director, School of Biotechnology gave a detailed presentation of the progress made by the School in the last five years (2017-2022).

The admission of M.Sc Biotechnology is based on the Graduate Aptitude Test - Biotechnology (GAT-B) entrance test conducted by Regional Centre for Biotechnology, GOI Faridabad.

Prof. Bajaj highlighted the unique components of the curriculum followed by the School of Biotechnology which has

greatly helped the students in finding placements/ admission for higher studies in National and International institutions. All the faculty members of the School are actively engaged in research. This is exemplified by the fact that all the faculty members have extramural research grants worth crores of rupees. The projects deal with the problems of local, National and global importance. Besides, the faculty has published about 250 research papers in high impact factor International and National journals in the last five years.

The advisory committee members appreciated the progress made by the School of Biotechnology over the years especially during the last five years.

Based on the excellent progress shown by the School, the experts were of the opinion that the School has emerged as a leading Centre of Excellence.

## Harvesting of Sweet Corn begins at Krishi Bhawan Jammu

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma on Tuesday inaugurated the first harvesting of Sweet Corn (SV 6881 SN) being grown under scientific lines here at Krishi Bhawan Talab Tillo.

Different Exotic/Improved Vegetable varieties of Indeterminate Tomatoes, Coloured Bellpepers, Red Okra, Cucurbits have been grown under Naturally Ventilated Polygreen House (NVPGH) structure, Bower System using advanced vegetable cultivation practices for demonstration and popularization among the farmers.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A.S.Reen, Joint Director Agriculture (Farms/SLUB), Vijay Kumar Upadhaya, Joint Director (Apiculture & Mushroom), R. K. Hitaishi, Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Subash Sharma, Joint Director (Marketing), Mahesh Verma, Deputy Director (Central),

VivekKohli, CAO Jammu, Arvind Baru, P.O. Dryland, Akshay Choudhary, Agronomist (Vegetable Improvement Scheme), J. C. Raina, Assistant Botanist, Ambika Rani, besides other officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture stressed upon the officers to promote the production of exotic and high value vegetables under protected and controlled conditions to get round the year production with high returns.

Agronomist (Vegetables) informed participants that sweet corn is rich in carbohydrates packed with fiber, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and is in high demand in the market.

Later, the Director Agriculture along with other senior officers also inspected the Okra varieties including Kashi Lalima, Abhinandan & BSS-1019 Red besides other Technological Interventions demonstrated under Vegetable Improvement Scheme.

## DC Jammu inspects protection works at Sardhal Nallah check dam

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Arny Lavasa on Tuesday inspected the protection works at Sardhal Nallah Check Dam during a visit to the area.

Superintendent Engineer Sumit Puri along with senior officers of PHE and Flood Control department accompanied the DC during the inspection.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the department to submit the

DPR of the works related to the check dam by tomorrow.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the mining activities and directed the concerned officials to take measures to prevent illegal extraction by setting up check nakas at all entry points.

She also directed the concerned official to expedite the pace of works to complete the same within the stipulated time frame.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sub: Notification of Villages as per approved Felling Programme of Khair (Acacia Catechu) Trees on proprietary land (Maikiyat land) for the year 2022-23, Public Notice Thereof;**

As per sanction accorded by Empowered officer (Chief Conservator of Forests Jammu) under Section 5 Sub Section 2 of SRO 111 of 2016 dated:- 31-03-2016 issued vide order endorsement No. CCF-F/J/1822-38 Dated:- 10-09-2016 for adopting 10 years felling programme of Khair trees (Acacia Catechu) growing on Proprietary land of farmers, Following villages having Khair trees sanctioned for being felled during 2022-23 are hereby notified for inviting applications on prescribed format for according permission for Khair felling under SRO-111.

S.No	Name of Village	Range	Tehsil	Distt.	Maximum
1.	Garan	Katra	Katra	Reasi	4717.48
2.	Bharakh	Thakrakote	Pouni		
3.	Puria	Thakrakote	Pouni		
4.	Lattori (Nangal)	Katra	Katra		
5.	Pamote	Katra	Katra		
6.	Gunn	Thakrakote	Reasi		
7.	Jerry (monel/ Monaha)	Thakrakote	Reasi (Mairamandra)	Reasi (Jammu)	

Interested farmers shall apply on Form "B" Which can be obtained from office of Concerned Range Forest Officer. The Filled Form "B" (application form) dully supported by up 31st August 2022 requisite documents shall be received in the office of divisional Forest Officer Reasi as specified under Management plan for Khair (Acacia Catechu) growing on non forest land in Jammu and Kashmir UT.

**Sd/-**  
**(Jyotsana) IFS**  
**Divisional Forest Officer**  
**Reasi Forest Division**  
**Reasi**

**DIP/J-2793/22**  
**Dated:-07-06-2022**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (DISTRIBUTION), ELECTRIC DIVISION**  
**KULGAM, KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
**Contact No/ Fax: - 01931-260386 E-mail:- exenpddkulgam@gmail.com**  
**NIT:- EDK/e-tender/29 of 2022-23**  
**Dated:- 03-06-2022**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders (Single-Cover) are hereby invited from Registered Class-A Electrical Contractors for execution of below mentioned works under DDC grants 2022-23 of District Kulgam.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost. (Lacs)	EMD Cost	Cost of tender document	Class
1	Installation of High Mass Lights at Devsar - B	Rs 14.00lacs	Rs.28000	Rs.1000	Class-A
1	Publishing Date & Time		03-06-2022 (1700 Hrs)		
2	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time		03-06-2022 (1700 Hrs)		
3	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time		03-06-2022 (1700 Hrs)		
4	Seek Clarification End Date & Time		15-06-2022 (1400 Hrs)		
5	Bid Submission Start Date & Time		03-06-2022 (1700 Hrs)		
6	Bid Submission End Date & Time		23-06-2022 (1100 Hrs)		
7	Bid opening date & Time		24-06-2022 (1300 Hrs)		
8	Venue of opening Bids		Electric Division Kulgam		

Position of Funds = Authorized  
Please Read Document Carefully

The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, WCT, freight, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted.

The bidders have to upload the cost of e bid document through e challan, treasury challan/receipt deposited to MH 0801-revenue misc of Executive Engineer ED Kulgam, J&K UT.  
No. EDK/TS/782-87  
Dated:- 03-06-2022

**DIP/J-1054-P/22**  
**Dated:- 07/06/2022**  
SD/= Executive Engineer, Electric Division Kulgam

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAMBAN**  
**(Short Term) NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
**e-NIT No: 35 of 2022-23 Dated:03-06-2022 (E-tendering).**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Ramban invites tenders by e-tendering mode on %age rates from approved and eligible Contractors/Firms registered with J&K UT. CPWD, MES & Railways for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated cost of Work (in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Lacs)	Time allowed for completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Iron Pickets and Normal Merchas at Lamber Banhal for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2022.	PWD (R&B) Division Ramban	5.44	600	@ 2% of Adv. Cost	01 Month	11-06-2022 at 12.00	"A, B, C & D) Class
2	Construction of Iron Pickets and Normal Merchas at Niwas Chanderkote-Ramban for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2022.	PWD (R&B) Division Ramban	4.29	600	@ 2% of Adv. Cost	01 Month	11-06-2022 at 12.00	"A, B, & D) Class

Position of AAA = SUBMITTED  
Position of funds =  
Technical Sanction = ACCORDED

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-06-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-06-2022, 10.00 A.M to 10-06-2022, 4.00 P.M
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	
4.	Bid submission Start Date	04-06-2022 From 10.00 A.M
5.	Bid Submission End Date	10-06-2022 up to 4.00 P.M
6.	Submission of hard copy of tender documents	Only successful bidder who is declared as L1 should submit the hard copy after opening of financial bids
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) -(The date should be one day after deadline for receiving of hard copies)	11-06-2022 at 12.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Ramban
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1.The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

**Sd/-**  
**(Er. Vinod Kumar Gupta)**  
**Executive Engineer**  
**PWD (R&B) Division Ramban**

**DIP/J-2807/22**  
**Dated:- 07/06/2022**