India's scientific prowess universally acknowledged in last 9 years: Dr Jitendra

GHAZIABAD: Minister (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, MoS PMO, Department of Energy Atomic Department of Space and Personnel, Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's scientific prowess was universally acknowledged in last 9 years.

The Minister said, during the last nine years under the stewardship of PM Modi, India's scientific temper catapulted India to the select league of leading nations with emerging technologies. Addressing the 46th

Induction Programme for the newly recruited scientists of Ministry of Science and Technology at the Human Development Resource Centre, Ghaziabad of CSIR, Dr Jitendra Singh said despite scepticism and doubts raised in some unscrupulous quarters, the country successfully fought back the Covid19 pandemic. Under the able guidance and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian pharmaceutical companies developed vaccines in a short time and the Government not only combatted the spread of Covid19 but also exported the vaccine to the developed world and WHO

commitments. Dr Jitendra Singh said, under the Rs. 900 Crore 'Mission COVID Suraksha', announced by Government Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) delivered four vaccines, augment-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address to newly recruited Scientists from different streams, during the Induction Programme at CSIR - Human Resource Development Centre, Ghaziabad on Wednesday.

Covaxin, The four vaccines are- ZyCoV-D- world's 1st and India's indigenously developed DNA Vaccine, CORBEVAXTM - India's first protein subunit vaccine, GEMCOVAC™-19 - world's 1st and India's indigenously developed mRNA vaccine and iNCOVACC-World's 1st and India's indigenously intranasal developed COVID-19 Vaccine.

Dr Jitendra Singh said India created a massive jump in its global ranking of Global Innovation Index (GII) from 81st in the year 2015 to 40th in 2022 among 130 economies of the world. The Gross Expenditure on R&D (GERD) has increased more than three times in the last 10 years. India is ranked 9th in terms of resident patent filing while Women's participation in extramural R&D has also doubled in the last 9 years.

The Minister said India ranks 3rd globally in terms of number of Startups (77,000) and in terms of no of UNICORNs (107) in the world. India ranks third among the most attractive investment destinations for technology transactions in the world. India's significant rise in terms of number of publications in SCI journals

- globally ranked 3rd now from 6th in 2013. Besides, India occupies 3rd rank in terms of number of PhDs awarded in Science and Engineering (S&E) (nearly 25,000) after the USA and China.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in with the Prime Minister's announcement at COP26, India is working towards achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030. So far, more than 170 GW of capacity from non-fossil fuel sources has been installed in the country. India stands 4th globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity (including Large Hydro), 4th in Wind Power capacity and 4th in Solar Power capacity.

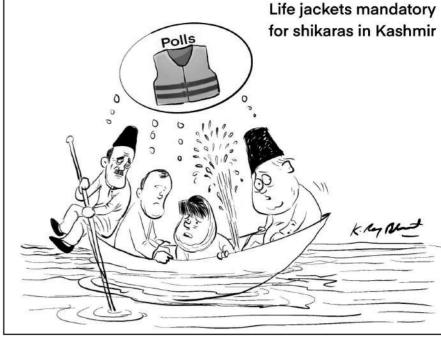
Dr Jitendra Singh said, $\operatorname{reforms}$ unleashed innovative potentials of StartUps and within a short span of time, from a couple of Space Start-ups three -four years back, today we have 102 start-ups working in cutting-edge areas of space debris management, nano-satellite, launch vehiground systems, research etc. The Minister said, with the integration of Academia and

ments. Last year the ICAR produced more than 339,000 qt. of seeds and 147.56 million sapling/seedlings/livestock strains, besides various bio-products for availability to the farmers.

The Minister said the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) in April 2023 at a total cost of over Rs.6,000 crore during the period 2023-31, aiming to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT). This will accelerate QT led economic growth, nurture the ecosystem in the country and make India one of the leading nations in the development of Quantum Technologies & Applications (QTA).

Dr Jitendra Singh said the

new mission targets developing intermediate scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits in 8 years in various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology. Satellite based secure quancommunications between ground stations over a range of 2000 kilometres within India, long distance secure quantum communications with other countries, inter-city quantum key distribution over 2000 km as well as multinode Quantum network with quantum memories are also some of the deliverables of the Mission.



IK Horticulture Planning & Marketing organises meet on CA Storage Logistics

'Holistic measures to be taken to establish CA Storage capacity commensurate with production'



Secretary APD, Shabnam Kamili speaking at a programme at Srinagar on Wednesday.

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Horticulture Kashmir Planning and Marketing department today organized a one day meet on CA Storage Logistics here at

The meet was attended by all stakeholders from government departments, banks and financial institutions. industry representative bodies, fruit associations and potential investors in this sector from within and outside J&K.

The aim of the day-long event was to strengthen coordination among all stakeholders and efficiently move forward in bridging gap in the infrastructural requirements for CA storage

Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Shabnam Kamili, who was also chief guest on the occasion, said that the government is keen to promote private investments in setting up logistics facilities by providing incentives and simplifying the regulatory environ-

She said that it will enable the development of highclass logistics infrastructure in J&K and create new business opportunities and in the long run enable the farmer to reap maximum benefits

She informed that the Meet was organized to bring all stakeholders at one platform and to devise a Deputy Director NHB,

roadmap which shall result in expeditious, hassle-free and conducive environment for establishing the CA storage logistics at suitable locations in the entire J&K.

Vikas Sharma, Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing, J&K, informed that J&K is the leading producer of apples in the country with large varietal spectrum and harvest ranging from July till November, besides having a unique position in the global market.

"To ensure availability of quality apples throughout the year and provide best returns to producers, we endeavour to augment our CA storage capacity in a big way", he maintained.

He further shared that, currently, we have around two lakh MT of installed CA storage capacity in J&K and to meet the requirements of CA Storage, we shall be hand-holding and facilitating potential investors from within and outside the UT.

Director Industries and Commerce. Kashmir brought out a detailed account of Industrial policy, Procedures and Schemes of the government.

Horticulture, Director Kashmir, delineated on key features of the Scheme under MIDH to assist the CA store investors.

Besides, CA Storage Schemes implemented by the National Horticulture Board were explained by the Sansar Ahmed. Besides, procedure for allotment of industrial land and concessions which can be availed for land in estates of SIDCO and SICOP were highlighted by the General Managers. NABARD, JKB and SBI who also shared their policies for assistance for CA stores.

The Meet successfully brought together all stakeholders, fostering constructive discussions aimed at formulating a comprehensive roadmap for the prompt and hassle-free establishment of CA storage logistics suitable locations throughout J&K.

The meet attracted potential investors from both within and outside the UT. Their active participation and engagement greatly enriched the event, contributing substantial value and enhancing understanding of the opportunities within this industry.

The stakeholders appreciated the efforts of the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing for organising such events and were of the opinion that such efforts are in the right direction to augment the need for increasing the CA storage capacity in the UT which shall go a long way in regulating the flow of fruit supply to the markets and reduce the wastages which in return shall help in fetching remunerative prices for the produce industry.

JKAS officers accord farewell to Sved Muried Hussain Shah



JKAS Officers according farewell to Syed Muried Hussain Shah on attaining superannuation.

Hussain Shah after rendering forty years public service. retiredWednesday on superannuation. He has given his departments and contributed to the best of his abilities and wisdom. He Assistant served as Director Handicrafts, Handloom, General Manager DIC, Assistant Commissioner Revenue,

Properties, and Kashmir Buildings and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Deputy Resident Commissioner New Delhi, Excise Deputy Commissioner Executive and Additional Secretary Trainings ARIand Department.

His contributions as CEO/Secretary JammuKashmir and Construction Workers of organisation will be remembered till the organisation exists.

He relized/collected a huge revenue, make the schemes raised the infrastructure and provided the assistance to needy construction workers.

As Deputy Excise Commissioner he relised huge revenue and make the system of excise revenue collection transparent. He always stood and worked for poor and the was a humble submissive officer who was outspoken and never succumbed to the pressure and always took the side of poor. He was given warm farewell the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services Officers and officers and officials of ARI Department and Printing Press Srinagar.

They wished him happy, prosperous and healthy

is safe to say that a Space

Revolution led by ISRO

along with the Private Sector

and Start-ups is on the hori-

zon. In November last year

Vikram-suborbital (VKS)

rocket was launched by

ISRO, setting a new mile-

stone in the 75 years journey

In Defence sector, Dr

Jitendra Singh said, India's

first indigenous aircraft car-

rier INS Vikrant was com-

missioned by the Prime Minister at Cochin Shipyard

Limited in September 2022

and a couple of days ago the

Mig-29K fighter jet made a

successful maiden night

landing on the carrier. Due

to the Government's persist-

ent efforts, Defence exports

grew by 334% in the last five

years. They touched a record

Rs 13,000 crore in Financial

Year 2021-22. India is now

exporting defence equipment

Dr Jitendra Singh said

India is among the world's

foodgrain, horticulture and

livestock-poultry producers

and is also partly meeting

to over 75 countries.

first-ever

of independent India.

SRINAGAR: A group of DDC members, and political activists, mostly from south Kashmir's Pulwama district. joined Apni Party on Wednesday in the presence of party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari during an event organised at the party headquarters, here on Wednesday. Bukhari, warmly welcomed the joinees into the party fold and assured them that the party would offer them abundant opportunities to serve the people in their respective areas. He said, "Apni Party's primary goal is to serve the people, regardless of their caste creed, political ideologies, regional backgrounds, or religious affiliations. And, it is this clear and inclusive agenda that attracts individuals from diverse backgrounds, including seasoned politicians and political activists. from every corner of Jammu and Kashmir towards the Apni Party."

newly joined members.

Apni Party would pave path to economic,

political empowerment of J&K people: Bukhari

NINE YEARS OF MODI GOVT

PM Modi makes unbelievable believable, transformation of J&K testifies his vision: Rana

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NOIDA: Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making unbelievable believable, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir testifies the time tested assertion of 'Modi Hai Tu

Mumkin Hai'. "Generations after generation kept wondering whether this constitutional provision will be revoked but it happened during our life-time", Rana said during a press briefing at Noida in Gautam Budh Nagar Lok Sabha Constituency, as part of marking the nine years of the Narendra Modi

Government. He is, currently on a tour of several Lok Sabha Constituencies as part of the BJP's massive public outreach programme, had a hectic day with interaction with the prominent industrialists of Noida. He also addressed the Social Media Volunteer Conference.

Parliament Dr Mahesh Sharma, former Union Minister, Rajya Sabha MP Surinder Nagar, BJP District Presidents of Gautam Budh Nagar Parliamentary Constituency and oth-

of August 5, 2019 have transformed Jammu and Kashmir with stone pelting, shut-downs and sloganeering becoming a horrendous past and normalcy paving way for massive tourism and economic activity. Militancy has witnessed decline. He



tourists this year, he said. Referring to the vistas of opportunities available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he said post Article 370 abrogation 890 central laws have been implemented in the UT covering all segments of the society while 250 obsolete laws stand scrapped now.

Rana said J&K is witnessing unprecedented holistic and inclusive development while investments for creating infrastructure are pouring in which will give big boost to growth and job generation. He said the visionary policies of the Prime Minister has manifested in most successful conduct of the G20 Working

Group on Tourism in Srinagar, notwithstanding the machination of inimical elements, especially Pakistan. He made a mention of the hoarse created by Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto against the hosting of the international conference in the Valley and said the enthusiastic response of Kashmiris to the conclave made him to lick the dust. The conclave was followed by yet another big event of Kheer Bhawani Mela, which witnessed the arrival of record 28,000 people, mostly Kashmiri Pandits to pay obeisance at the historic shrine.

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Devender Rana also gave an overview of the achievements registered across the country during nine years of Prime Minister's responsive governance with the objective of Seva Sushaasan Samarpan aur Garib Kalyan saying the construction of National Highways in 2013-14 was 91287 kms which stands 143240 kms at present, construction grew from 12 km/day in 2014 to 29 km/day in 2021-2022. There were 70 airports in 2013-14 whose strength

has risen to 148 now which is more than double in nine years. Similarly, there were eight AHMS in 2013-14 whose number is now 16. In 2014 there were 614 medical colleges in the country having a capacity of 82486 medical seats while the number of medical colleges in the country rose to 1341 during the last nine years of Modi Government and the seats increased to 1,52,129, he added.

Rana said that between 2014 and 2023, the number of universities in the country have increased significantly, from 723 to 1113. Additionally, 5,298 new colleges have been constructed in the past nine years (from 38,498 in 2014 to 43,796 in 2023), improving student access to education across the nation. Notably, 61.4 percent of colleges and 43 percent of universities are found in rural areas. Additionally, the Modi administration has made sure that students have improved chances thanks to the construction of 7 $\rm IITs$ and 7 IIMs over the past 9 years, he added.

He said the valour of Indian security forces gave a befitting reply to China in Galwan, Ladakh.

Devender Rana spelled out sector wise achievements and said India has gained huge grandeur across the world, which looks towards the Prime Minister with hope.

"The day is not far when India will emerge as Vishwa Guru and mere thought of this instills a sense of pride among the compatriots", he added.

JKP is professional & competent force, work hard to maintain its quality, proficiency: DGP to trainees

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SRINAGAR: General of Police Jammu and Kashmir Dilbag Singh has said Jammu and Kashmir Police is a big professional and competent force and to maintain its quality and proficiency, all of us have to work

Addressing the trainees & staff at Police Training School Manigam Wednesday, the DGP said that more training capsules need to be introduced especially for investigating officers and added that the Training Section of PHQ and Principal of the institution will work out on new ideas to implement new training capsules soon.

'Police Training institutes are like mini Jammu and Kashmir as personnel from all parts of the UT get assembled to get training', DGP said.

He informed that training of candidates selected



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh visiting Police Training School Manigam.

for Women Battalions has started in Jammu and training of Border Battalions candidates will begin very soon.

DGP appreciated the efforts of the Principal PTS Manigam Showkat Hussain Shah for his endeavours and initiative during his tenure in the Institution.

Earlier, DGP inaugurated Multi Activity Block for the trainees.

He was accompanied by

ADGP Armed J&K S J M Gillani, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar, DIG Training PHQ Imtiaz Ismail Parray and AIG Training & Policy PHQ J. S. Johar,.

He was received by Principal Police Training School Manigam Showkat Hussain Shah, Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar, $\rm CO~RR~34~Col.~Kulbhushan$ Singh and was presented a Guard of Honour on his

country last year, Jammu and Kashmir is expecting two crore nature, adventure and pilgrim

Rana was accompanied by Member

He said the political developments