

# Dr Jitendra assumes charge as National Chairman IIPA for third consecutive term

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh assumed charge as National Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) for the third consecutive term today at IIPA campus, here.

Inaugurating two 'Smart Conference Halls' at the Campus for digital and immersive learning experience, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said "Smart Conference halls are a step towards Prime Minister Modi's Vision of Amrit Kaal", highlighting that addition of two more



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after assuming charge as National Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) for the third consecutive term at IIPA campus, New Delhi.

conference halls will take the number of simultaneous seminars to be conducted in these halls enhancing the overall quality of learning."

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jitendra Singh praised the institution for its dedication, Commitment and contribution in the field of Statistics, Public Policy and administration. He said, "India is gradually realising the importance of statistics

which was well recognized in the 18th century world curriculum."

Science and technology Minister; Dr. Jitendra Singh also mentioned that Geospatial technology is becoming the new buzzword. He said "precise image gathering and high accuracy gives a disruptive advantage to the countries which have excelled it."

Chairman IIPA, Dr. Jitendra Singh, motivated

probationers of Indian Statistical Services to form the backbone of Statistics on the basis of Indian statistics. Today precision in data gathering is not a privilege but a necessity to compete in global affairs and as civil servants it's our responsibility to make India a leader in statistics. He also guided them to integrate next generation technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning to increase

efficiency and harness true potential.

Highlighting India's efforts in capitalising the unexplored ocean and marine resources below sea through 'Deep Ocean Mission', Dr. Jitendra Singh said optimal utilisation of underutilised resources will be key to a vibrant Amrit Kaal in 2047.

DoPT Minister, guided and motivated the young bras of the Indian Statistical service to contribute positively in the development and progress of India, he also wished them for their service in the Government of India.



## SANJY: Div Com inspects arrangements at Yatri facilitation Centre Lakhanpur

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU/SAMBA/KATHUA: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Wednesday visited Yatri Facilitation Centre Lakhanpur while also inspected the status of National Highway from Jammu to Lakhanpur. He took stock of arrangements for smooth transition of Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY)- 2024 from Gateway of JK UT, Lakhanpur, enroute Jammu.



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar visiting Yatri Facilitation Centre Lakhanpur.

The Div Com accompanied by Project Director NHAI and SSP Traffic rural took first hand appraisal of the works being executed on the National Highway in Jammu, Samba and Kathua. He directed the concerned officials to ensure smooth road surface for hassle free movement of

vehicles on the NH.

The Div Com further asked the concerned District officials and SSP Traffic Rural to identify the spots prone to jams and deploy men and machinery in the respective districts for preventing any hindrance to smooth traffic movement.

At Lakhanpur, the Divisional Commissioner was briefed by Deputy Commissioner Kathua

are also being made for 24x7 Langar facilities for the Yatris.

As many as 12 RFID counters are being established at Lakhanpur to facilitate smooth registration of the Yatris. All the vital areas, besides Langar and Lodgement Centres, are equipped with CCTV surveillance to ensure security of the Yatris, it was informed.

The Div Com appealed people, especially owners of commercial establishments, to install CCTV for proper surveillance especially on National Highway.

The Div Com also took on spot review of the Bridge over Tarnah Nallah which is nearing completion. He took detailed review of the road connectivity scenario where-in directions were passed to undertake surface improvement at identified spots.

## CCI Jammu hails Gadkari, Jitendra for approving Lakhanpur-Doda NH, Chhatergala Tunnel

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, extended his heartfelt gratitude and admiration to Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, for approving the crucial Lakhanpur-Doda National Highway project and the construction of the Chhatergala Tunnel linking Lakhanpur with Doda. He also credited Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS in the Prime Minister's Office, for his unwavering efforts in making this significant project a reality.

Gupta highlighted that the completion of this highway will ensure all-weather connectivity between Lakhanpur and Doda district, significantly reducing travel time.



He emphasized that this infrastructure development will stimulate business activities, boost revenue generation, create employment opportunities, and bolster

tourism in the region.

Pointing out the scenic and culturally rich areas along the route, Gupta underscored the tourist potential of Billawar, Basohli, Bani, Bhaderwah, and Sarthal. These areas are renowned for their picturesque landscapes, favorable climate, and significant pilgrimage sites such as Maa Sukrala Mandir, Sheetha Mata Mandir, and Shakti Mata Mandir.

Gupta emphasized the need for proactive involvement of the tourism department to promote these pilgrimage sites and tourist destinations effectively.

He urged the government to collaborate with interested parties to develop essential infrastructure like hotels, ensuring comfortable facilities for tourists and pilgrims visiting the area.

## Raina, Sukhnandan address massive public rally at Marh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP addressed a massive gathering at Marh in a public rally organized by Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister and senior leader BJP.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the rally expressed gratitude to the people of Marh for overwhelming support to the Bharatiya Janata Party during the just concluded Parliament elections.

He said that the people have whole heartedly supported the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and shown their support to the public welfare policies of BJP. He said that for the first time in history since 1947, the administration has reached



President J&K BJP Ravinder Raina addressing public rally at Marh on Wednesday.

the door steps of masses.

"Modi government has fulfilled its promise to reach the most neglected and the needy population with its targeted schemes in the last 10 years. In the next 5 years, the Modi government will further intensify its approach to ensure that every needy person gets access to all the basic amenities of life. Every BJP

leader and activist has earlier worked 365 days a year to ensure the welfare of the masses and will leave no stone unturned to ensure welfare of the public in the next 5 years also", said Ravinder Raina.

Sukhnandan Choudhary said that the people of Marh along with the whole of Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing the unprecedented

development, which has encouraged them to come in support of Modi government to continue the spree of development.

He said that today, roads have reached almost every hamlet in the short span of 10 years. The people from far-off villages have experienced the transformation and witnessed an era of development in their lives due to dedicated efforts of the party cadre under the leadership of PM Modi.

He also said that the people of this whole belt is hardcore nationalist population and support the Modi government from the core of their hearts for the 'Nation First' policy of BJP along with the welfare of the needy.

BJP State Secretary

Vikas Choudhary, DDC Marh Balbir Lal, BJP Mandal President Vikramjeet Manhas, District Secretary BJP Deepak Pandey, Sarpanch Sham Lal, Sarpanch Sr Harjeet Singh, Sarpanch Sr Avinash Singh, Sarpanch Narinder Singh, Sarpanch Mulkh Raj Sharma, Sarpanch Daljeet Singh, Sarpanch Shiv Salaria, Sarpanch Parshotam Sharma, Sarpanch Balbir Singh, Sarpanch Pooja Devi, Sarpanch Amarjeet Kour, Sarpanch Tilak Raj Choudhary, Sarpanch Deepak Jalotra, Sarpanch Gurdeep Saini, Sarpanch Binny Sharma, Sarpanch Choudhary Surjeet and others were among the prominent present on the occasion.

## Rs 20,000 crore for farmers is new beginning of welfare by Modi-3 regime: Khatana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana on Wednesday said that PM Modi has again helmed the affairs of world's largest democracy and like earlier 10 years of his leadership, the country has again started getting benefits especially the welfare measures for the otherwise neglected sections of the society like farmers have got much relief now.

Khatana said that in such a welfare measure the PM has now released 17th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi worth Rs. 20,000 crore for more than 9.26 crore farmers across the country including Rs. 182.55 crore for 8.46 lakh farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued to the selected group of news organisations, BJP leader Khatana said while the Prime Minister released the installment from his Parliamentary constituency of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, he again won hearts of 140 crore Indians by working out favourable measures for the farmers who are backbone in the progress of our country.

The Rajya Sabha member said that NDA government led by PM Modi is working hard for the third consecutive tenure for the welfare of farmers, the poor and other marginalised sections of the society as PM Modi believes that farmers, women, youth and the poor are strong pillars of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Khatana said that after PM Modi took leadership of this great nation he slept less and worked more to ensure welfare of the people of the country and has given Ayushman Cards to all which enables even a poor person to avail medical care for critical diseases upto Rs. 5 lakhs expenditure.

"Free ration to BPL people, Ujwala gas Yojana, vaccination during COVID-19 pandemic, Har Ghar Jal and many more remained the welfare measures under the leadership of PM Modi which have helped the poor population of the country a lot," Gulam Ali maintained.

He further said that people of India have given third tenure to PM Modi to lead the country to progress and the PM in turn is working hard for more welfare of the people of the country and again the country is in safe hands.

## Sadhotra seeks justice for NEET aspirants

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today expressed anguish and concern over jeopardising the future of millions of aspirants across the country including Jammu and Kashmir by mismanaging and erroneous handling of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

"The ill effects of the examination on students, their parents and the broader education system has been colossal and the BJP owes answers and explanation to the country", Ajay Sadhotra said in a statement issued here this afternoon. He blamed the Centre for mismanagement and lack of sensitivity towards aspirations of the young aspirants, saying NEET has created significant disparities in access to medical education, disadvantaging students from rural areas and those from economically weaker sections. The BJP ought to have spared at least students and avoided the centralized nature of NEET, ignoring the diverse educational backgrounds across the country, particularly harming students who do not have access to high-profile coaching Centres.

The anomalies in the conduct of the examination is yet another insult to the injuries of all those finding pushed to wall after declaration of results, he

added. Describing education as a state subject, Sadhotra said imposition of NEET without considering local contexts is unjust and unfair. The National Conference expresses solidarity with the students and reiterates its resolve to continue its fight for a fairer education system. He called for a more equitable, inclusive, and decentralized approach to medical admissions by undertaking course correction in the prevailing mechanism. Sadhotra assailed the BJP for forcing the students take to streets to fight for justice and said this can have serious ramifications. The patriots expect the BJP led NDA government to listen to the voices of students, parents, and educators, he added.

Referring to the menace of paper leaks and recruitment seams under the BJP rule, Sadhotra said the malady appears to have manifested as an organised affair. He recalled the recruitment scams like Police SIs, JEs and Accounts Assistants in Jammu and Kashmir, saying these have shaken the confidence of the educated unemployed in the system.

While the credibility of the recruitment agencies has touched lowest depths, the erosion in the system has taken toll of meritorious candidates who genuinely feel pushed to the wall.

## Transport Commissioner reviews transport services in Anantnag

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Transport Commissioner, Rajinder Singh Tara on Wednesday visited Anantnag to review the efficiency of transport services in the district.

During the visit, the Transport Commissioner scrutinized the implementation of various online services offered by the department, emphasizing the importance of timely service delivery to ensure smooth and effective operations for general public.

The Transport Commissioner also conducted



Transport Commissioner, Rajinder Singh Tara interacting with officials at Anantnag.

site inspection for the proposed Office cum Driving Skill Test and Fitness Inspection Centre at Zudder

Vessu here. This initiative is part of department's ongoing efforts to develop state-of-the-art infrastructure to

better serve the public.

He also inspected the existing Driving Skill Test cum Fitness Inspection ground near Railway Station Harnag providing specific instructions to the Motor Vehicle Inspectors to enhance the facility's operations and service quality.

Later, the Commissioner held a meeting with transport associations from the Anantnag district, during which he was apprised about various issues affecting the transport sector. He assured the representatives that

their genuine demands would be addressed promptly, reinforcing the department's commitment to supporting the transport community.

The Transport Commissioner also engaged with the staff members of the ARTO office Anantnag, reviewing their work assignments and directing them to resolve any pending tasks swiftly. He emphasized the importance of addressing public grievances in a timely manner.

Highlighting on road safety, the Commissioner

## LG Mishra inaugurates First Circuit Sitting of CAT Jammu Bench in Leh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The inauguration of the First Circuit Sitting of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra in Leh, led by Lieutenant Governor Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), marked a pivotal occasion attended by prominent officials including Administrative Member B Anand and Judicial Member Rajinder Singh Dogra, Judicial Member, CAT Patna Bench, Ajay Pratap Singh; Principal Registrar, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi, Preeti Singh and Administrative Secretary, Law and Justice, Michael D'Souza, IAS. ADGP



LG Leh Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) lighting a lamp.

Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, IPS; President of District Bar Association Leh, Mohd Shafi Lassu and members of District Bar Association Leh; members of CAT Jammu Bench; Legal

Assistants and other officials were present during the inauguration.

Scheduled for June 19 and 20, the Circuit Sitting aims to expedite the resolution of service matters within Leh

district.

Lieutenant Governor Mishra underscored the importance of justice delivery and advocated for the permanent establishment of CAT Jammu Bench at Melongthang, and proposed a similar facility in Kargil to cater to both districts. He emphasized the need for year-round operations and prompt case resolutions, urging a reduction in litigation.

The event also featured messages from Chairman of CAT, Justice Ranjit Vasantrao More, and concluded with expressions of gratitude from Principal Registrar Preeti Singh and Administrative Secretary Michael D'Souza, IAS.

## Ladakh got 22 seats in CSAB NEUT-2024 across country in AICTE-approved Technical Institutions

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Under the Government of India's ongoing scheme of reservation of seats in Engineering/Technology/Architecture/Pharmacy courses in AICTE approved Technical Institutions across the country, for students belonging to 8 North East States and 5 Union Territories, 22 seats in Architecture and Engineering in various Institutions across India under CSAB NEUT-2024 counseling has been allocated to UT of Ladakh.

The Commissioner/ Secretary of Higher Education, UT Ladakh Padma Angmo stated that considering the lack of enough institutions offering professional courses in these states and union territories, the Government of India is implementing this program. CSAB NEUT-2024 will conduct "two rounds" of seat allotment.

The candidates can start registration from 19 to 28 June, choose and prioritize the courses of their choice (choice-filling) online from June 21, and lock their choice by 01 July 2024. The first round of allotment will be done on 8 July 2024. The second round of seat allotment will happen on 22 July 2024. It is followed by a "spot round", which will be conducted by the respective "Directorate of Technical Education (DTEs)" of all the participating North Eastern States/UTs.