

Indian solutions for Indian problems, Indian data for Indian innovations: Dr Jitendra

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PUNE: "Indian Solutions for Indian problems and Indian data for Indian Innovations as our spectrum, and even our human phenotype, is different from the rest of the world," said Dr. Jitendra Singh while addressing the 6th National Convention of Vigyan Bharati (ViBha) at MIT-ADT University, here.

Speaking on the occasion, 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 recalled his association with the convention and shared that he has attended all the conventions of VIBHA till date.

He described it as a seminal movement for Swadeshi Sciences with Swadeshi Spirit, trying to make the optimum combination of Scientific Temper with Indian Temper.

The Union Minister for Science and technology traced the journey of Vigyan Bharati (VIBHA) beginning in 1980's and mentioned that those who are committed to Science got along. He also recalled that in 2007 VIBHA won 'Nehru Award' which was handed over by the then Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and is a testimony of its contribution in the field of science, rising above any political affiliations.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, himself a renowned Diabetologist, observed that in our country there is high prevalence of central obesity, visceral obesity which is known to be a risk factor for metabolic diseases such as heart disease, hyper-tension, which



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the National Science Conference at MIT-ADT University, Pune.

signifies that we should have a separate data on health. He said that Indian Phenotype is different, our DNA differs from the rest of the world hence some diseases prevail more in India. To counter these we need an integrated and holistic approach and combine our traditional knowledge and modern medicine, he said. Traditional knowledge is our exclusive asset. The Science and technology department has started 'Traditional Knowledge Digital library' to achieve the best of both worlds. He also mentioned that people having prejudice against oriental medicine changed their opinion during covid times. He shared that people from so-called advanced countries used to reach out to him for any Ayurvedic remedy or cure during Pandemic.

Highlighting the progress in Science & technology in the last decade, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "Under Prime Minister Modi since 2014, we have received ample support, and any positive suggestion kept forward was always welcomed." The so called developed nations have accepted that India has become a frontline nation, he added.

"India established its own standards, in addition to meeting the International standards,"

said Dr. Jitendra Singh while tracing India's scientific revolution from 350 startups in 2014 to nearly 1.5 lakh in 2024. He said, the world has recognised that India now stands 3rd in global startups. Highlighting innovation and R&D activities he shared that India clinched from 81st position in 2014 to 40th position in Global Innovation Index. Going he stated that we stand at number three in the highest number of PhDs in science.

Speaking on India's rich marine resources and 7,500 km long coastline, the Union Minister for Earth Sciences expressed his confidence that the deep sea mission will make India biggest contributors to the blue economy and biggest exporters of fisheries. Highlighting the success of India's new Space policy which opened the Space sector for private players, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "we had only one startup in 2022 and now we have around 200 startups in 2024." Dr Jitendra Singh also congratulated the CSIR for Aroma Mission and shared that 'Agripreneurs' in Aroma Mission are earning lakhs, even some not having very high formal education degree. Giving credit to the leadership of PM Modi, he said India never had

dearth of scientific acumen, it lacked an enabling milieu which now is possible because of current dispensation.

Sharing wisdom with young scientific community Dr. Jitendra Singh said "Being students of Science we are taught to speak with evidence and our belief in Indianness is not just out of national pride but it is based on sound scientific research." He motivated them to integrate Public-Private sectors with collective effort, supplementing the cultural as well as capi-

tal resources.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that Vigyan Bharati (VIBHA) continues to play a pivotal role in the development of Science. Dr. Satheesh Reddy, Former Chairman of DRDO ; Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Former President ; Dr. Shekhar Mande, President VIBHA; Swami Srikantananda Maharaj, Adhyaksha Ramakrishna Math Pune; Prof. Vishwanath Karad, President MIT, Pune were also present for the convention.



DIG Sunil Gupta seeks support of every section of society

Lt Guv's concern over drug abuse must be translated in reality by wiping out drug mafia: Team Jammu

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JAMMU: Tearing drug abuse as one of the dangerous and threatening challenges before humanity, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Jammu, Kathua, Samba Range, Dr Sunil Gupta on Sunday sought the support of every section of the society to eradicate this menace.

"Neither police nor society alone can face this menacing challenge which is destroying our younger generation", DIG Dr Sunil Gupta said while addressing a massive programme organized by the Team Jammu on eve of "World Anti-Drug Day" at Jagat Resorts Banquet, Shakti Nagar, here on Sunday.

Members of J&K Tawi Trekkers, Samvedna (NGO), noted Dogri writers, artists, singers, musicians senior citizens and volunteers of Team Jammu from various City Colleges, Jammu also participated in the program.

DIG, JKS, Range, Dr Sunil Gupta (IPS), was the chief guest on the occasion, while Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Janwal presided over the function. SSP, Jammu, Dr Vinod



DIG JKS Range, Dr Sunil Gupta posing with other dignitaries at a programme.

Kumar (IPS), President J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Advocate Vikram Sharma were Guests of Honour while SP, City North, Shivam Sidharth (IPS), eminent Journalist and senior Editor, Times Now Channel, Pardeep Dutta and Dogra Journalist, Ashish Kohli were special Guests on the occasion.

DIG Dr Sunil Gupta emphasized the joint fight by involving every section of the society to protect the younger generation from this menace. He exhorted the society to remain vigilant against the drug mafia and inform the police as soon as possible in case spotting any suspicious activities.

"Your support is must to eradicate this menace from the roots", the DIG said.

Advocate Vikram Sharma and SSP, Dr Vinod Kumar in their respective addresses appreciated Team Jammu for organizing such awareness programme on eve of World Anti-Drug Day but emphasized redoubling the ongoing efforts. "You have to intensify your efforts because drug abuse increasing at a threatening and dangerous level in Jammu province", they cautioned.

SP City North, Shivam Sidharth, Journalists Pradeep Datta and Ashish Kohli in their speeches appreciated the artists led by Pawan Verma who performed a small skit to educate the younger generation against drug abuse.

Some drug victims whose identities were kept secret with masks also spoke on the occasion and shared their pain and agony as addict and also

detailed their experience in rehabilitation centers. They also informed how volunteers of Team Jammu successfully guided them for rebuilding their careers.

Welcoming, Lt Governor, J&K UT, Manoj Sinha's concern over growing drug abuse here in Jammu and Kashmir, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Janwal asserted, "Lieutenant Governor's concern should not remain mere concern but it must be translated in reality and drug mafia has to be dealt with iron hands to save younger generation. The time has come to launch operation flush out against drug lords operating in J&K especially in Jammu Province."

Seeking support of the civil society to eradicate menace of drug abuse, Team Jammu chief, Zorawar Singh Janwal further said that cooperation of every section of the society is must to liberate our younger

generation from the yoke of drug addiction. "We have to accept this reality that drugs are slowly tightening grip on the youth of the State. It is high time to start a deciding war against this menace", he said.

While appreciating the police for launching campaign against drug mafia in Jammu Province, Zorawar Singh Janwal, however, said that still there are some black sheep among cops involved in helping drug mafia. "Need of the hour is to single out such black sheep to make the ongoing campaign more effective and result oriented", he said.

Team Jammu chief Zorawar Singh Janwal further suggested tips to effectively deal with peer pressure. "The biggest reason teens start using drugs is because their friends utilize peer pressure. No one likes to be left out, and teens as well as adults too find themselves doing things they normally wouldn't do just to fit in," he explained.

Noted Dogri poet, Thakur Randheer Singh Raipuria enthralled gathering with their famous Dogri poems written on drug abuse.

Earlier, Law Student, Vasude Singh welcomed the jam-packed gathering, while Happy Janwal, Rajat Manhas, Keshav Chopra, Pratap Singh, Ashok Kumar, Suresh Sharma and Sanjay Verma also spoke on the occasion.

6th Annual Sudhmahadev Charri Yatra flagged off

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JAMMU: The 6th Annual Sudhmahadev Charri Yatra was successfully organized by the Sudhmahadev Charri Yatra Samiti (Regd) from the ancient Panjbakhtar Temple in Jammu to the ancient Shiv Temple of Shri Shul Paneshwar Ji Maharaj in Sudhmahadev, District Udhampur.

This sacred pilgrimage, conducted annually during Jyestha Purnima, witnessed the devout participation of hundreds of Bhagwan Shiv devotees from across the region.

The Yatra commenced early morning with devotees gathering at the Panjbakhtar Temple, fervently chanting "Har Har Mahadev."

The flagging off ceremony was conducted by Retired Judge Suresh Kumar Sharma, along



Retd Judge, Suresh Kumar Sharma flagging off Sudhmahadev Charri Yatra.

with Retired Colonel S.K Thappa, Congress leader Vinod Sharma, Manik Gupta (Chairman RTI cell), Advocate Bhavishya Sudan, Ex-Corporator Ritu Choudhary, General Secretary of Kanak Mandi Association Vikas Gupta, SHO Brahm Dev Singh, SI Pritam Singh, and other dignitaries.

The spiritually elevated saint, Shri Damodar Das Ji Maharaj from

Vrindavan, carried the Pavitra Chhari to Sudhmahadev. Speaking to the media, Maharaj emphasized the significance of Sudhmahadev, citing its references in religious scriptures such as Shiv Puran and Padam Puran. It is noted that Lord Shiva solemnized his marriage with Maa Goran at Mantalai, a sacred site along the Yatra route.

En route, the Chhari was warmly welcomed at various locations. At the Shiv Temple Dhok Waziran in Nagrota, Ex-MLA Balwan Singh led devotees in welcoming rituals, followed by religious programs and community meals organized by the temple committee.

The Yatra was also received with enthusiasm at Devika Ji Temple in Udhampur by Yuva Brahma Mandal, and at Mukteshwar Dham in Domail Chennai town, where artists from Kanpur performed the captivating tale of Shiv Vivah.

The journey continued through "vegetable village" Basht, where Ex-Sarpanch Surinder Kumar welcomed the Chhari and arrangements for Langar were made for the devotees. Special Pooja rituals were performed at the holy Gorikund cave with Vedic

chants led by local Pandits and temple committee president Balbir Singh. The Yatra concluded at Sudhmahadev with a warm reception by Tehsildar (Mela Officer) and SHO Pushpinder Singh, SI Raman Kumar, and a large gathering of local residents. Special Pooja was conducted at the holy temple of Bhagwan Shul Paneshwar Ji Maharaj amidst Vedic mantras, invoking blessings of Lord Shiva upon all participants.

The Sudhmahadev Charri Yatra Samiti expressed heartfelt gratitude to the numerous Shiv Bhakts who participated in the Yatra, contributing to its success. The administration ensured all necessary arrangements were in place for the safe and hassle-free conduct of the pilgrimage.

BJP pays tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee



BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina paying tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) paid tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee by organizing various programmes across Jammu & Kashmir to commemorate the Balidan Diwas of Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by party general secretaries Adv Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal paid tributes to the great ideologue on his statue and then portrait at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Former MLC Ashok Khajuria, BJP secretary Ayodhya Gupta, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Library Incharge Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, District President Rekha Mahajan, All Cell Co-ordinator Ved Sharma, Shailja Gupta, Subhash Gupta, Dil Bahadur Janwal, Ajay Gupta and other party leaders also paid tributes on occasion. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization),

paid tributes to Dr. Mookherjee at Polling Booth no 56, 58, Baba Dhanar Mandal at Reasi. He was accompanied by BJP Secretary Arvind Gupta, District President Rohit Dubey, former MLA Baldev Raj Sharma, Shashi Gupta, Shiv Sharma, Ramesh Kumar and others.

Ravinder Raina, while paying tributes said that Dr Mookherjee sacrificed his life while agitating to end the permit system under which anyone leaving or entering the State had to obtain a permit, a practice which did not exist in any other state of the country. It was through the sacrifices of Dr. Mookherjee that Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with the rest of the country and it was considered as one of the great steps for the national interest, he said and added that Dr. Mookherjee never compromised on principles and questioned the provision of separate symbols for this state. Ashok Koul, while paying tributes to the great ideologue, said that the founda-

tions of BJP is laid on the vision of Dr. Mookherjee and Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay for the welfare of whole mankind. He said that the person like Mookherjee never think about their personal pleasures and work for a sustainable Universe for their whole lives.

Vibodh Gupta said that a person like Mookherjee is scarce and his life serves as a source of inspiration for generations to come as far as the BJP is concerned Dr Mookherjee is a source of inspiration for the entire BJP cadre.

Dr. Devinder Manyal, who conducted the proceedings of the programme recalled the sacrifice made by the patriot for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the nation. He said that Mookherjee laid down his life opposing the two sets of laws for Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country. Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra narrated the important events of life and laid thrust on various ideological insights put forth by Dr Mookherjee. Rekha Mahajan thanked all, who participated in the tribute programme.

AIIMS Jammu's Advanced Temporal Bone Dissection Course: A step towards surgical mastery

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JAMMU: In a pioneering move, the ENT Department at AIIMS Jammu has unveiled a specialized Temporal Bone Dissection Course (22nd - 23rd June 2024), aiming to enhance the surgical skills of Otolaryngologists and Skull Base Surgeons. This groundbreaking initiative marks a significant stride in medical education and surgical training within the region.

Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kant, Medical Superintendent, and Prof. (Dr.) Meeta Gupta, Dean Academics, commended the ENT department for organizing this temporal bone dissection workshop, highlighting the course's vital role and the department's dedication to excellence in medical training.

The temporal bone is the



CEO AIIMS Jammu, Prof (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta and others posing for a photograph.

protective bone housing the essential hearing sensory organs such as the inner ear and associated neural pathways. It poses unique challenges in surgical procedures due to its intricate anatomy. Understanding the critical need for mastering these skills, AIIMS Jammu has introduced this comprehensive course, tailored to equip medical professionals with the precision and expertise required to navigate this delicate area effectively.

Dr. Darwin Kaushal, Organizing Chairperson, and Dr. Amardeep Singh, Organizing Secretary of the

two-day surgical course at AIIMS Jammu, expressed their thanks to the ED & CEO, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta.

"Temporal bone dissection is fundamental for various surgical procedures, including cochlear implants and skull base surgeries. Through this course, we aim to empower our medical fraternity with the specialized knowledge and practical skills necessary to perform these intricate procedures safely and effectively," they stated.

Fifty-six delegates from all over India and abroad partic-

ipated in this surgical training workshop, underscoring its broad impact and appeal. The course curriculum offers a comprehensive blend of theoretical lectures, hands-on dissection sessions, and problem-solving activities utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

Participants had the opportunity to work closely with experienced faculty from various AIIMS, including Dr. Amit Goyal (Professor and Head, ENT Department, AIIMS Jodhpur), Dr. Prem Sagar and Dr. Rajeev Kumar (Additional Professors, ENT Department, AIIMS New Delhi).

They engaged in interactive learning experiences, honing their surgical techniques and decision-making abilities.

The introduction of the Temporal Bone Dissection Course at AIIMS Jammu underscores its pivotal role in advancing excellence in medical education and patient care, enhancing surgical proficiency, and fostering innovation in healthcare delivery. This pioneering initiative holds the promise of shaping the future of otolaryngological and neurosurgical practice in the region, ultimately benefiting both patients and healthcare providers.