

Dr Jitendra launches ‘One Week One Theme’ campaign showcasing recent success stories

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NEW DELHI: 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 on Monday launched "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology.
"Our aim is to integrate the efforts of all CSIR labs working on similar projects to reduce overlap and optimise resources," said Dr. Jitendra and said, the 'One Week One Theme' initiative under Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) aims to make innovation inclusive for all.
Pertinent to mention, 'One week One Theme' is the brainchild of Minister Dr. Jitendra.
'OWOT' is built on the legacy and success of the 'One Week One Lab' (OWOL) initiative started last year. OWOL was also made possible under his guidance.
The Science and Technology minister highlighted the aim and objective

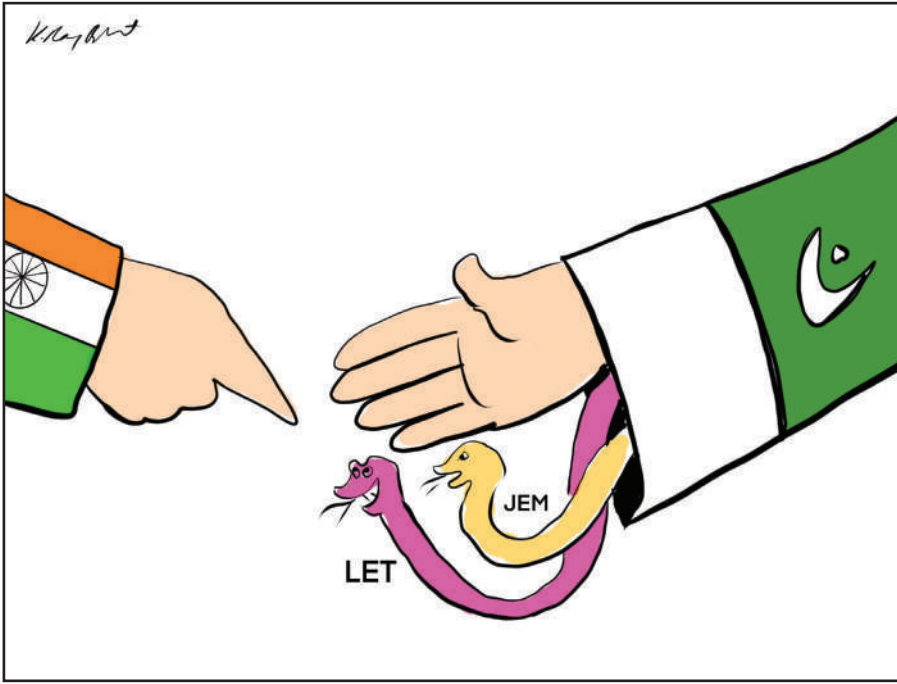


Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching 'One Week One Theme' campaign under Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at New Delhi on Monday.

behind this initiative is to create awareness among citizens about the progress and development in Labs, to benefit them giving them new avenues and opportunities for employment, empowering stakeholders such as MSME's, Startups, SHG's, scientists and research by integration and collaboration with Industry.
Around 24 technology transfers, product launches, MoU's were signed in presence of the Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra, tracing CSIR's initial Journey, he said CSIR has history pre-dating to

India's Independence still industry linkage had not happened to a great extent. However, in the last decade we have tried to integrate industry-academia and research and entrepreneurship.
Dr. Singh said "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is to empower farmers and common citizens by not limiting Science to labs, but reaching out to them to promote ease of living. Dwelling on 8 themes which include energy and energy devices; chemicals and petrochemicals, aerospace, electronics and Strategic sectors; Civil infrastructure and engi-

neering, Agriculture, nutrition and biotech; healthcare; Mining, minerals, metals and materials; ecology, environment, earth, ocean sciences and water.
Dr. Jitendra expressed satisfaction over the success of OWOL and wished for similar success to OWOT. Going further he also announced to scale up this initiative from CSIR labs to other facilities. He also gave the agenda for next year as One week One Integrated theme (OWIT). He also shared that progress in the Deep Sea mission, Aroma Mission, millet economy, Bio economy and Next generation technology will propel the Indian economy to grow faster and become 4th largest from 5th largest.
The Minister also recalled how the local population was unaware of the work going on inside some of these labs, but after creating awareness among them they could be made a part of the whole developmental journey of tulip cultivation and 108 petal lotus developed by CSIR is a shining example. "We are going beyond CSIR realms" he said.
Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR; N. Pradeep Kumar, Director CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee were also present on the occasion.



Dr Karan Singh hails LG's efforts for development & boost in Hindu Religious Tourism



LG Manoj Sinha calling on former Governor Dr. Karan Singh at his residence in Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: The Lt. Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha called on Former Governor, Statesman and Scion of the Erstwhile Dogra Royal Family, Dr. Karan Singh at his residence in Srinagar.
Dr. Karan Singh congratulated the Lt. Governor for his concerted efforts and achievements regarding the overall development and peace and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir.
During this meeting Vikramaditya Singh and Martand Singh, both Trustees of J&K Dharmarth Trust and the son and grandson of Dr. Karan Singh, respectively were present.
Dr. Karan Singh also praised the Hon'ble LG for his successful efforts in boosting Religious Tourism and the major development of Hindu Pilgrimage Sites and Temples. He also hailed the efforts of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for choosing to celebrate International Yoga Day in Srinagar.

Dr. Karan Singh also highlighted LG Sinha's significant role in effectively implementing the development plans and welfare schemes initiated by the Modi Government, noting the positive impact these initiatives have had on the region.
He praised the efforts of LG Sinha in enhancing infrastructure, promote tourism, and improve the overall quality of life for the people in Jammu and Kashmir.
He expressed confidence that such endeavors would continue to drive progress and bring about lasting benefits for the region's residents.
They discussed matters pertaining to development of Hindu Temples and holy Pilgrimage sites in Jammu and Kashmir.
Vikramaditya Singh apprised the LG regarding major restoration and renovation works recently undertaken by the J&K Dharmarth Trust especially for Sri Rambhreshwar Temple in Jammu city, the Shivji Temple in Pahalgam,

Kashmir and the Rani Temple in Gulmarg, Kashmir.
He also requested the LG to expedite the development of the area around Mata Sarthal Devi Temple in Kishtwar, Jammu region and discussed the preparations of the upcoming Mata Sarthal Devi Yatra, Kishtwar.
Vikramaditya Singh also expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble LG for the assistance rendered by the State Administration during the recently held Kheer Bhavani Mela in Ganderbal and the Sudh Mahadev Mela in Udhampur, both of which witnessed unprecedented and massive footfalls of Devotees and Yatris.
The Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha reaffirmed his commitment to the holistic development of Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing his dedication to enhancing infrastructure, promoting tourism, and preserving the cultural heritage of the region, particularly its Hindu pilgrimage sites and temples.

AIIMS Jammu conducts ‘Fire Safety Awareness Programme’

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JAMMU: The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Fire & Emergency Services (JKF&ES), Command Rajouri Poonch, conducted a comprehensive Fire Safety Awareness Programme on Monday at the AIIMS Jammu Campus.



Er Himanshu Gandotra, Assistant Director, JK Fire & Emergency Services speaking at a programme at AIIMS Jammu.

Gandotra, Assistant Director, JK Fire & Emergency Services, who played a pivotal role in the organization and execution of the programme. His expertise and dedication to fire safety were instrumental in making the event a success.
He provided detailed explanations about various types of fire extinguishers, their anatomy, and working mechanisms. Key points included: The importance of checking the pressure gauge of fire extinguishers, ensuring it is in the middle at the time of use. He also advised and emphasized

awareness of the "Emergency Evacuation Plan," which will be available for every building on campus. Demonstrating the PASS method (Pull the pin, Aim the Nozzle at the base of the fire, Squeeze the handle slowly, and Sweep from side to side) and highlighting considerations like the direction of the wind.
He also shared tips on protecting oneself if someone catches fire, explaining methods such as "Stop, Drop, and Roll."
He also explaining the concepts of "starvation and smothering" processes to extinguish fires effectively.

The Fire Safety Equipment Display, the Fire Safety Training, Practical demonstrations of fire extinguishing techniques, Mock evacuation drills will be performed in upcoming days to familiarize participants with the emergency evacuation routes and protocols. This exercise aimed at ensuring a swift and orderly evacuation in case of an actual fire emergency.
An Interactive Sessions conclude the programme where participants asked questions and clarify their doubts regarding fire safety measures.
The Executive Director &

CEO of AIIMS Jammu, Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, emphasized the importance of such programmes in his address.
"Fire safety is of paramount importance in a healthcare setting where the safety of patients, staff, and visitors is a top priority. This awareness programme conducted by JKF&ES is a vital step towards ensuring that our campus is well-prepared to handle any fire emergency. He extended his heartfelt gratitude to Er Himanshu Gandotra and his team for their dedication and expertise in imparting this crucial knowledge."
The Deputy Director (Administration), Lt. Col. Prabhat Sharma of AIIMS Jammu, extends its sincere thanks to Er Himanshu Gandotra, Assistant Director, JK Fire & Emergency Services, for his invaluable contribution to this initiative. His efforts have significantly enhanced the fire safety awareness and preparedness of the AIIMS Jammu community.

DC Jammu initiates classification, digitisation of Kashmiri Migrants Ration Cards

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JAMMU: In a significant move to streamline the delivery of social welfare benefits to the Kashmiri migrant population, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, convened a crucial meeting on Monday.
The meeting, also attended by Relief Commissioner (M) Arvind Karvani, focussed on reviewing the Ration Card classification and digitisation initiative for Kashmiri migrants.
The classification and digitisation procedures are being carried out in accordance with the existing rules of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). This initiative aims

to update databases, ensuring efficient delivery of social welfare benefits to the migrant community.
During the meeting, it was decided that special camps would be organised to expedite the process.
The Deputy Commissioner elucidated the roles of concerned officers, including Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Tehsildars and Camp Commanders, in this exercise.
To facilitate the process, arrangements have been made to provide and update essential documents such as Aadhaar cards, income certificates and domicile certificates as per the requirements of the migrant population.

Rana exhorts students to aim high in achieving academic excellence

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday exhorted students to aim high, saying sky is the limit for the meritorious and those striving for achieving academic excellence.
"The path to success is not easy, but with perseverance, determination and firm belief in self, the talented ones can overcome any challenge that comes their way, be it academics or any other field", Devender Rana said at a felicitation ceremony, organised by the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Regd.) under the patronage of Baldev Singh Billawaria former Dy Mayor to honour the meritorious students, who had outstanding performance in the Board Examination at Gangval in RS Pura-Jammu South



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana posing with students and others at a programme.

Assembly Constituency.
In his motivational discourse, Rana said that only those students, who have concentration and willpower towards studies, score top marks. They do not only lay strong foundations for their academic odyssey but also bring laurels to their parents, teachers and the soil they belong to, he observed.

Complementing the achievers, Rana acknowledged their resilience and determination in setting their goals and working to achieve success. The success of the meritorious students is not only due to their hard work, but the support system and dedication of their parents and teachers. But for their strong backing, it was not possible to

achieve such a big success, he added.
Rana lauded the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Regd.) for continuously infusing new energy in the meritorious students by felicitating them so that in future these children can work harder and bring laurels to their region. Speaking on the occasion, former Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria said that just as there should be a strong foundation for strength, similarly education and guidance are necessary for excellence in life. "If there is no direction, we cannot achieve the goal. Parents and teachers are the foundation of life, always respect them", Billawaria advised the outstanding students, saying that parents play an important role in taking

youngsters forward. Earlier parents used to tell children what to study, but today children themselves decide what they want to study, he added.
Billawaria congratulated the parents of meritorious students and said that due to their values and good upbringing they have helped them achieve their goals. He advised students to choose the right career for their better future and prepare accordingly.
Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust President Rajiv Sharma said that if children need any kind of assistance regarding studies, the Trust is always ready to help. During the felicitation ceremony, the students gave as much credit for their success to their parents as to their teachers. Expressing gratitude to the Trust for felicitating the meritorious students, the parents said

that their children have made them proud by their hard work and this moment has become one of the important moments in their life.
The Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Regd.) honoured the meritorious students who had secured highest marks in class 10th and 12th board examinations of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Jammu & Kashmir Board of Secondary Education (JKBOSE) by giving them mementos.
Prominent among those present on the occasion included, Rajinder Singh Chib, Harbans Chaudhary, Ranjeet Singh, Purnan Verma, Ashok Kumar, Isher Singh (Noni), Rakesh Sangral, Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Sohan Katal, Avtar Chib and others.

Will Rahul Gandhi work for undoing amendments made to Art 74 of COI by 42nd & 44th Amendment Acts

With present form of Art 74 President cannot freely work as Preserver, Protector & Defender of COI

■ DAYA SAGAR
During the days of campaigning for elections to 18th Lok Sabha "INDI" Alliance had amongst the accusations made against BJP allegations placed at made at high vocal note of NDA "plans" for changing the constitution of India since BJP had set target to win 400 seats for NDA and 370 for BJP. Rahul Gandhi had particularly made an issue of it when a few of the BJP leaders/contesting candidates had said that 400 seats are targeted since changing the constitution of India was aimed at. No doubt neither Prime Minister Narendra Modi nor any BJP leader like J. P. Nadda had made any such statement but neither the leaders who had made some statements were not disowned by prime BJP leadership nor did they publically withdrew their statement. So to be brief the INDIA alliance / Rahul Gandhi carried a copy of COI in every

public meeting and kept on accusing BJP of intentions to dismantle the COI/ basic structure of COI/ dismantle provisions like reservations for the socially & educationally backward citizens of India. Some analyst do have attributed the reasons for poor performance of BJP (only 240 seats out of targeted 370) to the accusations made by Rahul Gandhi that BJP plans to change the basic structure of the "Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar's" Constitution / Change the constitution of India. No doubt while drafting the COI very very intimate precautions / safe guards had been enshrined in the text that was accepted/ adopted by Constituent Assembly of India on 26 Nov 1949 so as to ensure that the elected representatives / governments do not violate any article of COI and or also not violate any of basic principles enshrined in the COI/ Preamble of COI while operating upon Art 368 of COI

using the constituent power laid there in while enacting some Acts / amendments as may be required at any later date. Those entrusted with the task of drafting the constitution of India i.e Bharat were in principle desirous of giving to their self not only a well meaning parliamentary system of democracy suiting all the diversities & needs of Indian people but also wanted to provide checks & balances / safeguards for ensuring that the elected governments in democratic India always work within the provisions of Constitution and at no time even any elected Parliament could amend the Constitution to 'conservative' democratic system / 'autocratic' system / or the Executive could misuse the 'authority' (constituent authority provided in Art368) for which the 'institution' of Judiciary for judicial review' of



A Look through the Mist

actions of executive as well as legislature elected/installed for a particular term of 5 years max ,[see Art-13 < Laws of the fundamental rights>, Art32 < Remedies for enforcement of rights conferred by Part -III of COI , Art-124 of Part-V Chapter -IV The Union Judiciary < Art 124. Establishment and constitution of Supreme Court.-< (1) There shall be a Supreme Court of India > , Art-129< Supreme Court shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself>, Art-131 <. Original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court > , Art-220 < Restriction on practice after being a permanent Judge >, Art 143 <. Power of President to consult Supreme Court>, Art 147.< Interpretation>] an 'institution of President of India [

also as part of Parliament <Art Article -79 which says There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two Houses to be known respectively as the Council of States and the House of the People> was incorporated in Constitution so as to best of his/ her ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution & the law and devote his/her self to the service & well-being of the people of India on oath under Article -60 (President elect before entering office on oath says "I, A.B., do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully execute the office solemnly affirm of President (or discharge the functions of the President of India and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of India")... Not only that Institution of the

President of India is enshrined in COI as part of Parliament [President of India is head of the State (Union) and is 'part' of Parliament along with the two houses of elected members (Article -79 <There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two Houses to be known respectively as the Council of States and the House of the People>). Framers of constitution had laid basic spirits for democratic republic of India , that is Bharat, in the Directive Principles of State Policy as well as the objectives set out in the Preamble to the Constitution and PRESIDENT of India Democratic Republic had been spirited the task of preserving, protecting & defending The Constitution.

To be continued
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