Dr Jitendra inaugurates IIM Mumbai Incubation Centre, calls for collaboration among academic institutions

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MUMBAI: After inaugurating the new state-of-theart Incubation Centre at IIMMumbai. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, made a clarion call for closer collaboration among academic institutions of higher education and scientific research, such as IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, IIMC and CSIR, to nurture sustainable startups and innovation-driven entrepreneurship.

While interacting with students, Dr. Jitendra emphasized that "The age of working in silos is over." He asserted that the integration of academia, industry, and government is essential for India to meet itsrapid development goals. "Greater synergy between the public and private sectors is not an option-it's a necessity," he remarked.

Dr. Jitendra highlighted the democratization of civil services and the growing

just a smartphone and determination-"12 hours a day for 8 months, powered



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurating the new state-of-the-art Incubation Centre at IIM Mumbai on Tuesday

wave of women-led developby the internet," she told him. "This is the new India. ment over the past decade. Citing the Aditya L1 space where dreams transcend mission, he proudly shared limitations," said the that it was led by women Minister. scientists, reflecting the Dr. Jitendra also drew a

contrast between the last inclusive and aspirational 11 years and the preceding The Minister recounted a decade, noting that earlier powerful story of a 16-yeargenerations had limited career choices. "Today's old girl from a militancyyouth have a wide array of affected town who cracked the IIT entrance exam professional avenues, supwithout coaching, using ported by a rise in national self-esteem. which is reflected in how Indian stuabroad command dents

respect and better offers," he said. He also noted that in recent years, girls have consistently topped the Civil Services Examination, signaling a significant shift in the country's social land-

scape Charting India's rise in research and development, Dr. Singh said, "India's Gross Expenditure on R&D (GERD) has doubled in the last decade-from Rs 60,196 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 1,27,381 crore today-under Minister Modi's Prime

leadership.'

He underscored that the future of India's economy will be shaped by homegrown advancements in biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing. Key to this has been government support, like the launch of India's first indigenous DNAbased COVID vaccine, under the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

He also hailed the BioE3 Policy-Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment-as a game-changer, propelling India to the forefront of

global biotech. With India rising to the 3rd largest startup ecosystem in the world, Dr. Jitendra Singh revealed that the number of startups has grown from 350 in 2014 to over 1.5 lakh in 2025. "Startups in space tech are adding significant value," he said, noting that the government has allowed 100% FDI in the space sector and set up a ?1,000 crore venture fund for space-based startups

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Dist Poonch achieves 97 pc completion rate under PMAY-Gramin, tops Jammu Div

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POONCH: Achieving a significant milestone in rural housing, District Poonch has recorded an impressive 97% completion rate under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), the highest among the districts of Jammu division. The initiative, being implemented under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, reflects the district administration's commitment to ensuring housing for all in rural areas. Out

of the sanctioned 49,265 houses, a total of 47,784 have been successfully completed so far, marking remarkable progress under the flagship scheme. The Deputy Commissioner commended the efforts of the concerned departments and field-level functionaries for their dedication and effective execution of the scheme. He further directed the concerned executing officers to expedite the completion of the remaining houses to achieve 100% PMAY-G saturation in the district.

CS pushes forward J&K's IT revolution with BISAG-N

rise of India.



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess progress on various digital initiatives spearheaded Bhaskaracharya the National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) across the government departments.

The meeting besides the Administrative Heads was attended by DG, Planning; Commissioner. State Taxes: Director, Employment; MD, JKTDC; CEO, JaKeGA; IT professionals from BISAG-N and representatives from other departments

The Chief Secretary took stock of the progress made on development of every new initiative taken-up with the BISAG-N along with the dates for their rollout for public usage. He observed that such IT measures would make lives of common citizens largely amenable Dulloo underscored the need for developing respective dashboards for people-centric interventions like Mission YUVA and Sehat Mobile app simultaneously. This will help in having peek into their uptake among the masses besides devising subsequent action plans as per the requirements on ground. He also accentuated the importance of linking the learning of skill development courses with U-Dise data so that the trajectory of every student is known for chiselling his/her career in a better shape. Earlier, the IT Secretary Piyush Singla gave a detailed overview of ongoing, completed and upcoming initiatives, outlining plans for collaboration with BISAG-N to drive project completion. He also detailed out the objectives that have to be achieved after the accomplishment of these projects. Afterwards, the BISAG-N presented a detailed overview of its extensive portfolio of projects, emphasizing both the ongoing endeavours and new initiatives aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency and citizen-centric service delivery. The major IT projects related to Revenue Department reviewed in the meeting included ongoing digitization of Revenue Maps (5670 villages completed), development of Jamabandi portal, Mutation Register, Oracle Database Migration and a GIS portal for Ground Truthing (targeted for completion on June 30, 2025). About JK Samadhan 2.0, it was informed that the progress is satisfactory, with the dashboard and heat map for the latter already developed. These systems empower the citizens to register and track their griev-

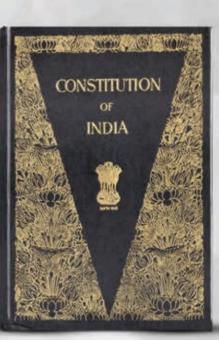
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KKG serves as a one-stop solution for the farmers, offer ing services like booking cold storage, custom hiring centers. expert video calls and access to farm inputs. While Daksh Kisan provides a comprehensive Learning Management System (LMS) with over 121 certificate courses in multiple languages for the farmers and agri-preneurs.

The core Mission Yuva app, a single platform for youth skill enhancement, job vacancies, entrepreneurship ideas and ecourses, was also said to be in the final phase of completion. The Yuva Baseline Survey, which collects data on entrepreneurs, is also finished and its database has been shared with the government departments. Besides, work is in progress on the dashboard for all services,

"Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas serves as a reminder of what happens when the Constitution of India was trampled over. It is also a day to pay homage to each and every person who suffered due to the excesses of the Emergency, a dark phase of Indian history."

> -Narendra Modi **Prime Minister**



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With respect to Sehat Mobile Application, it was given out that the same has been completed and undergoing capacity building. The SEHAT App guides the patients on health facilities. services and opportunities for healthcare professionals, ensuring optimal resource utilization.

Regarding development of Holistic Agriculture Program Development (HADP), this app for the Agriculture Production Department was also said to be complete and under maintenance, which is going to allow the farmers to record and monitor farm output.

The PM-Gati Shakti State Master Plan platform, as diclosed in the meeting, aims at bringing together all departments for integrated planning of infrastructure and connectivity projects. The status was said to be complete and under maintenance across all departments.

The meeting also had discussions on a comprehensive mobile application for education stakeholders, an AI-based learning advisor, a teacher transfer portal and integrated litigation management services.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed progress on Jalshakti Mob app, Real time Mining Surveillance app, JKCIP portal, Chief Minister Assurances Monitoring Dashboard, J&K Tourism app, GIS based Land bank, Mission YUVA and ONDC Integration and many others relevant to different departments.

The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction with the progress and reiterated the government's commitment towards leveraging the technology for good governance and citizen welfare across the UT.

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