

Modi institutionalized 'capacity building' for civil servants: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has institutionalised the "capacity building" for civil servants, who are the pivotal instruments of governance:
Launching the "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions" at Capacity Building Commission (CBC) headquarters here, Dr Jitendra said, India became the first country in the world to come out with a unique model to create standards for civil service training institutions at national level and expressed hope that soon India will be a global model in this regard.

He also inaugurated the web-portal and approach paper for the National standards, as a part of the launch event in presence of over 103 participants consisting of 25 Central Training Institutions,

JKPCC urges LG to regularize CIC operators of RDD

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JAMMU: To highlight a number of demands of CIC operators working in Rural Development Department (RDD) since 2004, with regularization at the top, JKPCC has urged LG to take necessary measures for fulfilling all their genuine demands. In a letter sent to the LG, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that CIC operators working in Rural Development Department are not backdoor appointees but have been recruited through proper procedure. "They are continuously working in Department of Rural Development Panchayati Raj, J&K, on contractual basis on a meager amount of Rs 10,000 as monthly salary, due to which they are facing a lot of hardships. They are well qualified and some even possess M.Tech, MCA, M.Sc.IT, B.E & B.Tech Degrees etc and are handling more than 26 web-portals efficiently, besides all other office assignments, he added. He urged LG to intervene personally into the matter and ensure justice on priority basis to these CIC Operators working in Rural Development Department, who are suffering badly since last two decades.

CISF recover 41,000 US dollars worth about Rs 33 lakh at IGI Airport

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NEW DELHI: A man was held at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) on Monday for allegedly attempting to smuggle 41,000 US dollars, by hiding it in the false bottom of his sweat boxes.
"On July 18, at about 5.17 AM, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff, noticed suspicious activities of a passenger at the check in area of Terminal-3 of IGI Airport.
"The passenger was later identified as Arjun Kumar (Indian) bound for Bangkok via Kolkata by Spice jet flight No. SG-8263 (STD 0700 hrs) and from Kolkata by connecting flight No. SG-742 (STD 2230 hrs)," stated the CISF.

On suspicion, he was diverted to a random checking point for thorough checking of his luggage. On checking his handbag through the X-BIS machine, some foreign currency concealed in the "False Bottom" of the bag was noticed.

The matter was informed to senior officers of CISF and Customs officials.
Later the passenger was brought to custom office at departure where on thorough checking of his aforementioned, 41000 USD (100 X 410) worth approximately Rs 33 lakh was recovered from the false bottom of the bag.
On enquiry, he could not produce any valid document to carry such amount of foreign currency.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by members of Capacity Building Commission (CBC), launching "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions" at CBC headquarters, New Delhi on Monday.

33 State level Administrative Training Institutions and other civil service training institutions along with capacity building commission.
The National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions (NSCSTI) is developed by CBC to create a baseline for Central Training Institutes on their current capacity, for elevating their quality and capacity of training delivery and to harmonise standards for training. It will also set aspirations for training institutions to strive towards excellence. The country is having standards and accreditation in higher education, healthcare and environ-

ment, but for the first time it became applicable for training institutions also. Dr. Jitendra underlined that the Civil Service Training Institutes are the most critical actors in the supply-side ecosystem as our civil service training institutes train 31 lakh employees of the Government of India. He talked about the importance of having a common baseline and a standard scale of measurement for the diverse training institutes in India, which is instrumental in enhancing the capacity of CTIs and supporting them in adopting an aspirational path to achieve their specific goals and parameters. Dr Singh said, standardisa-

tion in the training ecosystem will play a pivotal role in elevating capacities of a training institute. He congratulated the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) for developing 'National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions' (NSCSTI), which will act as a tool to drive standardising and harmonisation. The Minister also commended the whole-of-government approach taken by the Commission while ideating on the focus area of the standards.

Dr Jitendra informed that CBC consulted various Central Training Institutions (CTIs), academia, global standard setting bodies in the development of the standards. He added that studies conducted by CBC highlighted 8 focus areas such as Training Needs Assessment (TNA), Faculty Development, Collaboration with different institutes, digital readiness etc. which have the potential to significantly elevate civil service capacity building. Dr Jitendra said, India's Central Training Institutions (CTIs) must contribute to the lifelong

learning of the officers and act as mentors throughout their careers. He said, the three Es of civil service learning: Empowered learning, Effective Learning, Exploratory Learning and Electronic Learning. He further elaborated that engaging CTIs through a process of self-assessment will instil ownership of their transformation. A one-stop platform has been developed for streamlining the accreditation process for our training institutions and this will highlight best practices and enable cross-sharing and collaborative learning among CTIs, the Minister added.

In his concluding remarks, the Minister said that training of officers and personnel requires to be constantly reviewed and upgraded in view of the fast pace of evolution in all spheres of life. He said, best global practices should be incorporated in training modules along with some incentives for excellence. He said, there is a need to align individual and departmental priorities to our national aspirations and priorities.

UC Kindies preparing for Guinness World Record, India Book of Records

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MADHYA PRADESH: In this era of globalization, every child needs holistic development. Along with studies, children should get a platform to show their talent in sports and other activities. Keeping this in mind, children in U. C. Kindies are encouraged to participate not only in studies but also in other activities.

According to Meeta Bafna, Director of U. C. Kindies, "We watch for the children's skills and passions and encourage them to pursue those things in order to help them develop. To do this, numerous events and contests are regularly organized to highlight their talent. We can assist kids in advancing in their chosen fields by recognizing their skills".

Further she added, "By identifying children's ability in various activities, we are working to build their skill. In addition, we are getting ready to submit entries to India's World Book Records and the Guinness Book of World



Records with the support of our gifted children."

She also mentioned to us that the 3-year-old schoolgirl Krishna Prajapati has lately been assigned a renowned gym trainer. She is getting guidance from the trainer in push-ups, pull-ups, plank, handstands, body, leg, and other movements. She performs 20 to 25 pushups, as well as planks and pullups for 10 to 15 minutes. This is a 3-year-old girl's first-ever record.
Director Meeta Bafna stat-

ed that in addition to teaching the students daily meditation, yoga, and Indian cultural shlokas, they also provide them with an in-depth understanding of Indian culture. So that kids may embrace these values in their life and grasp the significance of our culture. Along with this, students are also given education in Sanatan Dharma, which helps them develop morals and their understanding of religion. Our school is progressing in the same way as Nalanda Vidyapeeth.

Rotary Installation Ceremony

Emulate spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam to serve humanity: Rana

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JAMMU: Lauding the role of Rotarians in promoting goodwill, camaraderie and peace for harmonious growth of the society, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said the spirit of service above self holds key to making this world a better place to live in.

"This is actually the philosophy of the world's ancient and the greatest civilization which believes in Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning the world is a family", Rana said at the Installation Ceremony of Rtn Madhu Goel, President Rotary Club Jammu Aastha and team and Rtn Ritika Mahajan, President Rotary Club Jammu Stars and team here this evening.

He expressed happiness over the people in large numbers joining the cause of serving humanity and volunteering themselves to help others to overcome



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh honouring newly installed members.

their problems. In this context, he pointed to the four-way test banner displayed at the ceremony, saying this is inspiring as the answer revolves around serving the fellow beings, irrespective of caste, creed, colour and religion. The ultimate objective remains to encourage better understanding for building goodwill between the people for earning trust so that the result is mutually beneficial for all, he said, adding that something done from a position of compassion with the hope that every action

in good faith will yield dividends. Deveder Rana exhorted the participants to work towards fostering the bonds of camaraderie amongst the fellow beings and engage themselves in providing community services in the fields of health, education and social services. This has been the motto of the Rotarians to serve humanity in whatever way one can. Prominent among others who were present were Randhir S Goel, Charter President Rotary Club Jammu Aastha, Rtn. Madhu Goel, President

Rotary Club Jammu Aastha, Rtn Ritika Mahajan, President Rotary Club Jammu Stars, Rtn RK Chouhan, Rtn Chander Goel, Rtn, Vishal Gujral, Rtn Monia Kapoor besides Ramesh Kapoor, SK Sharma, PD Seth, Vaishali Goel, Rajinder Kapoor, Dev Choudhary, HS Dua and others. Corporators, Ashok Singh Manhas and Sucha Singh were also present.

The other speakers dwelt upon the mission of the Rotary movement which envisages providing service to others, promoting integrity and advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship of business, professional and the community leaders.
They elaborately dwelt upon the pillars of the mission, underlying in the four-way test-it is the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Bar Association Jammu holds protest in support of pending demands



Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: A number of advocates led by President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Senior Adv M K Bhardwaj held a protest at District Court Complex, Janipur in support of their long pending demands. The Bar members abstained from work in all Courts including High Court, District Courts, Tribunals & Commissions on account of the protest. All office bearers namely Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Surjeet Singh Andotra,

Aditya Sharma, Amandeep Singh, Rohit Sharma, Gagandeep Singh Lucky, Yaseer Farooq Khan, Karanjeet Singh Johal, Naresh Kumar, besides many senior & young lawyers participated in the protest. The major demand of Bar Association included construction of multi storey building for all judicial works, i.e., registration work, CAT, DRT, AFT and other Tribunals within premises.
Bhardwaj, while addressing the protest, urged

Government to immediately resolve all the demands / issues of the legal fraternity for providing them relief, failing which J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu shall have no other option except to launch an agitation in support of their demands.

It is pertinent to mention here that the JKHCB had been continuously agitating their grievances before various officials of UT administration but till date not even a single demand has been fulfilled.

District Tiranga Control Room established at Anantnag: Dr Singla

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ANANTNAG: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla on Monday chaired a meeting of officers to discuss the preparations for celebrations of Har Ghar Tiranga in the district.

The meeting held detailed discussion on effective and expeditious implementation of set out modalities for Har Ghar Tiranga initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that continuing with the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government has launched Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign.

Dr. Singla directed officers to complete all the necessary arrangements in advance for successful celebration of Har Ghar Tiranga initiative.



DC Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla chairing a meeting.

He asked all the District Heads of departments to submit the requisitions for National Flag for timely and proper distribution of National Flag among the employees.

The DC also directed BDOs and EOs to finalise requisition of flags for institutional and residential buildings of rural and urban areas for distribution of

flags. The DC said District Administration has put in place all the necessary arrangements for the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative and urged all the stakeholders to work in coordination and cooperation for observing all the events as per scheduled plan.

He also stressed upon all the stake holders to go through the flag code and

follow standard protocol to honour the National Flag, while also announcing the establishment of District Tiranga Control Room, which has to tasked to complete the task of Har Ghar Tiranga within time.

Panchayat , Block and District level committees have also been formulated to oversee the implementation of campaign.

ACD was designated as the district level nodal officer for the campaign and it was informed that all the committees shall work under the overall supervision of ADC Ghulam Hassan Sheikh.

The meeting was attended by ADC Anantnag, CPO, ACR, ACD, Sectoral and District officers, BDOs, and EOs besides other concerned officials.

BJP constitutes committee for ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign in J&K

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir constituted committee for "Har Ghar Tiranga" programme launched by Modi government comprising of senior party leaders.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina announced the committee at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Harinder Gupta is nominated as Incharge J&K UT of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign in Jammu & Kashmir.

The committee is as follows:

Ashwani Sharma will coordinate the campaign in Districts Jammu, Jammu

West, Jammu Rural, RS Pura and Akhnoor.

Rajiv Jasrotia will coordinate the campaign in Districts Kathua, Pahari Zila and Samba.

Shakti Parihar will coordinate the campaign in Districts Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban.

Rohit Dubey will coordinate the campaign in Districts Udhampur and Reasi.

Dinesh Sharma will coordinate the campaign in Districts Rajouri and Poonch.

Sofi Yousuf will coordinate the campaign in South Kashmir.

Dr. Farida Khan will coordinate the campaign in North Kashmir.

Dr. Drakshana Andrabi will coordinate the campaign in Central Kashmir.

Moreover, Ajay Vaid and Muneeb Qureshi will look for the Publicity and better coordination with district teams, in Jammu region and Kashmir region respectively.

Tilak Raj Gupta and Naresh Singh will look after the availability of required material in the party headquarter for the campaign.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and Priya Sethi will coordinate with the administration for this campaign.

Ravinder Raina, while announcing the committee said that the BJP has car-

ried out various programmes in this year marking the glorious 75th Independence Day of India under the programme Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav launched by Modi government.

"To commemorate the culmination of this programme in a magnificent way, BJP has constituted a state level committee, which comprises of senior party leaders to ensure that the campaign becomes super successful at the ground level", Raina said.

Raina also disclosed that after the constitution of state level committee, BJP will also constitute the committees at District and Block levels.