

Reach out to potential StartUps' support them: Dr Jitendra

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MORADABAD: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday asked government agencies, including Department of Science & Technology, Technology Development Board and BIRAC, to reach out to potential StartUps and support them, in addition to offering support to those who themselves reach us.

This way, we will not miss out on many a deserving innovative minds whose StartUp initiative may not have taken off because of inadequate support or resources, he said.

Addressing students and faculty at an interaction meeting on "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) Programme beneficiaries here, Dr Jitendra Singh called for launching a massive countrywide hunt for innovative young minds and potential Startups, as they are the ones going to shape India's future economy.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with students and faculty at "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) Program, at Moradabad, UP on Friday.

He emphasised that India needs to attract talented young students into science and give them a supportive, creative, and challenging educational environment from their school days so that they can become successful entrepreneurs and job givers through innovative ventures.

He expressed satisfaction that Uttar Pradesh is fast catching up in the Start-up ecosystem, which was earlier mainly confined to Southern States.

Inspire Faculty Fellowship

component provides opportunities to 100 persons every year with Ph.D. qualification in the age group of 27-32 years for 5 years to carry out post-doctoral research in both basic and applied science areas including engineering, medicine, agriculture and veterinary sciences. So far, around 1400 faculty fellowships were awarded to the young doctoral students to establish themselves as independent researchers in the Global S&T Community for building a career in Research and Development.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Akalpur, Udheywala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School Manorma Vihar, Adheywala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani, Kherian, Haipur jagir, Saroda, Puran de Kothi, trilokpur, Sari Rakylan, Pouni Chak, Salerh, Old Sarore, Pandoriyan, Sunderpur, Satraiyan, Chakroi and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 09 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Gho Manhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Muthi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 09 from 8 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to all areas fed from Grid Station Kathua shall remain affected on July 09 from 7 am to 8 am. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Kohinoor, Diamond Factory, CTM, Janglote Civil and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 09 from 7 am to 11 am.

JKPSA holds workshop on NEP, impact of COVID-19 on private schools

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UDHAMPUR: J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA) in with collaboration of Teachmint, organized a daylong workshop for private schools of Jammu division, which was inaugurated by Lal Chand, Chairman District Development Council, Udhampur while the programme was presided over by Kamal Gupta, President JKPSA. This workshop was organized by Ram Parkash, District President in which more than seventy delegates participated.

The main theme of the workshop was 'New Education Policy, Impact of COVID-19 in Growth of Private Schools & trends of modern teaching'. Members highlighted their igneous problems which had erupted due to irresponsible decisions of education department while framing policies for private schools.

While speaking on the occasion, members further said that grievances cell of



JKPSA members presenting bouquet to Lal Chand, DDC Chairman Udhampur.

JKUT is only an eye-wash as since June 07, 2022 to till date, grievances cell has not conducted enquiry against Pawan Kumar Singh, Principal Govt Girls Higher Secondary School and his clerk Pawan Kumar regarding matter of authentication of results, despite of number of representations made to higher authorities.

Experts from the 'Teachmint' apprised the private school owners about pedagogy of NEP, challenges to small private schools and remedies. Kamal Gupta, President JKPSA said that present

government has no vision, no rational thinking and no national policy, as it is considering all big and small private schools at par with each other, which is unjust and unreasonable. He also warned for holding a protest against Government for anti-private schools' policies.

Lal Chand DDC Udhampur, while speaking on the occasion, said that public in villages, especially in the far flung areas cannot ignore the contribution of private schools as these schools had played a vital role to educate society in

areas, where there were no Government schools. He also encouraged the private schools owners and assured full support for redressal of their teething problems to save the venture from extinction.

Others who attended the workshop included Ajay Gupta (General Secretary JKPSA), Sat Paul Mansotra, Lal Chand, Ashwani Khajuria, Tariq Bali, Ajay Singh, Sanjeev Luthra, Pardeep Sharma, Siddharth Shanker, Rakesh Gupta, Siddheshwar Sadotra, Pankaj Kerni, Stanly C S, Kuldeep Choudhary, Vijay Kumar, Thomas Ooman, Parshant Salaria, Manoj Sharma, Vineet Gupta, Jatinder Heera, Joginder Singh, Jugal Kishore, Sanjeev Kumar, Ganesh Sharma, Ravi Sharma, Neeraj Kesar, Surinder Singh, Reham Din, Rupali Sharma, Sunita Devi, Kewal Singh, Ebby Cherian, Satish Sharma, Ved Parkash, Hem Raj and Ankush Kumar.

Dukh Niwaran Hospital Amritsar to organise OPD on July 10



Medicare Nursing Home members during a meeting

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JAMMU: Medicare Nursing Home of Jammu for the convenience of the people of Jammu on behalf of Naam Dukh Niwaran Hospital Amritsar, known for the treatment of injuries of bones, joints, spine and brain, to conduct

OPD at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on July 10.

This OPD will be on the second Sunday of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. Prof Dr. R.P.S Boparai, who specializes in orthopedics, will do OPD for the treatment of bone and joint problems.

POF for strict penal action against culprits of SI recruitment scam

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JAMMU: Public Opinion Forum (POF) on Friday demanded thorough probe and strict penal action by the CBI against the culprits of Sub Inspectors Recruitment Scam.

In a statement issued to media persons, Parveen Kumar Sharma, President POF hailed LG Manoj Sinha for giving nod to CBI inquiry into the aforesaid scam. He said that the government should ensure complete transparency in the recruitment of Sub Inspectors so that fair selection should take place and all those candidates who have taken the route of illegal means should be taken to task under the rule of law besides exemplary action against perpetrators of this scam which has tarnished the image of the UT administration across the coun-

try. He said that the administration should provide full assistance to the probing agency so that all the culprits can be booked and given the stringent punishment to deter others from indulging in such malpractices.

Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma, General Secretary POF, in his address, sought that the government should immediately advertise the SIs posts afresh to provide justice to the genuine aspirants.

He said that the inordinate delay in the aforesaid recruitment process must have resulted in many candidates crossing the upper age limit.

He demanded that the government should consider all those candidates in the fresh recruitment process as it was not their fault that the previous recruitment process had gone

into troubled waters due to the comen who compromised transparency for their vested interests.

He also demanded that the CBI inquiry should be conducted in a time bound manner.

Dr Gopal Parthasarathi said that LG's administration should take a cue from this whole gamut and should ensure that such things do not repeat in future because this has not only brought a bad name to the government but also ruined the career of many aspirants as the delay in the recruitment process will affect the same badly.

The Forum Members also demanded that the government should put under scanner all other recently conducted recruitment exercises and exemplary action should be taken against the erring.

ABVP welcomes Govt's decision to hold CBI probe in SIs recruitment process

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has welcomed decision of UT administration to cancel JKP SI recruitment process besides recommending CBI probe into the selection process. More than 1 lakh candidates had applied for 1,200 posts and around 97,000 candidates appeared for exam on March 27, 2022 in 322 exam centres set-up in 16 districts. The results were declared on June 4 and from that day, the selection list was under scanner and serious allegations of fraud against JKSSB were leveled.

In a press statement

issued on Friday, ABVP J&K Secretary Mukesh Manhas said, "ABVP believes that this type of rigging in process of recruitment of sub-inspectors puts a big question on system as it is related to security of the country. It is need of the hour that a transparent and fair investigation should be carried out. Decision of LG's administration regarding CBI probe in recruitment process is a welcome step, as it will ensure justice to all aspirants." He further said that none has the right to play with future of youth and demanded that strict action should be taken against all those found involved in scam.

Surinder distributes dustbins among vegetable & fruit vendors

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JAMMU: President of Vegetable & Fruit Association New Sabzi Mandi Narwal, Surinder Singh Kala along with Sham Lal Langer, former President of Vegetable & Fruit Association Mandi Narwal today distributed dustbins among the vendors and traders of Vegetable & Fruit markets.

Surinder Singh Kala said that the dustbins were distributed with a view to maintain better sanitation and hygiene in the markets and also to stop disposal of garbage on roads. He appealed to vegetable and fruits vendors and traders of the area not to throw garbage on roads and han-



President of Vegetable & Fruit Association New Sabzi Mandi Narwal, Surinder Singh Kala distributing dustbins.

dover the same only to designated vehicles of JMC which have been kept exclusively for this purpose.

Sham Langer highlighted the significance and importance of cleanliness in the lives and asked vendors and traders to ensure proper hygiene at their respective place of working. He

shared that individual responsibility is of essence in realizing the dream of a clean India and thus, each individual should voluntarily shoulder this responsibility. He appealed to the traders to come forward and join hands with the district administration so that the aim of Swachh Bharat can be achieved.

SC Welfare Association organises admission/ Counseling programme



All J&K Scheduled Castes Welfare Association members and students posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: All J&K Scheduled Castes Welfare Association, an NGO, organised an on-spot admission/ Counseling programme for SC students of Jammu, Doda, Udhampur and Kathua districts for B.Tech Courses at Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Chandigarh, at its office on Friday. The counseling Session was conducted by Amit Nadda, Assistant

Professor and Rayees Ahmad, Assistant Professor

Civil Engineering Department of Aryans Group of Colleges. A total of ten candidates participated in the session.

R L Bharti (IFS retired), Om Raj Bhalla, Gopal Dass, M R Majotra, Krishan Gopal and Rajesh Bajgal of SC Welfare Association were also present on the occasion.

Forest Deptt conducts ceremonial plantation drive at Nagar Van Raika

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JAMMU: To commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Government of India has conducted Haryali Saptah in 75 Nagar Van sites across the country. To mark the event in Jammu, a ceremonial plantation programme in Nagar Van, Raika was conducted on Friday.

Chairman, DDC Jammu, Bharat Bhushan was the Chief Guest and Dr Mohit Gera IFS, HOFF PCCF (J&K) was the Guest of Honour on the occasion where in ceremonial afforestation by the planting of 75 saplings of various indigenous species was carried out. Additional one thousand seedlings were planted in other identified sites across the Jammu region on the occasion as well.

The event was attended by the Director, Social Forestry, J&K, Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K, Sarpanch, Panchayat Sunjwan Lower Panch Ward Number 1, Panchayat Sunjwan Lower and school



Chairman DDC Jammu, Bharat Bhushan planting a sapling.

children from eco clubs of GHSS Rehari, HSS Julekha Mohalla, Smailpur Samba along with NSS volunteers of the Government College of Education, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, DDC Jammu, Bharat Bhushan emphasised the need to protect the forests of the Jammu region due to their ecological and economic roles. He stated that Nagar Van initiatives of the Government of India are a major step toward the conservation of natural resources through the participation of local people and PRI institutions. He called upon the pub-

lic and students to nurture natural areas, and water resources through active protection and greening initiatives as climatic amelioration measures. He further stated that rising temperatures and erratic rainfall is posing a major threat to the survival of cities and mass greening activity using indigenous species would go a long way in making the cities climatic resilient.

Dr Mohit Gera stated that Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department has initiated a slew of activities under the Green J&K Drive to enhance the green cover of UT of J&K. He also elucidated the



GDC Doda faculty planting a sapling.

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DODA: To celebrate Van

Mahotsava, a plantation drive was conducted by NSS unit and NCC (Navy) in the college premises, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event was organized under the guidance and patronage of Dr. Attar Singh Kotwal, Principal of the college.

Mahajan Bhawan becomes brisk Yatri centre

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JAMMU: Mahajan Bhawan at Shalamar Road Jammu is a brisk centre of Yatries coming from all parts of the country for Shri Amarnath Pilgrimage.

Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha have organized well equipped Yatri Langer which daily provides breakfast in the morning followed by lunch Prashad throughout the day till they get Yatra tickets from the Government agency established in the main Hall of the Mahajan Bhawan and proceed to Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas for onward journey to holy cave under the management of the Government.

The Management team headed by Romesh Chander Gupta President of the SABHA, is actively assisted by Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President and Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary. Yash Paul Gupta Chief Patron of the sabha graced the occasion by his presence.

The press and protocol arrangements are being looked after by C.P Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan. Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are the Incharge of the Langer.

Other members of the team who actively participated in today's Langer include Surinder Gupta, Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta, Subash Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Satish Mahajan, Darshan Gupta, Romesh Gupta (Bartan Wale), Rajneesh Gupta (Pinki), Ashok Gupta and Rajan Gupta.