

# StartUps IPR Protection to promote innovation, entrepreneurship: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that "StartUps Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Protection" is aimed at promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.

In his inaugural address at the 'National Intellectual Property Festival', organised by the CSIR at the National Physical Laboratory here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the filing of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) including Patents and Trademark by StartUps, along with Industry linkages will encourage innovation and motivate enterprise in India.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after the Government came up with the IPR Act in 2016, the Trademark Registration process has come down to one month, which was more than one year earlier, he said.

"Soon after this, 'StartUps Intellectual Property Rights Protection' scheme was brought in, which envisages 80% rebate in patent filing and 40%-50% rebate vis-à-vis the Industry and the companies," the Minister



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering inaugural address at the 'National Intellectual Property Festival' organised by CSIR at National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

said. Dr Jitendra said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several schemes which supplement each other to reinforce the StartUp ecosystem and their Capacity Building. "You can couple the StartUps, eg. you have the Mudra scheme, which offers you a loan of 10-20 lakhs without any gratuity, mortgage, almost interest free," he said.

Pertinent to mention that with the vision to protect IPRs for StartUps, the Government has launched a scheme, Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPT) for encouraging innovation and creativity of Startups. The startups are given an 80% rebate on Patent filing fees and a facility for expedited examination of patent appli-

cations. Under the new Trademark Rules, Startups have been given a 50% rebate in filing fees vis-à-vis other companies.

Even for promotion of registration of Industrial Designs by StartUps as per the new design amendment rules 2021, the Government has reduced filing and prosecution fees for small entities.

The Minister said, there is a huge round of encouragement and promotion both for StartUps in the terms of being innovative and entrepreneurs.

"In the last nine years, PM Modi has given esteem to science and scientists and also raised it as a subject of international deliberations. Even during his just concluded US visit, the predominant subject in the Joint Statement is science related issues, - from

semiconductors to space to International Space Station, Artemis Accords," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

"In Global Innovation Index we have jumped 31 places, - from 81 to 40; in Startup ecosystem we started very late, in 2016 when PM Modi gave a call from the Red Fort in his Independence Day address, but in just a couple of years we have gone to the No.3 ranking in the Startup ecosystem in the world," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh called for combining the digital repository of traditional knowledge and heritage with the modern scientific innovation and by institutionalising this mechanism, we can gain cutting edge in sectors such as Khadi, Aroma Mission and Lavender cultivation.

"I am convinced, this is one of the best times happening, optimum times happening, and if we are into this StartUp IPR protection, we have the advantage of supplementing our StartUp ventures with our traditional knowledge, which is not happening as frequently as it could happen here. And if we do that, we would actually have an edge over other countries," he said.

The Minister said that in the nine years of the Government led by PM Modi, because he has been carrying that kind of vision, today we are at an equal pace, at an equal level with the developed nations.

"Today, we are equal partners with other nations in technology application. In Quantum Computing, for example, we are in the same league as the developed world," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR, Dr. (Smt.) N Kalaiselvi said the National Intellectual Property Festival will be celebrated next month, 1st to 31st July 2023.

Secretary DPIIT, Rajesh Kumar Singh and senior scientists and officials of CSIR and DST were present on the occasion.



## 'Zimmedari'-a short social film screened at Amar Singh Club Jammu

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JAMMU: "Zimmedari"-a short social film made in Delhi NCR was screened at Amar Singh Club Jammu, the poster of which was earlier released by Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor of Jammu & Kashmir in Delhi.

This social film is yet another initiative of Rajesh Sharma DGM Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd to contribute to the society.

This is his second short film wherein he has tried highlighting the cause and concern of the civil society along with his Co cinestars by the name of Nautanki Kalakar in NCR.

This time Rajesh Sharma's entire family has acted including his aged mother. Bharat Vig who is a known name of tele serials like CID and Sansani is behind the creation of social films in NCR.

The film was screened on Sunday in Amar Singh Club in the presence of prominent citizens of Jammu & members of club where a motivational talk was also delivered by Sharma titling Reel Life v/s Real life.

Expressing views on life and social life



key note speakers appreciated the effort of club and it's members in contributing to the cause of society apart from the professional life using art and culture as a medium.

## Zanskar sub-division nears 100 pc saturation in JJM in Ladakh

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KARGIL: Zanskar is on the verge of becoming the first sub-division in the Union Territory of Ladakh to achieve 100 percent saturation in the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), an official said on Sunday.

The centrally funded JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate

drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

The programme will also implement source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and reuse through grey water management, water conservation and rain water har-

vesting.

During a comprehensive review of the JJM works in Zanskar, Commissioner Secretary Ajeet Kumar Sahu urged the Public Health Engineering(PHE) officers and Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members to make a final push to complete the remaining tasks in all vil-

lages within the next 15 days. Sahu emphasised the importance of ensuring water availability to every household even during winters and prompt action to rectify any remaining shortcomings.

Prior to the meeting with officers and PRI members, Sahu toured Lungnak block and visited the

Phuktal Monastery where the monks sought early completion of the road leading to the monastery, the official said.

Sahu also held a meeting to review the progress of the Nimu-Padum-Darcha road and address obstacles hindering the creation of unencumbered corridors, the official said.

## ADGP Jammu visits Banihal; reviews security preparedness at Yatra Niwas/transit Camps



ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh inspecting security arrangement at transit camp in Ramban.

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu, Mukesh Singh visited Ramban district and took stock of security at transit camp in Banihal area and en-route national highway in the district for the on-going Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023.

The ADGP Jammu was accompanied by DIG DKR Range Dr. Sunil Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma, DIG Traffic Range Jammu Shridhar Patil and other senior Police officers.

The main aim of the visit was to conduct on the spot review of the security arrangements planned by the district SSPs concerned for smooth and incident free conduct of 02 months long Yatra.

During the security review, threadbare discussions were held on various elements of security

at different places of deployment i.e Langer security, Lodgment centers security, route deployment, ROP and area domination etc from Udhampur to Jawhar Tunnel.

He also called upon the supervisory officers to ensure that manpower so earmarked for such important duties be personally briefed by them regarding nature and important of duties to be performed by them in the hilly terrain areas.

Mukesh Singh called upon the officers of Police, Army, CPF, intelligence agencies and civil administration to work in a close coordination manner so that no inconvenience is caused to Yatris coming from all over the country.

He also reviewed the additional security measures being taken at the National Highway. He also discussed the traffic management on the National Highway with the traffic wing officers.

## Akhil Bhartiye Mahajan Biradari Sangh constituted

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JAMMU: All India Mahajan Phawa Biradari on Sunday organised a conference of office bearers and representatives of Sub Castes (Biradari) of Mahajan community in the premises of Baba Kaiknath ji Mandir Bantalab Jammu to get recently constituted Akhil Bhartiye Mahajan Biradari Sangh (ABMBS) formally inaugurated.

This organization is a Confederation of Mahajan subcastes and is constituted with the aim to create unity, amity and understanding amongst the members of the Mahajan community. The conference is presided over by the social activist Mahesh Gupta.

The programme started with the three-time recitation of sacred Gayatri Mantra.

After lighting of lamp and offering floral tributes to the founder of ABMBS, Sher e Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, Pawan Gupta, President All India Mahajan Phawa Biradari wel-



All India Mahajan Phawa Biradari members paying tributes to founder of ABMBS, Sher e Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan.

comed all the office bearers and representatives of Mahajan Biradaris present in the conference and appraised them about the purpose and need of forming a nation level organization namely ABMBS. After introduction of all the participants, Mahesh Gupta formally inaugurated the ABMBS. All the participants took pledge to strengthen and serve ABMBS with the best of their efforts and resources. While addressing the gathering,

Mahesh Gupta presented his heartiest gratitude to all the teams of Mahajan Biradaris who unconditionally consented to be part of ABMBS.

He informed the house about the e launching of eagerly awaited "Mahajanganana" website at the earliest. He appraised the house about the objectives and future plans of ABMBS.

The Mahajan Biradaris who consented to be member of ABMBS are Aflar, Bandoria, Baria, Bhangwathia,

Bhatiyari, Beotra, Bucha, Chandra, Chumna Mahotra, Chapata, FERIA, Ghou, Ghumkadu, Gadhara, Jandial, J. Jandial, Jugenah, Kabotra, Kailu, Kalsotra, Kanghal, Kankal, Karvkhah, Khameriya, Lakhotra, Lammne Radotra, Langer, Ledhe, Madhuria, Manglooria, Mehta, Mohtra, Paba, Pabba, Pachyala, Padotra, Pandi, Parbhaga, Pargaal, Paroch, Pedhe, Phagetra, Phawa, Piddoo, Regra, Rohmetra, Svar and Vaid.

Harinder Gupta, a supporter of ABMBS, in the vote of thanks, applauded the meticulous efforts of Mahesh Gupta in constituting the much needed ABMBS and thanked all those Mahajan Biradaris who extended their whole hearted support to formulate ABMBS. Ram Langer, active promoter of ABMBS conducted the proceedings of the conference. Messers Rakesh Mahajan, Darshan Pargal, Suman K Gupta, Lalit Mahajan, Sham Langer, Manohar Gupta and Rakesh Gupta were also present.

## DPAP delegation calls on LG Sinha



DPAP delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Srinagar on Sunday.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation led by Aarif Maqbool, Provincial Secretary,

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Earlier, Arjumand Makhdoomi, Founder President, Chotay Taray Foundation along with Advocate Asrar

Ali, Executive Member also called on the Lt Governor and apprised him about the functioning of their organization.

## Amarnath Yatra is not just a pilgrimage season for Kashmir, but also a demonstration of religious unity

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ANANTNAG: The 62-day spiritual journey, Amarnath Yatra officially began on July 1, from the Baltal and Chandanwari Nunwan base camps routes as 3488 Yatris set off early morning Darshan of the holy cave.

The people of Kashmir, especially the Muslims, welcomed the yatris as a show religious unity.

A grand welcome to Amarnath Yatra was organised on Saturday at Nauyuuq Tunnel Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir under the aegis of Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir.

The reception was led by Chairman Coordination Committee ULLBs and other dignitaries of Municipal



Committee Qazigund. The pilgrims were received with Traditional Kashmiri Wanwun, Izzband Kangri to give this grand welcome a touch of Kashmiriyat.

Pilgrims has already witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 300,000 individuals registering, surpassing last year's figures.

The inaugural batch of pil-

wishers expressed their heart-felt desires for the safe and prosperous journey of the Hindu Yatris. An individual present at the reception expressed that the Amarnath Yatra holds deep historical roots in Kashmir, exemplifying the harmonious coexistence between Hindus and Muslims. This inclusive gesture signifies the spirit of unity, transcending religious boundaries, and serves as a testament to the shared values and peaceful atmosphere among diverse communities in the region.

The first batch of devotees embarking on the Baba Barfani Yatra set off from the Nunwan base camp towards the revered Amarnath Cave. The group, comprising 1997 yatris, commenced a two-day

trek along the traditional Pahalgam route, which traces the path believed to have been taken by Lord Shiva when they journeyed to the Amarnath Cave from Pahalgam. This age-old route holds immense significance and is considered sacred among pilgrims.

The warm reception extended by the Kashmiri Muslim community to the Hindu pilgrims reflects the deep-rooted traditions of tolerance, acceptance, and communal harmony that have thrived in the region for centuries. As the Yatris set forth on their journey, they carry with them the blessings and goodwill of the local Muslim population, reaffirming the significance of inter-faith amity in this sacred pilgrimage.



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SRINAGAR: The Union Public Services Commission (UPSC) on Sunday conducted two recruitment tests in Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), 2023 throughout 78 cities across India out of which Srinagar was also designated for Kashmir-born Candidates.

The Recruitment Test for Accounts Officer/ Enforcement Officer (AO/EO) was held in forenoon while as Recruitment Test for Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (APFC) was held in afternoon in 17 centres across Srinagar

Commissioner Kashmir was appointed as Coordinating and Supervising authority by the UPSC for the conduct of Recruitment Tests.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir had appointed 17 Inspecting Officers for the said centres in compliance to the measures undertaken for Strengthening the process of conducting Commission's Examination.

Further the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar had nominated Mobile Magistrates for each venue.

A meeting in connection with ensuring necessary arrangements and smooth conduct of said Examination was called

by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir in his office on Saturday, which was attended by all Principals/ Venue Coordinators, Inspecting Officers and representatives of Police, Security & Traffic respectively. On the directions of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, the Assistant Commissioner Central visited all the 17 centers on Saturday and took stock of all the arrangements.

The total number of candidates which were supposed to attend the recruitment test for the posts of Accounts Officer & Accounts Officer in EPFO was 5835, however the examination was only attended by 2634 candidates and 6326 number of candidates had registered for the posts of Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner but only 2732 candidates attended the examination respectively, making the overall present percentage for both Recruitment Tests at 43%.

The examination concluded in all the centers smoothly without any untoward incident.