With over 140 Space StartUps, India gains sound footing: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the inaugural session of the "G20 4th edition of Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM)", at Bengaluru on Thursday.

achieving

improving the lives of

common man," said Dr

Jitendra. "An alliance of responsible space faring

nations for enhancing

share of space economy in

the global economy is the

need of the hour, as right-

ly captured by the theme

of this event. This aptly

captures India's G20

theme of "One Earth, One

Space, and One Future" as

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BENGALURU:

Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Thursday that with over 140 Space StartUps within a short span of time, India has gained sound footing and the entire world has begun to acknowledge India's capabilities and her potential in Space Technology.

Addressing the inaugural session of the G20 4th edition of Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM) here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi who opened up

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JAMMU: Son of the soil, Sahil

Digra, IRS, going to be the new

Deputy Director, Income Tax

(Investigation) of Jammu

Earlier, he has worked as

Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda

and presently he is working as

He hails from Reasi and son of

Sahil Digra has done his

schooling from K.V. Jyotipuram,

Reasi and completed his gradua-

Retired Tehsildar Gian Chand

Investigation, Ludhiana.

Director

private players which has enabled a quantum jump in the last few years.

Even though India began its Space journey several years later compared to some other countries, vet it is India today which is offering vital clues and inputs for the benefit of world's leading Space agencies, he said.

Lauding the private sector, Dr Jitendra Singh termed their emerging role as "pivotal" to the space

Dr Jitendra Singh said, global cooperation and alliances are vital in the light of growing ambition India's Space Sector to of humans to explore outer

IRS Sahil Digra to be Deputy Director,

Income Tax (Investigation) of Jammu region

space. "The future develguage 'Vasudhaiya Kutumbakam'," he added. opment of humanity lies in our collective ability to Welcoming the private partners and think tanks responsibly harness, pool resources and utilise space from across the globe, technology towards sustainable development goals and

Leaders Meeting of G20 countries will lead to convergence on use of space technologies to have a real and positive impact on the planet. "Today, space

touched all walks of human life, including science & technology, telecommunication, agriculture, education, health, rural development, disaster warning & mitigation, studying climate change, navigation, defence & governance to name a few," he



Responsibility of all to ensure that works of Corporation are being executed efficiently: DGP to BoDs

Chairs 49th meeting of BoDs of JK Police Housing Corporation

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SRINAGAR: The 49th meeting of Board Directors of Jammu and Kashmir Police Housing Corporation (JKPHC) was held at Police Headquarters here on Thursday under the chairmanship of Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh who is also the Chairman of J&K Police Housing Corporation.

Managing Director Police

Corporation, Deepak Kumar, ADGP Headquarters PHQ M. K. Sinha, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, Chief Engineer $_{\rm PW}$ (R&B) Kashmir Rafiq Ahmad Rafiq, Spl. Secy. Deptt. of Justice Parliamentary Affairs J&K Abdul Rasheed Fayaz, DG Planning Shri Parvaiz Sajad Kakroo, Dy. Director Hqrs. Health Services Dr Abdul Rouf and Addl. Director Health Services Kashmir Showkat Ahmad Koul attended the meeting at

petitioner.

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DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh chairing 49th meeting of BoDs of JK Police Housing Corporation. (Codes),

Finance Department S. L. Pandita, Financial Advisor Home Deptt. J&K Manav Gupta, Town Planner Jammu Vikas Mahajan, FA PHC Sachen Verma and CA JKPHC Amarjeet Singh, attended the meeting

through video conferencing. In his welcome address the Managing Director of the Police Housing Corporation Deepak Kumar presented the agenda points before the Chair and Board members of the Corporation and gave a detailed report on each agenda point during the

During the meeting, the DGP J&K with the consent of BoDs approved various agenda points that included delegation of power for grant of administration approval in respect of works of JK PHC to be executed out of corpus of the corporation, enhancement of remuneration in favour of Assistant site supervisors and technical staff. Status of languishing projects of different departments and necessary technical manissues like non-payment of power support be hired and

done claims and agency charges of these departments were also discussed.

During the discussion on various agenda points, the DGP impressed upon the accounts section of the corporation to speed up the clearing of statutory audits and stressed for working in a systematic way for strengthening financial compliance of the corporation. He directed that all the provided to the corporation including the services of a chartered Accountant for handling GST matters of the corporation.

He said that the board has the responsibility to ensure that all the works of the corporation are being executed efficiently. He directed for taking up all the pending issues of the Corporation with the concerned departments on priority. He directed the Corporation to seek necessary clearances from the concerned departments for its projects.

The DGP J&K reiterated the need for a low cost housing for the welfare of police personnel. He directed Managing Director PHC and his team to speed up identifying suitable pieces of land for the project around Srinagar city so that much needed safe accommodation is provided to Police person-

Religious tourism holds immense potential in J&K: Priya Sethi

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Flags off bus service from Jammu to Sukrala Mata



NEM of BJP, Priya Sethi and others at flagging off ceremony.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Priya Sethi National Executive Member of Bharatiya Janata Party and former minister, on Thursday highlighted the vast potential of religious tourism in the enchanting region of Jammu & Kashmir.

The former minister was speaking after flagging off the bus service from Jammu to Sukrala Mata at Atal Ji Chowk Panitirthi in Jammu. Vice president BJP Yudhvir

Sethi, Pramod Kapahi, Sarpanch Shobha Rani, Naib Sarpanch Sunny, Kuldeep Kandhari, Rajesh Gupta, Dr Akshay Sharma Corporator, Adarsh, Savita Anand, Kerni.

Sharma, Anuradha and others were present.

She expressed gratitude to the district administration for their efforts in making this initiative a reality.

Recognizing the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, Priya Sethi emphasized the significance of religious tourism in driving socio-economic growth, promoting interfaith dialogue, and fostering peace and harmony in the region.

With its picturesque landscapes and revered pilgrimage sites Jammu & Kashmir has the perfect combination to attract pilgrims and tourists from across the globe, she

She informed that the newly inaugurated bus service, being run by J&KSRTC, will operate twice a week, specifically on Wednesdays and Sundays, starting at 6:30 AM from Atal Ji Chowk Panjtirthi in Jammu.

This initiative aims to provide convenient and accessible transportation for devotees and tourists who wish to visit the revered Sukrala Mata shrine, she added.

Priya Sethi also emphasized the need for infrastructure development and improved facilities at religious sites to enhance the overall experience

of pilgrims and tourists. She called for collaborative efforts from the government, private sector, and local communities to harness the immense potential of religious tourism in Jammu & Kashmir. "By promoting religious tourism, Jammu & Kashmir can not only boost its economy but also strengthen cultural ties, facilitate crosscultural exchanges, and create employment opportunities for the local population," Priya Sethi said and emphasized the commitment of the BJP to support and nurture the growth of religious tourism in

STATE TIMES NEWS the respondents to allow JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal Competitive (CAT) directed Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission to declare the result of J&K CCE of

CAT directs PSC to

The petitioner Shalini dated 26.11.2021. chandel filed the petition quashing Impugned Notice dated Advocates 3.2.2022 whereby Singh Parihar where under the candidature of the applicant has that been rejected for participating in J&K Combined (Main) Examiniation-2021 which is illegal, arbitrary, unjustified and also an abuse of process of law. impugned Notice dated issued by respondent No. 2 whereby and where under appeal filed by the applicant against Notice dated 3.2.2022 has been rejected and the applicant has been declared ineligible on the ground that the applicant did not possess the domicile certificate before the cut-off date and the same is per se

declare result of petitioner (Main)

the applicant to participate in J&K Combined Examination - 2021 as advertised pursuant to Advertisement Notification PSC/Exam/2021/61

Rajneesh Gupta for the petitioner, impugned orders dated 03.02.2022 and dated 28.02.2022 with regard to candidature of the applicant are hereby quashed and set aside. The Jammu and Kashmir Service Commission, Jammu is directed to declare the result of the applicant and, if the applicant is found to be meritorious enough for being included in the merit list for consideration for appointment, she shall be so included in the merit list for the purpose of giving appointment. With the above directions, the Original application is

Bhalla denounces Govt for installation of smart meters, prepaid system for electricity in J&K



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhall interacting with deputation.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Thursday hit out at the BJP for allegedly destroying the identity, status, and rights of the people and said the Centre is deliberately delaying the holding of early assembly elections in the union territory.

Former Minister was interacting with deputation from Rajiv Nagar in Bahu constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla denounced the Government for installation of smart meters and launch of prepaid system for electricity in Jammu and Kashmir.

He vehemently objected to the installation of smart meters and the implementation of a prepaid system for electricity, while saying that the present Government is leaving no stone unturned to tormenting people of the Union Territory, particularly the poor masses.

Bhalla claimed that people are dejected over the power bills, which are contrary to their monthly consumption. He said that people are getting hefty bills after

installation of the smart meters and they don't

know whom to complaint as toll free numbers given by the PDD are not picked up by anyone. Bhalla severely reprimanded the administration and demanded that installation of smart

meters and implementation of prepaid system for electricity be stopped immediately in the interest of the poor masses. Asking party workers to gear-up for upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir,

Bhalla exhorted upon them to converge their efforts to intensify party's public outreach programme to strengthen the base of the party. Asserting that Congress alone is the solution

to end the miseries of people, he asked party cadre especially the workers to gear up for the upcoming Panchavat and Local Bodies elections to give befitting reply to those who are befooling the people with their hollow slogans.

He asked people of J&K to strengthen hands of Congress to once again install a government which is people-centric and considerate towards the problems of the common man and not like BJP Government which is doing anything and everything for selected few in the country.

Had not been lost in political gamesmanships UCC would have been amicably in place long back

DAYA SAGAR

s per the Public Notice of date 14th June, 2023 issued by the 22nd Law Commission of India (Uniform Civil Code (UCC)- Reg.) in terms of a reference dated 17th June, 2016 of the Ministry of Law & Justice, the Commission is still examining the subject matter of Uniform Civil Code although the 21st Law Commission of India had examined the subject and had even solicited the views of all the stakeholders through appeals along with questionnaires dated 07.10.2016, dated 19.03.2018, 27.03.2018 & 10.4.2018 where overwhelming responses have been received and The 21stLaw Commission of India (LCI) had issued the consultation paper on "Reforms of Family Law" on 31.08.2018 but since "more than three years" have been lapsed from the date of issuance of the

said Consultation Paper, bearing in mind the relevance& importance of the subject and also the various Court orders on the subject, the 22nd Law Commission of India (LCI) has considered it expedient to deliberate afresh over the subject. The present Law Commission (22nd) has hence through Public Notice dated 14th June, 2023 again solicited the views& ideas of the public at large and recognized religious organizations (who may be willing) about the Uniform Civil Code with in 30 days from 14 June 2023 so as to Member Secretary LCI (Commission of India, 4th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi- 110 003 --membersecretarylci@gov.in) in the form of consultation/ discussion/working papers on any of the issuespertaining to the Uniform Civil

Contents of the public notice issued by LCI do reflect that the

Commission is "very serious" about the subject, particularly seeing into the text of the notice where it says "If need be, Commission may call upon any individual organization for a personal hearing

illegal and also directing

or discussion. Before one take / initiate to make suggestions / observations some of the references made in the public notice surely call for careful & intimate deliberations / spade work keeping in view that during the process that was initiated by 21st Law Commission in 2016 to 2018 (A) 21st LC had though received overwhelming responses had not prepared any draft/sketch document on Uniform Civil Code but had only issued a "consultation paper" on "Reforms of Family

A Look through the Mist Part-I

paper" as reference which is said to have been drawn on the basis of 'overwhelming' response from state holders and hence bearing in mind the relevance and importance of the subject the 22nd Law Commission of India has considered it expedient to deliberate afresh over the subject and (C) 'More than three years' (it is about 5 years) have lapsed from the date of 21st Law Commission consultation Paper that remained unconsidered and present commission has considered to deliberate a fresh.

Law", (B) The present

Law Commission has

not carried further on

the said "consultation

So, it becomes very pertinent and meaningful to request the 22nd Law Commission to (i) kindly also confirm that the 'consultation paper' prepared

in 2018 though was titled as "Reforms of Family Law" but was intended as Uniform Civil Code document (UCC Doc), and if so that should also be provided to those intending to participate in the exercise can save upon some time & efforts in sketching and drawing the requirements since the issue is already very old and time available for submitting proposals is limited (ii) of course the issue of UCC which has remained in discussions / debates for decades has been surely 'unduly' delayed for settlement looking at the manner it has been projected as an subject of utmost national interests, has even been referred as an issue of national priority even by the Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar on 04-07-2023 who has been quoted as having said ' The underlying sublimity of this has to

be appreciated and understood as this will bind the nation more effectively. If there is further delay in UCC implementation, it will be corrosive to our values," while addressing the 25th convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

To be brief there is no doubt that the present calls in Bharat for Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the past and present are focussed at replacing any personal / community / 'family' laws based on individual religions/ customs/ traditions with one 'common composite civilian code' for one & all citizens of irrespective religion//region/caste/sect/gender particularly in relation to marriage/inheritance/ adoption/ succession etc.

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