

# Dr Jitendra describes Pensioners as equal stakeholders in nation building

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the special campaign for redressal of the Family Pension Grievances by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' welfare (DOPPW) as part of the 100 days action plan of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions at National Media Centre here today.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after launching a special campaign for redressal of Family Pension Grievances at National Media Centre, New Delhi on Monday.

Describing the Pensioners as equal stakeholders in the task of nation building, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that providing them ease for pension disbursement is no charity and senior citizens will play a vital role and contribute positively. Their expertise and experience will add value as they are at the peak of their career with

accumulated knowledge and wisdom which can be utilised for development of Nation, hence it our duty to honour their services, he added. Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that in the last 10 years PM Narendra Modi has been extremely sensitive and supportive to the initiatives and decisions taken by the department. The Minister shared that there is a sizable number of citizens above 60 years which cannot be neglected and Pension creates a socio-economic impact, thus empowering them to live with dignity. Dr. Jitendra highlighted the efforts taken by his department said, earlier the divorced daughters were

kept away from family pension till they obtained a legal divorce, we have removed this rule. For missing employees, the family had to wait for 7 years which stands removed. Several such bottlenecks have been removed, he said. The month-long Special Campaign for timely redressal of Family Pension cases, pending on the CPENGRAMS portal will span over 1st July to, 31st July, 2024. 1891 family pension related grievances of 46 Departments/Ministries shortlisted for the Campaign. Underling the impact of this campaign he shared that 25% of 90,000 grievances/annum registered on CPENGRAMS portal are family pensioners' grievances. Dr. Singh also mentioned the human angle in grievance redressal and said "We have a human desk to gather feedback after disposal of grievance." Dr. Singh emphasised that Delivering Government Services at Doorstep -by DoPPW collaboration with India Post and Payments Bank for Digital Life Certificate campaign is our priority. The Minister informed that in the coming days Bhavishya portal will be integrated with e-HRMS (including amendment in relevant rules). Highlighting the benefit to women family pensioners, Dr. Jitendra said, "it is

a positive step towards women empowerment as childless widow, unmarried, divorced daughters to get a huge relief in grievance redressal of family pensions. V Srinivas, Secretary, DoPPW and DARPG; Dr. Nitin Chandra, Secretary, Ex-Service Man Welfare; S.S. Dubey, CGA; Dr. Nitin Agrawal, DG BSE, Dhruvajyoti Sengupta, Joint Secretary (Pensions) and Pravin Raghavendra, Deputy MD, Chief Operations officer SBI were present for the launch ceremony.



# 115 Designs of Toycathon participants registered by CGPD TM

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SRINAGAR: The State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K, announced the remarkable success of Toycathon 2023.



Director SCERT J&K, Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas presenting certificate to a student.

This initiative, the first of its kind launched by any SCERT in India, saw the enthusiastic participation of approximately 1,25,000 students from Jammu and Kashmir. These students created innovative, educational, and culturally rich toys and games, in line with the vision of promoting "Make in India." As part of this initiative, SCERT J&K organized two-day design registry workshops in collaboration with the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks (CGPD TM) for the finalists of Toycathon 2023. The workshops aimed to motivate students to protect their toy designs under Design Rights by CGPD TM. From Jammu Division, 34 students participated, resulting in 51 applications filed. From Kashmir Division, 57 students participated, filing 64 applications. In total, 115 applications were filed, supported by the IP Mitra program of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal

Trade (DPIIT). These applications were successfully registered, and registration certificates were generated. In recognition of their achievements, 57 students from Kashmir Division were awarded Certificates of Design by The Patent Office, Government of India. The felicitation ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, and Sanjay Bhattacharya, Joint Controller of Patents and Design, Kolkata. Other dignitaries present included Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Secretary of the Technology Development Board (TDB) - Department of Science and Technology (DST); Professor A. Ravindernath, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir and Director of NIT Srinagar; Professor Najeeb u Din, Head of IEDC; Deshraj Sharma, General Secretary Vidya Bharti (NZ); Vijay

Nadda, Organizing Secretary Vidya Bharti; and Balkrishnan, Joint Organizing Secretary Vidya Bharti. The student design creators were felicitated during the two-day National Conference on "Role of Academic Driven Start-ups in Developing Economy of J&K" (RASE 2024), held on June 29-30, 2024, at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Hazratbal, Srinagar. Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas remarked, "These young innovators have shown incredible talent and creativity. Their designs highlight their commitment to sustainable development and cultural preservation." The conference was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, who praised the students and emphasized the importance of nurturing creativity and technical skills for the future of the Union

Territory. On the second day, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Atomic Energy, Space, Personnel, and Public Grievances, visited the Toycathon 2024 stall. He applauded the efforts of young talent and offered valuable suggestions. Looking forward, Toycathon 2024 was launched by SCERT J&K on May 18, 2024, under the theme "Promotion of Innovative Ideas and Revival of Local Culture & Heritage." Registration for Toycathon 2024 is now open, offering a unique opportunity for students from classes 6th to 12th to showcase their creativity and innovation in toy design. This initiative aims to contribute significantly to the development of the toy industry and highlight the crucial role of play in the holistic growth and development of children.

# World Doctor's Day: Yudhvir salutes doctors for uttermost commitment to keep nation safe, healthy

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JAMMU: On the occasion of World Doctor's Day, J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi on Monday applauded the doctors for their unparalleled dedication and relentless service to the nation. In a heartfelt appreciation, he recognized their significant role in safeguarding public health, especially during challenging times. Addressing a gathering, Yudhvir Sethi expressed profound gratitude towards the medical fraternity, acknowledging their sacrifices and tireless efforts to ensure the well-being of the people. "Doctors are the frontline warriors who have consistently put their lives at risk to save others. Their commitment and resilience have been exem-



J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi at a programme.

plary, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," Sethi stated. In this regard, the senior BJP leader today felicitated Dr. Rajesh Gupta, MBBS, MD (Medicine) Physician Specialist, during a medical camp held here today. Dr. Gupta was honoured for his outstanding con-

tributions to the medical field and his unwavering dedication to patient care. "Dr. Rajesh Gupta represents the true spirit of medical professionalism and selfless service. His dedication to his patients and the community is truly commendable," he added.

Yudhvir Sethi also highlighted the critical role of doctors in the ongoing healthcare challenges. He emphasized the need for continued support and appreciation for the medical community, urging everyone to recognize their hard work and commitment. "Our doctors deserve our utmost respect and gratitude. They are the backbone of our healthcare system and their contribution is invaluable," he remarked. The event was attended by several prominent figures from the medical and political spheres, who also lauded the doctors for their heroic efforts. Parveen Korni, President East Mandal and Arun Sethi, General Secretary were also present.

# ZPHQ Jammu organises symposium on 'Implementation of New Criminal Laws'

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JAMMU: In a significant stride towards enhancing the understanding and implementation of new criminal laws, the Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu organized a symposium on the implementation of new criminal laws, including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), at the Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, Jammu.



B.R. Gupta, Director Prosecution (Retd, Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar and ADGP Jammu Anand Jain addressing symposium in Jammu on Monday.

The event was graced by B.R. Gupta, Director Prosecution (Retd.), who consented to be the Chief Guest, and the Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who was the Guest of Honour. The symposium commenced with a welcome address by SDPO Gandhi Nagar and witnessed enthusiastic participation from law enforcement officers, legal experts, academicians, and students, highlighting collaborative efforts to adapt to the evolving legal landscape.

The symposium was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, B.R. Gupta, who emphasized the critical importance of staying abreast of the latest amendments in criminal laws to ensure effective policing and justice delivery. In his keynote address, he underscored the role of continuous learning and training for police personnel in implementing these new legal provisions.

A series of insightful sessions were conducted during the symposium, covering various aspects of the new criminal laws: Presentation on BSA by Rohit Tidal, Senior Prosecuting Officer, DPO Jammu, Session by Faculty from the Faculty of Law, Jammu University, Session by Faculty from Women's College, Parade, Presentation on BNS by Himanshu Gupta, Senior



Prosecuting Officer, ZPHQ Jammu Zone. Questions and Discussion Session led by SDPO Gandhi Nagar on the impact of new laws in public life. The sessions involved a comprehensive analysis of the recent changes in criminal laws and their implications for law enforcement agencies, focusing on: How the new laws will affect daily policing activities, investigation procedures, and interaction with the public. Examination of the legal framework supporting the new laws and strategies for effective enforcement and the Identification of potential challenges in implementing the new laws and proposing practical solutions to address these issues. Divisional Commissioner Jammu addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of the new criminal laws in enhancing the justice system. ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain reiterated ZPHQ Jammu's commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptation among its personnel to uphold the rule of law and ensure justice for all. Jain said that these new laws will contribute to making our society more peaceful and crime-free, and will enhance the police's accountability, transparency, responsibility, and trustworthiness. Prominent dignitaries in attendance included Vikram Sharma president of Bar Association Jammu, Sachin Kumar, DC Jammu, Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG JSK, Dr. Hassab Mugal, DIG Traffic Jammu, Sarah Rizvi, DIG Armed /IR, Dr Vinod Kumar, SSP Jammu and concerned officials from various law enforcement and academic institutions.

The symposium concluded with the felicitation of key speakers, including Rohit Tidal, Himanshu Gupta, professors from the Faculty of Law, a student from Women's College, Parade, the Guests of Honour, and the Chief Guest by ADGP Jammu Zone. The event wrapped up with a vote of thanks by SP South Jammu. The symposium was participated from various officials, including, DyCOs of CAPF and Armed Battalions posted in Jammu, DySP rank officers from different wings posted in Jammu, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, Director FSL, All SIOs and IOs from police stations in District Jammu, Officials from ZPHQ, RPHQ, and DPO Jammu, Personnel from DPL Jammu, CMO and staff from GMC Jammu, All SDMs, Jail Superintendents and other jail officials, Officials from Prosecution Services.

# IIM Jammu hosts session on New Criminal Laws by Advocate Monika Kohli

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu organized an awareness session focusing on the three newly introduced criminal laws. The event was coordinated by Kartavya Club, IIM Jammu. Advocate Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General at J&K High Court, highlighted the necessity of introducing the Bharatiya code, noting that societal evolution demands laws tailored to India's contemporary challenges. She emphasized significant reforms such as the abili-



ty to register an FIR from any location, electronic FIR registration for enhanced accessibility, and a shift towards restorative justice focusing on rehabilitation. She also stressed new mandates for timely FIR filing, charge sheet preparation, and transparency in evidence handling. She highlighted the recognition of electronic evidence as primary, provisions for trials in absentia, and the introduction of community

service for minor offences, all aimed at fostering rehabilitation and community involvement in the legal process. Professor Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu underscored the need to move beyond a colonial mindset, emphasizing the importance of evolving with the times. He mentioned that the new legislative act represents a significant stride in the positive direction. Others present were Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, Cmdr: Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu along with faculty, officers, staff members and students of the Institute.

# Waqf Board takes control of Sufi Shrine at Rayil Gund Our saints are everlasting torch bearers of our spiritual legacy: Darakhshan

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GANDERBAL: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board (MoS), Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visited Rayil Gund in Ganderbal on Monday and paid obeisance at the Sufi Shrine of Syed Jaffar (RA). J&K Waqf Board took administrative and management control of the shrine after the completion of all legal formalities on the public demand. Dr. Andrabi participated in a public reception at the Chief Guest and latter addressed the gathering of the locals. Speaking on the occasion, Dr



of works are done within the set time target. We make it a point that the works are done in complete transparent manner as per the needs at the site", said Dr. Darakhshan. Andrabi said that this Dargah at Rayil Gund will get upgraded facilities for the devotees soon. "Our developmental plans take shape at the ground zero and the execution

She said that during the past two years, our spiritual centers got a boost throughout the UT and the Sufi shrines came into public limelight again after a long spell of darkness in J&K. "Our spiritual saints are the everlasting torch bearers if our legacy and we need to follow their teachings for enriching our lives with spiritual upliftment", said Dr. Darakhshan. She was accompanied by the Executive Magistrate of Waqf Board Ishtiyaq Mohiuddin and Executive Engineer Tariq Kaloo.