

Dr Jitendra conferred 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at Chennai International Meet

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CHENNAI: In a glittering ceremony to mark the International Meet of leading medical celebrities, professionals and medics from all over the country and abroad, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh was conferred the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of his exemplary dedication to the advancement of diabetes, diabetes care and diabetes research which earned him acknowledgement across the country and overseas.

The citation accompanying the award mentions that falling in the genre of the great Dr. B C Roy, Dr Jitendra Singh is another rare example of a nationally known Medical Professional, who proved equally successful in public life by getting popularly elected to the House of People (Lok Sabha) for three consecutive terms with a decisive margin and also being among the few in the country and first in Jammu & Kashmir to find a berth in the Union Council of Ministers consecutively without break for a third term.

The citation read out by Dr V. Mohan, Chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialty Centre & Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, describes Dr Jitendra Singh as a teacher Professor, researcher and



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh being conferred the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" during the "International 2024" Meet at Chennai. Also seen is internationally renowned researcher and Diabetologist, Padma Shri Dr V. Mohan.

practitioner of Diabetes, who rose from the grassroots to earn a name for himself as well as the State and the country to which he belongs. Known for his clean image and impeccable integrity, Dr Jitendra has earned the respect and love of three generations of colleagues who have worked with him.

The citation also mentions the unique distinction conferred on Dr Singh as the Life Patron of RSSDI (Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India), the largest academic association of Diabetologists.

The citation read out for Dr Jitendra, during the ceremony, described him as a versatile personality, simultaneously known as an outstanding academician, researcher, Medical teacher, author and brilliant orator. The various awards received

by him in the past include "Gold Medal for Oration" from Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) Puducherry and coveted "Jamma Devi Gian Devi Award" for journalism.

The citation described Dr Jitendra Singh as an author of eight books and three Monographs published by Elsevier on various aspects of Diabetes. He has written chapters on Diabetes in leading textbooks of Medicine and before becoming a Minister, he consecutively wrote a chapter on Diabetes in twelve successive editions of the prestigious "API Textbook of Medicine" published by the Association of Physicians of India.

Among the Diabetes awareness books written by Dr Jitendra Singh, one of the books titled "Diabetes

Made Easy" was included in the Best-seller section of the World Book Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Dr Singh's pioneering work on "Stress Diabetes in Kashmiri Migrants" was hailed by the World Health Organization (WHO). He was also a founder member of the DIPSY Group of researchers who finalised the "Guidelines for Management of Diabetes in Pregnancy" and the same Guidelines were then approved for referral by the WHO. As a teacher of Medicine and Diabetes, Dr Jitendra Singh has been a guide for research Thesis to nearly two dozen scholars.

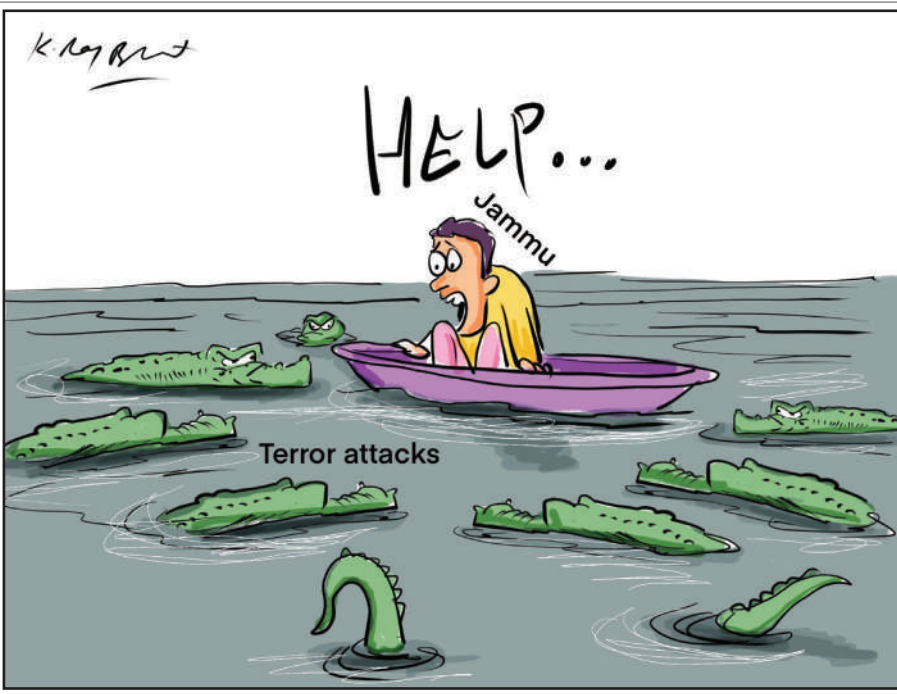
The citation also referred to Dr Jitendra Singh's contribution as a Parliamentarian and a Minister in the Government of India, and lauded his brilliant interventions and presentations in the Parliament. It also commended Dr Jitendra Singh's impressive handling of a number of Departments and Ministries under his charge in the Government of India. His hard work, focused approach and down-to-earth attitude had him endeared to all cross sections of society, said the citation. The citation also described Dr Jitendra Singh as someone highly revered for his unassuming nature, practical and human approach, both in words and

deeds.

Soon after rendering of the citation, when the Gold Medal for "Lifetime Achievement Award" was placed around the neck of Dr Jitendra Singh, the entire audience, comprising virtually the who's who from different walks of life, stood up to accord a standing ovation and kept clapping endlessly for several minutes. The audience burst into cheers and applause when the compere conducting the programme announced that Dr Jitendra Singh owed his academic education to Chennai and happened to be an alumni of the prestigious Stanley Medical College.

Bowing his head down in response to the standing ovation to the audience, an overwhelmed Dr Jitendra, in his "acceptance speech", said that the award was too big for him and he could accept it only with utmost modesty and humility at his command. He said, in a journey of nearly four decades, it was a divine blessing to grow under the shadow of some of the tallest medical professionals of the country and to rub shoulders with some of the most illustrious seniors and colleagues.

Dr Singh said, he will continue his endeavour to live upto the high expectations of his colleagues and prove worthy of the honour conferred on him.



Dir Agriculture oversees paddy sowing process

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, on Sunday conducted an on-site visit to the Seed Multiplication Farm in Chinore to oversee the sowing process of the paddy crop. The Director inspected the ongoing operations, placing particular emphasis on the efficient use of the Paddy Transplanter 6 Rows Self Propelled, a piece of advanced machinery that significantly mitigates labour dependency.

Director A.S Reen highlighted several key advantages offered by the Paddy Transplanter in enhancing paddy cultivation practices.

The Director said that the Paddy Transplanter significantly enhances cost efficiency by reducing the rising costs of cultivation and labour requirements, addressing the current labour crisis in the sector. He further noted the transplanter's capability in rapid nursery creation, establishing a mat-type nursery covering 1 acre within just an hour. Its precision in ensuring appropriate plant spacing and line sowing according to recommend-



Director Agri Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen overseeing sowing process of paddy crop.

ed agricultural practices contributes to increased productivity and yields.

This advanced machinery, being the first of its kind in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, provides unparalleled efficiency and productivity benefits to farmers.

PDA, Tourism Dept conducts cleanliness drive at Patnitop, Nathatop



PDA and Tourism Department officials carrying out cleanliness drive.

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UDHAMPUR: The Patnitop Development Authority in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism Jammu, Live for others-Being Helpful Foundation and Talla Jewellers on Sunday organised a cleanliness drive at Patnitop and Nathatop.

The cleanliness drive was flagged off by Muzamil Hassan, AD Tourism Jammu. The event saw active participation from NSS volunteers and faculty from various colleges of Jammu, as well as teams from Patnitop Development

Authority, the NGO and Talla Jewellers. Together, they collected garbage from the two key tourist sites, emphasizing the importance of maintaining cleanliness, preserving natural beauty and involving community.

Devender Singh Bhau, CEO, Patnitop Development Authority, stated that the PDA will continue to organize and support cleanliness and sanitation initiatives under its 'Clean Patnitop Green Patnitop,' 'Clean Mountains Save Mountains,' and 'Carry The Trash Back' campaigns to maintain the cleanliness

of the picturesque tourist circuit.

Cleanliness is a significant factor in attracting tourists and in view of the ongoing tourist season in Patnitop Tourist Circuit, we hope to instill a sense of responsibility in both tourists as well as locals to maintain cleanliness of tourist places, he added.

Vivek Parihar, Director and CEO of Live for Others-Being Helpful Foundation, said they're planning for more cleanliness drives in Pancheri, Dudu Basantgarh and other tourist places.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized "Vittamanthan," the post Budget 2024-25 insightful discussion and analysis, on Sunday, at the Mandapam Auditorium, IIM Jammu, Jagti Campus.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, presided over the inaugural ceremony. The session commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolizing the dissemination of knowledge and insight.

The key inaugural address was delivered by Santosh. D. Vaidya, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, who joined the event online.

He emphasized the necessity of implementing major reforms in the service sector to propel India towards achieving a status comparable to China in the manufacturing and global service sectors.

He pointed out that for a middle-income country like India to progress, it is crucial to maintain stringent control over fiscal deficits. Additionally, he recognized and appreciated the significant investments made by the central government in expanding medical education and improving access to health-



Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay and other dignitaries at a programme on Sunday.

care services for the underprivileged. He highlighted that these investments are essential steps towards ensuring that quality healthcare and educational opportunities are accessible to all segments of society, which in turn will drive overall economic and social development.

The event began with a warm welcome address by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu. He provided a brief introduction to the budget 2024-25, highlighting its focus on women, farmers, youth, and the economically disadvantaged.

He emphasized the steps outlined in the budget to develop infrastructure and create employment opportunities for the youth through higher education.

During his address, he mentioned key highlights such as the significant reduction in the fiscal deficit, a drop in the inflation rate, and an increase in the budget.

He also noted the substantial boost in research and development funding, underscoring the importance of self-reliance for market survival.

Following the inaugural address, an interactive panel discussion was held, featuring prominent speakers ranging from Narinder Khajuria, Special Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Govt. of J&K, Arun Kumar Manhas, Director, Industries and Commerce, Govt. of J&K, Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir

Trade Promotion Organisation, Dr. M.A. Alim, Vice-Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), J&K and CEO, Packaging Design Industry. Narinder Khajuria highlighted cities as economic growth centres, emphasizing brownfield development and water management.

Arun Kumar Manha, mentioned on MSME support, budget amendments, and the impact of industrial corridors on India's economy.

Khalid Jahangir described the budget as growth-oriented, with reduced tax rates and indexation benefits for govern-

ment employees.

Dr. Alim explained indexation's role in adjusting asset costs for inflation, benefiting government employees and reducing long-term capital gains tax.

The dignitaries were given a campus tour of the Institute, including the Nalanda Library, the state-of-the-art library at IIM Jammu.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Naveen Goyal, Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu.

Present on the occasion were Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran, CAO, IIM Jammu and event was coordinated by Dr. Bijoy Rakshit, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Dr. Malay Ranjan Mohapatra, faculty, IIM Jammu.

The event was organized jointly by Impact, the Public Policy Club, Artha, the Economics Club, and Nidhi, the Finance Club, of IIM Jammu showcasing the collaborative spirit and commitment to fostering insightful dialogue on crucial economic issues.

2-day sensitization programme for Judicial Officers concludes



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JAMMU: Two days sensitization programme on "The relevant provisions of BNSS on arrest, remand and bail with special reference to the Role of Trial Judges in ensuring just, fair and speedy trial (as guaranteed under article 21 of the constitution)" was organized on Sunday by J&K Judicial Academy for Judicial Officers (Sr./Jr. Division) across the Jammu Division along with Trainee Civil Judge (Jr. Division) through physical as well as virtual mode which con-

cluded today at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu. The brain storming deliberations of day one had already set the tone and tenor of the second day orientation. On the second day, the session was conducted by Y.P. Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, who discussed that way back in the year 1994, in Joginder Kumar versus State of U.P. emphasised that arrest shouldn't be made simply because police have the power to do so. He added that in the constitutional scheme, paramountcy is given to the liberty and power to arrest must be exercised only as a necessity. Therefore, any person facing accusation of being in conflict with law is first to invoke the bail jurisdiction of court. He emphasised the judicial approach in the light of precedents and guidelines including the various judgments of Supreme Court titled Siddharth vs. State of UP; Satender Kumar Antil vs. CBI, etc. All the sessions were interactive during which all the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the worthy resource person. The programme was concluded by Yash Paul Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy with thanking one and all for making the programme a great success.

Labour Com urges left out eligible e-Shram registrants to get Ration Cards on priority

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SRINAGAR: Labour Commissioner, Charandeep Singh on Sunday once again urged all those e-Shram registrants who do not have a Ration Card or are not included in their entitled household to come forward and get in touch with the nearest Tehsil Supply Offices (TSO), or the office of Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs or the office of Assistant Labour Commissioners in their respective districts so that ration Cards in their favour are issued on priority.

Pertinently in compliance to Supreme Court of India direc-



Labour Commissioner, Charandeep Singh interacting with workers.

tions in the case titled "In Re-Problems and Miseries of Migrant Labourers", the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) in coordination with Labour Department and

District Administration organized Special Camps on 2nd & 3rd February, 2024 and 23rd & 24th June, 2024 across all the Districts of J&K for providing Ration Cards to the left-out e-Shram registrants or

their inclusion in Ration Cards, as the case may be.

The Labour Department and the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs have over the past several months launched exten-

sive outreach efforts across J&K to ensure issuance of ration cards in favour of left out e-Shram registrants, however, some of the e-Shram registrants have not yet approached the respective offices / authorities in the districts for ration cards. Also, the Labour Department has time and again through the medium of press releases, social media and public notices urged the left out e-Shram registrants to come forward. Helpdesks have also been set up in the offices of Assistant Labour Commissioners for the purpose. Moreover, camps on regular basis in labour concentrated areas, labour colonies

etc across each district are being organized so as to facilitate the left out e-Shram registrants in getting ration cards.

The left out e-Shram registrants have been requested to bring the requisite documents viz Aadhaar card, Domicile certificate, Income proof and e-Shram card along with them for on the spot issuance of ration cards in their favour by the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

Furthermore, all the e-Shram registrants who have not completed their eKYC with the Department have also been requested to complete the same on urgent basis.

Fake gun licenses nexus exposed

Gun house owner's wealth under scanner; 417 fake licenses seized

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JAMMU: Exposing a fake gun licenses scandal, Jammu Police got a significant breakthrough by recovering over 417 fake licenses from an under construction building in Satwari area.

STATE TIMES had also exclusively reported this scandal in its July 26, 2024 edition under caption "Another fake gun licenses nexus exposed; fake licenses recovered, probe on"

Addressing media persons, South Jammu SP Ajay Sharma revealed that the police received information about Tirath Singh alias Tony, son of Surinder Kumar, resident of Karan Bagh, Gadigarh, who owns two gun houses.

"The tip-off indicated that Singh had forged gun licenses stored in his under-construction building near Harvard College, Gadigarh," he said.

"On July 24, 2024, this



South Jammu SP Ajay Sharma addressing media persons on Sunday.

information led to the registration of FIR 177/2024 at Police Station Satwari Jammu, under various sections including 318(4), 339, 336(2), 340(2), and 61(2)/BNS.

Tirth Singh was engaged in the illegal preparation of forged gun licenses and had been cheating individuals for financial gain," SP South said adding that a raid was conducted at Singh's under-construction building, resulting in the

recovery of 417 forged gun licenses.

The search was carried out in presence of an Executive Magistrate First Class and a police team, SP Ajay Sharma said adding that further investigation revealed that Tirath Singh owns two gun houses: Naya Kashmir Syndicate in Karan Bagh and New Army Gun House in Kaluchak.

Singh, who served in

Indian Army and left in 2010 after five years of service, has accumulated substantial wealth in Crores in past few years, a matter now under scrutiny, SP Ajay Sharma said.

"The ongoing investigation aims to uncover the full extent of the forgery network, including the role of Singh's associates and officials involved in this illegal operation," he added.