

# Dr Jitendra reviews ‘National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building’

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NEW DELHI: 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 today reviewed the progress of the "National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building" - Mission Karmayogi here today in the presence of Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member-HR , Capacity Building Commission (CBC).

Dr. Jitendra highlighted that nearly 31 lakh employees across the Government of India are currently undergoing training under Mission Karmayogi. He emphasized the pivotal role of Civil Services Training Institutes (CSTIs) in standardizing and harmonizing the quality of training across the board.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh convening a high level meeting of "Capacity Building Commission" at New Delhi on Monday.

The Minister said, the introduction of the National Standards for Civil Services Training Institute (NSCTI) marks a groundbreaking effort to assure and standardize capacity-building practices at the institute level. To date, over 300 institutions have registered under this initiative, the Minister was told.

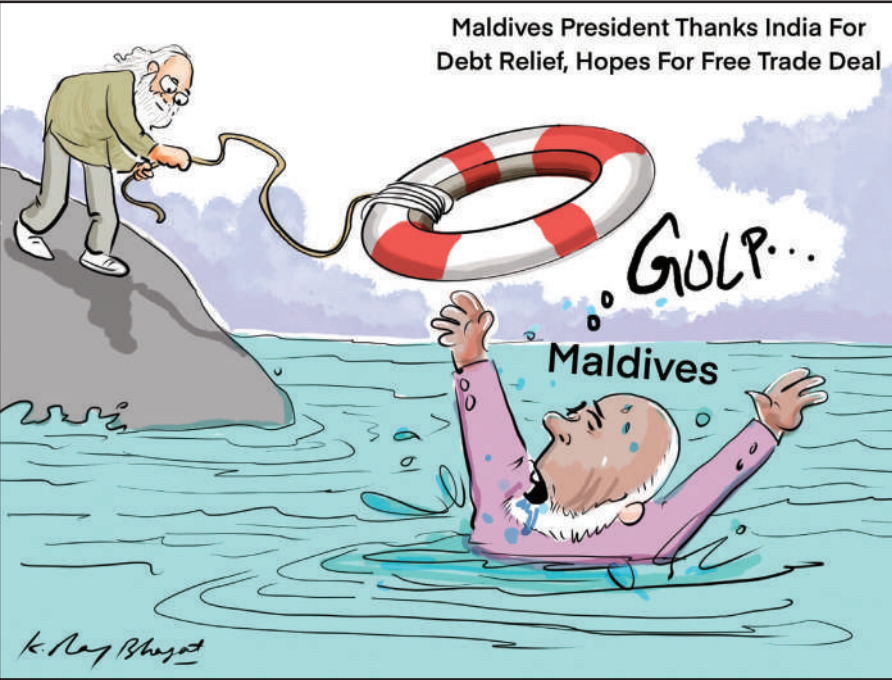
In line with these efforts, the

Capacity Building Commission is organising a "Civil Services Training Institutes Convention" on 12th August this year with Dr. Jitendra Singh presiding as Chief Guest. The convention aims to grant accreditation to nearly 150 Civil Service training institutes based on NSCTI standards and distribute accreditation certificates among the 300 registered insti-

tutes. The event will also focus on educating CSTIs about the accreditation process and its prerequisites.

A key objective of the convention is to drive the digitization of courses on the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) platform and to plan future steps for expanding the digital availability of training materials. Emphasis will be placed on developing in-house capacities within CSTIs to digitise their training courses for the iGOT platform. A knowledge session on the Post-Accreditation Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) for CSTIs will also be held.

Additionally, Dr. Jitendra will launch several initiatives during the convention, including "Amrit Gyan Kosh", a knowledge bank designed to nurture shared learning resources. Other launches include the Quality Improvement Plan, the Faculty Development Programme, and the Faculty Portal. The annual report of the Capacity Building Commission will also be unveiled.



## Modi's Budget 2024-25 to fulfill aspirations of 140 Cr countrymen: Chugh

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NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday exuded confidence that the Union Budget 2024-25 will fulfill the aspirations of 140 crore countrymen and lead to India's journey of becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047 as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a meeting with the senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana at the party headquarters in the national capital, Tarun Chugh said the budget will work to strengthen the foundation of New India by empowering youth, women, farmers and the poor, besides giving fillip to education, health, rural development and infrastructural sectors.

Chugh in a post on X wrote: "Today I had a cordial meeting with the popular BJP leader Shri @DevenderSRana ji at the party headquarters in New Delhi and had a detailed discussion on the Union Budget 2024-25 which fulfills the aspirations of 140 countrymen".

Tarun Chugh said that in the past 10 years, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, such a mechanism has been created in which the beneficiaries are getting their entitlements directly into bank accounts without any middleman and without any leakage. During these years, about 25 crore people have come out of the poverty line. India is continuously setting records in exports due to the Product Link Incentive (PLI) and Make in India initiative. In the past one decade, the Indian economy has moved towards a formal economy. Digital India has not only strengthened the country's economy but is also leaving a global mark", he said, adding that this budget is going to encourage employment, skill development and



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh meeting with senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

natural farming

Referring to the Prime Minister's decision to launch Tribal Advanced Village Campaign is a commendable initiative. It will cover 63,000 villages, benefiting 5 crore tribal brothers, he said.

Chugh, who is BJP incharge for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, also referred to the J&K Budget for this fiscal presented in Parliament, and described it development-oriented and future-shaping. The budget has been formulated keeping in mind all sections of citizens of the Union Territory, he said.

Devender Rana said the J&K Budget has generated a hope among the people about development scaling to new heights and expectations of youth getting fulfilled.

## Four residential KGBVs functioning as day schools in violation of norms in Kashmir

**■ MASROOR AHMAD**  
SRINAGAR: The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas (KGBVs) in four districts of the Kashmir Valley are currently functioning as day schools instead of residential institutions in violation of norms.

In the wake of this, the female students enrolled in these schools are deprived of all the facilities available to them to support their education.

According to the officials, despite the completion of the buildings, these schools have yet to transform into full-fledged residential schools.

"The buildings for these residential schools are completed, but the teachers have not shifted the students to these new facilities. Consequently, the schools are running as day schools, depriving students of the facilities provided under the scheme," the official said.

The KGBV schools in Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, and Bandipora are operating as day schools, which means that the

enrolled students miss out on the benefits meant for them by the Government of India under the scheme.

"As the students do not get the facilities, the funds allocated for these benefits remain unutilised and eventually lapse," the official said.

The KGBV scheme aims to bridge gender and social category gaps in school education by extending residential and schooling facilities up to Class XII. It specifically targets girls from marginalised and economically weaker sections of society, aiming to empower them through education. KGBVs are designed as residential schools for girls who have dropped out at the upper primary level.

The Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, sanctioned 89 KGBVs for Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Among these, 35 KGBVs are 100-bedded, while 54 are 50-bedded.

The scheme aims at providing access to quality education for girls from disadvan-

tagged groups, particularly those from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), Minority communities, and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. It ensures a smooth transition of girls from elementary to secondary education and up to Class XII where possible.

"The primary goal of KGBVs is to ensure that girls from marginalised communities have access to education. Each educationally backward block is supposed to have at least one residential school for girls from Classes VI to XII," the official said.

He, however, said the current situation of KGBVs in the four districts is defeating the purpose of the scheme and depriving the students of their entitled facilities."The failure to adhere to the norms and utilise the completed buildings as residential schools not only undermines the scheme's objectives but also renders waste the resources allocated for this scheme," the official said.

## SCERT Jammu celebrates Shiksha Saptah 2024



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JAMMU: SCERT Jammu Division on Monday celebrated Shiksha Saptah 2024 with enthusiasm and zeal to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by organizing a week-long Shiksha Saptah as directed by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India w.e.f July 22 to 28th July 2024 under the guidance of Joint Director Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor. The events showcased the policy's transformative impact on education and reaffirmed the institution's dedication to quality learning. Seven days programmes were held on the various given themes like TLM Day, FLN Day, Sports Day, Cultural Day, Skilling and Digital Initiatives Day, Eco Clubs for Mission Life day and community Involvement Day. These week-long programmes were organised by Dr Sanjeevani Sharma, Nodal officer Shiksha Saptah.10 DNOs were nominated by the DIETs for the successful celebration of Shiksha Saptah. As per the report of DIETs and DNOs, a total of around 2 lakh students, 5000 schools, 15000 teachers and 3500 community members participated in Shiksha Saptah .This week-long programme provided a platform for students, teachers, parents, and the community to engage in educational discourse, share best practices and explore innovative Teaching Methodologies. The week-long program culminated with the distribution of certificates to all those who contributed to the successful implementation of Shiksha Saptah by the Joint director, Prof. Dr Sindhu Kapoor at SCERT Jammu. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sanjeevani, Head of ECCE.

## Dr Darakhshan attends Special interactive session at Sharp Sight Eye Hospital



Sharp Sight (Eye Hospital) officials felicitating JKWB Chairperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday visited the Sharp Sight (Eye Hospital) in Bhagat Chowk, Srinagar and participated in the Special Interactive Session with the facility and held meeting with it's Directors

Dr Deepshikha Sharma and Dr Samir Sud.

Dr Andrabi was appraised of the ophthalmological diagnosis and treatment facilities available at the hospital. She took a tour of all departments to learn about the medical facilities here.

"The facility is serving our society with latest

technologies and approach. I was pleased to see such an impressive medical platform in Srinagar", said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi during her interaction.

She emphasised on the need to initiative information and awareness drives among the society regarding eye care.

## Celestial Bhajan Sandhya, Bharatnatyam delight at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir's Sawan Mahotsav

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JAMMU: The Sawan Mahotsav at the historic Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir continues to captivate hearts and souls with its series of devotional events.

Temple on Monday once again drew devotees and music enthusiasts for an enchanting Bhajan Sandhya, part of the ongoing Sawan Mahotsav-2024 Series.

The devotional evening featured renowned artists who mesmerized the audience with their performances.

The program commenced with a soulful performance by Dr. Jasmeet Kaur, a distinguished classical singer and daughter of the renowned singer Sudarshan Kour Keerti.

As a disciple of the celebrated classical vocalist Pandit Rajan Sajan Mishra, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur's melodious voice captivated the audience, creating an atmosphere of spirituality and bliss.



Classical singer, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur reciting Bhajan at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir.

Her performance not only honored her esteemed lineage but also showcased her own remarkable talent and dedication to classical music.

Pankaj Pradhan, another acclaimed classical singer of the soil, disciple of V.S. Sambyal and Guru B.S. Bali, further enhanced and enriched the evening. His rich, resonant voice and emotive renditions immersed the audience in profound devotion and peace.

The performances accompanied by the melodic tunes of Guru Ashutosh Sharma on Harmonium, Guru

Parshotam Kumar on Pakhawaj, Dr. Vinay on Tabla, and Rakesh Jasotra on Flute.

The evening reached its crescendo with a mesmerizing Bharatnatyam performance by the talented Pallabi Das Ghosh. Her graceful movements and expressive artistry beautifully complemented the devotional music, leaving the devotees spellbound.

The Sawan Mahotsav at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir is a platform to celebrate Jammu's rich cultural heritage while fostering devo-

tion. It offers devotees a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of classical arts and spiritual music.

A large number of devotees, music lovers, and members of civil society thronged the open-air performance space in the ancient Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir. Eminent persons present on the occasion included members of the Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, including Mahant Rohit Shastri, along with K K Sharma, who distributed Sanskrit books to the stu-

dents of the Gurukul being run on the temple premises.

The event's proceedings were skillfully conducted by Raj Kumar Behrupia.

Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd. Session Judge) and Receiver of Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, expressed his delight at the overwhelming response from the devotees.

He said, "With Mahadev's blessings, these programs are witnessing tremendous success. The performances tonight have truly been exceptional, and I applaud all the participants for their dedication and talent. Their contributions have significantly enhanced the spiritual and cultural fabric of the community. We have many more excellent performances lined up for the coming Mondays of Sawan, and we invite everyone to join us for these spiritually enriching evenings."

## Dir SDD hands over offer letters to selected candidates during placement fair

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JAMMU: The Director Skill Development Department, Sudershan Kumar on Monday facilitated the students with Job Offer Letters / Appointment Letters who were ITI pass outs and participated in Placement Fair. The students of different trades viz Fitter, Electrician, Tuner, Mechanic Motor Vehicle etc participated.

Selected candidates lauded the role of Skill Development Department and were delighted on receiving the Job Offer letter.

Those who were present in the event were G.M. Bhat Joint Director



Director Skill Development Department, Sudershan Kumar facilitating students with Job Offer letters.

Jammu, Khan Farooq Ahmed Joint Director Kashmir, Ravi Gupta Assistant Director,

Amandeep Singh, Nazir Ahmed Molvi, Karan Singh, HR of Hyundai and HR of TTC Company.

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of BJP, J&K, today initiated a plantation drive organized by Arogya Bharti at Ward No 1 and Ward No 18 in connection with the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. This noble initiative aims to promote environmental sustainability and honor the nurturing spirit of motherhood through tree planting.

Speaking at the event, Sethi emphasized the significance of the campaign, which was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to foster a greener and healthier India. "The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign is a heartfelt initia-



Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi initiating a plantation drive.

tive by our Prime Minister to encourage every citizen to plant a tree in honor of their mother. This act symbolizes gratitude and acknowledges the life-giving and nurturing qualities of motherhood," he

stated.

Yudhvir Sethi urged the public to actively participate in this campaign and contribute to the creation of a greener environment. "I call upon every resident of

Jammu to join this movement. Planting a tree is a simple yet impactful way to give back to our environment and ensure a healthier future for the coming generations. Let us all take this opportunity to make a difference," he said.

The plantation drive saw enthusiastic participation from local residents, volunteers from Arogya Bharti, and various community leaders. The event not only focused on planting trees but also included educational sessions on the importance of environmental conservation and the benefits of trees in urban areas.

Later, Yudhvir Sethi also took part in a plantation drive at Megh Bhawan near Dogra Hall, Jammu. He planted saplings alongside community members and reiterated the importance of collective efforts in environmental conservation. "The responsibility of protecting our environment lies with each one of us. Through such initiatives, we can ensure a sustainable and green future," he remarked.

Kuldeep Khandari, General Secretary East Mandal, Dr Akshay, former Corporator, Raman Sharma, President Amphalla Mandal and others were present.