

Dr Jitendra addresses officers' advancement programme, emphasises 'rule to role' shift in governance

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NEW DELHI: National Chairman IIPA (Indian Institute of Public Administration) Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed and interacted with senior level officers from Army, Navy, Airforce and Civil services at the 50th (Golden) "Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration" (APPA) here today at the IIPA headquarters. APPA is an advancement programme for senior officers.

Dr Jitendra Singh laid special emphasis on the "rule-based to role-based" shift in governance which has taken place in recent years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPA) is a 10-month long course sponsored by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which also comes under Dr. Jitendra Singh.

The participants consisted of senior level officers of all India services, defence services, central services in the rank of Deputy Secretary/ Director or above in the government of India or an equivalent position. IIPA has been conducting this course since 1975.

Addressing the 50th APPA, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed his contention of being a part of the golden APPA. He said the advanced courses imparted to the officers serving the government are crucial to make them future



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing officers from Army, Navy, Airforce and Civil services at the 50th "Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration" (APPA) at IIPA, New Delhi on Tuesday.

ready as envisioned by Prime Minister Modi.

Highlighting the government's commitment for capacity building of civil servants, the Minister said, we have initiated 'Mission Karmayogi' to transform the personnel and increase their efficiency and contribution to nation building. While performing his duties the learning should not be restricted and he/she should keep on going on the learning curve and encourage peer learning, he said. He shared that personally he himself tries to learn something new every day.

Speaking about APPA, Dr. Jitendra said, this programme has been designed keeping in view the Mission Karmayogi

framework to equip officers with the competencies required for them to respond to the challenges of 2047 in Amrit Kaal.

According to him the aim is to impart right attitude, skills and knowledge and provide them with Citizen centric Governance Approach.

While sharing his experience in public service and wisdom on good governance with the participants, Dr. Jitendra said, "Emphasis on rule-based to role-based shift in governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower citizens. He also guided the participants to develop communication and interpersonal skills. He shared his experiences in areas affected with mili-

tancy and terrorism where both the District Magistrate and Army Officer used joint cooperation.

He also directed them to be in sync with the changing technologies and utilize Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning.

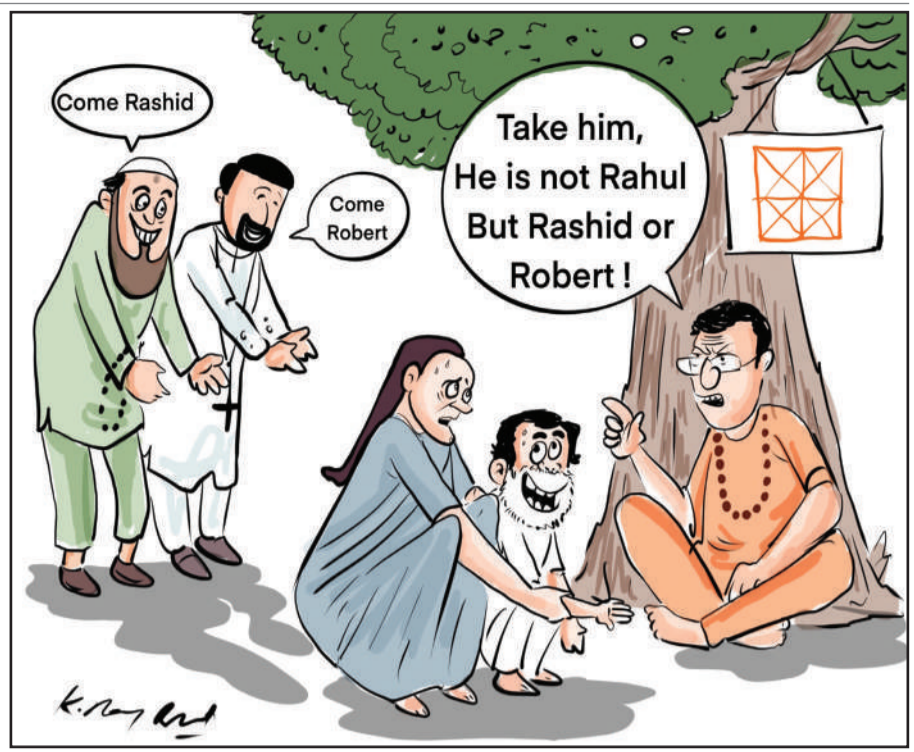
However, he rightly mentioned that human touch is always needed and highlighted the establishment of Human Desk to take feedback of cases disposed of after grievance redressal to give the citizen a hearing and allow scope for improvement.

Sharing India's expertise in governance the Minister said, "SWAMITVA programme acts as a role model for other nations in terms of Land reforms."

He also assured that the National Quantum Mission will be a game changer for the future.

On the Sidelines of the event Dr. Jitendra Singh took feedback and suggestions of the participants and assured them to be introduced in the future. S.N Tripathi, Director General, IIPA expressed gratitude to the minister for his continuous guidance and active leadership. Dr. Nila Mohanan, Joint Secretary (Training), Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) also gave credit to Dr. Jitendra Singh on guiding the department.

Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar IIPA, Prof. Neetu Jain and Dr. Saket Bihari were also present during the interaction.



'Remarks in Parliament about Hindus unfortunate, condemnable'

Rahul Gandhi, Cong should apologize publicly to nation: Chugh

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CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday strongly criticized Rahul Gandhi for his irresponsible and divisive statements, saying that Parliament functions on rules and decorum, not on the whims of any individual or family.

Interacting with media persons, Chugh said that Rahul Gandhi has completely degraded the level of parliamentary democracy and the manner in which photo of Lord Shiva was displayed in Lok Sabha was highly objectionable.

Chugh raised questions about the dual character of the Congress party, saying it is unfortunate that those responsible for orchestrating riots, especially 1984 massacre of Sikhs, and those who burned down Gurdwaras, are now talking about non-violence. The country should also know the role of the Congress in protecting those responsible for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, he added.

Chugh said: "Rahul Gandhi has consistently misled Parliament and in Parliament he has grossly insulted the entire Hindu society by labeling them as violent and dishonest. This is not the first time the Congress has done this. In 2010, former Home



Minister P. Chidambaram called Hindus as terrorists. In 2013, former Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde also labeled Hindus as terrorists. In 2021, Rahul Gandhi said Hindu nationalists should be removed from the country, and today he has called all Hindus violent and dishonest. Rahul Gandhi has lowered the dignity of the Leader of Opposition position and weakened it. The entire country is saddened by Rahul Gandhi's statement, and the condemnation of this statement is insufficient. Calling Hindus violent and dishonest, displaying images of Gods during parliamentary debates, and linking politics to it does not benefit an opposition leader." Chugh said Rahul Gandhi did not take any responsibility while in power. But today, even after taking responsibility for the first time, Rahul Gandhi gave extremely

irresponsible statements. His Agni Veer scheme statement is also completely false, conspiratorial, and disrespectful to the army; it is a low-level behavior. The Congress party has raised questions about the army before and attempted to mislead the country, he said.

Chugh said Rahul Gandhi made irresponsible comments even against the constitutional position of Speaker Lok Sabha, which is very regrettable.

"Rahul Gandhi himself tore apart his party's coalition government's ordinances in the Press Club. Congress' character has weakened the country's constitutional institutions. Indira Gandhi also weakened the country's constitutional institutions such as Parliament, judiciary, and bureaucracy. Rahul Gandhi cannot understand behavior appropriate to Indian culture because he has no knowledge of culture."

Chugh said that since 2004, when Rahul Gandhi was not holding any position, there were glimpses of theatrical and humorous traits in his behavior. But today Rahul Gandhi is the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha and in a constitutional position, so we expect him to bring positive changes in his behavior and conduct with maturity, he added.

ICAI-J&K Branch celebrates CA Day

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JAMMU: J&K Branch (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated the 75th CA Day.

The celebrations began with the members and students coming in huge number for the blood donation campaign, planting 75 trees at 75 locations to commemorate the 75 years of their Alma Mater and a free medical checkup was also organized by Narayana Hospital.

CA Sat Sharma, former Minister, also graced the event. JKICAI also visited Govt. Girls Higher Sec School, Bhagwati Nagar in association with Guru Nanak Langar Mission Trust to plant fruit trees. Further, the members and students participated in Run for Viksit Bharat to highlight the importance of good health.

In the evening, the branch held a seminar on Capital Markets at Royal Park, By Pass, Greater Kailash, Jammu.

CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman of the J&K Branch, delivered a compelling welcome address at the event celebrating the 75th anniversary of ICAI's foundation.

His speech highlighted the



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar posing with members of J&K Branch (NIRC) of the ICAI.

Institute's remarkable journey, acknowledged the contributions of its members, and set a vision for the future.

In his address, CA Vineet Kohli underscored the significant achievements of ICAI over the past 75 years.

"The ICAI has grown from a modest beginning to become the world's largest accounting body, with over 4 lakh members and a thriving student community of 9 lakh future chartered accountants. This success story is a testament to our commitment to excellence, integrity, and professional standards," he stated.

He expressed particular pride in welcoming the newly qualified Chartered Accountants, encouraging them to continue upholding the legacy of profes-

sionalism and ethical practice that ICAI is known for.

A special note of gratitude was directed towards the past Chairmen of the J&K Branch.

"We stand on the strong foundation you have built, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions," said CA Kohli. In line with ICAI's "WE CARE" initiative, all past Chairmen were felicitated by the branch, recognizing their unwavering dedication and service.

CA Bharat Makkar, the guest speaker, enlightened the members with his insights on how an understanding of capital markets can transform our financial lives. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, as

the Chief Guest.

In his address, Ramesh Kumar highlighted the pivotal role of Chartered Accountants in the financial sector and nation-building.

He emphasized the trust and legacy that the government places in ICAI and the significant responsibilities that rest on the shoulders of Chartered Accountants.

"Chartered Accountants play a crucial role in shaping the financial landscape and driving economic growth. The trust and expectations from the government towards ICAI are immense, and it is imperative that Chartered Accountants continue to uphold their professional integrity and contribute to nation-building," stated Ramesh Kumar.

ADGP Jammu Zone inaugurates upgraded technical support unit at PC Jammu

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Tuesday inaugurated the newly upgraded "Technical Support Unit" at Police Component Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The event was attended by Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG JSK Range; Dr. Vinod Kumar, SSP Jammu; and Kameshwar Puri, SP PC Jammu. Kameshwar Puri, SP Cyber/Police Component, welcomed the senior officers and provided a detailed briefing about the upgraded Technical Support Unit.

This unit is designed to enhance the police's capability to counter cybercrimes and cyber terrorism. It aims to support and assist district cyber teams in handling vari-



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, inaugurating upgraded "Technical Support Unit" at Police Component.

ous cybercrimes, thereby extending their reach and improving the resolution of cyber issues for victims in remote areas of the zone.

Dr. Vinod Kumar highlighted the unit's capacity to operate 24x7 and its state-of-the-art software and equipment, which will facilitate the swift

handling of cybercrimes and reduce response times.

Dr. Sunil Gupta emphasized the importance of this unit in addressing the new challenges in cybercrime, particularly frauds occurring through virtual modes like the dark web and encrypted social media applications.

ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain underscored the upgraded facility's role in ensuring prompt, professional, and high-quality investigation of cybercrime complaints. The modern workspace is equipped with high-speed internet and data connectivity, enabling round-the-clock detection and prevention of cybercrimes and threats.

The unit is staffed with adequately trained personnel, and various training modules have been developed to equip the staff with skills to handle emerging cyber threats effectively.

This initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing the Jammu Zone's capabilities in dealing with cybercrimes, ensuring a safer digital environment for the community.

SCERT-J organises 3-day workshop on Examination Reforms

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JAMMU: A three-day workshop on "Examination Reforms in Schools of JK-U" was inaugurated on Tuesday at JKSCERT, Divisional Office Jammu. The vital workshop has been organized by the Assessment Cell of Jammu Division.

The workshop began with the illumination of lamp by Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal Govt. College of Education in presence of Prof. (Dr.) Sindh Kapoor from Cluster University of Jammu; Joint Director JKSCERT Jammu Division DIET Principals of Jammu Division, Assessment Cell, Central Move and the members of Assessment Cell of Kashmir Division in the virtual mode. Dr. Neeraj Jandial, Associate



Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal GCoE and others at a workshop.

Professor presented the formal welcome address. Dr. Jyoti Chauthaiwale, an eminent educationist and scientist joined through virtual mode.

Dr. Jyoti Chauthaiwale, in her detailed keynote address, highlighted the issues of assessment and evaluation and also impressed upon the authorities to devise the evaluation techniques from the

learners' point of view. As an expert panelist on "ParikshaParv" of National Commission for Protection of Child rights, she impressed upon the need to take cognizance of students' aspirations, psychology and learning requirements as per NEP 2020.

Rakesh Kumar Chobber, Coordinator of the program introduced the theme of the workshop.

Guest of honour, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Parihar addressed and appreciated the efforts of the team for impressively carrying out such a workshop focusing on how to reform the Examination System for the holistic development of the learners. The programme was moderated by Lakshmi Puri.

Formal vote of thanks was presented by Manu Vasudeva. Prof. (Dr.) Sindh Kapoor congratulated the assessment cell and focused on developing actionable strategies and policies for implementing examination reforms at various levels of the education system. The workshop was convened under the mentorship of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director, JKSCERT.

Amit Sharma addresses multiple issues raised by Taxi Operators/Unions

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LEH: Transport Secretary-cum-Transport Commissioner, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma on Tuesday held a meeting in his VC Hall at Civil Secretariat complex, Leh regarding various issues related to public transport including the ones raised by Taxi Operators and Unions in the Union Territory and pending issues with adjoining states/UTs like Himachal Pradesh and J&K.

At the outset, the Regional Transport Officer, Ladakh brought



Transport Secretary-cum-Transport Commissioner, UT Ladakh, Amit Sharma chairing a meeting.

to the attention of the Amit Sharma on an important issue raised by the Taxi Operators and Unions here relating to Himachal Pradesh which

was sorted out after proactive discussions with Secretary Transport with respective taxi unions.

During the meeting, Amit directed that the

transport department authorities must adhere to the established rules and regulations and must ensure enforcement of same in letter and spirit.

Further, it was also directed by Amit Sharma to sort out all pending issues with Jammu & Kashmir regarding seeking pending NOCs for the buses apportioned to UT Ladakh from erstwhile SRTC of J&K.

Amit also advised RTO Ladakh and both ARTOs to clear all pendencies of the department in a time-bound manner and create

state-of-the-art facilities like Automated Testing and Driving Centres at the earliest so that UT Ladakh can facilitate its residents with best services in transport sector.

The participants in the Meeting included RTO Ladakh Sheikh Mohd Nazir, Under Secretary Transport Mohit Sharma, ARTO Leh Inzar Rana, ARTO Kargil Khadim Hussain, who attended the meeting virtually from Kargil, apart from representatives of multiple Taxi Unions.

Jammu admin provides relief to Trikuta Nagar fire victims

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JAMMU: The District Administration Jammu provided support to victims affected by the recent fire accident near Trikuta Nagar.

Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, a team led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anusya Jamwal, who is also the Executive Secretary of the District Red Cross Society, on Tuesday conducted a site visit and took sympathetic assessment and interacted with the affected families.



ADC Jammu, Anusya Jamwal distributing Financial assistance, essential items among fire incident victims.

Financial assistance, besides essential items, including ration, utensils, clothing and other necessi-

ties were also distributed. The families received assurances of continuous support from the administration.