Dr Jitendra hosts luncheon get together for Delhi based J&K cadre AGMUT officers

NEW DELHI: Minister (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday hosted a informal luncheon for Delhi based J&K cadre AGMUT officers from All India Services officers (IAS, IPS, IFoS) belonging to the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Cadre, now merged into the AGMUT cadre, at his New Delhi official residence

The gathering saw officers from diverse batches and services reminiscing about their days of service in J&K and appreciating the opportunity to reconnect. The event, infused with nostalgia and professional bonding, carried forward a long-standing tradition initiated by Dr. Jitendra Singh - of hosting such interactions to foster unity and trust among officers beyond the confines of formal duty.

Many officers recalled how such informal interactions were regularly held in Jammu & Kashmir under Dr. Jitendra Singh's initiative, allowing colleagues to bond beyond office spaces. "Knowing each other personally makes it easier to collaborate professionally. Trust is key in governance," remarked



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh interacting with Delhi based All India Services officers (IAS, IPS, IFoS) belonging to the erstwhile J&K cadre, now merged into AGMUT cadre, over lunch at his residence, at New Delhi on Thursday.

one officer present.

Dr. Jitendra, in address, reflected on the careers of several officers from their first postings in J&K to their rise through the ranks into senior leadership roles. He recalled a pioneering initiative started soon after the Modi Government assumed office in 2014 where senior officers were asked to revisit their first posting districts to assess developmental progress over the years and file reports. "It brought a sense of continuity and personal connection to public service," he said.

Highlighting Jammu & Kashmir's continued importance in national priorities, Dr. Singh mentioned recent milestone projects like the Chenab Bridge, the Lithium discovery, and the Purple Revolution of lavender farming that is empowering youth entrepreneurs in the region. "J&K will emerge as a key growth engine in India's journey from the 4th largest to the 1st largest global economy," he affirmed

He also recalled the turbulent times of peak militancy in the 1990s and early 2000s, acknowledging the courage of officers who served in extremely challenging circumstances as young SPs and DCs.

During the interaction, officers openly shared experiences, feedback, and concerns. Dr. Singh gave a patient hearing, offering insights and guidance, while assuring continued attention

"Leadership is most effective when it listens - and when it remains accessible," he stat-

The Minister encouraged officers to break rigid hierarchies, sharing that he maintains personal contact with many officers and often reaches out directly. "It saves time and gets the job done faster - especially when the outcome affects people's welfare," he noted.

Several officers appreciated Dr. Singh's consistent personal engagement, both in the past and now in Delhi, calling it a "humane touch to administration" that motivates them to go the extra mile in delivering citizen-cen-

From the IAS, senior-most

present, followed by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi (1997), Hirdesh Kumar (1999), and Sarita Chauhan (1999). Also present were Ajeet Kumar Sahu (2003), Pandurang Kondbarao Pole (2004), Simrandeep Singh (2008), Sushma Chauhan (2009), Shah Faesal (2010), and Sheikh Arshad Ayub (2013). Officers

DANICS/Secretariat Services included Preetpal Singh (2000), Kumar Shah (2000), and Rushal Garg (2018).

From the IPS, attendees included Pankaj Saxena (1992), Rajesh Kumar (1995),Mukesh Singh Danesh Rana Viplav Kumar (1997),Choudhary (1997), and Vijay Kumar (1997). Also part of the interaction were Abdul Ghani Mir, Shri S.P. Pani (2000), Keshav Ram Chourasia (2003), Kumar (2004), Amit Kumar Abdul Jabbar (2008), Ambarkar Shriram (2011), Sandeep Choudhary (2012), and Chandan Kohli (2013). Officers Sandeep Gupta and Sheikh Arshad Ayub also joined the interaction, contributing to the vibrant exchange of ideas and



Tauseef Raina, CA Charanjot meet LG

Chartered Accountants of

SRINAGAR: Touseef Raina, former President, Council Municipal Baramulla, called on Lieutenant Governor Sinha, Manoj Thursday.

Raina put forth important matters pertaining to the improvement of civic amenities in Baramulla town area, and other development issues.

Meanwhile, Charanjot Singh Nanda, President, The Institute of



CA Charanjot Singh Nanda, President ICAI calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

CM flags off fleet of water tankers to strengthen drinking water supply



Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah flagging off a fleet of 10 water tankers.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister, along-with Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana on Thursday flagged off a fleet of 10 water tankers from the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

This special initiative has been undertaken to ensure adequate water supply especially during Muharram.

The initiative aims to augment water supply services across Kashmir valley, particularly in water-stressed areas facing temporary disruptions

ongoing infrastructure development.

The event witnessed the presence of Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, several MLAs, senior officials from the Jal Shakti Department, representatives from the Public Health Engineering (PHE) wing, among others.

Speaking on the occasion. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasized the government's commitment to in piped water delivery due to to safe and clean drinking

Jammu & Kashmir.

Minister of Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, in his remarks, highlighted that the tankers will be strategically deployed to areas experiencing acute water shortages and will operate in coordination with local administrative units to ensure timely delivery.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the presence of elected representatives on the occasion, stating that such collective participation undersive and responsive approach

Jammu Police cracks multiple theft cases; 5 women among 13 arrested, stolen property worth over Rs 27 lakh recovered jewellery from her home dur-

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough, Jammu Police South Zone, under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu and the leadership of SP City South, SDPO City South and SHO Police Station Gandhi Nagar has successfully cracked 6 theft cases including 2 snatching cases and 1 theft case of vital BSNL telecom infrastructure through the tireless efforts of Police Station Gandhi Nagar and Police Post Digiana within a time period of two and a half months, leading to the arrest of 13 accused, including one minor, and the recovery of stolen property worth more than Rs 27 lakh.

Addressing media, SP South Ajay Sharma said that written complaints were received at Police Station Gandhi Nagar regarding multiple incidents in Shastri Nagar and Gandhi Nagar areas, including chain snatching, motorcycle theft, and theft of construction material. FIRs including FIRs 103, 126/2025 under section 304 BNS; FIRs 142, 143/2025



SP South Ajay Sharma addressing a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

Acting promptly, a special team was constituted by SP City South, led by PSI Maan Singh under the close supervision of SHO PS Gandhi Nagar and SDPO City South. CCTV footage and Smart City surveillance were analyzed to identify and apprehend the culprits.

The accused arrested have been identified as Pardeep Singh, son of Gabdharab Singh, resident of Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu; Virinder Singh, son of Arun Singh, resident of Gandhi Nagar Jammu

Sadiq son of Mohd. Yusaf, resident of Miran Sahib with the recovery of stolen Motorcycle (JK02CE-7803) and Fazal Hussain son of Sobat Ali, resident of Near Hospital, Jammu; Chandan Kumar, son of Suresh Kumar, resident of Bihar, at present Greater Kailash with the recovery of stolen construction items, suspected stolen scooty (JK02DC-5835).

In a separate case, FIR No. 145/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS was registered regarding the theft of BSNL telecom infra-

women, all residents of Pati Road, Barnala, Punjab which include Banti, wife of Lutera; Sapni, wife of Ashok; Babli, wife of Garibdas; Rajani, wife of Sanjay and Salochana wife of Jarnail Singh with the recovery of 8-10 kg stolen copper wire. In a major success, Police Post Digiana also solved a high-profile house theft case within days of reporting. On May 9, 2025, complainant Gurjeet Kour, wife of Late Gurieet Singh resident of with the recovery of two gold structure near the back gate of Preet Nagar, Jammu, reportchains (~50 grams). Mohd. DPL Jammu. Acting swiftly, ed theft of gold and diamond be ruled out.

the police apprehended five

7th/8th May on which FIR 113/2025 under section 331(2), 331(4), and 305 BNS was registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. A dedicated team led by ICPP Digiana, under supervision of SDPO City South and SHO P/S Gandhi Nagar, cracked the case through tech-

ing the intervening night of

nical surveillance and human intelligence. Three accused were arrested which include Safar Ansari (23), son of Sajjad, resident Kishanganj, Bihar, at present Gangyal; Ibrahim (25) son of Sharif, resident of Behraich, U.P., at present KC Colony, Gangval and a minor. The recovered items (Jewellery worth Rs 21 lakh) Gold Choker Set -1; Gold Kitty Sets 2; Gold Locket Set - 1; Ladies' Gold Kada -2; Gold Bangles - 4; Diamond Ear Tops -1 Pair; Gold Earrings -4 and Gold & Diamond Rings - 8 (Ladies' & Gents').

Justice Sanjeev Kumar inaugurates Legal Aid Clinic, Free Medical Camp for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris at Pahalgam



Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, HC of J&K and Ladakh receiving Guard of Honour.

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTANG: In momentous step towards strengthening access to justice and healthcare, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, on Thursday inaugurated a Legal Aid Clinic and Free Medical Camp at the Court Complex, Pahalgam, for the benefit of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris and the local population.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Sanjeev Kumar underlined the dual commitment of the Legal Services Authorities towards legal empowerment and humanitarian service. He interacted with legal assistance, encouraging them to utilize the free services available through Legal Services Institutions.

"Legal aid is not charity; it is the constitutional mandate of a welfare state. Every person, regardless of their economic or social status, has the right to access justice. The Legal Services Authorities have been working tirelessly to bridge the gap between law and the people. This Legal Aid Clinic at Pahalgam is another step in that direction-bringing justice to the very doorstep of the needy, especially during the holy Amarnath Yatra when thousands converge here."

he said. He stated that Free Medical Camp established here is equally significant, as pilgrims undertake a physically and spiritually intense journey. He added, "It is our duty to ensure that no one is left without aggrieved persons seeking basic healthcare. I com-Health mend the Department and the Legal Services Authority for this collaborative effort which

merges legal aid with

health care-two pillars of

human dignity.' "It is heartening to see today's program combine awareness with cultural expression. The skit and folk song by students beautifully highlighted the importance of knowing one's rights. And more importantly, today's distribution of mobility aidsscooties, wheelchairs, and hearing aids-reiterates our commitment to empower those who have been historically neglected" Justice Sanjeev Kumar underlined.

"Let us continue to work together-judiciary, civil society, health officials, and the public-to build a more inclusive and accessible justice system. Legal aid is not just about courts-it is about compassion, care, and commitment to the last person in the line."

The program featured a welcome address by Tahir Raina, Khurshid

Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Anantnag.

A cultural folk song and an impactful skit presentation by the students of Government Higher Secondary School, Pahalgam, enriched the event and conveyed the legal aid message through artistic expression. A highlight of the program was the distribution of legal aid equipment to beneficiaries, which included scooties for specially-

abled persons, wheelchairs,

and hearing aids, exempli-

fying the practical outreach of the Authority. The event was graced by

Tabasum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Authority. Services Mohammad Amin Parray, Senior Advocate, Anantnag Himanshoo, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Pahalgam, Shaam Kumar, Munsiff, Aishmugam, Dr. Khalid

Parvez, Chief Medical Officer, Anantnag, officials from $_{
m the}$ R&BDepartment, as well as Principals, faculty, and students from various educational institutions. The program culminated

with a plantation drive led by the Chief Guest, symbolizing a commitment to

environmental sustainability and leaving behind a lasting green imprint of the day's initiatives. The entire program was coordinated and conducted by Fozia Paul, Sub-Judge and DLSASecretary, Anantnag, whose meticulous efforts contributed to the success of the event.

