

Northeast work culture transformed under Modi: Dr Jitendra

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ITANAGAR: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the work culture of Northeast has got drastically transformed in the last 8 years.

As a result, the Minister said, now the projects in Northeast are getting completed within a fixed timeline and the utilisation of Central funds is almost 100 percent.

Every State is connected to the union capital by railway and each of the eight States is coming up with its airport whereas Guwahati has turned into an important international airport.

Inaugurating the two-day



Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh at the inauguration of the two-day Regional Conference on theme "Bringin."

Regional Conference on the theme "Bringing Citizens and Government Closer through Administrative Reforms" here along with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Dr Jitendra said, prior to 2014,

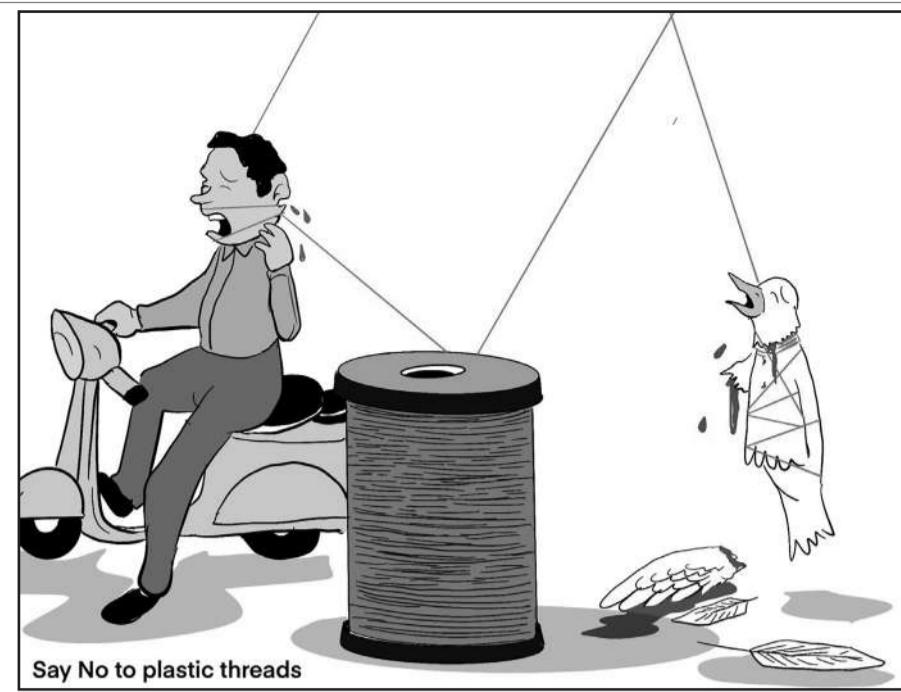
the North Eastern Region suffered economically due to myopic policies of the successive central governments, but soon after the Modi government took over in 2014, the Prime Minister had stated that every effort would be made to bring the region at par with the more developed areas of the country.

He said, in the last eight years, not only developmental gaps were bridged successfully, but the north-eastern region has also gained psychological confidence.

The Minister added that the significant development in terms of road, rail and air connectivity is helping facilitate the movement of goods and persons not only across

the region but also across the country.

Coming back to Administrative Reforms, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India believes that 21st century Public Grievance redressal would be based on single window agencies which will help citizens use information for seeking better services. He added that many methods have been contemplated including One Nation One Portal, Multilingual CPGRAMS for enhanced citizen outreach, data analytics to measure the quality of grievance redressal, feedback call centres and provision for citizen transcripts on the CPGRAMS portal etc.



Say No to plastic threads

Prof Rajni Kant is Dean Research Studies

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JAMMU: University of Jammu today appointed Dr Rajni Kant, Professor of Physics and Dean Faculty of Science at Jammu University as Dean Research Studies. Prof Rajni Kant is going to take the charge from Prof Rajni Dhingra on 22nd August 2022, who has completed a successful tenure of three years.

It is pertinent to mention here that Prof Rajni Kant recently was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of prestigious Chemistry (FRSC), London, UK. Professor Rajni Kant is the first person from Jammu and Kashmir to get this prestigious fellowship. Besides having 14 independent research projects from National funding agencies he has guided over 51 M Phil, 27 Ph D scholars in Physics and has published more than four-hundred fifty research papers in journals of national and international repute.

LG's greetings on Shri Krishna Janmashtami

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings on the eve of the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

In a message, the Lt Governor said that the life and teachings of Lord Krishna have a profound significance, which continues to enlighten and guide us in our daily life.

On this auspicious occasion, let us imbibe Lord Krishna's message of love, compassion, discipline, knowledge and selfless action, and dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation. May the festival bring joy and happiness for all, the Lt Governor said.

JU initiates Admission process VC launches online portal for JUET-2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu today launched the online portal <https://juet.org> for inviting online applications from the students, seeking admission to the various UG/PG courses, for Jammu University Entrance Test (JUET-2022).

The University of Jammu is one of the leading Universities in the Country with 'A+' Accreditation from NAAC and ranked 56th by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022, under the University Category.

No request/s for any correction shall be entertained thereafter.

The appearance of a Candidate in JUET is mandatory for seeking Admission to all such Courses/ Programmes of

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JAMMU: The skies of Jammu were coloured with Kites soaring in the sky as the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu on Thursday organized Kite Festival 3rd Edition here on the Tawi River Front Park.

It was a colorful jamboree where friends and family regaled under clear blue skies and enjoyed a fun filled morning.

Owing to the enthusiasm Jammuites have for kites, the festival organized a day prior to Janamashtami, witnessed a huge crowd of people coming from different parts of the city. The event was inaugurated by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu by releasing the string of a kite.

Speaking on the occasion, he said "Kite flying has been an integral part of our Culture. Kites have the ability to drag us out of our homes and go back to childhood for a while. I congratulate Directorate of Tourism, Jammu for organizing such a sprightly festival".

While addressing the media, Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu, said "Kites have been a part of our tradition since ancient times and even today they are flown to celebrate various festivals and sentiments. There is nothing more enjoyable than flying a kite. I would like to thank the people of Jammu for making our initiative a thorough success and using Indian Thread for Flying Kites".

Live commentary of snapping of kites enhanced the excitement with the crowd of spectators reverberating with "Chal Gayi Aaa".

As many as 100 Kite enthusiasts participated in the event. The blue sky was dotted with numerous kites of different shapes, colour and sizes, which added to everyone's delight.

It is pertinent to mention here that the participants used only Indian Thread for flying Kites. It was ensured

at the entry gate, by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu that none of the participants take Chinese thread inside the venue.

Arjun Singh secured first prize of Rs 3100, while Mohit Verma and Anil Kumar bagged the second prize (Rs 2100) and third prize (Rs 1100), respectively. All the participants were given certificates in the end.

Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director Tourism said "The purpose of organizing this event was to give Jammuites an exhilarating experience of Kite Flying with enthralling music and delightful feast. The event is not only a competition but a memory of one's childhood and a medium to connect to our roots.

While speaking to the media, Abdul Jabbar said that it was a joyous sight of gaily colored kites covering the skies as paper and string soar and gravity to consort with the clouds. The Kites

festivals has surely spread an aura of joy, colours, and thrill with its positive vibes.

The Festival was attended by Amarjyoti Raina, Deputy Director Tourism; Dr Neha Mahajan, DDT, Planning Jammu and other officers/officials of Tourism Department.

Also present were prominent citizens of the area and representatives of the travel trade fraternity. Besides 92.7 Big FM was the event partner for the kite festival.

Tourism Directorate Jammu organises 3rd edition of 'Kite Festival'



Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inaugurating Kite festival by releasing string of a kite at Jammu.

Dr Andrabi visits Charar-e-Sharief & Pakherpora shrines; takes many decisions

Illegal Pandals, Takhts erected for receiving donations at Shrines removed

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SRINAGAR: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday visited Charar-e-Sharief to inspect the shrine management system here.

She was accompanied by Chief Executive Officer of Waqf Board Dr Syed Majid Jahangir, Tahsildar of Waqf Ishaq Mohiuddin and representatives of district administration.

Dr Darakhshan paid obeisance at the shrine of Sheikh Nooruddin Nooran.

After the blanket ban by Waqf Board on compulsive & illegal demand of money at shrines by some people, Dr Andrabi today ordered the removal of all chairs and Takhts erected by

the people within the shrine & the campus for receiving donations at shrine of Alamdar which were removed by the Waqf staff immediately.

She ordered the people to help in re-establishing the real befitting environment at these spiritual places.

"The ban on illegal forced donations & occupation of the donation spaces by individuals in shrines is a nuisance and people across J&K have been demanding the abolition of this practice since decades but Waqf was used by politicians for decades for vote bank politics

and now we have taken this very important decision as per the provisions of Central Waqf Act. Our aim is to provide a clean, serene and spiritually befitting atmosphere to visitors in all shrines," said Dr Darakhshan.

"Many hard but necessary decisions are a must for making Waqf an organization as per expectations of the people of J&K. We will be continuously taking bold decisions only to maintain or re-establish the befitting environment at our shrines and also for the productive use of other properties and assets of Waqf in J&K," said Dr Darakhshan. Dr Andrabi convened meetings with Waqf Board employees at Charar-e-Sharief & Pakherpora and emphasized on them to change

their working behavior and attitude so that the services to the public are provided without any compromise. "Honesty and dedication is the mantra for Waqf employees to ensure the continuance of their services in Waqf. We cannot tolerate any dishonesty and laxity in services," said Dr Andrabi to employees. She also inspected the Waqf owned rented properties & shops and issued many orders on the spot too.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Arnas, Dharmani, Mahore, SarhBagga and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 9 am to 5 pm. Similarly, the power supply to MES, Sainik Colony, part of RatnChak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Sialsi, Bali Bawan, Dhangari, Potha, Saranoo, Dhanwan, Chingus and Doongi-Keri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 11 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Bajalta, Kuper, KannaShargal, Malhori Jagir and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon all the stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and synergy to ensure smooth vehicular movement in the old city of Jammu.

DC reviews dev, regulatory requirements for smooth vehicular movement in Jammu City

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa on Thursday convened a meeting with the senior officers of concerned departments to discuss regulatory and developmental requirements for smooth vehicular movement in the City.

ADC (L&O) Minga Sherpa; ADC (ADM) Satish Sharma; SSP Traffic, Dr Koushal Sharma; RTO Jammu Ghanshyam Singh, ACR JMC Munisha and SP North, Kuldeep Handa were present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussion was held on certain issues regard-

ing declaration of No Vehicle Area, No Parking Zone, drawing of Zebra Crossing at various locations, installation of no parking boards and imposition of fine on violators and extension, repair, construction of dividers.

The concerned official informed the Chair that different areas/locations have been identified for no parking and no vehicular zones. It was also informed in the meeting that roads from City Chowk to Shaheedi Chowk, City Chowk to Purani Mandi and Purani Mandi to Parade have been

identified for one way traffic to avoid the congregation of vehicles at these areas.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned officers to remove the encroachment on the footpaths by vendors and Shopkeepers. She directed for conducting a Joint anti encroachment drive to clear the footpaths.

The traffic officers were asked to strictly enforce no entry on the one-way routes to decongest traffic in the old city.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon the stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and synergy to ensure smooth vehicular movement in the old city of Jammu.



Glimpses of Shobha Yatra taken out in Jammu city on the eve of Janmashtami.