

Dr Jitendra launches India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen fuel Bus

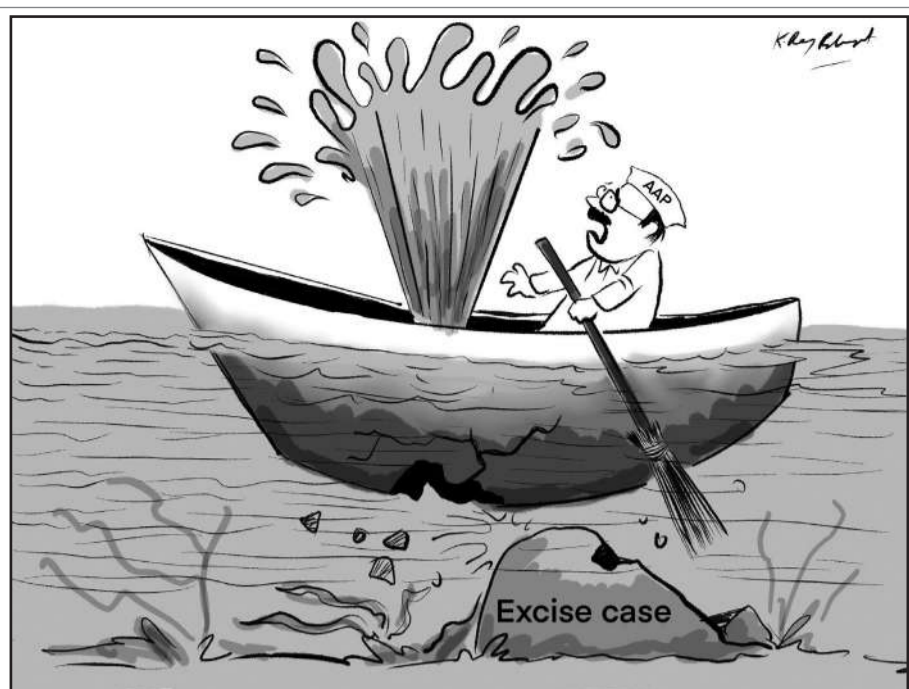
STATE TIMES NEWS
 PUNE: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday launched India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen fuel cell Bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune.
 Later, addressing a jam-packed audience of students, scholars and faculty, at the prestigious CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory here, Dr Jitendra said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hydrogen vision is important for India to ensure Atma Nirbharta which implies affordable and accessible clean energy, meeting climate change goals and creating new entrepreneurs and jobs.
 He said, Green hydrogen is an excellent clean energy vector that enables deep decarbonization of difficult-to-abate emissions from the refining industry, fertiliser industry,



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a jam-packed audience of students and faculty at the prestigious "CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory", Pune on Sunday.

steel industry, cement industry and also from the heavy commercial transportation sector.
 Dr Jitendra informed that the fuel cell utilises Hydrogen and Air to generate electricity to power the bus and the only effluent from the bus is water, therefore making it possibly the most environmentally friendly mode of transportation.
 For comparison, a single diesel bus plying on long distance routes typically emits 100 tons of CO2 annually and there are over a million such buses in India.
 Dr Jitendra said, the high efficiency of fuel cell vehicles and the high energy density of hydrogen ensures that the operational costs in rupees per kilometre for fuel cell trucks and buses are lower than diesel powered vehicles and this can bring freight revolution in India.
 Moreover, Fuel Cell vehicles also give zero green-house gas emissions.
 The Minister lauded the joint development efforts of KPIT and CSIR-NCL and pointed out that the technology prowess of Indian scientists and engineers is no less than the best in the world and also at much lower costs.
 Later, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Bisphenol-A pilot plant in CSIR-NCL and

said these pilot plants have successfully demonstrated novel process technologies developed by NCL under CSIR's Covid-19 mission program and Bulk Chemicals mission program.
 Dr Jitendra Singh said, Bisphenol-A (BPA) is an important feedstock for the production of epoxy resins, polycarbonate and other engineering plastics. He said, the global market for Bisphenol-A is projected to reach 7.1 Million Tons by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 2% over the analysis period 2020-2027. The entire estimated annual demand of 1, 35,000 tons in India is imported today. The Minister hoped that CSIR-NCL's technology will enable import substitution of this important raw material and help in India's Atmanirbhar initiative.



LG Sinha felicitates DySP Sajjad for duty enroute Amarnath shrine



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha presenting memento to DySP Sajjad Khan.

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: To appreciate dedication, alertness and zeal in performing duty at Brari Marg, at the altitude of over 13,000 feet, enroute Shri Amarnath Yatra track in 2022 facing tough terrains and harsh weather, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha honoured DySP Sajjad Khan with a memento in presence of Chief Secretary AK Mehta, DGP Dilbag Singh and other senior army, police and civil officers at Srinagar.

CSPWA celebrates National Senior Citizen's Day with lecture on Joint Pain



Dr Sumit Mahajan, Head Orthopedic & Joint Replacement of Apollo Hospital, Amritsar delivering a lecture.

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: The Central Government Pensioners' Welfare Association Jammu on Sunday celebrated the 32nd National Senior Citizen's Day by organizing an awareness lecture on Osteoarthritis among the elders that causes joint pain and reduces Joint mobility.
 Dr Sumit Mahajan, MS, DNB, M. Ch, Chief Consultant & Head Orthopedic & Joint Replacement of Apollo Hospital, Amritsar, delivered the lecture.
 The former Chief Secretary and Chairman JKPCS, B.R Sharma presided over the well-attended lecture.
 Dr. Sumit Mahajan, in his impressive presentation on Osteoarthritis, explained the causes of joint pain and its management by the senior citizens.
 He said that deficiency of vitamins is one of the main causes of bone related diseases and impressed them to take care of bone health.
 He talked about the increasing health issue of knee disorders among the senior citizens and advised them to take preventive measures to preserve their knee joints.
 In this connection, he advised them to develop healthy eating habits, reduce body weight and undertake regular exercises. He said that yoga is also advised to keep joints healthy & trouble free
 Dr Sumit apprised the senior citizens about the recent advances made in the joint replacement technology and the role of the Artificial Intelligence in the patients of severely deformed knees.
 He, however, cautioned them against self-medication and said that it is harmful as it may have deleterious effects on other parts of the body.
 B.R Sharma, in his presidential remarks, lauded the initiative of the Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu for organizing such a useful lecture and said that there could not have been a better way to celebrate the Senior Citizen's Day than to create awareness among elders about the disease which most of them face in advance age.
 He complimented Dr sumit Mahajan for his outstanding lecture on one of the most common hearth problems among the elders and his advice on preventive measures.
 Describing the senior citizens as a treasure of knowledge, Sharma said that they have acquired a vast experience during their long service career

grappling problems and finding solutions which should be utilized gainfully for the good of the society after retirement.
 He advised them to remain active in the post-retirement period which would keep them healthy and agile.
 Earlier the General Secretary of the Association, K.B Jandial welcomed the senior citizens and extended greetings to them on 32nd Senior Citizens Day.
 He explained the genesis of the Day and said that the US President Ronald Reagan founded this Day in 1988 to recognise and appreciate the services of the senior citizens to the society and reserve 21st August in their honour.
 He stressed the need to take measures to ensure that senior citizens continue to lead a life of independence & dignity.
 He said that the Association has decided to celebrate this Day this year by creating awareness among the elders how to prevent and handle old-age health issues like osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.
 Similar awareness lectures would be organised on other diseases from which senior citizens are suffering in future. Desh Deepak of Noida based Miracle Marcom Solutions introduced the subject. The Secretary of the CGPWA, B.B Magotra presented the vote of thanks.

Registration opens for Agniveer general duty (women) in corps of Military Police at RO (HQ) Jalandhar

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 SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Sunday appealed to aspirants of Agniveer of Kashmir division to participate enthusiastically in the recruitment being conducted from 07 December 7 to 10, 2022 at Jalandhar.
 It is informed that Army Agniveer Recruitment Rally (for Women Military Police) General Duty is being organized at Army Public School (Primary Wing) Ground on Major General Rajinder Singh Sparrow Road, Jalandhar Cantt for eligible candidates of districts of Srinagar, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Budgam, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian districts of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Leh and Kargil districts of UT of Ladakh from December 7 to 10, 2022.
 Online registration has already started from 09 Aug 2022 and shall continue to 07 September, 2022. Online registration is mandatory and all candidates should check their eligibility and register themselves on Army Recruitment Website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Candidates who have successfully registered online will be sent an admit card on their email address and intimated for the date and time for reporting for the rally.

Aam Aadmi Party only hope for common man: Namrta

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 JAMMU: Namrta Sharma Senior leader Aam Aadmi Party kicked off door-to-door campaign in Channi himmat, Bahu constituency today with party team members and Supporters. While addressing the public she emphasized on the key achievements of AAP in its governed states of Punjab and Delhi.
 Namrta talked about the visionary policies of Arvind Kejriwal in the Health sector and how Affordable and free health care is available for everyone in Delhi. She mentioned how Mohalla clinics in every neighborhood has made healthcare more accessible for common man. Namrta also talked about how the pro public policies are helping the common man in this tyrannical Tax imposing Government of BJP.
 "The youth of Jammu and Kashmir is very hardworking which has been left helpless at the hand BJP's administration Raj and deserves employment," she added. "People all over the country are accepting AAP as the only alternative to guide the nation to a bright future. The overwhelming support of the people in Jammu is proof that people are rejecting this incompetent government and accepting AAP as the only



Senior AAP J&K leader, Namrta Sharma along with others at Jammu.

viable honest alternative," Namrta added. While talking about the policies for women empowerment, she apprised the public of the free public transport in DTDC buses and coaches for women in Delhi, she also talked about how AAP promotes equality and is fighting for the rights of women and how Mahila Mohalla clinics are helping women get quality treatment. She explained how more than 500 Anganwadi hubs in the nation's capital has promoted self-help groups and helped the women empowerment and independence.
 She apprised them of AAP vision and policies for J&K, the transformation of the education sector in New Delhi which is earning appreciation at a global level. She talked about how Delhi saw a dramatic change in every sector after the formation of AAP

Jugal, Rana participate in Amarnath Yatra Samapan Samaroh

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: To felicitate the religious scholars and spiritual gurus on the successful and blissful conclusion of Shri Amarnathji Yatra at the Holy Cave Shrine in Kashmir Himalayas, a congregation was held at the ancient historic Ram Mandir at Purani Mandi here.
 Amid Har Har Mahadev jaikaras and chanting of the religious hymns, Mahant Rameshwar Dass led a large congregation, comprising social, religious and political leaders, in expressing their gratitude to the Sadhu Samaj for remaining in the forefront of the traditional pilgrimage, braving weather vagaries along the mountainous route to the cave shrine.
 On the occasion Mahant Dr Satya Narayan, Mahant Dass Giri, Mahant Maha Mandleshwar Raghuveer Dass, Maha Mandleshwar Nand Kishor, Ram Narayan Dass, Vijay Krishan Shastri, Mahant Rajeshwar



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, other BJP leaders and Mahants honouring religious scholar.

Bittu, Hirday Nandgiri, Mahant Dassgiri, Maha Mandleshwar Ram Saroop Dass and others were present.
 Mahant Rameshwar Dass hailed the crucial contribution of the Sadhu Samaj and their wholehearted support to the administration and the organizations managing the yatra in successful accomplishment of annual event, saying apart from being the Margdarshaks, they have remained source of inspiration for the pilgrims across the country to undertake the arduous journey for seeking spiritual bliss.
 Speaking on the occasion, Member Parliament Jugal Kishore hoped that the Sadhu Samaj will continue to pray for peace and tranquility across the country and well being of the people across the world in true spirit of the cherished philosophy of the Sanatan Dharma.
 Interacting with the Sadhu Samaj and the participants, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana appreciated the efforts of Mahant Rameshwar Dassji Maharaj for keeping up the tradition of arranging lodging, boarding and Langar for the visiting Sadhus from across the country at the historic temple. He particularly made the mention of organizing the concluding congregation to welcome the Sadhu Samaj on the culmination of their blissful pilgrimage, hoping their blessings will steer Jammu and Kashmir to new era of peace and tranquility.
 Former Minister and senior BJP leader Priya Sethi hoped that the Sadhu Samaj will return back to their Maths with blissful memories of the Dev Bhoomi of Jammu and Kashmir and will pray for peace, progress and well being of the people.
 Senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi hoped that blessings of Lord Shiva will help in further strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, compassion and righteousness in Jammu and Kashmir.
 Senior leader Dr Krishan Lal also greeted the Sadhu Samaj after their successful accomplishment of the annual pilgrimage.

Concede demands of technical employees: JKTEF

STATE TIMES NEWS
 UDHAMPUR: A meeting of JK Technical Employees Federation (JKTEF) Power Development Department District Udhampur was held under the Presidency of H.D Singh Provincial President Jammu in which all prominent members from all districts of jammu Provenca participated in the meeting. In the meeting affairs of the federation have been discussed including burning issues like issuance of technician IIIrd vide circular NoCEJ/DPC/TechIII/A-35/954-87 Dated:13-08-2022 in which the lein has not been Maintained as per

SSRB marit, and also the district carder employees has been clubbed in province carder, 24 years stagnation of Tech-III incumbents in the birth grade as well as brief note regarding amendment of SRO 381 of 1981, issued by Adl. Secretary to the Govt. PDD circulated vide his Letter No. PDD-NG/165/2021-05- PDD, Dated; 17-01-2022 were main agenda of the meeting.
 In the meeting it was unanimously decided that the Federation will continue their struggle in future for resolution of their pending issues with power development. However, an appeal was also made to Power administration that utilize efforts to but the fierce pertaining to stagnation and amendment of SRO-381 on fast track. Also all members expressed their displeasure regarding the seniority list of tech IIIrd issued by office of the Chief Engineer JPDCL where all the service rules were neglected and after submitting repeated objections filed time to time were not considered once again during the issuance of circular. Every employees have their lain for their seniority issued by the appointed authority at the time of their appointment and the technician IIIrd in their basic order that their seniority shall be mentioned as per SSRB marit in their cadre. All the participants in the meeting requested Principal Secretary to Govt Power Development to intervene the issue personally.
 Rajinder Singh (Sr.Vice President Jammu Prov.), Mohd. Ishfaq (Vice President Jammu Prov.), Sudesh Kumar (Joint Secretary Jammu Prov.), Tanveer Khan (Circle President District Rajori & Poonch), Chanchal Singh (Circle President District Samba & Kathua), Naveen Sharma (Circle President Udhampur, Reasi &

Ramban), Mohd. Raffi Kichloo (Circle President District Kishtwar & Doda), K.P. Singh (President District Kathua), Kapil Dev Singh (Vice President District Kathua), Prem Singh (President District Ramban), Mohd. Rafeeq Bhatti, Mohd. Rajaa Paswal (Poonch), Mohd. Latif (Doda), Om Parkash (Reasi), Jarnail Singh (Jammu), Durga Parshad (Kathua), Shivehran Singh (Kathua), Surinder Singh (Kathua), Parthivi Singh (Billawar), Yograj S h a r m a (Udhampur), Shyam Lal Sharma (Udhampur) and Vikash Kumar (Udhampur) were present on the occasion.

Annual Kailash Kund Yatra commences

STATE TIMES NEWS
 UDHAMPUR: The three Day Annual Kailash Kund Yatra is going to start in Sub- Division (Dudu) of Udhampur district from tomorrow (August 22).
 As per Additional Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Mohammad Syed Khan, the Kailash Kund yatra would leave Vasukhi Nag Temple Dudu in the morning to Kailash Kund Bhaderwah amid elaborate arrangements made by the district administration.
 "The district Administration Dudu-Basantgrah, has been

appointed as Nodal Officer to supervise over all arrangements from the base camp, Dudu, Kailash Kund and would also establish a control room at Dudu to ensure the smooth conduct of the yatra.
 The ARTO was asked to press additional buses from different routes leading to Dudu for the convenience of the yatri, while the CMO has been asked to make available medical facilities to the pilgrims at the base camp and the en-route. He was directed to deploy medical teams at base camp and at Seoj Dhar.