

India seeking G20 consensus against fugitive economic offenders: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Ahead of the top G20 Ministerial meet and the final meeting of G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) at Kolkata tomorrow, India is seeking G20 consensus against fugitive economic offenders to ensure faster extradition of fugitive economic offenders and recovery of assets, both domestically as well as abroad.

This was stated here today by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview to DoorDarshan News before leaving for Kolkata.

The G20 meeting is making a good headway for a consensual approach, he said.

Dr Jitendra recalled that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had presented a nine-point programme to take action against fugitive economic offenders during his address at the G20 Summit in Buenos, Argentina.

He added that PM Modi highlighted the importance of cooperation in legal processes such as effective freezing of the proceeds of crime, early return of the offenders and efficient repatriation of the proceeds of crime.

The Minister from India said, "Economic offences have been a problem faced by many, especially when the offenders flee from the jurisdiction of the country and all countries are on the same page as far extradition of fugitive economic offenders and recovery of assets are concerned, but different laws of the member states pose a problem in this regard.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview with DD News at New Delhi on Friday.

He said, a consensus is already in the offing for collective and joint action to deal with this menace and deployment of sophisticated technologies are also being explored to tackle the problem.

In response to a question, Dr Singh pointed out that India has organized a unique event on exploring "G20's perspective on synergizing gender sensitivity with anti-corruption strategies" on the side-lines of the second G20 ACWG meeting in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand in May this year. The event saw participation of

high-level keynote speakers and governmental experts of G20 countries and international organizations.

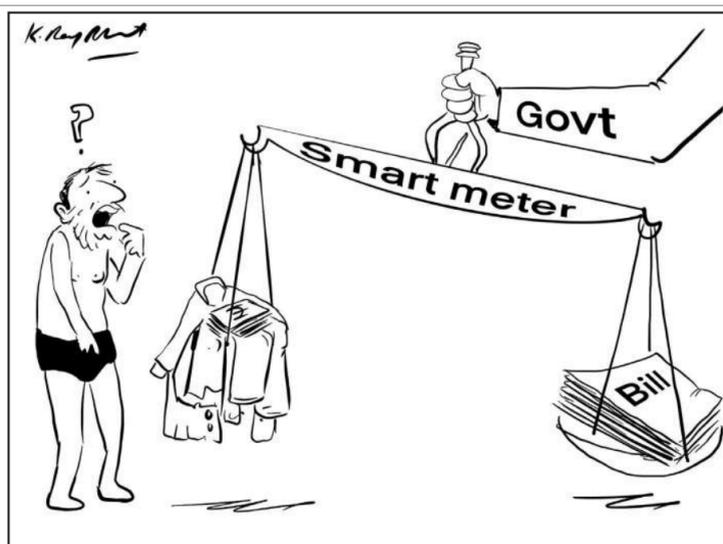
Referring to a series of G20 meetings in various parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, North-East, UTs and tourist hotspots, Dr Jitendra said, it gave India opportunity to showcase not only its prowess in various sectors, but also demonstrated the varied culture and diversity of India, which Prime Minister Modi is trying to convert into a permanent asset.

The Minister said, it's a proud moment for every Indian that India is hosting the G20 Summit and the credit for this goes to Prime Minister Modi.

He said, after 26th May, 2014, when Modi took charge at the

Centre, India's Global Stature is continuously on the ascending path. He also added that on Geo-Strategic matters, India's vies now matter and the whole world listens to our solemn advice on issues of global concerns.

The third and final meeting of G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) under India's Presidency will be held from 9 to 11 August 2023 in Kolkata. Over 154 delegates from G20 Members, 10 invitee countries, and various international organizations will be attending the meeting. It will be followed by the G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meeting on 12th August 2023, which will be chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology, Minister of State for the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Space of Government of India. This will be the second ever Ministerial meeting of G20 ACWG and the first in-person ACWG Ministerial meeting. The deliberations at the level of Ministers will impart a further political impetus to combating corruption as ACWG plays a crucial role in leading international efforts to combat corruption.



Justice Tashi Rabstan visits Udhampur, inspects facilities at district jail, Parisha, Palash, Old Age Home, OSC

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UDHAMPUR: To commemorate the 75 years of India's Independence, J&K Legal Services Authority and Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh has organized a series of awareness programmes in various Child Care Institutions, Observation Homes, One Stop Center cum Shelter Homes being run by NGOs and Social Welfare Department, various schools and Jails in different districts of UT of J&K.

In this connection on Friday, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority accompanied by Rajni Rabstan, PDJ Udhampur Haq Nawaz Zargar (Chairperson DLSA) Udhampur and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority as well as Juvenile Justice Committee High Court of J&K and Ladakh visited District Jail, Jagriti Old Age Home, One Stop Center (OSC), Parisha and Palash (Child Care Institution for Girls and Boys) here.

On his arrival at District



Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority at a programme.

Jail Udhampur, Justice Tashi was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour.

During the visit, Justice Tashi inspected the Legal Aid Clinic, e-mulakat center, VC facility room, STD facility, IGNOU Center, Kitchen/dining area, 10 bedded dispensary and dental centre besides inspecting the female and male barracks of the Jail inmates. He also interacted with them to enquire about their well-being as well as facilities being provided to them. During the interaction, the inmates informed the Justice Tashi that they are being served with proper diet by the Jail authorities and are being represented in their respective cases by the lawyers either engaged by

them or provided by the Legal Services Authority.

To commemorate and celebrate the 75 years of independence, the Jail inmates performed a brief cultural programme and recited patriotic poems to showcase their talent that was highly appreciated by the attendees.

Meanwhile, Justice Tashi visited "Jagriti" Old Age Home run by an NGO, where he was received by the President and staff of the Home. During interaction with the home inmates varied experiences in different walks of life were shared by them. President of the home raised issues of security, non-availability of doctor, physio-therapist and non-receipt of grant-in-aid from social welfare department from last

two years.

Justice Tashi assured the management of home that these issues will be redressed on priority.

Later, Justice Tashi visited One Stop Centre to take stock of facilities available there, and interacted with the staff to get first hand information about the working of the centre.

Further, Justice Tashi visited Parisha (Home for Girls) having a capacity to house 25 inmates, where presently 15 girls were staying as well as 'Palash' having capacity of around 50 persons. He held discussion on varied topics with the children to have an idea about the level of understanding they had.

Justice Tashi appreciated the social welfare department

for maintaining these institutions with all required facilities like AC dormitories, Recreation Hall with big LED, Computer Lab, well maintained kitchen and dining hall, facility for indoor games, open Gym. He asked them to establish similar kind of facilities in all the CCIs.

On this occasion, a joint Cultural programme was organized by the inmates of Palash and Parisha displaying the immense talent possessed by them. Heart-touching performance was delivered by the girl artists on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" that left the audience spell bound.

Addl. District & Sessions Judge, CJM, Secretary DLSA, Pr. Magistrate JJB along with other judicial officers and team of LADCs, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Addl. SP, District Social Welfare Officer with staff and Para Legal Volunteers of Udhampur were present on the occasion. Plantation drives were also held at all the places visited by Justice Tashi to make the environment of such institutions/homes better and greener.



Ashish Rohmetra and Sharda Agarwal awarded architecture and interior design excellence award 2023 under category premium residential projects, hospitality and commercial projects on Friday in a largely attended function of reputed architects of India at Bangalore. Both are the promoter of firm NIDA ARCHITECTS of Jammu with branch office in Delhi NCR.

DIPR, Tourism Dept, JKAACL to host mega cultural event to celebrate AKAM

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JAMMU: Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Jammu, Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages are going to host a scintillating cultural event on August 13, 2023 as part of nationwide Meri Maati Mere Desh Campaign launched towards the end of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahaotsav (AKAM) - the 75 week grand celebration to commemorate 75 years of India's independence and the glorious history of her people.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, flanked by Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta and Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma rolled out the plan for the upcoming grand spectacle.

The 'Mega Cultural Event' promises to be a captivating celebration of the spirit of patriotism and nationalism, aligning perfectly with the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign launched by the Government.

The event is more than just an entertainment extravaganza; it's a heartfelt tribute to the nation's sovereignty



Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, flanked by and Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma talking to reporters.

and heritage. "With pride like these stand as a beacon of harmony and shared identity. The 'Mega Cultural Event' is anticipated to draw a large and enthusiastic crowd, reflecting the collective pride and enthusiasm of the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

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SED organises mega event under 'MMMD' campaign to honour martyrs

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JAMMU: As part of the series of events under Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign, Samagra Shiksha, J&K under the ambit of School Education Department (SED) organised a mega event to honour the valour and sacrifices of Martyrs at Govt. Higher Secondary School Sunjwan, here.

Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion while as the event was attended by Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma; Director Finance, SED Iftikhar Hussain; CEO Jammu, State Coordinators, Principals, locals, public representatives, teachers and students of various institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Alok Kumar said that being patriotic towards the nation is everyone's responsibility, for us as a society and as a group. He added that there is no nation without people and vice-versa and 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign is to honour the country's martyred brave hearts, who put their life at stake for the safety and security of general masses.

He remarked that this campaign is envisaged from 9th August 2023 as a culminating event of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and it is a tribute to the Veers and Veeranganas who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country.



Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar and others at a programme.

The Principal Secretary said that 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' also envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and valour, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. He highlighted that by connecting with the land and honouring our heroes, this program will instill a sense of national pride and inspire future generations to protect India's cherished heritage.

Alok Kumar reiterated that School Education Department is the largest department and the message of PM should reach to every nook and corner of the UT through students and teachers. He also informed that, under this campaign, activities and ceremonies are being conducted with the involvement of locals at Panchayat, Village, Block as well as Municipal level.

The Principal Secretary also said that in the memory of these luminaries, special inscriptions will also be installed in various schools besides many schools have been renamed to honour the martyrs. He added that

'Amrit Kalash Yatra' shall also be organised across the UT and as part of part of 'Amrit Kalash Yatra', soil in 7,500 kalshs will be carried from different parts of the country to Kartayavya Path in Delhi.

Alok Kumar further said that youth form a major part of our nation and being patriotic towards it is their major responsibility. He informed that around 188000 students shall be taken to heritage sites for better exposure and 1880 Students shall be sent out side the UT on exposure visit. He further said that excursion trips shall also be organised for more than 1.5 lakh students to make students aware about our rich heritage and instil moral values in them.

Earlier, Project Director Samagra Shiksha, in his address said that Samagra Shiksha is always committed to holistic development of the students and has taken several strides in Jammu and Kashmir for providing better learning avenues to the students in form of civil infra-

structure, ICT labs, Sports equipment, Library books and uniform. He added that around 1352 smart classrooms, 376 Astro Physics Labs and 800 ICT Labs shall be set up in next four months

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BJP all set to return with thumping majority in 2024: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday said, India is all set to enter into glorious chapter of its economic and developmental odyssey post-independence to become the world's third blooming economy with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the party to its third consecutive term in 2024 general elections.

In an interaction with the various deputations, individuals along with Venu Khanna, BJP State Secretary during the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters here, Devender Rana said that strong foundations have been laid during the past over nine years since 2014 due to relentless efforts



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues at Jammu on Friday.

of the Prime Minister in every sector that have caught the imagination of the world across continents.

"With all positives to its credit, the BJP is going to win the next year's general elections with a thumping majority", he added.

Rana said India's growth trajectory has inspired even the developed nations that underwent most difficult

government has set a target for itself to change the overall scenario of the country by overtaking the political outfits that caused huge damage to the greatest civilization of the world by indulging in exploitation and appeasement. Devender Rana said that India has not only become a bright spot in the global economy but is also witnessing a huge cultural renaissance.

He referred to Yoga becoming global and the people around the world looking towards this ancient nation for quenching their spiritual thirst. This has become possible because of the BJP's strong belief in India's great traditions and values. These have to be imbibed among the compatriots for making

India stronger, he added. Referring to the turnaround in the overall situation across Jammu and Kashmir, Rana said that the era of uncertainty has been taken over by stability and the phase of gloom by blooming peace, bringing cheer in the lives of the people. He said the Prime Minister has proved beyond any doubt that Modi Hai Tu Mumkin hai while recalling the historic decision of repealing Article 370 and 35A.

Rana called for launching a vigorous awareness campaign to educate the people about fast changing scenarios in Jammu and Kashmir to offset the propaganda of those trying to mislead the people with the only objective of regaining their lost power.