

Dr Jitendra chairs joint Ministerial meeting, proposes ‘National Geospatial Data Repository’

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Saturday chaired a significant meeting at Prithvi Bhavan, proposing the establishment of a "National Geospatial Data Repository" and advocating for a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

This joint meeting, involving all Science Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, aimed to discuss advancements in science and technology and their application in various sectors.

Dr. Singh directed the Department of Space, Department of Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Earth Sciences to develop a unified Geospatial interface. This interface will be



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh chairing a joint meeting of all the Science Ministries & Departments, at Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi on Saturday.

designed to benefit the industry and startup ecosystem, facilitating the creation of innovative and indigenous products that support farmers, rural artisans, and other stakeholders.

He emphasized the need for seamless Geo-ICT infrastructure integration and a sustainable ecosystem built on pooling knowledge and resources through PPP collaborations.

A key focus of the meeting was the review of the upcoming National Space

Day celebrations, including the main event scheduled for August 23 at Bharat Mandapam.

Dr. Singh also assessed the progress of the "Vigyan Shakti" portal and discussed improvements for the unified web repository for Indian science and technology, which is currently being developed.

He stressed the importance of creating a single, integrated portal for all scientific departments to enhance research efficiency.

Dr. Singh highlighted the Prime Minister's vision of "India @2047" and the crucial role of science and technology in realizing this vision. He assured that all departments under his

ministry would work in coordination to achieve shared goals.

The meeting was attended by Dr. A.K. Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India; Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of DST; Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary of Biotechnology; Shri Ravi Chandran, Secretary of Earth Sciences; and Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, DG of CSIR. Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman of ISRO, joined the meeting online.

AIIMS Jammu and National Institute of Biologicals Advance Hemovigilance Practices

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JAMMU: The Department of Transfusion Medicine at AIIMS Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) Noida, hosted a two-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on August 9-10, 2024.

The CME, titled "Hemovigilance and its Clinical Relevance," aimed to enhance awareness and expertise among healthcare professionals regarding transfusion-related risks and best practices in hemovigilance.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu, with the Guest of Honour, Lt. General Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kant, Medical Superintendent and Dean (Research), and Dean Academics, Prof. (Dr.) Meeta Gupta. The CME drew 120 participants, including faculty from clinical departments, senior residents, nursing faculty, and senior nursing officers.

The program featured expert-led sessions and interactive discussions on advancements in hemovigilance, essential for ensuring the safety and efficacy of blood transfusions. Notable speakers included Prof. (Dr.) Gita Negi, Head of the Department of Transfusion Medicine at AIIMS Rishikesh; Dr. Gopal Patidar, Additional Professor at AIIMS New Delhi; and Dr. Akanksha Bisht, Scientist Grade-I at NIB Noida and Head of the Hemovigilance Program of India (HvPI).



Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu posing for a photograph with other dignitaries.

Participants engaged in case-based discussions addressing practical challenges in hemovigilance, providing hands-on knowledge for managing and reporting transfusion-related adverse events. The CME facilitated connections among professionals, fostering knowledge exchange and partnerships to advance transfusion safety. Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta praised the event, stating, "This CME underscores our commitment to advancing transfusion medicine and ensuring the highest standards of patient safety. Our collaboration with NIB Noida has been instrumental in bringing together leading experts and practitioners to share knowledge and drive improvements in hemovigilance."

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AIIMS Jammu has introduced the role of a Hemovigilance Nurse, with Monika Rohilla trained for this position. The institution has also established a Hospital Transfusion Committee involving clinical blood user departments and policy-making administrators to enhance patient care.

Dr. Akanksha Bisht highlighted the importance of the collaboration, saying, "Our joint efforts with AIIMS Jammu underscore the critical role of ongoing education and shared expertise in enhancing hemovigilance practices. We are proud to contribute to this vital field and support the professional development of those involved in blood transfusion."

The successful completion of this CME represents a significant advancement in transfusion medicine, reinforcing the commitment of AIIMS Jammu and NIB Noida to improving patient safety and the quality of blood transfusion services.

NCB launches intense search operations with the Nar-K9 squad in wake of upcoming elections

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JAMMU: In the wake of upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has geared itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region.

In the latest move, the NCB Zonal Unit of Jammu has started conducting regular searches at various public places like Bus Stands, Railway Stations and National and State Highways with its Nar-K9 (Canine) squad.



A team of NCB Jammu Zonal Unit on Saturday conducted search operation alongwith Nar-K9 dog squad. In upcoming days Local Police and other agencies like RPF, SSB,

BSF etc. shall also be sensitized and included in these search operations. The Nar-K9 dog squad of NCB is trained to detect narcotics concealed in luggage or in cavities of vehicles.

Jammu Folk Star Mega Audition witnesses enthusiastic participation Jammu Youth immense talent, needs right platform to shine: Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU: The much-anticipated "Jammu Folk Star" Mega Audition, a unique competition focused solely on Dogri and Pahari songs, was held today at the KL Saigal Hall, here on Saturday.

The event, organized by Mandeep Singh Chib, Tarun Tak, Neeraj Sharma, and Ashu Kotwal, in collaboration with Jammu Tourism and Kala Kendra Society Jammu, witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth aged 16 to 35 years.

The event was graced by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, as the Chief Guest. The jury members were Chaman Lehri, Sonali Dogra, Suresh Kumar, Sars Bharti, Vishakha Bhardwaj, Ruhi Singh, Juhi Singh, Sunil Sharma, Master Ashish, Mandeep Singh, Tarun Tak, Ashu Kotwal, Yogi Singh and Neeraj Sharma.

Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the untapped potential of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

He remarked, "J&K's youth possess immense talent, and it is crucial to



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President lighting a ceremonial lamp.

provide them with the right platform to showcase their abilities. There is no doubt that if we focus on honing their skills, these young artists will soon perform on national stages, bringing pride to our region."

Sethi further praised the organizers for their vision in creating a platform dedicated to Dogri and Pahari songs. He acknowledged the importance of

preserving and promoting regional culture through such initiatives. "This competition is not just a contest; it is a celebration of our rich cultural heritage. I am confident that this event will inspire many young artists to take pride in their roots and contribute to the cultural landscape of our nation," he added.

The auditions drew a large number of participants, each eager to showcase their talent and earn a place in the final round. The event was marked by vibrant performances that highlighted the rich musical traditions of Dogri and Pahari cultures.

The organizers expressed their gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi for his support and encouragement. They also acknowledged the collaboration with Jammu Tourism and Kala Kendra Society Jammu, which played a crucial role in the success of the event.

The "Jammu Folk Star" competition is set to continue with further rounds, where the best talents will compete for the title, celebrating the essence of regional music.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Saturday visited the Commando Training Centre (CTC) in Sunjwan to inaugurate the 21-day Commando Tactics Course.

This course aims to enhance the operational capabilities of police personnel by providing rigorous training in jungle warfare and advanced commando tactics.

Accompanied by DIG JKS Range Sunil Gupta, DIG Trainings Sarah Rizvi, and S.O. to ADGP Jammu Vishal Manhas, ADGP Jain was welcomed by senior officers at CTC Sunjwan, including CO IR 14th Bn. SSP Abrar Choudhary, Deputy CO Sanjay Sharma IR 14, and a team from the 14th Bn.

During his visit, ADGP Jain inspected the facilities and interacted with the trainees, emphasizing the critical role of such specialized training in counter-insurgency and anti-terror operations.

He stressed that these courses are vital for preparing



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain speaking at Commando Training Centre in Sunjwan.

ing the police force to meet emerging challenges in the region.

In his inaugural address, ADGP Jain commended the dedication of the officers and

the high quality of training at CTC.

He encouraged the trainees to fully engage with the course to refine their skills and tactical knowledge,

underscoring the importance of both mental and physical fitness in achieving successful outcomes.

Additionally, ADGP Jain praised the CTC Sunjwan staff and trainers for their commitment to excellence. He expressed confidence that the course would significantly enhance the participants' ability to handle complex counter-terrorism operations. To recognize the efforts of the Drill Instructors, he awarded Rs 5,000 each along with Commendation Certificates Class-I to five officials as a gesture of encouragement and motivation.

Miss Universe J&K; Sana Dua's event marks a historic milestone in pageantry

Priyanka crowned as Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir

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JAMMU: In an event that will be remembered as a defining moment in the history of Jammu & Kashmir, Sana Dua, the region's first Miss India, presented the inaugural Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir.

Held at the luxurious Vivanta Jammu City Centre, the event signified not only a landmark in regional pageantry but also a bold reimaging of the fashion and cultural landscape.

The audience was treated to breathtaking performances, guided by captivating anchors, and the discerning eyes of judges Alankrita Sahai, Bollywood Actress & Model, Sahil Salathia, Bollywood Actor from Mumbai and Delhi along with Sana Dua.

The Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir page-



Winners of Miss Universe Jammu and Kashmir posing with organizers.

ant was not merely a competition; it was an experience-one that set new standards for excellence and grandeur in the world of beauty and fashion.

Every detail of the event spoke of elegance and sophistication. The contestants, under the expert

guidance of Image and Beyond by Sana Dua, were transformed into embodiments of beauty and confidence, ready to dazzle the world.

Gautam Bali, the esteemed beauty partner, added his touch of magic, ensuring that each contestant exuded a mesmer-

izing charm.

The city of Jammu and the contestants alike expressed profound gratitude to Sana Dua for her visionary leadership and tireless efforts in orchestrating this extraordinary event. This pageant has revolutionized the industry in Jammu & Kashmir,

creating a platform that elevates the region to new heights on the national stage.

Priyanka Pandita emerged as the winner, crowned as Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir, and will represent the region at Miss Universe India. Aishwarya Pansare and Arzoo Sharma were named the first and second runners-up, respectively.

As Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir now takes its place among the most prestigious pageants in India, it stands as a beacon of hope, ambition, and transformation. The event has not only redefined pageantry in Jammu & Kashmir but has also opened a new chapter in its cultural narrative-one that promises to inspire and empower future generations of beauty queens.

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The LAST DATE of receiving the application for PENSION ADALAT is 31.10.2024

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- Retired from HQs Office, Northern Railway may send their representations to Dy.CPO/HQ-II, Northern Railway for Pension Adalat;
- Retired from Divisional office and Officers under the control of DRM may send their representations to Sr.DPO of the respective Division for Pension Adalat;
- Retired from Workshops, may send their representation to Sr.DPO of the Division in whose territory the Workshop is located, for Pension Adalat.

The representation for PENSION ADALAT should, however, be addressed to Dy.CPO/HQ-II/Sr.DPO/Dy.CPO & SPO (Workshop) as the case may be. The envelope carrying the representation should be super-scribed- PENSION ADALAT - 2024

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