

Modi vindicated Mukherjee, completed Nehru's unfinished task by abrogating Art 370: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: In a significant interview with NewsX on the 5th anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling Syama Prasad Mukherjee's vision and completing Jawaharlal Nehru's unfinished task. Dr. Singh emphasized that Modi's decision to abrogate Article 370 was a pivotal moment that rectified a historic injustice.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview with National Editor NewsX, Uday Pratap Singh at New Delhi on Monday.

Dr. Singh recalled Nehru's statement that Article 370 was intended to be temporary and would eventually "vanish in course of time," a prediction not realized due to the vested interests of subsequent governments. He criticized previous administrations for exploiting Article 370 for political gain, citing how the term of J&K's Assembly was manipulated under the guise of Article 370.

The Minister highlighted that the abrogation of Article 370 not only fulfilled Mukherjee's vision but also brought citizenship rights to various groups in J&K, including those deprived of voting rights for decades. He commended Modi's government for its decisive stance against anti-India activism, noting the imprisonment of those with ties to hostile

entities. Dr. Singh praised the transformative changes post-abrogation, including enhanced security, infrastructure development like the world's tallest rail bridge over Chenab, and significant progress in education and youth aspirations. He pointed

ed to the successful implementation of the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Panchayat Act, which had been previously denied to J&K, and the increased voter turnout in elections. He also noted the significant reduction in terrorism and highlighted the emergence of new economic opportunities, including the "Purple Revolution" in Bhandarwah. Dr. Singh concluded by urging Congress to acknowledge Modi's achievement in completing the task that Nehru had envisioned as temporary.



ADGP Jammu Zone reviews arrangements for Kausar Nag Yatra at Chassana

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, conducted a comprehensive review of the arrangements for the forthcoming Kausar Nag Yatra with officers from Police /Army /CRPF ITBP at Chassana, Reasi. The review meeting was aimed at ensuring the safety, security, and convenience of pilgrims participating in this significant annual pilgrimage.



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting.

The ADGP Jammu Zone was accompanied by DIG UR Range Rayees Mohammad Bhat, SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma and other Police officers responsible for the Yatra arrangements. During the meeting, Anand Jain emphasized the

importance of meticulous planning and coordination among various departments to facilitate a smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage. He highlighted the need for robust security measures, efficient traffic management, medical facilities, and other essential services to ensure the safety and

well-being of the pilgrims. The ADGP reviewed the security arrangements put in place for the Yatra, including the deployment of additional forces, surveillance systems, and quick response teams. He directed the concerned officials to ensure the highest level of vigilance and preparedness to address any potential security threats. He stressed the significance of maintaining a secure environment, particularly in light of the recent security challenges. The meeting also focused on the logistic arrangements for the Yatra, including the provision of adequate transportation, accommodation, sanitation, and medical facilities. The ADGP instructed the officers to set up help desks and information centers at key points along the route to assist the pilgrims and address their concerns promptly. ADGP Jammu emphasised upon the participants about collective responsibility to ensure that the pilgrims can undertake this journey with peace and devotion.

AIIMS Jammu conducts Surgical Skills Course-cum-Workshop in partnership with Ethicon Johnson & Johnson



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

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JAMMU: AIIMS Vijaypur is dedicated to excellence in Medical Education, Training, Healthcare Research and Patient care. Through innovative programs and partnerships, AIIMS Vijaypur strives to improve healthcare outcomes and contribute to the well-being of our community. AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu, recently hosted a surgical skills course cum workshop titled "Training the Trainers" at its Convention

Centre in partnership with Ethicon Johnson & Johnson on August 3 and 4, 2024. The course featured Prof. (Dr.) Chintamani, Chairman and Senior Consultant of the Department of Surgical Oncology at Sri Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, as the course faculty. Over 35 faculty members and senior residents from various surgical specialties and subspecialties participated in the workshop, which included a mix of lectures and hands-on training.

Attendees practiced various surgical techniques, including suturing, as well as bowel, bladder, vascular, and tendon anastomosis. This workshop was conducted under the visionary leadership of Dr. (Prof) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of All India Institute of Medical Sciences Vijaypur, Jammu, with the sole aim dedicated towards skill building, research and training of Human Resources. In his address, he highlighted the importance of

organizing more such workshops at the institute to train faculty and residents not only within the institute but throughout the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and neighboring regions. Prof. Chintamani commended Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, for his visionary leadership and dedication to faculty training and skill development at the institute. This workshop has also paved the way for future collaborations in the field of surgery.

JU launches 3-day induction program for Second Batch of four year UG 'Design-Your-Degree' Program

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JAMMU: The three-day Induction Program for the second batch of its innovative Four-Year Undergraduate program, "Design-Your-Degree" was inaugurated at JU on Monday. Distinguished academicians graced the occasion and set the stage for a transformative educational journey for the new students.



Vice-Chairman J&K Hr Edu Council, Prof. Dinesh Singh along with others at JU.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, a renowned academician and former Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University, currently serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Council, was the Chief Guest. Citing a profound quote from the Samveda, "We have to light the lamp of knowledge," Prof. Singh stressed the need for open-mindedness in education, advocat-

ing for moving beyond traditional textbooks to embrace practical, hands-on learning experiences. Prof. Singh emphasized the importance of experiential learning. He urged students to go beyond conventional textbook education and become self-motivated learners. Prof. Singh also encouraged the students to explore the extensive possibilities offered by the "Design-Your-Degree" program.

Referring to the teachings of influential Indian philosophers like Sri Aurobindo Ghosh and Vinoba Bhave, Prof. Umesh Rai, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, emphasized the value of hands-on learning and active engagement for effective knowledge acquisition. He encouraged the students to seize this opportunity to explore various disci-

plines, collaborate across different fields, and develop a comprehensive understanding that will equip them to navigate the complexities of the real world. In his address, Prof. Rai emphasized the university's commitment to cultivating a vibrant and inclusive learning atmosphere that encourages both creativity and critical thinking. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurial Development Centre (SIIEDC), JU spoke about the unique opportunities offered by the "Design-Your-Degree" program, which allows students to curate their own curriculum and engage in experiential learning.

Swachhata Pakhwada: DIPR Jammu conducts cleanliness drive

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JAMMU: In a spirited display of civic responsibility and community engagement, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu spearheaded a vigorous cleanliness drive on Monday as part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Pakhwada and 'Suchita Sangram' campaign. This initiative, conducted under the guidance of Joint Director Information, Atul Gupta, aimed to commemorate Independence Day while promoting a clean and hygienic environment. The event, held at the DIPR Media Complex Jammu, witnessed enthusiastic participation of Officers and Officials including Deputy Director (PR) Jammu, Ankush Hans, Deputy Director (IIQ), Virender Gupta, Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh Sharma, Cultural Officer, Nasir Khan, Youth Information Officer, Monika Sanbhal, along with other Officers and staff members. Joining hands in support were representatives from the Jammu Municipal Corporation, led by Joint Commissioner Abdul Satar,



DIPR Officials carrying out cleanliness drive.

underscoring the collaborative effort towards cleanliness. Speaking at the occasion, Joint Director Atul Gupta emphasized the pivotal role of cleanliness in fostering a prosperous society, stressing the need for collective action to set high standards for cleanliness across communities. He also underscored the profound connection between cleanliness (Swachhata) and public health. He emphasized that maintaining high standards of cleanliness is not merely a matter of aesthetics but a fundamental requirement for ensuring community health and well-being. He highlighted how cleanliness directly contributes to preventing diseases, reducing

healthcare costs and promoting overall public health. By stressing collective action to uphold these standards, he conveyed that a clean environment is essential for fostering a prosperous and healthy society. The comprehensive cleanliness drive not only aimed to beautify the office premises but also served as a poignant reminder of the importance of maintaining cleanliness in public spaces for the well-being of all citizens. The initiative concluded on a positive note with a commitment from all participants to continue advocating for cleanliness and hygiene, ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment for the community.

Provision of Ration Cards to eShram registered workers reviewed



Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anusya Jamwal chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anusya Jamwal, presided over a meeting on Monday to assess the progress on the issuance of ration cards to domiciled workers registered on the eShram portal. The meeting underscored the importance of extending this essential service to all eligible workers, particularly those who have yet to complete their eKYC processes. In her directives, ADC emphasised the need for a meticulous, tehsil-wise identification and facilitation effort to ensure that all workers are registered and provided with ration cards.

To expedite this process, she instructed the organisation of special camps across the region. The Sub-Divisional Magistrates have been tasked with overseeing the development of these camps, ensuring smooth coordination and implementation. The roles of Tehsil Supply Officers and Revenue Department officials were highlighted as pivotal in this extensive exercise. These camps are not only aimed at registration but also at spreading awareness among the workers about the benefits and addressing any doubts they might have. Detailed ground strategies

were laid out by ADC to streamline the process and ensure no eligible worker is left without a ration card. The meeting was attended by officers including Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner Dr. Rupali Jasrotia and Assistant Directors Food Supply, Santosh Sharma and Haroon among others. This initiative aligns with the broader mandate from the Supreme Court, which recently directed states and Union Territories to issue ration cards to all unorganised and migrant workers registered on the eShram portal within a stipulated timeframe.

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JAMMU: The Sawan Mahotsav at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir continued its spiritual journey with a captivating performance on the third Monday. Renowned classical vocalist Dr. Rakesh Kalotra, accompanied by the melodious voices of Prof. Kusha Sharma and Dr. Chinmei Sharma, captivated the audience with their soulful devotional renditions. The divine melodies filled the temple with a spiritual aura, creating an unforgettable experience for all present. The trio's harmonious voices transported devotees to a realm of divine bliss. The Sawan Mahotsav remains a platform for spiritual enrichment, offering

Rakesh, Chinmei, Kusha grace Sawan Mahotsav at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir

Divine Musical Sojourn Continues to Enthral



Prof. Kusha Sharma and Dr. Chinmei Sharma captivating audience with devotional songs.

devotees a unique opportunity to connect with the divine through the power of music. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Retired Session Judge and Receiver of Panjvaktra Mahadev Temple, extended heartfelt gratitude to the performers of today's Bhajan Sandhya for their mesmerizing performances. Their soulful renditions have enriched the spiritual experience of countless devotees. "As the Sawan Mahotsav progresses, we invite everyone to join us for the upcoming Monday evenings to experience the continued magic of devotional music", said Suresh Sharma. Deepak Kumar, organizing

member of the ongoing Sawan Mahotsav, emphasized the festival's importance in fostering spiritual and cultural unity and reviving age-old traditions in temples in the region. The performances, accompanied by the skilled musicians on Pakhwaj, Guru Parshotam Kumar, Dr. Vinay Kumar on Tabla and

Prof. Kusha Sharma remarked on the significance of Sawan Mahotsav, stating, "This festival provides a unique platform for artists and devotees to come together and celebrate the divine." Dr. Chinmei Sharma added, "The power of music to uplift the soul is immeasurable. We are fortunate to be able to contribute to this sacred tradition."

on flute Rakesh Jasotra, created a seamless and enchanting musical experience. Dr. Rakesh Kalotra expressed his profound gratitude for the opportunity to serve the divine through his music. "It is a privilege to be a part of such a spiritually charged atmosphere," he shared. Prof. Kusha Sharma