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India emerging as world-class cost-effective healthcare destination: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivered a compelling address at the "Global MedTech Summit 2024," organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Hotel Le Meridian. Dr. Singh underscored India's rise as a cost-effective global healthcare destination and a leader in the pharmaceutical industry.

Highlighting recent healthcare transformations, Dr. Singh praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a healthier India, focusing on eliminating communicable diseases and preventing non-communicable ones.

He cited India's record-breaking COVID-19 vaccination drive as a testament to the government's commitment to accessible healthcare for all.

He also addressed the emerging challenge of metabolic disorders, emphasiz-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the special session of "Global MedTech Summit- 2024" organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi on Tuesday.

ing the need to tackle new diseases associated with increasing life spans.

Dr. Singh, who holds multiple ministerial portfolios, emphasized preventive healthcare as a national priority to

achieve the vision of India @2047. He pointed out the rise of age-related diseases in younger populations, such as Type 2 Diabetes and early heart attacks,

which not only pose health risks but also

Advocating for "PPP + PPP" collaborations, Dr. Singh urged partnerships between India's public and private sectors and their global counterparts. He cited successful examples from the space and biotechnology sectors, noting a surge in private investment and startups following the opening up of these fields.

Describing India as a top global biomanufacturer, Dr. Singh highlighted the growth of the bio-manufacturing sector from \$10 billion in 2014 to \$130 billion in 2024. He also praised initiatives like BIRAC for advancing industry-research linkages.

Dr. Singh concluded by calling for enhanced Industry-Academia-Research collaboration to realize a healthy India by 2047, emphasizing technology's role in improving healthcare accessibility and

allowing my son to join our blackmailing business..

ACD Jammu visits village Bishnah, pays floral tributes to martyr



ACD Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma felicitating family members of the martyr.

BJP to form next govt in J&K

Gear up for Assembly polls: Sukhnandan to Ex-Sarpanchs and Ex-Panchs

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JAMMU: Announcing that BJP will form next government in next assembly elections, former minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar has asked the ex-Sarpanchs and Panchs to ready themselves for the forthcoming Assembly elections in the Union Territory.

In a meeting that lasted over two and a half hour, at village Gajansoo, at ex-minister Sukhnandan Kumar's residence, he emphasized the need for comprehensive preparation among party members and cadre. We have been directed by the high command to mobilize every worker to motivate people to vote in Assembly elections. Sukhnandan also appreciated LG Manoj Sinha for starting many development works in the

Senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar addressing public meeting. last three years in Jammu and

Kashmir: Addressing then gathering at his house, Sukhnandan said, "Prepare for the Assembly elections and ensure that BJP secures victory to form the next government in J&K."

He further said that many burning issues of Jammu and Kashmir like that of daily SPOs, VDCs will be resolved in first cabinet meeting after BJP forms the government.

He further said the next Chief Minister will be from party fold He said that BJP is the party of the masses which yearns to serve the people. Sukhnandan said that the BJP is home to all the persons belonging to any region or religion and serves the

"Parties like Congress, NC, and PDP never cared for the people and only multiplied their own assets. The senior leaders of these parties mislead the people with false information and play with their sentiments, which has already kept the state of Jammu and Kashmir burning for such a long time that it ruined the whole genera-

Pandey, BJP Mandal President Vikramjeet Manhas, State Secretary kissan Morcha Anita Langeh, Mahila Morcha Mandal President Rekha Rani, Chairman Muncipal Committee Ghou Manhasa Jatinder Singh, Vice Chairman Krishan Lal, Sarpanch Sham Lal, Sarpanch Om Parkash Verma, Sarpanch Narinder Singh, Sarpanch Mulkh Raj Sharma, Sarpanch Daljeet Singh, Sarpanch Shiv Salaria, Sarpanch Parshotam Sharma, Sarpanch Tilak Raj Choudhary Sarpanch Lal Singh Choudhary and other promi-

The meeting, held in was attended by DDC Chairman

Bharat Bhushan, DDC Marh

Balbir Lal, BJP State

Secretary Vikas Choudhary,

District Secretary BJP Deepak

Kumar. Bishnah, BDO Bishnah and Tehsildar Bishnah also present on the

memory of the fallen hero.

The ACD also interacted with the family members of the martyr, felicitated them and lauded the valour of the martyr. Further, the general public was also exhorted to plant trees in memory of fallen heroes to always keep in mind the invaluable contribution of the martyrs.

ACD, Dr. Vikas Sharma laid stress on the fact that the initiative will not only to remind us of the sacrifices of martyrs but will also keep the environ-

ment clean for ourselves and future generations. ACD Jammu also empha-

sised the significance of creating a better environment and nation for future generations. He stressed the importance of conserving water to ensure its availabilin the future. Additionally, he encouraged individuals to contribute to nation-building and protection through their respective pursuits of life and

Promoting Sanskrit is need of the hour: Sham Lal

JAMMU: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust organized a grand awareness rally on Tuesday, as part of Sanskrit Month. The event commenced at Government Higher Secondary School Muthi and concluded at Krishna Palace, focusing on promoting Sanskrit and raising awareness about drug de-addiction. The rally also included tree plantation and distribution activities

The rally featured prominent figures including former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, who served as the Chief Guest. retired Lieutenant General R.K. Sharma, and SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma, among other dignitaries.

In his address, Sham Lal Sharma emphasized the urgent need to promote Sanskrit, praising its unique and concise style. He highlighted that ancient



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma flagging off awareness rally.

Sanskrit texts contain vast knowledge, which is extensively researched internationally. Sharma also stressed the importance of combating drug addiction, calling on citizens to stay away from drugs and increase societal awareness about its detrimental effects.

Retired Lieutenant General R.K.

Sharma underscored the negative impacts of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society. He commended Mahant Rohit Shastri for organizing the rally to address the growing issue of drug abuse

Brijesh Sharma discussed how drug addiction undermines physical, mental, and economic well-being and emphasized the need for strong willpower to help affected individuals. He expressed hope that more sections of society would support the initiative to revive Sanskrit's prominence in Jammu and Kashmir

Mahant Rohit Shastri announced that Sanskrit Day would be celebrated on Shravan Purnima, August 19, 2024. The Trust had begun Sanskrit Month with the distribution of 5,000 plants on July 23, and planned a series of events to promote Sanskrit throughout the month, culminating on August 19.

The rally saw participation from students of Government Higher Secondary School Muthi, Principal Kiran Sharma, former councilor Survaprakash Padha. SHO Domana Sushil Chaudhary, and many other local figures and Trust members.

CS sets target of 1,000 households per month for each Discom under PM Surya Ghar Yojana

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JAMMU: As part of ongoing

Shaheedon Ke Naam" under

ACD, Jammu Dr. Vikas

Sharma visited on Tuesday

village Majua Uttami of

Block Bishnah and paid

Floral Tributes to martyr

Naib Subedar Parshotam

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo has directed Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDCL) and Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited (JPDCL) to expedite the installation of 1,000 rooftop solar plants each to meet their targets under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana. Addressing a meeting with key officials, including the Principal Secretaries of PDD and Finance, and the MDs of JPDCL and KPDCL, Dulloo emphasized the importance of clearing registered applications promptly and resolving any portal issues.

Dulloo highlighted that efficient implementation would enhance the credibility of the power departments and increase public raising awareness about the scheme. The PM Surya Ghar Yojana offers a central subsidy up to Rs 85,800 for a 3 kWp system and an additional UT subsidy of up to As of now, KPDCL and JPDCL have

engagement. He also stressed the need for

received 2,372 and 3,151 applications, respectively. They have installed panels for 271 and 262 customers. The scheme targets 39,500 households for JPDCL and 44,000 for KPDCL by 2027. Additionally, Commissioner Secretary

Saurabh Bhagat reported progress in solarizing government buildings, with JAKEDA planning to install 343 MW across various buildings under Capex and RESCO modes.

Reservation enshrined in COI have surely less benefitted those who were kept in Focus in 1950

Are only the governments responsible? Are not community leaders too responsible?

DAYA SAGAR

n the subject "Are state legislatures competent to introduce sub-classification within the SC and ST categories" a seven judge constitution bench of supreme court of India led by Chief Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud on 1 August 2024 has upheld in a 6:1 majority judgement the validity of sub-classification within the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Categories in a 6:1 majority keeping in view the related status on date as regards the benefits of reservations obtained so far by individual castes included in SC

group but surely well supported with reasoned data/statistics (Quantifiable and measurable data/Data on inadequacy of opportunity). After the judgement reactions / comments have started coming from different political leaders, thinkers, opinion makers. In a way to me the judgement has at least open the doors for review of progress achieved for the general masses who were kept in view by constitution makers while laying down the provisions of reservations / special support in services/ education/legislature and take to reforms in implementation to carry the benefit to majority of the Indian citizens

have not received the benefits even after 75 years when in the constitution constitution-

ally the provision for reservation in Legislature was kept in 1950 just for 10 years (Art 334) but instead the aforesaid Article has been amended 7 times to keep the provision up to 25 Jan 2020 (1. Subs. by the Constitution (One Hundred and Fourth Amendment) Act, 2019, s. 2, for

"seventy years" (w.e.f. 25-1-2020) . The

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A Look through the Mist Part-II

> the expiration of the period of 70 years from the commencement of the Constitution. In other words, these provisions will cease to have effect on the 25th January, 2020, if not extended further. Although the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes have made considerable progress in the last 70 years, the reasons which weighed with the Constituent

REASONS in Bill (04

Dec 2019) introduced

for the amendment to

Art 334 among other

things said "{...."shall

cease to have effect on

regard to the aforesaid reservation of seats have not yet ceased to exist. Therefore, with a view to retaining the inclusive character as envisioned by the founding fathers of the Constitution, it is proposed to continue the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for another ten years i.e. up to 25th January, 2030."] . Art 334 amended by Constitution 104th Amendment Act of 2019.

forefathers wanted the Independent India leadership to do good worth status to the educationally and

socially backwards in our society in 10 years and we have not been able to do that even in 74 years

Who is responsible too has to be pinned down. Is only the Government responsible ? Are not the community leaders too responsible, have their own leaders worked for bringing their caste members tribe members in front line legislature and administrative positions they must introspect instead of making the judgment a community issue.

To be continued (The writer is a Sr Journalist, analyst J&K affairs and Social Activist).

Do e-rickshaw operators enjoy impunity on charging fare?



Trader ernment introe-rickduced shaws thought would provide relief from the congestion caused Metadors However, if 1 talk about my

Raj Kumar,

family, my daughter faces considerable difficulties when she travels, which makes us very unhappy. Additionally, I want to point out that all e-rickshaw drivers in Jammu city should have uniforms so that we can se some positive changes in our city.



Lovekesh Ghondi. In Jammu, there is no rate list for the erickshaws. We have to pay whatever the driver demands which is very frustrating. 1 feel that the government is

not paying any attention to this issue. The rickshaw drivers are operating arbitrarily without any approved rate list or as per meter, if



Student I am a stu dent, and I how know much I suffer on account of travelling in public transport, especially the e-rickbecause cannot afford

a car or scooter doesn't mean we should be overcharged. There is no rate list for travelling in e-rickshaws,, which is unfair to the people of Jammu. The government should also



Sanjeev Sharma Businessman In the beginning, e-rickshaw

charges were reasonable, but nov they have become chaotic. The common people are suffering, and I specifically want to mention that the black autos have completely stopped operating

in the city. Because of this, I urge the gov ernment to ensure transparency. I also appeal to the RTO to pay attention to this ssue and put an end to their arbitrary



Darshan Lal Verma, Retired Manager J&K

Rates should be fixed based on kilometers. have personally faced this situation, and the government needs to establish rules and regulations

specifically for e-rickshaws. The common people are quite frustrated, and on top of that, inflation is rising significantly. The government should pay some attention to the public's difficul



Student student. I would say that there is no relaxation for because

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we do not

have any

jobs and traveling by e-rickshaw has pecome quite difficult for us. I appeal to the government to consider the needs of students so that we too can breathe a little easier.