

Era of working in Silos is over: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday emphatically said that the era of working in Silos is over. He stressed the need for integrated theme based projects instead of a particular Ministry based or Department based projects.

In an exclusive media interview about his vision for the Ministry of Science & Technology which he took over two months back, the Minister informed that he has started holding regular joint meetings of all the Science Ministries as well as Departments and before the end of this month he will also hold a joint meeting of the Ministers of Science & Technology



Union Minister in an exclusive interview to a national news agency on Sunday.

from all the Science Ministries including Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Atomic Energy, Space/ISRO, CSIR, Biotechnology etc separately engaged in extensive brain storming with each of the different Ministries in Govt of India to work out what scientific applications could be utilised in which sector, ranging from agriculture, railways, roads, Jal Shakti etc. This is keeping in mind that every sector today has become largely dependent on scientific technology, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, our greatest asset is Prime Minister Narendra Modi who not only has a natural predilection for science but is also forthcoming in supporting and promoting science and technology based initiatives and projects. He said, India's scientific prowess is going to have a major role in the making of "Atma Nirbhar Bharat".

Referring to some of India's recent path breaking initiatives which have been universally hailed, the Minister predicted that following the recent Space sector reforms, Indian Private Space Industry is slated to contribute to the core elements of global space economy ? space-based services, launch services, manufacturing of launch vehicles and satellites, establishment of ground segment and launch infrastructure ? to a considerable extent.

"I can say with all the confidence in my command that the quality of our scientific human resource is far superior to most other developed countries of the world", Dr Jitendra Singh said. Citing the example of Space technology, he said, India is at present a frontline nation and the fact that even NASA procures data obtained by ISRO speaks volumes about our scientific progress.



Dharmarth Trust pays tributes to Maharaja Ranbir Singh on his 136th death anniversary

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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust on Sunday paid rich tributes to Maharaj Ranbir Singh during a programme organized at the Ranbireswar Temple on his 136th Death Anniversary.

Elaborate arrangements were made on the occasion by Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma, Secretary and Varinder Singh Jamwal, Additional Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust to make the programme successful.

Meanwhile, Advocate Ajay Gandostra, President Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, in a handout issued to media, highlighted the lifetime contributions of Maharaja Ranbir Singh for the people of his kingdom. He said that Maharaja Ranbir Singh has made a significant contribution in our history.

Gandostra said that



Maharaja Ranbir Singh was a Persian Scholar and he tried his best to eradicate the illiteracy from the state and during his tenure promotion of education received due attention. Moreover, he encouraged religious education through the study of classical languages such as Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit.

Believing in providing education for all classes of these subjects he funded a few state institutions like Raghunath Temple

Pathshala; other schools; a library and Ranbir Press in 1882, he added.

The Dharmarth Trust President, while highlighting the warrior qualities of Late Maharaja Ranbir Singh, said that it was he who went on to annex Gilgit which had previously witnessed a rebellion against the state and the princely states of Hunza and Nagar started paying tributes to Jammu and Kashmir during his reign.

Even in the field of justice Maharaja Ranbir Singh established a modern judicial system compiling civil laws and compiling criminal laws in the form of Ranbir Penal Code during his reign, Gandostra asserted.

It is pertinent to mention here that Ranbir Singh was the third son of Maharaja Gulab Singh and ascended to the throne in August 1854 and continued to rule till his death on 12th September 1885.

He said that the Foundation's target is to spread awareness across the country to connect people to

Will not tolerate any laxity in cruelty against cows: Chandel

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ABGGRF members during a meeting at Jammu.

their roots and tell them the difference between rich Indian Sanskriti and modern day world culture which is steering people towards suffering and misery.

Advocate PS Chandel, in his address, expressed gratitude to the National Executive Member for giving him the opportunity to serve the society and work in the direction to educate people about the rich Indian culture and values which no other society practices in the world.

He demanded implementation of Article 48 of the Indian Constitution in letter and spirit in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, which prohibits cow slaughter.

Citing the recent ruling by the Allahabad High Court wherein it was said that the cow should be declared the national animal and that Gau Raksha (cow protection) should be included as a fundamental right of the Hindus, Advocate Chandel said that government should immediately implement this verdict across the country and especially in J&K.

Chandel said that he will not tolerate any sort of laxity

in this matter as cows are sacred animals and cruelty against them will not be tolerated come what may. He also asked the youth to visit Gaushalas on a regular basis to preserve the traditional values and also set an example for the coming generations.

Sham Lal Langar said that the need of the hour is to connect the people with the rich cultural background of the country especially with regard to religious, historical, economic, cultural and sociological significance of the sacred cows as the same promote eco-friendly living in India.

Among others who were present included State President Rajinder Kakkar; Vice President Sham Lal; Vice President Narendra Singh; State General Secretary Dr Bhardwaj and Treasurer Dr Olja.

Refraining Govt employees to get engaged in part-time jobs at DDK, AIR

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

Srinagar: In another significant initiative, the Directorate General of Accounts & Treasuries has issued an advisory for such Government employees who are engaged or working in any other department on a casual or part-time basis.

The advisory reads, "Every Government servant is required to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and do nothing which is unbefitting of a government servant. A Government employee is bound by Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971 all the time during his service. These rules contain provisions covering a wide range of topics governing employees' conduct from public to private life. Rule 13 of these rules is related to 'connection with press or Radio' which among other things prohibits a government employee from participating in a radio broadcast or contribute an article or write a letter to a newspaper or periodical either in his own name or anonymously, pseudonymous or in the name of any other person except with previous sanction of Government/ prescribed authority. However, despite explicit rules in position, some employees have been reportedly participating in Radio/ Doordarshan programmes in different capacities like script writers, casual readers, anchors, interviewers etc, as alleged grievances logged by (Syed Riyaz) on grievance portal. Notably, the Advisory was issued soon after a serious note was taken by Div Com Kashmir in the matter and details of Government employees of all departments working on part-time basis with Doordarshan Kendra, Kashmir and All India Radio (AIR) Kashmir; were sought by the divisional administration Kashmir. In an official communication issued to Director School Education, Information,

Horticulture, Social Welfare and Handicrafts Departments of Kashmir, the Additional Commissioner Kashmir, who is also the Divisional Vigilance Officer, said that some employees are working as artists in AIR Kashmir and Doordarshan Kendra without having proper sanction of the government which is mandatory under Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971.

The Heads of all Departments and Directors were directed to furnish details of all those employees, in a prescribed format devised by the divisional administration containing name of employee, department, designation, details of postings, name of programme in which employee is participating and whether the employee has got government sanction under rules or not.

Meanwhile, sources told the STATE TIMES that on September 7, 2021; the Head of Regional News Unit (RNU), Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar also issued an official note for casual staff, who are Government employees. The note reads, "All those Government employees who are empanelled at this RNU in any category like casual News Editors, News Readers, Copy writers, Translators, Computer operators and Anchors etc, and are being booked at the RNU for News Bulletins on monthly basis, are required to submit an NoC from their respective Departments. NoC should be submitted to the RNU latest by the end of this month failing which it will not be possible for the RNU to continue their casual assignments." Despite clear-cut rules in place, the officials said that some employees have been reportedly participating in Radio/Doordarshan programmes in different capacities like script writers, casual readers, anchors, interviewers etc, as alleged grievances logged by (Syed Riyaz) on grievance portal. Notably, the Advisory was issued soon after a serious note was taken by Div Com Kashmir in the matter and details of Government employees of all departments working on part-time basis with Doordarshan Kendra, Kashmir and All India Radio (AIR) Kashmir; were sought by the divisional administration Kashmir. In an official communication issued to Director School Education, Information,

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BJP failed to honour commitment of declaring holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh birthday: Congress

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has failed to honour its commitment to declare holiday on the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh in seven years of their rule in Jammu and Kashmir and it proved to be "Bahut Jhoothi Party", said JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma.

In a statement, Sharma said that the falsehood and deceit of BJP is exposed on every front as it made tall promises and befooled people on emotional issues, to win elections but did not fulfill any promise after coming to power. It should be named "Bahut Jhoothi Party".

He said that it failed to honour its commitment to



fulfill the popular demand of declaring holiday on the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh in seven years. They befooled and betrayed the people, he added. Extending full support to the demand, JKPCC said that BJP government has befooled and betrayed each and every section.

It promised regularisation of services to daily wagers, need based, casual workers, in all departments, whereas some of have been disengaged and others waiting regularisation, he said adding that Anganwadi helpers and workers, also over 1900 disengaged, likewise academic arrangement teachers/lecturers, SPOs, contractual employees of NHM and others but all of them stand betrayed.

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Bar license holders discuss grievances with Div Com Assured for expeditious issuance of NOCs by all concerned departments

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Dr Raghav Langer on Sunday discussed issues related to issuance of NOCs for renewal of license of liquor Bars with concerned officers and stakeholders. Among others, Excise Commissioner, Rahul Sharma; Assistant Commissioner General, Rakesh Dubey; ACR JMC, Superintendent of Police, Jammu South; besides President Chamber of Commerce Jammu, Arun Gupta; President Bar & Trade association and other members were present.

The Bar Licence holders sought intervention of the Divisional Commissioner for resolving the problems they are facing in getting timely NOCs from various departments which are mandatory for renewal of their licenses.

Pertinently, as per the new excise policy the bar owners had to take fresh permission for renewal of their licenses. The Excise Department has sought renewal of licenses and No Objection Certificate from the 21 departments to be obtained by the owners/operators.

The Excise commissioner who was also present in the meeting apprised that necessary instructions have been issued to concerned departments for receiving applications and issue NOCs.

It was informed that before renewal of the license by the excise department, the police

authorities have to submit a report to the district administration about the credentials of the owner/operator, status of land on which the bar is constructed by the revenue department and other clearances from the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

The final report of each and every bar operator will be handed over to the Excise Department by the district administration for further action. The Assistant Commissioner General informed that they have received 37 applications and all have been cleared. SP South assured that all the 95 NOCs would be sent to the District Magistrate within 3 days. Similarly the ACR JMC apprised the Div Com about the number of applications received and cleared so far. A total of 206 Bar Licensed (JKEL-3/4/4C) for the whole Jammu Division are under renewal with the Excise Department. The Divisional Commissioner also discussed in length the recent order of the Hon'ble High Court in this regard and its implications.

The Div Com instructed the concerned officers to expedite the process and facilitate the issuance of NOCs by their respective departments. He also assured the delegations that all their NOCs would be expedited for timely renewal of their license and all possible help shall be rendered by the Department.



BJP Spokesperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi and others during a seminar.

Sharda Studies Centre needs to be established at Kashmir University: Dr Darakhshan

'Sharda & Sharda Peeth are synonyms of Intellectual glory of Kashmir'

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BARAMULLA: Save Sharda Mission organized a one day seminar on the topic 'Exploring Sharda Civilization' at Sherwani Hall in Baramulla on Sunday.

Chairperson of Waqf Development Committee of Union Ministry of Minority Affairs & BJP Spokesperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi presided over the conference while SSP Baramulla Rayees Mohammad Bhat & ACD Baramulla Yaar Ali Khan were the Guests of Honour.

Dr Darakhshan hailed Save Sharda Mission for organizing seminars and other programmes on Sharda Culture and it is pleasing to see that now we have succeeded in creating an environment where such a Seminar could be organized in Kashmir with local people participating in this programme of cultural awakening.

Dr Andrabi said that she will submit a proposal of establish-

ment a 'Sharda Studies Centre' at University of Kashmir where our lost links will be re-established through research and mega-documentation projects.

In the conference researchers and cultural activists of Pak-Occupied Kashmir participated virtually. Noted Author Khwaja Abdul Ghani, who wrote a research oriented book on Sharda Complex in Urdu a

few decades ago also presented his views.

In addition to him Sadiya Rehman, Mission Head PoK Rayees Mohammad & Tanveer Ahmad also participated. In his keynote address Convener of Save Sharda Mission Ravinder Pandita said that Sharda Culture was once so vibrant that its vibrations are recorded in historical chronicles of entire south & central Asia.

He said that all that are familiar with the importance of Sharda are joining the mission. He appealed to the government to take up the issue of building of Sharda-corridor from this part of Kashmir to Sharda-village PoK so that we are again able to visit our place of pride and cultural roots.

Other speakers on the occasion were Raja Nazar Boniayari, Bashir Ahmad Sofi, Tousif Raina, Wajahat Farooq Bhat & Advocate Hamid Bhat.

Asking party cadres to gear up for the upcoming Assembly elections in the Jammu and Kashmir, BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Sunday said Congress is a spent force which stands rejected by people. A party having army of corrupt polities can never give country a good government, he added.

Addressing party workers meeting here today, the senior BJP leader said that instead of decrying BJP, the dynast leader of the Congress should have taken a look at his party's role in ruining J&K in the last 70 years.

He said that the tumult and turmoil which the people of J&K had witnessed till date starting from the day of independence is the gift of Congress party and it is the BJP which is busy reversing the misdeeds of the Congress.

"Abrogation of Article 370 is the biggest step taken by BJP in eliminating the miseries of the people in J&K", he said adding that even many Congress leaders of top stature have admitted this fact in public.

Sethi said that the top focus of

BJP in Jammu is to mitigate problems of the people and give them respite from miseries which they are facing in the last over seventy years.

He said instead of talking about big things the BJP leadership is focusing on local issues which can make a big difference in the lives of people. Sethi asked party workers to get ready for the upcoming Assembly elections as the same can be announced any time in the Union Territory.

He asked them to make every single person of East constituency to aware about the policies and achievements of BJP Government.

Today's meeting was organized by

Parveen Kurni, President East Mandal in which Yudhvir Sethi along with Vinay Mahajan, President BJP Jammu District; Anju Dogra State Secretary; Kuldeep Khandari, Prabhari Jammu East and Rajinder Gupta Secretary East Mandal were present.

Vinay Mahajan, said that BJP is quite sensitive to people's issues and this was the reason that it believed in giving people a transparent government for the time it stayed in power in Jammu and Kashmir State and is continuing to do so in the country, unlike in past, where Congress divided people.



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi posing for a photograph with party workers after a meeting.