

# Future economy heavily dependent on technology: 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 Monday said that future economy is going to be heavily dependent on technology.

Addressing a meeting of the representatives of prominent Industry Houses of India who are CSIR Society members, he said, Public-Private model is no more an option but a necessity today.

Therefore, CSIR and Industry must collaborate on an equal footing for the best and cost-effective outcomes, he said.

The meeting was attended by Prof. K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India, Dr. Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, DSIR and Director General, CSIR, Dr Nalin Singhal, CMD, BHEL, Dr Manoj Jain, CMD, GAIL, Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC, Baba



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh convening a meeting with representatives of prominent Industrial Houses of India, at New Delhi on Monday.

Kalyani, CMD, Bharat Forge Ltd, Nirvati Rai, Country Head, Intel India Limited and other senior officials from CSIR from across the country.

He suggested that CSIR must explore to incentivize and support 75 best Start-Ups, particularly in areas of Green Hydrogen, Coal to Methanol technology, Smart Mobility, Telemedicine, Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to coincide with the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' being celebrated from 15th August this year.

Commenting on the progress made by India in the last 7 years, Dr Jitendra said that the present dispensation has removed scientific taboos and opened up the field to private players and start-ups.

He said that in the past, science and technology could not flourish because of lack of resources but it is happening now and India is emerging as a leading global player since privatization has been made possible by Prime Minister Modi.

The Minister said, the era of working in silos is over and asked the CSIR to work on theme based projects in collaboration with Industries for visible impact on the ground. He asked CSIR to suitably identify the stakeholders in its Mission Areas

like Green Hydrogen, Carbon capture, Coal Gasification, Fly Ash technology, High Altitude Platforms for telecommunications, surveillance, remote Sensing and disaster recovery, and sectors like Drone Technology and Agri and Pharmaceutical Chemicals.

He also asked to explore the emerging areas like Additive Manufacturing, Chemicals for Fab and High Temperature Steams for Electrolysis.

Dr Jitendra said, the world has seen how Prime Minister Modi has championed the cause of Green Technology to fight the challenges of Climate Crisis.

He said, even in his Independence Day address, Modi underlined that Science and Technology will play a lead role in next 25 years, when India turns 100. He said, the ultimate aim of all technological innovations is to bring "Ease of Living" for common man.

Referring to Corona Pandemic, Dr Jitendra said COVID-19 taught us to come out with best indigenous technological applications within a short span of time it be manufacturing ventilators by CSIR, vaccine production by DBT, Liquid Oxygen by ISRO or Reusable PPE Kits by Department of Atomic Energy. He said, even the roadmap for the next 25 years will be determined by scientific and technological innovations in all walks of life.

Dr Jitendra assured the Industry representatives of positive response on their suggestions like Audit of CSIR Labs to weed out outdated research, flow of Investment for R&D set up and Hand-holding by the Government in cutting edge research through Multi-Institutional Collaborations.



I am a Kashmiri by birth : Rahul

## 66th GB Meeting of Narayana Super-speciality Hospital held



Member SMVD Shrine Board and GB Chairman, Dr Ashok Bhan chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: The 66th meeting of Governing Body (GB) of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital

Kakryal

(SMVDNSH) was held here

on Monday at Kalika Dham, Jammu.

In the meeting, several important decisions concerning growth of the hospital and enhancing its operational capabilities/standards for a better patient-care were taken.

Besides, the strategies for meeting the expected future challenges were also devised.

In particular, the preparedness of the Hospital to meet future challenges associated with 3rd wave of COVID (if it happens) such as adequacy of

oxygen infrastructure, availability of adequate number of adult and paediatric ventilators etc was critically reviewed.

The Governing Body also

reviewed the various decisions taken earlier at the

50th Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee of the Hospital.

While expressing satisfaction over the very important role being discharged by the Hospital in the health care of the entire region, the

Hospital management to

gradually increase its out-

reach/penetration of services in various districts of the UT

by organizing strategically planned outreach camps.

The GB felt that such a

move would take the various health care services to the patient's door-steps.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Member

Shrine Board and GB

Chairman, chaired the meet-

ing; Ramesh Kumar, Chief

Executive Officer, Shri Mata

Vaishno Devi Shrine Board;

Viren Shetty, Group Chief

Operating Officer, NH; and

Cdr. Navneet Bali, Director,

Northern Region, NH; who

all are members of the GB,

participated in the deliberations.

Hemkant Prasher,

Chief Accounts Officer,

SMVDSB; Dr Gopal K

Sharma, Chief

Administrative Officer,

SMVDNSH and M Muthu

Mathavan, Facility Director

of the hospital, also took part

in the deliberations.

## LBNROH Foundation honoured with Indian Glory Award 2021



(Seen in picture from left) Dr Ashok Vaid Chairman Medical Oncology Medanta, Dr G K Rath Head National Cancer Institute Jhajjar, Dr Deepak Abrol Incharge Radiation Oncology GMC Kathua, Dr Rakesh Kapoor Director Tata Hospital Sangroor and Dr Sham Shrivastava, Former Head TMH Mumbai.

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JAMMU: Lajwanti Bhagatnath Radiations of Hope (LBNROH), a Cancer Care Foundation Trust Jammu and Kashmir involved in cancer awareness, research, continuing medical education and out-

reach activities, has been felicitated with Indian Glory Award 2021.

The Foundation has been selected for this award amongst the nominations by the jury for bringing innovation in field of cancer awareness and was awarded the

same in Virtual Conference IGA 2021 organised by Kiteskraft.

LBNROH has to its credit organization of World's first and only live 24 hour at a stretch Cancer Awareness Workshop in 2018 which connected the

Globe in one Go.

The trust is involved in Cancer Awareness among masses, Capacity building among professionals, Cancer Survivorship programmes and faith healing workshops.

Pertinent to mention that

## Power shutdown

Suhagani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to Pargwal, ChanniTanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, D h a l w a l M i u l u , Hamipurkona, BSP, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, TirthTalab, GREF, Gumpal, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 14 from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to Batera, GREF, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 14 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Likewise, the power supply to Billawar, Mandi, Phinter, Parnalla and

adjoining areas of Baggan shall remain affected on September 14 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to DingaAmb, Kathli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 14 from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to Near Doordarshan and adjoining area shall remain affected on September 14 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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There is a strong emotional chord attached between the people of Temple City and this heritage site and it is a 'Must Visit Place' for all the tourists and devotees visiting Jammu City.

Taking this fact into account, the visit of Union Railway Minister to the his-

toric Shri Raghunathji Temple, has got a special relevance and has send a positive vibe among the people of the country.

On the occasion, Ranvijay Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust along with

President Ajay Gandotra, Senior Advocate and Secretary Dr Gopal P Sharma gave a warm welcome to the Union Minister. Secretary IT, J&K Government, Amit Sharma and former Minister

Priya Sethi accompanied the Union Minister.

The Union Railway Minister

performed Special Pooja at the historical Raghunath Temple where the Head Priest

Raghunath Temple briefed

him about the history of historical Raghunath Temple, which was established by

Maharaja Gulab Singh.

Ashwini Vaishnaw also per-

formed Pooja at Natraj

Temple situated in the premisses

of Shri Raghunath Temple.

Ranvijay Singh briefed the

Union Railway Minister that

Raghunath Mandir is one of

the largest temple complexes

of the Northern part of India.

The temple is dedicated to

Lord Rama, who is believed to

be an incarnation of Lord

Vishnu.

In 1835, the construction

of this temple was started

by the founder of Jammu &

Kashmir, Maharaja Gulab Singh.

After the death of

Gulab Singh, it was completed

by his son, Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1860, he added.

Later, while talking to media

persons, the Union Railway

Minister appreciated the

arrangements and efforts of

Dharmarth Trust for main-

taining cleanliness and

hygiene in the temple premisses.

He said that the

Raghunath Temple is unique

and has never seen such a

temple across the country.

## What problem Centre has in declaring Hindu a State-Minority for States not having Minority Commission?

It was on 09-02-2021 that once again that three-judge bench SC headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sharad Arvind Bobde comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian issued a notice to the Centre after hearing a petition led by lawyer (a BJP associate), Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, seeking the apex court's order to define the term minority and issue necessary guidelines for its identification of minority and also challenging validity of section 2(C) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, which gives unbridled power to the Centre to declare any community minority arbitrarily. So the petitions in one form or other are being filed on the issue of minorities, determination of minorities and particularly the preferences being given to communities declared minority at all India level but who are in majority at State level in terms of the quota seats allocated as national minority. Courts have so far opined that it is for the Centre/ State governments to nominate minorities.

Like reservations the subject of identification of minorities on all India level and on state level has become an issue of discussions in public forums and for filing PILs in courts also. It has been so more after enactment of the National Minorities Commission Act 1992 , Act No. XIX of 1992 (an Act to constitute a National Commission for Minorities) and notification of 5 religious minorities on national level in Muslims , Christians, Sikhs, Buddhist and Zoroastrians ( Parsis) vide Ministry of Welfare Notification No.816 (

### A Look through the Mist

Justice Krishna Murari had stayed proceedings on a writ petition ( Bahuri Alpasankhyak Balika Inter College of Kushinagar ) before Justice Srivastava after he had asked the State of UP and the Central governments as to (i) who should be recognised as the minority community , (ii) what should be the criteria for such recognition (iii) whether such communities would be recognised at national, provincial and regional levels and (iv) whether a community having more than five per cent of the total population of the country could be recognised as a minority. Arguing against single bench order UP Advocate General, S M A Kazmi had stated that questions framed by the single Judge were not cognisable with the writ petition under reference.

In another petition ( Anjuman MadarsaNoorain Islam, Dera Kalan of Ghazipurin reference to grant in aid from Government ) before Justice Srivastava of Allahabad High Court it was pronounced on 06-04-2007 that court has considered various demographic criteria relating to Muslims in the census reports of 1951 and 2001 where Muslims accounted for roughly 20 per cent of the 16.6 crore population of Uttar Pradesh. A notice was issued to Centre and the UP government to take appropriate steps to modify October 23, 1993 notification issued by the Central government on grant of minority status saying that< " "The court

regard shall