

LG addresses Global Virtual Technology Summit 'Pan IIT-WOT 2021'

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday addressed the Pan IIT-WOT 2021, a global virtual technology summit organized by Pan IIT Alumni India, through virtual mode at Raj Bhavan here.

While speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that, we aim to take industrial revolution to next level in J&K, making investments today to maximize economic benefits in the future. We are reforming government processes using technology, transforming skill sets of youth through modern centers of Innovation, Incubation, Invention, and Training.

"I believe the power of new innovations combined with superior human capital is the perfect recipe to build a better tomorrow. Innovations will not slow down and the administrative systems, governance will have to put in place a new mechanism for faster adaptability", he added.

The Lt Governor said that a flourishing innovation ecosystem where producers, service providers, users are on same wavelength will immensely contribute to PM's dream of making India 'AtmaNirbhar'.

"PM Narendra Modi's mission to make India a hub of innovation & promotion of exponential technologies has made an immense impact in every possible sector. Graduation of India to the elite top 50 countries-club in



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Pan IIT-WOT 2021, a global virtual technology summit.

the 2020 Global Innovation Index is a result of his vision", he added.

The Lt Governor said that soon we would be sitting in the back seat of a car without the driver in the front seat as drivers-less cars loaded with software, connected through a cell phone with promise of zero accident may replace our old drivers and driving schools.

"Similarly, the days are not far when there won't be any electricity cable or solar panel. Our windows, glass panels, and roof itself would generate electricity. Maybe within few years, we will have to replace street lights in our cities because innovations in kinetic roads will generate their own energy to provide power", he added.

The Lt Governor observed that we are witnessing a transformation that could change the concept of a classroom and instead of a human teacher, we have pre-programmed cell-phone teacher. He said that the new education apps, modules

with the help of artificial intelligence and robotics one fine day would make the teachers obsolete, wherever possible.

The Lt Governor said that there is no doubt that technology is a great enabler but the pace of change also brings challenges for the government. "We have to accelerate adoption of the technologies that assist us in growth and enable us to serve more citizens with evolving safety tools. We cannot say no to innovations. We have to identify areas where it can be implemented for the better service delivery or to create a better life for the people living in far-flung areas", the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor said that the advent of smart and new technological products, support from the centre under the leadership of our visionary Prime Minister, has provided the state governments a new opportunity to make public service delivery more efficient. Recounting some of the major breakthroughs made

in the governance front since he took over the charge of Jammu Kashmir last year in August, the Lt Governor said that with initiatives like e-Office, bringing transparency in the execution of works, and completing the projects hanging in for long in record time, the UT Government has paved a solid foundation for the rapid growth of J&K.

"We have implemented a software module called 'EMPOWER' which enables every citizen with a mobile phone to see the work taken up in a particular village, the progress made and the amount of money released by the government. Digitization of government services has truly realized the Prime Minister's dream of 'minimum government, maximum governance'", he added.

Mentioning the innovation of a young boy from Srinagar who came out with a smart app that uses AI technology to predict the optimal crop sowing date, the Lt Governor said that

many of our youngsters in the Union Territory are working on Artificial Intelligence solutions to improve farm productivity.

Quoting Ray Kurzweil, the Lt Governor said that due to explosive power of exponential growth, the 21st Century will be equivalent to 20,000 years of progress at today's rate of progress and organizations have to be able to redefine themselves at a faster and faster pace.

"Technology will overtake technology for sure and engineers, innovators will be able to make a very different world for sure. Public service delivery will become swifter for sure", Lt Governor added.

Giving his best wishes to all the young minds, the Lt Governor hoped that Hackathon completion tomorrow, may find glimpses of next 10 years.

The Lt Governor wished everyone good health and a happy future. He observed that new hope, fresh enthusiasm, and renewed energy is being seen in J&K because of our successful fight against two waves of the global pandemic and rapid pace of vaccination.

M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu; Krishan Dhar, Chairman, Pan IIT; Debashish Bhattacharya, General Secretary, Pan IIT; Sunil Khanna, Co-Chair, Program, Pan IIT Summit 2021, besides esteemed guests from the Industry, Startups, young engineering talents from across the globe attended the summit.

Janata Darbar in Afghanistan



J&K players, coaches stand in solidarity with Nuzhat Gul; hold protests against attack



Sportspersons and coaches from Jammu and Kashmir staging protest in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Sportspersons and coaches from Jammu and Kashmir staged protests, condemning physical assault on Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul by self styled athlete from Sopore.

Players from different games assembled on Friday and staged protests at Bana Singh Stadium and MA Stadium Jammu, respectively in support of Secretary Sports Council.

More than 300 athletes along with the taekwondo coaches of J&K Taekwondo Association condemned the attack on Nuzhat Gul, describing her as a dynamic administrator who was tirelessly working for promotion of sports in Jammu and Kashmir.

Atul Pangotra International Taekwondo

Coach, said, "We have never witnessed such a shameful act before, higher authorities must intervene into it and take stern action against the wrong-doer."

He further added that Secretary Sports Council is exposing fake sports associations which is why she is being targeted.

Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul has been instrumental in containing indiscipline in sports and initiating action against fake sports associations. She is being acclaimed for her devotion to the job and transforming the functioning of the sports council by actively involving genuine associations and players.

This is perhaps the reason that some fake associations and self styled sportspersons are feeling themselves irrelevant and thus resorting to intimidation.

Dr Jitendra launches countrywide Telemedicine facility on PM's birthday



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching countrywide Tele-Medicine facility to mark 'Seva Samarpit Abhiyan' on birthday of Prime Minister.

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NEW DELHI: To mark "Seva Samarpit Abhiyan" on the occasion of the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, 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 launched countrywide free Telemedicine Consultation cum drugs facility, which is perhaps unique of its kind.

The Minister also announced that "JIGYASA", a student-scientist connect programme of the Ministry of Science & Technology will be extended to cover schools in over 700 districts of India within one year. The programme jointly executed with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is currently operational in 170 districts of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh said, on a day when the whole nation is celebrating the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there could not be a better way than this to observe "Seva Samarpit Abhiyan", since both "Seva" and "Science" are inspired by Modi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, a countrywide free telemedicine facility will overcome the problems of Accessibility, Availability and Affordability. He said, all three obstacles like quality of services, doctors and assistance, distance of traveling and cost of consultation/treatment are targeted and solved efficiently through this facility. He also added that Telemedicine services like SAATH and E-Sanjeevani add a meta-layer to the primary health sector, thus helping upgrade the entire health care system of India.

The Minister said, Telemedicine will not only help the patients save their time and money, but also the doctors who can quickly assist their patients over a call for the same and actively engage in promptly treating patients with major ailments. To make this possible, the majority of the people living in the country will have to

embrace telemedicine services, he added.

Dr Jitendra said, COVID-19 taught us some lessons and reinforced the need for Telemedicine, as doctors across the country were treating only Covid patients during the pandemic and patients with other diseases or ailments could not be attended because physically visiting the hospital was out of bound for them. Here, telemedicine can come in handy and help, he added.

Dwelling on the need for Telemedicine facility, Dr Jitendra lamented that this aspect was not given desired attention in the country and said that now the time has come to revive it in a big way for free consultation from home particularly in rural areas. He said that in his Lok Sabha Constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda, telemedicine facility has been established in the District Hospital at Kathua with all the Panchayats connected with it and it is being monitored on a regular basis.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that "JIGYASA", a student-scientist connect programme will be completed in schools of 700 odd districts of the country within one year.

He said, the programme jointly executed by CSIR with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is now operational in 170 districts of the country. The focus is on connecting school students and scientists so as to extend student's classroom learning with that of a very well planned research laboratory based learning, the Minister added.

He said, Jigyasa programme was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a new India which would inculcate the culture of inquisitiveness on one hand and scientific temper on the other, amongst the school students and their teachers. Dr Jitendra Singh lauded the role of Sewa International and said that it has been there for the last 24 years and has never failed to serve the people in times of crisis and calamities.

Team Jammu gives rousing reception to Super Dancer contestant on home coming



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal welcoming Arshya Sharma-Super Dancer-Dancing Show-contestant on her arrival at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Social organization Team Jammu on Friday presented a heroic reception to Super Dancer-Dancing Show-contestant on her arrival at the home-town.

"Jammu does not have many facilities and avenues to excel in this field but hard-work and devotion for dance paid her and made her reach the platform that the entire nation watched," he said.

On this occasion, a signature campaign was also organized against huge unemployment rate in country.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Dewan Chand, Suresh Bangotra, Muluk Raj, Rajeev Kashyap, Balwinder Singh, Balram Langhe, Chamal Lal, Kaka Kalsi, Manoj Thapa, Ballu Kalsi, Satish Kumar and Abhishek Kumar.

Speaking on the occasion, Balu said that youth of the country is roaming unemployed on the streets today.

The Modi government came to power by making big promises of giving 2 crore jobs per year, but today the

and said that performing at a platform and falling in top ten from a small place like Jammu, is really appreciable for the little dancer.

Arshya Sharma-daughter of the soil-was among top ten contestants in Super Dancer, a kids dance reality television series, which airs on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony Entertainment Television.

Team Jammu Chairman, Zorawar Singh Jamwal flanked by cityites, relatives and family members of the contestant, welcomed her with garlands, bouquets and sweets.

She was welcomed in the shape of a rally on her arrival at the Jammu Airport.

Lauding the 10 years old girl from Jammu, Jamwal showered all praise for her

CS inspects renovation works at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex



CS, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta inspecting restoration work on Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday inspected the progress of restoration and conservation work on Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and twin sections of cable car project.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society, Deepika K Sharma, Executive Engineer, ACR Jammu and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Dr Mehta took a round of different segments and sections of the Mubarak Mandi Complex and sought a detailed briefing on the progress of the ongoing restoration and renovation works. He inspected the progress and quality of work at Amar Singh Palace, Gol Ghar, Darbar Hall, Royal Court and

the segment being renovated by Archaeological Survey of India.

He issued specific directions to the concerned for expediting the pace of renovation works at Mubarak Mandi as the complex is expected to become a major tourist attraction of Jammu City.

He instructed the executing agencies to take special care to maintain the aesthetic ambience of the prestigious heritage

complex. It was informed that the work of Royal Court complex has been executed in two phases and 85 percent work of 1st phase and 65 percent work of Phase II has been completed.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to expedite the progress of work by increasing manpower and ensure that all the executed works were completed within set timelines. He also instructed

the Executive Director to be in regular touch with contractors, consultants for resolving minor issues, if any, for speedy completion of all the ongoing works. The Executive Director apprised him of other additional works which would be executed in the open lawn (central courtyard) including work on musical fountains, lightings etc.

He instructed the concerned to identify space for development of parking places outside the complex besides exploring access points from circular roads.

Meanwhile, the Chief Secretary along with the Divisional Commissioner visited Peer Kho cable car project site and inspected its functioning.

The 1.66-km long cable car project has two phases, first from Bahu Fort to Maha-maya and Mahamaya to Peer Kho has 14 cabins. The total number of towers in both sections (Peer Kho to Mahamaya) and (Bahu Fort to Mahamaya) are nine and the critical components are all imported.

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