

Dr Jitendra interacts with trainees of 'Indian School of Business'



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh posing for a group photograph with trainees of 'Indian School of Business' (ISB) Hyderabad/Mohali, on Thursday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 Thursday interacted with trainees of

Advanced management Programme in Public Policy (AMPPP) at the 'Indian School of Business' (ISB), Hyderabad/Mohali.
In his interaction with the students of the programme, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that there has now been realization of advantage of integrated approach, both in training and

administration. He said that adopting an integrated approach also helps one in diverse capacity building.
Talking about 'Mission Karmayogi' and its aspects, the Union minister said that the mission, brought out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has hi-tech modules which train the officers/students continuously. The Union minister said that in the current regime, many of the prevalent taboos of the past have been done away and new avenues have been thrown open for various sectors like Space, and Atomic Energy and as a result, today India has shown

the world how to use atomic energy in development sectors.
The Union Minister cited a number of examples where he emphasized that accessibility to knowledge, due to technology, has now become easier and that has helped professionals as well as sectors grow.
Advanced Management Programme in Public Policy (AMPPP) is one of the five Long Term Domestic Programmes (LTDPs) conducted by Training Division, D/o Personnel & Training. The AMPPP conducted at Indian School of Business-Hyderabad/Mohali (ISB-H/M)

is partly on-campus and partly at the worksite itself. Unlike the other Long Term Domestic Programmes of this Department, which have full time components of institutional attachment, as well as international exposure (of 2 Weeks duration) embedded in them, the AMPPP was conceptualized as an officer friendly domestic training programme on public policy without any international component.
The programme is open to officers of All India Services (IAS, IPS & IFoS), Central Civil Services (Group 'A'), faculty members of State Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) and also officers of the State Civil Services (Group 'A'). The course builds competencies in Public Policy, Economics, Corporate Finance and Global Financial Markets, Technology and Society, Gender & Development, Ethics in Public Policy, and Public-Private Partnership. Five Batches of the program have already been completed and the 6th batch is underway, which is being attended by 14 participants.

Mishra hails security forces' efforts for peace in J&K



DGP Dilbag Singh presenting memento to Union Minister Ajay Kumar Mishra.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra on Thursday hailed the security forces and the police for their efforts to bring peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.
He was speaking at a meeting with senior police and security forces' officials at the police headquarters here.
"The synergy between different forces has provided a peaceful atmosphere for overall development," Mishra, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, said. He asked the officials to continue the hard work with more dedication to ensure long-lasting peace. He also appreciated the forces for dealing with different situations effectively without collateral damage. Mishra said he had a public interaction in Shopian district and observed that better understanding and response to the expectations of the people have resulted in them showing increased confidence in the police and the civil administration. The MoS Home said that he could feel the big overall improvement in the security situation as he openly met a large number of people in Shopian in the way as if he would be meeting people in his own constituency. He said that he could feel a change in the thinking of people post the abrogation of Article 370 as they want development in different sectors including infrastructure, education, employment and health. The confidence of people in the police, CAPF and administration has increased and there is positivity in the environment, the minister added. On the occasion, DGP Dilbag Singh said coordination and understanding between J-K police and other security forces has resulted in drastic improvement in the security situation and law and order in Jammu and Kashmir.
He said the graph of active terrorists and the recruitment of local misguided youth in terror groups is constantly coming down."

Srinagar residents waiting eagerly for first-ever Air Show in Valley

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SRINAGAR: Residents of Srinagar are all set to witness the first-ever Air Show of its kind in Valley as all arrangements are being done by the administration including wide publicity among common masses, security and transport facilities. Air Force Station Srinagar will conduct event on September 26, 2021 at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar on banks of world famous Dal Lake. This show is being held as a part of ongoing celebration of 'Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'. The event, to be organised by Indian Air Force in collaboration with J&K Government, will be flagged off by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha. "We are keen that more and more people can watch the show. The entire stretch of Boulevard road, especially Nehru Park and all Mughal Gardens are vantage points for people to watch the show," said Div Com Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole.

More than 3,000 college and school students are expected to participate in the programme to witness impressive stunts of IAF aircrafts, thereby motivating them to dream a career in IAF.
The display will include flypast by various aircrafts along with para-motor flying and adventures of IAF's sky-diving team 'Akash Ganga'. The Symphony orchestra of IAF will add further glitter to the event. 'Ambassadors of IAF', Suryakiran Aerobatic Display Team, will be performing in the valley after a gap of 14 years. The event titled 'Give Wings to Your Dreams' will also include a photo-exhibition at the venue highlighting history of IAF.
Earlier, Div Com Kashmir chaired a meeting of Principals of various educational institutions regarding students' participation in the show. The authorities further directed the heads of educational institutions to ensure participation of NCC cadets in the event.
A number of stalls will be set

up at SKICC, Srinagar where students will be familiarized with achievements of the IAF, employment opportunities in force, recruitment rules and eligibility criteria. To create awareness among school children regarding air show and participating aircrafts, the CEO Mission Youth has been directed to ensure presence of trainee pilots at the event, who will sit in between school children. As per officials, CEO Mission Youth J&K has also been asked to install hoardings at prominent locations in Srinagar after consultations with Commissioner SMC.
Tourism Department will make all necessary arrangements for orchestra symphony, which will perform at the show. Meanwhile, in a meeting held regarding preparations of air show, it was also decided that COVID-19 protocols and guidelines will be strictly adhered to by all concerned in letter & spirit without any failure.



Congress celebrates 126th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Congress leaders on Thursday celebrated the 126th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh in a function organized by Th. Jai Singh, Senior Congress leader at Maharaja Hari Singh Chowk, Sainik Colony, here on Thursday. Corporator Gurmeet Randhawa, Corporator Gourav Chopra and Corporator Sobat Ali were the Guests of Honour on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Th. Jai Singh threw light on the developments and reforms during Maharaja Hari Singh rule. "Maharaja Hari Singh ruled the most troubled region of the sub continent during the most turbulent time of history when the sub continent was divided on the basis of religion," Jai Singh said adding that Maharaja Hari Singh took an all time historic decision and



Senior Congress leader, Th. Jai Singh and others paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh at Sainik Colony.

signed the Instrument of Accession in favour of India on October 26, 1947. Th. Jai Singh said that today J&K is a part of democratic India and we are Indian because of Maharaja Hari Singh. Maharaja Hari Singh's rule has been described as glorious by British historians because of several reforms that he introduced in administration and judiciary, jai singh said.
There are numerous instances worth mentioning but few of them such as making primary education compulsory for all men and women, prohibiting child marriage and opening all the places of worship for low caste are remarkable, Jai Singh said. Th. Jai Singh also stated that 23rd September should be declared as holiday and appealed to Corporator Gurmeet Randhawa to install statue of Maharaja Hari Singh at Maharaja Hari Singh Chowk, Sainik Colony. Th. Jai Singh also demanded restoration of statehood to J&K delimitation should be done on the basis of 2021 census and also demanded that the Reliance retail stores should not be opened in Jammu. Other present on the occasion were Thakur Hoshiar Singh, Ashwani Handa, Prabha Slathia, Varinder Pratap Singh, Baljeet Singh Manhas, Sikander Singh Kuka, Bhishan Singh Raju, Mohinder Singh, Kiran Singh, Daleep Singh and Anand Khajuria.



Youth Congress workers celebrating birth anniversary of Maharaj Hari Singh at Jammu.

JSCL inks MoU with IIT Jammu for sustainable, futuristic dev of Jammu City



Director, IIT Jammu, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur and CEO JSCL, Avny Lavasa after signing MoU.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) on Thursday signed a MoU with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu to utilize the IIT expertise for sustainable and futuristic development of Jammu City.
The MoU was signed by and exchanged between Director, IIT Jammu, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) JSCL, Avny Lavasa. According to a spokesperson of JSCL, the broader areas of where the professional guidance of IIT Jammu would be co-opted include, Urban Mobility, City Beautification and Development, Heritage & Tourism, e-Governance & IT interventions, Waste Management, Riverfront Development, ICT/ITCC integration, Electrical mobility, Energy-saving plans and any other domains of mutual interest as identified by JSCL. It has been also agreed in the MoU that JSCL will with the expert advice of IIT Jammu build a robust mechanism for support and services including research on Urban Planning and amenities including academics, consultancy and internship and fellowship for students. As per the MoU, IIT Jammu shall allocate staff and faculties as trainers for the studies identified by JSCL. The institute will facilitate identification of global best practices to be used by JSCL in the areas of data assimilation, research, citizen outreach programs and behavioural assessments. It will also provide access to the IIT Jammu library and other technical resources to the team members of JSCL or persons identified by JSCL in achieving the mutually agreed

upon objectives. JSCL shall, on the other hand, provide support to IIT Jammu for relevant data collection, conduct of seminars, citizen outreach programs, etc. It will ensure participation by UT/Central Officials, public representatives, senior officials of the Jammu & Kashmir government, and other stakeholders in the programs to be organized by IIT Jammu.
JSCL will also share any data or information available with different departments of Jammu and Kashmir Govt for desirable planning targets. It will provide internships for the students of IIT Jammu and mentorship to external students to work on the smart city and related projects and assist IIT Jammu with all field visits to carry out the tasks outlined in the MoU. It was also decided that a Joint Working Group (JWG) would be constituted to facilitate the initiation of projects under the MoU. It will have heads and faculty from relevant departments at IIT-Jammu and relevant members from JSCL at similar levels. The MoU shall remain in force initially for a period of two years from the date of signing and can be renewed further by way of mutual consent.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina on Thursday said that BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working tirelessly to empower women in the country and is very concerned for their safety and education.
The BJP stalwart leader was speaking during a programme held in connection with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao here at BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar. Minister Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, former BJP Minister Priya Sethi and other leaders of the party were also present besides Convenors and Co-convenors of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan hailing from all the districts of J&K UT.
During the programme, seven women Achievers namely Gecika Kohli Amla, Arshiya Sharma, Sonali Dogra, Savidha Sarin, Geetika Kohli, Gurjeet Kour, Bhargvi Sharma and Gurmeet Kour were felicitated for their exemplary work in different fields.
Ravinder Raina said since the inception of BJP Government in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken special initiative with regard to



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina speaking during a meeting.

safety and studies of the girl child and to accomplish the same many exclusive schemes have been launched under his stewardship. He said that central dispensation is quite focused on empowering the women in the country especially J&K as lot many schemes have been crafted to ensure financial security to girls and women besides looking into their educational and health related needs. He said J&K has a tradition to pay respect to women in general and young girls in particular; as the tradition of Kanjak Poojan is one of the main rituals of the people of this region. He said that going by the tradition of J&K, the Prime Minister has also organized Kanjak Poojan at PMO soon after taking the charge of

the country in 2014. "It is BJP's promise and responsibility to stand with women and a campaign for empowering women in the country is going on at a fast pace", he said adding that there are number of schemes designed exclusively for girls and women by the BJP government like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Sukanya scheme, Ladli Beti, Marriage assistance, etc. He said that the success of these schemes can be well understood by taking examples of Rajasthan and Haryana states where the sex ratio was dismal but after PM Modi's dedicated efforts things have started working and the situation out there is now promising. He said that girls and women have shown the world that they are not less than any-

body as they have set examples in every field whether it is army, air force, Olympics, academics, etc, everywhere the girls are standing shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts.
He specifically mentioned the name of former minister Priya Sethi, and applauded her for taking revolutionary steps for empowering women in J&K during her tenure as education minister. He said that the onus of making people aware of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme and dozen others lies on the shoulders of Convenors and Co-convenors of the campaign. He asked them to reach out to people and ask them to avail maximum benefit of these schemes.
Member Parliament Jugal Kishore, in his address, said that the Modi government has

ensured safety and security of women as never before and has given teeth to the laws meant for dealing crime against the women.
Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi paid rich tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, the last ruler of the princely state of J&K and applauded the role played by the great King to empower women at that time. She said that landmark decisions of Maharaja Hari Singh made the foundation of strong women in the erstwhile state of J&K. She said that despite the diverse cultures prevailing in J&K, there is one similarity in all these cultures that each of them respects women to the hilt. She said that BJP government under PM Modi has given vistas of opportunities to womenfolk to lead an independent life having self-reliance as one of its features. She said that no other dispensation except BJP has given so much for the empowerment of the women by way of giving numerous opportunities to study, work and remain healthy.
Others present in the programme include Co-convenor Gurmeet Randhawa, Rekha Manhas, Rekha Sharma and Sadhvi Savitananjee.

Rajni Rohmetra organises registration camp under Ayushman Bharat

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Rajni Rohmetra, on Thursday, organised a registration camp for Golden cards under Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PMABY) at her residence, Ward No 53, Trikuta Nagar.
Speaking on the occasion, Rajni Rohmetra said that as per demand of inhabitants, especially poor and downtrodden sections of Trikuta Nagar, who were facing difficulties in getting registered under the scheme, the camp was set-up at her residence for providing necessary services to them.
During the camp, a large number of families from nearby localities were registered under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana, a Central



Residents of Ward 53 attending registration camp under PMABY being organised by BJP leader, Rajni Rohmetra at Trikuta Nagar.

Government sponsored Healthcare scheme. "New beneficiaries registered under the scheme along with already registered persons will get their Golden cards soon, so that they can avail all benefits of the scheme without facing any problem," she added.
Pertinent to mention here that it was third registration camp under Ayushman Bharat, organised by the BJP leader in her ward. She further said that Ayushman scheme launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has proved as a game-changer in healthcare system. Now, every poor person can get treatment in the best hospitals across the country which was earlier a dream for them, said Rajni, adding that BJP Government at the Center led by Prime Minister Narendra

Modi is working tirelessly for development of the nation. She appealed to general public to avail benefits of all schemes initiated by the Govt of India for betterment of the common people.
People, who visited the registration camp, extended gratitude towards Rajni Rohmetra for organising the camp and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching the scheme. "PMABY is a very good scheme and we all will avail maximum benefits of it. This scheme will help in saving the money, which earlier we used to spend on healthcare services," they added, hoping that she would organise more such camps in future also.
Krishan Khajuria, Kidmat Center Owner besides many other locals were also present on the occasion.