

Netaji Subhash's contributions underplayed by successive Congress governments: 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 today accused the successive Congress governments in the past of underplaying Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's contribution and legacy.

Speaking after inaugurating the Digital Exhibition on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at North Block here, the Minister said, this is indeed an occasion of redemption when we seek to restore the deserved glory of our unsung heroes and to them by history, for whatever reasons. He said, the nation owes it to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for reviving and reminding us of the contribution of unsung heroes and unsung freedom fighters including Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Sardar Patel, whose sacrifices and achievements were always downplayed by successive Congress governments for political and dynastic considerations.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh going around various stalls after inaugurating the Digital Exhibition on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, organised by DoPT, at North Block New Delhi, on Friday. Also seen is new DoPT Secretary P.K. Tripathi.

Dr Jitendra Singh reminded the audience of the call made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of Red Fort on Independence Day when he reminded us of the significance of the 75th years of independence, describing it as "Amrit Mahotsav" and also advised to prepare ourselves for the eventful roadmap for the next 25 years when independent India turns 100.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that during this year, the Central Government will showcase unsung heroes and little-known groups and events of the freedom struggle during the year-long celebrations to mark 75 years of India's independence and added that sev-

eral events, exhibitions and lecture series will be organised to underline their contribution.

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's flagging off the 'Padyatra' (Freedom March) from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12th March, this year and inauguration of the curtain raiser activities of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (India@75), Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Mahotsav will be celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari. The Minister reiterated that the celebrations to continue till 15 August, 2023 will have five pillars i.e. Freedom Struggle, Ideas at 75, Achievements at 75, Actions at 75 and Resolves at 75 as guiding force for moving forward keeping dreams

and duties as inspiration.

The Minister informed that the government has drawn up a list of 146 names and planned 75 regional, six national and two international seminars under the banner of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the campaign to mark 75 years of Independence.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged-off the 75-week long programme Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in March to commemorate 75 years of India's independence, he referred to a shloka (verse) of Yajurveda. Through that the Prime Minister conveyed that in the last seven decades we have missed some opportunities to celebrate those who

did not get any acknowledgment yet for their role in India's freedom struggle.

The 146 names have been classified by state of origin, and also include figures from smaller tribes and castes. In the list are Gandhians such as Ghelubhai Naik, agricultural economist

Mohanlal Lallubhai Dantwala, former Jana Sangh ideologue Nanaji Deshmukh, and Communist Leader Ravi Narayan Reddy. The list of also includes several tribal leaders, including Laxman Nayak from Odisha, Telanga Kharia from Jharkhand and Komaram Bheem from Telangana.

Government officials pointed out that the list contained personalities like Andhra poet Garimella Satyanarayana, lawyer Bhulabhai Desai from Gujarat, freedom fighter Senapati Bapat from Maharashtra, Captain Mohammad Akram from Punjab, Rao Tula Ram from Haryana, and Mirza Mughal from Delhi, among others. From the North-East states, Rani Gaidinliu from Manipur, Tirrot Singh from Meghalaya, Batan Kachari from Assam, Shanti Bhushan from Tripura and Trilochan Pokhrel from Sikkim were part of the list.



Muslims in India no more exploited politically; their lives transforming beyond imagination: Darakhshan

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VIJAYWADA: BJP led government liberated Indian minorities from seven decade long sentimental exploitation throughout India and included them in all developmental & welfare programmes with the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

This was stated by Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, BJP spokesperson and Chairperson of Waqf Development Committee of Ministry of Minority Affairs in a media briefing at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh on Friday.

She was accompanied by State BJP leaders and BJP Minority Morcha representatives during the presser.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi deliberated on the minority empowerment initiatives of the Prime Minister Modi led central government in all sectors of Life.

"More verbal appeasement of minorities especially Muslims for political gains for about seven decades left minorities far behind in all sectors of life but the politics of Prime Minister Modi deviated from this ailing minority approach and included them in all mainstream developmental processes and we are proud to see the results now after seven years only," said Dr Darakhshan.

She said that the irreligious practice of Triple Talaq was removed through much needed and demanded legislation by the parliament which restored the dignity of Muslim women in Indian society.

She said that now we can Muslims of India progressing like never before. The welfare schemes of the Government of



BJP J&K spokesperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi talking to reporters.

India have transformed the lives of all Indians including the very backward minority communities in India.

She said that special schemes for educational and economical empowerment of minorities by the Union Minority Affairs Ministry have paved new ways for Muslims in India to grow socially & economically.

"The exploiters of minorities in India are slowly losing their grip over the vote banks and which is why they are spreading false narratives about BJP among Muslims. Thankfully the majority in the community doesn't pay heed to these baseless narratives and only a handful of people with personal interests are actively selling rumors and falsehood. Minority transformation in India has taken place and we see a bright future of Muslims in World-leader-India in making," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

Replying to the questions of media persons Dr Andrabi said that Muslim majority Jammu & Kashmir has come out of the darkness of separatism and despite the sponsorship of violence from across the border; people are proudly unfurling Tricolour in every part of the Union territory. Vision of a progressive, peaceful & inspiring J&K of PM Modi is taking shape under the capable administration of I/G Manoj Sinha, she added.

Dr Andrabi said that India was, is and will remain an inclusive country and the communal divide by no political force can be allowed in India any more.

"We now live in a country free from sectarian and communal riots. New India cannot afford to tolerate any such nonsense. We are, as an inclusive society, on the journey of becoming a world power and we need to contribute to the mission of PM Modi to make India once again the leader of world," she said.

J&K extending several support measures to investors, says senior official at ASSOCHAM meet



MD, JKTPO, Ankita Kar chairing online session of ASSOCHAM.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has opened doors for investors, providing them a slew of supporting measures like single window clearance and land allotment for promoting industry and generating employment for the youth of the UT, said Ankita Kar, Managing Director, JKTPO here on Friday at an ASSOCHAM event that focused on opportunities in J&K and Ladakh. She was addressing the J&K, Ladakh session of ASSOCHAM's Xelerate North 2021 on "Leveraging true economic potential" and enumerated a number of investor-friendly policies being unveiled by the Government.

"J&K government has opened doors for investments with new industrial and land allotment policies, single window system and other measures. Our focus is to promote startups and generate more employment for the youth of J&K," said Kar. "We are also focusing to boost Exports

from J&K and promoting Women entrepreneurs from the Union Territory," she added.

On the occasion, an ASSOCHAM Report: 'Ladakh: Unleashing Potential' was launched.

Manik Batra, Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council thanked Kar for sharing the government policies. Participating in the discussion, NABARD General Manager Surinder Singh said, "We are amongst the largest apple producers in the country." He highlighted how they are pushing for "an agricultural revolution" in J&K, adding how an efficient value chain is essential for the realisation of the farm produce so that all the stakeholders get benefitted. R R Joshi, Chairman ACTL and Sameer Jain, MD, Primus partners shared various opportunities the two UT's present in the sectors of healthcare, agriculture, Renewable energy.

The vote of thanks by Dr. M A Alim, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council.

ADRM Centre in GMC Kathua holds awareness-cum-sensitisation prog on drug & patient safety

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KATHUA: Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring (ADRM) Centre in Department of Pharmacology, Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua on Friday organized an awareness-cum-sensitisation programme on drug and patient safety, under the guidance of Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat.

The aim of the programme is to create awareness among paramedical staff of associat-

(Drug safety) week, nursing staff of associated hospital was sensitized regarding the adverse drug reaction and reporting them to ADRM centre.

Professor and Head of Pharmacology, Dr. Vineeta Sawheny stressed upon the safe and rational use of drugs and importance of pharmacovigilance.

Senior Resident, Dr. Suman Lata explained in detail about the different adverse reactions whereas Assistant Professor, Dr. Sanjay Shah



Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat and others during a programme.

ed hospital of GMC Kathua about the safe drug practices to enhance drug and patient safety.

On the occasion of the National Pharmacovigilance

sensitized them regarding reporting procedures.

JKPSA for restoration of offline classes with COVID Appropriate Behaviour



JKPSA office bearers during a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: A meeting was organized by the Central Body of J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA) Jammu to take the cognizance of all those who are solely dependent on the private schools and which are closed since April 4, 2021.

All district Presidents along with their Vice Presidents and Secretaries attended this meeting and highlighted their miseries due to the irresponsible attitude of the government at all the levels. They said that several private schools still have not paid salaries, bank loan installments, EPFO & ESIC contributions, electricity bills and many more. The income has taken a dip, they said adding that now it has become worrisome for them as many parents on the one hand have shifted their children to the government schools or have now migrated their children to the Pathankot (in Punjab) from the adjoining areas viz Kathua, Lakhanpur, Basohli etc. on the other hand as daily more than 40 school vehicles ply from Punjab to carry the students from Kathua.

General Secretary of the

Association, Ajay Gupta showed dismay and briefed the gathering that 70 per cent of private schools charge less than Rs 1000 as a monthly fee.

Due to lack of resources when the education has moves online amid pandemic, he said, these schools are unable to match up to elite ones.

It would lead to shutdown of thousands of unaided schools across JK UT along with bankruptcy, suicide, depression, anxiety of all those who are having no other source of income and are solely dependent on this venture, he said adding that in the pandemic government has given preference to Digital Infrastructure and Mass Promotion which seems to be the biggest blunder with the coming generation.

The sophisticated modes of online teaching like Google meet, zoom meet etc. are being used only by elite schools, he said adding that above all less than 40 per cent of the private schools and students have adopted WhatsApp as the mode for digital provision of teaching whereas more than 60 per cent students of upper reaches, poor families of rural/urban areas have no

access to the digital infrastructure till date. Vice President of the Association, Rameshwar Mengi said that a big conspiracy to launch big IT companies by the government for selling online education cannot be ruled out as none of the IT Company has facilitated free of cost data to any of the students even in this pandemic.

Most of the IT companies, mobile sellers, and computer sellers have earned in crores in this pandemic, he added.

President of the Association, Kamal Gupta said that the wrong policies of the existing Government of JKUT have fail to fulfill the aspirations of all those private school owners who are badly affected due to regular lockdown although in last year during the regime of Girish Chandra Murmu, former Lieutenant Governor a financial package was announced for the teaching and non teaching staff members of private schools but till none has bothered for this venture.

He demanded clear cut order for the immediate restoration of offline classes with COVID Appropriate Behaviour as done in February 2021 to reopen the schools in phased manner for

the longer interest of the society.

The members who spoke in the meeting were Ram Parkash, Sat Paul Mausotra, Ashwani Khajuria, Deepak Handa, Lal Chand Gandotra, Raj Dev Singh, Sat Paul Khajuria, Gurbax Singh and Parshotam Lal.

Gram Sabha to be held in all Panchayat Halqas of Jammu Distt on Sept 26

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JAMMU: Assistant Commissioner, Development, Jammu, has informed the general public that Gram Sabha in all Panchayat Halqas of Jammu District will held on 26th September 2021.

A notice issued on Friday in this regard said that the agenda of discussion will include comprising of Simplified system of registration of contractors at Panchayat Level, Receipt of applications from intending contractors at the Panchayat level and Displaying of information with regard to the list of works e-tendered at the Panchayat Level.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Malhori, Kupar, Tutan Di Khui and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 25 from 08 am to 01 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramsoo and Ukhral shall remain affected on September 25 from 08 am to 04 pm.

Union MoS Mahendra Pandey pays obeisance at Raghunath Temple



Union Minister, Mahendra Nath Pandey paying obeisance at Raghunathji Temple.

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JAMMU: Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State for Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship on Friday paid obeisance here at Raghunathji Temple and prayed for seamless progress

and peace in the country. The Union MoS Pandey visited the world famous Raghunathji Temple on Friday

morning and offered special prayers. He also performed Special Pooja in the holy sanctum of Shri Raghunathji Temple and prayed for peace and prosperity of the country.

Later, the staff of the J&K Dharmarth Trust felicitated the visiting minister by presenting a shawl. It is pertinent to mention that the Raghunathji Temple situated in the Heart of Jammu city is considered a must visit destination and people visiting Jammu from within the country or abroad make it a point to visit this temple before leaving the temple city.

Secy IT reviews progress on notification of specific schemes under Aadhaar Act

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SRINAGAR: Administrative Secretary, Information Technology (IT) department, Amit Sharma on Friday chaired a meeting to review the progress on Notification of Specific schemes under Aadhaar Act, 2016 funded out of Consolidated Fund of UT of J&K here today.

The meeting was attended by officers from Unique Identification Authority of India, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Tribal Affairs, Department of Horticulture, Department of Tourism, Department of Youth Services & Sports, Department of Education, Department of Labour & Employment and Department of Law Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.



Administrative Secretary, IT Department, Amit Sharma chairing a meeting.

During the meeting, Secretary, IT stressed upon the use of Aadhaar in DBT schemes for authentication of beneficiaries. He said that the use of Aadhaar as identity for delivering services or services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes besides it brought transparency and efficiency in service delivery.

He added that it also enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a conven-

ient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents for identification.

The Secretary instructed the officers to identify schemes funded out of Consolidated Fund of the UT and mandate use of Aadhaar authentication for the beneficiaries as per the provisions of Aadhaar and other laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 and issue notifications for individual schemes in coordination with UIDAI and

Department of Law Justice & Parliamentary Affairs in a time bound manner.

Earlier, Secretary IT also chaired a meeting with Director Census, Prasanna Ramaswamy, Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir, Officers of Director General of Economics & Statistics, J&K, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Additional Secretary, Law Department.

During the meeting, it was decided to pace-up work regarding allotment of Aadhaar at the time of birth itself in 135 model hospitals of UT. It was also decided to develop synchronisation between Birth Certificates being issued by Municipal Bodies and the guidelines of Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India.