

Govt to set up Science Museums across country: 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 Thursday said that the Government will be setting up Science Museums across the country to promote scientific temper, particularly among children and the younger generation.

Dr Jitendra Singh was speaking after signing of a MoU between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in the presence of G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and DoNER. The MoU aims at setting up Science Museums at select CSIR Laboratories to promote scientific curiosity and awareness among the common people across all sections of society.

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Union Ministers Dr Jitendra Singh and G. Kishan Reddy witnessing the official signing of an MoU between the Ministry of Science & Technology and the Ministry of Culture at New Delhi, on Wednesday.

Referring to the recent address of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 76th United Nations General Assembly in New York, wherein Modi pointed to the threat of regressive thinking and extremism faced by the world, Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated that science-based, rational and progressive thinking should form the basis for development and in order to strengthen a science-based approach, India is promoting experience-based learning.

The Minister said that today's MoU is a step in this direction and will create a new chapter in the history of science communication and dissemination. He said, it is a matter of pride also as this is happening at the opportune time when the nation is celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark 75 years of India's independence.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the new initiative of CSIR in setting up Virtual Labs in partnership with IIT-Bombay for school students as desired by the Prime Minister in the CSIR Society Meeting in 2020 is highly laudable. He also welcomed the move by CSIR and NCSM to set up a museum within NPL to showcase the technologies and interventions developed by CSIR over the past eight decades.

The Minister said, this initiative is also in line with the vision of PM Narendra Modi, who desired that S&T must reach every nook and corner of the country and that there is a need for outreach. He said, museums should not be static but must be dynamic, engaging and should emerge as crucibles of innovation and we must tap into the curiosity and enthusiasm in the students and the youth.

Dr Jitendra said, while CSIR has tied up with Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas and Atal Tinkering Labs Schools of Niti Aayog, it must reach out to the remote areas and schools. He said, use of digital means and the virtual labs of CSIR and the mobile science museums of NCSM will be very complementary and valuable.

In his address G. Kishan Reddy said that "Globally, it is recognized that Science Centres play an important role in supplementing the science education in the country and creating a culture of science and technology and developing scientific temper amongst the masses and youth in particular". He also highlighted the fact that it is also the vision of our Prime minister, who said that students have to move forward with the skills of the 21st century, which he quoted as 5Cs of 21st Century. They are critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, curiosity and communication.

Reddy said, the signing of this MoU will connect NCSM and CSIR and its laboratories significantly in fulfilling their objectives and the vision of our prime minister in a more fruitful manner. He also assured all the help and assistance from the Ministry in successfully implementing this initiative.

He also suggested that there is also a need to have synergy and collaboration between other such departments in the Government of India whose aim is also to promote a culture of science, technology and innovation in the country.



Students protest in Jammu for more seats in Cluster University



Students raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat on 3-day visit to J&K from today

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JAMMU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat will kick start his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir from Thursday.



and will get first hand information about the ongoing working of Sangh in different areas. During his stay, only one program has been put in public domain which will start at 4:00 PM in General Zorawar Singh Auditorium of Jammu University.

Apart from this, there is no public event where citizens including the general public can participate. He will also meet Praja Parishad Movement, Goa Liberation Movement and freedom fighters "who are still alive".

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Sangh, training of workers, communication and contact with various dignitaries and intellectuals of the society and this year, the stay of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, chief in Jammu and Kashmir province has been fixed from 30 September to 3 October. Earlier in the year 2016, he had come to Jammu and addressed the parade in a public program.

Dr Mohan Bhagwat also known as Mohan Madhukar Bhagwat was born on 11 September 1950 in Chandrapur, Maharashtra. He is a Veterinarian and Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh since 2009. On the retirement of KS Sudarshan, he was elected as the Sarsanghchalak.

At the end of 1975, when the country was battling the emergency imposed by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, he left his post graduate course in Veterinary Medicine unfinished and became a full-time volunteer of the Sangh.

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After working underground during the Emergency, in 1977 the Pracharaks of Akola in Maharashtra were also the Pracharaks of Nagpur and Vidarbha region, moving ahead in the organization over time. In 1991, he became the All India Head of the Physical Training Program of the Sangh's volunteers and carried out this responsibility till 1999. In the same year, he was made the head of all the pracharaks of the Sangh working full time in the whole country for one year.

On March 21, 2009, Mohan Bhagwat was nominated as the Sarsanghchalak of the Sangh. He is one of the youngest persons to be elected as the head of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh. He is known for a candid, practical and a clear vision of keeping the Sangh away from party politics. He has talked about taking the idea of Hindutva forward with modernity.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh has been addressing various issues of the society since its birth and it continues continuously. Sangh is not an organization but an ideology which has always been striving for the betterment of the country and society and will remain so. Sangh believes that motherland, society and country are paramount and it is the duty of every person living in this society and country to take advantage of all kinds of facilities and contribute as much as possible to the society and country.

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JAMMU: Some student groups Wednesday staged separate protests against the higher education department here to increase undergraduate seats in all the constituent colleges of Cluster University Jammu.

Protesters including activists of the National Student Union of India (NSUI) and Akhil Bharatiya Parishad (ABVP) took to streets at different places and later dispersed off peacefully.

A group of protesting students came out of Government College for Women at Gandhi Nagar in the city and tried to block the main road in support of their demand for increasing the intake capacity and infrastructure improvement in all

the constituent colleges, the officials said.

However, they said the protesters were persuaded and driven back into the college premises by a strong posse of policemen who were rushed to maintain law and order.

We are holding a protest to highlight the grievances of the students who were denied admission in the class 12 examination are not getting admission in the colleges, said Sunny Parihar who was leading the protest.

Students affiliated with the ABVP also took to the streets at different places and staged peaceful protests in support of the aggrieved students and sought their admission.

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press club here and burnt an effigy of the BJP to protest the denial of admission to the students by the Cluster University.

The Cluster University of Jammu is playing with the future of the students who despite securing above 85 percent marks in the class 12 examination are not getting admission in the colleges, said Sunny Parihar who was leading the protest.

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JAMMU: The Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh who was on a day's visit to Jammu today visited Police control Room Jammu and Pragalta on the outskirts of Jammu City.

During the visit, DGP was accompanied by MD Police Housing Corporation, Deepak Kumar, ADGP, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli, SSP PCR, Dr M. Haseeb Mughal, CO 15th BN Mubassir Latif, SP Rural Sanjay Sharma, engineers from PDC, PHC and officers of JDA and revenue.

During his visit to PCR, the DGP inspected various

digital gadgets and facilities introduced for better supervision.

The DGP inspected the video wall and also witnessed a demonstration of live feed from different static Nakas as well as of

35 highway patrols which have been synchronized with the system.

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cers gave briefing with the design and layout to the DGP. While interacting with the Engineers and officers, the DGP directed

inspected the functioning of Dial 100.

The ADGP Jammu and

SSP PCR apprised the DGP regarding the newly

added digital facilities.

During his interaction with officers, the DGP impressed upon using of technology and digital gadgets in a big way for their advantages in supervision and surveillance.

He said that J&K Police in using latest technology for better policing in different districts of the UT.

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made it clear that no officer can issue NoC in favour of an employee under rules and if he will do so, the responsibility will lie solely on him.

The Additional Commissioner, who is also Incharge of Vigilance Office, added that instructions have been issued to

all heads of the departments to furnish details regarding all those employees, who are indulged in some temporary jobs, in addition to their permanent employment. "Employees of Jammu and Kashmir are bound to observe rules and no one can bypass these rules and put the future of students or any other person on edge," the Additional Commissioner added.

Earlier, the Divisional Administration and Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries have issued orders for all Govt employees not to get engaged in any kind of casual assignment. The order reads, "Every

Government servant is required to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and do nothing which is unbecoming of a Government servant. A Government employee is bound to

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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 con-

tribute an article or write a letter to a newspaper or periodical either in

his own name or anonymously, pseudonymously or in the name of any

other person except with previous

sanction of Government /prescribed

authority. In view of complaints, all

the employees of the Account and Treasuries Organisation are advised to refrain from such activities and adhere to the Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971. Any violation of these rules is a serious matter and shall attract disciplinary proceedings."

On the other hand, Director Agriculture Kashmir Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal said that we have issued circular to all employees to abide by all the norms and service rules, otherwise strict action will be taken against them "We have submitted all details regarding the matter to General Administration Department and stern action will be taken against all those employees who will be found violating rules," said Registrar SKAUST(K), adding that higher authority of SKAUST-K have never given any NoC to any employee in this regard, as it is completely illegal and intolerable.

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Divisional Administration has once again warned all the Government employees to follow prescribed rules as all those found guilty of violating service rules will be punished under the law. While interacting with STATE TIMES during an exclusive interview, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Qazi Mohamad Sarwar said that we have received a number of complaints against Government employees, especially teachers, who are indulged in violation of Jammu and Kashmir Service Rules 1971 and working with All India Radio, Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar and Regional News Unit on monthly assignment basis. We are looking into the matter minutely and if any officer or employee is found guilty, we will punish them under rule of law, he assured.

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President CCI Jammu, Arun Gupta speaking at a meeting.

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JAMMU: The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu (CCIJ) on Wednesday said it will continue its fight for cause of the Jammu province with intensification of movement till it reaches the final conclusion.

This was conveyed by stakeholders during a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry held here under the chairmanship of Arun Gupta, president of CCI Jammu.

"Chamber will continue to fight for cause of Jammu province till this significant battle for genuine rights reaches a logical conclusion," Gupta said while warning the government not to test patience of the business community.

He vowed that the Jammu Chamber will continue to work relentlessly for ensuring that justice is secured for the people of this province especially the traders and industrial

associations to discuss the future course of action after the aforesaid successful Jammu Bandh, a CCI spokesman said.

During the meeting, various burning issues currently confronted by the business fraternity were deliberated at length besides discussing the means to be adopted in order to get these issues resolved, he added.

CCIJ has put forth various demands in front of the government, including special relief package for various trade and industry sectors, and continuation of "darbar move", an age-old practice under which the J&K government functions six months each in the twin capital cities.

It also discussed the possibility of Wagah-type parade at Suchetgarh and revoking of the notification regarding re-registration of vehicles purchased by local residents from outside the UT, and the issue of reliance shops, among others.

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