

Gujarat Governor shares his Agritech innovations with Dr Jitendra

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AHMEDABAD: Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat shared with Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, some of the Agritech innovations developed by him, when the latter called on him at Raj Bhavan here.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Acharya Devvrat, besides being Governor of an important State, can also be appropriately described as an Agritech StartUp, who has developed innovative methodologies in natural farming which are quite different from organic farming and at the same time, much more lucrative compared to several other avenues of livelihood.

Devvrat informed Dr Jitendra that only last week, he launched a PhD programme in Natural Agriculture by Gujarat University at the Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS). He said, it will cover its various aspects like rural management, environment management, innovation, Agri-entrepreneurship, Agribusiness and Value Chain Management.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh calling on Governor Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat, at Raj Bhawan, Ahmedabad.

Acharya Devvrat supported the proposal of Dr Jitendra Singh for an integrated approach to promote Agritech Start-ups to make farming easy and more profitable by pooling the resources and experiences of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research

(CSIR), and Department of Science and Technology at the Centre and other similar research bodies at Agricultural colleges and Universities.

Dr Jitendra briefed the Gujarat Governor that a trend of Agri-tech Start-ups has come up in India in the last few years due to active encourage-

ment provided by the Modi government to address the problems of Indian agriculture such as supply chain management, use of outdated equipment, improper infrastructure, and inability of farmers to access a wider range of markets with ease.

Dr Singh said, Agritech Startups are providing innovative ideas and affordable solutions to a number of challenges faced all across the agricultural value chain and it has the potential to change the face of Indian agriculture sector and eventually raise farmers' incomes.

Dr Jitendra strongly advocated the use of modern and new technology in Agricultural sector and pointed out that countries like Israel, China and the US have transformed several agriculture practices in their country with the use of technology. He said, Startups are now providing solutions such as biogas plants, solar powered cold storage, fencing and water pumping, weather prediction, spraying machines, seed drills and vertical farming, which is bound to increase farmers income.



Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCJ Jammu has informed that the power supply to Krishna Nagar, Jewel, Prem Nagar, Science College and adjoining shall remain affected on September 13 from 9 am to 12 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Thathri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 13 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Assar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 13 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 13 from 7 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Industry, Sarore, Gawal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 13 from 8 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Billawar, Mandali, Phinter, Parnalla, Baggan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 13 from 9 am to 2 pm.

BJP welcomes extension of Amnesty scheme for electricity consumer

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party has welcomed the decision taken by the Jammu and Kashmir Government in extending the benefits of Amnesty Scheme for PDD defaulters which has given a big respite to thousands of people who had got inflated electricity bills.

Chief Spokesperson of Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, Sunil Sethi in a press release said that the huge amount of arrears on amount of unpaid electricity bills were mainly containing the component of the penalty and interest.

The Amnesty scheme which was given by the government earlier could not be availed by thousands of people in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory because of the COVID.

The decision taken by the government now of extending the benefits and creating the provision for payment by installments is a welcome step, he said.

He asserted that it was a long pending demand of the effected person and was pursued by J&K BJP leadership under the guidance of President of J&K BJP unit

Ravinder Raina who requested the Lieutenant Governor in this regard and number of delegations/ deputations of the party had also meet the administration.

Sunil Sethi also noted with gratitude the decision taken by the LG administration in acknowledgement of the assertions and efforts made by BJP in this regard.

He said that the party is committed to pick up all the causes of public so that the public is largely benefitted because of transparent and responsive government.

Chief Spokesperson, however noted that the extension of the scheme is time linked and the public should be very cautious in seeking the implementation of the scheme within the time extended.

The scheme has in built limitation period and if the scheme is not availed within the time or the payment schedule is not adhered too. It will lead to denial of the true benefits of the scheme.

He called upon beneficiaries of the Amnesty scheme to go through the contents of the scheme and take immediate steps in availing the benefits thereof.

To secure future of youth, police-people have to continue work together: DGP

'Pakistan continuously supplying drugs to ruin future of youth'

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SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh has said that to secure the bright future of our youth, police and people have to work together.

Past which has given pain has to be left behind so as to provide a peaceful environment to our coming generations, he said while addressing the local citizens after laying the foundation stone of two multi-storeyed conventional structures, one each at Bhagwanpora & Sangam in Srinagar district.

The DGP said it has always been an endeavour of the Police Department to come closer to its people in order to secure their lives and property and added that today's foundation stone laying ceremony is a part of that endeavour.

He directed the jurisdictional officers to take necessary steps to solve the grievances of the people on priority.

He said that the J&K Police



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh laying foundation stone of multi-storeyed conventional structure at Srinagar.

is also expecting and getting full support and cooperation from people in maintaining peace and order.

The DGP said that the situation in J&K has improved a lot during the past 3 to 4 years, and the working of police and other forces has been appreciated and a mutual respect among the personnel of police/forces and the people is apparent.

He said J&K Police personnel come from the same society and work for the betterment of his own society.

He complimented Police & forces for showing patience

and restraint during tough times while maintaining peace & order.

He said that the impressions about some areas are also changing now. We have to continue our work together for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir, he emphasized on the people of the area.

Speaking of the new challenge of narcotic terrorism, the DGP said that it's high time to take action against the menace.

He said that the JKP's Drug-de-addiction Center which is functional in the

downtown area is providing all necessary facilities and services to the drug addicted youth.

He said that during his visit to the centre few days back, the effected persons under treatment in the center thanked JKP for its services in saving the young lives.

He said that those youth who were trapped unknowingly in the drug abuse and have acknowledged that the path of drug addiction as a path of destruction should work as role models to other youth and advise them about the ill effects of the addiction.

He appealed to the locals of the area to discuss and guide the youth through mosques &

community meetings to stay away from the menace.

He said that Pakistan is continuously supplying drugs with an aim to damage the mind and health of our youth and ruin their future. He said that all of us have to play a role to save our youth from destruction.

Xen PCD Kamal Kishore explained the drawing plans of these buildings to the DGP. He informed that these five storey buildings are spread over the 3100 sq. ft. area each and will involve a cost of Rs. 529 lakh at each place. These buildings have many facilities for officers & jawans.

ADGP Armed J&K SJM Gillani, ADGP Headquarters PHQ MK Sinha, ADGP Coordination PHQ Danesh Rana, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, IGP Headquarters PHQ BS Tutti, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar, DIG Armed Kashmir Shahid Mehraj, SSP Srinagar, AISG of PHQ, SSP Security Kashmir, CO & 2IC 237 CRPF Bn., Xen Police Construction Division and other jurisdictional officers attended the ceremonies.

Tingmosgang Constituency to go for polls today

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LEIH: Bye-election to Tingmosgang Constituency of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh will take place on Tuesday from 8:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M. The seat has fallen vacant after the demise of Sonam Dorjay in May this year. Sonam Dorjay was elected from the Constituency during 6th General Election of LAHDC Leh in October 2020 as an Indian National Congress (INC) candidate. The election is going to be a direct and tough contest between Bhartiya Janata Party candidate Dorjay Nangyal, who has served as a Councillor from the constituency

from 2005 to 2010 and INC candidate Tashi Tundup. BJP leaders including MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Nangyal and CEC Leh Tashi Gyaltsan, and Congress leader and Minister Nawang Rigzin Jora have campaigned rigorously over the last several days until the official campaign period ended on Sunday afternoon. This election is closely watched by observers as a crucial one and similarly, both political parties have been focusing all their strength, resources and energy to the constituency. Counting of the bye-election will take place on 17th September at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra Leh.

Special Summary Revision: DC Jammu discusses schedule, procedure with political reps



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, who is also District Election Officer Jammu, on Monday discussed procedure and preparedness of district administration for the conduct of Special Summary Revision 2022 with the representatives of political parties, here at a meeting.

The DC briefed the meeting about the schedule of the Summary Revision 2022 and urged the political representatives to extend their cooperation in updating the electoral roll.

The Representatives of the political parties were also asked to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAS) at all the polling stations to assist the Booth Level Officers in conducting registration of new voters, removal of duplicities, addition and removal of non-existing voters.

The Participating representatives were informed that the Draft Publication of the

Photo Electoral Rolls of all the Assembly constituencies shall be done on 15th of September 2022, while the qualifying date for inclusion of new voters is 1st of October and the claims and objections shall be received from 15th September to 25th October.

"Special Camps will be organised at all the polling stations on 24th and 25th September, 1st, 2nd, 15th and 16th of October. The BLOs will be available at their respective polling stations along with requisite forms on the above dates" she informed.

Responding to issues raised by the participating representatives, the chair issued directions to the concerned officers to take measures for redressal of the complaints related to election matters and Special Summary Revision 2022 and updation of Electoral Rolls.

It was informed that the general public can lodge their

grievances / complaints on the telephone numbers 2571616, 2571912 in district Jammu.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of the District Level Task Force mandated to ensure safety of the bridges and removal of accumulated materials.

The Task Force has been constituted for taking urgent measures for safety of bridges and removal of accumulated material due to heavy rains, on an urgent basis.

The task force was directed to examine any threat to bridges due to the flash floods on account of accumulation of huge loads of river borne material and to ensure scientific removal of such material in a time bound manner.

The meeting was attended by ACR Piyush Dhotra; DMO Gulshan Kumar; SDOs, XENs and representatives of different executing agencies.

Rana pitches for holiday on Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday strongly pitched for a Public Holiday on the Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh and made a passionate appeal to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for conceding to the overwhelming public demand.

"The people are sentimentally attached to the Maharaja Sahib, not only for signing the instrument of accession of Jammu and Kashmir with the dominion of India but also for his public friendly, progressive and development oriented initiatives", Rana said in a statement, adding that vast mass of people, nostalgically recall the Maharaja's rule as golden era. Rana said this while interacting with different people from different segments of the society here.

Rana said that Maharaja Bahadur's golden era is the brightest chapter of Jammu and Kashmir's history and recognizing



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana congratulating Er Ghulam Ali Khatana.

his contribution towards the people is a long pending mass demand transcending beyond communities and regions. He said the Maharaja Sahib was a peoples' Maharaja, who dedicated his entire life towards upliftment of his state and welfare of its subjects, irrespective of caste, creed, region or religion.

He hoped for an early decision with regard to the most popular demand in deference to the wishes of the people. "This will be a humble tribute to the

memory of the Maharaja Bahadur by the indebted people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh", he said, adding that he has been vehemently pleading as part of popular movement over the years for a public holiday on birth anniversary of the Maharaja.

Earlier, Rana met and congratulated Er Ghulam Ali Khatana on his nomination as Member Parliament in Rajya Sabha, describing it as yet another major imitative towards empowering the

marginalized segments of the society by giving them voice in the highest temple of democracy in the country.

The nomination of the veteran Gujjar leader from Jammu and Kashmir to the Rajya Sabha reflects the cherished mission of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, Devender Rana said, adding that together we can meet the expectations of the people and fulfill urges and aspirations of every segment of the soci-

ety. Rana wished Khatana all the best, hoping that his august presence in the Rajya Sabha will steer Jammu and Kashmir to a new era of peace and progress.

Rana thanked the visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving representation to the Scheduled Tribes of J&K in the Parliament of the largest democracy of the country.

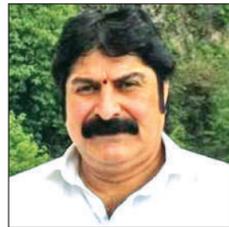
Devender Rana also visited the residence of Kali Dass and felicitated him on being elected as President, Jammu and Kashmir Mahasha Sadar Sabha (J&KMSS) and hoped that he will continue to work towards empowerment and economic emancipation of the people, especially the weaker sections of the society.

"Given the track record of his public service and commitment to the cause of social justice, Kali Dass will surely come to the expectations of the people", Rana hoped.

Congress remembers contributions of all party workers: Sawhney

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JAMMU: To pay tributes to all those leaders and workers of Congress, who have recently passed away, District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) held a meeting at party office on Monday. Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney along with Manmohan Singh, Dr Ramakant Khajuria, Pawan Dev Singh, Ritu Choudhary and other District Congress leaders were present on the occasion and paid floral tributes to departed souls



besides observed 2-minute silence and conveying condolences to the bereaved families. Tributes were paid to Manmohan Lal Malager, Babbu Singh, Anand Gandotra and Anju Bala.

Speaking on the occasion, Sawhney remembered contribution of the leaders, stating that their work and dedication towards party will not be forgotten. "Congress values and remembers contributions of its workers, at any level. Working at grass-root level, each of our members has helped in strengthening the party. They served excellently in various capacities as members of block committees, as block presidents, and district leaders," said Sawhney.

"The departed leaders were worked hard in highlighting people's issues besides working dedicatedly for their upliftment. The grass-root level work done by Congress leaders helps cascade effect to the upper levels of the party and strengthen it comprehensively. They will always be remembered with fondness and respect for their contribution," asserted Sawhney.

Senior Congress leader Manmohan Singh also expressed profound grief and sorrow on sad demise

of Congress members and conveyed condolences to bereaved families. Others present on the occasion included Krishan Lal Gupta, Sanjeev Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Varinder Manhas, Chandershekhar Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Rakesh Sharma Parwani, Sandeep Dogra, Vimal Pandita, Ram Magotra, Hoshiar Singh, Janak Raj, Surinder Kumar, Darshan Lal Verma, Vishal, Sohan Lal, Prithvi Raj, R V Magotra, Tariq Hussain and Sajid Ahmad Mir.