

Dr Jitendra presents ASPIRE StartUp awards, financial support to 53,021 students

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday presented INSPIRE awards to 60 StartUps and financial support to 53,021 students. The award is instituted by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt of India, and these innovators will be extended complete incubation support for their entrepreneurship journey.

Dr Jitendra said, during the year 2020-21, while the country like rest of the world was battling with the severe impact of COVID-19, the annual INSPIRE Awards - MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition attracted an



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing young students and innovators after presenting ASPIRE StartUp awards, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Friday.

unprecedented 6.53 Lakh ideas and innovations from all States and UTs of the country.

He said, the scheme touched an unparalleled level of inclusivity by representing ideas and innovations of 702 districts of the

country (96%) including 123 out of 124 aspirational districts, 51% representation from girls, 84% participation from schools located in rural areas of the country and 71% of the schools run by the State / UT Governments.

Dr Jitendra informed that out of 6.53 lakhs, a total of 53,021 students were identified for financial support of Rs 10,000 each so that they could develop prototypes of the ideas which they submitted for the scheme. As a next step, they competed at

respective District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC's) and State Level Exhibition and Project Competition (SLEPC's) and now a total of 556 students have made their way to 9th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC).

Dr Jitendra said, every year, from all recognized eligible schools, amongst the school students of 10-15 years of age, studying in class VIth to Xth, a million ideas are aimed to be scouted and a lakh to be identified for further value addition and an opportunity to compete and move ahead on account of their inherent merit in their incubation trajectories.

ANTF recovers heroin worth lakhs of rupees; arrests two drug dealers, books one under PIT NDPS

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JAMMU: The Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir police, specialized unit to check rising menace of drugs, achieved another success on Friday after it foiled a bid to smuggle commercial quantity of Heroin worth lakhs of rupees.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) ANTF Jammu Vinay Kumar said, "On specific information that one Alto Car bearing registration No. JK02CW-2492 driven by Laikat Ali, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Rangpur Sadhray, R.S Pura at present Nikki Tawi Belicharana, Jammu is selling Heroin among the youth in Belicharana area of Jammu and had concealed a large quantity of Heroin in his car."

"On this information, a case FIR No. 12/2022 under Section 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station ANTF Jammu and ANTF team immediately swung into action and laid Naka at near 4th Tawi Bridge Belicharana, Jammu," he said.

SSP ANTF J&K Kumar

further said, "The above-mentioned car was stopped by the ANTF team and during search, 282.20 grams of Heroin from the Alto Car was recovered by the ANTF team."

"The accused person has been arrested in the instant case and Car has been seized," he said adding that Anti-Narcotics Task Force is investigating forward and backward links of this racket.

In addition to this, ANTF Team headed by Insp. Parvez Sajjad and Insp. Varuneshwar Singh arrested another drug supplier from Kashmir who has been identified as Noor Mohd Bhat, son of Ghulam Rasool Bhat, resident of Naipora Bungam, Mir Bazar Anantnag, Kashmir who was wanted in case FIR No. 09/2022 under Section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act of PS ANTF Jammu.

"Noor Mohd Bhat is the main supplier of the narcotic drugs from Kashmir Valley and had formed a notorious gang with his associates and in connivance with other accused persons, is involved in supply/transport of Narcotics

Substances from Kashmir to Jammu region for making easy money and has spoiled the lives of many youth" SSP ANTF J&K said and added that more arrests are expected.

Moreover, he said, on September 7, 2022 one notorious narco-dealer named Vishal Sharma alias Vishu, son of Late Ram Parkash Sharma, resident of House No. 136, Lane No. 1, Rajpura, Shakti Nagar, Jammu was detained under PIT NDPS Act and lodged in central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

"A dossier was submitted by P/S ANTF Jammu before the Divisional Commissioner Jammu who issued detention orders of this hard-core criminal under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act," SSP Vinay said.

"The Anti-Narcotic Task Force appeals to the general public to share information regarding such drug dealers so that appropriate legal actions are taken against them and this menace is uprooted from our society," he added.

No to plastic: JMC opts for Bartan Banks

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation may soon be lending crockery for small parties and gatherings to discourage single use plastic and plastic utensils/disposables.

The Bartan Bank of the civic body owns utensils made of steel, including cups, plates, glasses and spoons etc.

The people can borrow these utensils on minimum Charges.

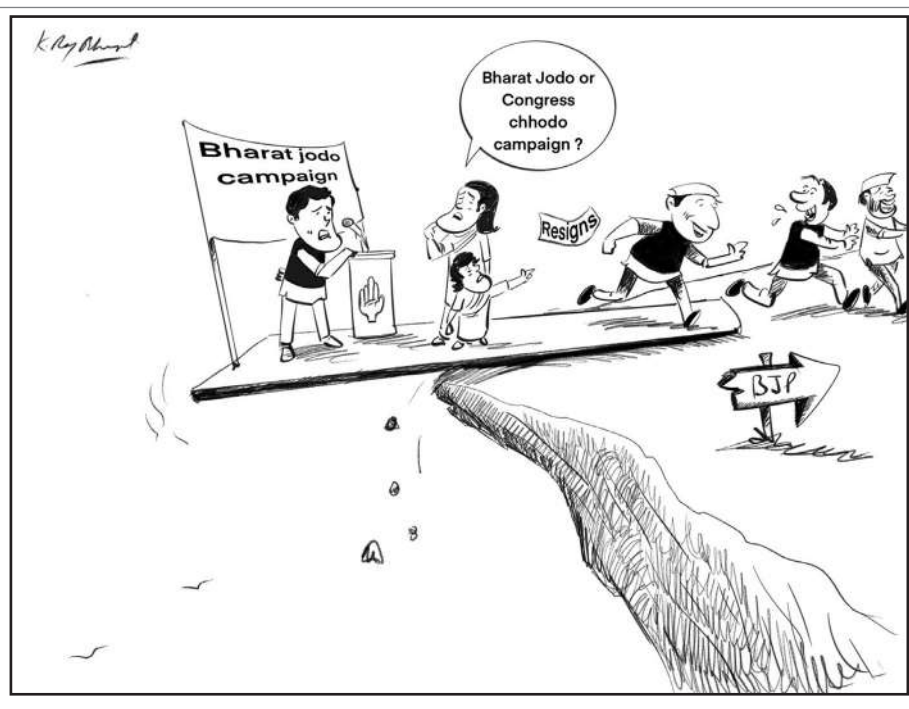
The Bartan Bank was launched on Friday by Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Deputy Mayor Advocate Purnima Sharma and Municipal Commissioner Rahul Yadav. Also present on the occasion were Chairpersons of various standing committees of JMC.

The idea behind this initiative is to shun use of plastic utensils such as spoons, plates, sheets, cups, glasses etc. The steel utensils available for public in Bartan Banks can be availed by any one on minimum charges. The central idea for launch-

ing Bartan Banks is to discourage growing use of single use plastic. Further increasing use of plastic and plastic utensils has a tendency to deteriorate the favourable environment. Abreast that such plastic materials are environmentally hazardous. Hence surfacing of Bartan Banks is an environmentally friendly step and a proper substitute for plastic utensils and disposables. The Mayor started the campaign for availing facilities of steel utensils from Bartan Banks.

He further added that it would be a community-run service, where self help groups will manage the services and maintenance, check list of utensils available and borrowed by people and their contact nos.

It was anticipated that more such Banks shall be surfacing in the short future. Others who participated on the occasion were Joint Commissioner(A), Rimpay Ohri, Assistant Commissioner Manish and Secretary, Parvinder Kour.



Azad visits B&J hospital, inquires well-being of injured Keralite boys

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JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday visited two Keralite boys who were injured in an unfortunate road accident in Ladakh and admitted to Bone and Joint surgical Hospital, Barazaula in Srinagar.

Azad inquired their well-being and met with the boys and treating doctors.

It is pertinent to mention here that eight youngsters from Chalad, Kannur District of Kerala were touring to Leh-Ladakh on four motorbikes. Unfortunately, on their way from Kargil to Leh, one of the bike collide with a truck in which two boys named Tayyib, son of Sattar and Vysakh, son of Pradeepan, were severely injured and were shifted to Bone and Joint Surgical hospital, Barazulla, Srinagar. Azad immediately got in touch with the hospital



Former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad inquiring well-being of injured boys at B&J Hospital.

administration and concerned doctors for the better care and treatment of these boys.

The doctors were advised to treat them as guests and provide all facilities.

Both the boys are operated, one of them is perfectly well and the other, the doctors said, it will take 3-4 weeks for recovery.

Azad offered all help and

support to the boys and told the hospital administration and doctors in case of any need they can get in touch with him since the patient's relatives & dear ones are far-away in Kerala.

Azad also requested that there is no need of their parents/relatives to travel all the way to Srinagar, everything required will be met by himself.

Introduce Sanskrit in schools from class first: Sham Lal



Swami Shankaracharya speaking at a programme in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Choodamani Sanskrit Sansthan Basohli, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology Jammu, Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus Jammu and Shri Kailash Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust, Jammu jointly organized a function, as a part of Dr Uttam Chandra Shastri's birth centenary celebrations. A special lecture of Shankaracharya Swami Adhokshajanan and Dev Teerth Maharaj ji was organized in Central Sanskrit University Shri Ranbir campus, where former minister and BJP J&K Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest. Prof Madan Mohan Jha, Director CSU and Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J Prof J P Sharma presided over the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Shankaracharya Swami said that Sanskrit is necessary for the nation. "Sanskrit is soul and culture of the nation. Gurukul tradition is basis of India's culture and is soul of India's eternal culture," he added. Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal said that Sanskrit and Dogri preserve Sanatan culture and we all should work together for

upliftment of the same and Sanskrit should be introduced in all schools from the class first so that students can learn the same easily.

Vice Chancellor J P Sharma said that Sanskrit works to connect everyone. The function culminated with formal vote of thanks by Campus Director Prof Madan Mohan Jha.

Others present on the occasion included Sharat Chandra Sharma, Vinod Bargodia, R K Chhibber, Rajdev Singh, Mahant Rohit Shastri, Advisor Ankush Sharma, Spokesperson Chetan Wanchoo, Rakesh Gandotra, Pramod Sharma, Prof Satish Kapoor, K K Sharma, Pawan Khajuria, Rakesh Jamwal, Ajay Sharma, Bhushan Baral, Ashok Sharma, Rakesh Gandotra, Parboddh Sharma, Rakesh Bagrodia, Uttam Chand Sharma, Raman Sharma Pandit, Dev Dutt Shastri, Prof Shyam Dev Mishra, Dr Gopal Varma, Dr Rajkumar Mishra, Dr Madan Kumar Jha, Dr Yogendra Dixit, Maninder Singh, Dr Sarvesh Tripathi, Dr Vivek Kumar, Vishal Mahajan, Akhil Sharma and Tirupatibala. The programme was coordinated by Dr Harishankar Pandey and Naveen Tiwari.

HP Govt issues show cause notice for cancellation of 3 MW Hydel projects at Chamba allotted to Hingiri Infrastructure Dev (P) Ltd

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JAMMU: Himachal Pradesh Commercial Operation Date (SCOD) and M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development (P) Ltd. had applied under the said Amnesty Scheme and it was allowed time to commission the Project on May 31, 2022 but miserably failed to avail the benefits of 'One Time Amnesty' and to commission the Project for which a Show Cause Notice for Cancellation of the Project has now been issued by the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 1st September, 2022.

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allotment has been issued to M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development Pvt. Ltd. which had availed 'One Time Amnesty' but failed to commission the Project despite availing Amnesty and the reply from the firm is awaited.

The RTI reply further divulged that no further extension has been granted by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh (Ministry of Power) in favour of M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development Pvt. Ltd. for executing the Project beyond May 31, 2022.

It may not be out of place to mention herein that 3 MW Hydel Project was allotted in favour of M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development Pvt. Ltd. by the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the Promoters/Directors/Shareholders/Guarantors/Beneficiaries include Dr. Nirmal Singh (Former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K), Kavinder Gupta (Former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K), Sitting M.P. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Mamta Singh wife of Dr. Nirmal Singh, Ex-Dy CM and others.

It is worthwhile to mention herein that M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development

Pvt. Ltd. availed financial assistance from Link Road Branch of J&K Bank Ltd. to the tune of Rs.31.00 crore from the years 2012 to 2016 in three instalments and thereafter the account became NPA and reportedly the efforts are being made to bail out the VVIP defaulters by resorting to One Time Settlement at Rs. 15.00 crores only.

Needless to mention herein that Dr. Nirmal Singh is one of the Guarantors in the NPA-turned Loan Account and his land measuring 03 Kanals 14 Marlas under Khasra No.795 min, Khewat No.19 min and Khata No.461 min situated at Sunjwan, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu has been mortgaged with J&K Bank, Branch Link Road, Jammu and similarly Shops-cum-Factory Complex owned by former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, son of Bindrabhan Gupta constructed on land measuring 10 Marlas under Khasra No.856 min, Khewat No.53 min/31 min, Khata No.152/116 min situated at Omadha, Udhampur have also been mortgaged for securing the loan.

Further all the aforemen-

tioned VVIPs have given their personal guarantees to the Bank. Besides the aforementioned properties, there are several other immovable properties situated in various parts of Jammu which also have been mortgaged in favour of the J&K Bank, Branch Link Road, Jammu to secure the aforesaid loan but despite that the Link Road Branch of J&K Bank has failed to recover the multi-crore Loan Amount from the VVIP Defaulters.

For the last few months, Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed has been vociferously highlighting the inaction of the J&K Bank, Branch Link Road, Jammu towards its lackadaisical approach in recovering Rs.31.00 Crores alongwith interest from the VVIP defaulters but till date the J&K Bank has adopted silence over this issue of wide public importance where the money of poor public of Jammu, entrusted to the J&K Bank, Link Road Branch, Jammu involved. However, it remains to be seen what steps the J&K Bank will take in the near future to recover the Loan Amount from the VVIP Defaulters.

JMC Inspector suspended for dereliction of duties

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today suspended an Enforcement Official for dereliction of duties in view of complaints received regarding alleged illegal constructions/ violations of Bye Laws falling in different wards of Nanak Nagar area. Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav took serious note of the complaints and conducted surprise inspection of the Nanak Nagar area. He immediately ordered the suspension of Enforcement Inspector

Nanak Nagar area for dereliction of duties and ordered for the detailed inquiry in the matter. The senior JMC official informed notices have also been served to owners/occupants of all the buildings in the areas which were under construction/repairment for violations/illegal constructions under relevant sections. Further JMC has advised all the concerned to refrain from undertaking any construction without building permission and also ensure that necessary provisions of bye laws are observed.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa on Friday chaired a meeting of SDMs and Sub-Registrars of Jammu district to review the status of online land Registration process, here at DC office.

Threadbare discussions were held regarding the ongoing Registration process and other related issues in Jammu district. The revenue officers briefed the chair about the present status of the online Registration process and problems being faced by them during the



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting.

process.

The Deputy Commissioner exhorted upon the revenue officers to take all measures for making the registration

process fool proof and to avoid any inconvenience to the people. She asked them to bring efficiency and transparency in the online regis-

ICSI Jammu holds teachers' conference



ICSI members posing with teachers during a conference at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Celebrating contribution of teachers and educators in shaping society and in appreciation of their significant role in building the future of the Nation, the Jammu Chapter of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) under the Chairmanship of Company Secretary, Sonia Chib, on Friday organised teachers conference cum faculty development program for giving impetus to Company Secretary Course in Jammu and Kashmir. Company Secretary, Vikram K Gupta, who is MD JK Minerals Limited, was the chief guest on the occasion. He lauded the contribution of teachers in the society. He apprised the gathering about the scope and domain of Company Secretaries while describing how it's an exciting and promising career option. The Guest of

Honour, Professor Pramod K Srivastav, Principal Model Academy School talked about the integrity and high ethical standards of teaching. He emphasized that a teacher should be a role model for the students.

On this occasion, Chairperson CS Sonia Chib and CS Nitin Gupta enlightened the gathering about CS profession. The event was also attended by Dr Atul Hans who is an author; Resource person of CBSE, Director Principal of International Daily Rising School Jammu. He emphasised that in today's world if someone has to opt for his career one should prefer a skill based or vocational course or training as it allows students to gain practical experience in their chosen careers before they even graduate. He also threw light on implementation of NEP 2020 and the role of teachers.

