

## Dr Jitendra addresses Roundtable on 'Net Zero Environment'

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PITTSBURGH: India's Science and Technology Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is leading a high-level Joint Ministerial Delegation of S&T and Ministry of Power, New & Renewable Energy today said that Decarbonizing of cities and buildings should be the highest priority for the public and private sectors and it needs to be done at scale, pace, and by using an integrated and digitalized approach to bring systemic efficiency.

In his address at the Roundtable on "Net Zero Built Environment with Connected Communities" at Global Clean Energy Action Forum-2022 at Pittsburgh, in the United States, Dr Jitendra Singh said, we cannot solve climate change without transforming our cities and buildings and this requires massive efforts from the private and public sectors, but it is possible with today's technologies.

Dr Jitendra pointed out that increasingly, cooling is recognized as a developmental need



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the Roundtable on "Net Zero Built Environment with Connected Communities" at Pittsburgh, US.

that is linked with achieving many Sustainable Development Goals. He said, Demonstration and Deployment, investment, technology are the key challenges to achieve net zero connected communities at a global level. Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the development of a robust R&D innovation ecosystem will, inter alia, involve further development of scientific manpower in the area, requisite academic and R&D institutional capacities, support for R&D activities on various facets of cooling, including but not limited to refrigerants, cooling equipment, passive building design

interventions, not-in-kind technologies and new emerging technologies; and industry preparedness to assimilate new technologies.

India called for important actions to address these challenges like a global Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with respect to enhancing the R&D, and Deployment, Knowledge and technology sharing related to demand driven solutions, a tailored financing plan that would look into feasible funding sources and aggregating member countries' demand for the potential designing of a global tender/procurement

process. Dr Jitendra Singh informed the Ministers and Delegates that his Ministry of Science and Technology has actively engaged several industry players, especially for demonstration and deployment and today we have over 78 industries participating in the Building Energy Efficiency and Smart Grid Program. The Minister, however, acknowledged that the decarbonization of cities is a multifaceted challenge and requires a holistic approach and systemic efficiency. He said, alongside buildings, the electrification of private and public transport plays a pivotal role in not only achieving net zero emission targets, but also improving urban air quality. The public and Private sectors need to work closely to ensure the implementation of research outcomes, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra said that three major actions for which public and private sectors can come together to achieve planning and demonstrations of net zero

connected communities are: Catalyzing effective capital reallocation and new financing structures, including through scaling up climate finance, Lowering technology costs with R&D, nurturing industrial ecosystems, collaborating across value chains to reduce cost, and Establishing compensating mechanisms to address socioeconomic impacts, through economic diversification programs, reskilling and redeployment programs.

Highlighting the measures taken by India, Dr Jitendra Singh concluded that the Ministry of Science and Technology has supported research development and deployment of technologies with an investment of 34.3 million USD during the last decade. We have strengthened the R&D infrastructure and forced bilateral and multilateral collaborations through R&D programs in the field of Building Energy Efficiency and Smart Grids, the Minister emphasised.

## Kashmir-based political parties demeaned rulers of erstwhile Kingdom of J&K: Kavinder

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JAMMU: The Valley-based political parties demeaned the rulers of the erstwhile Kingdom of J&K by concocting stories and narrating things which never took place in the history of J&K.

This was stated by Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister while paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his 127th birth anniversary at Maharaja Hari Singh Park, here today.

Kavinder categorically highlighted that the Maharajas initiated and completed numerous projects meant for the social and economical upliftment of the common masses including schools, colleges, hospitals, canal network, roads and worked without prejudice against any section of the society because these kings were secular and caring.

He said that this trait of being fair and impartial helped them to rule a population which was Muslim dominated and scattered across vast region for this being one among the largest kingdoms of the Indian sub-

continent.

The senior BJP leader said that the National Conference always tried to paint a wrong picture of Maharaja Hari Singh by twisting the facts of history. There are so many colleges, schools and hospitals which the Maharajas in the past have constructed and the same are serving the people till date without any break or dissolution.

He said that that vindictive policies of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and Pt Jawaharlal Nehru forced Maharaja Hari Singh to move away from his own State and that was the reason that he lived in Mumbai for 14 odd years.

Meanwhile, Kavinder also attended intellectuals' meet in Trikuta Nagar and Chatha under Sewa Pakhwada and made people aware about the achievements of 8 years of Modi Government at the Centre.

## Jammu Refrigeration holds 2-day training event



Jammu Refrigeration Association members during a training programme.

### AICC SM Department National Convener Saral Patel, JKPC General Secretary Shahnawaz Choudhary and other senior leaders for providing him opportunity to serve Indian National Congress and assured them that he will not disappoint the party and leadership.

Through social media Congress Party is exposing the dual face of BJP and its allies, he said.

### J&K Congress appoints Bilal Rashid as Chairperson Social Media Department

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JAMMU: Bilal Rashid is a PhD Scholar and a young politician hailing from Pir Panjal region's Rajouri district has been given a big responsibility to chair the Congress Social Media Department in Jammu and Kashmir.

He thanked AICC President Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, AICC In charge of J&K Rajani Patil, AICC SM Department Chairperson Supriya SChoudhary JKPC President Viqar Rasool, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla,

headlines on media and social media.

He was associated with party from last few years and worked in this department as Executive Member.

His work was appreciated by party leaders in past also.

He has raised issues of local, regional and national importance time and again through his social media accounts, that is why congress party trusts

## Admission process started in Central Sanskrit University

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JAMMU: Admission process has started in Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Kot Bhalwal, here from September 22 for the students who have interest in Sanskrit subject and who have passed the CUET entrance examination.

Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director of the university,

said that there are many employment opportunities for students who study sanskrit.

There are many such disciplines in the field of Sanskrit, by which the student not only gets employment but also become self-reliant and contribute in the development of the society and the nation as well. There are various subjects which are studied

in the university, which include Vyakaran, Sahitya Vedas, Saryadarshan, Jyotish along with Hindi, English, Dogri, political science, history, computer, yoga etc.

Apart from degree courses diploma and certificate courses are also conducted in various subjects in the university.

University also provides monthly scholarships to

meritorious students. There is also a provision of hostel for the students in the university campus. In addition to the above extracurricular activities are also conducted for the students, in which there is a proper arrangement of various sports with NSS unit.

The University also has an admission support cell to help the students related to CUET.

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JAMMU: Jammu Refrigeration Association conducted two-day special training programme to enhance the working abilities of the young members at PR Hotel, Bakshi Nagar, here.

The programme was designed in such a way to involve those technical members in both practical as well as concept clearing sessions under the guidance of experienced resource persons, Harish Kakkar, Kuldeep Singh and Narinder.

In total, 28 members took part in the training programme. Prominent among them were Nishchint Kumar, Rajkumar Verma, Rakesh Kumar, Kuljeet Singh, Ajay

Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Kapoor, Tilak Raj Verma, Vikramjeet Singh and Amarjeet Singh.

The participating members expressed their thanks to Association president, Balwant Singh, vice president, Naresh Saini, general secretary, Mohan Lal, KS Slathia, OP Brall, Suresh Gupta, and Pawan Kumar for their support and efforts.

"We hold such events on a regular basis so as to make members technically aware of the changes taking place in the refrigeration industry. Surely, they have gained a lot out of the two-day sessions under the guidance of those experts in the field," said Balwant Singh, president of the Association.

## Heritage school wins first position in AFS Music Fest 'Swar Sadhana'



Winner students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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JAMMU: The students of Heritage school proved their mettle by bagging the first position in AFS Music Fest 'Swar Sadhana', a virtual event, hosted by The Mann School, Delhi. Team Heritage

comprising of Akshaj Thakur, Kapish Mangotra, Vrinda Bhat, Avni Sharma, Harsimrat Kaur and Aasia

participated in the category of Hindi Patriotic Group Song Competition (Senior Category). The song present-

ed by the Heritageans was composed by Sham Bhardwaj.

The Principal and the staff lauded the achievement of the winning team and wished them good luck for future events.

## Director Horticulture Jammu inaugurates awareness camp

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POONCH: Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak on Friday inaugurated one day Mega Farmers Awareness cum Interaction Programme at Chief Horticulture Complex, Poonch, organized by Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch Sh. Sanjeev Kartopia. Director Horticulture Jammu, the chief guest on the occasion was accompanied by Managing Director, Indo-Dutch Horticulture Technologies Sudhir Chadha while DDC Vice chairperson Mohd. Ashfaq and Ex MLC Jahangir Mir were the guest of honours on the occasion wherein more than 300 progressive orchardists/farmers including women participated. HDO'S of

all the Horticulture Zones along with field functionaries of the department were also present on the occasion.

The director stressed the need to encourage Modified High Density Plantation in the area and adopt cluster approach to establish new orchards. He impressed upon the women participants to come forward, adopt fruit and vegetable

preservation as a profession and establish new preservation and dry fruit processing units under the PMFME scheme, a land mark initiative of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, with more than 50% financial assistance from the department. The Director exhorted upon farmers to bring soil samples of their orchards to know about the health of the soil by getting

soil health cards and also bring infected twigs to the departmental laboratory to know about the disease causing agent and its remedial measures.

Sudhir Chadha focused on the Modified Ultra High density plantation and about ways and means to uplift Horticulture in district Poonch which has very great potential. He said that it is a pleasure for him to help farmers in every regard related to the plantation of UHD orchards. Later, Director Horticulture Ram Savak distributes sanctions for establishment of processing units and other components under different departmental schemes to the beneficiaries. He also distributes certificates to the women entrepreneurs.



SVEEP team member addressing students during awareness programme.

Secondary School Seri, made a memorable impact on the teachers where they were taught the process of the voting the National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) and different forms which could be used while registering themselves as fresh voters.

The students were motivated and noted everything they were taught regarding electoral process during Special Summary Revision-2022 on NVSP portal.

The principals and staff members of the schools appreciated the efforts of the SVEEP team.



Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak speaking at Farmers' Awareness cum Interaction Programme in Poonch.

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