

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.

Addressing an impressive gathering, the BJP stalwart said that contrary to what some Kashmiri political outfits used to spread to malign the image of great rulers of the J&K Kingdom, the Maharajas have dedicated their entire lives for the expansion of the kingdom and welfare of the masses as these rulers especially the Maharaja Hari Singh were so progressive

that there is hardly any example of such a caring Kings among their contemporaries. He said that Kashmiri politics revolved around suppressing the good deeds of the Maharajas that ruled the State before 1947.

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 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.

Smart City Jammu vision requires equal participation of authorities, public: Dr. Pardeep



Councillor Ward 40, Neelam Nargotra reviewing development work.

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JAMMU: Faster, smoother transportation, more productive city, upgraded infrastructure, reduced traffic congestion and emissions, improve parking, more use of public transportation are key features of a smart city and we are delighted and fortunate enough to view Jammu's transformation under the "Smart City Project", said Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge of Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir.

"Jammu is transforming into a smart city, a dream that is envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government. Though

the authorities are doing their job meticulously, it is also duty of city dwellers to strengthen the transformation" said Dr. Pardeep.

Dr. Pardeep and Neelam Nargotra, Councillor Ward 40 alongwith BJP District Treasurer Arun Dubey, Mandal Secretary Rahul Nargotra and other party leaders conducted an on-ground review of the progress of the Deep Drain Work on Talab Tillo Main Road under Smart City project.

AEE Smart City Project Ravi Salgotra, prominent locals Rakesh Mahajan, Sanjay Gupta and others were also present on the occasion.

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.

An order issued by Congress high command and signed by AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopaul is making

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 trust-

ed his abilities and gave him a big responsibility ahead of elections 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 JKPCC President Viqar Rasool, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla,

AICC SM Department National Convener Saral Patel, JKPCC 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.

Jammu Refrigeration holds 2-day training event



Jammu Refrigeration Association members during a training programme.

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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 Nishechint 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.

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, Sarvadarshan, 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 extra-curricular 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.

NGO Humanity Aid carries out plantation drive



NGO Humanity Aid members and others during a plantation drive at Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Humanity Aid, a Non Government Organization (NGO) in collaboration with Forest and RDD Department on Maharaja Hari Singh's Birth Anniversary carried out plantation drive at Bhalwal Jammu.

The main motto of the drive was to plant more and more trees in the entire Jammu division and make the environment clean and green.

The drive was conducted to pay tribute to the last ruler of Princely State Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh on his 127th birth anniversary.

The Chief Guest of the day was Dhananther Singh, Additional Secretary along with the President of Humanity Aid NGO Er Swarn Veer Singh Jaral, Kuldeep Raj (BDC), Daljeet Katoch (BDO), PRIS, DFOs, Rangers, forest staff, local public and all the members of the Humanity Aid NGO.

The members of Humanity Aid NGO along with all the peoples planted more than 200 plants (Medicinal and

fruits Plant) and also took oath to plant more and more trees in Jammu and make the environment clean.

"To plant a tree is like adding one more healthy year to your life and it also helps a lot in maintaining ecological balance, said Dhananther Singh.

He also shared his views about the importance of trees

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JAMMU: As per the direction of District Election Officer, Avny Lavasa, a series of awareness programme regarding Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2022 were organised in different schools in District Jammu.

The sansitization of future voters was carried under the supervision of District Nodal officer SVEEP, Devinder Singh Manhas along with DLMTs, Sushil Hiteshi, Neeraj Jamwal, Poonam Gandotra, Satpal Kour and Darshan Lal.

Their visit to GMHSS Bhalwal and Raina Higher

secondary school and also took oath to plant more and more trees in our surroundings.

At last, Er Sarvdaman Sharma and team of Humanity Aid thanked everyone present in the event and said our motto is to clean our surroundings with planting more and more trees and it will remain continue.

G. Ravisankar assumes charge as Director (Finance) POWERGRID

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NEW DELHI: G. Ravisankar has assumed the charge of Director (Finance) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU of Government of India.

Prior to this, he was working as Executive Director (Finance) at POWERGRID.

He played a pivotal role in digitization of finance functions, establishment of bill processing hubs and ERP implementation and development.

An accomplished technocrat, he has post qualification experience of 32 years, serving predominantly in POWERGRID (after a brief stint in NLC India Limited) in Construction office, Substations, Regional Headquarters and Corporate Centre located in various parts of India. He has a vast experience in key finance functions viz. Resource Mobilisation, Budgeting,

Financial Reporting, Commercial, Works Accounting and Retiral Benefits Fund Management.

He also led his team in Business Simulation Competitions and won laurels in National Management Games Championship, besides qualifying the Asian Championship to participate in the Global Management Contest representing India.

He is a Mathematics Graduate from University of Madras and is a Cost Accountant from The Institute of Cost Accountants of India. He has done Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management and Post Graduate Diploma in Materials Management from Annamalai University.

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 Bhau, 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 Karupia. 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

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 establishment 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.