

# Dr Jitendra launches 'Swachhata Portal', hails nation's upbeat mood following G20

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday launched the "Swachhata Portal" for Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0, <https://scdpn.nic.in>, at a function here for monitoring of the Swachhata campaign.

Dr Jitendra appealed to all citizens to join hands together; particularly the media in creating awareness. DARPG has launched a compendium of 300 Best Practices which will be implemented by all Government Ministries and Departments and published widely through media, highlighting 'Whole of Government' approach.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching the dedicated Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0 Portal, at National Media Centre, New Delhi on Thursday.

and 'Whole of Science' approach," he said.

The Special Campaign 3.0 will be preceded by the Preparatory phase from 15th September to 30th September

2023. During this Ministries/Departments will identify the pendency in selected categories and finalize the campaign sites.

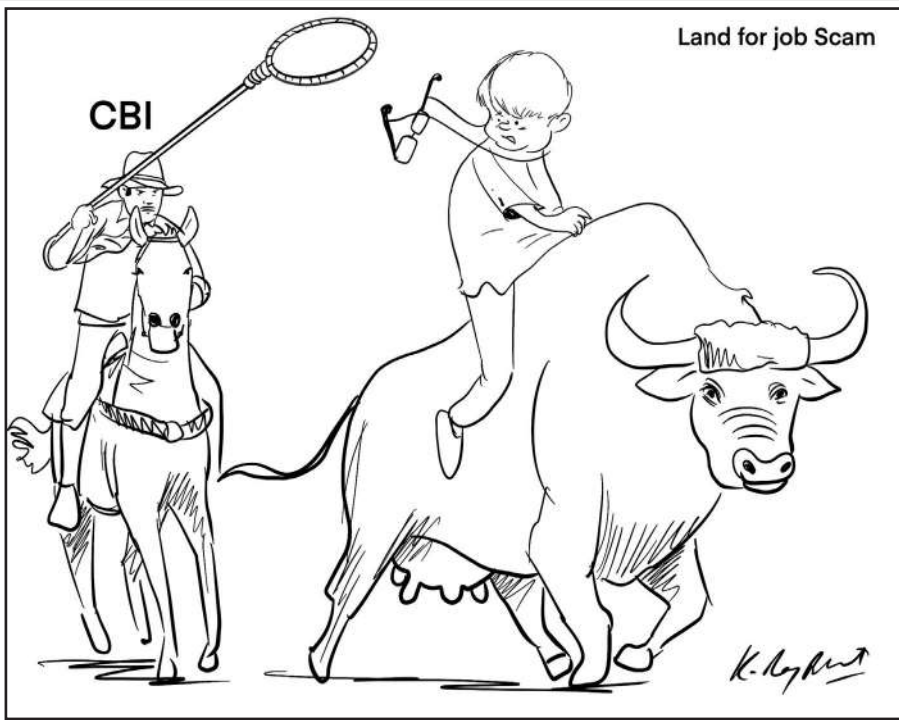
The Government of India has

announced Special campaign 3.0 from 2nd October, 2023 to 31st October, 2023 with focus on Swachhata and Reducing Pendency in Government Offices with a saturation

approach.

The Cabinet Secretary addressed all Secretaries of Government of India on 25th August, 2023 and DARPG guidelines for the same were issued on 1st September, 2023.

Special Campaign 3.0 will focus on field/outstation offices responsible for service delivery or having public interface, in addition to the Ministries/Departments and their attached/subordinate offices. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) is the Nodal Department for implementation of Special Campaign 3.0.



## LIC presents dividend cheque of Rs 1,831 crore to FM Sitharaman



LIC Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty presenting dividend cheque to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Thursday presented a dividend cheque of Rs 1,831.09 crore to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

LIC Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty presented the dividend cheque as the Government of India's share of dividend, approved by the shareholders in the Annual General Meeting held on

August 22, 2023, the insurer said in a statement.

Dr. M P Tangirala, Additional Secretary, GOI, Ministry of Finance, Dept of Financial Services was present along with Officials from Life Insurance Corporation of India, M Jagannath, MD, Tablesh Pandey, MD, Sat Pal Bhanoor, MD, R Doraiswamy, MD and J.P.S Bajaj, ZM(I/C), Northern Zone, it said.

LIC has completed 67 years since its incorporation and beginning with an initial capital of Rs 5 crore in 1956, LIC as of March 31, 2023, has an asset base of Rs 45,50,571.73 Crore with a life fund of Rs 40,81,326.41 crore, it noted.

Despite two decades of opening up of the insurance sector, LIC continues to be the market leader in the Indian life insurance market, the statement claimed.

## Anti-Sanatan INDI Alliance destined to face political wilderness: Rana

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MATHWAR: Coming down heavily on those seeking eradication of Sanatan Dharma, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday said the INDI Alliance must understand that glorious civilization of Bharat has withstood the onslaughts of tyrants and aggressors at the strength of its eternal values.

"The INDI Alliance leaders under the patronage of the Congress have taken the tirade against Sanatan to next level in their Hate Modi Campaign and for lust of power but they will find themselves in the political wilderness by hurting sentiments of nearly a billion population", he said at a function held at Mandal Mathwar to commemorate Meri Maati Mera Desh Abhyaan.

Devender Rana said that



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others collecting Mitti.

Sanatan Dharma or Hinduism is a way of life which preaches love, compassion, righteousness and inclusiveness under the spirit of Vasudeva Kutumbakam. This concept holds the key for world peace and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood among all, not any particular community, section, region or religion. This innate strength of the

Sanatan Dharma has been the source of its survival for thousands of decades, he said, adding that those criticizing Hinduism expose their lack of understanding and ignorance.

Rana said the great Sanatan Dharma and the glorious Indian civilisation treats the world as a family and this ethos holds promise for peace, harmony and tranquility, especially now when humanity is

facing the biggest challenge of hate and intolerance. He said the INDI Alliance has problems with India taking a leadership role for forging universal bonding in true spirit of "Vasudeva Kutumbakam. All this is in consonance with the deeply ingrained Vedic philosophy, which does not differentiate between the people on religious or continental basis but

treats them as one. This effort has been appreciated globally.

He said every Sanatan begins the day with the prayers for everyone to be happy, everyone to be in good health and everyone to prosper as they believe God in every particle, least to speak of human beings.

Rana said it is incumbent upon every segment of the Indian society to unite and foil the machinations of the Sanatan bashers by working towards strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, the cornerstone of Indian ethos and glorious heritage. He said the spiritual land of India has emanated the message of humanity from times immemorial and guided humanity to peace, prosperity and spiritual bliss.

## Modi Govt will give befitting to Pakistan for exporting terrorist: Yudhvir

Large section of society take out candle light march to pay tributes to Anantnag Martrys

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Yudhvir Sethi reaffirmed the government's commitment to give a befitting response to Pakistan's nefarious designs following the tragic martyrdom of three valiant officers, including an Army Colonel, Major, and Deputy Superintendent of Police, during the Kokernag encounter.



Senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi and others taking out candle march.

Jammu and Kashmir Police Department, and District Administration. The candlelight march commenced from Bharat Mata Chowk and culminated at Raghunath Ji

Mandir Chowk, marking a solemn tribute to the supreme sacrifice made by these brave hearts in the line of duty. Joining the

march were members of various Bazaar associations, civil society members, councillors Gopal Mahajan and Anil Masoom, as well as several prominent citizens.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi expressed the nation's solidarity with the grieving families of the martyred officers. He stated, "The loss of these brave souls is an irreparable loss to the nation. They displayed unparalleled valor and unwavering dedication while serving our country. Their sacrifice will forever be cherished and remembered."

The senior BJP leader reiterated the government's firm resolve to give a fitting reply to Pakistan's malicious intentions and safeguard the nation's security. He emphasized that the sacrifices made by these officers would not go in vain, and their memory would inspire countless others to serve the nation with unwavering commitment.

He asked Pakistan to desist from exporting terrorism to India. He emphasized the need for Pakistan to abandon its destabilizing activities in our country.

## Jammu people unsatisfied with casual approach of authorities towards their basic issues: Altaf Bukhari

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Thursday said that the people of Jammu are unsatisfied with the casual approach of the authorities towards their basic issues.

He gave this statement during a ward wise review meeting of the Party leaders that was held here at Apni Party Office, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu ahead of upcoming Urban Local Body elections. The leaders expressed their concern over the poor implementation of the smart city project, improper drainage system that leads to water logging during rainfall in the main chowks, and low-lying residential areas falling under JMC. The Party leaders also informed the Party President about the failure of the authorities in providing basic amenities to the people in the Jammu municipal wards. While addressing the Party leaders, Bukhari said, "Apni Party will speak truth to the powers. Jammu has suffered badly because the authorities are working in a



wayward manner without considering the worries of the common masses."

Directing the Party leaders to get ready for Urban Local Body elections and Panchayati Raj elections, the Apni Party President hoped that the people would appreciate and support the work of the Party leaders by extending their support to the candidates.

"The ULB elections would be eye openers for those who claimed to be champion of Jammu because they have betrayed people, who voted them to power in 2014 in the erstwhile J&K. The people had hopes, but Jammu was deprived of basic amenities. The launch of Smart City Project had given hope for the people, but it appeared to have failed before its take-off," he added.

He asked the Party leaders to visit each ward under Jammu Municipal Limits and other Municipal Committees across the Jammu Region to listen to the grievances of the masses.

## Grand Kalash Yatra commences majestic 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya at Sidhgoria Temple



Devotees taking out Kalash Yatra at Jammu on Thursday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A grand Kalash Yatra was taken out on Thursday in connection with 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya from Baba Sidhgoria Temple under the guidance of Mahant Kuldeep Singh Paloura Wale of Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura in which large number of devotees participated.

has been organised by Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from September 14 (Thursday) to September 24 (Sunday), 2023 where large number of devotees will take part in Mahayagya and listen Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme.

The religious programme started on 14th September 8 am with Jal Yatra followed by Mandal Pujan and Yagya from 8 am to 12 noon, Shrimad Bhagwat Katha from 2 pm to 5 pm daily from September 18 to 24.

Prominent persons who participated in the yatra include Ashok Singh Chib, Satish Sharma Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Vasu, Vishu Jaipal Paloura, Suresh Kumar Laswara, Sonu Baba Paloura, Jyot Baba Paloura, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Balbir Singh Paloura, Mohit Gupta, Amarjeet Singh, Deepanshu, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Suresh Kumar Rehari, Kuldeep Gupta Talab Tillo, Ram Paul Sharma and Varinder Singh Badori.

## SIA conducts searches in Reasi, recovers sensitive documents, electronic gadgets

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In response to critical intelligence reports indicating the presence of active terror helpers and overground workers assisting anti-national elements in the upper reaches of Tehsil Mahore and Pouni area of District Reasi, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) Jammu took swift action to address this pressing security concern.

Based on the intelligence received, it was suspected that these helpers were providing logistical support and information to individuals associated with anti-national activities.

It was also revealed that



these individuals were using various apps on their Android mobile phones to communicate with Pakistan-based terrorists and handlers, with a clear intent to revive terrorist activities in the hinterland.

In light of these alarming reports, State Investigation Agency Jammu obtained search warrants from the courts under FIR 2/2022, invoking Sections 13, 18, 19, 21, 23, 38, 39, and 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAP Act).

The Joint Investigation Cell (JIC) of SIA Jammu, in coordination with local law enforcement, swiftly conducted

searches in the houses of Sardar Din, son of Ankalla, resident of Khour, tehsil Mahore, district Reasi at present Aldhara Khour, tehsil Mahore, Reasi; Zubair Ahmed, son of Mohd Hanief, resident of Deharu, Tehsil Pouni, Reasi and Mohd Shafi, son of Abdul Gaffar, resident of Dabri, Tehsil Mahore, Reasi.

During these meticulously conducted searches, a significant amount of evidence was discovered, including electronic gadgets and relevant documents, which will help in further investigations.

These operations were carried

out under the vigilant supervision of an executive magistrate and with the active participation and support of the District Police Reasi.

The State Investigation Agency Jammu is committed to maintaining the safety and security of the region and will continue to take decisive actions against any individuals or groups involved in anti-national activities or terrorism.

We urge the public to remain vigilant and cooperative with law enforcement agencies in our collective effort to safeguard our homeland, said an officer of SIA.

## CS reviews modalities for establishment of Mega Water Park at Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday Wednesday reviewed the modalities for establishment of Mega Water Park by the Tourist Department in Jammu as announced in the Budget of 2023-24 and was a commitment of Lieutenant Governor to the inhabitants of the city.



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Tourism; VC, Jammu Development Authority, Consultants and other concerned stakeholders.

Dr Mehta while taking note of various components of the Water Theme Park maintained that it would act as a major tourist attraction in Jammu Capital round the year offering entertainment and recreational activities to every age group. He observed that this theme park proposed to be established

along the banks of River Tawi near Sidhura would make a circuit together with Bahu Fort, Maha Maya Temple, Artificial Lake, and Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

The Chief Secretary observed that Jammu is the route for millions of pilgrim tourists going to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine besides other local tourist destinations. He said that the tourism infrastructure coming up in the city

and going to be dedicated to public in future is enough to attract many tourists to visit these places. He expressed hope that this will make Jammu a major tourist hub of the UT.

He further instructed the Department to explore other eco-tourism activities as it is in close proximity with the forest area. He said that the eco-friendly hutments and other amenities shall also be explored to add to the ambience of the

park. He asked project proponents to explore making JDA the equity holder in this project so that possibility of revenue sharing is examined in project design.

While giving details about the proposed theme park, the Secretary Tourism, Syed Abid Rasheed Shah informed the meeting that around 92 kanals of land has been identified for building this water park attraction. He also gave out that the adjacent forest land could be

leased additionally for the said proposal so as to make the project viable for adding new attractions and for creating gardens, jogging tracks, botanical garden, tree houses etc as permissible under master plan.

The meeting was informed that the park is planned to have attractions like provision for water rides, wave pool, artificial water landscape, kids pool, swimming area, water museum, central water body besides other amenities like jogging track, sky dining, water volleyball, sunbathing, lazy river, indoor water sports, cabana rentals, live entertainment, special/night event zones, landscape zone, hard-scape and kiosks for public.

Moreover the meeting was apprised that there is also the proposal of a cable stretched foot bridge connecting either Peer Kho Ropeway Station to

the proposed site or from the Panjthirithi Chowk having Multi Tier parking. As Peer Kho is a potential tourist destination, the foot bridge shall serve as an attractive connectivity to the said site for tourists.

The objective of this tourism project was described as to enhance tourism potential of Jammu, tap the potential of pilgrimage tourism and fulfill the desire of having a thrilling recreational / adventure destination here. This water theme park is going to attract tourists from neighbouring areas, increasing footfall, extending the tourist stay at Jammu leading to revenue and employment generation for the locals on one hand and water management, environmental sustainability and health benefits for people on the other hand.