IIPA to focus on Cyber Security in governance: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: The prestigious Indian Institute of Administration (IIPA), an autonomous academic institution of national eminence for training, research and information dissemination in streams related to the ethos of Public Administration under the DoPT, will focus on the study of Cyber Security and data privacy in governance, particularly the potential cyber threats to data by non-state and state actors

This was stated hare today by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Pensions. Grievances. Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the Chairman IIPA, addressing while the Council 323rdExecutive Meeting of the IIPA here.

He called upon the Institute to devote itself to developing a safe and effective Cyber Space and protection of Digital Assets in the Government set-up.

Earlier in May this year, the AHMS, Delhi, the coun-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing Executive Council meeting of IIPA at New Delhi on Friday.

try's leading medical institute and hospital, was crippled by a series of malware directed by cyber crooks. According to a report by cybersecurity CloudSEK,cyberattacks on Indian government agencies more than doubled in 2022.India's share in total Under Prime Minister cyberattacks on government agencies rose to 13.7% in

The Executive Council of IIPA, with its Chairman Dr Jitendra Singh presiding the meeting, meanwhile approved that the next Academic Session of IIPA for the year 2024 will also focus on eGovernance Initiatives Inclusive

2022 from 6.3% in 2021.

Delivery, besides India's role Climate Mitigation. These topics will form the theme of the Institute's journal, - Indian Public Administration, while its Hindi equivalent will focus on the themes, - Sustainable Development.

Narendra Modi, in the last nine vears, Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that there had been a paradigm shift in technology, Swachhata (Cleanliness campaign), accountability and transparency in the Government functioning. The Delhi New Summit Declaration under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Modi had backed the 'G20 Framework for Systems of Digital Infrastructure', recognising the role of DPI in the delivery of Services, he said, calling for skilled use of

Artificial Intelligence in the

Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that the IIPA has a huge pool of new knowledge. He called upon the Member Secretary and IIPA Director General SN Tripathi to publicise widely through various social media platforms the curated subject specific lecture series so that aspiring vouth can avail of its benefits while appearing for UPSC

ing to buzzing economic

activity and humming

tourist influx. He said the

dubious role of the terror

Civil Services and other Exams.

"IIPA has such a vast pool of useful knowledge in different subject papers that everybody can make use of while shaping their careers. IIPA can give a run for money to many private run coaching academies," he said.

Calling for integration of various government Capacity Building programmes, Dr Jitendra Singh also asked the HPA to mark its presence on social media by identifying ten success stories and presenting it in the form of short videos.

"The IIPA has the potential to emerge as a hub of new knowledge by integrating its programmes with the Building Capacity Commission," he said.

In the last year, the IIPA started training of State Government officials with Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) of Bihar, Maharashtra, Govt. of NCT Delhi, Allahabad High Court, J&K Urban Local Body etc. A total of 32 training programmes for State Governments were

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barism unleashed by terror-

ists in terms of death and

devastation caused, and con-

tinuously being perpetrated,

by the Pakistani lackeys but

that doesn't change the ugly

face Pakistan and its ecosys-

Rana said the Pakistan

sponsored terrorists cannot

hold peace to ransom, as

they are destined to doom

and meet their designated

fate. In the guns they keep

brandishing lies to their ulti-

He paid tribute to the

brave hearts of the Kokernag

and Rajouri terror attacks

and expressed solidarity with

Responding to the issues

raised by the deputations

and others, Devender Rana

said that these will be taken

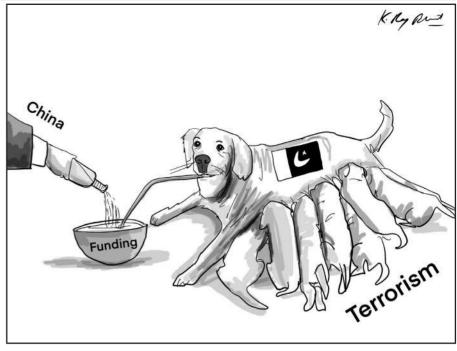
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J&K Police, traders join hand in fight against drugs; holds awareness march



out awareness march at Apsara road, Jammu on Friday,

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a united effort to combat the growing menace of drug abuse in the region, the Jammu Kashmir Police along with the business community of Jammu and general public organized an awareness march against drug menace on Friday at Gandhi Nagar, here.

The march on the Apsara Road led was Superintendent of Police Jammu South, Shaheen Wahid along with prominent citizens and witnessed a large turnout of concerned citizens and stakeholders, all committed to eradicate the scourge of narcotics from the

The participants, carrying placards and banners bear-

ing anti-drug slogans, drew attention from residents and onlookers alike. South.

JammuShaheen Wahid led the march and addressed the gathered crowd.

She highlighted the devastating effects of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society as a whole. While the Jammu Kashmir

police is making all out efforts to root out this menace from the region, collaborative efforts are required from the society at large to achieve this," she said.

She emphasized the importance of collective efforts in curbing this menace and urged citizens to play an active role in identifying and reporting drug-related activ-

Prominent citizens included Anil Kohli, Rajan Gupta, Ashwani Khullar, Avtar Singh Khalsa, Sanjay Gupta, Navin Gupta among others.

They expressed their commitment to a drug-free Jammu and stressed the need for a holistic approach involving law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and concerned citizens to tackle this issue effective-

Appreciating J&K Police for this thought-provoking initiative, they pledged their complete support to Jammu Kashmir Police in its fight against the drug menace.

Their presence underscored the importance of a united front against this pressing

Local residents who witnessed the march expressed their appreciation for this initiative, citing the need for continued efforts to address the drug problem in Jammu. Many pledged their support and willingness to collaborate in future initiatives aimed at eradicating drugs from their neighborhoods. DySP Sachit Sharma, SDPO South, Ins Pankaj Sharma SHO Gandhi Nagar and other officers and officials of South Zone were

Indo-Pak talks votaries playing insensitive politics: Rana nessed near normalcy, leadfew people may try to con-

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Questioning sensibilities of the self-proclaimed votaries of Indo-Pak talks and their sense of proportion, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana expressed surprise and anguish over unwarranted rants of engaging Islamabad in dialogue even before the last rites of the Kokernag terror attack martyrs. "The insensitive terror

ecosystem should learn lesson from the common man in Kashmir who took to streets and joined the candle march to pay their tributes to valiant martyrs, who offered supreme sacrifice to maintain the prevailing momentum of normalcy in the Valley", Rana said while interacting with deputations and individuals during the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters here this afternoon alongwith Veena



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh listening to public issues.

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Khanna.

Secretary He said the Centre has time and again, made its policy of terror and talks not going together very clear and still those trying to carve out an unsolicited role for themselves, for whatever reason, by jumping the line, should understand that India cannot engage itself with a country that sprouts terrorism. The anger against the recent terror acts in

Dr Darakhshan meets JU VC

sion. On this occasion, the

Vice Chancellor apprised the

visiting dignitary about the

newly launched four-year

undergraduate program:

Design Your Degree. The

Vice-Chancellor also shared

important information about

the developments in the

University in a brief presen-

tation. The Waqf Board

Chairperson sought Jammu

University's help in initializ-

BJP

and Kokernag across the Valley, as elsewhere in the country, is mute reminder to the rejected and frustrated political elite who seize such opportunities to play dirty politics in the mistaken belief of remaining relevant to politics. In this sinister pursuit, they forget that Kashmir has transformed and stands for peace and this urge has become predominant during the past four years that have wit-

ing collaborative programs

and research projects with

regard to the history of the

various Sufi shrines in the

J&K. "we are blessed to be in

the land of Sufis and saints

and having inherited rich cul-

tural and historical legacy"

I requested the vice

initiatives

Chancellor to undertake joint

regarding the documentation

of our historical sites and

explore ideas for preserving

various shrines' facets under

the Waqf Board. I am very

happy to learn about the Vice

Chancellor's newly launched

Design Your Degree initia-

tive. This undergraduate

program is not only progres-

sive but also in tune with

NEP 2020 and the require-

ments of the market. Senior

Teaching faculty Sh. Ranjeet

Kalra was also present on the

said Darakshan Andrabi

collaborative

ecosystem to run politics over the graves and the miseries of common people has now become obsolete, which is why the people are up in arms against the cult of violence and disruption. The people of Jammu and Kashmir are realising the dividends of peace now more than before, he added. Notwithstanding the isolated

terrorattacks, Devender Rana reiterated that terrorism emanating from Pakistan is on its last breath on the Indian soil of Kashmir due to focussed operations and campaign of the security forces, the police and the people in particular, who have undergone a most traumatic phase during the past over three decades. A

High turbidity in Tawi affects filtration, residents asked to

use water judiciously ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jal Shakti Department has requested the residents of Jammu City to use water judiciously in view of low filtration amid high turbidity heavy rains in upper

"Due to heavy rains in the upper reaches there is very high turbidity in the River Tawi feeding the main Water Treatment Plants of Jammu city due to which the filtration plants are functioning at a low efficiency.

On this account the water supply is likely to remain affected in Jammu city for the next couple of days. The consumers are requested to use water iudiciously" the department stated .

STATE TIMES NEWS District Magistrate Sachin Kumar

Vaishya on Friday chaired a meeting with revenue officials, including Patwaris, Teheildare and Tehsildars.

The gathering addressed pressing concerns surrounding the department's work-

 $_{\rm DM}$ Sachin Kumar Vaishya did not mince words as he expressed his grave concern over some negative feedback of the department and made it abundantly clear that the administration would adopt a strict stance against any form of corruption in the department. He urged all present to uphold a strong commitment to ethics and to expedite public application

punctuality, attend public regularly processes without unwarranted delays. He firmly asserted that any willful procrastination on their part would result in severe consequences.

direct all revenue officials,

DM Jammu asks revenue officials to maintain

In a display of forthright ness, the DM underscored the point that a few corrupt individuals could tarnish the reputation of the entire system and department. In a bid to ensure compliance, the SDM and Tehsildars were specifically instructed to monitor the adherence to these directives by their subordinates, particularly Patwaris.

"The Public Service Guarantee Act is a transformative instrument that directly benefits the public and its implementation must be ensured," declared the DM. He went on to

with a particular focus on Patwaris and Girdawars, to maintain daily public hours from 10 AM to 12 PM at importance of creating an environment where the public feels accommodated and valued, insisting on punctu-

ality within their offices. DM Sachin Kumar Vaishya called upon the officials to wield their powers with a sense of responsibility and a positive outlook. He did not shy away from addressing specific cases of misconduct, affirming that actions were already being contemplated against those involved. Furthermore, he promptly issued strict guidelines to discourage any deviation from established

procedures.

In a forward-looking statement, the DM emphasised that times are changing and the system is evolvtheir respective pat- ing to become more publicwarkhanas. He stressed the oriented and citizen-friendly. "In this new era, only honesty and diligence will be rewarded," he concluded.

Following the meeting. DM Vaishya proceeded to review the progress on key initiatives such as SVAMIT-VA and routine procedures, including the verification of Jamabandis, within the department.

The meeting was attend-Sandeep Magistrates, and other officials.

ed by ADC Jammu, Seointra; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Piyush Dhotra besides Sub Divisional Tehsildars

Revenue officials remove encroachment from state land in Nagrota

Chairperson Waqf Board Dr. Darakshan Andrabi

calling on VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai.

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Dr.Andrabi, Minister of State

Jammu on Friday.

Board

JAMMU: Chairperson Waqf

met Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-

Chancellor University of

During the course of the

meeting, various initiatives

in the field of higher educa-

tion under the leadership of

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj

Sinha came up for discus-

Darakshan

JAMMU: Under the direction of District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, officials from the Revenue Department, led by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Piyush Dhotra and Tehsildar Nagrota, Babu Ram Choudhary, along with Tehsildar Jammu Development Authority, Ranjt Singh, conducted an antiencroachment drive to reclaim state land measuring 2 kanal in village Nagrota on Friday. The encroached land, identified under khasra number 851, was unlawfully occupied by one Somnath Sapru, who had also erected a compound wall and a huge gate on the property. It has come to light that the encroacher has a history of such encroachments and, on this occasion, he was sternly cautioned by officials against any future transgressions. The district administration has decided to take stringent measures against corruption and encroachments across the district in the coming days.

Power shutdown

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Industrial Area Bari Brahmana will remain affected on September 16 from 7 am to 8 $\,$ am. Similarly, the power supply to Bakshi Nagar, Rajpura, Gurha, Rehari, Sarwal and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 17 from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Kheri, Rehal, Pandoriyan, Rattnal Chak Hasla and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 18 from 6 am to 10 am. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Mangtian, Channi Arorian, Rajbagh, Dhaloti, Bhagwal, Tandyari, Amala and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 16 and 18 from 6 am to 10 am.

Congress takes out anti-terrorism rally



JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and others during rally.

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SUNDERBANI: Congress took out an impressive anti terrorists rally in Sunderbani raising anti terrorists,anti pak slogans and paid rich homage to the martyred Army and police officers and jawans of Kokernag and Treyath kalakote gun fight.

Led by JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma Ex MLC , Block President NC Sharma and other senior Congress and Youth Congress leaders, the rally passed through main bazar to bus stand before paying homage to the martyrs at a shradhanjli smaroh in the main chowk,today evening. A large number of youth

Congress activists & others joined the rally to register protest against Pakistan and demanded that Pakistan be declared a terrorist state and isolated by world.

Lauding the Indian army, security forces and police for the bravery and their sacrifices to eliminate terrorism, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson questioned BJP government for the false claims of total normalcy and failure to contain Pakistan and get it isolated economically in the international community.

Seeking apology from the

prime minister and the top brass of BJP for continuing with celebrations in the BJP Hq Delhi and exchanging flowers over the G 20, when nation was mourning the supreme sacrifice of our young army and police officers and jawans. He termed it shameful and insult to the martyrs. Block President NC Sharma

also paid homage to the martyrs and termed shameful the BJP event in Delhi, when nation was in shock. He asked Modi government to take concrete steps to teach Pakistan, a lesson and eliminate terrorism. Sdr Ajit Singh, Chuni Lal, Yog Raj Sharma, Capt Joginder Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Om Parkash, Vijay Damral Retd Principal, Govind Sudan Chotu AYC president, Pankaj Raina, Ashwani Sharma, Rakesh Vikram Verma, Narwal, Mahesh Sharma, Virinder Singh, Lok Natj, Raj Kumar, Subash Verma , Gourav Sharma, Kasturi Lal, Durga Dutt and several other prominent persons tool part.

Phone Live-in Grievance Programme Garners overwhelming response from people in Rajouri **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: The 7th episode of the Phone Live-in Grievances redressal program, conducted today, witnessed an overwhelming response as more than 50 calls poured in from different parts of the District.

This initiative, aimed at providing a platform to the residents to voice their grievances and receive immediate solutions from the district administration, garnered enthusiastic participation from individuals across the district.

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, callers had the opportunity to express their concerns on a wide range of issues. The Deputy Commissioner Vikas kundal demonstrated patience and commitment in addressing each caller's concerns, offering invaluable guidance and support to resolve their problems. In response to the concerns of

the residents, the Deputy Commissioner assured them



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

that prompt and effective measures would be taken to address their issues within specified timeframes. He encouraged residents to continue providing feedback and suggestions, emphasizing the constructive role these inputs play in enhancing governance and development in the district.

The Phone Live-in Grievance Program exemplifies the ongoing efforts of the district administration to improve public service delivery and strengthen the government-citthe program has earned widespread acclaim, serving as a direct avenue for individuals to voice their concerns and seek redressal directly from the District Administration. It has significantly contributed to enhancing transparency and accountability within the dis-

trict administration. The 7th

episode of the Phone Live-in

Grievance Program is a signif-

This remarkable success of

icant milestone, reaffirming the commitment of the District Administration to engaging with the people of Rajouri. CPO Mohammad Khurshida ACD Vijay Verma, ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid: DSEO, Sanjeev Sharma; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; XEN PWD(

R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.