J&K requires StartUp fillip to change 'Sarkari Naukri' mindset: Dr Jitendra

JAMMU: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said, Jammu & Kashmir requires a StartUp fillip to change "Sarkari Naukri" mindset. In the midst of a Start-up revolution across India, government job mindset could prove to be an impediment, said Dr. Jitendra Singh while inaugurating 'Youth Conclave' organized by CSIR-IIIM Jammu. Addressing the Youth Conclave, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this is the best times happening in India as the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya has sparked global aspirations among Indian students.

With the unlocking of space technology by PM Narendra Modi, the doors of Sriharikota are open for pubnow to watch satellite/rocket launch which was a dream earlier, some ten watched



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing "Youth Conclave" at Jammu on Saturday.

Aditya-L1 launch and 1000 media persons were present Chandrayaan-3, Dr. Jitendra added. Dr. Singh said. India's Youth today is no longer the prisoner of aspiration as this generation has aspirations in abundance & avenues in tons, with numerous opportunities knocking at their doors in the form of Start-ups which are now the engines of economic growth. Praising NEP-2020 as one

of the revolutionary steps taken by PM Narendra Modi, Dr. Jitendra said, supplements Start-Up ecosystem (Startup India, Stand-up India clarion call given by PM Narendra Modi), promises new careers and entrepreneurship opportunities for students and youth in India.

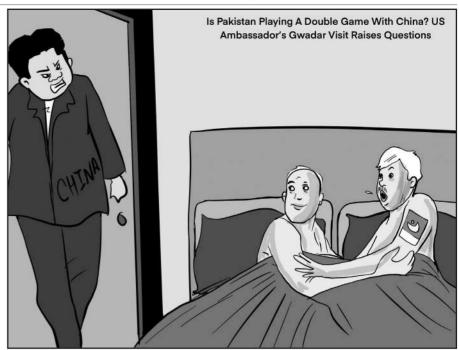
Dr Jitendra further said, the provision of multiple entry/exit option is something to be cherished as this a positive impact on the students related to the availing of different career opportunities at different times, depending upon their intrinsic learning and inherent aptitude. Dr Jitendra said, this is all evident now that with the unlocking of space sector by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in June 2020, the number of Space Start-ups sky-rocketed from merely 04 to 150 and most of them being led by science students, researchers and

Dr Singh further said that there were just around 350 Start-ups before 2014, but after PM Modi gave the clarion call from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his Independence Day address and after rolling out special Start-up scheme in 2016, there has been a quantum jump with over 1.25 lakh Start-ups now with more

entrepreneurs

Similarly, he added that in the Biotech sector, from 50 odd Start-ups in 2014, we now have 6,000 Biotech Start-ups. Dr. Jitendra said, CSIR-IIIM is the oldest scientific research institute in India with the history of discovering mint way back in 1960s and the centre of purple revolution in India. In the welcome address, Dr.

Zabeer Ahmad, Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu said, CSIR-IIIM Jammu is endeavoured to promote start-up and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir and this Youth Conclave today is part of this endeavour so that youth of today is informed of the tons of entrepreneurship opportunities provided by the government. Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma and DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan were present in the



RPHQ Jammu conducts drug awareness campaign under CAP



Chief Guest Rajinder Singh Katoch SSP, SO to DIG Jammu and Guest of Honour, Shaheen Wahid, SP South and others taking pledge.

Div Com reviews arrangements for Air Show being held at Jammu Air Force Station

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Saturday chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrangements being put in place for smooth conduct of the Air Show.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Air Force Station Jammu is going to present a spectacular Air Show at Air Force Station Jammu on September 22, 2023 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Div Com reviewed in detail all the arrangements like security, parking facilities, seating arrangements, invitations, sanitation, water power arrangements etc.

To maintain cleanliness, the Jammu Municipal



Corporation (JMC) entrusted with sanitation and garbage clearance in the vicinity of Air Force Station. The CEO Cantonment Board was directed to oversee cleanliness and bush cutting within his jurisdiction.

Ensuring smooth traffic flow around the venue, SSP Traffic was instructed to formulate a comprehensive traffic management plan and identify suitable parking areas. Additionally, the Traffic Department will issue a Traffic Advisory to avoid inconvenience to com-

To attract a wide audience, the Tourist Department was mandated to carry out extensive publicity, printing of invitation cards, and making seating arrangements.

Information Department was assigned the task of installing Public Address Systems (PAS) and managing media coverage during the event.

LED screens would also be installed with live footage for the audience.

It was clarified that only invitees with passes would

have access to the venue, while the general public and audience members can enjoy the Air Show from designated viewing locations.

The meeting was attended by DIG Traffic Shridhar Patel. Commissioner JMC. Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Jammu. Sachin Kumar Vaishya. Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai, COO Air Force Station Jammu, Gp Capt Y K Kandalgar besides Traffic, Director Health, Joint Director Information, Atul Gupta, Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta, Joint Tourism, Directors of Hospitality and Protocol, School Education, Fire serv-Chief Engineer JPDCL, SE PWD and other concerned officers.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continue to drive against drug menace cam-Range Headquarters (RPHQ) , Jammu on Saturday conducted an ambitious drug awareness campaign aimed at fostering a drug free community.

The programme was conducted at Sainik Cooperative Public School, Sainik Colony Jammu under Civic Action Programme (CAP) under the command of DIG Jammu-Samba- Kathua Range Shakti Kumar Pathak.

Staff and Students of School and civil society members of the surrounding area witnessed the event.

Programme started with the

welcome of Chief Guest Rajinder Singh Katoch SSP, SO to DIG Jammu and Guest of Honour SP South Shaheen delivered an essay on bad

Katoch said that RPHQ Jammu is going to organising such programme in the jurisdice in programme. diction of each Police Station of Jammu, Samba and Kathua District. He also said that beside studies student also should take part in the

negative forces. Shaheen Wahid and Dr. Shehnaz Bhat Incharge Drug De addiction Centre Jammu. explained the types and ill/bad effects of the drugs and insist-

ed students to stay away from

sports, cultural activities and

stay away from the drugs and

the drugs and excess use of social media. Students of the school also

effects of the drugs. PSI Heena Bashir of PS Channi Himmat handled the

DySP RPHQ Raman Kumar, SHO Channi Himmat Neeraj Choudhary, Inspector RPHQ Anjoo Pandita, ICPP Sainik Colony PSI Bhawani Singh and Team members CAP RPHQ, Jammu, also

Pledge was taken by all the students, staff of the school, dignitaries, civil society members, general public and all the employees of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

present in the programme.

Freedom fighters & martyrs receive due respect under Modi regime: Priya Sethi



National Executive member of BJP, Priya Sethi speaking at party workers meeting.

JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive member of BJP former Minister and Prabhari Social Media BJP highlighted the significant strides made by the Modi government in honouring the sacrifices of freedom fighters and martyrs in the last nine years of governance at the Centre.

The former minister was speaking while addressing an organizational meeting of Gandhi Nagar Mandal here today. In the meeting, Rekha Mhajan, District President, Bharat Bhushan, Mandal President and Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta were also pres-

Priva Sethi commended the Union Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its unwavering commitment to acknowledging and respecting the contributions and sacrifices made by Freedom Fighters and Martyrs over the last seven decades.

She contrasted this with the efforts of previous government headed by Congress, emphasizing that rarely had such initiatives been undertaken. Under the leadership of

Prime Minister Modi, the government has taken numerous steps to pay tribute to these heroes. Priya Sethi pointed out that schools, colleges, roads, and

railway stations across the nation have been named after these valiant Martyrs. In particular, she lauded the

Udhampur Railway Station after the Martyr Tushar Mahajan, a significant tribute to his memory. The senior BJP leader

> asserted that the country will never forget the supreme sacrifice made by the valiant soldiers. The indebted nation has all along been bowing their heads with respect and deep esteem for the sacrifices made by soldiers, she said, adding that martyrs will continue to inspire generations for serving the Nation in whatever capacity they can.

> "It is heartening to witness the Modi government's dedication to ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten," she added. During her address,

Priya Sethi also reminded people of the immense contributions and sacrifices made by the activists of Praja Parishad towards the nation's cause and urged that their contributions be remembered and acknowledged as well. In addition to discussing the government's initiatives, she provided information about the ongoing 'Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign aiming to foster a spirit of patriotism and gratitude for our nation among the citizens, recognizing the pivotal role played by Freedom Fighters, Martyrs, and other contributors to our nation's growth and development.

She urged the people of Jammu East constituency to wholeheartedly participate in the campaign and contribute to making it a grand success.

Rekha Mahajan, District President, in her address, reiterated the importance of acknowledging and respecting the contributions of these heroes, emphasizing that their sacrifices are an integral part of India's rich history

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out across Kashmir: Official ■ MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Unabated mining has become a major environmental issue in the Valley. It has a direct bearing upon the losses in the Union Territory. Many experts are of the opinion that illegal mining results in massive revenue loss to the public exchequer. It is a fact that unregulated and illegal mining of minerals are undertaken without the proper permission from the concerned authorities.

According to the government's policy, mining cannot be carried out without proper permission, but mafia's are active without any kind of threat and

As part of its commitment to ensure zero percent illegal mining in the entire Valley, the Department of Geology &



Zero tolerance policy against illegal mining

To control menace night raids carried

Mining has intensified night raids across Kashmir division. Acting tough against the per-

sons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, the field staff of the department under supervision of respective District Mineral Officers (DMOs) along with Police has seized a large number of excavators, dumpers, l&T machinery involved in ille-

transportation/ from District Ganderbal, Pulwama and Budgam during intervening night of 9th and 10th September, 2023.

During these drives, 11 from district seizures Ganderbal, 04 L&T chain type excavators from District Budgam and 04 L&Ts from District Pulwama have been booked under relevant laws of illegal mining and later on handed over to respective police authorities to proceed as per

The department has made its policy to eradicate the menace of illegal mining and no violations of any type shall be tolerated with regard to illegal mining, and whosoever is found involved in illegal mining shall be dealt with in case they continue to repeat the offence, read an official handout. As such the public is request-

ed to take full advantage of the department's online services and purchase the material from legal sources as identified by the Department of Geology and Mining, further the cooperation of the general public is imminent to achieve full control over illegal mining from Kashmir Division.