

# Dr Jitendra launches DoPT's 'Capacity Building Plan' for employees

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday launched the "Capacity Building Plan" (CBP) for Government employees, at DoPT headquarters here.

The Plan has been rolled out by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) in consultation with the DoPT.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra said the CBP is a new initiative by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to train officers and rationalise deployment of officers and staff depending on the skills and acquired competencies. It lays emphasis on transformation of Government offices.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh releasing the Capacity Building Plan at DoPT headquarters, North Block, New Delhi on Wednesday.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on eGovernance that leads to Easy, Economic and Environment friendly functioning in the Government. Easy implies convenient and time-saving, eOffice leads to Economy, while doing away with file work saves not only

time but is also Environment friendly. The Administrative reforms initiated by PM Modi are aimed at creating an efficient, transparent and corruption-free administration," he said.

Dr Singh said the Karmayogi Prarambh module has been made part of

Induction Training of all Government employees and the same has been implemented for the new recruits who joined Government service under the Rozgar Mela, the 6th sequel of which was held yesterday where over 51,000 youth were handed by appointment letters by PM

Modi. The DoPT Minister called upon the CBC to constantly update and revise the various training modules as the Artificial Intelligence is about to sweep our learning and work culture.

"In this age of technology, the doubling time has shrunk from five years to less than a year," he said.

Lauding the CBP for the iGOT training modules for all levels of Government employees right from the ASO level to JS and a few select courses for even the Secretaries, Dr Jitendra Singh asked the CBC Chairman Adil Zainulbhai to devise a similar Training Module for the Minister also.

# World Tourism Day celebrations across Kashmir

Seminar on green tourism, cleanliness drives mark the occasion

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SRINAGAR: World Tourism Day has been held on September 27 each year since 1980 to promote tourism all over the globe. The date marks anniversary of the adoption of the Statutes of the Organisation in 1970. Paving the way for the establishment of UNWTO five years later.

The Directorate of Tourism Kashmir celebrated the World Tourism Day here today with a lot of activities marking the occasion. In this connection a seminar on Green Initiatives in Tourism was organized at Tourist Reception Centre Srinagar in which participant stakeholders threw



light on the subject and underscored the need for maintaining the ecology and environment while boosting tourism. The speakers stressed on adopting innovations and methods by which the carbon footprints are reduced and tourists are provided varied experiences through eco-friendly initiatives.

Addressing the seminar, Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob

appealed the stakeholders to promote the green initiatives in tourism so that while promoting the sector the ecology and environment of the place is also maintained and enhanced. Prominent tourism stakeholders were felicitated on the occasion.

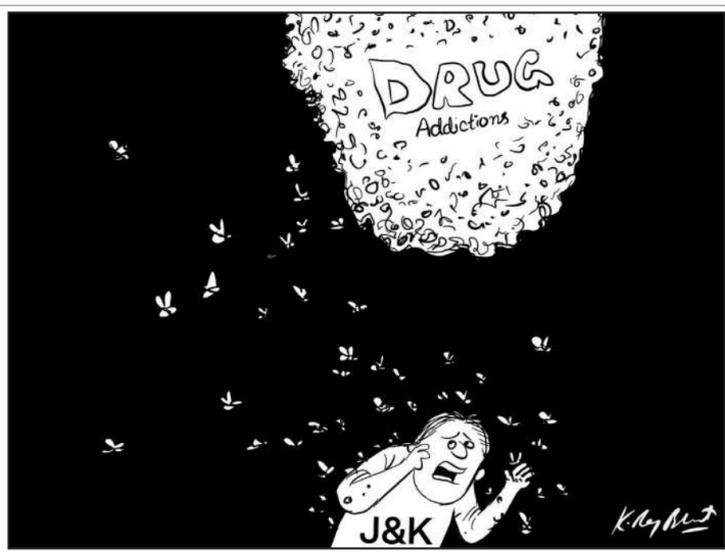
The Directorate of Tourism also conducted cleanliness drives in Srinagar at Dargah Hazratbal and Shankracharya temple in which besides Director Tourism Kashmir officers, officials and stakeholders participated.

Similar cleanliness drives were also conducted at Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Yousmarg, Manasbal, Ahrabal, Sonamarg, Achabal, Kokernag, Verinag, Baramulla, Kupwara and other tourist destinations across the Valley. A similar cleanliness drive was conducted at Kongdoori by the J&K Cable Car Corporation. Cleanliness drives were conducted by the Department at all these destinations in which the Resort Officers and stakeholders took pledge to keep the destination clean and green.

Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) today celebrated World Tourism Day in which all the officials of SKICC participated. On the occasion, Director SKICC, recited the oath for making SKICC the sought after green clean Conference centre of the country, which reflects the theme of World Tourism Day 2023 'Tourism and Green Investments'.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Director said that while celebrating World Tourism Day, we are reminded of the immense potential that tourism holds in fostering economic growth, cultural exchange, and social inclusivity.

With its state-of-the-art facilities and commitment to excellence, SKICC has become a premier destination for conferences, conventions, and cultural events. He highlighted that SKICC continues to play a pivotal role in promoting tourism, economic development, and cultural exchange across Jammu and Kashmir. On the occasion, the SKICC officials also participated in cleaning drive.



# Tourism Deptt celebrates World Tourism Day at Mubarak Mandi



Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Mehta Sharma, and other dignitaries at World Tourism Day celebration.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism Jammu illuminated the spirit of World Tourism Day with an enchanting celebration hosted at the iconic Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex in Jammu.

The event, themed "Tourism and Green Investments," highlighted the vital role of eco-friendly practices in shaping a sustainable tourism future. This spectacular event, held on Wednesday, stands as a testament to the department's unwavering commitment not only to promote employment generation and sustainable tourism /Eco tourism but also to preserve the rich cultural heritage of this historically significant region.

Addressing the media, Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, emphasized that this celebration served as a beacon of aware-

ness for Sustainable Tourism, emphasizing the pivotal role it plays in addressing climate change and fostering innovative solutions for environmental preservation. He further added that this celebration was a poignant reminder of the inseparable link between the well-being of the environment and the growth and productivity of the tourism sector.

Sunaina Mehta Sharma, Joint Director Tourism underscored that tourism sector is a driving force for employment generation and sustainable tourism /Eco friendly practices are essential for preserving our planet and ensuring that future generations can cherish the world's beauty.

Sharma, as a leader in this field, emphasized on the need to reflect on responsible tourism, hon-

our local culture, and support host communities. She urged everyone to work together to make tourism a positive force, striving for a future where tourism enriches lives, respects the planet, and fosters global unity.

The day was filled with enlightening panel discussions that brought together a distinguished group of experts from Jammu University, adding tremendous value to the event. The panelists were Nisha Pandit, Director (operations) -Authentic journeys India and beyond, Honeyka Mahajan-faculty SHTM, JU, Vaibhav Sharma: Entrepreneur and Founder of Travelers dost, and Ranjeet Singh-Research Scholar, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), University of Jammu.

# Mayor administers oath to students, staff during anti-corruption campaign



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma addressing students at SRML HSS Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Taking ahead the anti-corruption campaign under the name 'Jan Jagaran Abhiyan' with slogan 'Imandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu', Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday administered oath to the students and staff members of SRML Higher Secondary School.

Under the supervision of Principal, Anjali Gupta, the students and the staff of the school pledged to make honest and dedicated efforts to eradicate political and other forms of corruption from the country.

They also pledged not to

favour caste candidates in any of the elections in the country to elect public representative and expressed determination to vote for an educated candidate having proper knowhow about administration and running of the government.

He lauded the students and the staff for supporting the anti-corruption campaign to end corruptions from the country.

The students expressed enthusiasm and said that they will also discuss the anti-corruption steps with their friends, neighbours, at family etc so that success to the noble and pro-nationalist campaign is

ensured. They also expressed dismay that corruption leads to discrimination as less qualified persons gets good postings and the deserving one is neglected.

The Mayor said that our country will never become corruption free till all those living here have determined resolve to do that.

Principal of the School, Anjali Gupta said that the campaign was very much positive and the students had an exposure to a new thing which will help them in their future and will definitely build good qualities of honesty and unrighteousness.

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JAMMU: The Additional Session Judge OP Bhagat of Anti Corruption Court today extended the time up to September 30, 2023 for the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu to submit the latest status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022 lodged by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed originally to Director; CBI seeking registration of FIR into Rs.500-700 Crores scam in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme in the Union Territory of J&K which later came to be transferred by the CBI on April 19, 2023 to the Director; Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K.

The Additional Session Judge (Anti-Corruption) Jammu on the last date of hearing had directed the ACB to submit the status report by or before September 26, 2023. When this matter of wide public importance came up for hearing, the APP appearing for ACB submitted that he has not received the status report from the ACB Headquarters and he be allowed more time to comply the orders of the Court. On the other hand Advocate SSS Ahmed who is the complainant in the matter resisted the prayer and submit-

ted that ACB is taking the matter casually and attempt is being made by the ACB to hush up Rs.500-700 Crores Scam in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme and he further submitted that a time bound direction be issued to the ACB so that the status of the scam is known to everyone. In the application filed by Advocate SSS Ahmed before the Court of Additional Session Judge (Anti-Corruption) Jammu, it has been submitted that after getting RTI inputs from the State Health Agency and Health & Medical Education Department, Government of J&K prima facie established a scam of Rs. 500-700 Crore in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme in J&K and the complainant lodged a comprehensive complaint dated October 10, 2022 to the Director; CBI seeking registration of FIR in the multi-crore scam. However, CBI did nothing in the matter and kept quiet and did not convey the outcome of the complaint to the whistleblower and it was on February 7, 2023 the complainant SSS Ahmed filed an application before Special Judge, Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Jammu wherein the complainant sought directions to

# Rs 500-700 Cr Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scam: ACB seeks more time to file status report

the CBI to submit the status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022. In the application filed before the Court, Advocate SSS Ahmed has submitted that CBI filed a status report wherein it was divulged that the complaint dated October; 10, 2022 has been forwarded by the CBI to the Director ACB, J&K on April 19, 2023. On the last date of hearing, Advocate S.S. Ahmed had submitted that the ACB is under a legal obligation to share the outcome of the Inquiry with the complainant within seven days as held by the Supreme Court of India in case titled Lalita Kumari V/s Govt. of U.P. & Ors wherein the Supreme Court has directed that the applicant/complainant must be informed about the outcome of the preliminary inquiry within seven days. After considering the submissions of Advocate S.S. Ahmed who appeared in person and APP appearing for ACB, the Court of Additional Session Judge (Anti-Corruption) Jammu OP Bhagat further extended the time for ACB to comply the earlier direction by filing the current status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022 lodged by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed, by or before the next date of hearing i.e. Sept 30, 2023.

# Justice Tashi inaugurates Legal Care & Support Centre at Basholi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) accompanied by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge for District Kathua, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, JKLSA on Wednesday visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Basohli and inaugurated a Mega Legal Awareness Programme.

On their arrival, the Judges were warmly received by Ashok Kumar Shavan, Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Kathua, Colonel (Retd.) Mahan Singh, Chairman, District Development Council, Kathua, Judicial officers.

Addressing a massive gathering, Justice Tashi said that the focus of LSA is to reach out to the poor and marginalized sections of the society and in this endeavor the DLSA has organized today's programme to spread aware-



Executive Chairman JKLSA, Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurating Mega Legal Awareness Programme.

ness amongst them about their rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Tracing background about the enactment of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Justice Tashi informed the gathering that the same was enacted by the parliament to ensure that no citizen of this country is deprived of his/her legal and fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

Justice Tashi also said that the LSAs at all levels are working in tandem with various Govt. departments to ensure that the benefit of

welfare schemes reaches to those who are entitled to the same. Justice Sanjeev Kumar in his Keynote address urged the officers of Civil Administration to ensure that the PLVs who approach them with the grievances of legal aid seekers are entertained.

Justice Rajesh Sekhri in his address recalled that he started his career as Judicial Officer from Tehsil Billawar thus has a special connect with this area. He further said that although India has topped the ranking having maximum population in the world yet majority of the cit-

izens are illiterate and does not have the knowledge about their basic legal and fundamental rights.

Colonel Mahan Singh, (Retired) Chairman DDC, Kathua said that the people of Basholi are fortunate to welcome three High Court Judges in a single function which perhaps happened for the first time in the history of Basholi. During the program, the deserving beneficiaries of various welfare schemes were delivered keys of scooters, wheel chairs, old age pension payment orders, Ayushman Golden Cards and Marriage assistance relief through the Social Welfare Department.

The welcome address was presented by Ashok Kumar Shavan, Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA), Kathua, whereas, the vote of thanks was proposed by Puneet Kumari, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kathua.

Later on, Justice Tashi along with Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Rajesh

Sekhri inaugurated a Legal Care and Support Centre (Legal Aid Clinic) at Panchayat Ghar, Prehta Basholi.

While addressing the local populace, Justice Tashi urged them to take maximum benefit of the support center inaugurated today for getting their grievances redressed. He further stressed that the LSA has taken a pledge to fulfill the mandate of Constitution of India in providing easy, accessible and competent free legal aid in the UT of J&K.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, son of the soil while address his native villagers said that the Legal Care and Support Centre established today shall prove to be a milestone in addressing the genuine legal grievances of the residents of village Prehta.

He also thanked Justice Tashi for addressing the long pending demand of establishment of such support center for the welfare of residents of village Prehta.

# Women reservation bill is a game changer for women empowerment: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JODHPUR: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said that the just passed women reservation bill is a game changer for their empowerment by paving way for nearly half of India's population in the decision making.

Addressing Mahila Sammelan in the city, as part of the BJP's campaign for ensuing elections to Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, Rana said the historical legislation demonstrates the strong political will and deep urge of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower the women, who constitute nearly half of the country's population.

He said the landmark event in the political history of India will go a long way in giving wings to the urges and aspirations of women, who can fix priorities, influence decisions and put an end to gender discrimination. This is yet another major decision in a series of steps like entry of women in the officer cadre of the armed forces taken by the BJP during its over nine years rule



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing gathering at Jodhpur.

under Prime Minister Modi. It is a step forward towards giving women their due they deserved for a long time, he added.

In the changing times, the role of women is becoming all the more imperative in shaping the destiny of the nation that is at the threshold of becoming Vishwaguru, given its stature in the comity of nations and advancement in various fields like economy, infra-development, science and technology etc, he said.

Rana called upon the Nari Shakhti to stand and unite for realizing the dream of the Prime Minister, who wants them to make a mark in every field. Women are second to none and this has been proved

time and again. Now that they are getting empowered politically, the day is not far when the world will see how the country is transforming with women taking the lead role in shaping its destiny.

Exuding confidence about the BJP winning with thumping majority the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections in Rajasthan, Rana urged the women Karykarts to intensify their public outreach for creating awareness among the people about policies and programmes of the BJP. Support by the power of votes will strengthen the hands of the Prime Minister to take on the challenges facing the country with much more confidence, he added.