India committed to 'Net Zero' emissions target by 2070: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, India is committed to achieve the "Net Zero" emissions target by 2070.

Delivering keynote address at "Global Sustainability Alliance" meet, organised by the Times Group here today, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "We are fully committed to contribute in attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by way of Research and Innovation through international collaboration and partnerships",

Dr Jitendra Singh said India is set to achieve its short term and long term targets under the Panchamrit action plan, like- reaching a non-fossil fuel energy capacity of 500 GW by 2030; fulfilling at least half of its energy requirements via renewable energy by 2030; reducing CO2 emissions by 1 billion tons by 2030; reducing carbon intensity below 45 percent by 2030; and finally pave the way for achieving a Net-Zero emission target by 2070.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Government of India through Public -Private partnerships is ensuring the funding for clean energy innovations as envisioned under Mission Innovation 2.0. He said that the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) setup has been able to provide a unique opportunity for India to show-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address at "Global Sustainability Alliance" meet, organised by the Times Group at New Delhi on Thursday.

case its contribution to clean energy development nationally & internationally and quoted some major CEM initiatives which includes CEM's Global Lighting Challenge (GLC) campaign, Street Lighting National Programme, Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme and the 'One Sun-One World-One Grid' Initiative which was first floated by the Prime Minister of India to harness tremendous potential of solar energy.

Referring to the G20 Summit earlier this month, Dr Jitendra Singh said the New Delhi Declaration committed itself to implement India's ini-

Mission' (LiFE) and promote Artificial Intelligence towards achieving the UN SDGs. By adopting the 'Green Development Pact,' G-20 has also reaffirmed its commitments to sustainable and green growth.

Dr Jitendra Singh said India stands at the forefront of addressing the global challenge of Climate Change and has committed to an ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of reducing emission intensity by 33-35% in 2030 against the levels of year 2005.

"India has remained steadfast in its transition towards clean energy achieving the fastest pace of renewable capacity addition amongst all major economies and ambitious transition goals articulated by Prime Minister Modi, in India's Panchamrit declaration at COP26," he said

The Union Minister said that the last nine years have witnessed the Indian crusade against climate change. "We have already achieved our commitment of 40% energy production from renewable sources, way ahead of the 2030 Paris Agreement target," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India is among the few countries in the world to design a Cooling Action Plan (CAP) with a long-term vision (spanning a 20-year period from 2017-18 to 2037-38) that addresses

"CAP identifies possible actions to reduce cooling demand arising from residential and commercial buildings, cold chains, etc., covering aspects of building design and technological innovations that do not compromise on energy efficiency,

Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned sustainable practices in fisheries, marine research, coastal tourism, and renewable energy generation. He said, by harnessing the potential of the Blue Economy, we can ensure the well-being of our oceans while driving economic development in a sustainable and responsible manner. We are also concerned about increased plastics and microplastics in our oceans, another important area to focus as it enters into our food chain as several marine organisms consume them.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, despite efforts by countries to check and reduce emission of greenhouse gases, the global average temperature in 2100 is expected to rise to around 2.1°C above pre-industrial levels. The Minister pointed out that this falls short of the goals stipulated in the Paris Agreement, which calls for limiting the global temperature to 1.5°C above preindustrial-era levels by the end of



Zorawar releases Dogri song 'Tera Roop Goriye'



Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others releasing Dogri romantic song "Tera Roop Goriye" at Jammu on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman Team Jammu and BJP leader Zorawar Singh Jamwal released Dogri romantic song "Tera Roop Goriye" produced and released by Savita Sarathi production, during a function organized at Press Club here on Thursday.

First from J&K, Mrs India, Meenu Mahajan and Social Activist, Urja Singh were guest of honour on the occasion. The song has been sung by son of the soil Subodhh

Folk Music Festival

Sharma who also gave the music and is currently settled in Mumbai and performing well Bollywood music indus-

The lyrics of the song 'Tera Roop Goriye' were written by late O P Sharma Sarathi, renowned writer and was composed by well-known music composer Prithvi Raj Sharma. Savita Sharma produced the song that was directed Aaditya Bhanu while makeup was

Leading Artists of J&K. Vinay Daggar and Nazuk

Sunidhi Badyal.

Bhagat, played main leads of the song that hit the stands. The cinematography and post production was done by young and dynamic Vikran Mehta under Trinetra Productions. Noted Singer, Suraj

Singh, Jeevan Sharma, Rainish Gupta, Anirudh Kapil, Tarun Sharma, Sandhya Sharma, Amit Kundal, Aranaya Gupta, Sanjana Sodhi.

BJP destroying identity, status, rights of J&K people: Bhalla

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress Working President Raman Bhalla on Thursday hit out at the BJP for allegedly destroying the identity, status, and rights of the people and said the Centre is deliberately delaying the holding of early assembly elections in the union territory.

He said that instead of addressing the grievances of the people, the government brazenly participated in photo sessions to get cheap publicity and just to befool the people, making false promises. This was stated by former Minister after inau-



people at jammu on Thursday.

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guration of tile work in Deep Nagar Gurudwara Corporator Pritam Singh BJP has destroyed the identity, status, and rights of

the people", he added. "Elections are due for long but knowing well about their probable worst-ever political debacle the BJP government is running from polls. This is nothing but the killing of democracy by a party which boasted at all forums about being champion of electoral reforms and guardian of democracy", he said, adding, that "BJP is maligning the

country by manipulating poll delay and denying the democratic right of voting to the people of J&K by deferring polls on one pretext or the other." Bhalla said the BJP's

model of democracy is "authoritarian" because it wanted to impose governance without holding elections thus marring the very spirit of democracy, which the Constitution of the country has guaranteed to the citizens." Bhalla said the ULB and Panchayat polls are in offing in J&K and asked party cadres to gear up for the polls. "Similarly, the problems of daily rated worked out." Bhalla maintained. He alleged that the insensitive government has failed to release salaries and wages to Corporator Pritam Singh stressed that the country needs fair and strong constitutional institutions. He said

ers and other segments of

employees are yet to be sort-

that the general public including traders, businessmen, farmers, unemployed, families of the martyrs, border residents besides daily wagers, casual workers, contractual lecturers, etc had been bearing the brunt of wrong policies of Govt in all

