

Dr Jitendra launches On-line 'Dashboard' for grievance monitoring

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NEW DELHI, Apr 11: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched here today the On-line "Dashboard" portal for grievance monitoring.

At a ceremony held at North Block, Dr Jitendra Singh, in presence of Union Secretary DoPT C. Chandramouli, Union Secretary ARPG K.V. Eapen and senior officers from different Ministries of the Union Government, performed the On-line launching of the new "Dashboard" by pushing the button of the mouse and at the same time, also released a hard-copy of the same.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh said, soon after the Modi Government took over in May 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave us the dictum of "maximum governance", the essence of which is the maximum participation of the citizen with transparency and accountability. Looking back four years, he said, we stand vindicated by having sought to live up to this objective.

The Dashboard launched today, Dr Jitendra Singh said, presents an instant and real-time feedback about the number of grievances received in each of the different Ministries and Departments in Government of India, the nature of the grievances, the time taken

for disposal of each of the grievances and the manner of disposal of each of the grievances. This, he said, will also offer a resource material for planning future course of action by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (ARPG) for the benefit

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Tassaduq tours Patnitop, takes stock of tourism infrastructure

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Minister for Tourism Tassaduq Hussain Mufti today stressed on taking measures to promote tourist footfall around Patnitop by strengthening infrastructure, creation of adequate facilities for the visitors and better solid waste management for preserving natural ambience and ecology of the area.

The Minister is on 2-day tour to the Patnitop to take stock of tourism infrastructure scenario and developmental works being executed by different agencies to develop the area as a key tourist destination of the region.

The Minister visited Sudhmahadav, Mantalia Tourist Reception Center, Baglihar Dam and Batote where he inspected pace of progress on various tourism projects.

He took detailed review of works taken up under 'Integrated

Development of Tourism facilities in Mantalia' being executed by National Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC).

The Minister was informed that the work is in full swing on all components, including Tourism Facilitation Block, Yoga Centre, Children Play Area, Camping House, Meditation, Heliport and Solar Park.

The Tourism Minister directed the concerned departments to synergize their efforts for completing the works in the stipulated timeframe. He asked the senior functionaries to hold regular reviews to get necessary feedback on the status of work and implementation of the initiatives on the ground. He said that infrastructure needs to be developed without disturbing the natural ambience of the place and its surrounding ecology.

Tassaduq Mufti directed the concerned for organizing mass awareness programmes to involve the locals in tourism

development programs, besides encouraging locals and tourists to opt for paying guest accommodations.

He directed the department to prepare the local youth for self-employment, with special focus on tourism related trades.

The Minister sought coordination and cooperation among departments to achieve set targets in time. He also stressed upon concerned officials to work in synergy and enthusiasm to achieve tangible results on the ground.

He also directed for creating better working conditions for the staff so that they can serve in a more professional manner and deliver their best.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Joint Director Tourism, General Manager JKTDC, CEO Patnitop Development Authority, CEO Bhaderwah development Authority and several other senior officers accompanied the Minister.

Fully utilize ICT based teaching tools: Governor

*Chairs 79th KU Council meeting

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 11: Governor N.N. Vohra, Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, chaired the 79th meeting of the University at the Raj Bhavan, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, Minister for Education, participated in the meeting.

Chancellor advised VC to fully utilise all available ICT technology based teaching tools and make optimum utilisation of pro-

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grammes which would connect the University students and Faculty to the best available online educational resource platforms, such as GIAN. Chancellor emphasised that in order to make qualitative improvement in the assessment of the teachers the online student feedback system already in place should be more effectively used for evaluating the performances of individual teachers.

The University Council, inter-alia, approved creation of two supernumerary self financed seats in LLB and B.A.LL.B programmes; establishment of Translation Centre in Department of Kashmiri; grant of relaxation in last and final chance examination fee in favour of candidates belonging to AAY/ BPL/Orphan and Physically Challenged Categories; adoption of draft Statutes as per CBCS for LLM, LLB (Honours)

and 5 Years integrated B.A.LL.B Honours; introduction of Kashmiri language at PG levels in the North and South Campuses of the University; enhancement of scholarship at PG level; introduction of Masters Programme in Nano Technology; and introduction of Gender Studies.

Earlier, Prof Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi, Vice-Chancellor, made a detailed presentation and highlighted the technological and research breakthroughs made by the University.

In all forty two agenda items were discussed by the Council which was attended by Umang Narula, Principal Secretary to Governor; Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, Principal Secretary Higher Education; Navin Kumar Choudhary, Financial Advisor Universities; Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Planning & Development Department; Prof R. D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu; Prof. Sheikh Javid Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar; Prof. Anju Bhasin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu; Prof. Farooq A. Masoodi, Dean, School of Applied Sciences and Technology; Prof. Rifat Geelani, Principal, Govt. Degree College for Women, Nawakadal, Srinagar; Dr. Muheet Ahmed Butt, President, Kashmir University Teachers Association (KUTA) and Prof. Khurshid A. Butt, Registrar, University of Kashmir.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, flanked by senior officers of Government of India, launching the On-line "Dashboard" for grievance monitoring, at North Block, New Delhi on Wednesday.

Mian Altaf reviews development scenario of Kangan

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GANDERBAL, Apr 11: Member Legislative Assembly Kangan, Mian Altaf Ahmed along with District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Dr Piyush Singla today took a comprehensive review of various developmental works executed in different sectors in the Kangan constituency of district Ganderbal.

During the meeting, works related to PHE, PDD, R&B, PMGSY and various other sectors in the constituency were reviewed threadbare. On the occasion, DDC briefed the meeting about various developmental works undertaken in the constituency.

During the meeting, MLA reviewed the role of district

administration, especially PDD, R&B, PHE and urged them to do their best in providing services to the citizens. He stressed upon concerned to redouble their efforts for achieving the physical as well as financial targets and to ensure that people do not face any inconvenience.

The MLA urged for timely completion of various works and schemes especially under R&B. He urged the officers to work with renewed zeal and in unison so that set targets in the constituency are achieved on time.

Among others, ADDC Ganderbal, ACR Ganderbal, SDM Kangan, X-ens of various Engineering wings, Tehsildar Kangan and Tehsildar Gund attended the meeting.

Locals protest against no water supply to village, school

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UDHAMPUR, Apr 11: Aggrieved over no supply of drinking water for the last six months, locals of village Neli Nallha and Reasa Mangol held a protest against Public Health Engineering Department (PHE), here today.

The protest demonstration was held near the Government Middle School Dhanni, which is also without water supply since months. The protesting villagers raised slogans against the PHE Department and threatened to gherao the PHE Station if water supply to these villages and School is not immediately restored.

"Summer has started but

there is no water to the Government Middle School Dhanni with the result that our children face problem as they do not get water in school. The problem was highlighted before the PHE department but there has been no action," the villagers rued and added that without water, the school toilet was also useless.

The protesting villagers further alleged that because of no regular supply of drinking water to their area, they were forced to drink muddy water from natural sources. "Due to this situation, small kids and elderly village have been caught with infection and intestinal problem," they added.

JKAACL celebrates b'day of Saigal

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JAMMU, Apr 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today celebrated 115th birthday of Kundan Lal Saigal, internationally renowned singer, artist and director of international repute by organizing the musical concert at K L Saigal Hall.

Prof Raj Kumar, Hindi writer, poet, scholar and former HoD, PGD of Hindi University of Jammu was the chief guest. Prof Kumar, while speaking on the occasion said that Kundan Lal Saigal, the legend artist, singer and director of the classic films from Jammu excelled in his field and became an instrumental in initial stage of Indian film industry.

Appreciating the performances of the artist, he said that the songs of the some of the popular films presented by Anil Tickoo in Saigal's getup and makeup and the songs presented by Sunil Kumar and Rakesh Anand popularly known as Synth and flute artists were very impressive and succeeded in creating the environment accordingly. He also complimented Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages for remembering the son of the soil in such an impressive manner and arranging a memorable event.

Earlier, while welcoming the artists, distinguished guests and the audience, Dr Aziz Hajini, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages said that organizing activities to remember the stalwarts and legends who globally introduced himself as actor, director, singer and artist and gave classical films and songs to the Indian film industry.

Born on April, 11, 1904 at Link Road, Jammu, Late Saigal acted and directed in 28 Hindi, 7 Bengali and one Tamil films including classic films like Devdas, President, Crorepati, Yahudi Ki Larki, Roop Rekha, Street Singers. He sung 185 songs in Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali and Persian languages and some of songs are more popular even today amongst the youth in particular.

The artists who performed today include: Rakesh Anand (Singer and Flute), Sunil Sharma (Singer and Synth), Anil Ticku (singer), Rita Khatyal (singer) and Bishan Das (Harmonium). Vijay Attri, renowned artist and broadcaster conducted the proceedings of the programme in a befitting manner while Dr Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages presented vote of thanks.

UDAAN 2018 begins at CUJ

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JAMMU, Apr 11: The three-day annual cultural fest, UDAAN-2018 by Central University of Jammu, began today at Bagla Campus.

The event was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Prof Ashok

make them more meaningful and productive and builds self confidence in them.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dean Students' Welfare, Prof Deepak Pathania said that cultural events add values not only to the university life but to the individual life as well. On the



CUJ VC Prof Ashok Aima decorating a Rangoli on first day of 3-day UDAAN cultural event in University.

Aima in presence of Academic Coordinator, Prof Lokesh Verma, Dean Students Welfare, Deepak Pathania and others.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Ashok Aima said that this is an event which provides an opportunity to the students to showcase their hidden talent to the others. "These cultural events give a relief from the monotonous daily academic routine", he said and added that UDAAN kind of cultural events bring more energy and passivity in students' life and

first day of fest, four events including Rangoli, Photography, Stand up Comedian and Collage Making, Poetry Recitation, On the Spot Painting and Mimicry were organized. Rest of the events for second and third day would be held at Temporary Academic Block, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Vote of thanks was presented by Dr Aman, Assistant DSW. Ramiyan Bhardwaj, a student of Mass Communication conducted the proceedings.

3 yrs imprisonment awarded to bank employee

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 11: Special Judge CBI Kashmir YP Kotwal today awarded three years imprisonment to Mohd Sidiq Shosha, Cashier-cum-Clerk, Qamraz Rural Bank Branch Reban Sopore in misappropriation case.

According to the CBI case, the Manager (P) Law Qamraz Rural Bank Head Office Sopore made a written complaint to SP CBI ACB alleging therein that Mohd Sidiq Shosha, Cashier-cum-Clerk, Qamraz Rural Bank branch Reban Sopore has misappropriated huge amount received by him from various account holders without making credit entries in the respective ledgers, scroll books and other bank records.

After hearing Kapil Verma, PP for CBI whereas Advocate Farooq

Ahmed Shah for the accused, the court observed, "prosecution evidence, documentary as well as oral brought on record, sufficiently proves it beyond any reasonable doubt that accused has not deposited /credited the amount received from various account holders in their respective accounts", adding "the accused has misappropriated an amount of Rs 494548.00 in case file No: 78/CBI, Rs 432180 in case file No: 79/CBI and Rs 641600 in case file No: 80/CBI".

"The accused has failed to produce any such evidence /material on record, which could disprove the entrustment and misappropriation of the amount", the court said and awarded three years imprisonment to the accused and imposed fine of Rs 6 lakh.

Tributes paid to Jyotirao on 191st Jayanti

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Rich tributes were paid today to Mahatma Jyotirao Phuley on its 191st Jayanti.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Jammu-Poonch, along with Kavinder Gupta, Speaker, Legislative Assembly and MLA Gandhi Nagar constituency celebrated Mahatma Jyotiba Phuley Jayanti at Langer Basti in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

While addressing the gathering at Langer Basti, Jugal said that Mahatma Phuley has done great deeds for benefit of mankind and upliftment of people belonging to Scheduled Caste community. He was the man of principles and promoted woman education.

Kavinder Gupta said that BJP-PDP Government in the State is working hard and to provide connectivity is the foremost priority of the Government. District president, Jammu, Baldev Singh, along with

Mandal president, Harbans Choudhary was also present at the occasion.

Meanwhile, Dalit Shoshan Mukti Munch today organized a function in connection with 191st Jayanti of Jyotirao Phule, at Guru Nava Dass Hall, Dogra Hall Jammu.

Phule was an Indian social activist, a thinker, anti caste social reformer, and he work in many fields like eradication of untouchability and the caste system, women education and women's emancipation and reform of Hindu family life.

People from all walks of life attended the function in a large number. MLA from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami, was the chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Tarigami said that today our real tribute to Jyotirao Phule should be to strengthen the unity of down trodden society against the unfair caste system and discrimination against women under which millions of people have suffered since ages.

Wani for action against supporters of Asifa killers

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Apr 11: Two temporary employees of PDD were seriously injured when they received severe electric shock while repairing 11 KV line at Camel Danga area in Reasi, this afternoon.

The duo was identified as Vakil Singh (25) son of Munshi Ram of Sarhi in Reasi and Ajay (26), son of Shallu Ram of Kundra, who are engaged as need based workers in the Power Development Department.

They were repairing 11 KV line at Camel Danga, which had developed some technical snag following winds in the area last night. When the duo was on job, power supply in the line was accidentally restored and this caused severe electric shock to both the workers, who sustained grievous injuries.

Both the injured were rushed to District Hospital, Reasi from where they were shifted to GMC Jammu for treatment. In view of critical condition of Vakil Singh, he was referred to Ludhiana in the evening.

JAMMU, Apr 11: JKPC general secretary and former Minister, Abdul Majeed Wani today demanded stern action against supporters of rapists and murderers of 8-year-old Asifa Bano.

"The rape and murder of 8-year-old innocent girl Asifa Bano in Kathua district is the most inhuman murder of humanity that has ever taken place in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. It is highly unfortunate and disgusting that some organizations backed by the BJP/RSS have been continuously raising their voices in support of the barbaric rapists and murderers of the innocent little girl", the JKPC leader said in a statement issued today.

The former Minister said that the State police must ensure that the guilty are punished severely, as this crime can easily be termed as 'rarest of the rare'. "Also, stern and strict legal action must be taken against those people who are supporting these inhuman killers", he added.

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