

Dr Jitendra inaugurates 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre' for IAS officers

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct 31 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" for IAS officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing 2000-Batch IAS/Civil Services officers at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Mussoorie, on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, on Sunday.

Later, addressing the 2000 batch of Civil Servants, Dr Jitendra Singh underlined New Generation Reforms for New Generation Civil Servants and said that India must follow global benchmarks in governance as it is poised to assume a global leadership role in the comity of nations. He said, increasing transparency, accountability and people-centric delivery mechanisms must become cornerstones of New Generation Reforms for the New Generation Civil Servants.

Referring to Prime Minister's 75th Independence Day Address from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the Minister said, today the world is also a witness to how India is writing a new chapter of governance here and in this decade of 'Amrit Kaal', we will give priority to Next Generation reforms. He also reiterated Mr Modi's Commitment to ensure that all the facilities like service delivery should reach citizens up

to the last mile and it should reach the last person seamlessly, without hesitation or any kind of difficulty.

Dr Jitendra Singh also pointed out that since 2014, when Modi became Prime Minister, in every Independence Day speech, there are some observations and announcements related to Governance. He said, soon after taking oath as Prime Minister on 26th May, 2014, one of the earliest reform Mantra given by the Prime Minister was the maxim "Minimum Government - Maximum Governance". He said, in the last 7-8 years a series of reforms was undertaken to encourage greater efficiency, transparent and corruption free governance, accountability and reduce scope for discretion.

Dwelling on the relevance of Sardar Patel Leadership Centre, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Centre aims to lay the foundation capacity building for future gen-

erations of Civil Servants so that they learn from the best practices of leadership across the world while at the same time they remain connected with their cultural ethos, values and roots. He added that good governance, Jan Bhagidari, and Jan Chetna needs good leadership skills among the field officers as well as officers at the policymaking level. He said, the Sardar Patel Leadership Centre will emerge as a Huge Resource Centre to provide continuous study and learning opportunities to Civil Servants from India and Abroad as visualised by the Father of All India Services.

In his address, K Srinivas Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) said that the objective behind this centre's establishment is to enable a civil servant to constantly remain in touch with Sardar Patel Leadership Centre, an entity that can provide them with upgraded skills and guidance for their own personal pathways. He added that every officer must determine their own path of self-guided learning in the spirit of Mission Karmayogi.

LG pays tributes to Sardar Patel on his Birth Anniversary

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 31: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today paid rich tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Birth Anniversary.

"An epitome of national unity, brilliant administrator and champion of masses, Patel Ji devoted his entire life for strengthening India", observed the Lt Governor. Sardar Vallabhbhai's significant contribution to the motherland, devotion to the unity, integrity & safety of the nation, leadership qualities will always remain an inspiration for all of us. My humble tributes to him, said

the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor greeted the people on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas which commemorates the birth anniversary of Iron Man of India-Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) pledge to the officials and staff members of Raj Bhavan.

During the pledge, the participants dedicated themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and strive hard to spread this message among the fellow countrymen.

Bhullar takes over as AOC of Air Force Station Jammu

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JAMMU, Oct 31: Air Commodore Gurjot Singh Bhullar took over the Command of Air Force Station Jammu, as the Air Officer Commanding from Air Commodore Ajay Singh Pathania who retired after 35 years of unblemished career in IAF, including over 6000 hours of accident free flying.

Air Commodore Pathania was an avid aviator and continued flying till last day of his career. He was instrumental in operationalising runway extension and resurfacing which led to removal of load penalty and start of night flights from Jammu, benefiting people of J&K.

The new Air Officer

Commanding Air Commodore GS Bhullar is a helicopter pilot with over 4500 hours of rich operational experience ranging from Jammu and Kashmir in the north to the southernmost tip of Andaman and Nicobar islands. A



Air Commodore Gurjot Singh Bhullar taking over charge as AOC of Air Force Station Jammu from Air Commodore Ajay Singh Pathania.

Qualified Flying Instructor, the Air Officer is qualified on all key operational roles of helicopters. The officer was awarded Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) in 2006 for a daring rescue operation during flood relief operations at Belgaum, Karnataka.

A graduate of Defence Service Staff College, Air Commodore Bhullar has commanded one of the oldest helicopter units of IAF in the North East and has been the Station Commander of the only operational Air Base of IAF on an island Carriacou.

Prior to this, the Air Officer was posted as Directing Staff at the prestigious Defence Services Staff College.

Cong observes Indira's death anniversary

*Pays tributes to Sardar Patel

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Rich tributes were paid to the former Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary today, by the Congress party in all district headquarters of the J&K UT.

The main function in this connection was held at PCC headquarters Shahidi Chowk, Jammu. JKPC vice presidents and former ministers Mula Ram and Raman Bhalla along with senior functionaries of PCC, DCC and other leaders from the frontal organizations offered floral tributes to her on the occasion.

Rich tributes were also paid to Sardar Patel, one of the greatest stalwarts of the country, on his birth anniversary today. His services in the freedom struggle and in the strengthening and consolidation of the country after independence were recalled.

Mula Ram while paying rich tributes to Late Gandhi recalled her supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the country and said that she enhanced the image of India in the community of nations by her farsighted stewardship and India emerged as a strong nation under her leadership. He also laid stress on strengthening the principle for which Congress party and Indira Gandhi always stood for and laid down her life and to fight against the forces of communalism and fundamentalism who pose threat to the unity and integrity of the country.

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Raman Bhalla while paying floral tributes to Indira Gandhi remembered her supreme sacrifice for the integrity of the nation. He said that Gandhi created history by providing an able and dynamic leadership to the country and was acknowledged a strong and visionary leader in the world. She will always be remembered as a leader of masses with strong commitment to the upliftment of poor and down trodden.

Several senior leaders Kanta Bhan, Rajnish Sharma, Indu Pawar (President Mahila Congress), Shiv Dev Singh, Ashok Sharma, Shabir Ahmed Khan, Hari Singh Chib, Masood Choudhary (Adv), highlighted the achievements of Indira Gandhi and described her as an iron lady, an able administrator and great visionary leader. Senior leaders Pawan Raina, Sanjeev Panda, Dwarka Choudhary, Kamal Singh, Vajay Sharma (Seva Dal), Suresh Doga, Col Swarn Singh, Dr Karan Bhagat, Dr RK Khajuria, Madan Lal Malagar and others were also present.

In Srinagar Congress leaders and activists paid floral tributes to



Congress leaders paying tributes to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during function in Jammu. —Excelsior/Rakesh

iron lady of India Indira Gandhi on her assassination day, recalling her sacrifices and selfless services to the Nation. The Party also remembered Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on his 146th birth anniversary.

The PCC chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir led the rank and file of party to floral tributes to former PM Indira Gandhi, terming her Martyrdom as a great loss to Nation.

Addressing the Party leaders and workers at Srinagar party office, Mir said that the Indira Gandhi was leader of masses, who gave her blood, while rendering her best services to the Nation. The iron lady served as India's first female Prime Minister and garnered widespread public support due to her vision and courage with the result she was awarded with Bharat Ratna in 1971, Mir said.

PCC vice president and former Legislators Abdul Rashid Dar, Bashir Ahmad Magrey, Gulzar Ahmad Ahmad Wani, PCC general secretary Surinder Singh Chami also addressed and paid rich tributes to departed leaders.

On this occasion 14 prominent political activist from Khansaheb area of Budgam District led by Firdous Nabi and Aqib Khanday joined Congress party.

Senior leaders Peerzada Mohd Sayeed, G N Monga, Mohd Amin, Manzoor Ahmed Ganai, Fayaz Ahmed Dar and others also paid tributes to Late Indira Gandhi in yet another function held today.

DCC Jammu Rural unit, led by its president, Hari Singh Chib in yet another function held in Raipur - Domana paid floral tributes to Indira Gandhi and Sardar Patel. He also addressed the large gathering and recalled the services of Late Indira Gandhi.

Pradesh Youth Congress unit led by Uday Bhanu Chib also paid floral tributes to Late Indira Gandhi and Sardar Patel and remembered their services for the party and the

country. On this occasion the Youth Congress also honoured Corona warriors and front line workers.

Sunderbani-Nowshera Unit of Congress Party led by Ex-MLC, and chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma also paid floral tributes to Indira Gandhi and Sardar Patel and recalled their services for the country. Sharma referred to the role of Late Gandhi for creating Bangladesh. He alleged that LG Administration in J&K was dancing on the tune of RSS and BJP.

Cong leader Bharat Priye paid tributes to Indira Gandhi in a simple function held at village Bardoh in Khour area of Akhnour sector.

Senior Congress leader, Sumeet Magotra organised a blood donation camp to mark the day.

Woman dies, husband critically injured in road mishap

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Oct 31: A young couple riding motorcycle was hit by an unidentified Load Carrier at Neeli Nallah resulting into death of the woman and critically injuries to her husband.

The deceased has been identified as Parveen Bibi (27), wife of Tarik Hussain, resident of Barolla. Her husband Tariq Hussain (31), son of Abdul Karim was admitted to District Hospital Udhampur where doctors referred him to GMC Hospital Jammu in view of his serious condition.

The accident took place at Neeli Nallah in Jib Thathi when the Motorcycle, bearing registration number JK14F- 6182, was hit a load carrier, coming from Kambal Danga to Garhi.

Locals shifted the injured persons to District Hospital Udhampur where doctors declared Parveen Bibi as brought dead. Rehabal Police has registered the case and started an investigation.

Dismissal of 15 RTC workers illegal, unjustified: EJAC

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SRINAGAR, Oct 31: JK Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) has called the termination of 15 employees/workers of J&K RTC as illegal and unjustified and termed it arbitrary.

In a statement EJAC has said that dismissal of 15 employees (conductors) by the RTC Management is against the justice and law of the land and added that, as a matter of fact all these employees have already been imposed multiple punishments including fine, transfer, demotion and leave etc, at the time of occurrence of alleged offences and most of them were reinstated after satisfaction of Management of RTC and were allowed to continue their work, But its unfortunate and surprising that all of sudden these employees have been dismissed from their services on the basis of issues already settled.

President EJAC Mohd Rafique Rather said, it is evident that the decision of sacking of these employees is against the set procedure, guidelines of CSR and added that the decision seems to have been taken to fulfill hidden agenda of Management to suppress the employees of Corporation without providing the

victims any opportunity to defend themselves.

Rather asked the authorities of RTC that if these employees were liable to be terminated then why were they reinstated and allowed to continue their work in Corporation and added that as a set procedure suspended employees are reinstated only after conducting proper inquiry and finding his work and behaviour as satisfactory besides exonerating them/him off the charges.

He said there is no law which punishes a person twice for the same offence, crime if committed, but the way these RTC employees (Conductors) have been punished is strange and arbitrary in nature. He said that reportedly few of the terminated employees have not conducted any bus from last many years as they were posted on other works by the Management, besides a court case of one of the conductor is still pending before Court but RTC management ignored all these facts.

EJAC appealed the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta to personally intervene in this issue so that justice is delivered to effected employees who have been left to starvation along with their families and urged for revocation of termination order at an earliest.



Anganwadi workers during a conference at Jammu on Sunday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Anganwadi workers raise issues, demands

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Anganwadi Workers Welfare Association (AWWA) has demanded increase in State share equal to that of Central Government's keeping in view duties and different type of schemes' works allotted to these workers.

In a conference of the Association here today held under the chairmanship of AWWA president, Swarna Choudhary guest of honour was Pawan Kumar, Northern Region Head of Bhattiya Mazdoor Sangh.

Speaking in the conference, AWWA general secretary, Neelam Sharma said that salary to Anganwadi workers should be paid per month and the present system of paying them after 6-8 months should be stopped.

She claimed that salary form the month of January to March 2019 and from May to September 2021 has not been paid to these workers till date. Sharma also said that arrears of these workers on account of enhanced honorarium of Rs. 1500 per month and that of Helpers @ Rs. 750 by the Center

Government announced in the year 2018 are also pending from October-December 2018.

"These arrears should be released and extra allowances should be paid for doing work of different schemes and Anganwadi workers and Helpers should also be given retirement benefits and social security schemes be framed for them," she maintained.

Swarna Choudhary said other states are paying higher to Anganwadi Workers that what is paid to them in J&K. On this occasion Swarna Choudhary was reelected as AWWA president while Sharda Devi and Parseno Devi were made vice presidents.

Roshu Sharma was elected as general secretary, Shoba Sharma as deputy general secretary, Koshaliya Devi as cashier, Jyoti Devi as assistant cashier, Rekha Sharma as publicity secretary and Vijay Kumari as organizing secretary while Sunita Devi, Chanchal Devi, Sushma Devi, Neena Sharma, Surista Devi, Shakuntla Devi, Jyoti Devi and Anju Devi were nominated as executive members.

Chetna Yatra of Lord Vishwakarma taken out

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Ahead of Vishwakarma Day, a huge Chetna Yatra of Lord Vishwakarma was taken out here today by Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha under the leadership of Sabha president, Shashi Verma.

The Yatra was flagged off by District and Session Judge, Yashpal Bourny from Shakti Nagar and it passed through

general secretary; Jagdish Verma, joint secretary; Rakesh Kumar, vice president and Sham Chargoitra while other members of Sabha also coordinated in organizing the Yatra.

Devotees in the Yatra were chanting devotional songs and a Satsung was also organized by Vishwakarma Prachar Committee of Digiana Temple.

Prominent among others joined the Yatra were ex-vice



District and Session Judge, Yashpal Bourny flagging off Chetna Yatra of Lord Vishwakarma at Jammu on Sunday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Bhagwati Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Satwari before culminating at historic Vishwakarma Temple at Digiana.

Number of people from different parts of Jammu participated in the Yatra while a Langer was also organized by Gurumukh Singh for the participants of Yatra.

Organizing team for Yatra included Vijay Kumar,

chairmen Kuldeep Verma and Rashpal Vemra; Rattan Lal Chargoitra, ex-president; Madan Lal Chalotra, Raj Kumar Tarkhan, JMC Councillor; Charanjeet Singh, Vinod Jaral, chief organizer; Raj Kumar, vice president; Joginder Pal, Amarjeet Chargoitra, Ashwani Angotra, Parshotam Kumar, vice president and Shakti Nagar Sabha members.

Night temp further plunges in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Oct 31:

Night temperature further plunged in Kashmir and cold wave conditions continues to prevail in the Valley where the tourist resort of Pahalgam witnessed the minimum temperature as minus 2 degree Celsius was recorded last night, a Meteorological Department official said.

Although the Sun appeared in the Valley today and day temperature showed an upwards trend as minimum 18.8 degree Celsius was recorded in Srinagar, a few notches above normal, but cold breezes continue to run around, forcing people to wear warm clothes.

Meanwhile, a huge footfall of tourists was witnessed at the traditional Sunday Market at Residency Road and Lal Chowk purchasing warm clothes, jackets, blankets and quilts to keep themselves warm.

A MeT official said Srinagar witnessed a minimum temperature as 2.6 degree Celsius was recorded last night, a few notches below the normal while Tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded a minimum temperature of minus 2.0 degree

Celsius against the minus 3.2 degree Celsius which was recorded a day ago dipped over a degree.

Similarly, at Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway in south Kashmir where a minimum temperature was 2.2 degree Celsius against the 2.8 degree Celsius while Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a minimum 0.7 degree Celsius against the 1.1 degree previous night (Saturday).

Ski resort of Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 0.0 degree Celsius for the second consecutive night with cold conditions in the Valley of meadows continuing.

Tourists staying there do venture out of their hotels to enjoy the snow around and ride on the famous Gandola Cable Car to Affarwat in the mountains to enjoy snow on the high ridges there.

At Kokernag, the minimum temperature was recorded as 2.3 against the previous night 3.3 a notches below normal, the MeT official said.

He said the weather is likely to remain dry for the next few days. (UNI)




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