

New Disinfection Technology to combat Pandemic in railways, buses: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Jan 17: 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 said here today that CSIR's newly developed Disinfection technology is being installed to combat pandemic in railway coaches, AC buses, closed

spaces etc. The Minister informed that the UV-C technology developed by the Ministry of Science & Technology through CSIR-CSIO (Central Scientific Instruments Organisation) is totally effective for mitigation of airborne transmission of SARS-COV-2 and will also remain relevant in post-COVID era. The technology has been successfully tried in Railways, AC Buses and even the Parliament House and is now open for general roll-out for use by common masses, he said. Dr Jitendra Singh was speaking after releasing the CSIR Guidelines on Disinfection Technologies for Mitigation of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission. However, Dr Jitendra Singh cautioned that even after installation of this disinfection technology, everybody is advised to strictly adhere to COVID appropriate behavior including use of Face Mask, maintaining social dis-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after releasing the CSIR Guidelines on UV-C Disinfection Technology for mitigation of SARS-CoV-2 transmission, at New Delhi on Monday.

ance, avoiding crowds etc. Dr Jitendra Singh said, the technology has been developed according to the requirements for deactivation of SARS COV-2 virus contained in an aerosol with necessary ventilation measures, necessary safety and user guidelines and tested Bio-safety standards etc. UV-C deactivates viruses, bacteria, fungus and other bio-aerosols etc. with appropriate dosages using 254nm UV light. Dr Jitendra Singh said that CSIR will write to Election Commission of India for use of this technology during indoor meetings with limited capacity for the ensuing Assembly polls in 5 States in the wake of ban on physical rallies and roadshows for a specified period of time. He said, UV-C air duct disinfection system can be used in auditoriums, large conference rooms, class-rooms, malls etc. which provides a relatively safer environment for indoor activities in the current pandemic. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the technology meant for mitigation of airborne transmission of SARS-COV-2 was installed in the Central Hall, Lok Sabha Chamber and Committee Rooms 62 and 63 in July, last year ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament. The Minister said, he will write to Secretary General of Rajya Sabha for installation of this technology ahead of the upcoming Budget Session. The Minister commented on

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Reasi Police ropes in parents in war against drugs

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REASI, Jan 17: Reasi Police is working on multipronged strategy to deal with the problem of drug abuse among the youth. On the one hand 250 drug peddlers and abusers have been



SSP Reasi Shailender Singh and other Police Officers during interaction meeting with parents of drug addicts.

and join hands with Police against drug abuse. All parents expressed their willingness to join hands with law enforcement agency and were enthusiastic to help children to come out of addiction. The SSP, while speaking on multipronged strategy of Reasi Police to counter drug abuse, shared that addicts who are volunteers to shun the path of drug abuse should be recommended to de-addiction centers for their rehabilitation to mainstream. While warning drug peddlers, he stressed that those who are involved in this dirty business should refrain from such type of activities otherwise they shall be dealt with more strictly under law & shall be booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) in near future. The SSP further conveyed that Reasi Police is planning for opening of a part time counseling center for addicts in district Reasi and parents should bring their children to attend counseling sessions.

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Young girl raped

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RAJOURI, Jan 17: A young girl was allegedly raped by a youth in Budhal area of district Rajouri today. Police sources said that parents of the victim, 21-year old Shaheen Akhtar (name changed), resident of Dandote village lodged an FIR with the Budhal police alleging that one Mudaris Hussain, son of Faqir Mohd Thakur, resident of Dandote entered their house when girl was alone and raped her. The police then registered a case FIR No. 04/ 2022 under section 452, 376 RPC and after conduct of medical examination of the girl started investigation. The accused was still at large.

Unemployed youth stage protest, block highway

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RAJOURI, Jan 17: Unemployed youth blocked Jammu-Poonch highway at Sunderbani and held peacefully protest today, demanding conduct of written test for Army recruitment. A large number of youth from Sunderbani sub division assembled at main chowk at Sunderbani town today during the day and started strong protest demonstration. They were projecting their issue and demanding conduct of written test for Army recruitment. Earlier, they came to Dak Bungalow Sunderbani and then under the leadership of Chairman Block Development Council (BDC) Sunderbani, Arun Kumar Sharma they took out a peaceful

protest. Later, they blocked the main Jammu-Poonch highway. A long traffic jam was created there. BDC chairman alleged that Jammu & Kashmir Government has failed in providing employment to J&K youth. He said many youths are going to be over aged. Army recruitment process has been delayed. Many times Army has released written test date in newspapers but J&K Government didn't give permission for written test due to Covid-19. Meanwhile Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Benhal rushed to the spot and assured the youths that their demand will be taken up with concerned authorities. Then they lifted their protest dharna from the busy highway.

Fight crime in more progressive, effective manner: DGP to officers

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JAMMU, Jan 17: To review the overall functioning of J&K Police on different fronts and to work out agenda and goals for the year ahead, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh chaired a high level meeting of police officers here this afternoon. Special DG Crime J&K AK



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting.

cers are aimed to address the issues which come in our way on routine basis. The DGP directed the officers to submit their proposals so that work of improving/upgrading the accommodation, logistics and other facilities for Jawans and officers are completed or provided on fast track basis. He said that the proposals received by PHQ have been

more passion and zest. The DGP stressed on making the strategies and plans to fight crime in more effective and progressive manner. The DGP said that goals for disposal of crime cases etc have been prepared and would be communicated with all field formations in a couple of days adding that we have to systematize and prioritize our work in a better manner. He directed for conducting the crime review meetings at District, range and zonal levels on fortnight or monthly basis to review the progress of investigations and added that crime supervision is highly important for better results. He directed the officers for formulating a comprehensive security grid and deployment mechanism for consolidating peace. He stressed for strengthening the city/highway nakas as also the border security grid. Referring to the nefarious and concocted stories being circulated on social media by Pak sponsored agencies, the DGP stressed for taking the concrete steps to deal with these propaganda mechanization. The DGP emphasized on monitoring and dealing the challenges like radicalization and recruitment of locals more purposefully and efficiently. The DGP said that all the security arrangements have to be made for forthcoming Republic Day celebrations. He said that well coordinated surveillance systems must be ensured to undo nefarious plans of the enemies of peace.

Singh said that from community policing to national highway/city, security grid and counter terrorism we have to act responsibly and in a planned manner to achieve the desired results. He said that every technicality of investigation should be taken into account while investigating the crimes like NDPS, UAPA, terror and other crimes of special nature. He added that elements involved in notorious crimes must be booked under PSA. He directed for following the COVID protocol and stressed for continuing the work with

'Smart Anganwadis' to become reality in Jammu soon: CEO JSCL

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JAMMU, Jan 17: The humble-looking Anganwadis in Jammu are all set to have a complete makeover as the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) is going to convert their conventional buildings into structures with better amenities. The JSCL is converting 14 buildings in Jammu into Smart Anganwadi Centers under Smart City Mission programme of Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. The 14 Anganwadi centres are Naseeb Nagar A, Naseeb-Nagar-B, Mana-Basti, B-C-Road, Kabir-Colony-A, Rama-Lane, Trikuta-Nagar-Sec-3, Trikuta-Nagar-Extension, Press-Morh-B, Qasim-Nagar-B, Belicharan-A, Ruhimorh B and Lower Gadgarh. Chief Executive Officer, JSCL, AvnyLavasa on Monday visited different anganwadis to review the status of ongoing projects. She was informed that several items ranging from furniture to stationery items were procured to convert conventional buildings of anganwadis into structures with better amenities. Moreover, a few buildings have been also shortlisted for wall paintings. The items procured under Smart City Mission are Chair & Tables for kids as well as for visitors, pre-school kits, white boards, stationary items, Utensils, storage bins, hygiene kits, Almirah, racks and wall clocks. Speaking on the occasion, NDS Executive Member Dr Sushil Bhola conducted proceedings in his unique poetic style. Poets who participated, included Madan Lal Sharma, Neelam Verma Mehotra, Arun Sharma Banathia, Sudershan Kumari "Darshi", Shambu Ram Pyasa, Sunita Sharma, Tarsem Mahajan, Sunaina Kaila, B S Jamwal, Dr Sushil Bhola, Jatinder Jolly, Usha Kiran "Kiran", Joginder Singh and Kusum Sharma "Antra". Dr Chanchal Sharma, organising secretary of NDS, extended vote of thanks.

briefed that there is availability of 1200 isolation beds in quarantine centers besides the number of COVID-19 bed capacity is 324. He added that all 178 Panchayat Covid care centers have been made functional. Besides, oxygen generation capacity of oxygen generation plants is 3600 LPM and 422 B-type cylinders are available in the district. Commissioner Secretary stressed upon the need to further increase the availability of oxygen gas cylinders. DDC Chairperson demanded increase in number of snow clearance machines. While reviewing the functioning of Revenue Department the Commissioner Secretary said that major initiative towards good governance and for ease and convenience of citizens, trilingual Land Pass Books containing details of one's land records in Hindi, Urdu and English languages are provided to landowners making it an easy and simple document for reference and record. He said that "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" Land Records Information System has been introduced and initiative is facilitating people with easy online access to their land records. He said that "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" Land Records Information System has been introduced and initiative is facilitating people with easy online access to their land records.

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NDS organizes e-Dogri Kavi Goshti

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JAMMU, Jan 17: Nami Dogri Sanstha organised 40th digital "e-Dogri Kavi Goshti" wherein eight poets and seven poetesses recited their poetry on varied subjects like Lohri, social evils, romance, environment and patriotism. Well known Dogri, Hindi and Urdu poetess Kusum Sharma "Antra" presided over the proceedings while Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, President NDS and Yash Paul Yash, General Secretary Nami Dogri Sanstha, coordinated the

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, Jan 17: Superintending Engineer, (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Patel Nagar, Hatli Morh, Shiva Nagar, Sarwati Nagar, Azad Puram, Krishna Colony, Hazi Colony, Karan Nagar shall remain affected on January 18 and 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Sawan Chak, Old Bus Stand shall remain affected on January 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Jarai Chowk, Foot Bridge W No 10, W No11 and Old Bus Stand shall remain affected on January 19 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Chak Fullan, Lower Jagat Pure, Rajiyani shall remain affected on January 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Changran Ward No. 17, Chak Desa Singh, Manke Talab, Pratap Nagar shall remain affected on January 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Railway Road, SC Mohalla, Chak Ram Singh, Govindsar shall remain affected on January 18 from 9 am to 2 pm.



Principal Secretary APD, Navin K Choudhary chairing a meeting on Monday.

Navin reviews implementation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana in J&K

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JAMMU, Jan 17: Principal Secretary Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department (AP&FWD), Navin Kumar Choudhary today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Jammu and Kashmir. Director Finance AP&FWD, Director Planning AP&FWD, Director Agriculture Kashmir, who is also Mission Director PMFBY in J&K and Director Agriculture Jammu, who is also Deputy Mission Director PMFBY in J&K attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode. The meeting discussed the issues regarding the release of UT share under PMFBY during the year 2020-21 under the scheme. Principal Secretary

AP&FWD directed the officers to release the UT share immediately to ensure timely settlement of all crop insurance claims. While highlighting the importance of the scheme, Navin Choudhary said that the scheme is meant for ensuring economic security to the farmers by insuring their crop so that they could cope up with the situations arising out of losses either as a result of crop failures or damage to their crops due to natural calamities. He impressed upon the officers to follow all operational guidelines and procedures so that maximum farmers will get benefitted from this flagship scheme. The meeting also discussed the status of implementation for the current Rabi crop season in the Jammu division and some areas of the Kashmir division.

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CSR through Open and Distance Learning, to expand the capacity of learners on various theoretical and practical aspects of CSR and development work, to develop professional knowledge in formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CSR projects and programmes, and to equip the learners with the needed skills in corporate ethics, governance and conflict resolution. The School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies, IGNOU has launched MA in Environmental and Occupational Health (ODL) mode and Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (Online mode). The course equips students with objectives to develop an expert manpower to handle the complex industrial environment, to give knowledge about occupational health, industrial hygiene, accidental prevention techniques to the students, to make them aware about safety auditing and management systems, pollution prevention techniques etc. The School of Management, IGNOU launched MBA earlier in offline mode, which is now available in online mode also. Admission for MBA is now without OPENMAT test which was a prerequisite for seeking admission in MBA Programme. The School of Journalism and New Media Studies IGNOU has already launched MA Journalism and Mass Communication (MAJMC) in offline (ODL) mode and now the same programme is available in online mode.

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8.	Sankoo	Kargil	N/A	1000-1500 sq.ft with frontage of 30 ft. For branch premises and 500 sq.ft. for BM residence with separate entrance.	Main Market, Sankoo (preferably near SDM Office Sankoo).
9.	Garkone	Kargil	N/A	1000-1500 sq.ft with frontage of 30 ft. For branch premises and 500 sq.ft. for BM residence with separate entrance.	Main Road, Garkone.

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