

Best governance practices come from innovative ideas: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, May 27 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS of Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that best governance practices come from innovative ideas. He said, civil servants need to focus on innovative ideas having replicability and sustainability which can be used as best governance practices.

Addressing the 2nd National Good Governance Webinar Series on Health, Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the run up to Civil Services Day on April 21, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has mandated DARPG to hold virtual conferences with District Collectors and Other Officers over the next 12-months from April, 2022 to March, 2023.

Speaking on the current Webinar on Health and mainly on the subject of "Sickle Cell Anaemia Control Programme" among tribal population in Gujarat, Dr Jitendra Singh said that it is a genetic blood disorder for which there is a general lack of awareness in society and he called for comprehensive screening to detect it. The Minister said, this is an example of good governance initiative of integrating the various activities among different Departments of Government and various NGOs for better implementation of the programme for reducing burden of Sickle Cell Anaemia, and thereby increasing



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing 2nd National Good Governance Webinar Series on Health at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on Friday.

productivity, longevity and quality of life through Screening, Early Diagnosis, Prompt Treatment and Counselling for preventing transmission of disease to next generation and minimise the morbidity and mortality.

Referring to another PM's Award-Winning Initiatives in Health Sector for Making Medicine Affordable, Chittorgarh, Government of Rajasthan, the Minister said this is also an example of good governance initiative for establishment of district-wise low-cost drug shops (fair price shops), making medicines more affordable and accessible to people and ensuring their complete treatment.

Secretary, DARPG, V.Srinivas said that 13 webinars would be conducted on different themes under the good governance initiatives that have been felicitated the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in the past years since its inception in 2006. He said, the themes selected for the National Webinars are proposed to cover multiple sectors like health, education, environment, disaster management, priority programmes, Jal/water manage-

Div Com inspects ongoing works at Yatri Niwas

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JAMMU, May 27: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Friday visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar to take stock of arrangements being made for annual Shri Amarnath ji Yatra.

The Divisional Commissioner was accompanied by DIG, Vivek Gupta; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; besides senior officers of Health, CRPF, JMC, Jal Shakti, PWD, JPDCL and other senior officers.

The Div Com took a round of the complex and inspected the ongoing works.

The officers of the Tourism Department apprised the Div Com about the progress on different works being executed inside the complex for providing better facilities to the pilgrims during the Yatra.

It was informed that the facelifting and renovation work, construction of new toilet complex, Additional accommodation building was in full swing.

The Div Com instructed the concerned engineers to expedite the pace of work and ensure completion of all works by June 10.

Later, the Div Com held a detailed meeting with the concerned officers and reviewed overall arrangements.

He emphasized upon making provision of all basic amenities for the comfortable stay of pilgrims.

Directions were issued for completing all the works well in advance by working in close coord-

ination. The Div Com instructed JMC for beautification of the city including illumination of 4th Tawi Bridge for the Yatra.

Tourism Department was asked to install hoardings, banners on prominent locations right from Lakhampur to en-route showcasing the tourist destinations of Jammu region.

The provision for transportation of Yatris, emergency/ disaster management, setting up of Langars, setting up of communication centres, medical facilities, deployment of medical team at Yatri Niwas, sanitation, installation of temporary toilets and mobile toilet vans in Bhagwati Nagar area, uninterrupted supply of electricity, adequate water supply, traffic arrangements were also discussed in detail.

For foolproof security, the Div Com passed directions to the police to make adequate deployment and install additional CCTV cameras to keep watch on suspicious movement.

He also directed for further augmentation of the amenities by making provision of Tourist Information Centre, Tourist Cafeteria, Resting Shelter, Parking, Gender Based Toilets, Queue Complex etc.

Earlier, in a meeting of concerned officers the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the supply of essential services in districts of Division especially water, power supply during ongoing summer season.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineers of JPDCL, JPTCL, Jal Shakti, Irrigation and Flood Control, PWD and other concerned.

The Div Com directed the Chief Engineers to ensure adequate water power supply in the districts.

He also instructed JPDCL to make adequate buffer stock of transformers available and also ensure buffer stock in districts.

HC upholds PSA of HM OGW

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JAMMU, May 27: High Court has upheld the detention under Public Safety Act of HM Over Ground Worker Zahoor Ahmad Shah.

Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary observed, "those who are responsible for national security or for maintenance of public order must be the sole arbiters of what the national security, public order or security of the State requires".

"Preventive detention is devised to afford protection to society. The object is not to punish a man for having done something but to intercept before he does it and to prevent him from doing. Justification for such detention is suspicion or reasonable probability and not criminal conviction, which can only be warranted by legal evidence", High Court said.

"Thus, any preventive measures, even if they involve some restraint or hardship upon individuals, as said by the Supreme Court in the case 'Ashok Kumar Vs Delhi Administration & Ors.', do not contribute in any way of the nature of punishment", High Court said.

With these observations, High Court dismissed the petition.



Lt Governor chairing a meeting on Friday.

LG stresses on increasing visibility of IRCS, connecting maximum volunteers

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SRINAGAR, May 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired the 177th Managing Committee meeting of J&K Chapter of Indian Red Cross Society. The high level meeting of the office bearers and members of IRCS was convened at Raj Bhavan.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor, who is the President of the organization reviewed the activities and programs conducted by IRCS-JK across the UT in last two years and the tasks performed by the volunteers and the staff of the organization.

The meeting decided to incorporate new social welfare activities and training programs in the yearly calendar of Red Cross Society.

The Lt Governor directed for constituting a committee under the chairmanship of Vivek Bharadwaj, Financial Commissioner, (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department for examining various issues presented during the meeting as agenda items.

Directions were also issued for instituting functional units of IRCS across all Districts of the UT, besides revamping the functioning of regional and UT level headquarters.

The Lt Governor directed General Secretary, IRCS-JK to bring out an Annual Calendar for the training of UT and District level Disaster Response Teams and stock sufficient quantity of relief material such as tents, blankets, first aid kits at appropriate locations where these could be used immediately and managed efficiently, during any emergent situation.

He stressed on connecting maximum volunteers by organizing outreach programs on priority.

The Lt Governor directed the future action plan of the organization within 15 days.

He further urged Red Cross to collaborate with other government agencies for implementation of various schemes at grass root levels. Deputy Commissioners were directed for actively organizing and supporting the activities of Red

Cross Society in their respective districts.

Earlier, Kifayat Hussain Rizvi, General Secretary, IRCS-JK gave a brief on the achievements, activities and programs of IRCS-JK including Covid-19 response, Immunization programmes, Blood Donation camps, Ambulance services, First-Aid training and Awareness camps.

Dinesh Gupta, Member Managing Committee IRCS-JK apprised the meeting on various core issues and need for revitalizing the organization at the District level.

Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; B K Singh, Principal Secretary School Education; Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Department, besides Deputy Commissioners, senior officers of UT administration, BSF, CRPF, Army, office-bearers of IRCS-JK attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association calls on JMC Commissioner

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JAMMU, May 27: A delegation of Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association led by its President Sanjay Gupta today called on JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav and discussed various developmental issues.

The Association members requested the JMC Commissioner to make some rectification in the developmental plan of the historical Raghunath Bazar proposed

missioner. The delegation further requested for installation of CCTV cameras in the bazar for security reasons.

They also demanded the market entry gate to be constructed at the entry of Raghunath chowk and at Bharat Mata chowk.

The deputation further battled for creation of cultural spot for organizing cultural activities and selfie point at Raghunath mandir chowk to add to the attraction of the market, besides



Dignitaries inaugurating Xero Degrees restaurant at Gole Market in Gandhi Nagar.

Xero Degrees arrives in Jammu, opens outlet at Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU, May 27: The Xero Degrees restaurant opened its outlet at Gole Market in Gandhi Nagar here today.

"The Xero Degrees was founded by Kashish Anuja and Shivam Kakkar in the year 2018. First outlet was opened in L Block, Connaught Place in June 2018 and since then the chain has grown," said the Manager of the Jammu outlet.

He said, "The Xero Degrees is not just a restaurant, but an escape from your busy life to a world full of happiness. We aim to be the best F&B Brand in every locality."

The Xero Degrees offers a wide range of fast food items, including sandwiches, chickens, ice creams, shakes and other varieties.

"The brand has 45 operational outlets in Pan-India. A perfect destination for well-crafted and mouth-watering recipes," the Manager said.

He said, "The Xero Degrees offers over 100 dishes in its crazy Indianized American menu. Their hot-selling product, Fries in a Jar is a favorite across all age groups. From shakes and coolers to sliders, pasta and waffles, our diverse menu is every foodie's dream come true. The regular customers at Xero Degrees swear by the taste as well as the exceptional hygiene standards maintained by the brand."

The Xero Degrees has undoubtedly whipped up a storm in the culinary dimension of the country and has captivated customers within just 4 years of its inception.

For placing orders the customers can call on 7051793778. The cuisine for two costs Rs 700.



Delegation of Raghunath Bazar Association and JMC Commissioner Rahul Yadav posing for group photograph.

under Smart City Project. Members requested for relocation of the pickets in a way that would serve both the purposes of security of the temple and adding to its grandeur and general ambience.

They further demanded for revising the plan of widening of the footpath area in the market by including the existing parking space as that would effect their businesses. This move will badly effect our businesses and as such the plan to widen the footpath be dropped as the same is adequate, sanjay gupta told the JMC com-

installation of video walls at Raghunath Mandir chowk and Bharat mata chowk depicting important information of jammu city and its surroundings.

The JMC commissioner gave patient hearing and assured the association that their demands will be considered.

Sanjay Sethi (Senior Vice President), Pawan sharma (Junior Vice President), Amit Goel (General Secretary), Nitin Gupta (Secretary), Mohit Gupta (Joint Secretary), Ankush Sethi (Treasurer) were part of the delegation

DB dismisses appeal of ex-Director DDK Srinagar seeking quashment of FIR

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JAMMU, May 27: Division Bench of High Court comprising Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Puneet Gupta today dismissed the appeal filed by Dr Rafiq Masoodi, former Director Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar seeking quashment of FIR registered by Central Bureau of Investigation under Prevention of Corruption Act.

According to the CBI, on the basis of source information FIR No. RC-03 (A) of 2013 for offences under Section 5(2) read with 5(1)(d) of J&K PC Act, Sections 420, 468, 471 and 120-B RPC came to be registered by Police Station, CBI/ACB, Srinagar.

It was alleged in the FIR that Abdul Qayoom Wadera, Deputy Director General (DDG), Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Srinagar, had entered into a criminal conspiracy with Ghulam Mohi-u-Din, Programme Executive, Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, and some unknown persons.

In pursuance of the criminal conspiracy, they had cheated

DDK, Srinagar, while claiming payments amounting to Rs.18.81 lakh towards 22 fictitious artists stated to have been engaged for production and telecast of four programmes, namely, "Tote Gov Koal", "Rood Kaya Baqi", "Ghar Se Bollywood Tak" and "Rum Gayam Sheeshas" on the basis of fake and fictitious documents thereby causing a wrongful loss to the Government exchequer and corresponding wrongful gain to themselves.

On the culmination of the investigation, the competent authority granted sanction to prosecute the petitioner and seven other accused in terms of its order dated 20th of May, 2015, where after a challan came to be filed against the petitioner and the accused before the Court of Special Judge, Anticorruption (CBI Cases), Srinagar.

Dr Rafiq Massodi challenged the FIR in the High Court seeking quashment of FIR which was dismissed the High Court and present appeal was filed.

DB, after hearing both the sides, observed that LPA is not maintainable as such is dismissed.

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