

Modi has given India 'sustainable' model of governance: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Nov 22 : 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 that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given India a "sustainable" model of governance, which has defied the principle of diminishing returns as the dividends increase with each passing year.

Taking part in the "Capital Dialogue" programme of News-X TV Channel in Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, over the last 20 years, Modi's governance model has grown stronger with every new challenge.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, soon after Modi took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat, his first challenge was to overcome and build afresh the devastating earthquake in Bhuj and as he completes 20 years as head of Government, the latest challenge confronted by him was the COVID pandemic sweeping across the nation of 140 crore people.

The Minister said, each of these challenges were handled by providing new ideas, his long hours of introspection about how to innovate new ideas and his intimate connection with the ground which enables him to convert every challenge into an opportunity.

On questions about his governance model, Dr Jitendra Singh said, ever since Modi took charge in May, 2014, his first mantra was "Maximum Governance, Minimum Government" and after nearly nine years now, it is "Whole of Government" approach through integration of schemes and ideas, rather than working in silos.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, transparency, accountability and citizen-centricity became the hallmark of Modi's Governance Model. He said, within three months after taking charge at the Centre, one of the first major decisions was to introduce self-attestation and do away with the practice of getting documents attested by gazetted officer, thus reposing faith in youth of India, which constitutes 70% below the

age of 40 years. Similarly, Narendra Modi had suggested the abolition of interviews during Independence Day address from the ramparts of Red Fort on 15th August 2015 and the same was implemented by DoPT from 1st January 2016 that paved the way for level playing field for all the candidates. This government has done

Government employee/Pensioner or giving a major hike in the Family Pension emoluments for Divyang children of a deceased government servant/pensioner are not only pension reforms but these are social reforms having wide socio-economic implications. Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also looking after the Department of



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking at the "Capital Dialogue" programme of national channel, News-X TV at New Delhi.

away with over 1500 rules which have become obsolete and were hindrance to governance. The Minister said that all the reforms are not only governance reforms but they are also huge social reforms having long-term impact on society.

Dr Jitendra Singh referred to the India's Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, which the Modi Government amended after 30 years in 2018 to introduce a number of new provisions including criminalizing the act of giving bribe also in addition to taking bribe and at the same time putting in place an effective deterrence for such actions by individuals as well as corporate entities. He said, free and unrestricted access to information is an antidote to corruption and added that use of technology and e-governance have proved to be powerful tools specially in removing corruption in the delivery of public service.

In reply to questions, Dr Jitendra Singh said, a number of revolutionary pension reforms were introduced in the last eight years including relaxation in the provision of Family Pension for divorced daughters and Divyangs, introduction of Face Recognition Technology through mobile app for ease in submitting Life Certificate by elderly pensioners, steps like extension of Family Pension to differently abled child of a deceased

Space received a volley of questions from the audience on a wide range of issues. He pointed out that Space sector in India functioned under veil of secrecy, and here again it was Modi, who unlocked the sector for private participation two years ago and results are quite obvious, as Space reforms have unleashed innovative potentials of Start-Ups and within a short span of time, from a couple of Space Start-ups three-four years back, today we have 102 start-ups working in cutting-edge areas of space debris management, nano-satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, research etc.

Referring to applications of Space Technology to different sectors like Railways, Highways, Agriculture, Water Mapping, Smart Cities, Telemedicine and Robotic Surgery, which brought 'ease of living' for common man, Dr Jitendra Singh said, similar applications of Atomic Energy in areas like Nuclear Agriculture and Crop Improvement, Agri-Technologies for plant and soil health and Radiation technologies for food preservation, radiation-based technologies for augmenting crop growth and water conservation are perfect examples of developmental mandate of Space and Atomic Energy Sectors from their traditional roles of Satellite launch and production of clean energy.



Former DyCM Dr Nirmal Singh during meeting with LG

Former DyCM, DDC

Chairperson, others call on LG

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JAMMU, Nov 22: The five member Committee constituted by BJP to look into the problems of package, non package, reserved category employees posted in Kashmir and minorities living there since 1990 headed by former Deputy CM, Dr. Nirmal Singh as chairman today called on Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha here at



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Raj Bhawan and apprised him about ground situation in the Valley.

The Committee threadbare discussed all issues of the Valley posted employees of all categories and minorities living there and urged the LG that appropriate steps be taken to restore their confidence in the system by looking into their issue on humanitarian grounds.

The Committee also submitted a memorandum highlighting the demands of the employees and minorities urging him that immediate steps needed to be taken for their redressal. The Committee demanded those promoted to gazetted posts be converted into State and UT cadre as is case with other employees of the UT.

It also stressed for immediate construction of quarters and demanded that instead of One Room Tenements (ORTs) Two Room Tenements (TRTs) be constructed and in this regard the UT Government should submit a proposal to Centre so that new DPRs be framed.

They demanded that the Government should take overall view of the prevailing situation in the Valley viz a viz the threat perception and take appropriate steps

for the security and safety of minorities as well as the employees working in Valley.

It also asked for a thorough review and suitable amendments in orders asking for strict adherence to Biometric attendance by employees.

Committee pleaded with LG the need to release salaries of all the employees as a relief to human aspect of the suffering families. It also demanded a comprehensive security audit be in consultation with representatives of risk groups. Committee asked LG Sinha to look into the issue of considering posting in Kashmir as Hard/Difficult area tenure to be rewarded with a suitable relaxing period of posting in home district.

It also raised the need to frame a comprehensive Transfer policy for all the minority community employees that includes all reserved category and those recruited under PM Package, Non-Package and under all reserved categories as soon as possible.

LG Manoj Sinha assured them appropriate action. The other members were Girdhari Lal Raina Ex MLC, Chand Ji Bhat and Hira Lal Bhat.

Similarly, Nuzhat Ishaq, DDC Chairperson, Ganderbal accompanied by former Legislator, Ishaq Jabbar apprised the Lt Governor about various developmental issues of Ganderbal area.

Meanwhile, former MLC, Surinder Choudhary also called on the Lt Governor and projected the issues including promotion of 1995 batch Inspectors removing the years of stagnation in their career, widening of internal roads of GREF in Nowshera, Tourism development in Nowshera, besides speedy execution of projects of Jal Shakti and Power Development in Nowshera.

Earlier, a delegation of Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) J&K led by its President Dr. Arvind Parkash Singh and Secretary Akshi Billowria apprised the Lt Governor on the proposals passed during the recently held 58th State Conference of ABVP, on the present scenario of education in the UT.

The Lt Governor gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands and assured of appropriate action on the genuine issues presented by the public representatives and the deputation on merit.

Glowing tribute paid to Lt Gen Bikram Singh on his 59th death anniversary

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JAMMU Nov 22: Lt General Bikram Singh Yadgar Committee organized an impressive function to pay floral tribute to great Army officer and warrior on his 59th death anniversary at Bikram Chowk here today, which was attended by the citizens of Jammu from all walks of life besides prominent social, political and religious personalities.

While addressing the gathering Balvinder Singh vice president, DGPC highlighted the prominent incidence of remembrance, especially the role of Jammu people who did not agree his dead body to be taken to his native village Siana, Punjab and how his mother, who had come here to take the dead body of her son, but sensing the emotional feelings of Jammu people with their General was made to agree to cremate the dead body at Jammu instead of his native place. This is how this Chowk



Political leaders and representatives of Yadgar Committee paying floral tribute to Lt Gen Bikram Singh at Jammu on Tuesday.

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was named after this great General. Lalita Sharma chairperson of the Committee threw light on the life of Lt General. Charanjit Singh, Vicky Mahajan, Gajan Singh secretary, Kirtan Singh, Surjit Singh secretary DGPC, Sat Sharma, former Minister, Deepak Gupta president Ware House Traders Federation, senior leader BJP, Yudhvir Sethi, Mohinder Singh corporator, Yudhvir Singh, corporator, Vikas Bhatti also spoke on the occasion and paid rich tributes to the late general.

Students of Government High School Pull Tawi also presented patriotic songs on the occasion.

Charanjit Singh president of the Committee in his address made a strong appeal to the chief guest and other political dignitaries to raise the height of the statue and develop the park in consultation with the Committee members. Committee members also demanded construction of community hall on the land available behind the statue to perform religious function as has been their practice since long.

Davinder Singh Vishwnagrik threw light on the whole career of Lt General Bikram Singh right from his induction in the Indian Army. He also said that besides his military Excellency the great General had a great equation with general public and local administration.

While paying tribute to the great general chief guest, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor also assured the gathering that the demands of the Committee members shall definitely be considered and developmental plan shall be finalized in consultation with the Committee and also assured its completion before the next year programme.

The Army Commander Northern Command interacted with Veer Naris, War heroes of 1965 & 1971 war alongwith the winners of sports events, school students and beneficiaries of artificial limbs fitment. The General Officer in his address, expressed his gratitude to the locals for their contribution in bringing peace and astounding success which the Army could not have achieved without their support.

"Army and Civil Administration are conscious of the remoteness of the area and hardships of the people and it is our moral obligation to provide succour," he said.

The Army Commander appreciated the overwhelming response and support of people and all troops of Poonch Brigade under Ace of Spades Division to make the Poonch Link-Up Day a grand success.



GOC-in-C Northern Command, GOC White Knight Corps and others with winners of trophy to mark 'Poonch Link Up Day'.

Platinum Jubilee of "Poonch Link-Up Day"

GOC-in-C, others pay tribute to martyrs

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POONCH, Nov 22: The Platinum Jubilee of Poonch Link-Up Day, marking the 'Operation Easy' conducted by Indian Army in 1948 to defend the border district from the invading Pakistani raiders was celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervour by the people of Poonch and Indian Army today. While remembering the supreme sacrifice of the soldiers and citizens of the region defending Poonch today, Lt Gen Upendra Divedi, GOC-in-C Northern Command, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, GOC White Knight Corps and other senior military and civil dignitaries laid the wreath and paid tributes at 'Namanthal' War Memorial.

Local residents of the area including a large number of serving and retired Army personnel, members of civil administration and students were present to witness the event.

Later in the day, a series of events including release of balloons, lighting of lamp, documentary on Poonch Link-Up Day, cultural program, kaleidoscope kept the crowd spell-

Div Com directs DCs to expedite distribution of land passbooks, delineation of Khads

* Reviews retrieval of Roshni land

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JAMMU, Nov 22: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today directed Deputy Commissioners to expedite the land passbook distribution in the districts.

He was chairing a meeting of Deputy Commissioners to review the revenue related issues in the districts of Jammu division.

The meeting was attended in person by Assistant Commissioners, Pritam Lal Thappa, DC Stamps and other concerned officers, while the Deputy Commissioners along with ACRs, and other concerned officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Threadbare discussions were held on the important issues, while the Div Com reviewed in detail status of delineation of Gair Mumkin Khad, retrieval of Roshni land, eviction of encroachments on state/common land, generation and distribution of land passbooks, land issues of industries, stamp duty rates and other revenue matters.

The Div Com directed DCs to expedite the restoration of

Roshni land, retrieval of Government land and eviction of encroachments by setting monthly targets. He further asked them to take measures to keep a check on fresh encroachments in the districts.

The Div Com also emphasized to expedite the process of delineation of Gair Mumkin Khad land and said 'the progress will be reviewed fortnightly and no laxity will be allowed in this matter.' He also directed concerned DCs to submit reports to his office at the earliest.

Regarding distribution of land passbooks, the Div Com took strong note of slow progress in some districts and directed the concerned DCs to expedite generation and distribution. He also advised to distribute passbooks electronically as well as hard copies among the legal land owners.

He also asked DC Jammu and Kathua to identify suitable land for FCI Godowns.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the revision of stamp duty rates and instructed DCs to start revision of stamp duty rates at Sub Division

and district level. Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner along with Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh reviewed the preparations for Republic Day celebration 2023.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SSP Jammu, SSP Security Jammu, besides senior officers of Police, Army, CRPF, BSF, SSB, Traffic, Jal Shakti, JPDC, PWD, JMC, Health Services, Information, Education, Cultural Academy, Youth Services and Sports, Hospitality and Protocol, JKRTC and other concerned departments.

The Div com discussed in detail the arrangements required to be put in place for smooth conduct of the National event. He stressed on maintaining close synergy among the stakeholder departments for timely arrangements and conduct of the Republic Day.

Threadbare discussions were held on selection of contingents, cultural Items, Transportation, sanitation, cleanliness, face lifting of venue, decoration of stage, seating arrangements.

The Divisional Commissioner exhorted all concerned officers to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in time for smooth and successful celebration of the Republic Day.

Govt suspends BMO Keller pending inquiry

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SRINAGAR, Nov 22: The Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department has suspended in-charge Block Medical Officer (BMO), Keller in South Kashmir's Shopian pending an inquiry for dereliction of duties.

"Pending enquiry into the matter of dereliction of duties, Dr. Zarah Bhat, Medical Officer (looking after the charge of Block Medical Officer, Keller, Shopian) is placed under suspension with immediate effect and is attached in the office of Director, Health Services, Jammu," order issued in this regard said.

Accordingly, the authorities have directed Dr Mohammad Yousuf Naikoo I/c Block Medical Officer, Shopian to look after the charge of Block Keller in addition to his duties till further orders.



Office bearers of SKUAST-TAJ, JUTA, Non Teaching Associations of JU & SKUAST-J submitting memorandum to Dr Farooq Abdullah at Jammu on Tuesday.

JAC meets Farooq, seeks withdrawal of JK Public University Bill-2022

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JAMMU, Nov 22: Joint Action Committee against the JK Public University Bill - 2022 today met Member of Parliament and former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah at his residence and submitted a memorandum seeking withdrawal of controversial JK Public University Bill.

The Joint Action Committee comprised of Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology - Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ), SSTA SKUAST-Kashmir and Non-Teaching Associations of Jammu University and SKUAST-Jammu.

President SKUAST-TAJ Dr Vikas Sharma informed the Member Parliament that the controversial Bill will erase the individual identities of the existing Universities of J&K, which have been established through the Bill duly discussed and passed by the erstwhile J&K Assembly.

General Secretary JUTA, Dr Ravinder Singh briefed Dr Abdullah that this anti-varsity bill is a blow to the very concept of the University Autonomy both in administrative and academic terms as many of the provisions of the bill are retrogressive in nature and are against the academic freedom of the University.

Dr Rakesh Chib, President JUNTEU termed this bill as the intention of the Government to erode the autonomy of the Universities in the Union Territory of J&K. Sr KD Singh, President NTEA-J, stressed that such acts of dilution of the university governing

bodies and interference into the academic / research domains of the varsities will affect the overall growth, progress / functioning of apex academic institutions.

After giving a patient hearing to the delegation, Dr Farooq Abdullah said that the present bill will turn the highest seats of learning, which Universities are, into mere Government offices which is completely unacceptable and further assured that he will make every necessary effort for withdrawal of this anti-varsity bill.

The deputation comprised of Dr Manoj Bhatt, Vice President JUTA; office bearers of non teaching associations namely Varun Dubey, Dheeraj Rajwal, Arjun Jasrotia, Pankaj Gupta, Ram Singh and Kewal Kumar.

Rattan Lal Gupta (Provincial President JKNC), Dr Vikas Sharma (Zonal Secretary / Coordinator Jammu District JKNC and former Minister Babu Rampal were also present during the meeting.

Presenting Officer appointed in M K Bhat case

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JAMMU, Nov 22: Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Incharge Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Poonch, has been appointed as Presenting Officer in the case relating to suspension of Manesh Kumar Bhat, then Incharge Chief Engineer PHE Department Jammu and appointment of Inquiry Officer thereof.

An order in this regard has been issued by the Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department.

DDC Baramulla reviews developmental works

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BARAMULLA, Nov 22: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sherrish Asgar today took a holistic and sector wise review of all developmental works taken up under the Area Development Plan (ADP) and other schemes of Rural Development Department (RDD) during a meeting held at Dak Bungalow.

On the occasion, the DDC took a comprehensive and scheme wise review of all the works wherein the concerned officers briefed the chair about the current physical and financial position.

During the meeting, the status of works allotted, tendered, taken up and completed so far under PRIs, BDCs/DDC Grants was discussed with the chair.

After taking a thorough review, the DDC directed the officers to scale up efforts and put extra energy for completing



set a fixed timeline for completion of some of the works and applauded some of the officers who had achieved their targets within the set time.

Meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Gulzaar Ahmed Khan; Executive Engineers, BDOs and other concerned functionaries.

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