

Modi's 'Gujarat model' emulated by others: Dr Jitendra

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AHMEDABAD, Nov 23: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Modi's "Gujarat model" is emulated by others. He said, over the last 20 years, Narendra Modi has successfully created a model of development and governance which became a

yesterday he was in a programme with Prime Minister Modi where 71,000 new recruits were given appointment letters for Central government jobs. This, he said, was announced after the first lot of 75,000 candidates were given certificates on 22nd October, 2022. The Minister said, his department of DoPT has promised to Prime

that has seen unprecedented economic growth—between 2004 and 2012, as the state grew at 10.1 per cent, far ahead of the national average of 7.6 per cent under Modi Saheb. In fact, 2005-06 was a record year, with a growth rate of nearly 15 per cent, the Minister added.

Referring to Planning Commission data of the UPA rule, Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the most dazzling aspect of physical infrastructure in Gujarat is the specific interventions by Modi government for industry, as the state's industrial growth jumped to 12.65 per cent during 2005-09 from just 3.95 per cent during 2001-04. The industrial policy of 2009 provided a merit-based package of assistance to core infrastructure projects involving a minimum investment of Rs 5,000 crore and that has changed the industrial landscape of Gujarat.

Dr Jitendra Singh said even agriculture and allied sectors showed annual growth of 6.47 per cent under Modi rule and it was made possible primarily by three factors—adoption of BT (genetically modified) cotton, emphasis on minor irrigation and construction of check dams. Similar, stellar performance was witnessed in power sector as total installed power capacity scaled new heights of 23,887 Mw by March 2013 from nearly 9,000 Mw in 2003-04. The Minister said, the equally impressive has been the record on cutting transmission and distribution losses, down from 35 per cent to a modest 15 per cent in the period, thus making Gujarat as one of the few power surplus states.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an election meeting in Naroda Assembly constituency of Ahmedabad.

benchmark even for the non-BJP ruled States.

What is significant is that Modi as Chief Minister developed the "Gujarat model" with minimum support and maximum hostility from the Centre which was then ruled by the UPA, said the Minister.

Addressing a series of election meetings in support of Dr Payal Ben Kukrani contesting from Naroda Assembly seat, Dr Jitendra Singh, "I have come to Naroda not as a Union Minister, but as a member of the medical fraternity to support a young promising medico contesting as BJP candidate".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, life offers no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than healing mankind and young Payal Ben has all the abilities and competence to help her own generation as well as to raise the next generation.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, only

Minister that his vision of giving 10 lakh government jobs by end of 2023 will be fulfilled in a mission mode. He said, besides the crores of livelihood opportunities were created in the last 8 years, be it through 35 crore Mudra loans, Production linked incentives, Swamitva yojana, Start-ups and opening up of Space and Drone sectors for private participation and investment.

Coming back to massive developmental pitch of Modi years as the longest serving Chief Minister of Gujarat with his term spanning from October 2001 to May 2014, Dr Jitendra Singh said, when you enter Nava Gujarat, the first impression is of modern airport, wide roads and lush agricultural fields in rural areas, and one can see how parts of Ahmedabad resemble a top-tier metropolitan city on way to acquire cosmopolitan character. This is the Gujarat

4 branches, 3 ATMS of J&K Bank inaugurated Govt directed banks to open more branches in J&K: MoS Finance

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SRINAGAR, Nov 23: Government has directed all the banks to increase their footprints in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said here today.

The Minister told a selected group of journalists here that he has asked both public and private sector banks to widen their presence in Jammu and Kashmir.



Union MoS Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad during a function organised by J&K Bank in Srinagar on Wednesday.

He said while Jammu and Kashmir had a higher number of bank branches and ATMs for every one lakh population, there was a need to open more branches and ATMs as the population density in the Union Territory was less compared to the rest of the country.

Karad said that if the economy has to grow, the bank branches have to be increased. "I have asked all 12 banks including HDFC, Access Bank and ICICI to increase branches in J&K," he said.

"The banks have promised to open 20 new branches by March 2023. Of these, four branches were opened today while three new ATMs were also inaugurated today," he said.

The Minister said the banks in Jammu and Kashmir had done a good job over the years and directed them to improve their performance on those parameters where they are lagging behind the national average.

"I have told the banks in Jammu and Kashmir to hold Saturday camps to bring the percentage of Jan Dhan Yojana accounts closer to the national average. While the national aver-

age is 49,135 per lakh population, the numbers in Jammu and Kashmir are 21,252 per lakh," the Minister said.

"The credit-deposit ratio in Jammu and Kashmir is 58 per cent and I have asked them to raise it," he added.

The Minister, however, expressed satisfaction that despite the difficult terrain, there was not a single village in Jammu and Kashmir that does not have bank communication. "There is a bank

do not maintain a minimum balance.

"Banks are independent bodies. They have boards which can take a decision to waive off the penalty," he said.

Karad is on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review the implementation of various financial schemes in the Union Territory. Today, he e-inaugurated 4 branches and 3 ATMs of J&K Bank besides handing over sanction letters to aspiring entrepreneurs at an event organized by the Bank's Corporate Headquarters in Srinagar.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash, General Managers Sudhir Gupta and Syed Rais Maqbool DGMS and AGMs were present on the occasion.

While acknowledging the comprehensive support and quality services the J&K Bank is providing to people through a wide range of its initiatives, Dr Karad urged the Bank's management to continue to deepen digital presence and enhance the quality of services.

Earlier, the MoS Finance visited the J&K Bank's Digital Banking Unit (DBU) at Lal Chowk. He also visited the stalls at CHQ, wherein the entrepreneurs financed by the Bank under various self-employment schemes showcased their products.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash apprised the Union Minister about the steps taken to align the Bank's strategy with the national vision of Digital India. "The idea is to enhance the customer experience from satisfaction to delight through end-to-end digital solutions with secure services", he said.

The function concluded with vote of thanks from Bank's General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool. The branches commissioned today are Ghoom Ahmadpora in Baramulla, Saliskote in Kargil, Kaghote in Udhampur and Wasora in Pulwama, while the inaugurated ATMs are at Super Specialty Hospital in Shireen Bagh, Central University of Kashmir in Ganderbal and Bhagha in Reasi Jammu.



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correspondent within five kilometres of all villages in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Karad said financial literacy

and financial inclusion among the masses were the top focus areas of the Modi Government.

"For creating more awareness among the masses about various loan schemes, we have sanctioned two vans for aspirational districts Kupwara and Baramulla through NABARD, which will bear the expenses of the campaign for financial literacy in these areas," he said.

The minister while responding to a question if the centre would consider directing banks not to charge any penalty from the accounts where the balance falls below the prescribed minimum levels, said that the boards of individual banks can decide on waiving the penalty on accounts, which

lockdown has influenced the way in which people watch movies. Emphasising this fact further, Anupam Kher said that with the OTT platforms, audience have got into the habit of watching world cinema and multi lingual films.

"The audience got a taste of realistic films. Those films which has an element of reality will surely connect with the audience. The success of films like Kashmir Files is a testament to it. Without any songs, any comedy, the film turned out still amazing. This is actually the triumph of cinema", he added.

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to the residents of these remote villages.

In order to ensure benefits of schemes reach to the doorsteps of public, the DC said that the District Administration will organise awareness camps regarding scholarships, employment and other public welfare schemes of all departments in all remote areas of the district.

He said that the under vision of Hon'ble PM and guidance of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor-UT, for the first time in history path-breaking work is being done for the welfare of the tribals.

On the occasion, local PRIs, students and other respected from village Ringzabal, Zoogu, Khairan, Konzabal, and other adjacent villages interacted with the DC and presented their suggestions and ideas.

Variety of cultural performances were also presented by the students of Tribal community on the occasion.

After giving a patient hearing to each judge individually, he assured them of resolving their issues within a short span of time by talking to the stakeholders.

He sensitized the judges about their role in the society and urged them to give their best to the society and at the same time uphold the dignity and honour of the institution.

He emphasized upon the speedy disposal of cases and targeting the old cases so that they are disposed of speedily.

Moreover, he asserted that judicial officers ought to be punctual so that no litigant suffers. Subsequently, Justice Tashi Rabstan inspected the Family Court, POSCO Court and the Vulnerable Witness deposition room to have a firsthand experience of the working of such courts. A plant sapling was also planted by Justice Tashi in the Court complex.

CS launches J&K Day celebrations at 41st IITF at Pragati Maidan

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NEW DELHI, Nov 23: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today launched the celebrations in order to celebrate Jammu & Kashmir day at 41st India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan.

Dr Mehta, who was the chief guest on the occasion, along with the other officers were given a

provide a stimulus to the handicraft industry for extending enhanced business opportunities to the artisans and weavers.

Meanwhile, Dr Mehta chaired the Executive Council meeting of the Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped & Old Persons (Victims of Militancy) established by Social Welfare Department (SWD), J&K.

The meeting was attended by



CS during J&K Day celebrations at Pragati Maidan Delhi on Wednesday.

detailed visit to the JK pavilion where different stalls were put up for display.

While interacting with the visitors at the fair, Dr Mehta urged them to visit J&K as the region has numerous scenic spots and destinations dotted across the length and breadth of the Union Territory. The fair started on November 14 and will conclude on 27th November.

People from across the globe thronged the J&K Pavilion where the artefacts displayed by the artisans were put to the exhibition depicting the talent of indigenous art and craft of J&K having which has won the admiration worldwide.

The visitors were in all praise for the cultural fest presented by the Handicrafts and Handloom Department at Pragati Maidan Amphi Theatre. As many as eleven government departments and corporations including Agricultural, Horticulture, Agro Industries, JKI, JK Minerals and others had set up their stalls in the fair to showcase their products.

Jammu and Kashmir remains the main focus of the visitors every year in the 14 day long India International Trade Fair. The fair has assumed status of an iconic event and the participation through the J&K pavilion is a distinctive feature in the fair.

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir had put a special focus on GI-certified products in the current Trade Fair besides a live demonstration of crafts was kept on display in the event through the master craftsmen from School of Designs Kashmir.

Managing Director JKTIPO, Khalid Jahangir while giving inaugural speech, appreciated the audience for taking time out of their busy schedule for visiting JK Pavilion and watching cultural show at JK UT Day celebrations.

Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah briefed the chief guest about the departmental initiatives to

Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, SWD; Executive Director, Rehabilitation Council; representative from Department of Planning along with other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta enquired from the Council about its performance during previous year. He impressed upon them to accelerate the seeding of beneficiary accounts with Aadhar numbers. He directed them to complete the task within a month.

The Chief Secretary enjoined upon the Council that their work is of paramount importance. He asked them to provide timely assistance to all the victims and take all measures to rehabilitate them well.

He stressed on saturating the distribution of tricycles among all the Specially Aabled Persons (SAP) as per the directions of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT. He directed that all the youth taken to different parts of the country under 'Watankojano' programme should be facilitated in every manner and their stay made comfortable at every city they visit.

During the Council meeting, it was revealed that an action plan of Rs 8.35 Cr has been formulated for the year 2022-23 for coverage of 6800 beneficiaries. It was stated that its components consists of pension of Rs 1000/month to widows, old aged persons and Specially Aabled Persons besides marriage assistance of Rs 40000 to young widows or grown up daughters.

The meeting was also informed that the Council proposes to provide Motorized Tricycles to all the remaining registered 2700 cases of SAPs during the year as per the directions of the Lieutenant Governor. It was further informed that under 'Watankojano' sponsored by Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI the Council is going to take about 500 children from its orphanages, Balashrams/Narinetkan of the Department to cities like Mumbai, Lucknow, Jaipur, Hyderabad etc.

Katra Development Authority reconstituted

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Housing and Urban Development Department has reconstituted Katra Development Authority with two-year tenure of the members.

Headed by the Chief Secretary as the Chairman, the re-constituted Development Authority comprises of Principal Secretary HUDD as the Vice-Chairman and CEO Katra Development Authority as the Member Secretary.

Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Department; Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department; Secretary Tourism; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Addl CEO, SMVDSB; District Development Commissioner, Reasi; Chief Town Planner, Jammu and President Municipal Committee, Katra are members of the Development Authority.

'The Kashmir Files' started healing process for Kashmiri Pandits: Anupam Kher

PANAJI, Nov 23:

'The Kashmir Files' helped people all over the world to be aware of the tragedy that happened to Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s, actor Anupam Kher said today.

Speaking at Table Talks held in connection with the 53rd International Film Festival of India here, he said, "It is a film based on true incidents. Film Director Vivek Agnihotri interviewed around 500 people all around the world for the movie. On the night of 19th January 1990, 5 lakh Kashmiri Pandits had to leave their homes and memories in the Kashmir valley following rising violence. As a Kashmiri Hindu, I lived with the tragedy. But nobody was recognising the tragedy. World was trying to hide this tragedy. The film started a healing process by documenting the tragedy."

Reminiscing the process of giving life to a tragedy he suffered, Kher said that "The Kashmir Files is not just a film to him, but an

emotion which he portrayed on screen. "Since I represent the people who got expelled from their

"Hope is always around the corner," he said.

Covid pandemic and ensuing



Actor Anupam Kher addressing the media at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), in Goa on Wednesday.

homes, I consider it a great responsibility to express it in the best possible manner. My tears, my difficulties which you are seeing in this film are all real," he added.

Anupam said in this film instead of using his craft as an actor, he used his soul to give expression to the truth behind real life incidents. He also highlighted that the main theme behind the movie is to never give up.

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SKIMS to use services of Pharmacologists for its Drug, Pharmacy Services

Irfan Tramboo

SRINAGAR, Nov 23: The Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura has decided to go ahead with the utilization of services of experts in Pharmacology for the efficient functioning of the Drug and Pharmacy Services at the hospital.

The administration of the hospital has designated Dr Shakeel Ahmad Mir, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, SKIMS, Dr Surjeet Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, SKIMS for the utilization of their expertise and complementing the Faculty In-charge of Drug and Pharmacy for the smooth functioning of drug and pharmacy services at SKIMS.

It needs to be noted here that the Drug & Pharmacy which has been established at SKIMS, Soura has a major role in providing drugs to the patients round-the-clock underlining functions of projection, storage and dispensing of drugs as per the laid down scientific procedures besides undertaking inventory management of drugs, surgical disposables, intravenous fluids within the various areas of the Hospital.

The designated faculty members, it has been decided, will also be responsible for ensuring proper usage of drugs being supplied within the various areas of SKIMS hospital. The officials said that they will also be responsible to integrate pharmaco-vigilance as a component of drug procurement and dispensing as per standard guidelines.

These experts, officials said, will also recommend inclusion and exclusion of drugs for procurement based on commercial analysis of the requirements made by various departments in light of their feasibility for pro-

curement & the rate of consumption, while as the overall administrative control of Drug and Pharmacy Services will continue to remain with the Medical Superintendent, SKIMS.

The hospital is a tertiary care institution providing super-specialized patient care services, teaching and need-based biomedical research including medical and surgical services in multi-disciplines of clinical medicine where proper usage of drugs and disposables assumes utmost importance.

The officials said that the role of Clinical Pharmacology in the patient care delivery system is equally important in the form of monitoring medicinal usages, giving information and advice about the actions and proper usage of medicines in humans, detecting and analyzing reproductive toxicology, pre-operative drug management, psychopharmacology, recommending the inclusion or timely exclusion of drugs from inventories.

The officials said that Clinical Pharmacology also has a key role in recommending the procurement of essential drugs to be procured and suggesting when the procurement should be stopped due to drugs coming off patent or having been declared obsolete for use.

ETO transferred

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir Government today ordered transfer of an ETO and assigned additional charge to an STO.

According to the order, Sameer Ahmad Dar, ETO-Excise Range Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian has been transferred and posted as STO, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Abdul Hamid Ganai, STO Circle Anantnag-III shall hold the charge of post of ETO-Excise Range, Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian in addition to his own duties till further orders.

AEE suspended

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Er Ghulam Hassan Rather, Incharge AEE (R&B) Special Sub Division Uri, has been placed under suspension with effect from November 17, 2022 when he was arrested by Anti Corruption Bureau.

An order in this regard was issued today, according to which Er Ghulam Hassan Rather shall be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from the date he was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Baramulla.

During the period of suspension, the officer shall remain attached with the office of Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Kashmir.

BJP promoting hate politics for sake of power: Wani

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KULGAM, Nov 23: J&K Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani has said that BJP has been indulging in falsehood and promotion of hate politics in the country in order to divert people's attention from its failures for the sake of power.

Addressing party convention at Valtengo in Devsar area of Kulgam today, PCC chief blamed BJP Govt for the losses caused to J&K due to the wrong policies adopted by it (BJP) while having failed miserably on developmental, economic, employment and various other fronts. Wani said the developmental process initiated in J&K by UPA-I and UPA-II is nowhere to be seen. What the people of J&K got under BJP Rule only unemployment, lack of development, unprecedented price hike on essentials, hardships etc which has made the living condition of common people more pathetic, he added.

Referring to the democratic

institutions in the Country, Wani said the institutions benefiting people and safeguarding their rights are being targeted one after another aiming to suppress the genuine voices whilst the politics of hate and division are being promoted by the BJP for the sake of remaining in power, Wani added.

JKPCC president took the opportunity of workers' convention to make a fervent appeal to people of the country to rise to the occasion to defeat the nefarious designs of BJP- RSS, who are responsible for the intolerance and promotion of religious and hate politics in the country.

JKPCC President said Congress has united the country and people of all shades as well, it will continue to work for the development, employment generation and redressal of issues concerning people, besides it will continue to fight for restoration of democratic process in J&K, which is being delayed under a well-planned strategy on the part of BJP.

On this occasion JKPCC President also laid emphasizes over strengthening the Party at grass roots.

Senior Congress leaders, Ghulam Nabi Monga (Ex-MLC) and Mohd Anwar Bhat also addressed the convention and laid emphasizes over unity and working together for the benefit of common people.

DCC president Farooq Ahmad Bhat, senior leaders Fayaz Ahmed Dar and Amanullah Matoo also addressed the convention.

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