

Beach Cleaning campaign's success vindicates 'whole of Government' approach: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Oct 6 : Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that the recently concluded 75-day long Beach Cleaning campaign's success vindicates the "whole of Government" approach.

India's 7500 km-long coastline will play a vital role in shaping up India's Vision @ 2047 and added that we need to leverage our underutilised oceanic resources in order to advance the economic growth of our nation. The Minister said, a high-level team constituted to organise year long activities on

and celebrities participated in beach clean-up activities along with lakhs of volunteers from all walks of life. The Minister informed that more than 45 Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates from 9 Coastal States made special efforts to make the campaign a grand success.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing a meeting to review the recently concluded "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign, at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi on Thursday.

the recently concluded "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign from 5th July to 17th September which is observed as "International Coastal Clean Up Day", Dr Jitendra Singh acknowledged the support of over a dozen Union Ministries for its grand success, while the nodal Ministry was the Ministry of Earth Sciences headed by him.

coastal clean up will also coordinate in India's Deep Sea Mission.

Referring to the Swachh Bharat Mission launched on 2nd October, 2014 after the Prime Minister's announcement from the Red Fort during his first Independence Day address on 15th August, 2014, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the whole of government approach has combined with whole of nation approach to make swachhata a true Jan Andolan by bringing about the largest behavioural change in the world. He said, the SBM's emphasis on behavioural change in rural sanitation at the grassroots level also led to rigorous verification and sustainability of the benefits accrued to rural communities.

The Minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who in his latest "Mann ki Baat" broadcast, mentioned the "Swachh Sagar - Surakshit Sagar" campaign and the mass public participation in it. Modi had congratulated all the people who took part in many cleanliness related programs for the entire two and a half months, he said.

Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr M. Ravichandran, Secretary, DARP, V.Srinivas, DG, Coast Guard, V.S.Pathanai, Shri Gopal Arya from Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi and representatives of Environment Ministry and senior officials joined the review meeting.

Ashok Koul holds meeting with leaders deputed for Himachal Pradesh elections

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JAMMU, Oct 6: Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org) impelled the party leaders from Jammu and Kashmir to discharge their dedicated services in poll bound state of Himachal Pradesh.

Sambhal and other Pravasi leaders participated in the meeting.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, exhorted the party leaders to follow the foot-steps and teachings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, party President JP Nadda and other senior dedicated leadership of BJP. He said that the recent rallies of Modi ji, Amit Shah ji in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir are testimonials that BJP is going to mark its presence in approaching Assembly elections with a 'Big-Bang'.

Ashok Koul accompanied by party's All Morchas Incharge Munish Sharma who is also "Himachal Election Pravasi Prabhari" was addressing the meeting at the party headquarter,



Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org) chairing a meeting at Jammu.

here today. To support and extend help in the further strengthening of organizational structure just before the neighbouring state Himachal Pradesh faces Assembly elections, dozens of BJP leaders are camping in different areas of the state to discharge their services.

"Supplement the sincere working of these dedicated leaders with your extra efforts", Koul told party leaders deputed in Himachal Pradesh.

Munish Sharma, on the occasion, discussed the ground report of organizational structure in Himachal Pradesh whereas he also discussed the issues presented in the reporting by party leaders with Ashok Koul. He also assured the senior party leadership of best effort by the party leaders in Himachal Pradesh.

Man nabbed with ganja, sharp edged weapon

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JAMMU, Oct 6: Miran Sahib Police arrested a man along with ganja and sharp edged weapon.

During checking, police team recovered 250 grams ganja and one sharp edged weapon from the possession of the person and arrested him.

As per police sources, on reliable information a team from Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Inspector Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh and SP Headquarters Rannish Gupta laid a naka at Gazian road and intercepted a person, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

The arrested person has been identified as Sudershan Vishwal, son of Indira Mani of Odisha, at present Gazian Road Miran Sahib District Jammu.

A case FIR Number 123/2022 under sections 8/15 NDPS Act and 4/25 Arms Act has been registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing a gathering at Nagrota, Jammu.

Tap horticulture potential of Jammu region: Jugal

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JAMMU, Oct 6: Department of Horticulture today organised a mega farmers' awareness camp at Block Development Office Nagrota. Member Parliament Lok Shaba, Jugal Kishore Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the camp, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Jammu division has huge horticulture potential and appealed to



Reserved category employees placed in Kashmir, staging protest at Jammu on Thursday.

Reserve category employees protest

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JAMMU, Oct 6: The prolonged protest of All Jammu Based Reserve Category Employees Association for suitable comprehensive transfer policy entered 128th day at Ambedkar Chowk Jammu here today.

All these employees while welcoming Home Minister Amit Shah in Jammu hoped that he has passed necessary directions to the LG Administration for redressal of genuine demand of transfer policy of all Jammu based employees working in Kashmir and hopefully the committee for transfer policy headed by Principal Secretary, GAD shall submit its report to Government at an earliest.

These employees are protesting peacefully for the last 128 days to meet their demand of transfer policy. They are following the path of AHIMSA (Non-violence) as propounded by Mahatma Gandhi and they bank on LG Administration that their genuine demand will be addressed very soon.

These employees are struggling at Ambedkar Chowk to save their lives to safeguard their fun-

the PRIs and the field functionaries of the Horticulture Department to work in synergy to tap the same. He sought their proactive role to bring tangible results on the ground and towards increasing the farmers' income.

The officers and officials were asked to host awareness and training camps on regular intervals in Block/Tehsil levels to impart training to farmers on pruning and other modern horticultural operations besides establishment of high density orchards.

The MP stressed on the need to impart skill training in fruit processing to the women of the farmer community to facilitate their financial empowerment.

Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu, Sarabjit Singh elaborated in detail about the incentives available under various central and UT sponsored schemes of the department.

During the camp, the concerned district officers and field functionaries made the farmers aware about horticulture and allied schemes in vogue viz Strawberry plantation, Lemon plantation, Dragon fruit plantation, Kiwi plantation, ultra-high density plantation etc. He assured that Horticulture Department will try its best and will be available round the clock to meet the demands of orchardists of the District Jammu.

Among others present on the camp were Chairman Block Development Council (BDC) Nagrota, Rehamat Ali; Tehsildar Nagrota, Babu Ram Choudhary; Block Development Officer Nagrota, Shalini Raina; Sarpanch Nagrota, Lala Kishori; District level/Subject Matter Specialist Jammu, Sandeep Gupta; MCC, Jammu Anil Chibber; HDO Dansal, Sandeep Sharma, PRIs of Nagrota block. HDO Dansal, Sandeep Sharma presented vote of thanks.

These employees are struggling for last 128 days and demanding a suitable comprehensive transfer policy. The series of target killing has not been stopped in Kashmir so these employees are not in such a position to resume their duties and also warned the administration that they will not resume their duties until a notification for transfer policy comes in force.

Release DA instalment of employees: LPEF

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JAMMU, Oct 6: All J&K Low Paid Government Employees Federation has urged the Lt Governor's Administration to release DA instalment of the employees from July 2022 and also enhance Medical allowance of the employees and pensioners.

In a press statement here today, Jagdish Raj Sharma, president, All J&K Low Paid Employees Federation (LPEF) has urged the UT Government for release of DA instalment of 4% with effect from 1st of July, 2022 in favour of the State Government employees and pensioners, which has already been released by the Central Government.

He also urged upon the Government for enhancement of Medical allowance from the present paltry rate of Rs 300 per month to Rs 1000 per month, at least which is being paid to the Central Government employees and pensioners.

The Federation president has also raised the demands of the daily wagers including revision of minimum wage to Rs 500 and release of pending wages of

different departments employees who are facing hardships and regularisation of their services. He also sought enhancement of remuneration of Village Guards at par with minimum daily wage in vogue in the state and honorarium of Lamberdars, Anganwadi workers, NYC, NYK, REK and Helpers as per the commensurate rise of price index.

The Federation has also urged upon the Government to restore old pension rules instead of new pension scheme enforced with effect from January 1st, 2010. It also reiterated the demand of extension of leave encashment benefits to the teachers, re-organisation of clerical cadre and removal of their pay anomalies, besides regularisation of adhoc, contractual and consolidated paid employees without any more delay.

Bike rider dies, another hurt in road accident

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POONCH, Oct 6: One person was killed while another received injuries when a motorcycle on which they were travelling, met with an accident at Fazalabad near Surankote in Poonch district today.

Official sources said that a motorcycle bearing registration number JK12-6474 was on its way from Chitti Batti, Fazalabad area towards Bunikhet in Bafliaz. When it reached near Pather bridge Fazalabad, the bike met with an accident, causing serious injuries to both the riders. They were taken to Sub District Hospital Surankote, soon after the accident where one was declared dead.

A doctor at SDH Surankote said that the injured has been kept under observation and his condition was stable.

The deceased was identified as Asif Amin (28), son of Abdul Amin and injured as Tofeeq Ahmed (25), son of Mohd Abas, residents of Chitti Batti near Fazalabad in Surankote.

A Police Officer said that a case vide FIR number 338/2022 under relevant sections has been registered in this regard and investigation was taken up.

Dulloo reviews preparedness for Rabi season in Jammu

* 30000 hectares of waste land to be brought under cultivation

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SRINAGAR, Oct 6: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today took stock of preparedness of the department for the upcoming Rabi crop season in the Jammu Division.



ACS Agriculture, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Director Agriculture Jammu, scientists from SKUAST, Jammu besides other officers of the department.

The ACS underscored the need of providing truthful and certified seeds to the farmers for better yields. He impressed upon both the Directors to properly assess the requirements if High Yielding Varieties of seeds required by

late a strategy in association with experts from the Agricultural Universities for increasing the area under crop cultivation. He enquired about different reasons for keeping this land from bringing under cultivation and asked the department to make plan accordingly to address these issues. He told them to provide him the district wise details of fallow land to be taken up for cultivation under different crops.

During the meeting, Dulloo instructed the officers to formu-

Annual exams for classes 1-9 likely in March, awaiting Govt's nod: DSEK

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SRINAGAR, Oct 6: Authorities today said that the annual exams for classes 1-9 in Kashmir valley will most likely be held in March and that, in this connection, a final decision will be taken soon.

Director School Education, Kashmir (DSEK), Tasaduq Hussain said that the Directorate has submitted a proposal to the Government and that a final call will be taken in a few days.

"We have changed the session and under that, up to class 9, the exams will be held in March, and in this regard, we have already submitted a proposal to the Government and within one or two days, the decision will be taken," he said.

He said that there is a likelihood that the annual exams for all the classes across Kashmir will be held in March and that the continuous assessment of the lower classes has already been completed. "The assessment of the students of lower classes has already been completed. T2, the final exams are yet to be held and that will be conducted in March," he said.

Concerning the winter vacations in the schools, DSEK said that they are currently working under a plan where it is being ensured that the learning gaps that crept in due to the closure of

schools are fulfilled. At the same time, he noted that the announcement of vacations will be subject to weather conditions in Kashmir.

"The winter vacations depend on the weather conditions; if the weather conditions permit us and the temperature does not go into minus, then we will continue up to the last week of December," he said.

He said that the schools were reopened after a gap of 2 years and there were a lot of learning gaps. To fulfill those gaps, he said, the DSEK is carrying out remedial teaching in the schools.

"To fill the learning gaps, we have already formulated a plan, and nearly 80 percent of learning gaps have been fulfilled, 20 percent is remaining and we will be doing our best to accomplish that and fulfill the target that we have set," he said.

He said that these ongoing remedial classes across Kashmir are being regularly monitored and that the DSEK will ensure that all the gaps are fulfilled before announcing winter vacations in Kashmir.

"We have a plan in place; we have ensured the education standards and the remedial teaching is being monitored on the cluster level across Kashmir. I think, if weather permits, we will keep the schools open for the December month too," he said.

The ACS urged them to work in close coordination with the banks for disbursement of loans under KCC scheme. He asked them to make concerted efforts to activate all the Kisan Credit Cards and help them in securing the loans for small time farmers. He directed the District Agriculture Officers to have regular coordination meetings with the banks for smooth performance under the KCC scheme.

The meeting was informed that an area of 357000.57 hectares of land has to be covered under different crops in Jammu Division against an area of 331.90 in the previous year. The meeting was further apprised that 58102 quintals of seeds would be made available by the department for the purpose.

The meeting also discussed promotion of farm mechanization to achieve farm power goal from 1.75 kW/ha to 2.5 kW/ha. Also 100 Super seeder/Straw Reapers shall be distributed to the farmers to check the crop residue burning, as was said in the meeting.

For the awareness of farmers through trainings and exposure visits within UT and outside J&K UT about 70000 farmers would be covered. Kissan Melas shall be organized in every district to demonstrate agriculture activities and aware the farmers, the meeting was informed.

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