

BJP restored Himachal's image as corruption-free State: Dr Jitendra

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DHARAMSHALA (HP), Oct 30 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth

ous income shown by him. The I-T probe in 2015 found that the sale of apples from Singh's Shrikhand orchard in Shimla district could not have fetched him more than Rs 64 lakh as against Rs 1.55 crore he showed in 2011.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a series of BJP public rallies in Sunder Nagar, Bahl and Nachan Assembly segments of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday.

Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that BJP restored the image of Himachal Pradesh as a corruption free Himalayan State.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, the Jairam Government in Himachal Pradesh not only ensured proper implementation of the Modi Govt schemes, but also lived upto the "Double Engine" principle by supplementing most of the Central schemes with State initiated schemes.

Addressing a series of election meetings in different parts of the State, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the pristine image of the Devbhoomi was compromised by the erstwhile Congress Government through a series of scams and scandals.

Dr Jitendra Singh asserted that development becomes reality with double engine Governments, as this ensures fast approvals for projects and their fast implementation and progress. The Minister said, that the UPA government from 2004-2014 neglected the developmental aspirations of people of Devbhoomi and particularly the youth, with no major infra project approved for the state.

Dr Jitendra Singh charged that even apple growers were given a raw deal by the previous Congress government and the Himachali Seb (Apple), instead of being a Himachal identity across the country, became a subject of scam and scandals.

Referring to the launch of series of projects related to pharmaceuticals, education and railways by Prime Minister Narendra

Dr Jitendra Singh said that people of this hill state had not forgotten the ill-deeds of ex-Chief Minister Veer bhadra Singh, who faced an IT probe of disproportionate assets case over the dubi-

Work on power project remains suspended

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KISHTWAR, Oct 30: The work on the mega power project at Drabshalla here remained suspended following yesterday's landslides, in which four persons including a police cop were killed and nine others sustained injuries.

As per reports, the work on the 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project remained suspended today.

Meanwhile, last rites of the four persons, who were killed in back to back landslides at the power project site, were performed at Drabshalla, Kandli and Thathri.

Thousands of people took part in the last rites of the killed persons including a police cop.

A wreath laying ceremony was also held at District Police Lines (DPL) Kishtwar, in which family members of the deceased cop and police officers paid tributes.

However, the injured persons were responding to the treatment when last reports were collected.

CS distributes appointment letters among newly appointed candidates

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 30: A ceremonial function on account of Rozgar Mela was today held at Convention Centre Jammu where the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta handed over appointment letters to the candidates selected by the J&K



Chief Secretary distributing appointment letters.

Services Selection Board.

On the occasion, a video message of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi was also played. In the message the Prime Minister said that youth have pivotal role in the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary along with Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary, Jal

Shakti; Principal Secretary Information & HED; Comm Secretary Labour & Employment; Commissioner Secretary Forests; Commissioner Secretary Revenue; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Secretary, GAD distributed appointment letters to the candidates selected in various

said. The era of backdoor appointments into Government jobs has ended, he maintained.

He also said that the process of verifications which earlier took months is now completed online within days. He said that in J&K's history maximum recruitments had been done in last two years in which recruitment for over 30000 posts has been made since 2019. He said that creation of new vacancies in the Government departments is also in progress.

Speaking about the 'Be Rozgar Se Swarozgar Scheme', the Chief Secretary said that the scheme has been launched to provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth. He pointed out that for Back to Village Phase-4 (B2V4) the officers have been directed to aware the people about the scheme so that they can apply for starting their own enterprises. He said our target is to provide employment to 10 lakh youth under SwarozgarYojna. He urged people to come forward and avail the benefits of the scheme and become job givers instead job seekers.

* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

These candidates have been appointed on different posts in GAD, Skill Development Department, Labour Department, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Jal Shakti, Agriculture, Finance, and School Education Departments.

BJP only hope for Pasmada Samaj, Tribals: Khatana

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JAMMU, Oct 30: Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, MP Rajya Sabha today stressed that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the only hope for the Pasmada Samaj and



MP (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana being presented a bouquet by members of Pasmada Samaj at a function held at Duggiya -Bhatindi on Sunday.

Tribals which can uplift their status and lead them to socio-political and economic prosperity.

He said that Narendra Modi is only Prime Minister whose Government has sanction Rs five crore scholarships for the minority community and launched schemes like Hunar Haath, Shadi Shagun etc.

by various political parties for last 70 years without doing anything concrete for the upliftment of their socio-economic status. "Only a few select families have benefited by aligning with these parties by selling the interests of the community, said Er. Khatana, adding this is for the first time that PM Modi led Government has ensured that

Government departments by the recruitment board.

Chief Secretary said the priority of the J&K Government is to ensure transparent recruitment process and these appointments were done with full transparency in a fast track manner. "Our priority is to ensure that not a single person is favoured in terms of securing government jobs" he said.

He said that lot still needs to be done for their welfare as Tribal community has remained voiceless for many decades. "I will leave no stone unturned to raise the voice of the Pasmada Samaj and the Tribal community in the Upper House as a member. He said that Forest Rights Act, schemes for Tribal, Pasmada Samaj welfare and minority welfare are path breaking initiatives of the present Government and its benefits must reach the deserving and he will ensure its proper implementation.

Prominent among others who spoke were included Said Mohammad, Puttu Dodhi Gujjar Association, Talib Hussain, senior Bakkerwal leader, Ali Mohammad Chechi, Intellectual Gujjar Sabha, Haji Noor Hussain, Haji Mohammad Hussain, BNP leaders, Pushvinder Charak, Ashok Kumar and Bashir Hussain Sarpanch. Others present include Mantaz Ahmed, Panches Sham Din, Sadiq Rafiq Ahmed, Liyakat Hussain, and Waseem Choudhary.



BJP leaders along with party national general secretary, Tarun Chugh during a programme at Srinagar on Sunday.

PM made J&K "hub of tourism": Tarun Chugh

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SRINAGAR, Oct 30: BJP national general secretary and in charge Kashmir Affairs, Tarun Chugh today said that J&K has emerged "hub of tourism" due to PM Modi's 'Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Vikas and Sab Ka Vishwas' initiative.

The BJP leader was talking to reporters at party headquarters here in Srinagar where several party leaders and workers had assembled to listen PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat.

The BJP national general secretary claimed that J&K has emerged "hub of tourism" due to PM Modi's people friendly initiatives. "Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Vikas and Sab Ka Vishwas made Jammu and Kashmir hub of tourism. This season Kashmir witnessed record breaking tourist footfall that led to the economical boost in the region and provided bulk of opportunities to unemployed youth who had been exploited brutally by past government for cheap political

gains", Tarun Chugh asserted.

While praising PM Modi's efforts for bringing normalcy back to Kashmir, the BJP leader said "The regional political parties had made Article 370 as a shield to hide their wrongdoings they committed in past seven decades, however PM Modi freed J&K from the clutches of Article 370 & 35(A) on August 5, 2019 and provided an atmosphere to suppressed people to taste the essence of democracy at grassroot level", the BJP leader said.

He at the occasion congratulated Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for broadcasting Mann Ki Baat programme on air meant to apprise countrymen about the achievements BJP Government did and the initiatives taken up for the upliftment of every section of the society.

He added, "I'm very much glad today to see that large number of people in Srinagar are listening Mann Ki Baat with curiosity who have pinned hope on the leadership of PM Modi.

Illegal soil extraction going on unabated in Bandipora's Turkpora

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 30: Illegal soil extraction is going on unabated in the Turkpora village of Bandipora and the authorities have not been able to stop the same despite the matter being brought to their notice time and again.

The residents whose lives as well as their fields are at risk due to the soil extraction in the area allege that the concerned officials are hand-in-glove with the people who are carrying out the illegal soil extraction.

"We have been informing the authorities about it but instead of taking action against the violators, those who complained about it faced the heat, prompting them

to remain silent despite open violations being carried out," a resident of the area told Excelsior on the condition of anonymity.


The residents said that extraction continues to pose a serious risk to them and that the only road connecting the entire area with the rest of the district has also been damaged due to the unabated soil extraction.

Those who are aware of the developments told Excelsior that when the issue was first highlighted, the District Mineral Office took the necessary action which includes lodging an FIR, and the extraction was even halted for some time, "but that did not deter the violators from carrying out the soil extraction illegally as the same continues particularly

during the night hours," they said.

As per details, the soil extraction continues in the area during the night hours, and on average over 30 truckloads of soil are extracted per night. "It did stop for a while, but then, it started all over again; the authorities have to look into the matter; they can't pressurize the residents who are trying to raise their voices against the illegal works that are going on.

The District Mineral Officer (DMO) Naseer Ahmad Bhat, Bandipora told Excelsior that he joined just a few days back and that he will look into the matter. "I am not quite aware of the matter as of now, but I will ensure a look into it and do the needful wherever necessary," he said.



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-Narendra Modi

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