

Dr Jitendra announces countrywide 'One Week One Lab' campaign

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NEW DELHI, Sept 26 : Soon after his return to the national capital after a 5-day visit to the USA, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science &

across India. Addressing the first-ever CSIR Leadership Meet attended by the Directors and Head of Departments of all the 37 CSIR labs across the country, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the legacy of CSIR is

year in States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab and Haryana and this could play an important role in positively contributing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vision and Mission of "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal". Similarly, the mechanized sewage cleaning system developed by CSIR for wider dissemination will help in achieving the target of Swachh Bharat Mission, he added.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, said the Minister who is also Vice President CSIR, that Science & Technology has got enhanced budget and a very special impetus in the last 8 years and the scientific pursuits and endeavours are now being assigned special importance. He said, the ultimate goal of all Scientific Innovations is to bring "Ease of Living" for the common man.

Dr Jitendra Singh called upon a pool of over 4,500 CSIR scientists to reorient and revitalise the organization to emerge as Global Centres of Innovations in the Amrit Kaal. He said, they must focus on emerging innovations in areas like Hydrogen in the energy transition, Carbon capture and storage, Accessible solar power, Plastic recycling and Cheap energy storage.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that there should be a Science Pavilion on the lines of DST and DBT at Pragati Maidan. He also urged the DG, CSIR to organize CSIR-Expos in various parts of the country to showcase its technological prowess to various states and industries, besides other stakeholders.



Union Minister and Vice President CSIR, Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the first-ever CSIR Leadership Meet attended by the Directors of all the 37 CSIR institutes from across India, at New Delhi on Monday.

Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the

built on the cumulative contribution of its several national laboratories and institutes. He said, each laboratory of CSIR is unique and specialising in as diverse areas as genomics to geology, material technology to microbial technology and food to fuel.

The Minister also recalled how the laboratories came together during the COVID pandemic last year and developed several technologies that helped India's fight against COVID. The Minister said, the success stories of each lab must be brought to the fore of the country through a massive mass media campaign.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, CSIR breakthroughs in areas like Drone, Helicopter technology, state of the art Sewage cleaning machines, Aroma Mission has opened up huge opportunities for developing meaningful and equal stake partnership among Research, Academia and Industry.

The Minister said, the state-of-the-art Heli-borne survey technology with cooperation from Jal Shakti Ministry was applied last



Vice President of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), announced countrywide "One Week One Lab" theme-based campaign to showcase the technological breakthroughs and innovations in each of the 37 CSIR laboratories/institutes spread

IASOWA J&K distributes books, sports articles at GMS Dodhi Gujjar Colony

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JAMMU, Sept 26: The members of IASOWA J&K led by President IASOWA, J&K, Dr Amita Mehta visited Government Middle School Dodhi Gujjar Colony, in zone Purmandal, in connection with donation drive held by the association.

President IASOWA, J&K, Dr Amita Mehta is the wife of Chief Secretary Jammu & Kashmir, Dr

In her speech, she emphasised that the IASOWA J&K would continue working towards the environment and for the betterment of the underprivileged sections of the society, especially women and children.

Other members of IASOWA also spoke on the occasion.

She assured that the demands made by the school committee have been duly noted and would be forwarded to the concerned for appropriate action.



Members of IASOWA J&K during visit to GMS Dodhi Gujjar Colony.

Arun Kumar Mehta.

A number of story books, sports articles, educational aids, brain games, indoor games etc. were distributed among the students during the drive.

Dr Amita Mehta informed that the members of the association have adopted the verdayani learning centre of the school and would regularly visit the school to assess the quality of education and other co curricular activities.

The members of IASOWA present at the occasion included Dr Rashmi Singh, Ankita Kar, Geetanjali Singhla, Anuradha Jangid and Divya Yadav among others.

Chief Education Officer, Zonal Education Officer, Principal GMS were also present.

Pertinent to mention, the IASOWA J&K regularly undertakes various activities of social welfare all over the UT.

Now, Passport applicants can avail PCC services at POPSKs: Shil

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JAMMU, Sept 26: Passport applicants across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will be able to apply for Police Clearance Certificates (PCCs) at all online Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) starting from September 28.

This was stated by N K Shil, Regional Passport Officer (RPO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. He said often the issuance of the PCCs by the local police takes time that results in a delay in the grant of passports and that is why, this path breaking initiative has been taken by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to reduce the long wait period for issuing PCCs. Shil said henceforth, citizens of

J&K can avail services of PCCs at Post Office Passport Seva Kendras inter alia POPSK Rajouri, Anantnag, Baramulla, Udhampur and Leh. He said earlier PCCs services were available in Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) only and people had to wait for long period and travel long distances to get these crucial services connected with their career, job, PR & education.

"This people centric initiative of RPO J&K and Ladakh (MEA) will cut down delay, increase number of PCCs appointments, help benefit in getting quick PCCs services and go a long way in mitigating the hardship, presently applicants are experiencing," he asserted.

Pertinently, PCCs are prerequisite for the issuance of passports to the applicants.

4 injured in road mishap

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REASI, Sept 26: Four persons were injured when a passenger Tempo, they were travelling in, met with accident at Kharka on Khanikote - Kouri road, this morning.

The accident took place when the Tempo, bearing registration number JK02AS-2190, skidded off the road at Kharka and turned turtle resulting into minor injuries to

the persons travelling in the vehicle. The injured were shifted to District Hospital Reasi for treatment and later discharged after first aid.

The tempo was on way from Khanikote to Kouri when it met with the accident. The injured were identified as Lal Singh (60), Tripta Devi (18), Shankar Singh (40) and Kapoor Singh (42), all residents of Lamsona in tehsil Bhomag of district Reasi.



BJP national general secretary, Tarun Chugh addressing party meeting at Baramulla on Monday.

'J&K very close to heart of PM' Chugh tours North Kashmir to review arrangements for HM visit

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SRINAGAR, Sept 26: Senior BJP leader, national general secretary, incharge J&K and Ladakh UTs, Tarun Chugh today toured North Kashmir to review the arrangements for the visit of Home Minister, Amit Shah.

Tarun Chugh asked all the party functionaries to gear up for the visit of Home Minister, Amit Shah and carry out awareness programmes about the policies and programmes of the Government for the Jammu and Kashmir.

He also addressed various delegations and gatherings in the district to highlight the achievements of the Government and said benefits these programmes are aimed for the common people.

Tarun Chugh also reiterated the message of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vishwas of Prime

Minister, Narendra Modi.

"Jammu and Kashmir is very close to the heart of PM Modi. He always enquires about the pace of the developmental programmes in the UT. I on behalf of everyone thank Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for liberal funding of the ambitious projects which were pending for many years and starting new infrastructure projects which will make the J&K powerhouse of prosperity."

He also complimented the people of North Kashmir for believing in the policies of the party coming up in huge numbers in the meetings.

"I am sure people will show same enthusiasm in joining the rally of Home Minister, Amit Shah," he said.

Meanwhile, Chug also showed satisfaction in the ongoing membership drive of the BJP.

CS inaugurates Navratra Festival at Katra

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KATRA, Sept 26: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today inaugurated the Navratra Festival in a glittering function at Yog Ashram here, in presence of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; CEO, Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg; DC, Reasi, Babila Rakwal besides other senior officers.

The inaugural ceremony was marked with traditional puja and formal reception of all important guests by presentation of Mata Ki Chunaries. A colourful cultural and devotional program was presented by renowned artist groups which mesmerized the public with their vibrant performances. Also, a Laser Show on Mata Ki Kahani was displayed which was well appreciated by the audience.

Dr Mehta, on the occasion, said that the administration is dedicated towards facilitating the tourists with quality services at Katra. He congratulated the local community on the auspicious occasion of Navratra and extended warm greetings for the same.

Anshul Garg while welcoming the guests said, "Navratras are the time to welcome new beginnings. This time to celebrate the holy occasion of Navratra Shrine Board has installed welcome gates and selfie point at Katra for the devotees. Also, physically challenged devotees will be provided horses and battery cars free of

cost to make it easier for them to visit the Shrine".

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu appreciated the role of Tourism Department, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, District Administration Reasi, Central Bureau of Communication, UT of J&K and Ladakh and all other agencies for putting up facilities for the

Competition, Bhagwat Katha, Prabhat Pheri, Shoba Yatra, Mata Ki Kahani, Laser Show on theme of Mata Ki Kahani, Hum Bhi Kam Nahi Talent Show, Wrestling Competition, Hassaya Vyang and Kavi Sammelan etc. Besides, cultural program and multimedia exhibition by Central Bureau of Communication, UT of J&K and



Chief Secretary and other officers during inauguration of Navratra Festival at Katra.

successful conduct of the festival.

The Navratra festival which was started in 1996, has today metamorphosed into an event of outrageous proportions with thousands of people coming together not only to pay obeisance to Maa Vaishno Devi Ji, but also to be the part of grand celebrations. Bright lights, drape of varied hues, sound of folk and devotional music in the background shall be a common occurrence during these Navratras at Katra/ Jammu.

The main highlights of the nine days event to be organized at Katra from 26th September to 04th October are Ramllela, All India Devotional Song

Ladakh shall be held at Higher Secondary School, Katra were distinguished performance from throughout India shall present their art forms.

Lastly, the vote of thanks was presented by Director Tourism, Jammu extended his gratitude and appreciation to all the stakeholders for their commitment and overwhelming support.

Also, present on the occasion were Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Abdul Satar, ADC Reasi; Angrez Singh, SDM Katra; Amit Gupta, SSP Reasi; Amit Bhasin, SP Katra; Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism Publicity and Ambika Bali, ADT Katra and many others.

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