

# India's stable economy seen by world as 'bright spot': Dr Jitendra

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RANCHI, Feb 4 : 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 had laid the foundation and given a stable Indian Economy, which could withstand all the upheavals in the aftermath of pandemic and was seen by the world as a "bright spot", the title given by the IMF at a time when other nations were struggling with their respective economies.

Briefing the media in Ranchi, capital of Jharkhand, about the "futuristic budget" presented to Parliament on Wednesday, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the revolutionary measures and transformative reforms since May, 2014 made India's Macro-Economic Outlook rock solid.

The Minister said, on this "rock" foundation, the budget of 2023-24 promises to build the invincible future India over the next 25 years. World today looks up to India as it jumps 40 positions higher on Global Innovation Index, he said.

Describing it as a budget which addresses the aspirations of every section of society, Dr Jitendra Singh said, from middle class to big industry, from women to youth, from farmer to StartUps, it is an inclusive budget for all. At the same time, priorities like Green Growth target the global benchmarks of the 21st century, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the first major economic reform of the Goods and Services



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an Intellectual Meet on Budget 2023-24 at Birla University, Ranchi on Saturday.

Tax rolled out on the midnight of 1st July, 2017 was a Path-breaking legislation for New India, which led to One-Nation, One-Tax and One-Market and in fact was the realization of dream of Sardar Patel to make "Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, apart from this, several pro-business reforms unleashed by Modi in the last Nine Years like reduction in compliance requirements, removal of retrospective taxation, simplification of the corporate tax rate structure, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have improved India's "rank in ease of doing business from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2022, as per World Bank report.

Referring to 740 Eklayva Model Residential Schools, Dr Jitendra Singh said, 7 such schools are operational in Jharkhand and pointed out the General Budget has proposed to recruit 38,800 teachers and supporting staff for Eklayva Model Schools serving 3.5 lakh tribal students. He also underlined that out of total 500 Blocks selected as aspirational blocks, 34 belong to Jharkhand.

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# Sinha flags off SKUAST-J students for USA Lt Governor interacts with NCC cadets at Raj Bhawan

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JAMMU, Feb 4: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with NCC cadets, who had taken part in this year's Republic Day parade in New Delhi.

On the occasion, the cadets shared their experience and training during the Republic Day camp.

The Lt Governor congratulated the contingent of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh for securing a historic and unprecedented fourth position amongst 17 NCC Directorates.

The selection of 17 NCC cadets to march on the Kartavya path, as part of combined contingent of NCC at the National level and 7 cadets selected for Guard of Honour is indeed a great feat, said the Lt Governor.

"NCC in the UT of J&K is playing an important role in the grooming of youth and rendering yeoman's service to achieve the overall objective of aligning the youth of the UTs with the national mainstream," said the Lt Governor.

NCC cadets are the symbol of youth power. The world's largest uniformed youth organization, NCC has a greater responsibility to contribute towards effective implementation of National Education Policy and flagship programs of the government.

The Lt Governor said that youth, especially from border areas should be encouraged to enroll themselves in NCC in maximum numbers in order to spread the values of humanity, patriotism and selfless service.

The awareness campaigns of NCC on many issues and topics like environmental protection are commendable. It should be our aim to



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha with NCC cadets posing for a group photograph at Raj Bhawan on Saturday.

promote youth leadership in different fields, he added.

Today drug addiction has emerged as the biggest challenge for the society. NCC cadets along with the youth clubs need to actively participate in the campaigns against drug menace, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also encouraged the NCC Cadets to contribute in the successful conduct of the G20 event in Jammu Kashmir.

Maj Gen Tejinder Kumar MP, ADG, NCC Directorate Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh highlighted the activities and achievements of the cadets of the NCC Directorate.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher Education; Sarmad Hafeez, Administrative Secretary, Youth Services and Sports; Brigadier KS Kalsi, Group Commander NCC Srinagar; Senior Officers and Instructors were present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

Meanwhile, LG flagged off a batch of nine undergraduate students from SKUAST-Jammu today on an exposure cum training programme

to Kansas State University, USA.

The 60-day long capacity-building fellowship will expose the students to global learning ecosystem & industry establishment.

The Lt Governor interacted with the students and congratulated them upon their selection to the fellowship.

The students will be visiting the Kansas State University under the Student Overseas Fellowship Programme of National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & World Bank.

The group includes undergraduate students of Faculty of Agriculture, School of Biotechnology and Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry from the Agriculture University.

Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu and other associated faculty members were also present at Raj Bhawan.

# Dheeraj asks officials to expedite progress on electric buses project, operationalise by April

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JAMMU, Feb 4: Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Dheeraj Gupta, on Saturday chaired a review meeting on electric buses project for twin capital cities of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and directed the officials to expedite the process for its completion in stipulated time frame.

Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Rahul Yadav, General Manager (Finance), JSCL & nodal officer for e-buses project J&K, Ashish Anand and

He informed that the land for depots have been identified in both the cities and handed over to TATA motors limited. The meeting was also apprised of tentative routes for plying electric buses.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary urged upon TATA Motors to complete the construction of depots and ensure the delivery of electric buses within committed time frame.

"Buses should be delivered by April and operationalised at the earliest," Dheeraj Gupta directed the TATA motors.

He asked CEOs of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) and Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) to finalise routes in consultation with Deputy Commissioners as well as transport department of the Union Territory.

Dheeraj Gupta added that all the planning and statutory work should be completed by

February 15th. He added that this is a priority project and Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, is personally monitoring the work as Jammu and Kashmir is bracing up for G20 meeting this year.

He further directed the CEOs of JSCL and SSCL to monitor the work and submit weekly progress report. He also asked the Divisional Commissioners of both regions to hold meeting for clearing bottlenecks.



Principal Secretary Dheeraj Gupta chairing a meeting at Jammu.

# Provide arms to nationalist people in J&K for self defence: Dr Jain

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JAMMU, Feb 4: Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) national spokesperson and additional general secretary, Dr Surinder Jain today strongly advocated for giving arms to the nationalist people in J&K for their self defence and protection from the increasing militant attacks.

Talking to reporters here, he expressed grave concern over militant attacks in Dhangri of Rajouri district and IED blasts in Narwal area of Jammu district recently. He said whether militant attacks, forced migration of Hindus or revival of militancy the Hindu Samaj in the UT in general and that of Jammu region in particular have frustrated the designs of the enemy.

Flanked by VHP J&K UT president, Leela Karan Sharma and

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# HC drops contempt against SM Jammu Airport

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JAMMU, Feb 4: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has dropped a contempt petition against Nitin Kumar, Senior Manager, Jammu Airport, Airport Authority of India.

After hearing Advocate Inderjeet Gupta with Advocate Yatin Mahajan appearing for the Senior Manager AAI, Justice Rahul Bharti observed, "the situation which has led to the counsel for the petitioner in making this statement is on account of appearance of Inder Jeet Gupta, counsel for the respondent, who has come forward with

Government Order No. 66-JK(Rev) of 2021 dated 08.10.2021 in terms whereof besides other Khasra Nos., land in Khasra No. 182 as being State land has come to be transferred in favour of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) free of cost and in the present contempt petition, the allegation of alleged violation of status quo direction passed by the writ court on 03.11.2021 in pending WP(C) No. 2405/2021 is referable to land measuring 05 kanals 19 marlas in khasra No. 182".

"Respondent No. 6 is, hereby deleted", High Court said.

# GSI team collects samples from Thathri village

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JAMMU, Feb 4: The team of Geological Survey of India (GSI) experts that reached Thathri area of district Doda yesterday has started its work today.

It is pertinent to mention here that at village Navi Basti in Thathri the land has been sinking due to which residential houses and other structures have developed cracks.

Vishesh Mahajan, DC Doda

informed that the GSI team today collected samples from the affected land and they will submit their report in a day or two after which next course of action will be decided.

He said that district administration has shifted residents of the affected houses to safer locations and entire administration is in a ready mode to extend all possible help to the locals in the hour of need.

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## Prime Minister

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