

## Dr Jitendra inaugurates International Conference, emphasises blending traditional knowledge with futuristic technology

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NEW DELHI, Feb 15: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic

everyone to the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) is an indication of this intent. Dr Jitendra Singh also released SVASTIK (Scientifically Validated Societal Traditional Knowledge of India) Brochure, Popular Science Book and Indian

to promote cultivation of lavender using latest technology, resulting in generation of huge employment opportunities for local Kashmiris. Dr. Jitendra Singh, while congratulating CSIR-NISCCPR for hosting first-ever Conference of this scale and theme, noted that India has the largest and richest pool of knowledge, written, spoken and applied. He said, proving this, the biggest challenge is how to utilize this knowledge to its optimum best.

Dr. Singh said that this can be done by finding an optimum balance between the two, which needs integration and a thoughtful process. He said that this is the best time for India to take a lead in this field in the world, as under PM Modi, the country has been receiving never-before kind of support for science, technology and research.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR said that we are living in a golden period which is celebrating science and scientific research and credit for this goes to Prime Minister Modi, for encouraging start-ups and researchers through various schemes. The two-day Conference on 14th and 15th February, 2023, is being attended by over 200 participants from 22 states in India and countries like the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Qatar and Turkey.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating the first-ever "International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge (CDTK - 2023)" at New Delhi on Wednesday.

Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated the first-ever International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge (CDTK - 2023) and in his inaugural address as the chief guest, emphasised blending traditional knowledge with futuristic technology.

The Minister said, most of the schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, be it "SVAMITVA" or Mission KARMAYOGI, reflect this essence and spirit. He called for optimum mix of traditional knowledge in tandem with advanced scientific research using modern tools. He said that the Union Cabinet's decision to provide access to

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The Union Minister noted that in the last 8 years, under leadership of Prime Minister Modi, indigenous resources like oceans, are now being given top priority through a number of initiatives, which focus on integrating traditional knowledge and modern scientific research. He cited examples of Deep Sea Mission, carried out in the Indian Ocean (Traditionally known as Hind Mahasagar), Purple Revolution,

## Corps of Signals celebrates its 113th Raising Day

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UDHAMPUR, Feb 15: 113th Raising Day of Corps of Signals was commemorated at Headquarters Northern Command, here today.

Moreover, the Signal Units in Northern Command also com-

them to continue to excel in their endeavours and hone their skills further to face the challenges of future warfare.

Since its formation, the Corps has been at the forefront of adoption of new technologies and advanced equipment. The personnel of the Corps have displayed a



An Army Officer paying homage to martyrs at Northern Command Udhampur on Wednesday.

memorated the occasion at their respective unit locations, wherein Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, other ranks, veterans and their families participated in the celebrations, which further strengthened the bonds of camaraderie, esprit-de-corps and rekindled the sense of pride and belonging to their illustrious Corps.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, AVSM has commended the Dhruva Signalers for their sincere efforts and urged

high degree of professionalism while providing communication support in challenging terrain, weather and altitude.

The significant contributions have been made by Electronic Warfare and Signals Intelligence units in providing real time actionable inputs in counter terrorism operations and during resolute border management actions against our adversaries.

The Corps of Signals has been the major catalyst in the Indian Army's move towards 'Network Centric Warfare'.



JK Bank officer handing over cheque to SKIMS Director in Srinagar.

## J&K Bank provides Rs 14.40 lakh to SKIMS for helping cancer patients

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 15: Under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Program, J&K Bank presented an amount of Rs 14.40 lakhs to the premier healthcare institution of Jammu and Kashmir for procurement of Platelet/Therapeutic Plasma Apheresis kits for treatment of poor patients suffering from cancer and severe blood dysfunction-al diseases.

In a function organized at SKIMS Soura, the Bank's Divisional Head (Kashmir), Syed Shafat Hussain today handed over the cheque to Director SKIMS, Professor Parvez Koul in presence of Head Pediatric Oncology Department, Dr Javed Rasool and Head BU SKIMS, Syed Irfan besides other officials of SKIMS and the bank.

Pertinently, the event coincided with the 'International Childhood Cancer Day', which is observed on February 15, all over the world to raise awareness about childhood cancer and honours all the children and families experiencing the effects of the disease.

Speaking on the occasion, Shafat Hussain said, "Healthcare is critical for every society and with rise in the number of patients suffering from terminal ailments in J&K, we do feel the need to

step in and do our bit. However, as a socially responsible institution, it is a very humble contribution from J&K Bank to SKIMS Srinagar for the patients who cannot afford these kits critical for their treatment."

"Besides empowering the people financially, J&K Bank has been contributing to the society through its CSR activities meant for helping the economically weaker sections especially in health sector. We believe our little support would help many patients and alleviate the hardships of their families", Hussain said.

Director SKIMS Srinagar thanked the Bank for the contribution and expressed hope that amid rising number of patients suffering from such dangerous diseases, the Bank would increase its CSR spend towards healthcare as a large number of the patients hailing from weaker socio-economic background visit SKIMS Hospital for treatment in pediatric oncology every year who find it difficult to afford expensive Apheresis kits containing Platelet/Therapeutic Plasma.

"With J&K Bank's earlier support, we have been able to increase the survival rate among the children suffering from cancer and many of them are today present in this function to collectively thank J&K Bank for their help and support", he added.



Advisor Bhatnagar chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

## Advisor emphasises on rationalisation of teaching staff in schools, regular capacity building

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today emphasized on the rationalisation of teaching staff specially in middle and senior secondary schools besides conducting regular capacity building of teachers in order to acquaint them with modern tools of education.

The Advisor made these remarks while chairing a marathon meeting to review the academic progress as well as physical and financial progress of various sectors of School Education Department at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar; Chairperson JKBOSE, Parikshat Singh Manhas; Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shanker Sharma; Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir, Principals of various higher secondary schools, Chief Education Officers of all districts and other concerned

officers both in person and through video conferencing.

Advisor Bhatnagar enjoined upon them for effective rationalisation of teaching staff before the onset of fresh academic session so that no time is wasted in process and required subject specific teachers are placed at the schools. He called upon both the Directors to post required staff in hard zone areas and take desired action against those teachers who don't join their posting places.

While reviewing the progress on enrollment and other related sectors, the Advisor emphasized upon the officers to popularize the bridge courses among the out of school children by using play way methods of teaching so that they generate interest in learning. He asked them for effective implementation of Aao School Chalein campaign so that maximum children are attracted towards schools. He enjoined upon them to involve PRLs and local Mohalla committees for effective penetration of Aao School Chalein campaign across Jammu and Kashmir.

Stressing on improving the facilities in seasonal schools, Advisor Bhatnagar asked both the Directors to conduct literary survey on all the seasonal schools to ascertain their success on the ground. He delved upon them to improve the facilities in these schools so that more tribal children

are attracted towards schooling.

The Advisor during the meeting also made out that the Parent-Teacher meets in schools should be made a regular affair so that the parents are involved in overall development of educational institutions. He also called upon for conducting regular training of teachers in order to acquaint them with modern educational tools which in turn will improve quality of education and enhance learning outcomes across J&K.

Taking strong note of unutilised infrastructure and vacant buildings, Advisor Bhatnagar exhorted upon all CEOs to submit a customised operational plan for vacant buildings and hostels in their respective districts before the onset of fresh academic session so that the infrastructure is put to its right use.

While reviewing the progress on implementation of NEP-2020 in the department, the Advisor impressed upon the officers to personally monitor the implementation of the policy as it will be transform the educational landscape of entire J&K. He asked them to hold regular interactions on different aspects of the policy so that it is successfully implemented on the ground.

During the meeting, Principal Secretary Education Department informed the Advisor about the progress on different sectors of the department with special focus on implementation of NEP-2020.

## 3 E&S Deptt officers transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Wednesday ordered transfer and posting of three Economics and Statistics (E&S) Department employees.

As per an order, Ankita Sharma, incharge Deputy Director (E&S), presently posted in the Directorate of Horticulture, Jammu has been transferred and posted in the Government Medical College, Udhampur against an available vacancy; Reshu Gupta, incharge Deputy Director (E&S), presently posted in the Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu shall also look after the work of the Planning Section of the Directorate of Horticulture, Jammu in addition to her own duties till further orders, and Bashir Ahmed Malik, Assistant Director (E&S), presently posted in the office of DSEO Baramulla, has been transferred and posted in Government Medical College Handwara against an available vacancy.



DC Jammu laying foundation stone of BDC building on Wednesday.

## DC lays foundation stone of BDC building, inaugurates SWM shed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: To get firsthand account of the public grievances, Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa today presided over the weekly Block Divas programme at Khel Gaon Nagrota. Scores of delegations and individuals apprised the DC about the problems being faced by them in day to day life.

The main demands highlighted by the locals were related to augmentation of supply of water and Power supply, release of land connectivity, better road connectivity, cleanliness and sanitation in the area etc.

The DC gave a patient hearing to the delegations and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of their genuine grievances. She also impressed upon the officers to work with zeal to achieve the targets and the delivery of the benefits to the rural masses.

Later, the Deputy

Commissioner laid the foundation stone of the BDC building, in presence of BDC Chairman Ch. Rehmat Ali.

She also inaugurated a Solid Waste Management Shed at Panchayat Dhok Waziran and construction of tile work in the temple of ward no.7 in Nagrota.

The Deputy Commissioner also felicitated the players who have recently won medals in 9th National Thai-Boxing Federation Cup held in Guwahati, Assam.

J&K has won 5 medals including 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals in 9th National Thai-Boxing Federation Cup.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the performance of players and congratulated the Thai-Boxing Federation J&K.

Tehsildar, Babu Ram; BDO, Shalini Raina; Sarpanch Nagar, Kishore Kumar Sharma; Sarpanch Dhok Waziran, Raman Wazir, besides other officers from concerned departments were present on the occasion.

## Police detains package employees staging protest at Press Club

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: The police today detained scores of PM package employees including half a dozen female employees who were protesting near Press Club here demanding release of their last eight months salaries and relocation to Jammu.

The protesting package

Government's claim of releasing salaries of those employees who have joined their duties in Valley is also an eye wash as maximum employees among them are also without salaries for last eight months. They asked that when holy festival is only two days away how can the salaries be paid in such a short span of time to these hapless employees.



Police stopping PM package employees from holding demonstration in front of Press Club on Wednesday. — Excelsior/Rakesh

employees staged the demonstration near Press Club this morning and as they tried to move towards Press Club premises the police created barricades in the way and did not allow them to move ahead

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in view of the imposition of Section 144 in the area.

However when the protesting employees tried to cross the barricades and jostled with police, they were put in the police vehicles and taken to District Police Lines (DPL), Gandhi Nagar. Later they were released in the evening.

The protestors raising slogans in support of their demands continued protest in the police vehicles against the authorities. They accused the Government of not releasing their salaries even on the holy festival of Maha Shivratri. The protestors' alleged that the

The protesting employees are demanding relocation /attachment/ deployment to Jammu in wake of target killings, constant threat letters which have elevated fear-psychosis among the employees. They said that they must not be sent back to land of perpetrators till conducive environment is developed otherwise they have all apprehensions of being subjected to targeted killings there.

They appealed Lt.Governor, Manoj Sinha for immediate release of withheld salaries on eve of Maha-Shivratri without any condition and finding an amicable solution through table talks to bring back lost confidence among helpless employees.

Later the protesting employees marched to BJP office and met party president, Ravinder Raina demanding his intervention in the matter. Raina, while addressing the package employees said the party has already taken up the issue with Government and LG is out of UT at present. He assured them that he will take up the issue with LG Manoj Sinha on phone and try his level best that the salaries of both package and reserved category employees be released prior to holy festival.

## Mahila Morcha holds WC meet

## BJP committed to serve nation, society: Raina

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha led by its president, Sanjita Dogra held Working Committee meeting at Party Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

BJP Mahila Morcha national vice president and Prabhari J&K, Varinder Kour Thandi addressed

Narendra Modi is concentrating on every segment of society for women empowerment and asked to contribute to the vision of New India.

Morcha Prabhari and J&K vice president, Anuradha Charak tabled a resolution, mentioning various welfare schemes of the Narendra Modi Government exclusively for the socio-econom-



BJP president, Ravinder Raina addressing Working Committee meeting of party's Mahila Morcha at Jammu on Wednesday.

the meeting in presence of J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina and general secretary (Org.), Ashok Koul.

Ravinder Raina in his address stressed on the importance of the Working Committee meeting of the Morcha. He focused on the BJP's ideology, party's principles and history. He said that BJP is an ideology-based party, which strives to serve the nation and the society. He said that BJP women activists work dedicatedly without caring for personal benefits and comforts.

Morcha office bearers and district presidents from all the districts of Jammu and Kashmir attended the meeting in which various women related issues were discussed in presence of senior leaders.

Ashok Koul, in his address, said that the party workers will have to focus on the welfare schemes and achievements of the Central and UT Governments. He also spoke on the organizational matters and the need of strengthening the party fabric at the booth level. He acquainted the Morcha activists with the forthcoming party programmes and asked them to take these to the common masses. He reiterated BJP's resolve to work for welfare and upliftment of womenfolk.

Varinder Kour, while addressing the meeting focused on the planning for qualitative progress of the party through Morcha functioning in specified communities and areas of the society. She said that Mahila Morcha must act to strengthen its organizational structure. She minutely explained the role of Morcha and its operational style. She said that Prime Minister,

ic upliftment of the women. Morcha Seh-Prabhari and J&K State secretary, Venu Khanna seconded it.

Sanjita Dogra, in her presidential address presented an account of organizational and developmental works undertaken by the Mahila Morcha at various levels in the previous months. She made a special reference to G20, Pariksha Pe Charcha etc.

## Court grants 10-day remand to 2 Profs in bribery case

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR Feb 15: The Special Court today granted 10 days custody of Principal Govt Degree College Pattan to Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in a corruption case.

Professor Tariq Ashai, who is the Principal of GDC Pattan, was arrested red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rupees 60000 at SP College in Srinagar yesterday.

On receipt of the complaint, a FIR was registered, under Section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in Police Station ACB north Kashmir and investigation was taken up.

During investigation, another Assistant professor (History) of the Degree College Pattan was also arrested in this case and is identified as Professor Imtiaz Gul Khan, a resident of Wanigam Pattan.

Both the Professors were today produced before Special Judge Anti-Corruption Baramulla and were sent on Police remand for further investigation.

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