

Dr Jitendra inaugurates Govt outreach prog, describes Modi as transformational figure

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SRINAGAR, July 10 : Independent Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS P.M.O, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated here today a Government outreach programme, which includes a multimedia exhibition, by the

tional figure, successfully leading India from pessimism to optimism and positioning India as a shining example among the comity of nations, he added.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the international community had apprehensions about India's ability to effectively manage the crisis. But, India not only stood out for its commendable handling of the pandemic but also emerged as a leader by

vided to citizens have been devoid of any considerations related to race, religion, caste, colour, or political affiliation. The ASHA workers here can attest to the fact that we have successfully overcome such discrimination. This shift in culture, particularly political culture, has been evident during the previous nine years of governance."

While enumerating the achievements at the grassroots, Dr Singh highlighted the examples of distribution of LPG and construction of toilets under various government schemes that brought about a significant social transformation in rural areas. The unwavering efforts of our government have aimed at directly impacting the lives of the people. We have diligently fostered relationships with the common people, built on trust and companionship. This bond will endure and remain strong in the future, Dr. Singh added.

Dr. Singh stressed upon availing the benefits of the schemes and initiatives and said that all citizens must take advantage of the schemes that have been designed by the Government of India for the overall development of the masses. By actively participating and utilizing these initiatives, we contribute to the collective progress and prosperity of our nation.

The 5-days Integrated Communication and Outreach Program by CBC will serve as a platform to showcase the remarkable achievements of the past 9 years in the areas of public service, good governance, and welfare of the underprivileged.



Union MoS, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurating the Multimedia Exhibition at S.P. Secondary School in Srinagar on Monday. —Excelsior/Shakeel

Central Bureau of Communication (CBC).

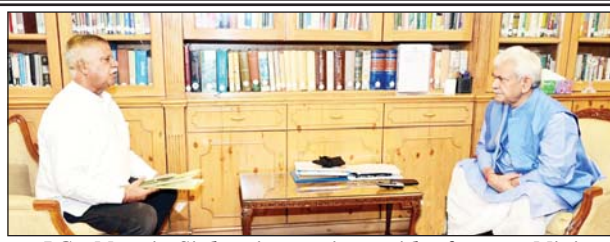
The 5-day long exhibition will be held at S.P. Model Higher Secondary School till 14th July, 2023 highlighting '9 years of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan'.

Addressing on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh said that before 2014, India had a reputation for corruption, which had a deleterious effect on its people, especially the youth. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as a transforma-

developing its own vaccine, Dr. Singh underlined.

While congratulating Central Bureau of Communication for organizing the exhibition at the educational institution, Dr. Singh said that Previously, I held the belief that we had failed our youth, but with the emergence of StartUps supported by the initiatives led by our Prime Minister, the youth can now anticipate a brighter future."

Highlighting the benchmark set for good governance, Dr. Singh said that the benefits pro-



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with former Minister Sukhmandan Choudhary at Raj Bhawan in Srinagar.

Chairperson DDC Srinagar, former Minister, public delegations call on LG

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SRINAGAR, July 10: Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar, Sukhmandan Choudhary, former Minister, and public delegations called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

A delegation of PRI members from Soibugh Budgam led by Mohammad Ashraf Azad met the Lt Governor and apprised him of the developmental demands of their area.

Later, delegations of Youth Development Forum Chadoora and Mahi Irfan, Vice President BJP Pulwama also called on the Lt Governor and put forth the development issues of their respective areas.

During the interactions, the Lt Governor assured the members of the delegations of appropriate action on the genuine issues and demands put forth by them.



DC Poonch visiting landslide hit village Dhundak on Monday.

DC Poonch visits landslide hit village Dhundak-Surankote

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POONCH, July 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today visited landslide hit Dhundak village in Tehsil Surankote to assess the damage caused to the houses.

Tehsildar Surakote, Mohammad Akbar and concerned executive engineers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

Two houses were damaged when these were hit by landslides triggered by incessant rains.

The Deputy Commissioner met with the affected families and distributed relief material provided by the District Red Cross Society. He also assured additional relief to the families under SDRF within days.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the ongoing work of the NABARD Road from Sanai Phambra Modh to Nari Dhundak. He gave a slew of directions to improve the quality of work and ensure that the road is constructed within the stipulated time frame.

The Sarpanch of the concerned Panchayat also apprised the Deputy Commissioner of various problems faced by the local people. The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing and asked the concerned departments to address the problems in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, the District Development Commissioner also conducted a surprise visit to the site of the NABARD road construction project at Harni. The 7km road from Kasyote Harmutha to Gursai Mughalan is being constructed to improve surface connectivity in the region. During the visit, the DC inspected the culvert point where a buffalo died due to the contractor's negligence during heavy rainfall.

Later, the DC inspected the ongoing construction work of the sports stadium at village Harni. He directed the contractor to expedite the pace of work of the stadium. He also instructed the Executive Engineer of PWD to complete the work of the NABARD road within the stipulated time frame, including the culvert, for the benefit of the general public.

Later, the DC visited the Ziarat Chotey Shah in Mendhar, where he paid his respects and participated in the Urs. He also reviewed the developmental works in the shrine.

J&K Bank wins award for Best Performance in CASA

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: J&K Bank has been felicitated for the Best Performance in CASA-India (1st Runner up in Small Bank Category) at ICC Emerging Asia



J&K Bank officer receiving award.

Banking Conclave & Awards 2022. The event saw participation of scores of banks from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka & Myanmar.

Govt reconstitutes logistic coordination committee

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JAMMU, July 10: Jammu and Kashmir Government has ordered reconstitution of Logistic Coordination Committee for the integrated development of logistic sector in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per an order, the new committee shall be headed by Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, while as Administrative Secretary, Transport Department, Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir, Director General (Codes), Finance Department, Directors of Industries and

Stands at number 3 in country-wide ABDM ranking J&K crosses 3 lakh mark in token generation through Scan & Share

Irfan Trambo

SRINAGAR, July 10 : In a significant achievement, J&K has generated over 3 lakh Out Patient Department (OPD) tokens through the innovative Scan & Share Queue Management System. This milestone was reached in just three months since the initiative's inception, highlighting the remarkable progress made under digital interventions in healthcare.

Officials revealed that since the launch of the facility, the total number of tokens generated through the Queue Management System has now reached an impressive 307,743. They noted that the active healthcare facilities have been performing exceptionally well, with a steady increase in token generation each passing day.

The implementation of the Scan and Share QR-based OPD registration began in April of this year, initially targeting Government Medical Colleges and Associated Hospitals during the first phase. The program

was subsequently extended to include all District Hospitals in the second phase and Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the third phase.

As of Saturday, July 8, a total of 297,314 tokens were generated in the active healthcare facilities across J&K. However, the number has now risen to 307,743 by Monday, July 10. Currently, 48 healthcare facilities across the region are utilizing the QR-based OPD registration system, ensuring efficient management of patient queues.

Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department, expressed his confidence in the Scan & Share Queue Management System, stating that digital interventions like this would greatly enhance healthcare delivery throughout J&K. He emphasized that digital technologies had the potential to revolutionize both the ease of doing business and the delivery of healthcare services by doctors.

In terms of national rank-

ings, J&K currently holds the third position in token generation through the Scan & Share system, as well as the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The UT follows Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in this regard. Officials also disclosed that the program aims to include all Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in the next phase, further expanding its reach.

Dr Shafiqat Khan, Additional Director, ABDM in J&K, conveyed his team's commitment to aggressively implementing the Digital Mission. He stated, "We will ensure that our performance is better and more effective, aiming to lead the UT in this endeavour."

Highlighting the system's effectiveness, officials shared the token generation statistics from Monday alone. District Hospital Shopian generated 1,000 tokens through the Scan & Share system, while GMC Jammu, GMC Rajouri, and Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu produced 710, 623, and 763 tokens, respectively.

Member NDMA reviews disaster management preparedness for SANJY via Baltal axis

Excelsior Correspondent

GANDERBAL, July 10: Member National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain today convened a meeting of the officers of line departments and security agencies including representatives of SDRF & NDRF to review the disaster preparedness for ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) 2023, at Youth Hostel Sonamarg, here.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambr; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah; CEO SDA, SDM Kangan, CMO Ganderbal, Executive Engineers of various wings besides senior officers from various security agencies.

The meeting was informed that adequate SDRF and NDRF personnel with qualified Disaster Management Professionals have been deployed at all stations for smooth conduct of the Yatra.

While detailing about the Disaster Management preparedness, member NDMA discussed various aspects of disaster management including the incident response system, communication plan, mitigation

plan, various levels of disaster management, different types of calamities and safeguard against them, role of the departments during disasters, route plan, metrological & geographical factors and other related aspects.

The DC briefed the meeting about the preparations disaster wise including medical facilities, KPDC, Fire and Emergency Services, FCS&CA, Jal Shakti, flood related emergency, landslides and availability of infrastructure during disaster via Baltal route.

The DC said that Incident Response System has been revised and all vulnerable spots are mapped out and sufficient manpower along with machinery is deployed to meet any exigency.

Regarding Communication Plan, the DC said that the District Disaster Management Control Room and Joint Control Room about the disaster manned by representatives of all concerned departments are setup at Baltal under the overall supervi-

tion of the Yatra Officer and Camp Commander and are in direct communication with the State Emergency Operation Centre Srinagar, PCR, and ICC for a prompt response during emergencies. Wireless coverage is ensured at all Yatra Camps for better communication, he informed.

While interacting with the officers, Syed Ata Hasnain said that the purpose of holding the meeting was to take brief review of arrangements to ensure that the Disaster preparedness plan is implemented as per the guidelines and to take feedback from different stakeholders to further improve it.

He stressed upon employing the proactive and anticipating procedure for the smooth and incident free management of Yatra.

He also advised all stakeholders to ensure that all necessary measures are put in place so that Yatries do not face any issues, especially in the event of adverse weather or natural calamity.



Outgoing AOC, Air Force Station Jammu, Gurjot Singh Bhullar inspecting the guard of honour in Jammu on Monday.

Air Commodore Rawat takes over as AOC Air Force Station Jammu

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JAMMU, July 10: Air Commodore Sagar Singh Rawat, Vayu Sena Medal (VSM) today took over as Air Officer Commanding (AOC) of Air Force Station, Jammu.

He was handed over the command of the Air Force Station Jammu by Air Commodore Gurjot Singh Bhullar, Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry), in an impressive handing over parade on July 10, 2023.

In his speech, the outgoing AOC of Air Force Station Jammu, who took over the command in November 2021, complimented the air warriors for their consistent efforts, which, according to him, have added to the rich heritage of Air Force Station Jammu.

Bhullar took over the command during challenging times, including the aftermath of the drone attack at the air base and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, he played a crucial role in strengthening the base's security and successfully addressing threats to nearby bases.

Under his leadership, the Air Force station has excelled in various areas. The state-of-the-art Air Force School, which provides education to children from all walks of life in Jammu, was inaugurated and awarded as the best Atal tinkering Lab in the J&K region.

The runway has also been extended to 8000 ft, facilitating larger and more flights to the city of temples.

Air Commodore Bhullar's tenure included providing aid during various disaster management operations, facilitating Operation Sadbhavana for the people of Ladakh, and re-establishing fighter operations at the base after five decades, which has strategically strengthened the Indian Air Force.

He also paid homage to the late Flt Lt. Aditya Bal and Late Fg Offr Vaibhav Bhagwat Shaurya Chakra, natives of the region, by dedicating state-of-the-art conference rooms in their names. After completing one year and eight months of successful command at Jammu, Air Commodore Bhullar will now proceed for a prestigious course.

Air Commodore Sagar Singh Rawat Vayu Sena Medal, a highly experienced helicopter pilot, will take over as the new commander of Air Force Station Jammu.

Currently serving as the Chief Instructor at the prestigious College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, he has previously held important appointments such as Station Commander in Mumbai, in charge of helicopter operations at the South Western Command, and in the Directorate of Air Staff Inspection.

JKBOSE declares class 11th result; girls outshine boys

*Uniform Academic Calendar successfully concluded: Chairman

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 10: J&K Board of School Education has successfully concluded the implementation of the maiden Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23 with declaration of result for 11th class, session Annual Regular 2022-23.

In total, 139431 students were enrolled for class 11th in the UTs of J&K, and Ladakh, out of which 73471 (53%) students passed the exams; 73809 are males and 65609 are females. Girls have excelled again with pass percentage of 57 against 49% of boys. The exam was conducted at 1316 centres established across the soft and hard zone areas identified in both the UTs.

Expressing his satisfaction over the entire examination process of Class 11th, Chairperson, JKBOSE, Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha; Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar for great guidance and support throughout the conduct of examination for proper implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar.

He also congratulated all the stakeholders and expressed gratitude to the entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, National Informatics Centre, India Posts, whole team of the officers and officials of JKBOSE and all other people who

have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this vision of government by which all the students of two UTs were brought together in the same academic session and their result has been declared successfully.

The Chairman said, "It takes a lot of effort to implement a new policy and Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23 is no exception. The vastness, climatic and topographical challenges posed for the conduct of examination in both the UTs was an uphill task but with the active cooperation of every stakeholder, the academic session 2022-23 has successfully concluded."

The JKBOSE spokesman further said that re-appear/fail students are informed that in terms of Govt. Order No 119-Edu of 2017 dated 15-03-2017 (restructuring of examination system) read with BOSE Notification No F(Acad-C) Adms/XI-XII/18 dated 24-09-2018 along with another notification No. F(JSE/RR/Prov/12h)22 dated 03-08-2022, they can continue their studies in Class XII on provisional basis till the result of their Biannual examination 2023 is declared.

In order to facilitate the access of students to the result gazette, the JKBOSE has made adequate arrangements through various media. The result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in. The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 5676750 by typing

jkbose10 followed by a space and Roll No. E.g., " jkbose11 Roll No.". Those who don't have access to Mobile Phones or internet can get their results from their nearest JKBOSE office where the soft copies of result gazettes have been provided.

In case of any query regarding this result, the students have been advised to avoid visiting the JKBOSE offices at Jammu/Srinagar physically. However, they can email their query at jksecrecy_jd@jkbose.co.in (for Jammu Division) and jksecrecy_kd@jkbose.co.in (for Kashmir Division) citing all the relevant details which shall be addressed after due processing at the earliest possible.

The aggrieved students, if any, can contact their respective schools or the nearest JKBOSE Sub/Branch office. JKBOSE provides an opportunity to the students to get a photocopy and re-evaluation of their answer sheets for which they can apply online after the notification is issued in this regard.

KU's inadequate hostel facilities raise safety concerns for female students

Suhail Bhat

SRINAGAR, July 10: Inadequate hostel accommodation at Kashmir University forces over a thousand female students to live in rented accommodations, raising safety concerns amidst growing crimes against women in the Valley.

The University currently operates four girls' hostels including Khairul Nisa Girls Hostel, Habba Khatoon Girls Hostel, Rabia Basri Girls Hostel, and Bibi Amina Girls Hostel. These accommodations have the capacity to house approximately 800 students, including 100 research scholars. However, with the growing number of female students seeking higher education at the University, especially those traveling from far-off places, the existing hostels are facing challenges in meeting their needs.

To compound the issue, a new girls hostel with 80 rooms capable of accommodating approximately 300 girls, has been under construction for the last two years. However, its completion has been delayed, leaving many female students without proper accommodations.

A senior professor said that the lack of adequate hostel facilities has resulted in approximately 1,200 students living outside the University. He said the problem is expected to worsen with the arrival of a new batch of post-graduate students, mostly girls, scheduled to begin on August 1st, adding another 1,000 students to the University.

These female students are

forced to reside in areas surrounding Kashmir University, such as Habak, Malabagh, and Saderbal. However, their safety concerns have been amplified due to the rising cases of violence against women.

"Whenever a crime occurs in the city, I receive a call from my worried family. We have not witnessed any crimes against University students, but if they occur, the first casualty will be girls' education," a student pursuing a master's in Mathematics at the university said. She urged the government to address this pressing issue by increasing on-campus accommodation facilities.

In addition to the safety concerns, the students also face daily challenges as tenants, including disputes over electricity usage and other matters. These issues take up a significant portion of their time and have a detrimental effect on their education. "A major portion of our time also gets consumed in cooking and cleaning. It affects our education," a student pursuing master's in Zoology said.

Acknowledging the problems faced by the students, Neelofar Khan, the Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University, assured that the University is actively addressing this long-standing issue. "Construction of one of the hostels is currently underway, and efforts will be made to upgrade the facilities in the future as well," she said.

She expressed satisfaction with the increasing number of girls pursuing higher education and ensured that they receive the necessary facilities.



An Army officer felicitating a porter of Kargil War on Monday. —Excelsior/Basharat Ladakhi

Army pays tribute to porters of Kargil War

Excelsior Correspondent

BIAMAH, July 10: Indian Army organized a special event and paid heartfelt tribute to unsung heroes who supported the soldiers in their courageous efforts during Kargil War fought between India and Pakistan in the year 1999.

The war showcased indomitable spirit and unwavering dedication of Indian Army.

In a handout the Army stated that amidst treacherous terrains and extreme weather conditions, a group of exceptional individuals, the porters, emerged as lifeline of troops. These selfless men and women,

hauling from the local communities of Kargil, risked their lives to transport essential supplies, ammunition and equipments to the frontline, demonstrating unmatched resilience and unwavering support to troops.

The event commenced with welcome address followed by cultural performances by local dance groups including the Aryan dance and a dazzling performance by the Army Jazz Band and subsequently porters of Kargil War were felicitated and the villagers shared their experience of the past.

The event concluded with vote of thanks and it drew diverse audience including army officers, Sarpanches, villagers and their families from local villages and school students.

* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com