

Dr Jitendra For Continued Effort To Make Service Rules More Responsive To Employees



NEW DELHI, SEPT 5 : Union Minister Incharge Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) Dr Jitendra Singh today called for continued effort to make service rules more responsive to employees and their families.

Welcoming the 'CSS Shield' initiative of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) Forum, Dr Jitendra Singh said, such collective efforts can create a new culture of standing by families in times of sudden loss. Speaking at the launch of the initiative, he said that the mechanism is not difficult to implement; what matters is the collective will and willingness to contribute. He said that when colleagues come together as one family to support a bereaved family, it sends a meaningful message beyond the organisation itself.

The Minister was speaking at an event organised by the Central Secretariat Service Forum for the launch of 'CSS Shield', a mutual support initiative for the bereaved families of CSS officers. The programme was attended by office-bearers and members of the CSS Forum, serving CSS officers and colleagues,

besides family members of late Mohan Chandra Bhatt and late Rajendra Chandra. Dr. Jitendra Singh presented financial assistance to the families of the two deceased officers as part of the initiative.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the initiative is in keeping with the larger effort of the Personnel Ministry to make government service systems more responsive to the needs of employees and their families. He said that several service-related provisions have been changed in recent years to reflect contemporary requirements and that the Government remains open to introducing new provisions or modifying existing rules wherever this can make the system more responsive.

Referring to the approach of the Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that there is continuous encouragement to review rules and procedures and make necessary changes wherever existing arrangements can be improved. He said that the objective is to ensure that government systems remain sensitive and

responsive to the needs of employees and their families.

The Minister also suggested that the initiative could acquire a wider dimension as its participation and corpus grow. He said that such scholarships for the children of deceased CSS officers could also be considered as part of the support extended through the initiative, providing assistance to families beyond the immediate period of loss.

The CSS Shield initiative has been conceived around the principle of "Contribute for Family, Support with Dignity", with the objective of providing collective financial support to the bereaved families of CSS officers. The initiative seeks to ensure a more structured and dependable mechanism through which members of the service community can stand by the families of their colleagues. Send Money Overseas

Speaking about the evolution of the initiative, representatives of the CSS Forum said that the Forum had been supporting the families of deceased CSS officers through

voluntary contributions even before the formal launch of CSS Shield. The experience during the COVID-19 period, when a number of CSS officers lost their lives, further strengthened the need for a structured mechanism of mutual support.

The Forum said that, since 2020, CSS officers have collectively contributed around ₹1.30 crore towards financial assistance for the families of approximately 65-70 deceased officers. The CSS Shield initiative has now been formalised to bring greater consistency and predictability to this support.

Under the new initiative, the Forum seeks to provide at least ₹15 lakh to a bereaved family, while its larger objective is to progressively enhance the assistance as participation increases. With the participation of the approximately 13,000 members of the Central Secretariat Service, the Forum envisages taking the support substantially higher in the future.

The programme also paid tribute to late Mohan Chandra Bhatt and late Rajendra Chandra, recalling their contribution and service. Bhatt had served in different capacities in the Central Secretariat Service and other government organisations, while Rajendra Chandra had served for around two decades in the Administration Division of the Department of Revenue.

The launch of CSS Shield reaffirmed the CSS Forum's commitment to standing with its members and their families in difficult times and strengthening the spirit of "Together We Serve, Together We Support."

Janmashtami celebrated with fervour across Jharkhand, CM takes part in 'Dahi Handi'

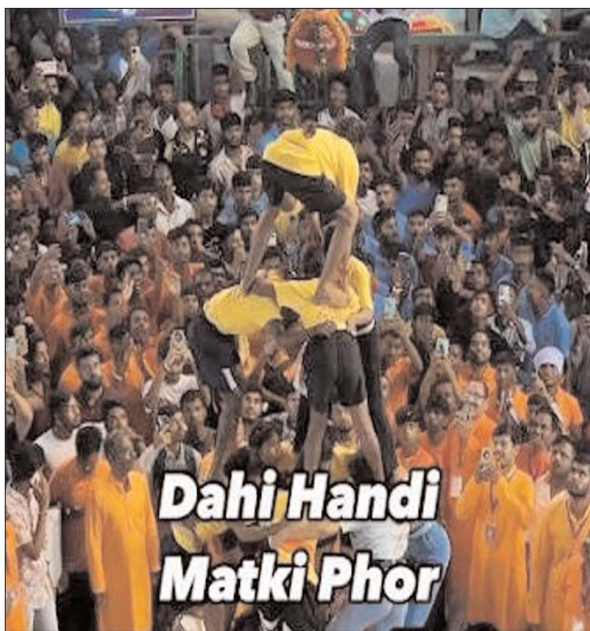
RANCHI, SEPT 5: Janmashtami was celebrated with traditional fervour across Jharkhand on Friday, with Chief Minister Hemant Soren attending 'Dahi Handi' celebrations at the Morabadi ground in Ranchi.

Accompanied by state Congress president Keshav Mahto Kamlesh and minister Deepika Pandey Singh, Soren inaugurated the event by breaking a model 'Dahi Handi'.

"Radhe Radhe! We have all gathered here to celebrate the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna. Your enthusiasm and steadily growing presence have always made this day special and vibrant," Soren said.

"Going forward, let us continue to enrich this celebration together and make our already strong society even stronger," he added.

Earlier in the day, Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar and Soren extended Janmashtami greetings to the people of the state.



Gangwar said the life of Lord Krishna inspires people to follow the path of truth, righteousness and duty.

Heartfelt wishes to all of you on Shri Krishna Janmashtami! The life of Lord Shri Krishna inspires us to walk the path of truth, righteousness, and duty. May His

divine message infuse goodwill, peace, and love into everyone's lives, and may brotherhood and harmony flourish in society -- this is my heartfelt prayer," he said. Hire Grant Writers

In a social media post earlier, Soren said Lord Krishna was not merely the centre of

faith but also a symbol of love, compassion, truth and justice.

"Heartfelt greetings and salutations to all on the sacred occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. Lord Shri Krishna is not merely the centre of faith, but a great symbol of love, compassion, truth, justice, and the path of karma yoga," he said.

His ideals teach people to remain on the path of duty and stand by the truth with patience and discernment even in adverse circumstances, Soren said.

He prayed for happiness, peace and prosperity in everyone's life and the continued progress of Jharkhand.

Lord Krishna was born in Mathura at midnight on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the Krishna Paksha in the month of Bhadrapada. The festival celebrates his birth and his role in upholding 'dharma' (righteousness) and defeating evil. (PTI)

CBI FIR Against Subhash Chandra For 'Inflation' Of Net Worth To Secure Nearly Rs 1,000-Cr In Loans

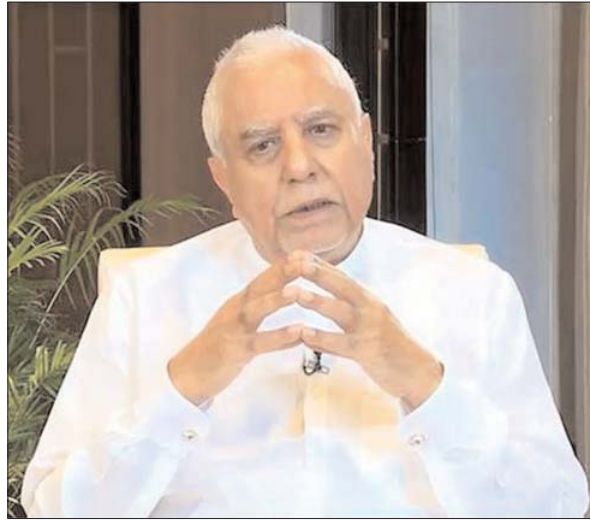
NEW DELHI, SEP 5: The CBI has registered an FIR against media baron Subhash Chandra for allegedly inflating his net worth to avail loans from Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL), which became default, causing over Rs 1,322 crore loss to the public sector lender, officials said Saturday.

The LICHFL has alleged in its complaint, which is now part of the FIR, that Chandra submitted net worth certificates that were used to secure approval and disbursement of two loans totalling Rs 980 crore.

There was no immediate reaction from the accused named in the FIR.

The complaint concerns a Rs 500 crore facility extended to Vasant Sagar Properties Pvt Ltd, with Pan India Infra Projects Pvt Ltd as co-borrower, and a Rs 480 crore facility extended to Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd, with Spirit Infra Power and Multi Ventures Pvt Ltd as co-borrower, the FIR alleged.

According to the com-



plaint, the Rs 500-crore Vasant Sagar facility was sanctioned as a home entity loan for takeover, top-up and business expansion, and was secured by a continuing guarantee dated March 28, 2018, executed by Chandra.

The Rs 480-crore Digital facility was sanctioned as a rental discounting facility under a rental securitisation scheme under the different loan account, and was secured by a continuing guarantee, also executed by Chandra, it alleged.

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Chandra was issued by DIM & Co on March 28, 2018, certifying his net worth to be at around Rs 59,000 crore.

The LICHFL said the Digital facility was sanctioned partly on the basis of a net worth certificate submitted by Chandra, issued by chartered accountants MPJ & Co on July 6, 2018. The certificate put his net worth at Rs 40,562 crore.

The two loans subsequently went into default, according to LICHFL.

According to the FIR, subsequent proceedings under the Insolvency and Bank-

ruptcy Code, 2016, Chandra denied having the net worth stated in the certificates submitted to LICHFL.

During the proceedings, the noted industrialist pegged his net worth in 2024 to be at Rs 31.79 crore, and in 2017-18 at no more than Rs 40,000 crore, the FIR said.

"Chandra had been acting in collusion with the borrowers Vasant Sagar Properties Pvt Ltd, Pan India Infraprojects Pvt Ltd, Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd, and Spirit Infrapower and Multiventures Pvt Ltd and their officers and directors defrauded and cheated LICHFL into advancing the loans to the borrower entities, which have since misappropriated the same," the FIR alleged.

It also alleged that Chandra created false documents to denote inflated and false net worth to cheat LICHFL into deploying funds to the Principal Borrowers.

"The accused persons breached the trust reposed by LICHFL in misappropriating the funds," it alleged. (Agencies)

Rahul urges teachers to build equal opportunity, universal education system

NEW DELHI, SEPT 5: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday urged teachers to build a system that provides every student with equal opportunities and quality education.

Gandhi made his posts on social media sharing his heartfelt greetings to all teachers on National Teachers' Day.

"Through your knowledge, service, and dedication, you shape the future of students and provide direction to the nation's coming generations – your contribution is invaluable.

"Today, India's education system poses several serious questions before us. Together, we must build a system where every student has access to equal opportunities, quality education, and a bright future," the Lok Sabha leader of Opposition said in his post in Hindi. History

He also paid tributes to In-



dia's second president, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, after whom the day is celebrated, on his birth anniversary.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge also paid his tribute to the teachers and the former Indian president.

"Teachers shape minds, nurture values and build the foundations of our nation's future," he said on X.

He hailed Dr Radhakrishnan as an "eminent philoso-

pher, teacher and statesman whose wisdom remains timeless and forever inspiring."

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh remembered the famed scholar as a "renowned philosopher, brilliant writer, mesmerising speaker, an impactful diplomat for a short while in the USSR, and a man deeply devoted to the cause of education and institution building."

He said on X, "His was the sole portrait to adorn the Rajya Sabha for decades - sadly, not any longer in the new architectural monstrosity - to remind its members of the colossus who presided over the Council of States so effectively for a decade."

The Congress leader shared three "memorable photographs" of Radhakrishnan with other Congress stalwarts, and an ex-president.

"One is with newly appointed Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and K. Kamaraj in June 1964. One is from Nov 1964 with Vice President Dr Zakir Hussain and Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The last is from 1954 with President Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, with whom he shared the warmest personal relationship for decades," he wrote.

SP MP Iqra placed under house arrest before visit to Saharanpur as administration demolishes illegal mosque

KAIRANA (UTTAR PRADESH), SEPT 5: Samajwadi Party Lok Sabha MP Iqra Hasan was placed under house arrest at her residence in Kairana before she could visit Saharanpur, as the administration carried out the demolition of the illegal mosque at the District Magistrate's office complex following a court order upholding its removal.

Iqra Hasan said that a large police force was deployed outside her residence overnight and prevented her from leaving for Saharanpur.

"A large police force was deployed at my Kairana residence overnight, and I was placed under house arrest to prevent me from going to Saharanpur. I intended to visit Saharanpur to meet officials regarding the Collectorate mosque issue and to voice the concerns of the people of my constituency, but I was not even allowed to leave my home," Hasan said.

Questioning the administration's deci-

sion, the Kairana MP said, "My question to the government and the administration is this: has it now become a crime for an elected MP to meet officials regarding an issue concerning the people of her constituency?"

"In a democracy, public representatives are elected to raise the voice of the people. That voice cannot be suppressed by stopping me," she added. South Asians & Diaspora

The development came as demolition work began at the mosque located within the Saharanpur Collectorate complex after the District Judge's court on September 4 dismissed the appeal filed by the mosque committee and upheld the City Magistrate's earlier order.

Saharanpur DIG Abhishek Singh said that the City Magistrate's court had found the structure to have been illegally constructed on government land and that the subsequent appeal had been dismissed.

"In the Saharanpur Collectorate, there was a mosque here which was found to be illegally constructed on government land by the City Magistrate's court. Against this order, the mosque committee went to the first appeal, but their appeal was dismissed. The City Magistrate's order was upheld, and currently, the demolition of this illegal structure is underway," Singh said.

The DIG said additional security forces had been deployed in the district in view of ongoing festivals and the demolition exercise.

"For law and order maintenance, our festivals are also ongoing, for which we have received an extra five companies of PAC and RAF. They have been deployed at strategic points and hotspots," he said.

Singh added that authorities were closely monitoring social media platforms to prevent rumours and said preventive measures had been put in place across sensitive areas.

Shape Generations Of Students With Scientific Outlook, 'Nation First' Spirit: President To Teachers

NEW DELHI, SEP 5: President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday asked teachers to shape generations of students who develop a scientific outlook and move forward with the spirit of "nation first".

In an article written on the occasion of Teachers' Day, she said it is the sacred duty of teachers to guide their students to be good human beings.

Students who achieve prosperity and glory while remaining ethical in their thoughts and actions are living embodiments of a teacher's success, the president said.

She said the country is moving steadily towards the goal of becoming a developed nation with social inclusion at the core.

"As we advance on this journey, I want our teachers to shape generations of students who value the richness of our cultural heritage and traditions; who develop a scientific outlook and work for the welfare of humanity; who uphold the ideal of Antyodaya; who protect the environment and all living crea-



tures; who strive for individual and collective excellence, and who move forward with the spirit of 'nation first'," President Murmu said.

In the article titled 'Shaping Minds; Building the Future', she said parents and guardians repose the highest trust in teachers when they send their children to study.

"They believe that the teachers will treat the children as their own and take utmost care of the child's safety and development. It is the dharma of every teacher to uphold this sacred trust placed in them," the presi-

dent said.

A teacher's attitude, conduct and behaviour should not generate fear and anxiety in the children, break their morale or allow any sense of inferiority to develop, she said, adding that good teachers help their students become the best versions of themselves.

To encourage independent thinking in students, to ignite their curiosity, to promote the tendency to ask questions, to sharpen their capacity for argument and judgement, and to help them grow into independent individuals

-- these are among the most useful and rewarding dimensions of teaching, the president said.

"It is only through such inspiring education that we will raise generations of successful entrepreneurs, brilliant scientists, creative artists and citizens capable of finding innovative solutions to emerging challenges," she said.

Acknowledging the role of her teachers, President Murmu said a loving and dedicated teacher can awaken limitless potential and inspiration within a student. Strengthened by that encouragement, students develop the courage to face life's toughest challenges and the confidence to pursue the loftiest of goals, she said, adding that teachers do "far more than teach a curriculum". "To every citizen, I make an appeal: always hold our committed and sincere teachers in the highest esteem. I ardently wish that with the contribution of our dedicated teachers, India continues to learn and goes on to lead," the president said. (Agencies)