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## Dr. Jitendra Singh Emphasises Need To Utilize Pensioners' Capabilities

“Retired But Not Tired”

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**USPA NEWS** - The Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the one-day training programme on pension related matters for officials.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised the need to utilize the pensioners' capabilities. He was addressing the one-day Training Programme on pension related matters for officials from different Ministries and Departments at the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management on September 21.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, with an increase in lifespan and the status of health in the elderly also having improved over the last few years, most of the pensioners who retire around the age of 58 or 60 years, are still in the prime of their health, physical as well as mental performance. They are, in other words “retired but not tired”, he quipped and said that the challenge for the society is how best to utilize the services of this experienced and qualified lot so that their talent and capabilities do not go waste and are not lost to the nation. In this regard, he suggested that the Department of Pensions in the Government of India will do an in-depth exercise and find out various workable options.

Expressing personal gratification at the government decision to introduce a “Pension Portal” which would eliminate the need for an elderly pensioner to produce a Life Certificate every year, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the Department of Pensions is further working on a more organized single window pension system and to ensure that a pensioner during the last year of his service does not have to run around to collect “No Due Certificates” and thus waste his time and energy which he can otherwise devote to the service of the government and the nation.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the Department of Pensions, Government of India will devise a mechanism whereby the pensioners will find representation in the government's decision making with regard to their matters. He also stressed regular interaction of pensioners' representatives with the officials.

On the one hand while India is having more than 65% of its population under the age of 35 years, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, on the other hand the number of elderly population is also on the increase. A “Samanvay” between these two groups is essential to achieve the goal of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas”.

The Secretary, ARPG & Pensions, Mr. Devendra Chaudhry and Joint Secretary, Mrs. Vandana Sharma also spoke on the occasion.

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