

Dr Jitendra reviews Pandemic, other issues with DDC Chairpersons, DCs

► **Reviews launch of 'Sansad Khel Spardha' in J&K**



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh holding a virtual meeting with DDC Chairpersons, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of six districts falling in Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha Constituency, on Sunday.

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NEW DELHI: In the wake of Pandemic related restrictions and weekend shutdown, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday virtually reviewed pandemic and other related issues with DDC Chairpersons, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, which is represented by him in the Parliament.

In addition to the Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of the six districts, the meeting was attended by DDC Chairman Udhampur, Lal Chand, DDC Chairman Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag, DDC Chairman Doda Dhanater Singh Kotwal, DDC Chairman Kathua Col (Retd) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairperson Ramban, Shamshad Shan and DDC Chairperson Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur.

Dr Jitendra enquired about the availability and functioning of Dashboard in districts for real time updates and also issued fresh instructions to deal with the surge in cases.

District Collectors, SSPs, DDC Chairman of Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Reasi, Kishtwar, and Ramban joined the review meeting along with other district officials.

The Minister was informed that most of the positive cases in the third wave have remained asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic with flu-like symptoms which lasts for 4 to 5 days and then dissipates.

The Minister, however, underlined

Activists from different wards of Jammu join IkkJutt Jammu



Newly joined youth posing with President IkkJutt Jammu, Ankur Sharma.

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JAMMU: Renowned youth political activists having full-fledged teams at Ward levels from Jammu, joined IkkJutt Jammu Party in presence of President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma, Party General Secretaries, Secretaries,

Youth President Ajay Singh, Treasurer and other office bearers.

Those who joined the party include Devinder Verma, Ward No. 64 Durga Nagar, Vikas Verma, Lucky Bakshi, Abbey Bakshi, Ward No. 37 Janipur Colony, Ankush Gupta and Chain Singh

Ward No. 15 Residency Road, Jammu.

President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma expressed hope that with the joining of active youth members in the party, the fight of IkkJutt Jammu for political empowerment and liberation of Jammu will gain strength.

IIPA organises 12th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on Indo-China Conflict



Dignitaries interacting online during a programme.

Maroof Raza, Defence Analyst from New Delhi delivered the memorial lecture while Maj Gen (Dr) G. G Dwivedi (Retd), presided over the function.

While sharing the historical perspective on the topic, Maroof Raza said that the genesis of the conflict can be attributed to the two contested areas of Aksai Chin & the McMahon Line. While narrating the sequence of conflict post Independence, he said that 1962 Indo-China War was a leadership failure and India could have utilized its military strength to its advantage as done during Operation Falcon in 1987. Further due to China's Geo-Strategic ambition and its water storage & control strategy, Chinese agenda of using Pakistan to destabilize India has been successful, he said. He was of the opinion that India should balance the strategic equation by following a proactive and aggressive approach against China. While India has an advantage in a conventional war, China has the power to inflict more damage to India through Cyber and Space Warfare strategy, he said. He suggested that since China is a power of consequence to the world, therefore Indian leadership should strengthen its negotiation power by strengthening its economy and defence infrastructure.

Maj Gen Dr. G.G. Dwivedi (Retd) emphasized on a long-term strategic policy towards China.

He was of the view that the policy of appeasement will prove detrimental towards the strategic interest of India. According to him, India should exploit Chinese vulnerability by understanding the lacunas in their national objectives of stability, sovereignty, deception, relevance of conducive periphery and expansionist approach. He cautioned that Chinese have the tendency to violate all agreements and feared that once the current dispute settles, the gravity will shift towards Indian Ocean.

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According to him as the way forward to reduce the power differential, India should adopt a two-fold approach of improving economic & military strength, and build alliance with QUAD from defence perspective.

In his welcome address, Lt Col (Retd) Karan Singh Joint Director (Seminars), IIPA J&K Regional Branch introduced the theme and build a perspective for the session.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Patron of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and former DGP, J&K Police paid glowing tributes to the memory of Late Sat Paul Sahni and described him as multifaceted personality.

Describing him as one of the most revered journalists of his time and a moving spirit of the IIPA, he said that it was fortune of many to have worked with him.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Hon. Secretary, presented the vote of thanks while the proceedings were conducted by the Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary.

Among others, the event on virtual mode was attended by Prem Sahni, wife of late Sat Paul Sahni and other family members, office bearers and members of IIPA, academicians, research scholars and students from various Universities across the country.

It is pertinent to mention that IIPA J&K Regional Branch instituted the memorial lecture in the memory of Sat Paul Sahni, who was one of the founding members.

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