

# Div Com conducts surprise midnight inspection of winter control rooms in Udhampur District



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer during surprise inspection of a winter control room in Udhampur.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer conducted late tonight visit here to inspect the functioning of control rooms set up for winters and to respond to any emergency situation in the prevailing inclement weather conditions.

During his visit, the Div Com inspected the control rooms including District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), JPDCL (PDD) Jal Shakti (PHE), R&B and Police Control Rooms and reviewed their working during night hours.

He interacted with the duty staff at the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), situated inside DC Office and reviewed the call log being maintained. Certain deficiencies were found in the working

## BJP Govt using public money for polishing its disgruntle image: Bhalla

Congress to fight for cause of Jammuities: Mula Ram



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing party workers.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Wednesday urged people of J&K to reject pro-rich and anti-youth, anti-farmers and anti-poor BJP for ensuring peace and prosperity in the region. While addressing a meeting of District Congress Committee Jammu (Rural) organised by DCC President Jammu Rural, Th Hari Singh Chib, Bhalla said that at present BJP Government is wasting public money for carrying out massive advertisements of party just to polish their disgruntle image in front of people. He further said that enthusiasm amongst people reflects anti-BJP mood as people are fed up with hollow slogans and lack of development in the areas.

Others present on the occasion included PCC Vice President Mula Ram, PCC Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Chairman SC Cell Karan Bhagat, Senior Vice President DCC Jammu-Rural Ravinder Singh, PYC

## IT Deptt team interacts with industry representatives, visits Incubation Centre



Secretary IT Deptt Prema Puri; CEO, JaKeGA Amit Sharma and others during visit to Incubation Centre.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A team of Information Technology Department led by Secretary Prema Puri and CEO, J&K e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA) Amit Sharma held an interaction with major Industrial Associations followed by a visit to Incubation Centre in J&K located inside EDI complex Jammu. Others who accompanied IT team included J&K IT Consultant, Sanjay Gaden and Additional Secretary, Rajinder Kumar Khajuria.

The industrial delegation which called on IT Secretary and CEO JaKeGA included Chariman, ASSOCHAM J&K Manik Batra, Co-Chairman Jammu Committee PHD Chamber Kuldeep Gupta, Director Jodhamal Group Vikrant Kuthiala and others. Main

issues included in the talk with IT Department included setting-up a Centre of Excellence in J&K, creating of IT ecosystem in sync with IT/ITES Policy 2020 for creating jobs in IT sector, organising several initiatives to showcase IT sector achievements of J&K for organising a major IT Summit in J&K soon etc.

Further, during visit to Incubation Centre at EDI Complex by IT Team,

Executive Director EDI J&K Anil Kaul and Project Manager Shivanji gave a presentation about Incubation Activities and Policy initiatives taken in this behalf and it was followed by a brain-storming session to extend these services to IT start-ups in J&K in a big way. A round of Incubation Centres the Complex was also undertaken by the visiting team before culminating the trip.

As many as 7,416 BR jackets of level 5 protection and 784 BR jackets of level 6 protection will be procured by the police to provide its personnel involved in counter-terrorism and security operations, law and order maintenance and ensuring overall security, they said.

The police have also floated bids on the GeM portal for the procurement of 47 BR light motor vehicles (LMVs) of level 3 protection, 15 BR LMVs of level 2, 10 BR LMVs of level 1, 100 ultra wide CCTV surveillance systems, 12 deep search mine detectors and 45 mini drones, among other things, the sources said.

This is aimed at providing an edge to the police force, which is engaged in counter-terrorism operations, law and order maintenance and ensuring overall security, they said.

## Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated with religious fervour



Glimpses of Prakash Purab celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh in Jammu on Wednesday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh Maharaj, the Sirjanhaar of Khalsa Panth was celebrated on Wednesday at Gurdwara Guru Nanak Dev, Chand Nagar Jammu with religious fervour and gaiety. The function was organised by District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu, in which devotees from different parts of J&K including women and children participated in large numbers, to pay obeisance and to seek blessings of Guru Sahib.

Prominent Sikh preachers and Ragi Jathas from within and outside the UT delivered sermons and recited Gurbani Kirtan. The speakers threw light on life-history

and teachings of Guru Gobind Singh, describing him a saint, soldier and a poet, who took sword to fight oppression and infused martial spirit among people through soul-inspiring heroic poetry.

Bhai Gurdeep Singh, Preacher Kapurthala Wale delivered sermons Bhai Davinder Singh, Hazoori Ragi Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Bhai Jasbir Singh Jamalpuri, Hazoori Ragi, Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Bhai Gurpreet Singh Johal Amritsar, Central Gurdwara R S Pura, Bhai Jagtar Singh Jammu Wale, Bhai Randhir Singh and Bhai Surjeet Singh of DGPC Jammu recited Gurbani Kirtan and delivered sermons.

On the occasion, various resolutions highlighting reli-

gious, social and political problems faced by minority Sikh community in UT of J&K were highlighted.

The resolutions were presented by Ramnik Singh, Member DGPC Jammu, seconded by Avtar Singh Khalsa Member DGPC and were approved by huge gathering of Sangat amidst Chanting Jai Karas of 'Bole- So- Nihal, Sat-Sri-Akal'.

While addressing the gathering, Jagjit Singh, President DGPC Jammu greeted Sangat and urged the Lieutenant Governor's administration to fulfil all legitimate demands of Minority Sikh community and assured the Sangat that DGPC Jammu, with cooperation and support of Sikh Sangat, shall continue its whole-hearted efforts for fulfill-

ing all genuine demands of Sikh Community. He also urged Sikh masses, particularly youth, to become Amritdhari (Baptised) as per code of law instituted by the great Guru for his followers. He further thanked volunteers, different organisations and entire administration for smooth conduct of Gurpurab celebrations.

Fateh Singh General Secretary DGPC managed the stage while Kuldeep Singh Vice President, Mohinder Singh Joint Secretary, Manmohan Singh (Member), Jathedar Mohinder Singh (Member), Manjit Singh, Narinder Singh Khalsa, Karan Singh Wazir, Surjeet Singh, Balwinder Singh, Ajmeet Singh, Balwant Singh Chatha and Harmain Singh also shared the podium.



The house arrest

## CS reviews COVID situation, seeks conduct of 2 lakh tests per day

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the public health response to COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir and asked the Health and Medical Education Department to scale up testing to reach a target of 2 lakh tests per day with a proportional increase in RT-PCR tests.

Administrative Secretaries of Health & Medical Education, Director SKIMS, MD, National Health Mission, Director General, Family Welfare, Director Health Kashmir, Principals of Government Medical Colleges, and other concerned officers participated in the meeting.

Reviewing the quality of health services being provided to COVID patients in the Union territory, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the Health Department to explore the avenues of implementing the 'Treating Physician' concept in the public sector health facil-

ties. The Department was further asked to ramp up medical facilities and prepare for catering to any surge in reported cases of infections. The Department was also asked to stock up on medical supplies and keep all equipment, machinery, and infrastructure in a state of readiness.

The Chief Secretary reiterated the need of promoting COVID Appropriate Behaviour- masking, social distancing, and crowd management; COVID SoPs and protocols among the general masses and directed the enforcement agencies to ensure adherence to the laid down guidelines.

## Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta takes charge of Leh-based 14 Corps

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta on Wednesday took charge as the General Officer Commanding of the Leh-based 14 Corps that is tasked with guarding the Line of Actual Control with China's People's Liberation Army in the Ladakh region.

The 14 Corps, popularly known as the Fire and Fury

### Houseboats, hotel building damaged in separate fire incidents

### STATE TIMES NEWS

Srinagar: Two houseboats and a building of a high-end hotel housing the staff quarters were damaged due to fire in separate incidents around the famous Dal Lake here on Wednesday, officials said.

A houseboat in the lake caught fire, which spread to an adjacent houseboat, in the early hours, causing damage to both the floating structures, they added.

In another incident, a fire broke out in a building housing the staff quarters of a high-end heritage hotel located along the banks of the lake, the officials said.

Fire tenders were summoned and timely action prevented the blaze from spreading, they added.

There were no reports of anyone getting injured in any of the incidents, the officials said.

Before taking over the reins of the Fire and Fury Corps, he was the director-general of

strategic planning. He has been an instructor at the National Defence Academy and Directing Staff at DSSC, Army War College and the National Defence College.

In a military career spanning almost 34 years, he has had the distinction of serving in key commands and staff positions.

## BSF lodges protest with Pak Rangers over arms smuggling

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Border Security Force lodged a strong protest with Pakistan Rangers at a commander-level meeting on Wednesday over smuggling of arms and narcotic substances from across the border, a BSF spokesperson said.

The BSF reiterated that these types of activities from the Pakistani side are unacceptable.

It also strictly objected to the drone operations carried out by Pakistan regularly violating the International Border, the spokesperson said.

The BSF delegation was led by DIG Border Security Force Surjit Singh. This was the first commander-level meeting in 2022, he said. During the meeting, various border-related issues were discussed, the spokesperson said.

He said the main emphasis was given by the BSF delegation on the infiltration attempts of Pakistan-based elements and recovery of arms and narcotics along the International Border.