

Dr Jitendra informs RS about 'Mission Mausam' approved by union cabinet

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday informed the Rajya Sabha (RS) about "Mission Mausam" approved by the union cabinet.

In reply to a question, the Minister told the House that "Mission Mausam" is envisaged to be a multi-faceted and transformative initiative to boost India's weather and climate-related issues, research, and services. It will help better equip stakeholders, including citizens and last-mile users, to tackle extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change. The Mission Mausam is launched to make Bharat a "weather-ready and climate-smart" nation, with the objectives of (i) Strengthening observations (in-situ & remote sensing), (ii) Gaining a better understanding and use of Science, Innovation and Technology, and Data Science



for societal benefit, (iii) Improve our Model/ Data Assimilation/ HPC for giving accurate information to the Public and stakeholders (Numerical+Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning), (iv) Trained Manpower in Earth System Science, (v) Forecast dissemination, and (vi) Effective communication with Society: Early Warning for ALL.

The Ministry is coordinating the initiative through its R&D

institutions, including the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF).

Dr Jitendra stated that the Mission Mausam is designed to enhance weather monitoring and forecasting capabilities across the country and its surrounding regions.

The Mission Mausam is expected to provide accurate forecasts across various timescales, from short-term weather predictions (hours to days) to medium-term forecasts (weeks) and long-term (seasonal) predictions. This will be achieved through the deployment of next-generation observation systems, high-performance computing infrastructure, and advanced Earth system models. The integration of artificial intelli-

gence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technologies will further improve the precision of predictions by enhancing model accuracy and prediction resolution. The Mission Mausam will utilize an integrated approach that includes Short-term forecasts (up to 72 hours): These will be based on high-resolution models by assimilating atmospheric data from next-generation radars, satellites, wind profilers, etc.

Medium-term forecasts (3 to 15 days): The system will use advanced modeling techniques and high-performance computing resources to predict weather patterns with higher accuracy. Long-term forecasts (seasonal to annual): The Mission will integrate data-driven methods and Earth system models, incorporating AI and ML to predict large-scale weather and climate patterns, providing forecasts for months or seasons in advance. These improvements are expected to offer better precision in forecasting weather and climate events, helping various sectors such as agriculture, disaster risk reduction, water, energy, health, and transportation.



Opinion polls in Delhi endorses BJP's claims of winning majority: Sunil Sethi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi on Thursday said that the opinion polls in Delhi are an endorsement of the party's claims of registering victory in maximum seats and come up as stronger than previous elections.

He was addressing a press conference along with Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sunil Sethi said that the opinion polls in Delhi indicate a strong surge in support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), reinforcing the party's confidence in securing a majority in the assembly elections. He said that according to multiple surveys, BJP is projected to gain a decisive edge over its rivals, particularly the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), reflecting growing public trust in its governance and leadership.

Sunil Sethi said that the polls



Jammu and Kashmir BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi addressing a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

show that the voters have developed faith in BJP's emphasis on infrastructure development, law and order, and welfare initiatives, which has benefitted a large population, not only in Delhi but the entire country.

He said that the mood of voters during the polling day was also indicating that the BJP will emerge victorious with a record number of seats. There were also discussions in the public that the

voters of Delhi were ready for a change and trust BJP to deliver good governance.

The simple reason why the people of Delhi will be defeating AAP is that this party was in power for two terms but did not fulfil its poll promises. The people have realized that AAP only misleads on false promises and forget all after assuming power. On the other hand, the BJP is getting support of the people as its cadre

is always at the beck and call of the people.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that the BJP does not lie to the people for vote bank politics. The BJP has always fulfilled its poll promises, which is the reason that the party has been strengthening its base and winning more and more seats in successive elections. It may take time, but BJP fulfils every promise, he said.

The BJP had promised to abrogate Article 370, and it consistently struggled, made sacrifices and finally its government under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, ensured full integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country by repealing the special provision from the Constitution of India. He said that the NC in Jammu & Kashmir too follows the policy of AAP of making false promises during the elections and forgetting. The NC has completed almost three months in chair but did not fulfil any of its promises, which itself speaks of its concern towards development and welfare.

CM releases book of JKAS officer

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here on Thursday released a book titled "Hearts and Heroes: Lives that Shaped Us", a poetic narrative on famous personalities authored by Kulbhushan Kumar, JKAS officer presently posted as Director Finance in Disaster Management Relief & Rehabilitation Department. The event was attended by colleagues and friends of the author at a brief function held at Civil Secretariat Jammu.

Hearts and Heroes is a collection of poems that pays tribute to visionaries, leaders, and unsung heroes whose lives have left an indelible mark on humanity.



CM Omar Abdullah releasing Kulbhushan Kumar's book.

The book emphasizes power of love, kindness, and determination, drawing inspiration from global icons described in the poems on eminent personalities.

In his comments, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah praised the author for his

literary pursuits while balancing his demanding role as a civil servant. The author hails from the village Birnoo in Jammu and Kashmir and his book 'Hearts and Heroes' has been published by Authors

IGP Jammu Zone holds introductory meeting with Gazetted Officers

Asks officers to take more proactive role in identifying, addressing security concerns

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To streamline operations and enhance the policing framework, B.S. Tuti, the newly appointed Inspector General of Police (IGP) for Jammu Zone, on Thursday convened an introductory meeting with all the gazetted officers of the Jammu Zone at Police Control Room, Jammu.

The meeting saw a comprehensive discussion on the future direction of policing in the zone under IGP's leadership.

B S Tuti, who took charge as IGP Jammu, focused on a multi-faceted approach towards policing, highlighting the need for technological integration, proactive policing strategies, and the importance of data-driven decision-making.

He emphasized that the adoption of cutting-edge technology is essential to modernize policing



IGP Jammu Zone, B.S. Tuti chairing a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

practices, improve efficiency, and ensure that law enforcement keeps pace with the evolving landscape of crime and security challenges.

The IGP pointed out the significance of proactive policing in preventing crime and improving public trust in the police force.

He urged all officers to take a

more proactive role in identifying and addressing security concerns before they escalate, thereby fostering a safer environment for the people of Jammu.

Furthermore, IGP Tuti underscored the importance of maintaining accurate and comprehensive data, emphasizing that proper

documentation and data management are crucial for effective law enforcement.

He advocated for the transition to evidence-based policing, which involves making decisions grounded in data, technology, and objective analysis rather than relying solely on intuition.

He also shared his vision for improving the operational efficiency of the Jammu Police at the zonal level.

He spoke about strengthening the preparedness of the force through continuous training, improved coordination, and ensuring that the officers have the tools and support they need to perform their duties effectively. His commitment to enhancing both the operational capabilities and the readiness of the police force was met with positive responses from the officers present at the meeting.

Dy CM, Transport Minister hold public outreach programme at Chowki Choura

Take stock of local grievances, emphasise early disposal



Dy CM, Surinder Choudhary and Sports Minister Satish Sharma addressing public outreach programme on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, along with Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Thursday held a public outreach programme in Chowki Choura, Jammu and took stock of people's grievances and demands.

The event aimed to provide immediate solutions to the issues faced by the local residents besides ensuring on the spot redressal of certain development issues.

During the programme, the Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister addressed various issues raised by the local deputations, led by the DDC, BDCs and PRIs of Chowki Choura.

The issues mainly pertained to road connectivity, irregular power and water supply, better health services, inadequate staff in various departments especially schools.

The locals also demanded two degree colleges in Chowki Choura and Maira Mandrian, Guest house, ITI college, upgradation of high schools, fire station, ambulance service and other vital utilities.

The Deputy CM issued strict instructions to the officers to resolve the concerns promptly and implement all directives in letter and spirit for the welfare of public.

He personally met with the individuals, listened to their grievances ensuring prompt action on the same.

Surinder Choudhary directed the officers to conduct frequent visits to rural areas to ensure effective implementation of government schemes. He said that holding these public outreach programmes is a testament to government's commitment towards directly addressing and resolving the grievances of public at their doorsteps.

The Deputy CM emphasized that the government's initiative of organising village-level camps to provide citizen-centric services, is a step towards making governance more efficient and people-friendly.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma expressed gratitude to Deputy CM for visiting his constituency and listening to people's genuine issues and also resolving them.

He asked the officers of the line departments to put in their sincere efforts in rendering prompt services to the people. He urged them to work in synergy so that people don't face any kind of inconvenience.

Satish Sharma said that the Government is committed to fulfill developmental aspirations of people while taking care that no one is deprived of his basic requirements and all are served equally.

ACB arrests RDD official for accepting Rs 3,000 bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday trapped and arrested Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Computer Operator, Rural Development Department, Block Gund, Ganderbal while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 3000.

"Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau received a written com-

plaint wherein it was alleged that Mohammad Ashraf Malik, re4sident of Shahpora Ganderbal, Computer Operator (presently assigned the job of MIS Operation) in the office of Rural Development Department (RDD) Block Gund is demanding Rs 10,000 as bribe for uploading required documents regarding the bill for release of payments due to

the complainant in respect of completion of a work under MGNREGA Scheme at Kulmohar Qalwat near Masjid Sharief Chohan Mohalla, Harri Ganwan, Gund, Ganderbal." An ACB official said.

"The pre-trap verification revealed that Mohammad Ashraf Malik is asking bribe of Rs 10,000 which the complainant did not want to pay and after negotiations the matter was settled

at Rs 3000 to be paid as 1st installment. The pre-trap verification established the demand and accordingly FIR No 03/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was registered at PS ACB Srinagar and investigation has been taken up," the official added.

During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted, official said adding that the team

laid a successful trap and caught the accused public servant Mohammad Ashraf Malik red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 3000 from the complainant.

After completing all formalities, the accused Public Servant was taken into custody, official said adding that further investigation into the case is going on.

India celebrated 75th Anniversary of Republic in 2025: Both voter & vote seeker must 'introspect' & pledge for making the 'Best' still Better

Pledge to undo amendments made to Art-74 in 1976 and 1978 to strengthen safeguards for protecting, preserving & defending COI

DAYA SAGAR
Although Indians had been handed over a very weak economy by the British but still the Indian 'elders' who had been given the task of drawing the future governing system in independent India 'Dominion' successfully ventured into making India constitutionally land as an Independent Democratic Republic with a socialist order where head on responsibility was also to be taken by the state to equip the common Indian with adequate education and health through state owned & run education institutions and health care institutions (Art- 46. Promotion of educational and economic interests of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections; Art- 41. Right to

work, to education and to public assistance in certain cases; Art 340. Appointment of a Commission to investigate the conditions of backward classes, Art-341 Scheduled Castes, Art-342 Scheduled Tribes; Art -335. Claims of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to services and posts.)

No doubt governments have all, these years spent billions of rupees out of state exchequer on health and education infrastructure in public sector. But have the benefits really reached the target classes / masses we must assess this day. How far the social and educational backwardness has reduced over more than 75 years for which we had kept the target to nearly end the reservations in the legislature by 1960 and then to have

some review for making revised policies to fill any deficiencies left worth support. Similarly how far we have succeeded in providing reservation support in services and higher education institutions to socially & educationally backward masses need be truthfully explored.

Surely we shall not find the status encouraging since even after 71/2 decades the provisions have not been made to reach a very large mass of the targeted beneficiaries even when India appears having progressed reasonably ahead economically when one sees the way the automobile population

has swollen . If we go by the disclosures being made by the men who matter in recent years nearly 23 Cr citizens have been brought above poverty line and there are still over 80 er people who need be supported with free 5 kg ration per capita per month. That means out of 140 Cr population we still have over 100 cr people who are very poor and surely 90 % of these should be educationally backward (economically too) at today's world standards and hence forming a very large bulk of population belonging to SC & ST too. Ofcourse large population would be healthwise also still dependent. No doubt to some on GDP basis to us we

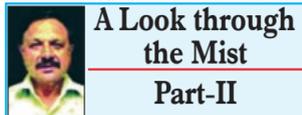
may appear to be a very large economy but we need to assess our achievements & status on the basis of our economic strength / GDP per capita basis and take the challenge for taking the educationally -economically backward members of our society to self supporting levels which our elders had slated as a mission while handing over to us the reins of India Democratic Republic.

So this Republic Day let us also pledge to work for accomplishing the task of removing the educational backwardness of Indian masses for whom our elders had also kept 'temporary ' props like reservations in professional colleges , government services and legislature. Let us keep the issues and requirements of the backward classes out of political

gamesman ship and also truthfully operate the government schools and hospitals to provide competitive schooling and health to our masses for which where we are already spending huge sums but have to make those employed there in to work worth the wages they are being paid. Bulk of Indian people only need that those employed in schools should only teach sincerely.

Social organizations should take the leads and should become eyes and ears of the political leaderships worth providing them unbiased feedback and support so that they shift their from "vote catching" traits more to servicing the voter citizen. .Jai Hind

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