

Modern warfare entirely technology driven, India's supremacy stands proven: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: "Modern warfare is entirely technology driven and India's supremacy stands proven over the last four days", said Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing the "National Technology Day" celebration at the Ambedkar International Centre, highlighting India's rapid strides in indigenous technology development and its impact on modern warfare, during the last one decade of PM Narendra Modi regime..

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that modern warfare is technology-driven and events of the past four days have once again vindicated India's technological prowess. He proudly stated that India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has successfully developed and deployed home-grown technologies that have significantly enhanced national security and defence capabilities.

"Most of the technologies used today in defence are indigenously developed, and it is Prime Minister Modi



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the "National Technology Day 2025" at Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on Sunday.

who instilled the confidence in us to seek Aatmanirbhar Bharat," said Dr. Jitendra Singh.

Recalling the origins of National Technology Day, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that the day was first celebrated in 1998 to commemorate the successful Pokhran nuclear tests, conceptualized by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. "The idea that inspired us in 1998 has matured under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, transforming India into a global technology leader," he added.

Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that indigenization has been a top priority since 2014, with Prime Minister Modi's consistent push for self-reliance. "India is no longer dependent on external powers. Our success in modern warfare is a reflection of the progress towards Viksit Bharat @2047," he remarked.

Expressing his satisfaction with scientific advancements, Dr. Jitendra Singh lauded the Technology Development Board (TDB) under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for supporting pioneering initiatives, including the 1000-drone show during the Beating Retreat ceremony. He noted that drones, once symbolic, are now central to India's evolving defence ecosystem.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated TDB's annual tradition of setting a new theme and highlighted this year's theme "YANTRA", which signifies transformation through advanced research and technological acceleration.

He proudly stated that India has scaled up its defence capacity substantially over the last decade and credited Prime Minister Modi for providing an enabling ecosystem for sci-

tific growth. "India was never short of talent, but now we have leadership that fosters innovation," he said.

Highlighting India's remarkable progress in science, technology, and innovation, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted several key achievements that reflect the country's growing global stature. He pointed out India's impressive leap in the Global Innovation Index, moving from the 81st to the 39th position, and the fact that nearly 56% of patents are now filed by resident Indians-demonstrating a surge in domestic innovation. India has also emerged as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world, fostering entrepreneurship and technological advancement. In the defence sector, exports have seen a substantial rise from Rs 2,000 crore to Rs 16,000 crore, showcasing the strength of indigenous capabilities. He further highlighted that budgetary allocations for Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD) have more than doubled, from Rs 60,000 crore to Rs 1,27,000 crore, along with over a 100% increase in DST and DBT budgets. Notably, the space sector budget has nearly tripled, driven by the opening up of the sector to private participation-positioning India as a future-ready technological power.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also

mentioned key initiatives like 'One Nation, One Subscription' and a single portal for fellowships under S&T departments, which have improved the ease of doing research in India.

During the event, Dr. Jitendra Singh released a compendium of "Super 30 Startups" funded by TDB over the past five years and launched two new calls for proposals under the National Quantum Mission. He also handed over project grants to industry-academia consortia working on pilot projects for Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS).

Concluding his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "The 27th National Technology Day marks international recognition of India's leadership in science and technology, setting the tone for India @2047."

The event was also attended by Padma Bhushan Ajai Chowdhary, who emphasized the "Whole of Nation" approach to reducing dependence on foreign technology, and endorsed initiatives like Amusandhan NRF for achieving true Aatmanirbharta.

Also present were Dr. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary DST; Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary DBT; Dr. Rajesh Pathak, Secretary TDB; senior officials, scientists, and dignitaries from the science and technology community.



Dr Karan Singh welcomes India-Pakistan Ceasefire

Applauds PM Modi's leadership in Operation Sindoor, urges support for affected people

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JAMMU: Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir and former Member Parliament has welcomed the understanding between India and Pakistan and also urged the government to ensure adequate compensation to the people affected by cross-border shelling in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a handout issued today, the former Member Parliament said "The India Pakistan ceasefire which came on the verge of the conflict further escalating to a lethal level has been a great relief. Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi



wisely gave the Armed Forces a free hand to conduct "Operation Sindoor".

"I congratulate him and all ranks of the Armed forces for the efficient manner in which they conducted the whole operation including the lethal strikes on terrorist's headquar-

ters in mainland Pakistan as well as their attacks on Pakistan's military bases, right up to Rawalpindi itself. The operation was conducted in a very matured and professional manner and achieved its objective," he said.

"I would call upon the Jammu & Kashmir Government to assess all the damage that was done to the State particularly in the Poonch-Rajouri area and to expeditiously provide compensation and support to those affected. My deep condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during the conflict over the last few days," he said.

BJP reviews J&K situation, urges cadre to stay proactive

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JAMMU: Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP along with Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), chaired a meeting at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Sunday.

The meeting focused on the review of the present situation in the Jammu & Kashmir region and the role of BJP cadre.

Veenu Khanna, Secretary, J&K BJP, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Dy Mayor, Arun Dev Singh, President, BJYM, Nand Kishore Sharma, District President, senior leaders Narain Singh, Munish Khajuria, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Ved Sharma, Parduman Singh, Puneet Mahajan, Rekha Mahajan, Neha Mahajan, Reema Padha, Brijesh Gupta, and others attended the meeting.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, focused on the ever-ready and pro-active approach to be adopted by the BJP cadre as a whole. He said that the region along with



Sat Sharma, President J&K BJP chairing party workers meeting.

all the border states of India has witnessed continuous irresponsible aggression by Pakistan. He said that after suffering severe blow in the retaliation by the Indian forces, Pakistan requested for a ceasefire but soon violated the trust factor.

Sat said that in wake of these recent activities, although the ceasefire is in effect, the party has decided to keep going with the preparations to assist the public and the administration in a pro-active mode.

"Under the strong and decisive leadership of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, India will vouch for the Peace, and work for its preponderance in the world, but never on the cost of its pride and lives of innocent citizens," said Sharma.

He gave a go ahead to the party cadre to help the needy, the displaced, those who are injured, the sick and all those who have suffered any type of damages in Pakistan's misadventure.

"A BJP activist will not rest until they are satisfied that the nation and society have been truly served", said Sharma.

Ashok Koul, prompted all

the party leaders to work in unison with the people and the administration and also work to counter the misinformation campaigns that are being promoted in the media, and social media by the adversaries. He asked the party leaders to keep their preparations on the full-on mode, not taking rest, till complete normalcy is announced by the government.

Ritika led Subhadra Society members visit GMC to inquire about health of injured in Pak's shelling

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JAMMU: Subhadra Society, led by its President Mehak Trehan, Vice President Ritika Trehan, General Secy.Gesu Gandotra, Priyanka Bali, Arti Kllirla, Leela Chhtri visited the Govt Medical College and Hospital Jammu to inquire about the health of patients injured in Pakistan's shelling on the borders. The society's visit demonstrates its commitment to ensuring the well-being of those affected by the conflict.

Ritika Trehan took feedback from doctors about the patients' health and urged them to provide the best possible treatment.She praised the bravery and resilience of border residents who have consistently supported the Indian Armed Forces in their actions against Pakistan.

Ritika said Subhadra Society's visit highlights the importance of providing quality healthcare to those injured in the line of duty. We commend the bravery of border residents and the dedication of medical professionals in providing care to those in need.The visit aimed to assess the medical care provided to patients and

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JAMMU: In a heartwarming display of communal harmony and selfless service, a Blood Donation Camp was organized on Sunday at Christian Colony, Ward No. 07, Jammu.

Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President, J&K BJP & MLA Jammu East and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP inaugurated the camp.

BJP leader Amit George Sotra, Church Pastor Zion Richard, Lilly Rose, Delight Dujohn organized the camp, which was jointly spearheaded by The Church of Prayer and Wonders in collaboration with the Jammu Blood Donors Welfare Society.

A total of 28 units of blood were donated during the camp. Notable among those who extended their support were Dr. Navneet Kour, Social Reformer J&K (NGO-SUPPORT), Dr. Varun Padha, Vishal Arora, Pankul Abrol, and Angelina



Volunteers donating blood during a camp.

Stephen, among others.

Yudhvir Sethi lauded the efforts of the organizers and termed the initiative as a noble act that transcends all boundaries of caste, creed, and religion. "Blood donation is the highest form of goodwill that one human can offer another. He said that the border states of India especially the Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed the unruly behavior of Pakistan claiming lives of many and injuries to the others. Undertaking the drive to donate blood at

this crucial juncture of time, is a Godly act which every religion teaches. He said that BJP has already pursued the Blood donations on a mission base in the present time and expressed his happiness to see the enthusiasm from all quarters of society.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, in his address, extended heartfelt gratitude to the Church and the Donor Society on behalf of the entire BJP family and the people of India. He underscored India's inclusive and secu-

lar fabric, emphasizing that citizens from all religious and regional backgrounds have always come forward in service of the nation. "Our collective strength lies in our unity and our commitment to humanity," he remarked.

Pastor Zion Richard delivered an inspiring message, reminding attendees that the core teachings of Christianity-and indeed all religions-center around service to humanity. "For a true Christian, the nation always comes first. Donating blood is one of the many ways we can serve both God and country," he stated.

Amit George Sotra concluded the event by expressing sincere thanks to all blood donors, volunteers, medical staff, and dignitaries for their unwavering support. He reiterated that such events not only help save lives but also reinforce the social and spiritual commitment of the community.

Director Agriculture Jammu conducts inspection of Seed Stores in Border areas to ensure timely supply for Kharif Season



Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen conducting inspection of seed stores at border area.

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JAMMU: In a proactive step to ensure the timely and uninterrupted supply of seeds in Border Areas for the upcoming Kharif season, Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, on Sunday conducted a comprehensive inspection of seed stores located in the border areas of Jammu district.

Accompanied by Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), Director Agriculture Jammu visit-

ed several key locations including Bishnah, Chak Hasal, Arnia, Dablehar, Dharap, Kirpind and other adjoining Zonal Seed Stores of Sub Division R.S Pura.

During the visit, Director A.S Reen reviewed the availability of quality seeds and infrastructure readiness at each facility.

He emphasized the importance of seamless seed distribution to the farming community, particularly in the sensitive border belts, and issued

clear directions to ensure the instant and adequate supply of seeds, especially during peak demand periods.

To further support the farming community, Director Agriculture instructed all seed stores in the border areas to remain operational even on holidays, ensuring farmers face no delays in procuring agricultural inputs.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), reiterated the department's commitment to farmer welfare. He highlighted ongoing efforts to maintain adequate seed stocks and ensure logistical preparedness for the Kharif season.

Sub-Divisional Level Officers, Agriculture Extension Officers (AEOs), Junior Agriculture Extension Officers (JAEOs), Agriculture Extension Assistants (AEAs), and other departmental staff were also present during the inspection.



Subhadra Society members visiting GMC Jammu to meet injured of Pakistan shelling.

express solidarity with those affected by the conflict. Subhadra Society remains committed to supporting the well-being of border residents and promoting peace in the region, added Ritika.

Ritika Trehan expressed her admiration for the Indian Armed Forces, stating that they have played a crucial role in saving lives and bringing Pakistan to the negotiating table for a ceasefire. According to Ritika, the bravery and strategic actions of the Indian Armed Forces have resulted in significant destruction on the Pakistani side, ultimately leading to Pakistan's decision to agree to a ceasefire.She noted that the

destruction caused by the Indian Armed Forces on the Pakistani side has been significant, forcing Pakistan to reconsider its stance and agree to a ceasefire.

Ritika also appreciated the resilience and support of border residents, who have stood by the Indian Armed Forces during this challenging time.Ritika's statement highlights the importance of the Indian Armed Forces' role in maintaining peace and security in the region. Their actions have not only saved lives but also sent a strong message to Pakistan about India's commitment to protecting its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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NOTICE

1. The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of Tariff from DOCO to 31.03.2024 for "Transmission system for evacuation of power from the Rajasthan REZ Ph-IV (Part-I) (Bikaner Complex) - Part-E".

2. The beneficiaries of the Transmission system are: (a) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (b) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (c) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (d) Punjab State Electricity Corporation Limited (e) Haryana Power Purchase Centre (f) Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd. (g) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (h) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (i) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (j) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (k) Chandigarh Electricity department (l) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (m) North Central Railway (n) New Delhi Municipal council (o) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (p) Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd.

3. Capacity of the generating station/line length, number of bays of the transmission system:

4. Approved capital cost of the project (Rs. in lakh)- Rs. 202.39 Crores

5. Capital cost on the date of commercial operation (Rs. in lakh):

Asset	Asset Name	Approved capital cost of the project (Rs. in lakh)	
		FR	Actual
Asset-1	400/220kV, 500 MVA T&R Make ICT-6 along with associated bays at 400/220kV Bikaner-II SS	4047.80	4475.44
Asset-2	400/220kV, 500 MVA T&R Make ICT-7 along with associated bays at 400/220kV Bikaner-II SS	4047.80	4490.82

Authority which has approved the Capital Cost: Board of Directors

6. Scheduled date of commercial operation: Asset-1: 31.12.2024, Asset-2: 31.01.2025

7. Actual date of commercial operation: Asset-1: 30.12.2024, Asset-2: 03.02.2025

8. Details of tariff (Publish only applicable portion):
(Rs. in lakhs)

Assets	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Asset-1	195.02	860.83	883.41	888.54	885.98
Asset-2	122.20	862.58	885.11	890.02	887.54

9. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website <https://www.powergrid.in/en/powergrid-bikaner-transmission-system-limited-0>.

10. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiary through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Bikaner
Date: 05.05.2025

s/d
Shri K.K. Choudhury
Project In-charge

PGCO/Notice-23/Advt-998/2024-25