

**Dr Jitendra inaugurates seismological observatory at Udhampur**

# Udhampur emerges on world seismological map, gets India's 153rd Seismic Station: Dr Jitendra

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UDHAMPUR: Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology; Minister of State (I/C) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Udhampur has on Tuesday emerged on the world seismological map with the installation of latest upgraded Seismological Observatory by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India.

Dr. Jitendra said this while inaugurating a Seismological Observatory at Udhampur, an initiative of the National Centre of Seismology, Union Ministry of Earth Sciences. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr. M Ravichandran was also present during the inauguration.

Dr. Jitendra informed that during last 8 years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has installed more than 70 such observatories across the country, compared to just 80 installed in over 6 decades before.

While dedicating this observatory to the people, the Minister said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid renewed emphasis on the scientific programmes by prioritising Science and technology based developments and allocating sufficient budgets to the science departments.

The Minister also said that in the last 7-8 years, departments that previously



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurating "Earthquake Observatory" at Udhampur on Tuesday.

did not get their due importance are now being prioritised.

One such department that has been brought to the forefront is the Department of Earth Sciences that used to work in anonymity earlier; he added.

Dr. Jitendra further said that India has a very long coastline of around 6000 km and India is the only country which has an ocean named after it. It is a symbol and a legacy of our glorious past and a bright future towards which India is heading under PM Narendra Modi, he added.

While inaugurating this laboratory, Dr. Singh informed that in next 5 years, 100 more such seismological centres will be opened across the country for improving the real time data monitoring and data

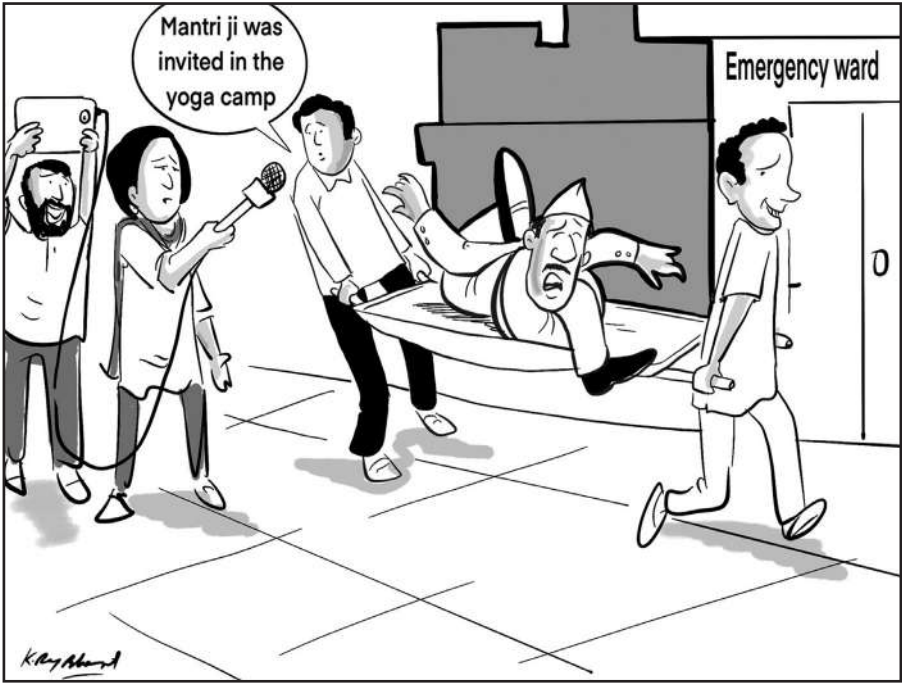
collection. India is moving closer to playing a critical role in seismological advancement and understanding, the Minister added. Elaborating about this development at Udhampur today, Dr. Singh stressed that this observatory at Udhampur will record the data related to the inner activities of the earth's crust and will provide data to various seismological stations across the globe. The Minister maintained that J&K is in the seismic zone especially South and North Kashmir where such Observatories have been established. Udhampur is the third place in J&K where such seismological observations will be recorded now, Dr. Singh informed. Ocean resources, Coastal initiatives and Earthquake studies are among futuristic StartUp possi-

bilities offered by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr. Singh said.

Explaining the special significance of Udhampur for setting up this observatory here, Dr. Singh said that Udhampur district lies between the two seismological fault lines and thus can provide critical data related to the earthquakes.

While elaborating on various developmental initiatives undertaken in the recent years under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, many languishing projects have been completed without any political considerations. He said that many projects that had long standing demands were taken up alongside other critical projects that although did not have any local demand but were based on judgement and expert advice.

Dr. Singh also enumerated various developmental initiatives undertaken in Udhampur in the recent years like the setting up of Medical Colleges, Engineering Colleges, Degree Colleges, development works under "River Devika Abatement and Beautification Project", record number of PMGSY roads and bridges, construction of highways, establishment of Radio Station in Udhampur, Passport Office etc. He also mentioned that a new industrial estate has been established that should factor in the industrial sectors that will have relevance in the upcoming years. This should include start-ups in every sector; Dr. Singh added.



## ADGP Armed briefs JKP Mountain Rescue Teams earmarked for Amarnath Yatra duty

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SRINAGAR: ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Gillani on Tuesday conducted Darbar of 15 Mountain Rescue Teams of Jammu & Kashmir Police who had assembled at the Bn. Hqrs. of JKP-5th Bn. PCR Batmaloo for their further deployment on routes leading to Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji during forthcoming Yatra.

While addressing, the ADGP said that Mountain Rescue Teams (MRTs) of Jammu & Kashmir Police have to play a significant role during this year's Yatra, as a large number of devotees/pilgrims are expected to visit the Holy Cave this year.

Keeping in view the topography and weather condition of the area there is a very challenging task ahead for the J&K Police Mountain Rescue Teams, but he is hopeful that MRTs will tackle every challenge successfully in view of their previous years association with this duty.

Briefing the teams, the ADGP said that they have to take care of the needy pilgrims under all circumstances and do their best by all means.

He said each member of the team may act very professionally during the pilgrimage, so that timely help is extended to needy pilgrims.

The ADGP also inspected the Mountain Rescue Equipment displayed by the teams on the occasion.

While interacting with the team members, the ADGP



ADGP Armed J&K taking stock of preparedness of JKP MRTs for SANJAY-2022 duty.

said the department has provided them equipment of best quality as per their suggestions.

The ADGP advised the JKP MRT members to keep record of their experiences observed during the Yatra so that future planning in terms of equipment and training can be chalked out accordingly.

The ADGP asked the teams that Senior Officers will also come to meet them during the Yatra and personally observe their functioning enroute Holy Cave.

He said, welfare and requirements of the teams shall be appropriately taken care of by the department.

So like previous years they should do their best in taking care of the pilgrims preferably pilgrims who fell sick during the pilgrimage or faces any kind of difficulty enroute Holy Cave.

Earlier, Suhail Munawar Mir-SSP Commandant JKAP-5th Bn. and DySP (Sports) APHQ J&K

Kuldeep Handoo briefed the ADGP about the preparation and readiness of the JKP MRTs for their deployment during Amarnath Yatra.

While explaining the deployment plan of the MRTs on the routes leading to Holy Cave from Baltal and Pahalgam, Incharge MRT Insp: Ram Singh briefed the ADGP that all the 15 teams shall depart for their respective duties by tomorrow and by the commencement of the Holy Yatra all the team members shall be appropriately deployed at the earmarked points on both of the routes viz: Baltal route and Pahalgam route.

Shahid Mehraj- DIG AP Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad-SSP Staff Officer to ADGP Armed, Liyaqat Ali-SSP APCR Srinagar, Sajad Hussain Pvt. Secy. to ADGP Armed, Ab. Hamid DySP Pers. APHQ, Nisar Ahmad- Insp: I/c CST Team and Ab. Rashid SI(S) PA to ADGP Armed J&K were also present on the occasion.

## GMC Kathua conducts total hip replacement surgery under Ayushman Bharat scheme

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KATHUA: Under the guidance of Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat and supervision of MS Associated Hospital GMC Kathua, Dr. Sangita Ajrawat, 'total Hip Replacement Surgery' was conducted under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) totally free of cost at Govt. Medical College (GMC) Kathua.

The patient who originally belongs to Sujampur, Punjab was suffering from Avascular Necrosis (AVN) of left hip joint, a condition in which patient is having severe pain in hip joint leading to loss of range of motion and deformity.

Patient had initially consulted several private hospitals in Punjab where he was told that the cost of surgery would be around Rs 2.5 to Rs 3 lakh.



GMC Kathua doctors with patient after performing successful Total Hip Replacement Surgery.

The patient finally visited Department of Orthopaedics, GMC Kathua where the surgery was performed by Dr. Rishabh Gupta (Assistant Professor & I/C HOD) along with his team, supported by Anaesthesia team which was led by Dr. Sanjay Kalsotra (Professor & Head) and Dr. Rajesh Angral (Associate Professor).

The surgery was performed under Ayushman

Bharat scheme (PM-JAY) totally free of cost.

Dr. Rishabh Gupta further added that Department of Orthopaedics, GMC Kathua has operated more than 50-60 patients under this scheme totally free of cost in past few months.

The patients hail from not just District Kathua but also from neighbouring districts and even from neighbouring state Punjab.

## Graph of terrorism going down in J&K, reflects success of PM's visionary policies: Tarun Chugh

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SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary and In-charge J&K, Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the number of terrorists and the graph of terrorism has been going down in J&K which is the reflection of stance by PM Modi led government in the Centre. Talking to media, Chugh said that the Prime Minister had made a promise with the people of J&K that tourism will flourish and the UT will be made terrorism-free. "The figures given by IGP Kashmir about number of terrorists killed in the Kashmir this year shows the commitment of forces and the stance by PM Modi led government that Kashmir is to be made terrorism-free and only tourism will flourish in the Valley," he said.

He said that terrorism was on death bed in Jammu and Kashmir and the credit for this goes to PM Modi under whose leadership Jammu and Kashmir is heading towards peace, progress, development and prosperity.

He further said that if there is peace and the numbers of terrorists is going down, it is because of the policies of PM Modi.

Notably, Inspector general of police Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar on Monday said that at least 114 terrorists have been killed in the Kashmir Valley this year so far, among which 32 were foreign terrorists. Kumar also said that terrorists cannot deter their efforts to bring peace in the valley by targeting innocent civilians including women & kids, unarmed policemen & outside labourers. He said that counter-terrorism operations will continue simultaneously in all 3 regions of Kashmir especially against foreign terrorists.



## J&K suffered due to divisive policies of successive regimes: Kavinder

**Resolves issue of Dharhal deputation, participates in Yoga Day celebration**

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Government in the Centre has committed to development of every nook and corner of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as it has suffered a lot due to divisive policies of successive regimes. He said that the people of this Union Territory are themselves witnessing a mega transformation on ground in terms of unprecedented development in J&K.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister; Kavinder Gupta while interacting with a deputation from Dharhal led by BJP District President, Rajouri, Sharief Manhas.

The former Deputy Chief Minister said that Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has been witnessing unprecedented development after abrogation



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta interacting with a deputation.

of Article 370. He said that the Modi government took marvelous steps to create robust infrastructure which earlier was in dismal shape and acted as a major hurdle in development of the region. He said that with basic infrastructure ready and the government offering ease of doing business with perfect ergonomics the progress of J&K is now a matter of days

and for all this people should give credit to Modi Government which has created a platform to ensure growth and development of the region as never before. Kavinder said that the time has come when J&K can compete with the developed states of the country as it has acquired all parameters attained by those entities which consider themselves part of pool

of developed part of the country.

The deputation members apprised the former Deputy Chief Minister of the problems being faced by them due to non-completion of two major road projects worth Rs 12 crores in their area. They informed Kavinder Gupta that these incomplete road projects include the Samblu Road project worth Rs. 6 crore and Dharhal Sagrawat Road project worth Rs. 6 crore have been pending since long and craving for attention of the authorities concerned so that these projects get completed at the earliest thus providing respite to the people of the area. Kavinder gave a keen and patient hearing to the delegation members and assured them of getting all their issues resolved at the earliest.

Regarding the highlighted issue of two road projects, the former Dy Chief Minister

immediately took up the matter with DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh and Executive Engineer PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain asking them to identify the hurdles in completion of these projects. He also asked XEn to start construction of the aforesaid roads at the earliest. The Executive Engineer assured Kavinder Gupta that he would immediately initiate measures for early completion of roads. The deputation comprised of Iftekhar Mirza Inspector (Retd), Mohammad Majid, Mohammad Latif, Noor Hussain, Mohammad Shabir, Nazir Hussain and Mohammad Farooq besides others.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta performed Yoga at Bahu Fort to mark the International Day of Yoga here today. He also performed yoga at Booth level in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

## Northern Army Commander leads 1.75 lakh troops to perform Yoga in J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday led over 1.75 lakh troops and 75,000 families of the Northern Command to perform yoga and complimented the soldiers for incorporating yoga asanas into their daily routine in extreme high altitude areas.

The Army commander performed various yoga asanas at the forward areas of eastern Ladakh at a height beyond 15,000 feet on the International Day of Yoga, a defence spokesman said.

Lt General Dwivedi is on a four-day visit to Ladakh. A large number of soldiers under the operational control of northern command and their families performed yoga with great enthusiasm throughout



Soldiers performing Yoga Asanas at forward areas of eastern Ladakh.

the command areas in the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, officials said. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the campaign on yoga was spread over last 60 days throughout the Northern Command from 'Indus to Ganges', they said. "Over 1,75,000 soldiers and 75,000

families participated in the yoga classes with great enthusiasm throughout the northern command," the defence spokesman said. He said yoga is promoted as a way of life in the Army, especially for the troops deployed in mountainous and high altitude areas of Northern Command. "All

ranks have imbibed it as a regime to boost their mental and physical health," he said. The spokesman said a unique feat has been achieved by the units and formations of Northern Command by organising yoga at iconic places like Siachen Base Camp, Pangong Tso Lake, Peer Ki Gali (Kashmir), Nathu Auditorium (Poonch), Itrana Palace (Rajasthan), Gangaghat (Prayagraj) and Rezang La. Army commander Lt General Dwivedi, who performed yoga in high altitude eastern Ladakh, complimented the soldiers for incorporating yoga asanas into their daily routine in extreme high altitude areas and harsh climatic conditions to combat psychological stress and fatigue. "Yoga is a prime tool for stress management

and improvement of combat efficiency," he underlined.

The official exhorted the troops to practice yoga to further expand their horizons of physical and mental capacities. Meanwhile, a yoga camp was organised at Udhampur on the occasion. The officers and other ranks of Udhampur Military Station participated in the event. Qualified yoga instructors assisted in performance of yoga and imparted knowledge on the art and science of yoga to all those present, the spokesman said.

Another unique initiative was to train Army dogs and Army horses on yogic exercises. The canines participated in the yogic exercise along with their handlers, displaying the formidable spirit of Northern Command, he added.

## KPs perform unique Yoga in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Kashmiri Pandit employees on Tuesday adopted a novel way of using yoga to highlight their demand for relocation out of Kashmir in the wake of recent attacks on minorities in the valley.

The Kashmiri Pandit (KP) employees, who have been protesting since the killing of Rahul Bhat on May 12, observed the International Day of Yoga at their camp site at Sheikhpora Migrant Colony in Budgam.

The protesting employees performed various asanas and raised slogans like "we want justice" instead of the Vedic chants associated with the practice.

While some of these employees pasted placards in support of their demands on their torso, several others wore T-shirts bearing

photographs of Bhat.

"We have been sitting here in protest everyday and today through this programme, we want to convey our demand to the state government," one of the employees said.

On Monday, the KP employees had threatened to appeal to international human rights organisations for asylum if the central government failed to relocate them from the Valley.

The employees, recruited under PM Package, have been protesting since the death of one of their colleagues Rahul Bhat. Bhat was killed inside his office in Chadoora area of Budgam district.

Rajni Bala, a government school teacher from the minority community, was also shot dead by terrorists at her school in Kulgam district.

## SSP Traffic city Jammu reviews arrangements for Amarnath Yatra

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JAMMU: Dr Koshal Sharma SSP traffic City Jammu, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of all the officers of traffic city Jammu to discuss the arrangements for smooth conduct of annual yatra of Shri Amarnath which will begin on last week of this month 2022.

The meeting among others was attended by Raj Pal Singh Addl.SSP traffic, Farah Nishat DySP(T) City North, Bikram Kumar DySP(T) City South, Javed Naaz I/c DySP (T) rural city, Vishal Manhas DySP, Kuldeep Raj DySP, I/c Traffic control unit(TCU) Insp: Lekh Raj, all DTTs and all incharges of different sections of traffic police city Jammu.

SSP traffic directed all officers, both jurisdictional and those deployed for the Yatra from Kunjwani to Jhajjar Kotli to ensure personal supervision and regularly brief traffic officials from



Dr Koshal Sharma SSP Traffic City Jammu chairing a meeting.

time to time for a smooth and incident free Yatra.

Dr Koshal said that the regulations of traffic on all the roads used by the yatri's from your Jurisdiction be managed effectively in order to avoid the congestions on the roads and delay in the movements of Yatra convoys.

SSP Traffic impressed upon all officers to ensure no overcharging of fares from tourists.

SSP traffic stressed that

facilitation of Yatri's is top priority of traffic police city Jammu and added that Kunjwani is the gateway of city Jammu for the Yatri's and every efforts should be to make their journey comfortable.

Earlier, SSP traffic took the suggestions of all the DySPs and DTTs for providing better traffic arrangements to the yatri's. All the officers assured for the successful conduct of the Yatra regarding Traffic.

