

Dr Jitendra inaugurates seismological observatory at Udhampur**Udhampur emerges on world seismological map, gets India's 153rd Seismic Station: Dr Jitendra****STATE TIMES NEWS**

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****STATE TIMES NEWS**

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.

The ADGP advised the 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 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.

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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.

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

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

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.

**GMC Kathua conducts total hip replacement surgery under Ayushman Bharat scheme****STATE TIMES NEWS**

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 (PMJAY) totally free of cost at Govt. Medical College (GMC) Kathua.

The patient who originally belongs to Sujanpur, 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.

The surgery was performed under Ayushman



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 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.

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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

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