

# Ground-breaking tech interventions bringing efficiency in urban governance in J&K: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that ground-breaking technological interventions are bringing efficiency in urban governance and strengthening the response capability of various stakeholders. "Srinagar is embracing modern technical tools for sustainable and integrated urban living", the Lt Governor said while inaugurating two prestigious projects, the Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) under the Srinagar Smart City initiative and Srinagar Municipal Corporation's Storm Water Drainage Scheme at Shalteng. Sinha said that real time data will ensure effective management of services like water, electricity, mobility, education, healthcare, environment, and security. "Turning Integrated Command & Control Centre as the Nerve Centre for all Smart City IT interventions, the Lt Governor said that the Centre will act as a situation room of the city, integrating civic operations and creating opportunity for data-driven decision making. The Lt Governor said, Srinagar Smart City aims to secure and increase livability, sustainability, efficiency for all citizens. The holistic approach in functioning of Srinagar Smart City will help in achieving five long term goals-smart mobility, smart economy, smart environment, smart living and smart governance. All stakeholders are working in tandem to make the Srinagar city a best



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating project under Srinagar Smart City.

example in the smart city movement in the country. With a wide range of smart solutions and infrastructure, we hope to enhance resource efficiency and seamless citizen services, the Lt Governor further added. The Lt Governor emphasized on continuous evaluation of the functioning of the Integrated Command & Control Centre for analyzing the impact of civic services, effectiveness of Plan-B; Emergency Response Mechanism; developing Policy framework as per the needs of the people, and public feedback. The Lt Governor also advised the Srinagar Smart City functionaries for replacement of overhead cables providing electrical power with underground cables and adopting a convergence model to develop such institutionalized

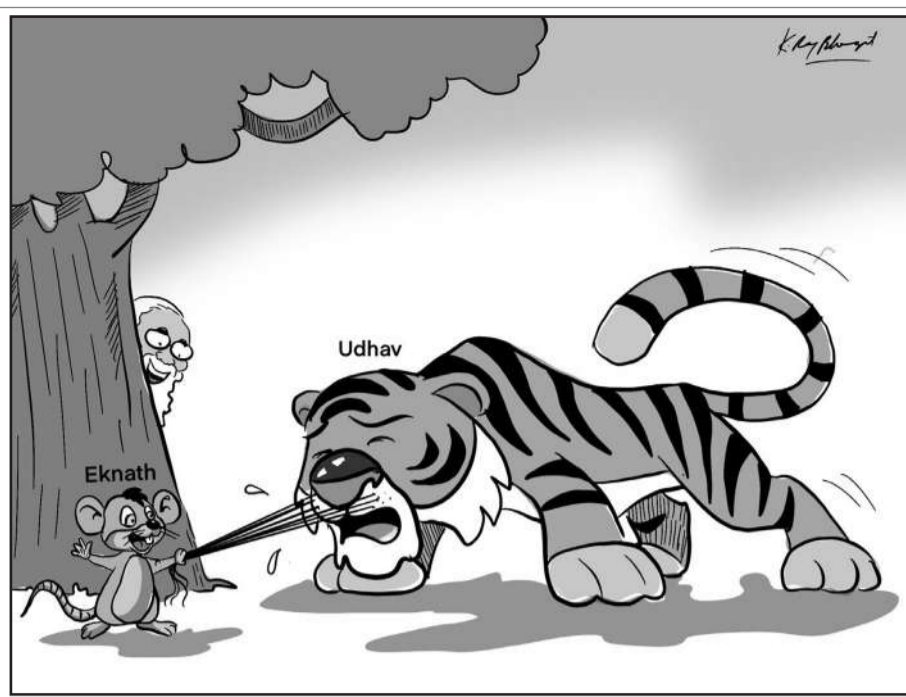
mechanism which will lay a strong foundation for extension of better civic amenities in the years to come. The Lt Governor further stressed on the need to bring about behavioral change among the officers as well as the public in terms of civic and other government services. For better facilities, it is necessary that the consumers pay their bills on time. At the same time, it must be ensured that the rightful and honest consumers who are paying their electricity bills get quality power supply, the Lt Governor added. He asked the concerned officers to develop a public feedback mechanism for online services of Water and electricity connections.

With various smart city initiatives, we are inching closer towards realizing the goal of a smarter city, he added. Athar

Aamir Khan, CEO Srinagar Smart City Limited and Commissioner SMC briefed the Lt Governor on the key features of the new Integrated Command & Control Centre. ICCC enables collation of information and collaborative monitoring, thus helping in the analysis of data for quicker decision making. Intelligent operations capability ensures integrated data visualization, real time collaboration and deep analytics that can help different stakeholders prepare for emergencies, coordinate and manage response efforts and enhance the ongoing efficiency of city operations, it was informed.

He further briefed the Lt Governor about the 175 km long optical fiber project. Later, the Lt Governor visited Shalteng and inaugurated the new Storm Water Drainage Scheme. It was informed that the new Drainage Scheme will benefit one lakh population and bring about a great change in the sanitary conditions of the area.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Government, Housing and Urban Development Department; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Charu Sinha, IGP CRPF; Vikramjit Singh, IGP Traffic, J&K; Mohd Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and other senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were present on the occasion.



# Modi Govt empowered panchayats in J&K, boosted development: Sukhnandan

## Demands increase in funds for most populated Panchayat Mishriwala



Senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar posing with prominent citizens.

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar said BJP-led government has empowered panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir by giving them powers and funds and the power of vote at the grassroots to elect representatives and leaders.

Jammu and Kashmir was being ruled by "three families" who supported the continuation of Article 370 which was "a temporary measure". Article 370 was abrogated in August 2019 after the BJP-led government came back to power in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Sukhnandan reminded the Bhalwal residents.

On the demand of increase in funds for Panchayat Mishriwala, the residents of Mishriwala Panchayat, Bhalwal in Constituency North Jammu, Sukhnandan said "BJP gave rights to panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir, provided budget,

empowered them," Sukhnandan said.

Population in this Panchayat is manifold high. It is more than ten thousand with outsiders settlement with over five thousand votes and funds are same as like in other Panchayats, which have population around two thousand to three thousand. Sukhnandan said, "I will take up the matter with the LG Manoj Sinha also to address this genuine problem of Panchayat Mishriwala so that the development works in this Panchayat are completed with same pace.

"I am a worker of BJP at grass-root level and I know the difficulties being faced in our rural areas," Sukhnandan said to the villagers at Bhalwal, adding "your faith in me has strengthened me more to fight for your causes.

He said elections to lower Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir were held in December 2018 in which 74 per cent of people par-

ticipated.

"Kashmir never recorded this kind of polling percentage. About 3,650 Sarpanchs and 33,000 Panchs were elected. The ruler will now not be born to a queen but will be elected through votes," the former minister said.

He further said that 21 administrative matters have been given to Panchayats and about Rs 1500 crore have been directly put into accounts to pave the way for the development of villages.

Others who attended the meeting at Bhalwal in Mishriwala Panchayat include Sarpanch Mohd Ameen, Mulakh Raj, Rohit Verma, Adv Naresh Bhagat, Yash Sethi, Naib Sarpanch Subeet Singh, Panch Joginder Singh, Jeet Singh, Bua, Ravi Bhagat, ex-ZEO Avtar Singh, Vijay Kumar Media Incharge Domana and prominent citizens of Mishriwala area.

# Society for Prevention of Cancer holds conference on cancer prevention in Jammu

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JAMMU: Society for Prevention of Cancer (SPOC) Bengaluru held conference on 'Importance of balancing and interconnecting whole body in fight against Cancer', here on Thursday. Renowned medical experts in the field addressed the conference to help people understand the different ways to deal with disease.



SPOC 'Trust is brain child of Dr. Nanda Rajaneesh renowned Onco Surgeon of country and which had many leading onco surgeons and oncologists on the board. The conference was started with introduction of Society and welcome by Trustee Director Sunil Sethi. Conference was addressed by Dr. Monika Pansari, Surgical Oncologist, who spoke on 'Prevention of Cancer' in women particularly breast and Gynecological cancer. She discussed about risk factors and treatments in cancer in women and focused on the treatment protocol. She dealt in details the symptoms at early stage to detect the problem at very initial stage. Dr. Vishwanath S, leading Medical Oncologist with Apollo Hospital Bangalore spoke about Prevention of lymphoma and multiple Myeloma. He dealt with blood cancer and with his expert insight on the subject extensively dealt with blood cancer and its treatment and prevention. He spoke about modifiable and non modifiable risk factors. Another leading Medical Oncologist, Dr. Rajeev Vijay Kumar Apollo Hospital Bangalore talked about prevention of cancer and role of different agencies. He stressed about early detection and support system from govt and different agencies as also NGOs. He talked about holding of camps in rural areas to educate people about problem and advance treatments available and latest developments. He also educated the audience about the role of SPOC to help Society in prevention and treatment of cancer by use of innovative digital technology for Coloscopy and other screenings. Richika, Holistic health coach and neurologist, laid stress on Yogic way of treating Cancer. She talked about integrated approach of Yoga therapy and laid stress on adopting Yogic diet to tune our body to natural ways. She laid stress on vegetable and fruit diets is the key with adopting of Cyclic Meditation and Yoga Assans. Proceedings were conducted with Dr. Jyotsana and Dr. Iaichka Sethi.

# India leading world in addressing climate issues: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is leading the world in addressing the climate related issues.

The Minister was on a visit to India's premier and one of the world's most upgraded institutions, the "National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast" (NCMRWF) located at Noida.

The Minister said that Prime Minister Modi has strongly raised India's voice on the issue of climate change at every global forum from time to time. He said that given India's vast area, diversity, heterogeneity and it being a leader in disaster management, the world looks up to India for global challenges such as climate change. Dr. Jitendra said that the world should acknowledge and appreciate India's top position in next 25 years, when the country celebrates centenary of its independence, giving credit to its scientific prowess in research & development and innovation capabilities.

The Minister noted that the country is going through a phase of knowledge explosion with the eager Indian



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh going around the various blocks of National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast at Noida, on Thursday.

youth looking to explore newer scope in scientific innovation. He said that the pace of scientific advancement in India is astonishing which has started bearing fruits for the world to see.

Dr. Singh said that India is in the frontline in the field of weather forecasting and the best in the world, catering to such a huge and diverse population. He said that the country has a Prime Minister like Narendra Modi who gives high priority to science and technology, encouraging the country's scientists to achieve greater success. The Union Minister was of the view that Indian youth has a scientific temper by aptitude and the Government of India, too, is committed to encourage them by giving wider exposure. Dr. Jitendra took a walk around the

NCMRWF complex and he was briefed about the facilities, functioning and various activities by Dr. Ashis K. Mitra, Head, NCMRWF. The Minister was also briefed about the latest computing facility and India's first-ever supercomputer CRAY X-MP, which was installed at NCMRWF in 1988 and was in operation till 1999. Dr. M Ravichandran, Secretary, M/o Earth Sciences, along with senior officials of M/o Earth Science and NCMRWF was also present during the visit.

NCMRWF is a centre of excellence in numerical modelling & data assimilation and is one of the 11-12 such centres in the world which do data assimilation. The centre is also one of the top users of National Knowledge Network (NKN).

# Students of GMC Jammu continue protest against proposed AIQ

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JAMMU: Doctors on Thursday staged a protest against the Jammu and Kashmir administration's proposed move to pool 50 per cent post-graduate seats from Government Medical College (GMC) and all seats of Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences for all-India quota this year.



GMC Jammu students during a protest.

Accompanied by medical students, the doctors staged a protest in front of the GMC office here in support of their

demand for shelving the idea of pooling 50 per cent post-graduate seats in the Union Territory. "The idea, if implemented,

will harm the interests of the aspiring PG candidates of Jammu and Kashmir as we have a meagre number of seats which would be further reduced," Dr Shushant Kharke, one of the protesters, told PTI.

Elaborating further, he said if 50 per cent of PG seats of the GMC and all SKIMS are filled through the all-India quota, only 172 seats would be reserved for the domiciled aspirants. Kharke said the MBBS

courses have been started at five newly opened Government Medical Colleges in Anantnag, Baramulla, Rajouri, Doda and Kathua but no PG seats have been allotted to these colleges.

Extending support to the protest, Jammu and Kashmir students association has appealed to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to consider the demand of delaying the pooling of post-graduate seats in the all-India quota until the new medical colleges get PG seats.

# J&K BJP chief pledges to take back areas under illegal occupation of Pak, China

## STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Thursday paid tributes to party ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his death anniversary and "pledged to take back all areas of Kashmir under the illegal occupation of Pakistan and China".

He also lauded the police and other security forces for "operation all-out" to wipe out terrorism from the Union Territory.

"Today, the country is observing Mookerjee's 'Balidan Divas'. He made the supreme sacrifice to achieve 'Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan and Ek Pradhan'.



BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina and senior leader Kavinder Gupta paying tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

leader. A strident critic of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Mookerjee had died under detention in Kashmir in 1953 after being arrested for entering the region without the required permit, a legal necessity then challenged by him. "Mookerjee made the supreme

sacrifice in the interest of the nation and his dream came true when Prime Minister Narendra Modi revoked Article 370 in August 2019," he said.

The whole of Jammu and Kashmir including parts under "illegal occupation of Pakistan and China" belong to India and "the day

is not far when they will be retrieved and made part of our motherland", Raina said.

"They (terrorists) are being driven out from their holes under the ongoing operation all-out to wipe out terrorism. Anyone conspiring against the country will not be spared," he told reporters.

General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul paid tributes to the great leader in Srinagar.

Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta along with others, paid tributes at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here. Former President & former Minister Sat Sharma along with others paid tributes to the great leader at party office Kachi Chavni and Wards 26, 30, 31, 40, 41 etc. in Jammu West District.

General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta paid tributes on booth 51,

Satwari Mandal, Jammu.

General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal paid tributes to the great leader on polling booths Kotli and Nandpur in Ramgarh Manal in Samba District.

In his address, Kavinder Gupta said, "Person like Mookerjee are very rare and their life serves a source of inspiration for generations to come and as far as BJP is concerned Dr Mookerjee is a source of inspiration for the entire BJP cadre".

Dr Parmesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training, BJP J&K, while paying glowing tributes to Mookerjee, said BJP has fulfilled Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision of one India by abrogating Article 370 and giving full constitutional rights to people of Jammu and Kashmir.

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