

# LG inaugurates State Data Centre in Jammu

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the State Data Centre at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the future-ready central facility will ensure efficiency, agility, optimization, control and security for e-Governance and other citizen-centric applications for transparent and hassle-free government services.

Our aim under Digital India Mission in J&K UT is to make services faceless, paper-less & cash-less. This flagship programme is enabling technology empowered citizen-centric services, bringing government closer to the citizens and promoting citizen engagement, he added.

The Lt Governor observed that Technology is a powerful agent of inclusive and sustainable growth. Major E-services are running parallel and compulsorily providing for feedback/rating system, helping the departments to



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating State Data Centre at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

list, review, re-engineer the necessary processes.

Pertinently, this new future-ready facility with fully integrated cloud foundation offers combine computing, storage and network as well as life cycle automation to Jammu & Kashmir Government. The data centre is modernized and managed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(C-DAC), one of the premier R&D organizations of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(MeitY), with the support of J&K Information Technology department.

The new facility will not only promote e-Governance for empowering citizens, but will also foster inclusive and sustainable growth by enhancing Internet Governance, facilitating easy development of human resources, promoting R&D & innovation, besides enhancing efficiency through digital services and ensuring a secure cyber space with industry's best security

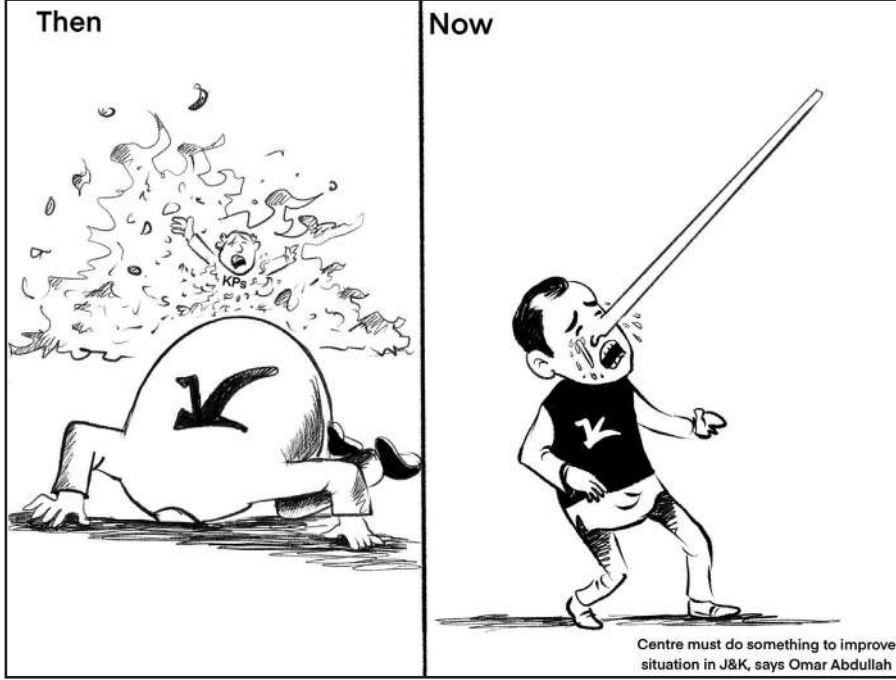
features.

The State Data Centre J&K, co-terminus with J&K State Wide Area Network (SWAN) will act as an IT Hub for all government owned services for the entire public to achieve Digital J&K through transparent e-Governance. It will further the government's objective of digitally empowering the citizen and ensuring that Government schemes and services reach the last person with transparency and efficiency.

The e-office implementation, hosted on the State Data Centre, has been enabled in about 350 departments/offices across the UT to date, saving crores of rupees annually on account of seamless movement of e-Files, besides placing J&K at top in the uptake of e-office among all UTs of the country.

The State Data Centre also provides flawless support for prominent e-Governance applications like e-Office, National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) etc.

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta; Principal Secretary Higher Education and Information, Rohit Kansal; Commissioner Secretary Labour & Employment, Sarita Chauhan; Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda; Secretary IT, Prerna Puri; CEO JAKEGA, Abhishek Sharma among other senior officers were present on the occasion.



Centre must do something to improve situation in J&K, says Omar Abdullah

## Keep vigil on suspicious elements along Jammu-Srinagar NH: DGP to officers

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh directed officers on Wednesday to beef up the security arrangements and keep a vigil on suspicious elements along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

Singh passed the directions during his visit to the Amarnath Yatra camps along the highway, ahead of the upcoming pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas.

The 43-day-long yatra is scheduled to start on June 30 from the twin routes – the traditional 48-km Nunwan route in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and the 14-km short Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- after a gap of two years due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The police chief visited the yatra transit camps at Mir Bazaar, Walnut Factory and Lamber in Qazigund district of south Kashmir and Ramban district of the Jammu region and took stock of the security arrangements put in place for the pilgrims, according to a police spokesperson.

He said the DGP reviewed the security arrangements at



DGP Dilbag Singh interacting with officers during visit to Amarnath Yatra camps.

the Navyug tunnel, connecting Qazigund and Banihal towns, and sought reports from the security deployments regarding arrangements and area domination along the national highway.

Interacting with the officers at different places, Singh directed for beefing up the security arrangements to ensure a smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage.

He also directed the officers to further augment the security arrangements and keep a strict vigil on suspicious elements and movement along the highway and areas surrounding the yatra transit camps.

The DGP emphasised on increased coordination and communication among the forces for a quick response to the requirements for the

security and assistance of the pilgrims, the police spokesperson said.

Singh said the security grid needs to be strengthened and all important locations along the yatra route should be kept under round-the-clock surveillance.

He said all important places, including the "langars" (community kitchens) and parking lots, should be brought under the security cover and stressed on sharing of inputs among the agencies for preventive measures.

The DGP also directed for area domination and joint patrolling along the highway.

He discussed the traffic management on the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, with the officers.

## Dr Sudhaa awarded FIMS, Dr Annil takes over as Chairman Scientific Committee IMS; Dr Vishal qualifies CIMP



Dr Sudhaa Sharma being awarded FIMS, while Dr Annil Mahajan and Dr Vishal Tandon speaking at a conference.

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JAMMU: Dr Sudhaa Sharma, Senior Gynaecologist Madaan

Hospital Gandhi Nagar, was awarded prestigious Fellowship of Indian Menopause Society

(FIMS) bestowed first time by IMS to all past Presidents & few of meritorious Executive Members.

She also completed successfully her tenure as Secretary General IMS. She had the honour of

delivering a keynote address to gathering in the Annual Conference of IMS at Vadodra.

She along with President IMS had the privilege of awarding CIMP Certificates to qualified candidates in the convocation and chaired a scientific session of President Menopause Society of Srilanka.

Dr Annil Mahajan, Former Prof & Head GMC Jammu was nominated as Chairman Scientific Committee in this conference. He was invited faculty and moderated a panel discussion on Osteoporosis.

Dr Vishal Tandon Prof GMC Jammu was awarded Certificate of CIMP (Credentialed Indian Menopause Practitioner) in the convocation. He also delivered guest faculty lecture on Scientific Writing.

## BJP Govt breaking all records in hoodwinking its own people: Bhalla

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JAMMU: Coming down heavily on the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre for its failure to handle the situation in J&K, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Wednesday said alienation among people has increased manifold during eight -years tenure of BJP rule.

Addressing party workers at Model Town of Gandhi Nagar constituency, Bhalla said worst-ever misgovernance and mis-rule left the people of J&K in the lurch and the overall situation deteriorated in the Kashmir valley. The meeting was organized by Inderjeet Kour Corporator Ward 57 and also addressed by Satish Sharma Secy JKPC, Rajinder Randhawa , Surinder Singh Dutta ,Davinder Singh



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing public meeting.

Laddi, Surjeet Singh, SK Raina, Kewal, Ashok Kumar, Janak Raj, Madan Chowdhary, Harbans Singh, Paramjeet Singh Manga beside others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said BJP remained engaged in a tug of war during their entire period in office so far, which caused great harm to the secular and social fabric of J&K," he said, adding that the BJP has mastery of falsehood

and fake slogans and pursued destructive and divisive politics in the country. He said the Congress always strengthened democracy and countered the anti-national and anti-democracy forces at the cost of sacrifices. He said BJP, which targeted Congress and other parties over the displacement of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s, is in power at the Centre and is now answerable for the series of

killings in Kashmir under its rule." While attacking BJP government at the centre, Bhalla said that since the change of guard happened in New Delhi, the prices of essential commodities have increased manifold. He claimed that after mirror shown to BJP in DDC elections where it could win only 75 out of 280 seats, it is day dreaming and befooling people and BJP can never come to power in J&K again.

Taking a dig at LG Administration, Bhalla said, it is acting as the agent of the central government. He said, "The union government's policies are putting common people into trouble. He also said that the Prime Minister is not ready to address public issues, instead, keeps speaking in 'Mann kiBaat' programme.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said that the number of tax payers in the country has substantially increased in last 8 years and the earlier atmosphere of "tax terror" gradually weaned away after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over in 2014.

Speaking after launching 'Aarohan', a Coffee Table Book and e-book on the progressive contribution of the Income Tax Department over the decades in New Delhi today, the union minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, economic behaviour of the people of the country has changed. The programme was organised to mark 75th year of India's independence and "Amrit Mahotsav"

Dr Jitendra Singh said that



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing senior officers of the Income Tax Department after launching 'Aarohan', a Coffee Table Book to mark 75th year of independence, at New Delhi on Wednesday.

today the number of people who are willing to pay income tax is increasing and the credit for this should go to PM Modi who took several path-breaking, courageous and confident decisions like introduction of GST in recent years.

The Minister opined that for the overall and inclusive growth of the country, its economy has to develop rather than

regulating it. He said that before 2014, the country, for a long time, witnessed a nightmare of struggle in making decisions for the people of the country but all that has changed today.

The Union Minister said that there was a time when only four crore people were paying income tax in the country of 130+ crore people but

expressed hope that by India's 100th year of independence in 2047, there will be only four crore people left not paying income tax.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that India's is an evolving society but no society can evolve in isolation and that is why it is important to take people along in every decision for their larger benefit. He said that it is the credibility of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi which instill confidence in 135 crore people of the country.

The Coffee Table Book traces the journey of the Income Tax Department over the last seven decades. It also devotes one chapter exclusively to IRS officers.

Earlier, Chairperson CBDT Sangeeta Singh welcomed Dr Jitendra Singh and gave a resume of the working of the department.

### J&K Waqf Board establishes 'Welcome Pandal' at Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine

## For lasting peace in J&K, return of KPs to Valley mandatory: Dr Darakhshan Andrabi



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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board established a welcome Pandal for the pilgrims of Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani at the shrine Campus in Tuhmulla in Ganderbal district.

The juices were offered to every Yatri on his entrance into the campus by the Waqf Board.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board remained present on the Pandal for the day along with the In-charge Chief Executive Officer of Waqf Board Isshtiaq Mohiuddin & other staff.

Such a gesture was highly appreciated by the pilgrims and the Shrine Management Committee.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi held interactive sessions with the pilgrims, tourists, manage-

ment body & the representatives of various government departments. Later Dr Darakhshan Andrabi spoke to the media and said that such festivals and gatherings reflect the real inclusive face of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Kashmiri Hindus are the equal stakeholders of everything and those who are trying to create a vicious atmosphere to sabotage the rehabilitation & return of the displaced community are the enemies of humanity and don't belong to our inclusive cultural traditions. We cannot afford to let them succeed in their divisive terrorist mindset. Protection of minorities is not the responsibility of the government only but of the common majority community members too," said Waqf Board Chairperson.

Dr Andrabi assured the community leaders & representatives that everything will be done by the government to ensure their safety and their resettlement in Kashmir valley. She appealed to the civil society groups and the religious preachers to emphasize on creating an atmosphere wherein the designs of subversive and communal & divisive elements are defeated and they are thrown out of our society so

that we are able to present our real inclusive face to the world of humanity.

"For lasting peace in J&K, we need to restore the communal harmony of our society which

was torn apart in the early nineties by separatists & subversive elements and make sure that every displaced Kashmiri returns to the valley," said Dr Andrabi.

## IkkJutt Jammu holds protest against Kishtwar police

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JAMMU: IkkJutt Jammu held a massive protest at Press Club Jammu against the FIR registered against three Hindu youth from Kishtwar District as they supported Nupur Sharma who was sacked BJP and received rape and death threat by the radical Islamists in India.

IkkJutt Jammu Party Youth President Ajay Singh Saini make it clear that law and order must be maintained in the society and no individual and any community will not be allowed to take law into their hand by giving rape and death threats to any citizen of the country.

Saini further said that it is our moral duty to support Nupur Sharma who



IkkJutt Jammu activists raising slogans during a protest.

by mistake gave some counter remarks against Prophet Mohammad while defending her religious sanctity which was actually a reality which is hard to digest when exposed.

IkkJutt Jammu Party warned Kishtwar Police not to selectively target

the Hindu Minority Youth in the district as there are hundreds of Social media post are floating against Hindu God/Goddess and cow slaughtering but Police never take any cognizance to such serious matter which can otherwise disturb peace in the area.

## SG & CEO WWF India meets LG Mathur, discusses implementation of Mission Khoryug in Ladakh

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LEH: Secretary-General (SG) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India, Ravinder Pal Singh, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, in New Delhi.

SG & CEO WWF India Ravinder briefed about various initiatives taken by them in Ladakh, including the pilot project on building conservation leadership among the children of Ladakh. He also briefed that Mission Khoryug aims to build knowledge of students about the biodiversity of Ladakh and actively engage with nature, promote student-led action for enhancing green activities in schools, promote student-led community service for nature, equip schools with a biodiversity map of Ladakh



CEO, WWF India, Ravinder Pal Singh calling on Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur.

and other educational resources, etc. He apprised that Mission Khoryug also focuses on developing an Ek Prithvi Model school each in Leh and Kargil, providing volunteering opportunities, etc. SG & CEO WWG India Ravinder requested for the launch of Mission Khoryug in all government schools in Ladakh from next year, the promotion of the Mission Khoryug in government schools of Ladakh.

nodal officer for coordinating the implementation of the Mission in government schools, etc. He also requested for an LG Award for best performing schools for the successful implementation of Mission Khoryug.

LG Mathur appreciated WWF India for their initiative of introducing Mission Khoryug in government schools of Ladakh.