

# 200 times increase in Space StartUps in 2 years: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: "There has been around 200 times increase in Space StartUps in just about two years," said Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, here today.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh holding a high-level meeting to review the 100 days Action Plan of the Department of Space at New Delhi on Thursday. Also seen is Chairman ISRO, S. Somanath.

Space StartUps have increased from 1 in 2022 to nearly 200 in 2024, witnessing an unprecedented rise of 200 times in these years. In the year 2023 alone, nearly INR 1000 crore was invested in the space sector of India in just about eight months. Further, the industry caters to nearly 450 MSMEs affirming the PM's vision of "Sabka Prayas" during the Amrit kaal period. Giving further insights into the space sector, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the share of India in the global space economy in 2030 is going to rise 4 times in comparison to 2021. In 2021, the Indian space industry contributed 2% to global share. This is expected to rise to 8% by

2030 and further to 15% by the year 2047. DoPT minister and Chairman ISRO also briefly touched upon the rising involvement of the private sector in the space missions. Presently India allows 100% FDI in the space sector thereby unleashing new horizons of innovation and growth to the sector. According to Jitendra Singh the private sector can offer new solutions to development of advanced small satellites, geospatial technologies, orbital transfer vehicles and so forth. Further touching upon the contribution of science to Indian society, Dr. Singh said that private players will play a huge role in sectors such as

agriculture, environment, governance etc. Dr. Jitendra Singh directed officials about the Transfer of Technology (ToT) by ISRO to the private players. So far, there are 403 such transfers by 2020 and additional 50 by NSIL/INSPACE till today. Dr. Jitendra Singh enquired and discussed the next 100 days plans of ISRO and its scheduled launches. This includes the NISAR programme which is a joint Earth-observing mission between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). NASA and ISRO are providing two radars that are optimised each in their own way to allow the mission to

observe a wider range of changes than either one alone. Dr. Jitendra Singh was also briefed upon other programs in the list containing GSAT-20, Landing exercise of reusable launch vehicle, Space docking experiment etc. The science and technology minister also recognized the role that private players will play in the R&D part of the space sector. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman, S. S. Somanath and other senior officials from the Department of Space.



## ADGP Jammu Zone briefs police officers for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of the Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, conducted a comprehensive briefing session for the Police officers designated by the Police Headquarters (PHQ) for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of ZPHQ Jammu this evening.



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting on Thursday.

The briefing focused on ensuring a secure, smooth, and successful pilgrimage for the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji. Key aspects discussed during the session. Strategies were laid out to fortify the security apparatus along the Yatra route, with special emphasis on vulnerable points. The ADGP highlighted the importance of vigilance and coordination among the forces to pre-empt and

counter any potential threats. Effective traffic regulation plans were discussed to manage the flow of pilgrims and vehicles, ensuring minimal disruption and maximum safety. Officers were instructed to coordinate with the traffic department to maintain seamless transit routes. Techniques for managing large crowds at the base camps and en-route were reviewed. The ADGP Jammu underscored the need for maintaining discipline and order to prevent overcrowding and ensure the comfort and safety of the pilgrims.

Contingency plans for dealing with natural disasters or emergencies were discussed. The officers were briefed on rapid response protocols and the importance of timely coordination with disaster management teams. The briefing included measures to provide medical aid and other necessary facilities to the pilgrims. The ADGP emphasized the

collaboration with health departments to set up medical camps and ensure the availability of emergency medical services. The ADGP Jammu assured that all necessary resources and support would be provided to the designated officers to facilitate a successful Yatra. The meeting /briefing session was attended by DIG Jammu, SSP PCR Jammu SSP Jammu besides all Police officers earmarked by PHQ for SANJY-2024.

## Power shutdown

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to MES Janglote, IID, Sahar Logate and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 21 from 6 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to District Udhampur and Kishtwar will remain affected on June 24 from 6 am to 10 am. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jogpur, Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 21 from 5 am to 8 am. Similarly, the power supply to Dadyal, Nanga and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 22 from 5 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Mahal, S.M. Pura and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 21 from 5 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Mahal and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 22 from 5 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Raipur and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 21 and 23 from 5 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to Kangwala and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 22 and 24 from 5 am to 9 am.

## Measures for improving public service delivery in J&K discussed

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: With the objective of introducing corrective measures and latest administrative reforms in Government departments of Jammu and Kashmir and in order to improve the SOPs /Proformas for administrative inspections, Secretary, ARI & Trainings, Shabnam Kamili chaired a meeting with the representatives of Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad (ASCI) here on Thursday. Dr. B.N.V. Parthasarathi (Senior Consultant), Prof. Hareesh Meppat (Faculty) and Dr. Bharath Shashanka Katkam (Faculty), from ASCI, Hyderabad attended the meeting virtually. Secretary (Technical), ARI & Trainings department, Director Finance, Special Secretary, Additional Secretary and other officers of ARI and Trainings department also attended the meeting in which various issues related to Administrative Reforms for UT of J&K were discussed in detail. During the meeting, the Secretary gave brief introduction of ARI & Trainings department to ASCI intimating its mandate and aim. She conveyed about the procedure adopted for Administrative inspection of the government departments and challenges/concerns faced in the process. She specifically stressed upon to find scientific ways to put in place result oriented SOPs/



Secretary ARI & Trainings, Shabnam Kamili chairing a meeting on Thursday.

formats and guidelines for removing the lacunae in the system as well as plugging the gaps and improving the system with ultimate aim of enhancing its accountability and transparency vis-à-vis optimizing the public delivery system in the interest of general public. During the meeting, discussions were also held on optimization of delivery mechanism, proper feedback system, introducing reforms on scientific lines, ways to improve transparency and accountability among others. The representatives of ASCI, Hyderabad, during the meeting, gave a brief introduction of ASCI intimating various steps being taken by them in improvement of administrative procedures at different places including State of Kerala and Mumbai Municipal Corporation. After understanding the issues being faced by the department of ARI & Trainings of J&K, they conveyed their perspective for introducing ways to improve the system for increasing the

efficacy and efficiency of whole administrative set-up at different levels. Their suggestions included requirement of structural changes in work flow chart, reporting structure and manpower planning, introduction of self-regulations by the departments, improving the already existing pro-forma and introduction of additional formats for inspections, introduction of best practices and to add values to the existing practices, scientific ways for removing lacunae in the administration, enhancing the interpersonal relationship between seniors and subordinates, capacity building with the special focus on personality development etc. The representatives requested to identify the scope of work expected from ASCI, along with required timelines so that necessary MoU can be signed at the earliest. The Secretary on the occasion appreciated the inputs provided by the representatives of ASCI, Hyderabad and requested them to identify the roadmap for collaboration.

## JU initiates 10-Day Internship Program for students of CLUJ

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu has commenced a 10-day internship program for the students of Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), PSPS Women College, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. This initiative aims to provide practical exposure and hands-on experience to the students, enhancing their understanding of the media industry. The inaugural day of the internship was marked by an interactive session with the renowned journalist Pradeep Dutta, Bureau Chief of Times Now, Jammu. Pradeep Dutta shared his vast experience in the field of journalism, offering valuable insights and guidance to the students. His interaction was both inspiring and educational, motivating the students to pursue excellence in their journalistic endeavors. During his interaction, Pradeep Dutta also shared his perspective on conflict journalism. He said, "Conflict journalism is not just about reporting



Bureau Chief Times Now Jammu, Pradeep Dutta posing with faculty and students.

the facts; it's about understanding the human dimension of the stories we cover. As journalists, we must strive to be the voice for those who are often unheard, bringing their stories to the forefront with empathy and integrity. In the face of adversity, our role is to shed light on the truth, no matter how challenging the circumstances may be." On the occasion, the Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Prof. Garima Gupta highlighted the various opportunities available in the media sector and encouraged the students to make the most of this internship by actively participating

and engaging in all scheduled activities. She further emphasized the role being played by the University of Jammu under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, through various initiatives to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application by making knowledge acquisition more open, fluid and dynamic. "The 10-day program will include workshops, field visits, and hands-on training sessions conducted by industry experts and faculty members of the department," said Prof. Garima Gupta, adding that this comprehensive internship

is designed to equip the students with the necessary skills and knowledge required to excel in the dynamic field of journalism and media studies. Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali, lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, engaged the students with the basics and introduction to journalism, covering essential topics such as reporting and sourcing. Similarly, Kumerjit Chajgotra, lecturer in the Department, took session on different types of writings pertaining to journalism. Senior videographer with Times Now, Jammu, Amit Bharadwaj was also present on the occasion.

## RSS volunteers give message of social harmony, patriotism, discipline through Path Sanchalan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Trained volunteers of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) took out a Path Sanchalan (March Past) in the city on Thursday evening with the message of patriotism, discipline and social harmony. During this, citizens welcomed the volunteers by showering flowers at various places. The Path Sanchalan started from the Heritage School campus and after passing through various sectors of Sainik Colony



and Babbar Chowk etc., it reached the starting point and concluded. All the volunteers were marching step by step in the Path Sanchalan. The RSS vol-

unteers were marching with the slogans on the tune of national songs while wearing the same uniform, showing collective unity and discipline. It is worthwhile to mention that the 15-day Sangh Shiksha Varg has been organized by the Sangh in the Heritage School campus located in Sainik Colony of Jammu city. In the Sangh Shiksha Varg, the volunteers go through rigorous disciplined sessions of yoga, physical activities, dialogue, discussion,

workshop. Before the march past, the volunteers were made to sing patriotic national songs, solo songs and Amrit Vachan. On this occasion, the volunteers were given the message to protect the national identity, unity and integrity while remaining disciplined. Hundreds of workers including the Varg Sarvadhikari Surendra Mohan, Varg Karyavah Ajay Kumar etc. were present and encouraged them.

## Dir Agriculture Kashmir receives 'IASWC Gold Medal Award-2023'



Director Agriculture Kashmir, Ch Mohd Iqbal receiving "IASWC Gold Medal Award-2023".

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DEHRADUN: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal has been honored with the prestigious "IASWC Gold Medal Award-2023" for his exceptional contributions to the overall development of agriculture sector and implementation of soil and water conservation works in the UT of J&K. The award was given to Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the overall development of agriculture in the UT of

J&K. The award presented in Dehradun by Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists (IASWC) highlights Chowdhury Iqbal's dedication and impactful efforts in the field of agriculture, implementation of soil and water conservation works in the UT of J&K. Director Agriculture Kashmir expressed his profound happiness and termed the award a matter of immense pride. He conveyed his deepest gratitude to Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and Principal Secretary

Agriculture Production and Welfare Department, Shailender Kumar for their unwavering support and guidance, which has been instrumental in this accomplishment. Chowdhury Iqbal also thanked the farming community of J&K and all the stakeholders associated with agriculture, soil and water conservation works. Each year the Indian association of soil and water conservation (IASWC) honors individuals and organisations for their outstanding contribution to Agriculture and soil water conservation.

## SANJY-2024: DIG JSK Range reviews security arrangements in Base Camp

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range accompanied by Dr. Vinod Kumar, SSP Jammu, conducted a security review of Base Camp Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu for forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2024. During the review, DIG JSK Range inspected the Guards deployed in and around the Base Camp, enroute checking, CCTV Cameras installed, Parking area, etc.



DIG JSK Range, Dr. Sunil Gupta reviewing security arrangements at Base Camp Jammu.

Dr. Sunil Gupta, imparted the necessary directions to SSP Jammu for making fool-proof security arrangements in

and around the venue. Besides, necessary briefing has also been given to the officers/Nafri deployed on the venue with regard to the sensitivity and nature of duty. They were directed to remain extra alert on their points. SSP Jammu was also directed to brief the Nafri on regular basis. Moreover, all the officers were directed to strengthen all the Nakas especially during night hours. They were also directed to identify places where more nakas can be

established for the security of yatris. Strategies to manage the expected high influx of pilgrims, including traffic regulation and emergency response measures, adequate medical facilities, emergency services, and disaster management plans to address health-related issues and emergencies during the Yatra were also reviewed. SP North Jammu, DySP Hqrs Jammu, SHO Nowabad and Incharge Police Post Canal were also present on the venue.

