

# India's nuclear power generation to increase 70% in 5 years: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: "India's Nuclear Power generation capacity is to increase by around 70 percent in the next 5 years", says Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh while convening a high level meeting to review the 100 days Action Plan of the Department of Atomic Energy here on Tuesday.

This is the first Atomic Energy related meeting convened by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh after he reassumed charge as Minister in the Modi Govt 3.0. Highlighting India's progress in nuclear energy and renewable energy in the energy landscape, Dr Jitendra Singh said "Installed capacity of 7.48 GWe will become 13.08 GWe by 2029, which is over 70 percent increase with addition of 7 new reactors. He also took stock of the already operational projects and gave directions for upcoming plans.

Dr. Jitendra Singh



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh convening a high level meeting to review 100 days Action Plan in the Department of Atomic Energy, at New Delhi on Tuesday. Also seen is Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Dr Ajit Mohanty.

directed the department to integrate and collaborate to harness full potential, by capacity building and sharing of knowledge, resources and expertise.

The Minister emphasised on indigenous development of technology. He said, "Indigenous technology development and promoting energy security should be our priority." He recalled that this government has allowed Joint Ventures with public sector units, increasing budget through collaboration and use of next generation technologies, and increasing cooperation. Speaking on the ease of doing research and scaling up activities he said we are giving single point approval to promote ease of science and promote ease of living for citizens by application of nuclear technology.

Dr. Jitendra Singh

informed that the department is suitably designing the 220MW pressurised heavy water reactor (PHWR) to use a Bharat Small Reactor (BSR) for captive nuclear power generation. He also informed that DAE is also working on Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR) 220 MW to use light water-based reactors by replacing Calandria by pressure vessel.

According to Dr. Jitendra Singh, BHAVINI, a public sector undertaking in its progress to complete initial fuel loading of Prototype Fast Breeder reactor and its 1st approach to criticality is expected in the coming months. This is the 1st fast breeder reactor to produce more fuel than it consumes.

The minister emphasised that along with energy security, health and food

security, radiopharmaceuticals & nuclear medicine, agriculture, and food preservation should also

be focused. Adding further he said, development in radiation technology will lead to economic and societal benefit of common citizens and promote ease of living and promote research in basic, applied and translational science using subatomic particles.

Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy along with senior officials of the department were present for the review meeting.

## Amarnath yatra: IGP takes stock of security arrangements

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SRINAGAR: Kashmir Police chief V K Birdi has directed security forces to ensure comprehensive security coverage and timely response of potential threats during the annual Amarnath Yatra, stressing on vigilant patrolling and monitoring along highways for the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage which begins later this week.

Birdi, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Zone took stock of the arrangements for the peaceful conduct of the yatra, which starts June 29, during a meeting here on Monday, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the officers briefed Birdi on the security plan, including the specific requirements of their respective districts and security arrangements put in place for



IGP Kashmir V K Birdi chairing a meeting to review arrangements of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

smooth conduct of the yatra, the spokesman said. Birdi closely examined the SOPs formulated for coordinating security efforts and ensuring a unified approach in managing exigencies arising out of operational, natural and manmade disasters. Emphasising upon the safe and secure movement of pilgrims, Birdi reviewed the deployment and operational

readiness of the Road Opening Parties, stressing the need for vigilant patrolling and monitoring along highways. The IGP instructed the officers to ensure robust night dominations to prevent any untoward incidents during the night. The Kashmir Police chief directed that mock drills be conducted based on SOPs to evaluate their effectiveness on the

ground and identify areas for improvement.

Besides, DIG south Kashmir range and DIG north Kashmir range were directed to assess the High-Density Counter Operation Plans in their respective zones for ensuring comprehensive security coverage and timely response of potential threats, the spokesman said.

Birdi stressed on further strengthening the security grid and check on Anti National Elements (ANEs) and terrorist associates by generating the actionable intelligence.

The IGP Kashmir urged all officers to remain vigilant and proactive in their duties, emphasising the importance of coordination and timely response to any potential threats.

He also directed the officers to ensure robust security measures at all camping sites by installing CCTV cameras at all strategic locations.

The meeting was attended by DIG Central Kashmir Range, DIG North Kashmir Range, DIG South Kashmir Range, all district SSPs of Kashmir Zone, SSP Traffic City, SSP Traffic Rural, SSP Security and others.

## JU launches comprehensive Internship Program

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JAMMU: The Community Radio Station of the University of Jammu (JU), 91.2 FM Dhwani JU, began a two-week Summer Internship Program for the students of Govt College for Women, Parade.

This program offers an unparalleled opportunity for budding media professionals to gain practical experience and invaluable insights by working closely with seasoned Radio Jockeys and industry experts.

The program emphasizes practical learning through hands-on training. Interns will have the chance to work in a fully operational radio station environment, learning the intricacies of radio production, live broadcasting, and technical operations. This real-world experience will be invaluable for students looking to build a career in media.

Another highlight of the Internship Program is a series of comprehensive workshops which will include voice modulation, scriptwriting, content creation, and on-air presentation skills. Conducted by experienced Radio Jockeys and media professionals, these sessions will equip students with the essential skills required to excel in the broadcasting field.



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The structured workshops and hands-on training will enhance students' technical and creative skills, making them well-prepared for a dynamic career in media. Overall, the Internship will help bridge the gap between the student and professional life.

On the first day of the program, the Interns got an opportunity to interact with renowned RJ, Juhie Mohan from 92.7 BIG FM, who dwelled upon

voice modulation and on-air presentation skills.

This was followed by a technical session conducted by Nitish Arora, Programme Executive at All India Radio, New Delhi, who shared his vast experience in the field of radio production, providing effective guidance to the young Interns. Earlier in the day, Prof Monika Chadha, Convenor, 91.2 FM Dhwani JU, gave a detailed insight into the modalities of the working of the CRS. A practical training session in the studio of 91.2 FM was also conducted by Tushar Bhardwaj, Programming Assistant at 91.2 FM Dhwani JU.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir observed "Black Day" on the day of imposition of Emergency and felicitated the "Loktantra Senani" who bore the burnings of then government at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar; here.

Black days of Emergency were remembered by all those, who were arrested under MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) at BJP head office to denounce the Emergency imposed by Congress in 1975.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP, accompanied by Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, BJP General Secretary, Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma, senior leader Adv Abhinav Sharma, BJP spokesperson, Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Library Incharge was the main speaker: MP (Rajya Sabha) Er Ghulam Ali Khatana, former MP (Rajya Sabha) Shamsheer Singh Manhas, former MLC Ashok Khajuria, and Kulbir Charak were also present on the stage.

Former MLC Ashok Khajuria, former



President J&K BJP Ravinder Raina addressing a party workers meeting at Jammu.

Ramesh Arora, Chander Mohan Sharma, Shaminder Sharma, Onkar Sethi, Kuldeep, Sat Paul Rathore, Ajay Grover; and many others were felicitated on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the gathering, ferociously attacked the Congress party for murdering democracy for personal benefits of single family. He said that by imposing Emergency, Congress and the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi proved that they have no respect for the Constitution of India and the Democratic values. "Rahul Gandhi should seek apology from the people and come clear that why his maternal grandmother imposed Emergency in 1975 and made mockery of democracy in the entire world", said Raina.

He said that when Allahabad High Court debarred former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi from the contesting in any type of elections, Congress party made mockery of entire judicial and democratic system and imposed emergency in the entire nation arresting and silencing every sane voice that stood opposed to Congress party. Raina said that Indira Gandhi's election from Raibareilly parliamentary constituency was quashed and cancelled by Allahabad highcourt on the ground that she had misused state machinery, therefore was the result of corrupt practices adopted by Indira Gandhi. This judgement of the Allahabad high court was challenged by Indira Gandhi in the supreme court of India and the judge namely justice VR

Krishna Aiyer was approached by the secretary to Indira Gandhi a day prior to the hearing of the case in the supreme court of India and this has been admitted by justice Krishna Aiyer in his autobiography namely the "Legendaries", this is how Congress misuse the constitution of India and the judicial system of the country.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for upholding constitutional values and respecting the rights of every citizen, contrasting this with the alleged constitutional abuses during the Emergency.

Chander Mohan Sharma highlighted the suppression of nationalist voices, particularly those associated with RSS, during the Emergency. Adv. Abhinav Sharma

detailed the draconian measures imposed during the Emergency, including media censorship and widespread arrests without due process.

Kulbhushan Mohtra stressed the importance of remembering and honoring those who fought against the Emergency to safeguard democracy.

Kulbeer Charak presented the note of thanks. Similar programmes were held in every district. In Kishtwar, BJP General Secretary Sunil Sharma was the main speaker. In Samba, former Minister Chander Prakash Ganga was the main speaker. In Kathua, BJJM Incharge Munish Sharma was the main speaker. In Akhnor, Spokesperson Rajni Sethi was the main speaker. In Udhampur, Balbir Ram Rattan was the main speaker. In Ramban, Rajeshwar Kumar. In Doda, Sanjay Saraf was the main speaker. In Nowshera, Jugal Dogra was the main speaker. In Poonch, Sunil Gupta was the main speaker. In Rajouri, Dinesh was the main speaker.

# Will Rahul Gandhi work for undoing amendments made to Art 74 of COI by 42nd & 44rth Amendment Acts

With present form of Art 74 President can not freely work as Preserver, Protector & Defender of COI  
With the riders put in Art 74 by 42nd & 44rth Amendment Acts of 1976 & 1979 President is not free to go by oath taken under Art 60  
If it was Indira Gandhi during Emergency responsible for Amending Mar 74 in 1976 it was Janta Govt in 1979

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Frame of The Constitution of India had in a way laid down basic spirits for governance and management of the needs & aspirations of the citizens of democratic republic of India, that is Bharat, in the Directive Principles of State Policy & Part III (fundamental rights) as well as the objective spirits set out in the Preamble to the Constitution and The PRESIDENT of India Democratic Republic who has also been named as part of Parliament along with Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha had been spirited the task of preserving, protecting & defending The Constitution. One may ask from whom The President of India has to preserve, protect and defend the constitution in terms of oath (Art - 60) that is taken before entering office? Ofcourse the answer could be that the elders who drafted the constitution of India were conscious enough that those who get elected for a term and constitute the two houses of Parliament of which President of India is also a part may in their wisdom "accidentally" operate upon the constitution through Art-368 or conduct the affairs of the State in a way that may not be in the spirits of

the basic structure / common welfare intentions/ democratic parliamentary system and hence there may arise need for preserving, protecting and defending the COI even from two elected houses & may be from the "Executive" too. It is also pertinent to mention here that Constitution creates the Parliament through Art-79 and hence Parliament has to be guided/ "governed" by the basic spirits / structure laid in the Constitution and hence has no unbridled powers/ delegations to operate on constitution under Art-368. On 24th of June, the day the members elected to 18th Lok Sabha were to enter the Parliament House to take oath, the INDIA alliance elected MPs lead by Rahul Gandhi were again seen in the parliament house complex displaying the copies of COI and raising 'Sambhiddhan Bachao' slogans which was surely in the same context in which 'they' had campaigned during recently concluded elections alleging that BJP would change the COI in case the party secures absolute majority. Although even absolute numbers are not designated with ultimate unchecked authority to use Art 368 which out any checks / balances and the Institution of President is there to

Preserve, Protect & Defend of the constitution as well as institution of Supreme Court is there to review/ test the acts of the executive as well as Legislature but the way Congress leadership has made an issue against BJP of ill intention to 'change' the constitution of India in case they succeed to get absolute numbers it could be said that while installing the Institution of President of India as a part of Parliament and as a preserver, protector & defender of Constitution the 'framers' of constitution also had in their sub conscious mind the 'elected representatives' of the people. INDIA alliance leadership, particularly Rahul Gandhi must at the same time take immediate notice of the fact that it has been the Congress Government which during the times of 1975 through 1977 Emergency [25 June 1975 (Notification G.S.R.-353 E 26 June 1975 Proclamation of by President dated 25 June 1975) to 21 Mar 1977 (Notification G.S.R 117-E of 21 Mar 1977 Proclamation of Vice President acting as President dated 21



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Mar 1977)] got amended Art74 (Council of Ministers to aid and advise President.> : "There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President in the exercise of his functions) of the COI by 42nd Constitution Amendment Act of 1976 wef 01Mar 1977 (There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President who shall, in the exercise of his functions, act in accordance with such advice) & which was after emergency days that further amended through 44rth Amendment Act of 1978 wef 20June 1979 (There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President who shall, in the exercise of his functions, act in accordance with such advice, Provided that the President may require the Council of Ministers to reconsider such advice, either generally or otherwise, and the President shall act in accordance with the advice tendered after such reconsideration) where under indirectly

the status of President of India as protector, preserver and defender of COI has been in a way subordinate to the advice of Council of Ministers (the executive, which consists of only the directly / indirectly elected members of Parliament) appointed by President. So if at all there is any scope to change unilaterally the COI of India by any Executive / Group having absolute numbers / influence in parliament beyond the limits of basic structure doctrine it has been created indirectly with amendments to Art 74 so in case Rahul Gandhi & Congress are so serious about that they should make open declaration that in case they come with majority will work to revert the amendments made to Art74 (Council of Ministers to aid and advise President.) and make the status of the President of India free from the ropes of the advice of the Council of Ministers so as to make the President as Preserver, Protector and Defender of COI in true spirit of the Oath taken under Art 60 of COI. With the riders put on Art 74 by 42nd amendment Act Of 1976 [as Subs. by the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976, s.13, for cl. (1)(w.e.f. 3-1-1977)] & 44rth Amendment Acts of 1978

[as Ins. by the Constitution (Forty-fourth Amendment) Act, 1978, s. 11 (w.e.f. 20-6-1979).] President is not free to go with oath taken under Art 60. (on oath says 'I, A.B., do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully execute the office solemnly affirm of President (or discharge the functions of the President of India and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of India').

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has before taking Oath as member of Lok Sabha too has pledged that he is for preserving and protecting the Constitution of India and has too in a way tried to send a clear message that nobody should be under any misconception that damage could be done to the values enshrined in the constitution of India. Hope the "TWO" come together to cut the limits set on the President of India in Art 74 by the 42nd & 44rth Amendments Acts enacted during 1975-1977 emergency and thereafter in 1978-1979 Janta Govt times respectively.

To be Continued  
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