

Dr Jitendra, Norway Minister Marianne hold bilateral; discuss marine resource management

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
FRANCE: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday held a 'bilateral' with Marianne Sivertsen Ness, Norway's Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy to discuss a range of issues concerning sustainable fisheries, marine resource management, sustainable fisheries and the broader framework of the blue economy.

Later at the delegation level talks led by the two Ministers, India and Norway reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen collaboration on sustainable ocean governance and fisheries during a bilateral meeting held on the sidelines of the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), currently underway in Nice, France.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and Ms. Marianne Sivertsen Ness, Norway's Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy exchange formal greetings before holding "bilateral" at the 'United Nations Ocean Conference' (UNOC3) at Nice, France.

During the interaction, the two Ministers exchanged views on enhancing bilateral cooperation in ocean governance, reflecting on the long-standing partnership between India and Norway in the fisheries sector. The discussion also covered shared priorities such as sustainable use of marine resources, improved data sharing mechanisms,

and joint efforts to tackle challenges like overfishing and marine pollution.

Both sides acknowledged the significance of international cooperation in achieving the goals of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), with an emphasis on knowledge exchange, capacity building, and technology sharing. The Ministers also explored opportunities to build on existing India-Norway collaborations, particularly in areas aligned with the development of a sustainable and inclusive blue economy.

The UNOC3, taking place from June 9 to 13, has brought together global leaders, scientists, policymakers,

and industry representatives to discuss collective actions toward ocean health, sustainable development, and climate resilience.

India's participation, led by Dr. Jitendra Singh, reflects the country's commitment to playing an active role in shaping the global ocean agenda, while also safeguarding the interests of coastal communities and promoting sustainable ocean-based livelihoods.

The discussions in Nice come at a time when countries worldwide are scaling up efforts to balance economic growth with marine conservation. The India-Norway dialogue is seen as a step forward in reinforcing multilateral cooperation to ensure long-term sustainability of ocean resources.

Eleven years of Modi Govt are golden years of modern India: Darakhshan

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SRINAGAR: BJP National Executive Member, Minister of State & Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday addressed a press conference at Anantnag during a special program organised by the BJP to commemorate eleven years of Narendra Modi led National Democratic Alliance government at the center.

She highlighted the achievements of Modi government during the past eleven years.

She shared the details about the welfare schemes of the government which changed the life of the poor and marginalized people and which uplifted the huge population out of the poverty.

"During these eleven years, Modi corrected the wrongs of earlier regimes and ensured India's growth as a global power through bold & visionary decisions. He created a new governing system where there are no scams, corruptions & irregularities like his predecessors", said BJP leader.

She said that the popularity of Modi within and outside the country is all because of his visionary performance at the ground level with all inclusive approach.

"Modi's Make in India, Digital India, Skill India, Khelo India, Aayushman Bharat, Awaas Yojna etc have played great role in boosting our life standards



Chairman JKWB, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi talking to reporters.

and uplifting our economy at the grassroots and laying the strong foundations for a self reliant Bharat. Initiatives like direct benefit scheme & UPI has boosted Indian economy", said Andrabi.

She said that India has highest economic growth rate which has enabled us to become 4th largest economy of the world.

"We will soon become the third largest economy. One more important achievement of Modi Govt is control on inflation despite the global impacts. This government has led the country to innovations and limitless possibilities", said Andrabi.

BJP National Executive Member said that this era is the golden period of India known for the bold decisions taken by Modi. Decisions like Operation Sindoor have established India as a global power taking it's decisions without hesitation and com-

promises.

She said that by abrogating the special status of J&K, the era of peace and development started in J&K and now we all are witness to the transformative measures taken by the government in J&K and we all are reaping the fruits of this change.

She cited the example of Waqf Board constitution as per Central Act for the first time which resulted in Waqf reforms & developments beyond any imagination in J&K during the past few years.

"Inclusive and visionary development in all sectors of life has made the life of common citizens easy and comfortable and this Amritkal is laying the foundation for Viksit Bharat", said Andrabi.

BJP District President Rakesh Koul and other office bearers were also present on the occasion.

City Excise Range South Jammu conducts raids in Sub Range Bishnah 150 ltrs, 149 pouches of illicit liquor destroyed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: On the directions of the Excise Commissioner, J&K, Subash Chander Chhibber and under the supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu Sanjay Bhat, in the wee hours at about 5.00 AM, a raid was conducted at village Salehar and Tarachak of Sub Range Bishnah.

The raid was conducted by a team comprising of Inspector Excise Sub Range Bishnah, Gagandeep Singh along with excise officials under the direct supervision of Excise & Taxation Officer, City Excise Range South, Jammu Rupali Vaid.

During the course of raid, a total of 150 litres and 149 pouches (approx. 250ml each) of illicit liquor were recovered from the state land at vil-



lage Tarachak and adjoining areas in Tehsil Bishnah which were later destroyed on the spot, official said.

Excise Department conducts raids on routine basis to arrest and control the menace of Illicit distillation and sale of liquor, official said adding that a total of 25,480 Kgs of lahan, 340 litres of illicit liquor and 152 pouches were recovered from the state land and destroyed during the year 2025 till date in Sub Range Bishnah.

"These efforts aim to reduce production, consumption of illicit liquor and its harmful effects on individuals and society. Moreover, the department implement various strategies to address the issue of illicit liquor, including prevention and awareness campaigns," official said.

From Silence to Sound: A New Dawn at AIIMS Jammu AIIMS Jammu restores hearing for 28-Year-Old man through timely intervention for SSNHL

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: What happens when, without any warning or pain, the world around you suddenly falls silent in one ear? For a 28-year-old man from Jammu, this alarming experience turned into a story of hope and recovery thanks to the expert care at AIIMS Jammu.

Under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu, the Institute continues to set new benchmarks in clinical excellence and patient care. The young patient arrived at AIIMS Jammu with sudden hearing loss in his right ear, accompanied by a persistent ringing sound.

He was promptly diagnosed with Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss (SSNHL)-a rare otological emergency that demands immediate attention.

Upon presentation, a multidisciplinary team from the Department of ENT and Audiology conducted a detailed clinical and audiological evaluation. The team, led by senior faculty members Dr. Darwin Kaushal and Dr. Amardeep Singh, swiftly identified the need for urgent intervention.

Under their supervision, the patient was administered intratympanic dexamethasone injections - a targeted therapy delivering steroid medication directly to the middle ear to address cochlear inflammation.

Over the course of five carefully timed sessions within a week, the patient's hearing showed steady improvement. What initially began as moderately severe hearing loss culminated in full restoration of hearing and speech clarity by the end of the treatment.

The case exemplifies the power of early diagnosis, evidence-based protocols, and coordinated teamwork. Supporting the clinical management were ENT residents Dr. Pooja, Dr. Youshita, Dr. Shivane, Dr. Muskan, and Dr. Gunjan, along with audiologists and speech-language pathologists Nityansh Saluja, Akshita Gupta, and Reyaz Ahmad.

The Department of ENT at AIIMS Jammu is fully equipped to handle not only such emergencies but also offers a wide spectrum

of advanced surgical and rehabilitative services, including tympanoplasty, mastoidectomy, complex middle ear surgeries, and cochlear implants. Supported by state-of-the-art audiological and operative infrastructure, the department serves as a regional referral center for complex ENT cases.

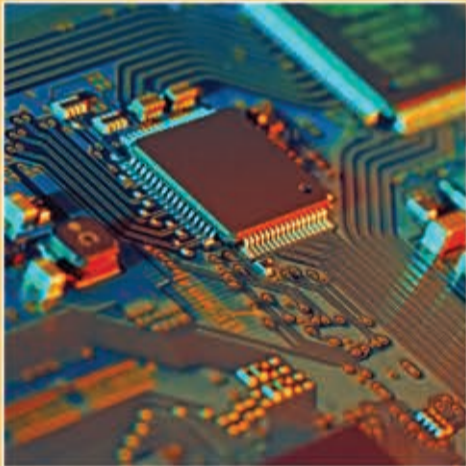
Beyond clinical care, the department is also advancing medical research. Under the guidance of Dr. Darwin Kaushal, Dr. Muskan Rao is currently conducting a Randomized Controlled Trial titled "Comparison of Efficacy of Intratympanic Methylprednisolone and Intratympanic Dexamethasone in Treatment of Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss," further contributing to the Institute's growing academic portfolio.

AIIMS Jammu also advises the public to remain alert to early warning signs of SSNHL such as sudden ear blockage, tinnitus, hearing loss, or vertigo.

The first 72 hours are critical for initiating effective treatment and maximizing recovery.

At AIIMS Jammu, timely care,

teamwork, and clinical excellence continue to restore what was feared lost - the gift of hearing - and in doing so, offer renewed hope to patients and families every day.



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5G reached 99.6% districts in just 22 months, one of the fastest rollouts in the world

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UPI transactions worth ₹24 lakh crore in April 2025

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