

# Govt's consistent efforts, SFs' synergy helped resuming Amarnath Yatra so early: Kavinder

**Slams Farooq Abdullah for playing politics over death of pilgrims**

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MUMBAI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday lauded the synergy showcased by the different security forces including the local police in carrying out rescue operations and ensuring early resumption of Shri Amarnathji Yatra after the unfortunate cloudburst incident.

Talking to reporters in Mumbai, the BJP stalwart leader said that the government's consistent efforts and the phenomenal response of the security forces including local police has helped in completing the rescue operation and restoring the Yatra so early.

Rejected the NC President Farooq Abdullah's claim that the tents were placed at the wrong place near the holy



Senior J&K BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta posing with other dignitaries at Mumbai.

cave of Shri Amarnathji, the BJP leader said that everything was in order but it was the vagary of weather that led to this tragedy in which 16 devotees lost life and few others are still missing. He said that soon after the cloudburst, the teams of NDRF and other security personnel deputed at the site came into action and did their best to mini-

mize the damage.

Kavinder said that Farooq Abdullah is playing politics over the death of pilgrims which is unwarranted and should not be the case. He said that people of J&K UT know well about the reality and what the NC President wanted them to believe.

"Such uncalled for behaviour doesn't suits to a

politician having such a high stature", he said, adding that those deputed at the camp site have accomplished herculean task to save lives of the people as many viral videos are the testimony to this fact and therefore National Conference's certificate has no relevance in the matter.

Kavinder said that cloudbursts do come with exigen-

cies and it is difficult often to reduce the immediate impact as was seen in the aforesaid case. He said that things were controlled in minimum time with the start of rescue operation soon after the natural calamity struck the camp site. He said that things have been restored on war footing and Yatra has been resumed once again with exemplary synergy shown by the different agencies to provide state of art facilities and foolproof security to the visiting devotees.

Earlier, Kavinder Gupta was welcomed by Bhargav Patel, Abhinav Sharma, Sunil Wagh, Nileah Chavan, Abdul Aziz Baig, Hemant Jagtap, Abid Ali Choudhary at Shri Vileparle Patidar Mandal, Sardar Patel Baug Vile Parle Mumbai.



## IIM Jammu to hold 5-day Orientation Programme for new batches

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu will be holding a holistic 5-day Orientation Programme for the 3rd Batch of Ph.D. (2022-25), 7th Batch of MBA (2022-24), 2nd Batch of EMBA (2022-24), and for the 1st Batch of MBA (HA&HM) (2022-24) from July 12 to 16, 2022.

The Orientation Program will be held in offline mode with all necessary precautions against COVID-19, ensuring the safety of everyone. The idea associated with this Orientation Program is to acquaint the incoming students with the culture, academic opportunities, ethos, and general rules of IIM Jammu. The programme will help in facilitating a welcoming environment for the new aspiring students and their families to meet and have open communication with the faculty, staff, senior students, and all key activity heads of the Institute under one roof.

During the Orientation Program, each day will commence at 6:00 AM with 'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness' sessions conducted by TBF, Yoga, and Meditation Trainer. It

is imperative to build strength, awareness as well as harmony in both mind and body. The orientation program will also feature campus visits of the students to IIM Jammu's state-of-the-art campus coming up at Jagti along with cultural programs by students of IIM Jammu.

The programme will be formally inaugurated on 12th July 2022.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, will deliver the welcome address. Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, BoG, IIM Jammu, will preside over the function and deliver the presidential address.

The event will be graced by the presence of Chief Guest Arun Kumar Mehta, Secretary, Government of J&K and Guest of Honor Dilbag Singh, DGP, Government of J&K. Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, and Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu, will also deliver their address.

Top bureaucrats, industry speakers, and corporate leaders, are also invited to address the new batch and motivate them for their academic journey at IIM Jammu, including Baldev

Prakash, MD and CEO J&K Bank; Ashish Bhalla, Head - Campus Relations, HCL Technologies; Manoj K Prasad, Vice President-Talent Development & Digital Transformation, Reliance Industries Limited; Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of J&K; Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Govt of J&K; Prahalad Kakkar, Ad. Guru and Renowned Indian Ad. Film Director; Sushil Tripathi, HR-Head (Garment Division), Siyaram Silk Mills Ltd.; Sunil David, Regional IOT Director, AT&T and TagBox; Kishore Indukuri, Founder & CEO, Sids Farm Private Limited; Sonya Sahu, Associate Director, GEP Worldwide; Anshula Verma, Director & National Head - HR, EY; Debashish Ghosh, Country Head, Berkadia; Anitesh Sinha, CFO & Partner, SIMA Funds; Natwar Kadel, Head-Center of Expertise and People Strategy, Hyundai Motors India Limited.

The orientation programme will also be featuring various interesting sessions by the faculty of IIM Jammu. IIM Jammu will also be signing an MoU with J & K Bank on this occasion.

# Shankaracharya's five-day visit to J&K concludes

**Performs Darshan at Amarnath, Kheer Bhawani, Vaishno Devi**

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JAMMU: Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajananand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj, who was on a tour to visit 52 Shaktipeeths and 12 Jyotirlingas, completed his five-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Monday.

During the journey, Shankaracharya was given a grand welcome at various places. Jagadguru Shankaracharya had darshan and offer prayers in many temples including Shri Amarnath, Kheer Bhawani and Vaishnav Devi. During his visit senior administrative and police officers and devotees warmly welcomed Jagadguru from place to place and took his blessings.

From Srinagar, Shankaracharya Devtirth Ji Maharaj went to Shri Amarnath by special helicopter and prayed for the happiness, peace, prosperity and upliftment of the nation by worshipping Baba Amarnath. He also went to the Mahamaya Shaktipeeth located in Amarnath itself and worshipped there also.

After coming back to Srinagar, Jagadguru went to Sri Shankaracharya temple and offered prayers there too. After this, he went to the Kheer Bhawani temple in Ganderbal and did darshan and worship.

Shankaracharya reached Vaishnav Devi today and offered prayer. Keeping in mind the stay of Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj in the state, elaborate security arrangements were made. On reaching Jammu, Joint Secretary, Protocol Department, Anusuya Jamwal, along with officials of various departments of the state government welcomed him at the state guest house.

On his arrival in Srinagar, Riyaz Ahmed, Joint



Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajananand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj during visit to Shri Amarnath Shrine.

Secretary of Protocol and officer of Banarnath Shrine Board received Shankaracharya ji. Apart from this, hundreds of saints and devotees, under the leadership of Mahamandaleshwar Mahant Shri Rameshwardas Ji Maharaj, welcomed Jagadguru by offering flowers-garlands and angavastras in Ram Mandir located at Purani Mandi, Jammu and Shankaracharya blessed everyone. Shankaracharya ji appreciated the service and religious work being done by Mahant ji.

Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj appreciated the efforts of the State Government, Police Administration, Shrine Board, Army and Indian Armed Forces for the best facilities and security arrangements being made under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra. He said Jammu and Kashmir is moving ahead towards its

bright future in an atmosphere of peace and goodwill.

At the same time, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Devtirth Ji Maharaj has expressed deep condolences on the death of people in the accident of cloudburst near the holy Amarnath cave. Wishing peace to the departed souls, he expressed condolences to the bereaved families. Also prayed to Lord Amarnath for the speedy recovery of those injured in this divine calamity.

He also appreciated the relief and rescue work being done by the state government on a war footing. He said that the rescue operation was going on by the State Government, Police Administration, Shrine Board, Army and various Central Armed Forces.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Devtirtha has also advised the government to brainstorm on the frequent divine calamities in the Himalayan region. He says that these divine disasters are the result of some human error. He said that maximum use of helicopters should be prohibited in the Himalayan region where Lord Shiva is present. Industrialization of this area is not justified. Shankaracharya has said that the journey to Shri Amarnath is a journey of religion and faith. It is beneficial to walk it with faith.

In such a situation, the facility of helicopter should be available only to those people who are physically disabled, or this facility should be used for essential administrative work. He said that if nature is exploited by considering the holy pilgrimage as a tourism, then it is natural to have an adverse effect.

After completing the journey of Jammu and Kashmir, Shankaracharya left for Goverdhan in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. He will perform rituals of Chaturmas at Adya Shankaracharya Ashram, situated on Parkrama Marg of Goverdhan, there.

# 60 StartUps registered with ISRO since 'unlocking' of Space: Dr Jitendra

## EPFO to hold Pension Adalat today PF Commissioners to chair grievance redressal programme

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JAMMU: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Jammu is organising outreach programmes "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" and Pension Adalat on July 12, under the guidance of Regional PF Commissioner-I, Rizwan Uddin; RPFC-II, Ajit Mishra and RPFC-III, Harinder Singh. The programme will be held at the EPFO Regional Office, Railway Road Jammu and start at 10:30 am. Nidhi Aapke Nikat is a public outreach pro-

gramme that endeavours to address the problems and grievances of all stakeholders including employees and employers. Stakeholders are expected to attend the programme for disposal and registration of their grievances related to EPFO. The Pension Adalat would facilitate interaction with EPFO officers for understanding the provisions of EPS 1995 and also help them in getting resolution of their pension related grievances such as non-receipt of pension, digital life certificates etc.

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BENGALURU: Around 60 StartUps have registered with ISRO since 'unlocking' of the Indian Space sector recently by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and quite a few of them are dealing with projects related to Space debris management. The other StartUp proposals vary from nano-satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, research etc.

This was stated by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh while speaking after inaugurating the "ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation" (IS4OM) at ISRO Control Centre, here today.

Dr Jitendra recalled that only last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, during inauguration of IN-SPACE headquarters at Ahmedabad, said, "When the strength of government Space institutions and the passion of India's private sector will meet, not even the sky will be the limit".

The Minister reiterated that the passion of private players and innovative StartUps will augment the role of the Department of Space in protecting India's interests in Space by developing all-round capabilities in the domains of space transportation, debris management, infrastructure and applications.

Dr Singh said, IS4OM facility will aid India in achieving its SSA (Space Situational Awareness) goals by providing a comprehensive and timely information of the Space environment to users. This multi-domain awareness platform will bring a prompt, accurate and efficient information on on-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh formally inaugurating "ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation" at ISRO Centre, Bengaluru on Monday. Also seen are ISRO Chairman S.Somanath and former ISRO Chairmen cum veteran Space scientists Dr K. Radhakrishnan, Dr K.Sivan and Dr Kiran Kumar.

orbit collision, fragmentation, atmospheric re-entry risk, space based strategic information, hazardous asteroids and space weather forecast.

The Minister emphasized that the facility is conceived with a holistic approach towards ensuring safety and sustainability while reaping the benefits of sustainable utilization of outer space for national development.

Dr Jitendra said, ISRO has been taking necessary measures to safeguard all its Space assets from intentional and accidental close approaches by space objects including operational spacecraft and space debris objects. He added that Space Situational Awareness activities have many strategic implications such as identifying and monitoring other operational spacecraft with close approaches, having overpass over Indian region, intentional manoeuvres with suspicious motives and re-entry within the Indian region.

The Minister further elaborated that IS4OM facility can support all routine operations safeguard-

ing Indian space assets, mitigating collision threats from space objects through specific collision avoidance manoeuvres, information required for strategic purposes and research activities in Space Debris and Space Situational Awareness.

Dr Singh said, the importance of radars and optical telescopes as the main ground-based facilities for tracking space objects including space debris needs to be highlighted, as accurate orbital information from such ground based sensors is a prerequisite for mitigating any collision threats to an operational space asset from other objects. The backbone of the SSA system is the network of observational facilities in which the nation is lagging behind other space faring nations. It is required to set up necessary Indian observational facilities for a meaningful and value added SSA system development and alerts generation, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra said, given the ubiquitous applications of Space technology in day-to-day life, the Long Term

Sustainability (LTS) of Outer Space activities is of paramount importance to ensure that the outer Space remains utilizable to the future generations of mankind. He added that effective management of safe and sustainable operations in outer Space entails a holistic approach encompassing multiple areas related to observation and monitoring of space objects and space environment, processing observations for orbit determination, object characterization and cataloguing, analysis of evolution of space environment, risk assessment and mitigation, data exchange and collaboration.

Secretary, Department of Space S. Somanath said, infrastructure for Space Weather monitoring and forecast plays a critical role in protecting space based as well as ground based infrastructure from critical Solar activities. On an equal footing, detection and prevention of asteroid impacts are essential for human welfare. Vision of IS4OM towards space weather services and planetary defense initiative are also to be important areas

of SSA.

Ever since the inception of the Indian space programme, space-based assets have played a pivotal role in nation building by providing crucial services in the field of communication, weather and resource-monitoring, navigation, etc. However, the ever-growing space object population including that of operational satellites and orbital debris and the associated collision risks pose a serious threat to the safe and sustainable use of outer space. He said, the increasing congestion of Earth orbits pose a looming threat of collisions among larger debris that could trigger a self-sustained cascading process of further collisions, known as the Kessler syndrome. This could result in a drastic increase in the density of space debris population, rendering outer space inaccessible for future generations.

It may be recalled that for protection of Indian satellites and other equipment in orbit, ISRO actively participates in all international efforts to contain the space debris growth for the long term sustainability of outer space. He informed that ISRO is an active member of Inter Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IDAC), IAF Space Debris Working Group, IAA Space Traffic Management Working Group, ISO Space Debris Working Group and UNCOUOS long term sustainability Working Group - all international organisations contributing to the space debris studies and space situational awareness.

## Establishment of library in Gurah Slathia Slathia exhorts youth to get ornamented with knowledge

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VIJAYPUR: Former minister and Senior BJP leader Surjeet Singh Slathia on Monday expressed happiness over the interest being evinced by the reading public in libraries notwithstanding the internet boom, saying this is a healthy and encouraging sign of having the realness of holding books in hands.

Speaking at a function as the Chief Guest after the opening of the Baba Hasal Dev Ji Library at Gurha Slathia in the Vijaypur Assembly Constituency, Slathia said the libraries play pivotal role in providing a congenial atmosphere to readers, especially the students, not only in attaining knowledge of the great and visionary writers by jotting down relevant notes for their assignments but also to exchange views with fellow readers on different aspects of their knowledge. Unlike surfing material on various search engines in these times of digital era, the libraries provide cool and calm environments to pursue literature of one's interest, he added.

Slathia expressed the hope that the new facility in the area will generate interest among the people to read books and encourage the student community to benefit



Senior BJP leader Surjeet Singh Slathia inaugurating Baba Hasal Dev Library at Gurha Slathia.

from the books which many cannot afford. The management of the library should also keep itself updated with the requirements of the readers and accordingly keep adding to their collections, he further hoped.

Slathia exuded confidence that the facilities like the library apart from sports are imperative for channelising the energetic youth towards positive and productive pursuits. This is the need of the hour to save the future of the youngsters who are the hope of the nation. The establishment of the library, he hoped, will attract a large number of youth of the area and its close vicinities to get ornamented with knowledge.

The former minister lauded the Rural Development Department for setting up the library at a cost of Rs 18 lakhs to quench the intellectual and academic thirst of

the reading public and also complimented the villagers for contributing Rs 5 lakhs for the establishment of this facility. This speaks of the deep yearning of the people towards promotion of literature and literacy in their area, he added.

Slathia congratulated the people of the area for having the facility, saying apart from books they will have access to all the newspapers and magazines published locally and nationally. This will keep them updated with the current affairs and the happenings going on across the world.

While District Development Councilor Sudershan Sing was Guest of Honour at the inaugural function, prominent among those present on the occasion included Sarpanch Jatinder Singh and Dr Ravinder Kour Incharge, Hospital Gurah Slathia.