

# Army Chief Gen Dwivedi calls on Dr Jitendra, holds meeting

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NEW DELHI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at North Block here on Thursday.

This was the first meeting between the two after Gen Dwivedi took over as the Army Chief a few days back. Dr. Jitendra Singh commended the role and sacrifice of the Indian Army in dealing with the security situation in J&K.

Dr. Jitendra congratulated General Dwivedi for the new responsibility and also commended him for his wealth of experience, expertise and proven track record. He, being a decorated soldier and officer with 40 years of service to the nation, has served in Northern, Eastern and Western theatres in varied operational environments including a long stint in different terrains of Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Singh said, he felt added pleasure to note that Gen Dwivedi belonged to the J&K rifles regiment



Chief of Army Staff, Gen Upendra Dwivedi calling on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at North Block, New Delhi.

into which he was commissioned in 1984 and was also well versed with the conditions in J&K. The courtesy meeting, which was the maiden interaction with the Minister after General Dwivedi took charge as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), also touched upon various aspects of security.

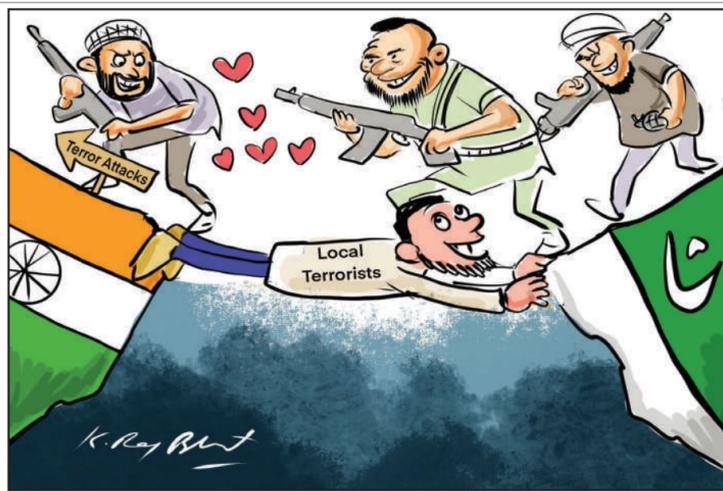
Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science

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 said, "The Indian Army is among the best forces in the world and stands as a beacon of courage, discipline, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation's integrity and sovereignty.

With a rich history steeped in valour and sacrifice, they exemplify the epitome of bravery and selflessness."

The Minister took pride and praised the Indian army. He said, "Their dedication to duty is unparalleled, whether defending the borders against external threats, providing humanitarian aid during disasters, or participating in peacekeeping missions globally. The Indian Army's ethos of "Service Before Self" resonates deeply, inspiring respect and admiration worldwide.

General Upendra Dwivedi, while meeting Dr. Jitendra Singh, conveyed his strong commitment to serve the forces in their highest tradition. He also expressed his firm belief and confidence and said, "The army is prepared and ready to meet any challenge to thwart the designs of nation's adversaries." He also shared that his focus will be on promoting a culture of trust, empowerment of Junior officers, the well-being of soldiers and the welfare of veterans and Veer Naris.



# BJP always kept welfare of people at his first priority: Jugal



MP Jugal Kishore during a Matdata Abhinandan Samaroh at Sarore.

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BARI BRAHMANA: Member of Parliament Jammu-Reasi Lok Sabha, Jugal Kishore Sharma along with former minister Chander Parkash Ganga held a Matdata Abhinandan Samroh at Sarore in a felicitation program of voters for their resounding faith in the party in Lok Sabha elections. "BJP has always kept the welfare of people at its first priority and the people have responded in the same gesture by voting in massive numbers for the Modi government at the Centre. BJP has worked for the development, and will continue to work with full might to bring development at the door steps of people", said Jugal. Addressing a mammoth gathering of people, Jugal kishore thanked voters of Vijaypur assembly constituency and senior leader Chander Parkash Ganga for being one of the pillar third time in his resounding victory and said that, "People of Vijaypur has always showed faith in me and has always contributed in my victory. The party activists along with their leader have worked hard and made this possible. I am ensur-

ing that I will stand day and night with you wherever you will need me".

Former Minister CP Ganga said, "It was our duty and responsibility to ensure that Vijaypur adds its share in your victory and we are satisfied that people has put faith in the party. The activists of Vijaypur assembly are ever ready for whatever responsibility BJP will put forward".

CP Ganga also emphasized that the BJP cadre is ready for upcoming assembly elections and the party will win this seat with a record margin. Others present were BJP Senior Leader Jai Ram Sharma, Mohan Thapa, Arun Sharma, Former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, DDC Chairman Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma, Parbhari Thakur Narayan Singh, Seh Parbhari Munish Khajuria, District President Kashmiria Singh, District Sec Narinder Partap Singh, Raman Salathia, Block President Atrest Dutta, Ajay Kumar, District Gen Sec Amit Dubey Girdhari Lal, DDC member Asha Rani, District V. President Vikrant Jamwal, Dheeraj Sharma etc.

# AIIMS Jammu spearheads ground-breaking research initiatives



Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu and other dignitaries releasing books.

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JAMMU: The prestige of AIIMS-Jammu is founded on their 'Trinity of Mission', which encompasses Medical Education & Training, Healthcare Research and Patient Care. Unlike many institutions, AIIMS distinguishes itself by emphasizing rigorous healthcare research in addition to providing comprehensive patient care, ensuring a holistic approach to health and well-being. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, also echoed the slogan "Jai Anusandhan" given by our honourable Prime Minister during his address to the faculty, students, and nurses. He further added that the country places great hope in all the faculty and students to elevate India to the next level in health-

care, setting a benchmark for the rest of the world.

Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu, commented, "Upon relocating to the Vijaypur campus, AIIMS Jammu's very First initiative was to organize a 15-day basic research methodology workshop in collaboration with ICMR-NIE (National Institute of Epidemiology). During this workshop, all faculty members received training on the latest research modules."

"The Executive Director said, "The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu is proud to announce a series of innovative research initiatives and collaborations to revolutionize medical research in the region and put Jammu on the global map of scientific excellence. AIIMS Jammu has collaborated with the Indian

Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu to conduct cutting-edge research projects in biomedical engineering. This partnership aims to leverage the expertise of both institutions to develop innovative solutions for healthcare challenges. Furthermore, AIIMS Jammu is actively participating in multiple multicentric trials, both at national and global levels, funded by reputed agencies such as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). These collaborations underscore the Institution's growing prominence in the international research community."

The Dean (Research) and MS-AIIMS Jammu, Lt Gen Sunil Kant, said, "The Research Section of AIIMS Jammu has received an overwhelming response from its faculty, nursing staff, and students, with over 81 research

proposals submitted till date."

He further added, "To encourage and nurture the next generation of medical researchers, AIIMS Jammu has launched the AIIMS Undergraduate Research Advancement Scheme (AURAS). This scholarship program provides cash honorariums to undergraduate students, enabling them to conduct short research projects during their vacations under the mentorship of AIIMS Jammu faculty. The initiative aims to introduce students to medical research and foster a culture of scientific environment from an early stage. Not only this, recognizing the vital role of nursing staff in healthcare research, AIIMS Jammu has introduced a small grant research scheme funded by the institute. This program encourages nursing professionals to contribute to evidence-based

practice and improve patient care through research."

The Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu shared "AIIMS Jammu is going to initiate a faculty exchange program with internationally reputed institutions to promote global knowledge exchange. This program facilitates the crosspollination of ideas and best practices, further enhancing the institute's research and education quality. To recognize and encourage excellence in research, AIIMS Jammu has recently instituted various awards to honour outstanding contributions by faculty, staff, and students in medical research." Prof Shakti Gupta concluded saying, "These initiatives not only bring immense pride to our region by placing Jammu on the world map of medical research but also promise significant benefits for public health. The ultimate beneficiaries of our evidence-based research efforts will be the general public as we strive to improve healthcare outcomes and quality of life for all."

AIIMS Jammu remains committed to its mission of fostering excellence in medical education, research, and patient care. These new initiatives represent a significant step forward in achieving this goal and establishing the institution as a centre of research excellence in India and beyond.

# Union MoS reiterates Central Govt's commitment towards welfare, development of farmers of J&K

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PAMPORE: In a significant move to bolster the saffron industry in Kashmir, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada, on Thursday visited the India International Kashmir Saffron Trade Centre (IHKSTC) Duso, Pampore.

Present on the occasion were Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal, Managing Director Trade Promotion Organization, Khalid Jahangir and other



Union MoS Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada during visit to IHKSTC Duso, Pampore.

concerned officers. During his visit, Jitin Prasada inspected different sections of the centre and reviewed various operations at the state-of-the-art processing

unit. He visited different blocks of the centre including, stigma separation, drying, grading, packing and the E-Auction Center. He was thoroughly briefed by the officers about the advanced facilities and the substantial support being provided to farmers by the unit.

The Union Minister also held an interactive session with the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and saffron farmers to discuss promotion and development of the saffron industry in the region.

Responding to several issues raised by the farmers, Jitin Prasada assured that all their grievances and demands would be resolved on a priority basis.

The Union Minister reiterated the central government's commitment towards welfare and development of farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.

The high profile visit underscores the government's dedication towards enhancing the saffron trade and supporting the farmers who are the backbone of this valuable industry.

# Open pothole on Ambphalla road poses threat to passerby; shopkeepers express resentment

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JAMMU: Every year during this rainy season, open manholes, potholes and pits on various roads in Jammu, turn into death traps. Besides being threat to pedestrians, the uncovered pits are dangerous for motorists as well as for stray animals.

"For the past few days, this pothole on Ambphalla road has caused a serious threat to pedestrians, the uncovered pits are dangerous for motorists as well as for stray animals.

Nearby shopkeeper while talking to STATE TIMES said this pothole been left unrepaired and it is an open invitation to mishap any time but still the authorities are not paying any attention to it," said Shiv Kumar, whose shop is only a few steps away.

"Nobody is listening. Is the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) waiting for some tragedy to happen?" asks a resident of the area, who also running a



Ambphalla shopkeepers in conversation with STATE TIMES on Thursday.

Kiryana shop at Ambphalla.

The residents living in adjoining locality say that open manhole is posing threat to commuters, especially during the nights.

He said, "The authorities

are playing with our lives. Action should be initiated against the officials concerned also. This shows the casual approach of the authorities."

The shopkeepers said that many children also walk

through this side and this pothole posed a threat to their lives. The problem gets compounded when there is rain and it filled with water. Any stranger can fall in this pothole, said the shopkeepers. "We have com-

plained to the authorities a number of times but to no avail. They are waiting for a tragedy to happen," complained a commuter, who few days ago escaped an accident on the spot. The problem exists at many

places in Jammu. The manholes have sunk by several inches from the surface of the road in many areas and cannot be easily noticed, said a passerby. This poses major threat to residents of the locality, who resent that

despite repeated complaints the manhole had not been repaired.

Last year, a new trend was noticed in many areas in Jammu. Covers of manholes were disappearing. And the open manholes were serious

threat to commuters. Residents said they had apprised the authorities in this regard also but nobody had paid any heed to their complaints and later after strong protests the manholes were covered.