

'Operation Sindoor' changed India narrative militarily, diplomatically: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: In a evidence charged keynote address, as Chief Guest, commemorating "Kargil Vijay Diwas" with theme "Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat- Akhand Bharat" seminar organised at the Delhi University on Monday, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh declared that "Operation Sindoor" had changed India narrative, both militarily as well as diplomatically.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, delivering keynote address at a seminar commemorating Kargil Vijay Diwas, organised by Delhi University on Monday.

he pointed out that India has moved from a reactive stance to an active proactive approach.

Finally, he stated that while earlier India bought peace at a price quoted by the enemy, today India hands down peace on terms and conditions laid down by her.

The day marks the 26th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay.

"Earlier the separatists were sought to be wooed by appeasement, today, they too have quietly fallen in line," Dr. Jitendra

remarked confidently.

India's technological capabilities were put on full display during Operation Sindoor, said the Minister. "These capabilities, acquired over the last 11 years, are a testament to the new India," he added.

"Both the Departments of Atomic Energy and Space, which I have been associated with, have played an important role-and that fills me with certain amount of satisfaction."

Calling Kargil the first departure from the apologetic approach adopted by former governments, Dr. Jitendra said

that for the first time, surgical strikes were executed under clear political and military resolve, which altered India's stance towards terrorism decisively. "It is not only important to pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives," Dr. Jitendra stated, "but also to introspect-whether such evil forces who support enemies from within are still amongst us." Dr. Jitendra termed the mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits a unique internal exodus and called Partition one of the biggest blunders in history. "The idea of 'Akhand Bharat' is not a mere slogan or an aspiration-it is inherent to the idea of India, it is the core

India's soul," Dr Jitendra said passionately.

"26th May 2014-when Prime Minister Narendra Modi took oath-was the moment of departure from pessimism to optimism, and the last 11 years are a living testimony to this transformative journey," he added.

Dr. Jitendra also launched a dedicated dashboard on Value Addition in Curriculum, aimed at enhancing academic integration with national priorities. The dashboard is envisioned as a dynamic platform to monitor, evaluate, and promote value-based academic initiatives that align with India's developmental vision and cultural ethos.

The programme was graced by the presence of several distinguished personalities, including Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor of Delhi University; Brigadier (Retd.) Shri Brajesh Pandey; Shri Mahendra Mehta, Convenor of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum; and Prof. Niranjana Kumar, Chairman of VACC, Delhi University, along with other senior officials and esteemed faculty members of the University.



Jammu admin vows stringent check on Gattu

Urges citizens to report illegal sale and stocking

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JAMMU: The district administration Jammu has urged citizens to report any individuals or establishments involved in the sale of banned Gattu or Chinese Manja (plastic/nylon kite-flying thread). The sale of nylon kite-flying thread has been strictly prohibited for safety and environmental concerns.

The administration is actively monitoring the situation and will take immediate enforcement action against violators.

The people can report to Emergency Operations Centre on 0191-2571616, 0191-2571912 phone numbers; Police Control Room on 0191-2560401, 0191-2542000, 100, 112 numbers and on Official Social Media Platforms. In this regard, an order

has already passed by the District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on June 25, 2025, imposing a complete ban on the sale and use of plastic/nylon manja under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The order was issued to prevent accidents and protect birds from the harmful effect of synthetic kite strings.

SCERT Jammu organises FDP on Cyber Safety and Security



Nodal Officer Cyber Hygiene Cell, Jammu Division Gurcharan Singh delivering a lecture during a session at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Training (JKSCERT), Divisional Office Jammu, organised Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Cyber Safety and Security as a part of the commemoration of 5 transformative years of NEP-2020 in the premises of this office on Monday.

The program aimed to increase awareness among different stakeholders about the cyber security and safety in present times. At the outset Navneet Gupta, Member Secretary Cyber Hygiene Cell, SCERT Jammu briefed the participants about the various initiatives undertaken in Cyber Hygiene with the help of DNOs from DIETs and SNOs from schools of Jammu Division. Gurcharan Singh, Nodal Officer Cyber Hygiene Cell, Jammu Division delivered a thoughtful session covering various aspects of Cyber Security and orient the participants about cyber frauds, Phishing, Cyber bullying and other related digital crimes. He also stressed upon the fact that awareness and alertness is an important factor to cope with the various forms of Digital frauds as in this age of unprecedented digital evo-

lution, nurturing awareness regarding Cyber Hygiene is imperative for our technology driven society. In her insightful address, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT, Jammu Division, highlighted the relevance of NEP 2020 in prioritizing integration of Cyber Safety education in to educational programs, aiming to enhance awareness and provide students with the necessary digital literacy skills for secure internet navigation. She encouraged the participants to encompass practices that safeguard digital information which is instrumental in equipping individuals with the necessary skills to navigate the digital safely. For teachers as well as students, this topic is very important to determine online risks, fostering responsible digital citizenship.

Yash Pal Gupta, Principal DIET Samba Convenor, Cyber Hygiene Cell and Guest of Honour on the occasion also spoke about the relevance of cyber awareness to be disseminated to the children as part of the curriculum. The FDP witnessed active participation from the distinguished faculty of SCERT, Jammu. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Deepak Kumar, A.O.

Issues of daily wagers, electricity bills, drug menace, budget discrimination discussed

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today held a crucial meeting of its MLAs at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, under the leadership of J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, and BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul. BJP MLAs and party General Secretaries attended the meeting.

Addressing the party MLAs, Sat expressed serious concern over the issues being faced by the people of Jammu, who are suffering due to the criminal neglect by the present NC-Congress alliance. We will expose their political nexus and betrayal of the public mandate by them.

From budgetary discrimination to administrative inaction, their failures are being felt across every section of society, he said and added that the NC led government has effectively



J&K BJP President Sat Sharma chairing a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

taken a U-turn on all the promises made with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in the 2024 Assembly election manifesto. Highlighting the long-pending issue of daily wagers, Sharma stressed, "Delayed justice is denied justice. The Omar-led government must act immediately on the regularization and salary issues of daily wagers. BJP stands firmly with them."

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma expressed

concern over the growing drug menace and termed it "drug terrorism" that is eating into the vitals of society. "We demand a coordinated crackdown on the drug network operating in the region. We will not allow our youth to fall prey to this slow death," he said.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the organizational aspects, said, "The BJP is committed to responsive governance. Our MLAs will intensify field engagement even in areas

not represented by us to ensure no grievance goes unheard. People are fed up with discriminatory governance, especially in matters of electricity billing, panchayat funding, and employee welfare."

The meeting also witnessed serious discussions on issues such as exaggerated electricity bills, and amnesty in dues, disparity in the budget allocation with regards to local bodies, panchayats and municipalities as in the Area

Development Plan in Panchayat was cut and the irregularities in the District CAPEX. The pending DPCs, promotions, and transfers of teachers, lecturers, and principals in the Jammu Province, was also taken up which is already done in the Kashmir Province.

It was also noted that the constituencies represented by the NC MLAs are getting the disproportionately high funds in comparison to the other constituencies, citing the example of Nowshera.

In a strategic move to increase the party's footprint and address public grievances more effectively, BJP MLAs were allocated additional Assembly constituencies apart from the ones they currently represent. These allocations are aimed at reaching out to the people in unrepresented or neglected areas under the present Omar Abdullah-led government.

LG calls for new paradigms in defence, cyber-security, AI warfare



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addressing the inaugural ceremony 'Navarambh' to welcome incoming B.Tech, M.Tech, PhD and M.Sc students at IIT Jammu on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday addressed the inaugural ceremony 'Navarambh' to welcome incoming B.Tech, M.Tech, PhD and M.Sc students at Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to all the students embarking on their new journey.

He lauded the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) for their exemplary contributions to nation-building and for developing remarkable scientific and technological capabilities over the decades, positively impacting lives worldwide.

"Science and Technology are going to be the key drivers for Viksit Bharat and the country expects IITians to make it happen.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, continuous efforts are underway to provide facilities and resources to tech-

entrepreneurs. Today's India offers better opportunities to IIT graduates than abroad, and I am confident that with your talent and hard work, India will become a hub of innovation in the future," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the students to develop new solutions for global challenges, prepare for an unpredictable future, and stay at the forefront of technological advancement.

He also entrusted the faculty members of IIT Jammu with the responsibility of expanding research programs of national importance and improving the standard of engineering education to solve real problems faced by industry and the nation.

"Operation Sindoor sent a clear message that India's defense system is second to none. It was a great victory for armed forces and our engineers and this operation has proved that the era of conventional warfare is over, and we must prepare for

future warfare. We must set new paradigms in the defense sector and encourage innovations in cybersecurity, AI-driven warfare, and modern communication systems," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized on increasing the participation and share of IIT graduates in Tech Startups, Artificial Intelligence, Automobile and Space sectors.

Energy and environment along with artificial intelligence are other important sectors that will require leadership from the brainpower of IIT engineering graduates in the near future, he further added.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor launched four new programs for B.Tech and M.Tech students. He also congratulated Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu and all the faculty members for the new courses starting from this academic session and for making necessary changes in

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the syllabus to promote the idea of innovation and startups.

"The Predictive Analytics program will forecast future outcomes through data analysis. Its algorithms are poised to revolutionize healthcare, risk management, operations, and marketing. This will not only empower industries with better decision-making, but it can also be applied to governance and public services.

The inter-disciplinary approach of the Engineering Physics program will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical engineering, thereby aiding in the development of new technologies. This program is expected to foster new innovations in product devel-

opment and pharmaceuticals," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

He observed that the M.Tech programs like Tunnel Engineering and Structural Engineering will offer modern and global standard solutions to the challenges, especially in Jammu Kashmir and other Himalayan regions.

Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu presented a detailed overview of the institution's Academic Programmes.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), senior officials, HoDs, faculty members, and incoming batches of students were present on the occasion.

Soulful Bhajan Sandhya by Jasmeet Kaur at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir

Rangyug's Young Voices Mohit & Krishna Add Grace to Sawan Mahotsav



Students of the Panjvaktra Mahadev Ved Pathshala performing in Bhajan Sandhya.

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JAMMU: As the sacred month of Sawan unfolds, the ancient Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir in Jammu continues to draw scores of devotees through its spiritually uplifting Bhajan Sandhyas held every Monday.

This week's soulful evening featured Surmani Dr. Jasmeet Kaur, a distinguished classical vocalist whose powerful yet serene renditions of devotional bhajans stirred deep spiritual emotions among the audience. An A-Grade artist of Akashvani and disciple of the celebrated duo Pandit Rajan and Sajan Mishra, Dr. Kaur is the daughter of renowned singer Sudarshan Kour Keerti. Her expressive performance, rooted in the rich Hindustani classical tradition, brought contemplative depth and spiritual calm to the Bhajan Sandhya.

The evening also wit-

nessed delightful performances by Mohit and Krishna, promising young classical singers from Rangyug Sangeet Vidyalaya, who are currently training under Guru Ashutosh Magotra and Guru Pankaj Pradhan. They captivated the audience with their sincere devotion and blossoming artistry. Their renditions showed their hard work, dedication and growing confidence in classical music and the audience appreciated them with warm applause.

Expert musicians Pankaj Pradhan and Deep Sehgal (Harmonium) Parshottam Kumar (Pakhawaj), Rakesh Anand (Flute), and Dr. Vinay and Ram ji (Tabla), Harsh Kapoor on Guitar accompanied the bhajans, weaving soulful rhythms that elevated the devotional experience for the gathering.

The program commenced

with traditional invocations, including Ved Vyas Stuti and Vedic mantra chanting by students of the Panjvaktra Mahadev Ved Pathshala, reflecting the temple's ongoing efforts to inspire the younger generation towards spiritual heritage.

Suresh Kumar Sharma, Receiver, Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the artists, devotees and supporters for making the event truly meaningful. He especially acknowledged the commendable performances by young artists who are playing a vital role in preserving and celebrating our rich cultural heritage. He emphasized that this initiative, undertaken by Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, celebrates classical music along with all allied devotional art forms, with the aim of nurturing talent and fostering spiritual and cultural values in the region.