

Naval chief briefs Dr Jitendra about Navy's support to human Space mission 'Gaganyaan'

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NEW DELHI: The Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who recently took over his current assignment, called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today in North Block and discussed Navy's support to India's first human Space mission 'Gaganyaan' as well as to the Ocean mission 'Samudrayaan'.

The meeting underscored the deepening partnership between the Indian Navy and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in key national missions.

During the discussion, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that the Indian Navy is the lead agency for the recovery of the crew module for India's first human Space mission 'Gaganyaan'. It has also undertaken successful recovery during the 1st developmental mission (TV-D1) of the project on October 23. He emphasised the success of the 'Whole of Government



Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Tripathi calling on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at North Block.

Approach' envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has effectively dismantled silos and fostered joint collaboration across various sectors to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, 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, and MoS Personnel,

Public Grievances and Pensions asserted that "The world will witness one Indian in Space and another in the deep sea by 2025." He noted that the Deep Sea Mission, a significant initiative under his ministry, is being executed in collaboration with the "Guardians of the Indian Ocean" to enhance the Indian Navy's submarine capabilities.

Reflecting on the long-standing cooperation between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Indian Navy, Dr. Jitendra

Singh recalled the MoUs signed and the joint efforts underway on various projects that not only advance national interests but also benefit humanity. He highlighted how the transformation of the space sector, driven by private sector participation, is a testament to the government's vision. He also praised the removal of the Angel Tax on Startups, considering it a pivotal move in nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Jitendra encouraged Admiral Tripathi to explore collaborations with technology-based StartUps, noting that many sectors within the defence industry have already benefited from such partnerships. He commended PM Modi's leadership in prioritising the Gaganyaan and Deep Sea Missions, both of which were announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort and have gained significant momentum over the last five years, soon set to show-

case India's growing capabilities in these critical areas.

Additionally, Dr. Jitendra emphasised the importance of the National Geospatial Data Framework in national development. Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, a serving four-star flag officer and the current 26th Chief of Naval Staff, highlighted the ongoing cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Ministry of Earth Sciences. He categorically mentioned the MoUs for sharing data products and expertise on oceanography and Meteorology. MoU on training for courses by INCOIS, and sharing of data products in Oceanography with the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR). He also recalled the NAVIC which has been developed by ISRO. He reiterated the Navy's commitment to these joint endeavours, which are vital for national security and scientific advancement.



Pradeep Dutta Warns: India Can't Afford A Pakistan-Like Bangladesh

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JAMMU: Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor at Times Now, emphasised the need for India to adopt a diversified approach towards Bangladesh, citing the age-old adage "never put all your eggs in one basket."

Addressing a gathering of faculty members, students, and strategic experts at Jammu University's Department of Strategic and Regional Studies, Dutta highlighted India's over-reliance on Sheikh Hasina, neglecting other stakeholders, as the primary reason for being caught off guard by her sudden departure.

Dutta advocated for moving beyond the singular narrative of India's role in Bangladesh's War for liberation, which has failed to grasp the ground reality, leading to Hasina's flight to India.

He stressed the need for India to engage with the Bangladeshi people and other stakeholders to strengthen its foothold in the region.

"A hostile Bangladesh, akin to Pakistan, is a scenario India cannot afford. We must engage with the



DRSU JU faculty presenting memento to Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor at Times Now.

interim government and demonstrate to the Bangladeshi people that our interests are invested in their prosperity, not just in propping up a single regime," Dutta explained.

Dutta also exposed the US for its duplicity, expressing concern over the decline of democratic values in Bangladesh under Hasina's rule while ignoring the situation in Pakistan, where Imran Khan and other political activists are imprisoned and the largest and popular political party Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) is nearly banned.

He also noted that the Dhaka unrest has far-reaching implications beyond Bangladesh's borders, with India's intelligence agencies uncovering a complex web of geopolitical intrigue involving Pakistan and China.

Dutta highlighted China's influence in Bangladesh, which extends beyond economic aid, seeking a strong foothold in South Asia. "The ongoing unrest has been complicated by a strategic alliance between China and Pakistan, with China leveraging educational and cultural programs to extend its sway and mobilise student opposition against the Bangladeshi government's policies," Dutta said.

The session was chaired by Prof. Dipankar Sengupta, with Prof. Virender Koundal delivering the vote of thanks and Prof. Monir Alam introducing the guest to the faculty and students.

Jammu Bar Association calls for greater security to Medicos in India

Protests against atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh

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JAMMU: The President of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ), Sr. Advocate Vikram Sharma, in collaboration with the Young Lawyers Association, on Tuesday lodged a strong protest against the inhuman and barbaric incident of rape and gruesome murder of a trainee medico in RG Kar Medical College Kolkata.

The protest was held in the court premises, attended by large number of senior and young lawyers. The lawyers raised slogans against the inadequacy of the security made available in the Hospital premises, particularly when young female doctors / trainees, have extended working hours late into the night. The lawyers demanded



Jammu Bar Association members during a protest of Tuesday.

speedy and effective investigation.

They welcomed the suo-moto cognizance by the Supreme Court of India of the incident and felt assured that under the super vision of the Apex Court,

the loopholes shall be plugged in time, and a target oriented investigation becomes assured.

The lawyers also welcomed the setting up of a National Task Force (NTF) to evolve modalities to ensure safety to the medicos.

The lawyers also protested against the atrocities on minority Hindus in Bangladesh where horrific incidents of brutalities are being reported on Hindus on daily basis. The president of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu urged the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take affective steps to stop the atrocities being perpetrated on Hindus particularly the females and the children.

The protest was attended by Advocate Parvesh Singh Salaria (General Secretary), Adv. Chetan Misri (Joint secretary), of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and the office bearers of YLA Rohit Sharma (President YLA), Gagandeep Singh Lucky (Vice President YLA) alongwith large number of member Advocates.

Sayeded Shah from Poonch joins BJP



S.M.H Shah, a prominent social activist joining BJP.

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JAMMU: Sayeed Mureed Hussain Shah, a prominent social activist and retired senior official along with his supporters from (Mendhar, Poonch) joined BJP at the party Headquarters, in Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP welcomed the prominent social activist into the party fold. He said that the public welfare schemes launched for the poor and the needy by the Narendra Modi government testify to its commitment to the over-

all development of its citizens on the lines of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas'.

BJP Minority Morcha President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa was also present on the occasion.

He said that prominent from every field from every area are joining the BJP every day, trusting the policies of the Modi government. Today, one more prominent personality along with his supporters has joined the party, having witnessed the development taking place

even in the far-flung areas.

Raina, on the occasion, also added that the residents of Jammu & Kashmir have a strong belief that Jammu and Kashmir will march to greater heights under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and are ready to vote for the BJP's government in the Assembly elections 2024.

The new entrant thanked the party President for the warm welcome in the party and said that the people are influenced by the development, peace, and progress in Jammu & Kashmir. They have seen the development even in the far-flung areas and the eagerness of the BJP leadership to solve the issues of the needy people who were neglected for decades together. He assured the senior leadership of BJP that he along with his supporters, will work for the welfare of the people in line with the principles of the party.

Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt Ltd: Pioneering Innovation in J&K with Comprehensive Testing Services

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JAMMU: In a groundbreaking development for the region of Jammu and Kashmir, Agro Tech Aromatics Private Limited is set to embark on a new chapter-being the first-of-its-kind commercial Food, Drug, Environment, and Water testing Lab.

This innovative company is making waves with its cutting-edge approach to testing services and started its commercial operations recently. With a strong focus on Research and Development, Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd. boasts an impressive array of most advanced equipment, including GC-MSMS, LC-MSMS, ICP-MS, Gas chromatography with head space, HPLCs with DAD/RI/FL detectors, Ion chromatography, Discrete analyzer, TOC analyzer, FTIR, AAS systems.

One of the key strengths of Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd. is its commitment of using the most advanced chromatographic, spectrophotometric, and microbiological techniques available in the market.

By leveraging cutting-edge technology, the company will be able to deliver fast, accurate, and reliable results to its



Anil Gupta, Managing Director Agro Tech Aromatics Private Limited posing with other dignitaries.

clients.

Established with a vision to uphold the highest standards of quality and safety, Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd. brings a wealth of expertise to meet the diverse testing needs of various industries.

With a focus on drug testing, environmental analysis, and food and water safety, the company is poised to play a pivotal role in ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and promoting public health and wellbeing.

Anil Gupta, Managing Director said that under the Drug Testing category, this lab has the capability to test drugs and pharmaceuticals of all the categories including microbiological analysis of

sterile products.

He further said that this lab is fully capable to perform food testing of different matrices like Nutraceuticals, Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), cereals and bakery products, spices, milk and milk products, fruits and vegetables, non-veg products (fish, poultry and mutton).

All the food items (fresh and processed) can be tested to detect the presence of various residual impurities like pesticides, elements, aflatoxins, antibiotics, ethylene oxide etc. etc. It is pertinent to mention that presence of these impurities is causing cancers, birth defects, organ failures and other life threatening diseases to the general public.

He further emphasised that this is the only lab in J&K which has the capability to perform to water quality test of all types like surface, ground, potable, packaged drinking water and mineral water.

This lab has also started testing of water from households, schools, swimming pools, hospitals, and dialysis centres etc.

According to Ankit Gupta, Director of the company, in the field of environmental testing, Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd. is committed to provide testing services to pre assess the impact of human activities on the environment.

By conducting comprehensive analysis of air, water, and soil samples, the company will help identify potential contaminants and pollutants, enabling stakeholders to make informed decisions towards environmental conservation and sustainability. The lab is fully equipped for performing environmental testing like testing of waste water generated from effluent treatment plant (ETP), sewerage treatment plant (STP), monitoring and testing of AIR Quality Index (AQI) & Stack emissions for PM10, PM2.5, NOX, SOX, CO, NH3, PB, NI, As etc. and

noise pollution measurement.

The research and development activities at Agro Tech Aromatics are driven by a spirit of innovation and collaboration. The centre works closely with academic institutions, research organizations, and industry partners to leverage the latest scientific breakthroughs and technologies in drug discovery and development. The company aims to excel in the field of R&D by innovations in New Chemical Entities (NCEs), Certified Reference Materials (CRMs), impurities, CDMO services etc. Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd., is poised to become a trusted partner for industries seeking comprehensive and reliable testing services.

With a team of experienced professionals and a commitment to excellence, Agro Tech Aromatics Pvt. Ltd. is well-positioned to drive innovation and set new benchmarks in the field of testing, analysis and research. By leveraging its expertise and state-of-the-art infrastructure, the company is set to make a lasting impact on various industries and contribute to the advancement of quality standards in drug, environment, food, water testing and research & development in the part of India.

DGP J&K decorates Sujit Kumar with IGP rank



DGP J&K, R.R. Swain decorating IPS officer Sujit Kumar with rank of IGP.

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SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, R.R. Swain decorated IPS officer Sujit Kumar with the rank of Inspector General Police (IGP) in an epaulette decoration event held here on Tuesday. Special DG, J&K, and designate DGP

Nalin Prabhat, IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdhi also participated in the event.

DGP R. R. Swain commenting on the occasion said, "We have a new security wing head who has also been given a well deserved functional promotion to the rank of IGP. I'm sure he would add

value and take the security wing forward in professionalism from where his predecessor left. Godspeed", he added.

Pertinent to mention here that Sujit Kumar has been posted as Incharge IGP Security J&K by the government of J&K vide an order issued recently.

CRPF pays tributes to martyred Inspector Kuldeep Kumar

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JAMMU: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Tuesday paid tributes to inspector Kuldeep Kumar, who was killed in an ambush by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held at the headquarters of the 187th battalion of CRPF in Battal Ballian of the district in which Additional Director General CRPF Amrit Mohan Prasad and other senior officers of various forces paid tributes to Kumar.

Several officers of civil administration, army and police also paid tributes to the



officer. His mortal remains have been sent to his native place in Haryana.

Kumar was killed when terrorists opened fire on a patrol party in remote area of Cheeldudu area of Udhampur dis-

trict on Monday.

An intense search operation to track down the terrorists, who fled the site of encounter is underway in Cheel-Dudu belt of Basantgarh area Udhampur district.

ADM Reasi orders depositing of license weapons

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REASI: District Administration Reasi on Tuesday asked the Police Authorities to facilitate depositing of Weapons in view of Legislative Assembly Elections and enforcement of model code of conduct in J&K UT as announced by the Election Commission of India. "In view of the prevailing law and order situation in District Reasi and to ensure a peaceful, free and fair environment for the upcoming Legislative Assembly Elections 2024, it has been decided by District Magistrate & Senior Superintendent of Police, Reasi in a meeting held on 20-08-2024 that all the valid License weapon holders shall deposit their weapons in the nearest Police station. In this connection, all concerned SHOS and I/C Police Posts are required to facilitate depositing of weapons in their Malkhanas forthwith under proper receipt" an Order issued by ADM reads. Sub Divisional Magistrates and Tehsildars of the District have been asked to give wide publicity to the order through their field staff to ensure strict compliance within their jurisdictions. The Security Guards working in Banks/ATMs/Railway companies in District Reasi are exempted from the order. The order shall come into the force with immediate effect.