

# Space experiments by Subhanshu personify India as 'Vishwabandhu' Bharat: Dr Jitendra

## STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said here today that the Space experiments conducted by Subhanshu Shukla personify India as "Vishwabandhu" Bharat because even though these experiments were performed by an Indian using indigenous kits, their benefits would be available to the entire mankind. Broadly, these experiments dealt with life sciences and plant physiology. Introducing a special discussion on "Critical Role of Space Programme for Viksit Bharat by 2047" in the Lok Sabha today, Dr. Jitendra Singh underlined that Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's mission was not just a symbolic triumph but also a



demonstration of India's growing capability in cost-effective space technology, international collaboration, and indigenous innovation.

The Minister described the presence of India's first astronaut aboard the International Space Station (ISS) as a "historic milestone" and linked the achievement to the country's march towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

The Minister noted that the ISS mission, undertaken at a fraction of

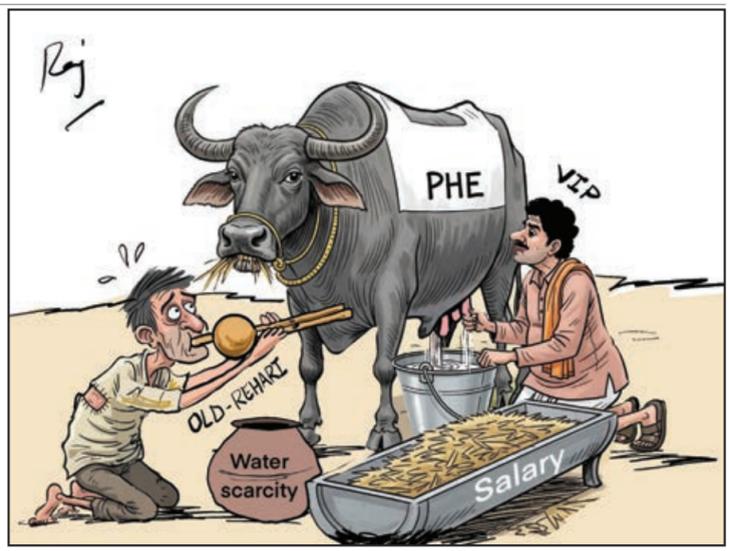
the global cost, showcased India's ability to combine intellectual resources with advanced scientific planning. "This success reflects the talent of our scientists and the enabling environment created, when reforms opened up the space sector to private participation," he said, adding that more than 300 space startups are now contributing to India's rapidly expanding space economy. Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised that the experiments carried out by Shukla during his stay on the ISS-spanning life sciences, agriculture, biotechnology, and cognitive research-were designed and developed in India, reinforcing the vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat. He said the benefits of these studies will extend beyond space, with applications in health, agriculture, disaster management, and urban planning.

Tracing the trajectory of India's space programme, the Minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

leadership for providing the policy ecosystem that accelerated progress. He cited the announcement from the Red Fort in 2018 that set India's human spaceflight ambitions in motion, leading up to current collaborations with NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX.

Looking ahead, Dr. Jitendra Singh said India is on track for a series of major milestones: the Vyomitra humanoid mission in 2026, the launch of the first Indian astronaut under the Gaganyaan programme in 2027, an Indian space station by 2035, and an Indian astronaut setting foot on the Moon by 2040. "A few years before 2047, a young Indian will declare from the lunar surface the arrival of a Viksit Bharat," he told the House.

"This is not just about one astronaut. It is about India's place in the world and the dreams of every child who aspires to reach the stars," Dr. Jitendra Singh concluded.



## Commissioner ST inaugurates renovated conference Hall at E&T Complex Jammu



Commissioner State Taxes, J&K, PK Bhat inaugurating newly renovated Conference Hall at Excise and Taxation (E&T) Complex.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu and Kashmir, PK Bhat, on Monday inaugurated the newly renovated Conference Hall at the Excise and Taxation (E&T) Complex, here.

The state-of-the-art facility has been designed to enhance the department's capacity for meetings, training sessions, and official engagements.

Additional Commissioner Administration and Enforcement Jammu, Namrita Dogra, Deputy

Commissioner Headquarters Ashima Sher and other officers and officials of the department were present on the occasion.

Following the inauguration, Commissioner PK Bhat addressed the officers present in the hall, emphasizing the importance of modern infrastructure in fostering efficiency and collaboration within the department. He commended the efforts of all those involved in the renovation project and urged the team to continue their dedication to public service.

Additional Commissioner Namrita Dogra expressed her gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful completion of the renovation. In her vote of thanks, she highlighted the collective effort and commitment that made the upgraded conference hall a reality, noting its significance in supporting the department's operational goals.

The event marks a significant step in the department's ongoing efforts to modernize its facilities and create a conducive environment for effective governance.

## PAC reviews Audit Paras of PWD

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SRINAGAR: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Monday convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex, Srinagar, to review the audit paras pertaining to the Public Works Department (PWD).

The meeting was chaired by PAC Chairman Sham Lal Sharma and attended by members including Mubarak Gul, Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurezi), Qaysar Jamshaid Lone, Javid Hassan Baig, Sajad Shaheen and Muzaffar Iqbal Khan.

The Committee undertook a detailed examination of Audit Paras 4.8 (2000-01), 4.7 (2001-02) and 3.20 to 3.23 (2016-17) pertaining to the PWD (R&B) Department.

The members discussed



PAC Chairman Sham Lal Sharma chairing a meeting at Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

key issues including rational and timely fund allocation, geo-tagging, technical and administrative approvals, preparation of DPRs, forest clearance, tendering and e-tendering processes besides adherence to financial code formalities.

The Chairman stressed the need for strengthening

the road network and upgrading infrastructure across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasised that better connectivity is a basic requirement for the people and underscored the importance of strict monitoring to ensure quality control in project execution.

The Committee called for

timely completion of projects, immediate attention to the maintenance of damaged roads for public convenience and timely tendering to fully utilize the working season in Kashmir. It also directed that the pending works be expedited and completed within stipulated timeframes.

The Chairman further

instructed that accountability be fixed on officers for delays in project execution. He sought a comprehensive report on violations of financial codes and irregularities in fund allocation.

Underlining the vital role of the PWD, the Chairman stressed greater transparency, accountability and seriousness in its functioning. He reiterated the PAC's mandate to promote transparency, fiscal discipline and accountability in governance.

The meeting was attended by Principal Accountant General J&K, K. P. Yadav; Principal Secretary PWD, Anil Kumar Singh; Secretary Legislative Assembly; Director General Accounts and Treasuries; Director Planning and Finance; Chief Engineers and other senior officers.

# Collective strength of 140 crore citizens will make India Vishwaguru: LG Kavinder

## Pledges to devote every drop of blood to the nation

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: India today stands at the threshold of a historic transformation, marching with confidence under a visionary leadership towards reclaiming its ancient glory as Vishwaguru of the world.

"We have full faith in our leadership and the collective strength of 140 crore citizens, and together we will script a new chapter of development, unity and global recognition," stated the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, while addressing a programme organised by the Jammu branch of Divya Jyoti Jagran Sanstha in Jammu.

The Lt Governor underlined the importance of recognising responsibilities along with rights.

"When Rajpath becomes



Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta speaking at a programme in Jammu.

Kartavya Path, when every citizen holds the Tricolour with pride, fulfils their Fundamental Duties and works for the progress of the nation, then India is surely moving in the right direction," he remarked.

Recalling his recent visit to the Kargil War Memorial at Drass on the

occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Lt Governor paid rich tributes to the 542 brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil War and remembered the 1,536 soldiers

who continue to live with the pain of their injuries.

He said that these sacrifices must serve as a constant reminder for every citizen to give back to the nation. "It is not enough to only clap when we remember them; we must live with the consciousness that the nation has given us so much, and we too must contribute," he added. Reaffirming faith in the collective will of the people and the leadership guiding the nation, the Lt Governor said that just as the 140-crore citizens of India are working with dedication, the elected representatives in the highest offices are also committed to meeting the

aspirations of the people.

He added that the synergy between leadership and citizens will take India towards development, prosperity, and the dream of becoming Vishwaguru once again.

At the same time, the Lt Governor cautioned that there are still some elements that attempt to weaken the country. "It is our duty to counter such ideas and strengthen the unity of India. Let us pledge that every drop of our blood will be devoted to the service of the nation. This spirit of dedication should not only guide us but also inspire generations to come," he urged.

## Dy CM visits relief camp, hospitals; assures support to Kathua cloudburst-hit families

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KATHUA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary on Monday visited the relief camp established at SIDCO Ghati Industrial Estate, Kathua to take stock of arrangements being extended to the families affected by the recent cloudburst.

The Deputy Chief Minister interacted with the displaced families, heard their concerns and assured them of full government support.

"The government stands shoulder to shoulder with the affected families in this hour of crisis. Every possible measure will be taken to ensure their immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation," the Deputy Chief Minister said while addressing the victims at the relief camp.

During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the nearby bridge connecting the adjoining villages of Ghati which was damaged in the incident. He directed the concerned authorities to take up immediate restoration work. "Restoration of connectivity is the top priority and the administration has been



Dy CM, Surinder Choudhary visiting Military Hospital Pathankot to enquire well-being of injured.

directed to execute works on war footing," he asserted.

The Deputy Chief Minister also visited the Military Hospital Pathankot where he enquired about the well-being of the injured admitted following the Ghati cloudburst. He appreciated the timely response of the medical staff and instructed them to provide best possible treatment to the injured till their full recovery.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister visited Government Medical College Kathua where he met the injured and families affected by cloudbursts and flashfloods at

Jakhole and Janglote. He assured them that all necessary assistance including medical care and rehabilitation support, will be extended without delay.

"The safety and well-being of the people is our foremost concern. The Government will leave no stone unturned in providing relief and rebuilding the damaged infrastructure," the Deputy Chief Minister reaffirmed.

He also directed the district administration to maintain round-the-clock monitoring in all calamity-hit areas and ensure timely assistance to the affected population.

## DC tours Marh, Akhnoor sub-divisions, reviews functioning of Revenue Deptt



DC Jammu, Rakesh Minhas visiting subdivisions of Marh and Akhnoor.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Rakesh Minhas, on Monday visited subdivisions of Marh and Akhnoor and held meetings with revenue officials.

In Marh, he reviewed the functioning of the Revenue Department with SDM Athar Amin and Tehsildar Ram Krishan Rathore. He stressed timely delivery of services, strict adherence to PSGA guidelines and regular reviews to avoid delays.

In Akhnoor, he held a

similar review with SDM Mukhter Ahmed and Tehsildar Naresh Kumar, besides other revenue officials. The Deputy Commissioner instructed officers to identify developmental projects, prepare proposals and ensure their timely execution and delivery.

He also inspected Jia Pota Ghat, highlighting its potential for development, and reviewed progress on the under-construction municipal complex in Akhnoor subdivision.

Public Notice under Section 3(G) (3)

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**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**  
NOTIFICATION  
New Delhi, the 13 August, 2025

S.O. 3703(E). -- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, S.O. 2113 Dated: 9 May 2025 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening /four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 530 to Km. 545.3 in the village(s) namely- Panjgrain Taluk- Nagrota in the district of JAMMU in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Dainik Savera" and "State Times" both dated 15.05.2025 and 18.05.2025 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3(G), the Competent Authority hereby invites all the land owners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority i.e. Office of Deputy Commissioner (CALA), Jammu

All the persons interested (owner of the lands and other interested person(s)) in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said land owners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format

Name of village/ Town	Name of the Landowner/ interested person	Field Survey No.	Area of land in his share	Any structures/ trees/tube well attached to the land	Name of Bank & Branch in which he/she holds the Account	Particulars of the Bank Account No...IFSC Code of the Bank Branch
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Deputy Commissioner  
(Competent Authority for Land Acquisition)  
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**SCHEDULE**  
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 530 to Km. 545.3 in the village(s) namely- Panjgrain Taluk-Nagrota in the district of JAMMU in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR

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Note : The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of CALA/PIU/PMU/RO/ED and Landowners may also see the notification there.

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SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director