

Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Meets Dr. Jitendra Singh;

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Discusses Strengthening Weather Infrastructure and Disaster Preparedness in the State, particularly in the wake of recent cloudbursts and flash floods.

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The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, and discussed the strengthening of weather forecasting and disaster preparedness infrastructure in the hill state.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister conveyed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India for installing a Doppler Weather Radar in Himachal Pradesh, which has significantly enhanced the accuracy of weather predictions and early warnings in the region.

In the wake of recent cloudbursts and flash. floods, the CM requested the installation of additional Doppler Radars and Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) across the state to ensure that every district, particularly the disaster-prone areas, is better equipped to handle future weather-related challenges.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the Chief Minister's proactive approach and reiterated that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, remains fully committed to supporting all states in their efforts toward climate resilience and disaster mitigation. He said that the Ministry of Earth Sciences has been working continuously to expand the country's meteorological network, especially in hilly and remote regions, to ensure timely dissemination of critical weather information to the public and local authorities.

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's governance philosophy, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that the Centre has, since 2014, consistently upheld the spirit of cooperative federalism, ensuring fair and equitable treatment for every state, irrespective of region or political affiliation. He said the Prime Minister's approach has been to empower states by strengthening their scientific and technological capacities, thereby enabling local administrations to respond swiftly and effectively to emerging challenges.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also noted that advanced meteorological tools like Doppler Radars and AWS play a crucial

role not only in disaster preparedness but also in sectors like agriculture, hydropower, and tourism, which form the backbone of Himachal Pradesh's economy. He assured full central support in expanding this infrastructure to cover vulnerable zones and enhance public safety.

The meeting reflected a shared commitment between the Centre and the State Government to strengthen the scientific framework for forecasting and disaster management, ensuring that development in the hill state is sustainable and resilient to climate risks. Both leaders agreed that close coordination between the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and the State authorities will further enhance Himachal Pradesh's capacity to respond effectively to extreme weather events.

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