



## **New Year Message**

### **Our brave officers and jawans**

Year 2022 has come to an end & as per tradition we are all set to welcome the first light of the New Year. In tune with the sentiments of this moment, I express my immense pleasure in wishing all members of JKP family a very Happy New Year. I also convey my heartfelt appreciation for the professionalism, dedication and hardwork that we all have put in to carry forward “Mission Peace” in 2022.

We have travelled a long way in countering the challenges of terrorism and are witnessing a huge difference in the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir by our efforts. The untiring and unflinching efforts of Jammu and Kashmir Police, CAPFs and Army is effectively defeating all the nefarious attempts of terrorists and their masters.

In recent past, terrorists have changed their modus operandi and have like cowards been selecting soft targets & vulnerable unprotected people to attack. There are important lessons to be learnt from these attacks, for which we need to deconstruct the terrorist designs and tactics and focus on the gaps in our counter strategy. I must appreciate the response to the killing incidents of innocent civilians in which almost all those who involved were tracked and neutralized in quick time.

With the selfless service of JK Police and other forces we have been successful in decreasing the number of active terrorists in JK UT which is now at a record low. I am happy to note that some of the districts as on date are free of resident terrorists due to which the common masses in these districts are heaving a sigh of relief and beginning to take strides for economic development, education and a normal happy life.

2022 threw up many challenges but we were able to meet them with courage and success. Incident free annual Shri Amarnath ji Yatra was ensured. JKP alongwith the other forces and agencies was effectively able to hit at the ecosystem of terror which has resulted in putting an end to “Hartal” culture besides aiding in maintenance of law and order throughout the year. In the war against terror **113** successful operations were conducted in which **186** terrorists of different outfits were gunned down. During the period, **159** terrorists & **557** terrorist-associates were arrested and in addition **146** terrorist modules were busted.

We unfortunately lost **31** bravehearts including **14** of J&K Police in fight against terrorism. I pay my homage and respect to all those fallen heroes of J&K Police and of other security forces who gave supreme sacrifice in protecting the sovereignty and integrity of the nation, and offer a very big salute to the families of martyrs.

In recognition of the performance of JKP, 548 police personnel were honoured with different medals during 2022, which include 223 Police Medals for Gallantry, 04 President’s Police Medals for Distinguished Service, 30 President’s Police Medals for Meritorious Service, 266 JK Police Medals for Gallantry, 10 J&K Police Medals for Meritorious Service, 04 Union Home

Minster's Special Operation Medals and 01 Union Home Minster's Medal for Excellence in Police Investigation. I feel proud and fortunate to lead such a braveheart force that accepts every challenge with fortitude.

The year 2023 would continue to throw new challenges and war on terror would & should continue to be our focus. We must in the year ahead go for strategically planned final assault to realize the nation's dream of terror free Jammu and Kashmir. We must equally intensify our drive against narcotic trade and successfully thwart this conspiracy made from across the borders to harm our young generation. Simultaneously, I exhort all JKP officers and men to display highest level of professionalism and dedication to ensure that maximum number of cases of special nature including UAPA and NDPS ends in convictions so that the super structure backbone of the terror ecosystem gets dismantled. At the same time we must continue to work towards gaining the trust and support of all the stakeholders in our endeavors. In 2023, let us as an organization, commit ourselves to performing our duties with renewed vigour and resolve so as to usher in J&K an era of lasting peace and ensure that our people feel safer and happier knowing that they are guarded by professionals of an elite police force.

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