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Expert sounds quake warning

JAMMU: People in Kashmir could be facing another earthquake, deadlier than the one in October 2005 that killed 80,000 along the LoC, an expert has warned.

Professor M.I. Bhat of Kashmir University, who has worked on the Hima-

layan seismic zones, delivered the warning at a workshop at Jammu University.

"Several studies have suggested increase in the static stress towards NW and SE of the rupture zone of the October 5 Muzaffarabad earthquake. This is

frightening news, for Kashmir as it lies to the SE and in close vicinity of the rupture zone," said Bhat, head of the department of Geology and Geo-Physics. He was a senior scientist at the Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.