After Chandrayaan, sky not the limit for India's Space journey: Dr Jitendra

JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Saturday said, after the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission and the unlocking of Space sector by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, 'sky is not the limit' for India's Space journey.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was delivering the inaugural cum keynote address at 'Campus Dialogue' on Chandrayaan 3 under the theme 'Viksit Bharat @2047' at the Central University Jammu

While interacting with the academia and students. Dr. Jitendra said, India's quantum leap in space research with India's space economy standing at \$8 billion has been only possible due to the courageous decision taken by



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivering inaugural cum keynote address at the 'Campus Dialogue' on Chandrayaan 3' organised by Central University of Jammu.

unlock the space sector from the shackles of the past

India's Space economy is projected to grow beyond \$40 Billion by 2040 and as per ADL (Arthur D Little) Report, India's space economy has the potential to go beyond \$100 Billion by 2040, which is going to be a gigantic jump, Dr. Jitendra added. On the successful conduct of the G20 Summit and

Chandrayaan-3 Mission, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India today is at par with countries, such as the United States which commenced their space journey decades before us. Stating that India has made a quantum jump in its space journey in the last nine years, the Minister said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has

J&K Govt clarifies PMJAY-SEHAT Scheme

tem. He added that the space sector has been opened for public private participation, with a swift increase in number of Space StartUps.

Dr Jitendra informed that the Government of India has embarked on a mission to open Space Technology Teaching Centres in higher educational institutions. In this regard, the Minister

PMJAY-SEHAT scheme, the

government has paid Rs.

1175.32 Crores in premiums

to insurance companies. In

return, insurance companies

disbursed a total of Rs.

1,249.33 Crores in claims to

empaneled hospitals, benefit-

ing approximately 5.67 lakh

patients. The scheme has pro-

vided crucial medical care for

patients with life-consuming

The insurance model has

shifted the risk to insurance

companies, leading them to pay

nearly Rs. 74 Crores beyond

the premium to empaneled

public and private hospitals.

This model has strengthened

the healthcare system within

and life-threatening diseases.

lished at the Central University of Jammu. A similar centre has also been set up at NIT, Agartala in Northeast, he informed.

Enumerating the salient features of the National Education Policy 2020, Dr Jitendra Singh stated that India's youth are no more "prisoners of their aspiration" as the Policy now empowers them to choose or change subjects freely depending on their aptitude, skill, interest and other factors.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu and Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST, Jammu were among those who also spoke on the occa-



Apni Party president led delegation meets LG Manoj Sinha



Apni Party President S.M.A Bukhari led delegation calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

implementation amidst misinformation

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a press conference held on Saturday, the Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar has addressed concerns and allegations surrounding the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - SEHAT (PMJAY-SEHAT) scheme.

One of the key allegations was related to a loss of Rs. 500 Crores. The government clarified that the total premium paid to Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC) during the policy period from December 26, 2020, to March 14, 2022, was Rs. 304.59 Crores, while the total claims payout to hospitals (both public and private) by BAGIC was 398.41Crores. Consequently, the allegation of a loss is unsubstantiated as the insurance company incurred a

Misinformation about the termination clause and contract renewal has also surfaced. According to the contract between BAGIC and the State Health Agency, the maximum term was fixed for three years

monetary loss of Rs. 93.82

and renewable every 12 months. The continuation of the contract beyond the first

al agreement, and the insur-

ance company decided to exit

after the first year due to incurred losses. To avoid service interruption, the State Health Agency of J&K entered into an interim arrangement with BAGIC on a Stop Loss basis until a new insurance company was selected. During this period, the government bore the entire risk of loss of claims. The arrangement was cost-effective and served the public interest by ensuring the continuity of

healthcare services. Contrary to allegations that the number of eligible families was increased to benefit the insurance company, the gov-

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar talking to reporters. ernment clarified that the number of families remained the same during the policy periyear was to be based on mutuod, from December 26, 2020,

> The Government of Jammu and Kashmir emphasized its adherence to the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation. This includes the use of the Model Tender Document for the transparent selection of insurance companies and the adoption of Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version) for implementation.

Since the launch of the

to December 25, 2021, and the

subsequent interim period of

79 days, totaling 21.24 lakhs.

reduced out-of-pocket expenses for families in need of hospitalization. Additionally, a feedback sys-

tem using QR codes and a 104 Call Centre has been implemented, with nearly 99% of patients rating their treatment experience as Excellent or

the UT and significantly

The government emphasized that allegations intended to discredit the scheme are baseless. false, and aimed at maligning its image. It reiterated its commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the pub-

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Additional Secretary in Chief Secretary office, Vishal Sharma, Joint Director HQ Information, Naresh Kumar, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma were also present during the press conference.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant move, April Party President Sved Mohammad Altaf Bukhari spearheaded a delegation, comprising party leaders from Rajouri district in the Pir Panjal Region, to meet Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan in Srinagar.

Their primary agenda was to advocate for enhanced infrastructural development in the region. and the delegation presented their demands for infrastructural development in the area and handed over a

memorandum to LG Sinha. Governor of the public Besides Bukhari, the delissues and grievances, egation members included Apni Party's Vice President and former Minister Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, Party's Provincial Senior Vice President Chowdhary Qamar Din, District assured them that all the President Rajouri Manzoor major demands put forward would be redressed on Ahmad Bukhari, Sarpanch Chowdhary fazl Chohan, Sarpanch Chowdhary Mir

They presented a comprehensive memorandum out-

Sofi Aalam Din.

Hussian, and Sarpanch

lining their demands. The delegation members apprised the Lieutenant mostly stemming from infrastructural deficien-The Lieutenant Governor gave a patient hearing to the visiting delegation and

priority. The delegation extended thanks to the honourable Lieutenant Governor for making appointments of the dependants of the deceased of Shamsipura Shopian, as the families

were distressed for a long.

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Former Principal GMC Dr Mumtaz Goni Nomani passes away

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dr Mumtaz Goni Nomani (Former Principal Government Medical College, Jammu), wife of Late Azhar Nomani (IPS) ADGP J&K left for her heavenly abode after a brief illness on Saturday evening at Delhi. As per family sources, her Namaz e Janaza shall be performed tomor-



row i.e 15th of October, 2023 (Sunday), at 9.30 PM in the evening at Al Noor Masjid, Greater Kailash, Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Saturday felicitated all citizens of Jammu Province, J&K police personnel and their families on the eve of Sharad Navratri. He has wished the people a blissful festival. In his message, IGP Jammu has expressed hope that the festival will bring joy and happiness among the people of the UT



of J&K including families of Police Martyrs and has also prayed for peace and prosperity of the UT of J&K. IGP Jammu Anand Jain also made an appeal to people of Jammu province to help the Police in maintaining highest level of security

IGP Jammu greets people on

Sharad Navratri

Utility services suffered major jolt due to self-centred approach of BJP: Bhalla

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputation of families who were evicted from airport Jammu as a part of expansion on Saturday called on JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla

They apprised Bhalla that at the time of the proposal seeking an extension of the Airport in Jammu, the houses of 29 families were demolished and till date, no possession of plots has been given.

They informed that the administration is lethargic towards giving possession of plots in Belicharana and warned to intensify the protest if the administration does not do the

needful. They said that a committee based on the

was employed for land demarcation in Sunjawan but till date possession of plots has not been given.

Bhalla demanded govt to immediately address this issue on humanitarian ground and keeping them waiting for rehabilitation is human rights violation

Bhalla said, "The present UT administration has no mercy for handicapped persons. First, they asked them to make UIDAI cards to avail pension scheme and when they made these cards after a lot of struggle then they asked them to apply on SUGAM portal to get benefit of the pension

those who have successfully registered themselves on SUGAM portal months back are deprived of the pension.

"We will keep pursuing and highlighting every issue, major or minor, to see Jammu and Kashmir progress and prosper, notwithstanding the odds." the Congress leader said. Bhalla reminded the BJP of the massive 2014 Jammu mandate for development and welfare and said that instead of doing a little bit in this regard they pushed the entire region to the wall. The developmental machinery came to a grinding halt and the utility services suffered major jolt due to the self-centred approach of the BJP leaders.

BJP's Mission J&K ensures equitable empowerment: Rana

scheme." Bhalla claimed and said that even

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday said the huge transformation witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir on security and developmental fronts during the past over four years has instilled a sense of confidence and optimism among the people about better times to come.

"BJP's Mission J&K has been to ensure welfare of the people by creating an atmosphere of peace and stability wherein every segment of society gets equitable opportunities to progress and prosper". Devender Rana said while interacting with the people along with senior leader Vikram Randhawa at Satwari and Chowadi in the city periph-

He said the BJP's focus



delegation members at Jammu.

under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been to create an enabling situation for the people, who have undergone difficult times for decades due to misgovernance and the various other challenges, The first priority in such a grim situation was to restore peace and normalcy which became possible due to strong support of the people, finally leading to

unprecedented initiatives on economic and developmental fronts. The results are discernible as the people are now deriving the dividends of peace, he added. Rana exuded confidence that under the bold leadership of the Prime Minister, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to all, without discrimination or any

said the voice of every region and sub-region is now being heard and course correction has been done in the process of governance. As a result of concerted efforts, the Union Territory is poised to a new era of progress, he added. Rana dwelt in detail various path breaking initiatives aimed at ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities. strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He also spoke about various initiatives taken for improving the civic amenities and other totality services under the Jammu Smart City Project and said the most thronged pilgrim destination of north India is getting a renewed look and grandeur it deserved.