

India to send human being 6,000 mts below sea level: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: As a part of Samudrayaan Mission, undertaken by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences, India aims to send human being 6000 meters below sea level.

Sharing the details, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had referred to Deep Sea Mission in his Independence Day address of two consecutive years in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

The mission, said the Minister, heralds India's ushering into an era of "Blue



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh sharing details about Deep Sea Mission, at New Delhi.

Economy" which is going to play a major part in building

India's overall economy during the years to come.

Dr Jitendra further elaborated that a vehicle called MATSYA will carry three persons to a depth of 6000 meters for exploration of deep-sea resources like minerals. This mission, he said, is expected to be realized in the next three years. Singh added that MATSYA 6000 is being designed and developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

"It has an endurance of 12 hours under normal operation and 96 hours in case of emergency for human safe-

ty."

The Minister added that apart from the scientific research and technological empowerment as the benefits, this mission has immediate spin-offs in the form of underwater engineering innovations in asset inspection, tourism and promotion of ocean literacy.

"Development of 6000 m depth rated Integrated Mining Machine and unmanned vehicles (tethered and automated) to explore deep sea resources and biodiversity assessment," Singh said.

Power shutdown

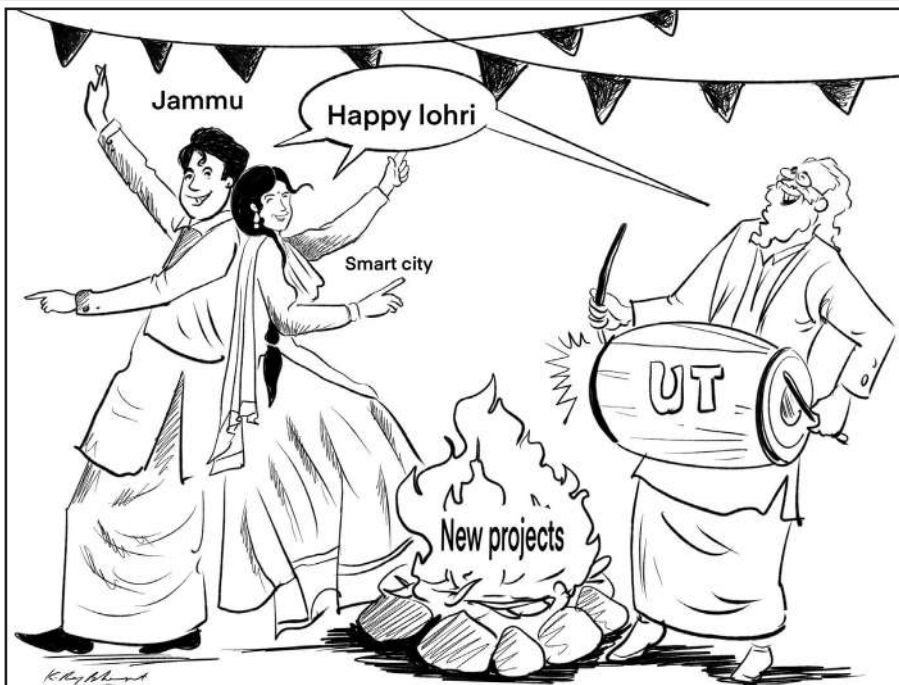
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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to



Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandal, BB Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 14 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Samba Town, Keli Mandi, Budhwani, Mandian, Hospital, Gagwal, Sherpur, Nichala, Rajpura and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 14 from 9 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Mahanpur, Billawar, Bani, Basohli, Machedi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSE, Border Migrant, Sohal, Akhnoor, Tanda, Jourian, Ranjan, Pargwal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 15 from 9 am to 2 pm.



BJP Ladakh calls Leh Apex Body, Kargil Democratic-Alliance part of Gupkar Alliance

APEX-KDA to organise protest rally in Jammu on Jan 15

■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Ladakh alleged that Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) are working hand in glove with Gupkar Alliance and condemned the recent statement made by member Apex Body and Vice President Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) Chering Dorjay Lakruk who, in an interview to a media channel, had made an observation stating that given the present scenario, earlier arrangement of being part of J&K was better for Ladakh.

Talking to the media here in Leh, State President BJP Ladakh Phunstog Stanzin termed it very unfortunate that the Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance have not accepted the formation of the High-Powered Committee by the Government of India on Ladakh. He alleged that Apex-KDA had held several meetings with the Gupkar Alliance before taking this decision. Phunstog Stanzin appealed to Apex-KDA leaders to reconsider the decision



State President BJP Ladakh Phunstog Stanzin addressing media in Leh.

taken and be a part of the committee formed to resolve Ladakh's issues. Stanzin said Chering Dorjay Lakruk, who is an incumbent Vice President of LBA, has no moral ground to be on the post of Vice President LBA any longer and sought an apology from him for the statement he had made.

"We feel that Apex Body and KDA are intending to take Ladakh back to Jammu & Kashmir; make it a part of J&K State once again, which we will never allow at any cost," BJP leader Dorje Angehuk said. While another BJP leader PT Kunzang alleged that Apex Body and KDA in association with

Gupkar alliance have a hidden agenda to struggle for the restoration of article 370 and 35 (A). BJP will never allow any move to take Ladakh back to be a part of Jammu & Kashmir once again, he added.

Meanwhile, Leh Apex Body and KDA have resolved to organise a protest rally in Jammu from Indira Chowk to Press Club Jammu on 15 January to demand full-fledged Statehood for Ladakh, Constitutional Safeguard under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India, early recruitment process and Public Service Commission for Ladakh, and separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts.

National Youth Day: Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma flags off marathon 'Young India Run'



Mayor JMC, Rajinder Sharma flagging off marathon 'Young India Run' in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Mayor JMC, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday flagged off marathon 'Young India Run' in connection with the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, which is being celebrated as National Youth Day, at Mubarak Mandi complex, here.

Talking to media persons,

Mayor, while terming the Swami Vivekananda as maker of modern India, said that in order to inspire youths of country towards philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, his birthday is commemorated as National Youth Day.

He said that PM Modi has termed Swami ji as his ideal for numerous schemes he has launched for welfare of youth

like Skill India and emphasized that youth of Nation should be empowered so that in place of looking jobs they must provide job to others as successful entrepreneurs.

Sharma said that Swami Vivekananda was a Hindu Monk and one of the India's greatest leaders who believed in empowering youth.

He highlighted the contribu-

tion of the great leader Swami Vivekananda and suggested students to follow the path of peace and truth.

He prompted all the youths to pledge for working sincerely towards the betterment of the society and the Nation. Youths are the most important part of the country who leads the country ahead, that's why youths are selected to be inspired first by the ideas and ideals of the Swami Vivekananda to shape their future in positive way, he added. State President BJYM Arun Prabhat said that every year BJYM activists celebrate the National youth Day with great enthusiasm as it is the great way to wake up the eternal energy of the youths as well as their big efforts to make the country developed.

Dr Monohar Lal rejoins DAP

Leaders extend support to ReK teachers

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JAMMU: Former Minister Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma has once again joined the Democratic Azad Party (DAP) led by Gulab Nabi Azad.



DAP chairman, Ghulam Nabi Azad welcoming Dr Manohar Lal for rejoining party.

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Meanwhile, the Democratic Azad Party leaders joined the protesting Rehbar-e-Khel teachers in Jammu. The DAP leaders said that their party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad was the only MP to raise their issue in Parliament.

The government on priority basis shall address the grievances of these candidates since they have a right to get their services regularised. "They are protesting for their rights. On successful completion of their tenures, the government is bound to regularise their jobs. So we urge Jammu Kashmir government to look into their matter positively," DAP leaders said.

HM Shah should maintain sense of security among people in J&K: SUF

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JAMMU: A meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh United Front (SUF) along with various Sikh organizations of Jammu and Kashmir held under the chairmanship of Sudershan Singh Wazir chairman SUF J&K. Wazir strongly condemned the killings of minorities community at Rajouri and demanded Rs 50 lakhs ex-gratia to the deceased and Rs 10 lakh to the injured. Wazir also demanded that the government should give employment to the next of kin of the deceased. It is demanded that the minority community be given security in Jammu and Kashmir and arms be provided to trained army persons for self defence. An appeal is made to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah to personally intervene in the matter of Jammu and Kashmir to maintain a sense of security among the people.

Jammu Congress leadership in confusion & disarray: Sethi



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JAMMU: Taking a dig on the proposed visit of Rahul Gandhi in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory in continuation of so called Bharat Jodo Yatra, Chief Spokesperson of Jammu and Kashmir Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), Sunil Sethi said in a press release that the proposed visit has put local leadership of Congress in difficult position of disarray and total confusion.

He said that Yatra is being taken in active support of PAGD gang and other regional parties having divisive agenda and Jammu based leaders of Congress is finding it very difficult to political digest the scenario.

They are finding it difficult to stand with anti people and anti-nationalistic parties who raise pro-Pak and pro-China

statements at the drop of hat with political motives, Sethi said.

Sunil Sethi called upon the Congress leadership to do introspection as it's agenda is getting exposed. He wondered how the self claimed leadership of Jammu of Congress who ostensibly call themselves pro Jammuites, can justify standing with PAGD especially after their anti national statements post abrogation of Art 370 .

Chief Spokesperson asked the Congress leadership especially of Jammu as to how can they see in the eyes of Valmiki Samaj, Gorkha, West Pak Refugees, families of married girls of J&K, Pahari community, defence forces personnel posted in J&K etc who finally got justice after Art 370.

How can they face youth which now see new hope to get jobs in transparent manners in public as well private sector. While carrying out rally is a democratic right which Bhartiya Janata Party honour always , but it will be different story I'd rally has hidden agenda and is going out with help and connivance of parties having agenda to break country from within, he said.

Prominent social personalities from Ramban join BJP

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JAMMU: Prominent social personalities from Pogal, Paristan of Ramban constituency along with their supporters joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of senior party leaders at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, jere on Thursday.

Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, former MLA & senior leader Devender Singh Rana, BJP SC Morcha President & former MLA Neelam Langhe and other party leaders welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

Ramban District President Ramban Rajeshwar Kumar facilitated the joining.



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla and other party leaders addressing a meeting at Katra.

on the occasion. Kavinder Gupta said that brilliant public welfare policies and good governance provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has won the hearts of people from all walks of life.

He said that today the party has been getting the support of masses as well as prominent social and political leaders of the party, which speaks of the high acceptability of development

policy of BJP.

Sham Lal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government has ushered in a new era of development and progress in the country during all these years.

He said that disenchanted with the wrong policies of family led parties, people are joining the BJP in large numbers.

Rana said that Modi Govt delivered justice to every person residing in Jammu &

Kashmir. He said that witnessing the works of the Modi led government, people have developed love and appreciation for the BJP's policies and works.

Speaking on the occasion, new entrants said that they are influenced by the pragmatic policies and nationalism of BJP. They promised to strengthen the party base at the ground level while working for the public issues.

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