

Woman Robot Astronaut 'Vyommitra' to fly into Space ahead of 'Gaganyaan': Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Woman Astronaut "Vyommitra" will fly into Space ahead of ISRO's ambitious "Gaganyaan" mission, which will be India's first human manned Space Flight carrying Indian Astronauts into Space.

Disclosing this here during an interaction with media, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the uncrewed "Vyommitra" Mission is scheduled for the third quarter of this year while a manned mission "Gaganyaan" is scheduled to be launched next year, that is 2025.

"Vyommitra" is a name derived from two Sanskrit

words namely, "Vyoma" (meaning Space) and "Mitra" (meaning Friend). This Female Robot Astronaut, said the Minister, is equipped with the capability to monitor Module Parameters, issue Alerts and execute Life Support operations. It can perform tasks such as operating six panels and responding to the queries, he explained.

Dr Jitendra Singh further elaborated that "Vyommitra" Astronaut is designed in such a manner so as to simulate human functions in the Space environment and interact with the Life Support System.

Pertinent to mention that as a run up to the launch of India's first-ever manned Space flight named "Gaganyaan", the first Test Vehicle Flight TV D1 was



accomplished on 21st October last year. This was meant to qualify the crew escape system and parachute system. The human rating of the launch vehicle is complete. All the propulsion stages are qualified. All the preparations are in place.

Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi allowed private participation in the

Space sector, there has been a steady increase in resources and the number of Space StartUps. By 2035, India looks forward to having her own Space Station , he added. India's Space economy is also projected to substantially increase in the near future, he said. While the uncrewed unmanned Robot Flight "Vyommitra" will be launched next year. The Gaganyaan project envisages demonstration of human

space capabilities by launching a crew of astronauts into an orbit of 400 Kilometres and then bringing back these human astronauts safely to earth by landing them in India's sea waters.

Meanwhile, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Chandrayaan 3, which landed on the South Pole of the Moon on August 23 last year, is following its normal expected course of action. The vital inputs sent by it will be shared in course of time.

12 bovines rescued, 3 vehicles seized, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Sambha Police arrested two bovine smugglers, rescued twelve bovines and seized three vehicles in three separate bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Ghagwal and Sambha.

As per details, a party of Police Station Ghagwal led by SHO Ghagwal during vehicle checking at Naka NHW Tapyal, intercepted a vehicle Auto load carrier (JK02DC-5704) coming from the Kathua side for checking. During checking, two bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The bovine smugglers identified as Manjit Singh, son of Hari Singh, resident of Simbal Morh tehsil RS Pura district Jammu and Veer Lal, son of Darshan Lal, resident of Mokhey tehsil Suchetgarh district Jammu have been arrested. A case FIR No. 09/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Meanwhile, a party of Police Post Supwal headed by Incharge PP Supwal while on vehicle checking duty at Supwal, signalled a vehicle Mahindra load carrier coming from Sambha side to stop for checking. But the driver instead of stopping the vehicle, accelerated the speed and fled away from the naka point. The alert police Naka party chased the vehicle and intercepted it a few metres away near Barian. During checking of the vehicle, five bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were being transported illegally without any permission. However, the driver of the vehicle managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. A case FIR No.35/2024 u/s 279,188 IPC, 11 PCA Act, 3 PDPP Act, 184 MV Act has been registered at Police Station Sambha and investigation started.

In another instance, a party of Police Post Goran headed by Incharge PP Goran while on patrolling duty near Sumb, intercepted a vehicle Mahindra load carrier (JK02BK-3880) which was moving towards the Sambha side. During checking of the vehicle, five bovines were rescued which were being transported illegally without any proper permission. A case FIR No. 34/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Sambha and investigation started.



Col JP's book "The Indomitable PAWARS" released



SEC B R Sharma, former DGP Ashok Bhan and others releasing Col J P Singh's book.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The State Election Commissioner B R Sharma and former DGP Ashok Bhan released Col J P Singh's another book, "The Indomitable Pawars" here today. The book is a compilation of the contributions of legendary personalities of Pawar village of Gandharwan, Akhnoor.

Col J P, versatile writer, hails from this historic village whose history has roots to the Medieval period. While exploring the geography of northern India, a 12th century King, Raja Jagdev Rai, descendant of Raja Bhoj, found a place, Virat Nagri on the western bank of Chenab near Akhnoor and renamed it as Ambara, after the name of Goddess Amba. It later came to be known as Ambaran. The Pawar/Ambarian dynasty ruled over Akhnoor from 1151 to 1745 AD.

Col. J P has written about the recent generations of Pawars of Gandharwan and tried to connect the past with present day generation. Pawar's another legend, Rajendra Singh Pawar has penned the Foreword of the book. He is a well-known entrepreneur, chairman and co-founder of NIIT Limited. He was awarded Padam Bhushan for immense contributions.

CAT stays promotion of teachers of Jammu Division

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant order, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Jammu Bench comprising Member (J) Rajinder Singh Dogra has stayed the promotion of Teachers of Jammu Division for the higher post of Masters in the School Education Department. After hearing Advocate Arshad Majid Malik appearing for the petitioners/applicants in O.A. No.75 of 2024 titled Gulfray Ahmed and seven others all Teachers belonging to Tehsil Darhal, District Rajouri and AAG Sudesh Magotra appearing for the School Education Department, the Bench headed by Rajinder Singh Dogra, Member (J) observed that at the very outset Advocate A.M. Malik has submitted that the promotion of the applicants in some cases to the post of Master is being considered on the basis of age and in some cases it is considered on the basis of merit and there is no uniform criteria adopted by the School Education Department. Advocate A.M. Malik vehemently argued that the applicants would be satisfied in case the present case is disposed of by directing the School Education Department to adopt the uniform criteria/procedure for fixing

the seniority of General Line Teachers (Trained Graduates and Post Graduate Teachers) of Education Department for their promotion to the next higher post of Master, as has been done previously by the Department.

Advocate A.M. Malik further submitted that Education Department be directed not to promote the Teachers of Jammu Division to the next higher post of Master by adopting different criteria till the outcome of the instant petition.

After considering the submissions of Advocate A.M. Malik, a Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu headed by Rajinder Singh Dogra, Member (J) directed that the original application is disposed of with a direction to the School Education Department to treat this O.A. as representation of the applicants and decided the same. The Bench further directed that the Department will convey the order so passed to the applicants and the whole exercise shall be completed within a period of one week from the date of receipt of certified copy of this Order. While parting with this order, the Bench further directed that till then no promotion should be made for the post of Teachers of Jammu Division.

Nation First core of BJP philosophy: Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SUNDERBANI : Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday said the mantra of Nation First has been the core and guiding philosophy of the Bhartiya Janata Party, making it a party with difference, devoted to upholding unity, sovereignty and integrity of the country that is Bharat, the emerging Vishwaguru under the dynamic leadership of Yashasvi Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a nationalistic political discourse with civilizational renaissance getting new wings, ending the despondency of centuries due to persecution, followed by the politics of appeasement proactively carried out by the Congress post-independence", Devender Rana said while addressing the Shakti Vandan Workshop in Sunderbani, adding that the era of suppression did more harm than the subjugation of over 800 years.

He said the Congress bonhomie with British colonial rulers actually resulted in the partition of the Nation in 1947 on the East-West side and now the Congress is pursuing the Nehruvian blunders to the next sinister level, furthering this divide on the North- South side.

While recalling the Congress onslaught on the Indian psyche during the past seven and half decades, Rana said as if the follies and erroneous political moves of Jawaharlal Nehru were not enough that now the Congress with its rhetoric associated with this divisive, anti-national Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra by Rahul Gandhi, which is in fact Bharat Tdo and Desh ke Vibhajan Karao Yatra is creating divide within the country.

Rana said "Nation's sovereignty and integrity are paramount and should never be compromised. The commitment to safeguarding the unity of the Nation is unwavering, even if sacrifices need to be made".

Rana said the PM's vision of Sabka



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing workshop at Sunderbani.

Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas has galvanised the compatriots and motivated all to ensure Viksit Bharat by 2047". He said that the Prime Minister's commitment to inclusive growth is reflected in initiatives like "Make in India", "Start-up", "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan," and "Ayushman Bharat," which aim to uplift every section of society, bridging the gaps that have

persisted for six decades since the independence. For the past nine years, however, the thrust and motivation has been to ensure economic development that reaches every corner of the country's diverse society without appeasement or discrimination, he said, adding that the Prime Minister has translated this vision as reality on ground, which is why India is seen as a vibrant country across

the world, he said, adding that every Indian feels a sense of pride across the continents for the stature the nation has achieved in the comity of nations.

Referring to the role of the Congress lackeys in Jammu and Kashmir in different avatars from time to time, Rana said the people can see through the political opportunism of its allies like the NC and the PDP, who exist on the political landscape for just grabbing the power. The trauma with the three trios is that they are no more relevant in the political arena of Jammu and Kashmir, given their trail of mis-governance and anti-people policies.

On the contrary, Rana said the BJP has created a niche for itself due to path breaking initiatives taken for welfare of the people and progress of the both regions of Kashmir and Jammu. He said the Union Territory is close to the heart of the Prime Minister, who has a vision for Naya J&K, where opportu-

nities of progress are available to all, irrespective of region or religion, and without any discrimination or appeasement.

Chander Mohan Gupta former Mayor, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the aim of this programme which he said is aimed to spread awareness regarding the Centre's initiatives undertaken to boost women empowerment.

On the occasion Jasbir Singh Chib, National Conference Vice President from District Rajouri joined BJP alongwith his supporters.

Those present on the occasion included Neena Gupta, District President, Randhir Singh, Rajinder Sharma, DDC, Sangeeta Sharma DDC, Bal Krishan, Pritam, Sukhdev Singh, Capt. Ramesher, Capt, Bal Krishan, Yuvraj Singh, Rajat Singh, Sanjay Gupta, Ajay Gupta, Mool Raj, Capt. Ramesh, Pritam Sharma, Sukhdev Choudhary, Kafeel Ahmed, Mohd Kabir, Advocate Vinod and others.

Material & Emotional exploitation of Voter Citizen can be checked if Government Schools & Hospitals are made to "Deliver"

Govt. Schools are available still Child Education Allowance @Rs.2250 & Child HSA @ Rs 6750 is paid to Government employees

Educational Empowerment of Socially - Economically -Administratively "Depressed Citizens" can only reduce their exploitation in numbers

■ DAYA SAGAR
India not only got freedom from the foreign rule in 1947 but also shed the shackles of Monarchy and adopted a democratic system of governance through elected peoples representatives with the each individual adult citizen having same power for electing the government irrespective of cast, creed, , sect, religion, region and the economic status. Over the sanctuaries Indians had been ruled by the Monarchs & the Foreigners and at the time of independence though the Indian people were still culturally rich but large masses were economically , educationally ,socially and administratively much much down the ladder in addition to having faced the havoc created in an environment of religion based partition of India . Imagine how badly were the Indian people placed economically and administratively & politically when India got independence in 1947 when drafting constitution of India was started and was completed in 1949 with provisions for special political / administrative /social support for identified socially & educationally backward classes (SC and ST) from amongst the citizens of India (inspite of there being also provisions for Equality before law ; Prohibition against discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth: Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment etc. still even in 2024 after 75 years of independence not only many more backward / other backward classes have been identified where though not for political support (reservations) atleast need has been felt / reservations have been additionally provided for OBC/EBC/EWS more than what has been

kept for SC/ ST in professional institutions and administration (appointment in government services , even in promotions) . Not only that still as per government disclosures India have 81 Cr (81,00,00,00) Indian citizens who need to be provided / are being provided / will be provided atleast for another 4 to 5 years just 5 kg of food grains free of cost per month. So one can well imagine what could be economic status of majority of Indian population in 1947 and what has been the spirit behind the Preamble to Constitution of India which say < : "WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens: JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the 2 unity and integrity of the Nation; IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.>: Imagine the task that the present government has to shoulder even in 2024 to fulfill the task that the framers of constitution of India had set in 1950 targeting to get rid of any need for social/ constitutional special support for the depressed classes/ underprivileged Indian citizens in 10 years and is still unfinished.

Not only that Constitution of India is enshrined with fundamental rights (Part III Articles 12 to Article 35) for Citizens of India Fundamental

Right. To be brief there in Art13 provided a provision for safe guard against 'Laws inconsistent with or in derogation of the fundamental rights; Articles 14 to 18 provide Right to Equality , Article 19 to 22 provides Right to Freedom , Article 23 to 24 provide Right against Exploitation , Articles 25 to 28 provide Right to Freedom of Religion , Art 29 to 30 provide Cultural and Educational Rights ,Art 31A to 31D provides for Saving of Certain Laws , Art 32 to 35 provide for Right to Constitutional Remedies .For seeking cover of rights provided under fundamental rights the citizen awareness about the rights available & means available to



A Look through the Mist Part-I

secure and the resources required for that has to be there with in the understanding of a citizen or the citizen must have awareness and for that the citizen has to be also educationally & materially equipped. And if not financially and technically should be secure atleast educationally as well as health wise.

Similarly in Part IV of COI Art 36 to 51 lay down DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY which although are not enforceable by law / by any court but certainly enjoins upon the government to keep these in immediate vision while making the state policies since the principles laid down therein are nevertheless fundamental in the governance of the country and it shall be the duty of the State to apply these prin-

ciples in making laws like Art 38. says The State shall, in particular, strive to minimise the inequalities in income, and endeavour to eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations; and *145. The State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years.

And to add to Rights and Directives contained in Part III & Part IV of Constitution of India was added through Constitution Forty-second Amendment Act, 1976, s. 11 w.e.f. 3-1-197742nd Part IVA FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES 51A where Art 51A lays down that it shall be the duty of every citizen of India- (a) to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem; ... (e) to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women; ... *(k) who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years.] { *Ins. by the Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002, s. 4 (which is yet not in force, date to be notified later on).

So for all this the citizen if not well equipped atleast educationally , if not materially, will not be able to observe the duty performance of

the governments towards making available of health , education, social justice and opportunity cover to under privileged citizen worth making one strong enough to help others instead of continuing in Qs for just collecting 5 kg free grains.

General awareness, minimum common vision and meaningful understanding for with capacity to look beyond the minimum material & physical needs for physical survival worth avoiding any physical exploitation are the basic tools in general with which a voter citizen in a democracy has to be equipped which too can be achieved through meaningful education (not simple literacy) & good health for which there has to be a minimum financial resource available to a citizen , and if not available then the society has to provide the back up for taking a start which could not be 'religiously' enforced in a capitalistic society but the streams can surely be carved in a socialistic society where by law every citizen of the country is to contribute to common exchequer in proportion to one's capacity / earnings and the State tries endeavors to provide atleast the minimum basics for survival & moving towards self sufficiency to all citizens at the same rate. It is not out of place to opine here that the social backwardness too some extent also results from continued economic & administrative backwardness of individual / group of individuals which may at some later date get identified as a class or sect.

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