

Chandrayaan to herald India's quantum leap in global arena: Dr Jitendra

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HYDERABAD: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, MoS PMO, Department of Space, Department of Atomic Energy, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh today said, after Covid vaccine, Chandrayaan-3 will herald India's quantum leap in global arena and after India's success story of Covid vaccine, it is the Chandrayaan-3 mission which will not only reiterate India's indigenous capabilities but will also firmly place India as a global player to reckon with.

Speaking as Chief Guest at the 11th India Alliance Annual Conclave 2023 here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Indo-UK Science Conclave being held just on the eve of launch of Chandrayaan-3 tomorrow proves that India's partnership is sought increasingly by developed countries in several frontier sectors of science and technology.

India Alliance is a unique partnership between Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and Wellcome Trust, UK with a focus on building strong, world-class, biomedical research human resources in India at a scale where the country can make a global impact.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the impactful journey of India Alliance over the



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking at the India-Alliance Conclave on the eve of launch of Chandrayaan-3, at Hyderabad on Thursday.

last 15 years has strengthened the research and funding ecosystem of India and enabled successful implementations and interventions to bring impactful changes in the biomedical and clinical research ecosystem in the country. He informed that in 2019, on completing 10 years, India Alliance launched the Team Science Grants and Clinical/Public Health Research Centres to find solutions to the problems of modern society requiring interdisciplinary and collaborative research.

Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated that this year, India Alliance is completing 15 years of a successful partnership between DBT, Government of India and Wellcome Trust. He said, through a focus on excellence through generous funding schemes, India Alliance has played a major role in increasing the

retention of research talent in India, created a positive impact on Indian researchers' career progression, professional development, in addition to catalysing an undeniable increase in capacity building, impact on technology, policy and practice.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India Alliance has also invested in building capacity for research management in Indian research institutions, essential for strengthening India's research ecosystem. India Alliance has benefited more than 589 research scientists with its pan-India approach and has funded 137 different organizations in 48 cities across India. Another hallmark of India Alliance is its focus on fostering collaborations, both nationally and internationally, he added.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the schemes

have brought in foreign collaborations from countries such as USA, UK, Australia, and France, thus helping make Indian science and research competitive with global standards.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India Alliance's partnership with European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), has also supported interdisciplinary scientific meetings in under-served areas of research. He said, through partnerships with Cancer Research UK, African Academy of Sciences, and statement of interest from Swiss National Science Foundation, India Alliance has consistently catalysed international collaboration.

The Minister informed that under the aegis of Team Science Grants and Clinical and Public Health Research Centre grants, India Alliance has further facilitated international and multidisciplinary collaborations, which is crucial to further strengthen the nation's research capabilities. He added that the recent pandemic has revealed the need to have clinicians who are also trained in carrying out research. As a trained clinician myself, I recognize the role played by India Alliance to bridge the gap between basic, clinical and public health research by enabling more physicians to get into research, he added.



DGP reviews progress & status of UT wide CCTV Surveillance Project



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Thursday.

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SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh reviewed the progress and status of the UT wide CCTV Surveillance Project in a meeting held at Police Headquarters on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Armed J&K, SJM Gillani, ADGP Hqrs. PHQ J&K, M K Sinha, IGP Hqrs. PHQ J&K, B S Tuti, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar, DIG NKR Vivek Gupta, AIG (P&T) PHQ, Gurinderpal Singh, SSP PCR Kashmir Showkat Hussain Shah, DySP IT PHQ Junaid Hakeem, DySP (P&T) PHQ Sourab Prashar and Irfan Ahmed, Project Manager, IT Deptt. J&K at Police Headquarters Srinagar.

Members of the Task Force viz. DIG DKR Range Dr Sunil Gupta, DIG UR Range

Mohd. Suleman Choudhary, DIG J&K Range Shakti Pathak, DIG RP Range Dr. Mohammad Haseeb Mughal, DIG SKR Rayees Mohammad Bhat, DIG Traffic Range Jammu Shridhar Patil, SSP PCR Jammu Sargun Shukla and Sanjay Gaden, IT Consultant for J&K Govt. besides representatives of firms attended the meeting through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the DGP reviewed the advancements in the installation of CCTV cameras with senior officers and System Integrator of the project viz. M/S TCIL. Various aspects such as the civil and electrical works, the status of installation of hardware, network connectivity and storage were discussed in detail.

The DGP directed the System Integrator associated

firms to take all measures to expedite the installation and commissioning of the project. He also directed that the System Integrator should immediately place all pending purchase orders in order to make the project operational fully. He said that second phase of the project is already being implemented for which he emphasized on the System Integrator to ensure that the first phase of the project should get completed urgently.

Earlier, in the meeting Chairperson of the Task Force, ADGP Armed J&K S.J.M Gillani and ADGP Headquarters PHQ M. K. Sinha apprised the DGP about the present status of the project. The officers also underlined certain issues which needed to be resolved for the completion of the project on time.

Orientation programme on '10-Bagless Days' concludes at JKSCERT Jammu

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JAMMU: A three day Orientation Programme on Activities for bagless days and details of fun courses for joyful and experiential learning 'organized from 11th July to 13 July 2023, concluded on Thursday at JKSCERT Jammu.

10 bagless days is a fun based course envisioned in NEP 2020 to be implemented in schools in order to bridge the gap between the knowledge acquired in classroom and application of the same in day to day life following the practice based curriculum framed by NCERT for bagless days.

This programme was organized by Department of Art and Vocational Education, Academic Unit -I, JKSCERT Jammu under the mentorship of Prof.(Dr) Parikshit Singh Manhas



JKSCERT officials along with participants during the programme.

Director SCERTJ&K and guidance and supervision of H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director, SCERTJ&K Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of N.P Singh, Associate Professor, Kishore Kumar, Associate prof, Romi Kumar, Associate Prof., JKSCERT Jammu.

Welcome address was given by Romi Kumar, Associate Prof., Head of the Department of Art and Vocational Education, SCERT Jammu. While addressing the gathering, Kishore Kumar, Associate Prof. stressed upon the dire need to integrate vocational education into school curriculum and expressed that this programme will be helpful in developing aptitude and abilities of participants to implement this fun based course.

The programme was attended by 40 teachers/masters /DIET faculty from each district of Jammu Division. The three day workshop aimed at orienting the teachers regarding the implementation of bagless days in schools following the guidelines issued by PSSCIVE, Bhopal. The programme also focused on sensitizing the stakeholders about activity based learning and vocational education.

Resource persons namely Irwinder Kour, Assistant Professor, SCERT Jammu Division, Pooja Sharma, Yogesh Kumar, Monica Sharma, Rakesh Chobber, Sushil Hitaisi, Dr.Sabeta Kohli, Rakhi Atri and Ashok

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The training programme was coordinated by Sabah Rasheed. She was assisted by Pooja Sharma JKSCERT Jammu. Yogesh Kumar, AO was the technical coordinator. The organizing team included Mtr. Nahida Anjum, Manisha Chun, Manju Choudhary and Pratibha Janwal.

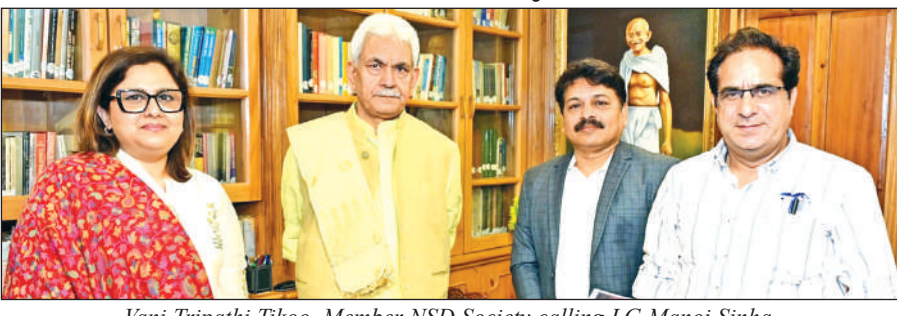
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Vani Tripathi Tikoo, Member NSD Society calling LG Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: Vani Tripathi Tikoo, Member, National School of Drama (NSD) Society, on Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

Tikoo accompanied by Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, Registrar, NSD and Ganie Gulzar, Local Coordinator, TIE Wing, NSD, Srinagar apprised the Lt Governor about the theatre activities

conducted by NSD in last two years in Jammu and Kashmir.

She also briefed the Lt Governor about future plan of NSD, including short-term courses for the school teachers in Theatre in Education (TIE). The major focus of TIE is to perform creative, curriculum based and participatory plays in schools specially designed and prepared for children of

different age groups. The delegation expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for allotting the land and dedicated space to National School of Drama at Lal Mandi.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of NSD and assured its representatives of full support and cooperation in their endeavors of promoting theatre activities in J&K UT.

We don't sell sentiments in politics, we deliver services: Dr Andrabi

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SRINAGAR: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday addressed a mega public rally of Bhartiya Janata Party at Langate in North Kashmir which was attended by a huge gathering from the area. Local BJP leader & Vice President of Langate Municipal Committee Jameel Ahmad Rather was also present.

Dr Andrabi was accorded a rousing welcome by the people when she reached the Langate Park at the site of the rally. Welcoming Andrabi, Jameel Rather in his speech said that she was the first leader in the contemporary political scenario of Kashmir who unconditionally resolves issues of the public without any discrimination. In her



Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi addressing a gathering at Langate.

address BJP National Executive Member & Waqf Board Chairperson

said that after the implementation of Prime Minister's vision for J&K three years ago, peace, prosperity and development have become the key issues of our government. "Whole world has recognised the constitutional changes in J&K, but political exploiters are feeling acute pain and as a result they roam around making senseless statements. New changed J&K is in the process of peace, development and prosperity", said Andrabi. She said that she had succeeded in fulfilling the public demands submitted to her by the local leadership a few months ago. Dr Andrabi spoke about her fulfilled promises of establishment of a Fire & Emergency Services facility, bridge construction and her successful efforts for Degree College at

Handwara. "Our politics is always the public service with honesty and we are committed to serve the people with utmost transparency. People have started actively associating themselves with the developmental and welfare programmes of the government and with the cooperation of all, BJP is slowly encroaching upon the false political domains of the dynasts", said Andrabi. She assured people about her services to the common man. Reacting to the surprising behaviour of some government employees who made all very sad.

Dr Andrabi later chaired a meeting of the representatives of the government departments and discussed public related issues with them and stressed upon the need to resolve the genuine issues of the public on priority basis.

Div Com reviews progress on Land Acquisition cases of BSF



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Thursday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners to assess the status of different land acquisition cases of BSF in Jammu Division. During the meeting, progress on acquisition of land for 135 ft. wide strip border fencing, acquisition of land for BOPs, submission of proposal for notification of Small farm fields firing ranges, acquisition/ transfer of land for BSF 161Bn. key location Plan (KPL). The Divisional Commissioner keenly examined each land acquisition case and sought updates from the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) present at the meeting. The DCs apprised him of the progress made in each case.

To expedite the process and ensure efficient management, the Divisional Commissioner issued instructions to the DCs. He asked them to

personally monitor and follow up the pending cases, while emphasizing the need for swift resolutions. The DCs were directed to provide an updated list of cases along with their current status. The Divisional Commissioner instructed the BSF officers to appoint nodal officers to foster coordination between the district administrations and the BSF. "Nodal officers would serve as points of contact, facilitating prompt communication and expediting progress on each case" he added. While reviewing disbursement of compensation to land owners, the Div Com instructed DCs to expedite the process and ensure 100 percent disbursement. He also asked DCs to issue awards pending in the districts. The meeting was attended by Officers of BSF, CPWD while Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sanbha, Kathua along with ACR and SDMs participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Azad pays tributes to July 13 martyrs

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SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday paid glowing tributes to July 13 martyrs. In a statement, Azad eulogised the sacrifices of July 13 martyrs and termed those as turning point in history of Jammu Kashmir as they remained unsung heroes to aspiring people seeking justice.

"No amount of words would match the sacrifices of July 13 martyrs as the day turned to be watershed in the history of Jammu and Kashmir," Azad said.



Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Data Talab, Birpur, MES, Rathmchak, Kaluchak, Sainik Colony, Raya, Utterbehni, Sandhi, Purnamandal, Gurah, Mandal & its adjoining areas Parts of Preet Nagar, Anutham Hotel, Parts of Gangyal, Jagti Town, Nagrota, Chibba, Sanik School, Jagti, Bhalwal, Roopnagar, Purkhoo, Gharota, Sainik Colony, Chatroo, Tharaie, Palmar, Ikhal, Dacechan, Banihal, Khari, Ramsoo, Ukhral and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 16 from 6 am 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industries, DC Office, Bainglad, Raiyan, BSF, Mawa, PHE and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 16 from 5 am 10 am.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industries under feeder-Kanhal, Kothi More, Palli Morh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 and 17 from 5 am 10 am.

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DDC Rajouri interacts with trainees at Rural Self Employment Training Institute



DDC Rajouri Vikas Kundal interacting with trainees at RSETI Centre.

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Thursday visited Jammu and Kashmir Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (JKBRSETI). During the visit, he reviewed the functioning of the institute and interacted with the trainees being trained in jute products udyami.

The DDC encouraged the trainees to make the most of the training to become self-reliant and contribute towards the economic growth

of the region. He also stressed the importance of continuous learning and upskilling to stay competitive in the ever-evolving job market.

The trainees shared their experiences and learning outcomes from the training program, expressing their gratitude towards the administration and the institute for providing them with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods.

They highlighted the significant improvement in their skills and knowledge in jute

product manufacturing and the potential opportunities that the training could create for them in the future.

The training programs offered by JKBRSETI are instrumental in providing youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to become self-reliant and contribute towards the economic growth of the region.

Among the others, the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin and Director RSETI, Raman Kumar were present on the occasion.