# Chandrayaan-3 to boost Space StartUps, Space entrepreneurs: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that suclaunch Chandrayaan-3 will boost Space StartUps and Space entrepreneurs.

Addressing the G20 Young Entrepreneurs Alliance Summit here, Dr Jitendra said, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi unlocked the Space Sector in 2020 for private participation, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) had made history in November last year by launching successfully India's maiden pri-Vikram-suborbital (VKS) rocket. He called upon the young scientists and youth of the G20 Nations to explore the space possibilities through lucrative StartUp ventures even in a Joint Mission Mode to herald a New Age of Space Entrepreneurship.

The Minister informed the gathering that out of 424 foreign satellites launched till date by India, 389 were launched in the last nine years of the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also added that from January

KOLKATTA: The J&K stall at the

Travel and Tourism Fair(TTF)-2023,

Kolkata is drawing huge crowds of

travel enthusiasts interested in

tourism products and services, the

UT of Jammu and Kashmir is offer-

The J&K Tourism department is

participating in three-day travel fest

Among the notables who visited the

J&K stall include, West Bengal

Tourism & IT Minister, Babul Supriyo

and Counsellor, Deputy High

Commission for Bangladesh in

Kolkatta, Riazul Islam. Counsel

General of the Kenvan Consulate at

Kolkatta, Pranay Poddar and

Maldives Counsellor in Kolkatta, Ram

Krishan Jaiswal also visited the J&K

stall and praised the natural beauty

and scenic spots of Jammu &

Representatives and leaders of trav-

as feature State/UT.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the G20 Young Entrepreneurs Alliance Summit, at New Delhi on Saturday.

2018 to till date, ISRO has successfully launched over foreign satellites belonging to major G20 countries including USA, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea apart from satellites of Colombia, Finland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain and Switzerland, onboard PSLV and GSLV-

mercial agreement. Dr Jitendra called for Public-Private Participation both at the national and international level, particularly among G20 countries to vigorously pursue the business in Space and other

MkIII launchers under com-

Dr Singh also pointed out that during the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States, it became clear that America treats India as an equal partner and collaborator in space exploration. He said NASA is today soliciting India's astronauts and

India is also one of the signatories, is also proof of India's great Space march. The Minister said, Prime Minister Modi, who concluded his visit to France yesterdiscussed with President Emmanuel Macron cooperation under key pillars of this partnership, including Space, secu-

rity, civil nuclear technolo-

gy, counter terrorism, cyber

security, climate change and

J&K stall in TTF-2023 at Kolkata draws huge crowds

Dignitaries visiting J&K stall at Travel and Tourism Fair-2023, Kolkata.

el fraternities of Eastern India includ-

ing West Bengal besides travel writers

and bloggers also visited the stall and

exhibited keen interest in the emerg-

ing tourism scenario in Jammu &

The three day fair brings together

industry leaders, top media profes-

sionals and the entire travel industry

the Artemis Accord, where

integration of supply chains among others

Coming back to the theme of the conference. Dr Jitendra Singh said, at a time when the role and importance of India and that of the Prime Minister is rising day by day, it is only fitting that the Presidency of G20 is with the country this year. He noted with satisfaction that today India is the fifth largest economy in the world and it hopes to become the third largest in the next 10-15 years.

Dr Jitendra took pride in the fact that India has a strong network of science and technology institutions and trained manpower. It has the third-largest scientific and technical manpow-

er in the world. India has over 1000 universities. India's GERD as a percentage of GDP stood at around 0.65 per cent.

Dr Jitendra Singh said during the Q&A session that the World has begun to expect from India and this is happening very fast. Giving the example of COVID Pandemic, HE SAID, IT WAS India who produced World's first DNA vaccine and gave to the world, besides sharing the COWIN Platform for vaccination.

In his concluding remarks, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the theme of this Summit is 'Hum' that denotes togetherness in Hindi. Truly, we are One Earth, One Family and in the above spirit, India in its G20 Presidency is committed to share its knowledge, wisdom and processes with other countries of the Global South. He said, as we all know, humanity and the world is concerned about climate change and therefore, we should rise above all differand work towards One Humanity, for which Science and Technology can play a vital role.

tourism departments, tour operators.

travel agents, hotels, resorts, adven-

ture tourism operators, airlines, car

rentals, railways, coach operators and

A large contingent of tour operators

and hoteliers from J&K are also

attending the fair for which adequate

arrangements were made by the J&K

CEO, Bani Basohli Development

Authority, Dr. Des Raj Bhagat;

Deputy Director Tourism Kashmir, Ahsanul Haq Chishti; Assistant

Director Tourism, Gulmarg, Javed

Ahmad and Assistant Director

Tourism, Batote, Arif Ahmad Lone

Government at the fair. The officers

briefed the visitors about tourism sce-

nario and the availability of new

tourist choices and products across

J&K, particularly the new 75 destina-

tions and adventure tourism activities

launched by the department.

representing the J&K

Tourism Department.

others.



## Chugh condoles demise of BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi's mother



BJP National General Secretary and Prabhari J&K BJP, Tarun Chugh offering condolence to J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and Priya Sethi, former minister.

with Yudhvir Sethi, Priya

Sethi, former minister & NE

member and other members

of the family, said that

Chanchal Sethi was a simple

and prominent social figure

who was always on fore front

to help the poor and deprived

He said that the demise of

Chanchal Sethi is loss not

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Prabhari J&K BJP, Tarun Chugh, on receiving the sad news of the sudden demise of Chanchal Sethi, mother of Jammu and Kashmir BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi, visited her residence in Jammu city to convey his condolences to the bereaved

Tarun Chugh, while

expressing deep condolences

only to the family but also to the society. Tarun Chugh said that the

people of the society.

Chugh prayed to God to give peace to the departed soul and strength to the familv members to bear this

ily is biggest loss but we have

to accept the universal reali-

ty that whosoever has come

to the earth, has to leave for

heavenly abode one day leaving others in pain and sor-

row. The vacuum created by

one's demise cannot be filled

but still we have to live with-

out the dear one.

### demise of anyone in the famirreparable loss. Chairman Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam calls on Lt Governor



Chairman Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

**Centrally Sponsored Schemes** 

Director Health Services, Dr. R.K Sharma chairing a meeting.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A review meeting of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of Jammu Division for 1st Quarter was held in the Directorate of Health Services Jammu on Saturday.

The meeting was chaired by Director Health Services (DHS), Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma. Deputy Director Schemes Dr. Sanjay Turki; Deputy Director Dentistry, Dr. Saniav Sharma: Dv. Director Planning, Deepa Sharma; Chief Accounts Officer. Deepshikha Sharma, Controller of Stores, Dr. Ritesh Khullar and all Programme Officers of Centrally Sponsored Schemes were present in the meeting.

The Chief Medical Officers of Jammu Division attended the meeting through video conference. A Power Point Presentation regarding deliverables and Centrally sponsored schemes was presented by Dy. Director Schemes.

The concerned Programme Officer of Centrally sponsored schemes projected the work done by the districts under each programme in the 1st quarter of 2023. The same was reviewed by Director Health Services Jammu. Detailed discussion was held on each deliverable.

Keeping in view the increase in snake bite cases during monsoon, the CMOs were directed to ensure the availability of antivenom serum in their districts. Similarly, directions were issued to intensify Information Education and Communication

activities to inform the people about prevention and symptoms of vector borne diseases, including Malaria and Dengue

Kashmir.

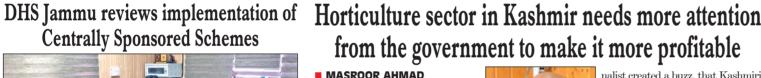
The Director Health Services directed the Chief Medical Officers to put in extra efforts to achieve targets laid down under each programme. Stress was laid on enhancing

Cataract surgeries, Spectacle distribution, activities under Non Communicable Diseases, Tobacco free youth campaign. school activities regarding tobacco etc.

The Director Health Services also directed CMOs to expedite the process of Bio Medical Waste Management. They were further asked to submit estimates for the infrastructure development required in their respective districts.

Special emphasis was laid on Information boost Education and Communication activities to spread awareness about National Programmes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, for which Block Diwas is a right platform where awareness to the community at large can be generated by installing health stalls.

The districts with low performance were directed to review their work done and overcome shortfalls for proper implementation of centrally sponsored schemes. All CMOs were directed by DHS to timely submit the work done report to the Directorate. DHS was satisfied with the overall working of Chief Medical Officers of districts.



from the Eastern part of the country

particularly West Bengal and beyond.

Around 400 exhibitors from the entire

country and many foreign exhibitors

from Thailand, South Africa are par-

ticipating in the leading platform to

connect, network and do business.

Among the exhibitors include tourist

organisations, State/UT government

■ MASROOR AHMAD

SOPORE: Reduction of Import duty on Washington Apple is not a big reat to fruit growers of Kashmir but import duty should be increased for betterment of Kashmiri fruit industry to provide a good and strong international market for Kashmiri apple. As we know that horticulture industry is the backbone of Kashmir's economy About 70 to 80 percent people are directly or indirectly involved in this sector and hundreds of well qualified unemployed youths are

employed to provide two end meal a day for their family. In a special conversation with Sate Times, The Kashmir Fruit Growers and Dealers Association President Fayaaz Ahmad Malik @ Kaka Ji said, that we are very hopeful thatthe Government of India will impose more import duty on fruits from other countries including Washington apples. He said this year the variety of apple like American is at the verge of loss as the major importer of this apple is Bangladesh and it has increased import duty on Kashmiri apple which is deep concern for growers. Fayaz Ahmed said that the apple harvesting season is about to start and we hope that this year central government will provide us with a special lane for fruit-laden Trucks on the National Highway. He said that many so called and self-styled jour-

nalist created a buzz, that Kashmiri apples are going to disappear from the national level market because government of India has reduced the import duty on Washington apples by cent percent, which is completely fake and fabricated just for views likes and share on social media.

April to June apple and other fruit production is satisfactory, we are in a fruit harvesting mission mode but we are requesting the LG administration to provide more cold storage facilities and facilitate fruit trucks . Some special arrangement should be made for smooth passage, so that our industry will not suffer like last year. "India is a vast country with a population 1.4 crore so we have crores of customer in these circumstances why should we worry about the market and other things? "he added. Fayaz Malik said that, there are many

He made an appeal to central government to pay us to pass through Silk Road to Gulf regions and other countries like Europe, so that our fruit industry can grow more and more in future.

He said, despite inclement weather situation in Kashmir Valley during

## areas in the country which are still inaccessible for our business connectivity line but in the near future we will try to connect, so there is no need to worry for Apple market.

## SMG organises meet of Excellence Group to honour its former officers



Director, SMG, Malik Tahir Gani and others at a meeting in Srinagar.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: State Motor Garages (SMG) on Saturday organized a meet of Excellence Group to honour the contributions and achievements of its former officers. The meet was organised under the visionary leadership of Director, SMG, Malik Tahir Gani and was held by the department with an aim to utilize their rich experience and expertise, incorporating their suggestions into the department's future endeavours.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Malik Tahir expressed his gratitude to the former officers for their invaluable contributions to the

department's growth over the years. He added that the aim of this meet is to carry forward their fruitful ideas in the department and looking forward to implement their valuable suggestions, ideas and experiences.

During the meet, the participants engaged in lively discussions, offered strategic recommendations, shared fruitful ideas and rich experiences for the betterment of department.

On the occasion, the former officers were also felicitated with mementos for their participation in the meet. A cultural programme was also organized by the department during the meet.

Madhavpriyadas, Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)

**STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Swami Chairman, Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam (SGVP) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha here on Saturday. Swamiji appreciated the efforts knowledge and culture in Jammu Kashmir. Earlier, Dr MJ Khan, Chairman, Indian

also called on the Lt Governor and discussed the development of Agriculture. Horticulture Animal Husbandry and allied Sectors in J&K of promoting the ancient Vedic traditions,

## CJ visits Bandipora; inspects Distt Court Complex, interacts with judicial officers, Bar



JKP contingent according guard of honour to Chief Justice High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh at Bandipora.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANDIPORA: Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, on Saturday visited district Bandipora and reviewed the functioning of the District Court here.

The Chief Justice also interacted with the bar members, Judicial officers and inspected the under-construction district court complex besides paid a visit to Childcare Institutions

The Chief Justice was received by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad; Principal District & Sessions Judge Bandipora Amit Sharma and SSP Bandipora, Lakshay Sharma.

On his arrival to District Court Complex, the Chief Justice was accorded guard of honour by contingent of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

During the visit, Justice Kotiswar Singh inspected the working scenario in the court complex and directed the staff of the court to update and upload data as data entry operations are very important for the efficient delivery of judicial services.

The Chief Justice also inspected the ongoing construction works of new court complex Bandipora, executed at a cost of 35 crores approximately. He asked executing the agency to complete the under-progress court complex before the given timeline of December 2023 and establish facilities for specially-abled persons and install power backup facilities by

using solar panels.

During the visit, the Chief Justice also interacted with Bar Association Bandipora and assured all possible support to the bar. He highlighted that for dispensation of justice, cooperation and coordination among all the wings of the judiciary is a must. He also complimented the Judges, and staff of the Bar Association of district court Bandipora for their exemplary performance in the district.

Meanwhile, Justice Kotiswar Singh also paid a visit to the Child Care Institute for Boys and Orphanage Home for Girls located at Papchan and Sunderwan, respectively, to assess the facilities and services provided to the children residing in the institute.

During the visit, he took a comprehensive tour of the premises, including the living area, recreational areas, and educational facilities.

On the occasion, Justice Kotiswar Singh interacted with the children and listened to their stories and experiences. He expressed his concern for their well-being and emphasized the importance of providing them a nurturing environment and access to qua0lity education. He also took note of any issues or challenges faced by the staff and residents and assured them of his full support in addressing those concerns. Justice Kotiswar Singh advised the children to prioritise their career and stay away from drugs in all the conditions. He also wished his best to the children for their future endeavours.