

Chandrayaan's exclusive findings to benefit entire world: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said, the exclusive findings and inputs from Chandrayaan-3 will benefit the entire world community.

Speaking to the media after the Chandrayaan-3 mission achieved another historic feat when the "Vikram" lander module of the spacecraft, carrying the Pragyan rover, successfully detached itself from the propulsion module in its onward lunar journey, Dr Jitendra said, even though the USA and the then USSR had started their Space journey long before us and America also landed a human being on the surface of Moon in 1969, it was nevertheless our Chandrayaan that brought home the pictures of water on the surface of Moon and started the entire world including the Americans.

"We always heard imaginary fiction and asked ourselves whether there were any people living on the Moon, but for the first time Chandrayaan's findings prompted the world community to find scientific answers to these mysteries," he said.

Dr Jitendra said that India will be the fourth country in the world to achieve this feat after the United States, Russia, and China, but India will be the only country in the world to land on the lunar South Pole.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking to media after Chandrayaan-3 mission accomplished "Vikram" lander's successful detachment from the propulsion module, at New Delhi on Thursday.

Dr Jitendra expressed confidence that the Mission is designed in such a way that there will be a safe landing of Chandrayaan-3 on 23rd August, 2023 between 5.30 to 6.00 PM.

Dr Singh told the media persons that Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission of Chandrayaan-2 and is aimed to demonstrate India's capability in soft landing and roving on the

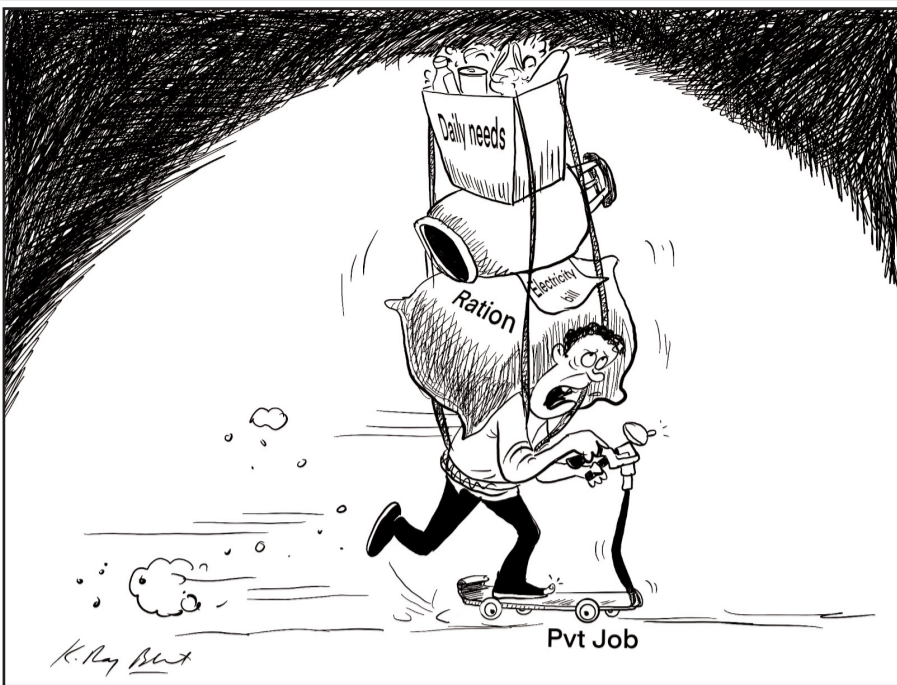
surface of the Moon or the Lunar surface.

The complex mission profile, he said, required for the Spacecraft to enter the Moon's orbit has been executed very precisely. After the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the surface of the Moon, the rover, which has six wheels, will come out and is expected to work for 14 days on the Moon. With the support of multiple cameras on the rover, we will be able to receive images, he said.

Elaborating further, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the primary objectives of Chandrayaan-3 mission are threefold, a) to demonstrate Safe and Soft Landing on Lunar Surface; b) to demonstrate Rover roving on the moon, and c) to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

The Minister recalled that the first in the series of Chandrayaan, namely Chandrayaan-1, is credited for having discovered the presence of water on the surface of the Moon, which was a new revelation for the world and even the most premier Space agencies like the USA's NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) were fascinated by this discovery and used the inputs for their further experiments.

Chandrayaan-3, he said, will be operating at the next level. The Spacecraft will use Launch Vehicle Mark-3 developed by ISRO for its launch, he added.



Expedite recruitment process in J&K: Sham

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JAMMU: BJP Vice President and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma and Chander Mohan Gupta (former Mayor) accompanied by Secretary J&K BJP Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan J&K incharge Dil Bahadur Janwal listened to the grievances of a large number of deputations and individuals drawn from different areas of the UT at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sham Lal appealed the LG administration to expedite the recruitment process to empower the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

He asked to increase the job avenues/opportunities in government/semi-government/private sector for the youth of the region.

The former minister also praised the Service Selection Board for fixing recruitment agency and expressed hope that all the vacant posts in



BJP Vice President Sham Lal Sharma and other listening to public issues.

various departments will be filled strictly on merit basis within six months.

Gupta said that that remarkable changes have taken place in the Jammu & Kashmir since the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35(A). He credited the vast development in J&K to the commitment of BJP leadership to genuine addresses the issues faced by the masses.

During the day long sitting, the BJP leaders were apprised of the grievances related to saving land from erosion in Upper Raipur Domana, opening of social welfare centre in Beli Charana, fixing crates at Khud, construction of drain, upgradation of deep drain in Greater Kailash, inadequate supply of drinking water in Barnai Road, Bantalab, construction of culvert bridge in ward no. 3 Khour, replacement of street lights etc.

Sham Lal Sharma, Chander Mohan Gupta and other leaders took up every problem narrated with the higher officials of concerned departments for early disposals.

Women power in India is growing like no other country in world: Dr Andrabi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Minister of State & Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday chaired the inaugural ceremony of the two days programme on 'Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education' as the Chief Guest.



Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi speaking at a programme.

Prof Yasmeen Ashai and the Principal of the Institute Prof Seema Naaz.

In her address to Dr Andrabi said that after centuries of adverse times for women, this era has paved the way for the female folk to regain the lost glory. "Women are born leaders. In India women are experiencing a rise like no other

place on the globe. We have the highest number of Women Vice Chancellors in reputed Indian Universities now. The AIIMS Delhi Director is a lady. Chandrayan-3 Mission has eminent women in the Board of Directors. Indian Women are now leading at home and at the global arena", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that in contemporary India discrimination in choosing women as the leaders in the education sector has ended and now women are getting equal opportunities in sectors of life. "The capacity building initiatives are necessary to infuse confidence in the women lead-

ers so that they are able to deliver with their utmost capabilities. In Jammu & Kashmir, after decades of discrimination with the capable women, equal opportunities are being provided to them and they are excelling in their fields of responsibility," she said.

Sibal roars like lion in SC to defend Article 370: Azad

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NEW DELHI: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday hailed MP and distinguished SC lawyer Kapil Sibal for defending Article 370 in Supreme Court.



Azad met Sibal in New Delhi and had an hour long meeting to discuss regarding the issue.

Azad told Sibal, "You presented the case of Article 370 very articulately, you were roaring like a lion."

Maintaining that he is hopeful of positive outcome from the Supreme

Court, Azad said that whatever the arguments Sibal presented in the apex court were representing the emotions, and aspirations of the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir. "Sibal became the voice of voiceless people, who were snatched

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JAMMU: "Narcotics Anonymous Jammu has been working to provide a way of life to an addict, any addict who wants to lead a drug free life," was informed Vipin Sharma, Secretary and Preet Singh, RDA Sosona India while addressing a press conference here on Friday.

SP City, North, Kulbeer Handa and Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Janwal also attended the press conference and assured all logistic support to members of Narcotic Anonymous in completely eradicating drug menace from Jammu and Kashmir and saving youth from yoke of drugs.

Giving details, Vipin Sharma and Preet Singh said that, the first Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Jammu started in 2006 in Garrison Church Gandhi Nagar, where recovering addicts meet to help each other stay clean and find a new way of life. And from there onwards



Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Janwal talking to reporters.

recovered drug victims are meet regularly and help other victims to make a comeback in main stream.

They said that their helpline number is 9086597717 and mail id jammu.ase@gmail.com and anyone who require guidance and help in this regards and can approach them through said medium.

They introduced 12-Step Program of Narcotics Anonymous

(NA), as its existence and presence in the different states & cities in India. The Narcotics Anonymous message is "that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live." Our intent is to share this message broadly so that those who might benefit from our program of recovery can find us, they said and added the primary service provided

by Narcotics Anonymous is the NA group meeting.

Each group runs itself based on principles common to the entire organization, which are expressed in NA's literature. NA's primary approach to recovery is its belief in the therapeutic value of one addict helping another.

City SP North, Kulbeer Handa during the presentation assured all assistance from police department and also detailed the number of FIRs registered, arrests and seizure of narcotics, by Jammu police in eradicating drug abuse.

In his address, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Janwal shared his vast experience of nine years in creating mass awareness among youth about ill effects of drug abuse in Jammu region.

He also put forth suggestions before the dignitaries to help drug victims in making way of living new life and contributing towards nation building.

Excise Deptt conducts raids at Brick Kilns, destroys 150 litres Lahan

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BUDGAM: Under the directions of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and the supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner, Executive, Kashmir, Tazayun Mukhtar, raids were conducted on Thursday at Brick Kilns of Nowbug, Chadoora, Budgam.



Excise sleuth destroying seized Lahan at Budgam.

of three Districts and other field officials, after complaint of manufacture of illicit

liquor in the area.

During raids, 150 litres of Lahan, 2 litres of illicit liquor and 20 kgs of Gur were found in isolated areas.

The consignment was destroyed instantly and temporary structures were frisked in the area for any more recoveries. The shopkeepers and Brick kiln owners were warned to desist from procurement of Gur used for manufacturing of Lahan.

BJP can't run away too long, will have to face people's raging anger: Bhalla



TNWA members felicitating JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla.

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JAMMU: Trikuta Nagar Welfare Association (TNWA) on felicitated JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla for his continuous social service in various fields and extended full support to former Minister in the forthcoming Urban Local Body elections.

Meanwhile, Bhalla was also apprised of the problems being faced by residents of the locality. The felicitation programme organized at Trikuta Nagar Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Center.

The programme was organized by PCC Delicate & DCC General Secretary Aman Bawa.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sr. Citizens Chairman Congress Krishan Lal Gupta, Sr. Citizens Trikuta Nagar President Baldev Raj Gupta, SC Verma, Dr. Sharyansh Kr Jain State Yoga Commissioner, Kuldeep Arora, Tilak Raj Gupta Yoga Inspector, BR Kundal, Ashwani Gupta, Sanchar Chand Gupta, Jagmohan Gupta, Arun Gupta besides others. Bhalla highlighted rising inflation, high unemployment and erosion of social fabric. He said during more than nine years of BJP government, inflation and unemployment have hit the common man hard. Bhalla observed that BJP

is insensitive towards the problems of the youth. There is resentment among people and the youths are angry. The history of the Congress Party is the story of adherence to the high moral and ethical pedestal in public life. A master dream seller that our PM Narendra Modi is virtually known for now was handed over the command of electioneering.

Urging Union Govt to hold assembly elections in J&K without a further delay, Bhalla said, "Selecting their own representatives to serve in the government is a fundamental democratic right that must not be denied to the people. We have faith in the democratic values of our country, and we aspire to the same rights that are enjoyed by people in other regions of the country." Bhalla promised that if the party is elected to form the government, it will undertake a series of initiatives to ensure social justice and economic benefits for the people.

He said, "we have a vision and a roadmap to ensure the economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. I assure you that we will ensure impartial development of all regions and prosperity for all citizens, regardless of their regional, religious, or political affiliations."

SED organises state consultation meeting-cum-workshop for 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference on promoting ease of living in schools

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SRINAGAR: The State Consultation meeting-cum-workshop for third Chief Secretaries Conference on promoting ease of living in schools was held on Thursday at SCERT auditorium here under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar. The workshop was organised by School Education Department (SED) for preparing State specific note for 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference, scheduled to be held in month of October-November, 2023 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of India.

Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Director



Principal Secy, Education, Alok Kumar speaking at a workshop.

School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain; Special Secretary SED, Naseer Wani; UNICEF National Head, Terry; CEOs, DIET Principals, members from Pijam foundation and Pratham also attended the workshop. While chairing the panel discussion of the workshop, Principal Secretary,

School Education Alok Kumar interacted with different stakeholders who posed questions on different domains of education like uniform academic calendar, school complex system, smart classrooms, creation of District Advisory council, aligning NEET and JEE as per NEP 2020, besides others. He

replied all the questions of students and other stake holders. While replying a query of 1 student on digital access, the Principal Secretary said that results of the class 10th and 12th stands uploaded on the website through Digi locker.

Reacting on the establishment of smart classrooms, he reiterated that, this year more than 1300 Smart classrooms, 1000 ICT labs shall be established, besides Virtual Reality Labs, Astro physics labs and other innovative initiatives are in pipeline. Principal Secretary further said that providing quality education to students, pave ways to further increase their learning outcomes and

bridging the social-gender gaps in school education is our main motto. He added that improvement in the manpower, through capacity building and mentorship programmes, ease in education shall be ensured.

He asked the concerned stakeholders for ensuring equity and inclusion at all levels of school education with a focus on Children with Special needs. He also stressed for reducing the dropout rate to a minimal value among all grades, so that the department may achieve the Sustainable Development Goal, by 2030 as per National Education Policy, 2020, which is the gate way for promoting Ease in Schooling.