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India is on the moon, creates cosmic history

World rejoices with successful Chandrayaan-3 mission

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WASHINGTON/LONDON/SINGAPORE: In a momentous achievement for India's space programme, the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar south pole on Wednesday sparked jubilant reactions from around the world, including the Indian diaspora. India scripted history as the ambitious third Moon mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) touched down on the Moon's south pole, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first nation to land on the uncharted surface.

Mukesh Agni, President and CEO of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), said this is a historic moment for the people of India.

"It shows India as a rising scientific power which will play an important role in



improving the lives of citizens of the world. It is a proud moment which we need to cherish as the world deals with war, poverty, climate change and hunger. India will play an important role in

eliminating these man-made challenges," he said. Girija Pande, Chairman, Apex Advisors Singapore, said he is overjoyed at this brilliant scientific feat by ISRO.

"It will make all Indians proud. It will open doors for India in the massive outer space industry," Pande said. Dr Leah-Nani Alconcel, a spacecraft engineer and lecturer in the School of



Metallurgy and Materials at University of Birmingham said Chandrayaan-3's landing is the crowning achievement from the investment of years of intensive work by ISRO's scientists and engi-

neers. "It is so exciting to watch this complex, cooperative effort come to fruition. Many congratulations to the dedicated experts of Chandrayaan-3's mission

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Modi hails 'New flight of New India'

NEW DELHI: India is now on the moon and the success of the lunar mission has sounded the bugle for the emergence of a developed nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday as Chandrayaan-3 landed successfully on the lunar surface.

"We are witness to the new flight of new India. A new history has been written," Modi said while addressing ISRO scientists virtually from Johannesburg, and described the Chandrayaan-3 landing on the moon as the "first light of 'Amrit Kaal' and the 'Amrit Varsha' of success". "This is a moment to cherish forever," Modi said, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LG, political parties congratulate

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and political leaders on Wednesday congratulated ISRO scientists on Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the Moon, which put India in a group of select nations that have mastered the technology of soft-landing on the lunar surface.

The feat has been achieved by the US, China and the



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Chandrayaan-3 created history, Tarun Chugh congratulates countrymen

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JAMMU: Chandrayaan-3 has created history today by successfully landing on the Moon. BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh has congratulated all the scientists of ISRO and all the countrymen. It is a proud moment for me, he said adding that this is today's India, new India, superpower India.

"#Chandrayaan-3 Made history! India's roar was heard in the world of space. While the eyes of the whole world were fixed on India on Chandrayaan 3, the hopes of 150 crore countrymen and the hard work of @isro have



paid off and India has become the first country in the world to successfully step on the southern surface of the Moon. Many many congratulations to all the

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J&K clinches 2nd spot in country by taking its count of online services to 913

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday announced the on boarding of 913 citizen centric online services on the e-UNNAT portal. With this, Jammu and Kashmir has attained second position in the country amongst States/UTs in the number of online services provided to the citizens.

The Chief Secretary stated that it is an important milestone in tune with the resolve of the J&K administration to provide ease, convenience and accessibility of services to the common man. With 913 online services, J&K has overtaken Kerala which provides 911 services online and is placed at second position in the country after Madhya Pradesh.

Under the 'Digital J&K Programme' that was launched in mission mode last year, the number of online services has increased exponentially from 35 services in 2021 to 913 services

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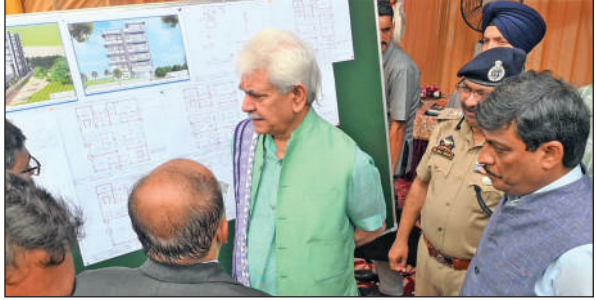
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of Anti-Corruption Bureau Headquarters at Sidhra, Jammu.

The Lt Governor congratulated the officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau on the occasion.

"With this new beginning, the government reaffirms its commitment to effectively combat corruption to fulfill the resolve of corruption-free J&K," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor called upon the officials to work

Lays foundation stone ACB Hqrs at Sidhra Govt committed to fulfill resolve of corruption-free J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha after laying foundation stone of Anti-Corruption Bureau Headquarters at Sidhra on Wednesday.

with determination and commitment to zero tolerance against corruption.

The infrastructure comprises of B+6 storeys includ-

ing parking area, police station central, prosecution staff and other allied offices will provide suitable space

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Art 370 has 'self-limiting character': SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said there is "intrinsic evidence" that Article 370 has a "self-limiting character" and it seems to have worked itself out after the term of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly ended in 1957.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud was hearing a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Really speaking, though the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir framed its relationship with Union of India, unless that relationship was embodied in the Indian Constitution, how will it bind the dominion of India or



Parliament for successive years after 1957," the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, said.

The bench posed questions to senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for one of the petitioners Soayib Qureshi, who has challenged the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate the provision.

CJI Chandrachud said in his view, Article 370 has two terminal points--first in clause 2 where it has been said that all decisions taken prior to the existence of the constituent assembly shall be placed for its approval and second, in proviso to clause 3, where it was said that the President can issue a notification declaring that Article 370 shall cease to exist or shall be operative with excep-

tions and modifications only on the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Interestingly, Article 370 is silent on what the regime should be once the constituent assembly is formed and has taken a decision. There is a complete silence. If there is complete silence in Article 370, then Article 370 possibly has worked itself out," the CJI said.

CJI Chandrachud asked Sankaranarayanan that if this reasoning is to be accepted, then it means that once Article 370 worked itself out, the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir will fill the void and that it will be the supreme document.

"Now the question will be, can the Constitution of federating unit rise above

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via proxy means.

The De-Addiction Centres are owned by a Punjab based group, which carry out sale of narcotic drugs in the UT via proxy means, in the absence of authorized doctors.

Majority of clinics are owned by Punjab-based Ashish Kumar and Shiva, who run narcotic centers in almost every district of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the investigation, one Nikhil Kumar was found to have been hired by Dr. Ajay Kumar as a proxy for a few weeks in one of the branches of Lakshaya de-

addiction Centre, as per the statement of Dr. Ajay Kumar. The persons hired by him are neither registered nor authorized to sell narcotic medicines at Lakshaya De-Addiction Centre in the absence of a registered doctor. The matter has been taken very seriously by the administration and action has been initiated against the proxy nexus funded by Punjab based traders.

Various other centers are running on the same pattern via proxy means and during the investigation, it was found some centers in

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Our effort not just to contain but finish terrorism: DGP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that 99 per cent infiltration attempts from Pakistan on the border have been foiled in Jammu and Kashmir this year, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said the security agencies are fully alert and working to finish terrorism rather than just contain it.

He said the border security grid is "much stronger than ever" with the addition of "new elements" to scuttle any attempt from Pakistan to push terrorists and smuggle arms and narcotics.

"A number of encounters took place on the borders (in the recent past) which is a



proof of the presence and alertness of our forces who are engaging them (infiltrators) at their place of choosing and neutralising them (before they manage to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir)," the DGP, flanked by Additional Director General of Police (Jammu zone) Mukesh Singh, told reporters on the sidelines of a function here. Security forces foiled several infiltration attempts along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir and Poonch-Rajouri belt of Pir panjal in the Jammu region in the recent past, killing nearly a dozen infiltrators and seizing huge consignments of

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Restoration of Shiv Khori will provide major fillip to economy: Sinha

'Past 3 years witnessed glorious rejuvenation tourism sites, offbeat destinations'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/REASI: Describing Shiv Khori as one of the most important religious sites of the country, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said the restoration, upgradation and new infrastructural facilities will ensure unique spiritual tourism circuit to devotees.

"It will provide a major fillip to the economy and create large employment opportunities for the local population", the Lieutenant Governor said while laying the foundation stone for the restoration of the Holy Shrine of Shiv Khori through virtual mode.

He added: "Due to inclement weather condition, I couldn't join the ceremony in person. I extend my best



LG Manoj Sinha laying e-foundation stone for restoration of Holy Shrine of Shiv Khori by JSW Foundation.

wishes to the people and the team engaged in the restoration work."

The Lt Governor appreciated Sajjan Jindal, Chairman and MD of JSW Group and the entire team for taking up the work for the restoration of Shiv Khori shrine. He said

the new facilities will ease the pilgrimage and increase the influx of devotees.

He shared the efforts of the UT Administration to strengthen the religious tourism circuit and to promote the cultural,

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.1°C Min: 24.9°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.1°C Min: 21.8°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 41

Sunset : 19:05 Hours
Sunrise : 05:53 Hours