Dr Jitendra hails 'India on Moon', narrates further sequence of activities

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NEW DELHI: "Hail India on Moon! Hail ISRO!".

This was the opening sentence of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also MoS Incharge Space, soon after the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan3 on the surface of Moon in the South Pole area, this evening.

Simultaneously, in a tweet which exactly coincided with the precise moment of the landing of Chandrayaan-3, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "While others fantasize Moon, we have felt the Moon. While others stuck in flight of dreams, #Chandrayaan3 has actualised the dream. Tricolour flies high in lunar skies affirming India's resolve, as articulated by PM @narendramodi,"Sky is not

In a brief statement to the media, Dr Jitendra Singh complimented ISRO Chairman, S. Somanath, Mission Director, Mohan Kumar and the entire Team ISRO for having placed



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh being presented a Chandrayaan replica memento by Principal Scientific Advisor of India, Prof Ajay Sood and DG CSIR, Dr Kalaiselvi after the successful landing of Chandrayaan3 on the Moon, on Wednesday.

India's national pride on the Moon in the virgin terrain of South Polar area, not accessed by any other space mission so far. He said, it is difficult for common citizens to understand how much consistent labour, hard work, commitment and passion have been put in while working day and night for months and years together to ensure meticulous planning and minutest details for the success of the mission.

After today's successful feat, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India has reaffirmed its position as a world's frontline leading nation in the Space sector. He gave full credit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for enabling India's Space scientists to vindicate the dream of their founding father Vikram Sarabhai by "unlocking" India's Space sector and providing a milieu in which India's huge potential and talent could find an outlet and prove itself to the rest of the

Dr Jitendra Singh further informed that the Vikram has landed in a hazard-free location with the help of its algothe tilt to the Lander is very small as measured by the inclinometers onboard. While the cameras onboard the Vikram have beamed the pictures of the moon and confirmed the touchdown, the confirmation is available from other other sensors as well, he added.

Narrating the further sequence of activities from this moment onwards, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the experiments onboard Vikram and Pragyan will be happening on all days and as much data will be collected from all instruments until the Moon's Day lasts for the next 14 On the Lander, the Minister

informed that the instruments in operation include CHASTE (Chandra's Surface Thermo-Physical Experiment) to carry out the measurements of thermal properties of the lunar surface near the polar region, LRA (Laser Retroreflector Array), RAMBHA-LP- a Langmuir Probe to measure surface plasma density, a laser reflector mounted on the corner of the Vikram for accurate positioning measurement of

by future orbiters, ILSA -Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity to measure seismicity around the landing site and to understand the structure of the lunar crust and mantle, LIBS- Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy to determine the elemental composition (Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca,Ti, Fe) of Lunar soil and rocks around the lunar landing site, APXS Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer to measure the chemical composition and mineralogical composition to further enhance our understanding of Lunar-surface and SHAPE - Spectropolarimetry of HAbitable Planet Earth to study the spectro-polarimetric signa-

Lander on the Lunar surface

(NIR) wavelength range (1 -1.7 ?m). Dr Jitendra Singh said, at the end of next 14 days followed by night and extreme cold conditions when the day breaks again, solar power gen-

tures of the habitable planet

Earth in the near-infrared

eration for Vikram and Pragayaan is expected to start again. Meanwhile, the orbiter is designed to withstand long periods of life, he said

Tehsildars. Later, the DC along with the entire team of officers of the DC office witnessed and celebrated the successlanding Chandrayaan-3 on the



Jammu Mayor starts fogging to check dengue spread

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JAMMU: To counter the increasing growth of mosquitoes in the city and to prevent the spread of deadly dengue fever, the Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday started fogging process at many areas of the city.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said that as dengue spreading mosquitoes breed on clean water so such water at homes should be stored in covered vessels.

"Wherever for the water which can't be covered, few drops of kerosene should be poured over it as it stops breeding of mosquitoes," he maintained adding that the people of Jammu should also use the services of doorto-door moving autos to collect garbage and they should avoid throwing garbage here and there as



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma starting fogging process at many areas of the city.

mosquitoes also breed on

garbage. The Mayor asked the public of Jammu to contact him in case of any help as the Urban Local Body is all prepared to help the people of

Jammu round the clock. Meanwhile, a three member team comprising Mohan Lal, Anti-Malaria Officer along with Ashok Kumar and Satish Kumar-both Sup. Field Workers has been formed for fogging to prevent dengue spread.

Today the fogging was Ambphalla, Sarwal and Subash Nagar while tomorrow it will be held at Rehari Colony North, Rehari Colony South and Bakshi

DM Jammu asks Tehsildars to ensure benefits of development reach public

District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya, on Wednesday chaired a meeting of Tehsildars across all Tehsils of the district here in his office.

The DM commended them for their past accomplishments and inspired tration. He asked them to put in concerted efforts to developmental $_{\mathrm{make}}$

accomplishments accessible to the public, solve their grievances while ensuring enforcement of the rule of law in accordance with their magisterial capacity.

The District Magistrate motivated them to carry urged Tehsildars to be

Outreach programme conducted by IT

Commissioner (Exemptions), Chandigarh

out their duties with fairness and moral rectitude and asked them to pay special attention to the maintenance of revenue records. They were also instructed to take strict action against corruption wherev-

The District Magistrate

er it may manifest in the

proactive, responsive, efficient and transparent in resolving people's griev-

The meeting was also attended by Additional Development District Commissioner, Ramesh Chander; Additional Commissioner(L&O), Harvinder Singh; Additional

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr

Arun Kumar Mehta on

Wednesday chaired a meeting

of officers to take stock of dif-

ferent works taken up under

Smart City projects and

meant to add to the aesthetic

The meeting was attended

by ACS, Jal Shakti; Principal

Secretary, PWD; Principal

Commissioner JMC, Deputy

Executive Director, Mubarak

Mandi Heritage Society

Dr Mehta observed that the

face of Jammu should under-

go a substantial change by

October 2 (Gandhi Javanti)

this year. He emphasised on

completion of maximum pos-

sible ongoing projects by then.

He added that these projects

would give a massive facelift.

to the city and would help it

emerge as a major tourist des-

The Chief Secretary

reviewed the pace on different

tination in the country.

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Jammu;

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Commissioner Revenue, Piyush Dhotra, besides

CS directs for giving major facelift to Jammu City before Gandhi Jayanti **STATE TIMES NEWS** called it good addition to the



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting at Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: An outreach programme was conducted $_{
m Jindal}$ Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions). Chandigarh along with Surinder Kaur Waraich Joint CIT(E), Chandigarh; Sahil Singh ACIT(E), Chandigarh and Vikas Sharma, ITO, Jammu

(HQ) at Srinagar. It was attended by representatives of various NGOs namely Elfa International, Human Welfare Voluntary Organisation, Sky Trust, Yateen Foundation, Kashmir Education Initiative and

and Manoj Kumar ITO

J&K Development Action Group; office bearers and tions and refunds along with members of CA Association and Kashmir Income Tax al and legal issues were also Bar Association(KITBA) taken up for discussion. hailing from different parts of Kashmir.

In this outreach programme, provisions of Income Tax Act related to registration, exemption, latest amendments, penal provisions forviolation, Supreme Court Judgements etc. with respect Charitable and Religious Trusts and NGOs were discussed.

As part of this outreach programme grievances of taxpayers related to registraqueries on various procedur-

related to NGOs such as donations, Section 80G approval, crowd funding, sensitization of NGOs about terror financing

The programme proved to be beneficial as it provided a common platform for Income tax authorities and the assesses to understand their respective problems and take appropriate measures to avoid unnecessary litigation.

IT Commissioner (Exemptions), Chandigarh, Puja Jindal charing an outreach programme.

Further specific iss etc were discussed

projects taken up under Smart City Mission. He took stock of the progress of work and simultaneously passed on several directions for early

completion of each of them. Regarding the Mubarak Mandi, the Chief Secretary enjoined upon the officers to throw open the completed portions of the heritage buildings to the public. He asked them to start the cultural and other folk activities in the complex depicting the rich history and traditions of Jammu.

The Chief Secretary also asked them to dedicate more restored structures to the public and enhance the overall aura of the complex by landscaping of the complex. He also asked for completing rest of the works by December this

The Chief Secretary took note of other projects like development of intersections, Apsara Road Gandhi Nagar, use of ITMS for regulating traffic, illumination of bridges and buildings, development of roads and other infrastructure besides works in and around the city. He recalled that dozens of projects were completed in the past couple of years which along with the progressing ones are going to make Jammu one of the best places in the country.

The Chief Secretary was informed that out of the total of 124 Smart City works, 80 stands completed by now. It was further given out that the work on rest of these projects is going on at a satisfactory pace and are going to be completed within the deadlines set

Earlier in the morning the Chief Secretary visited the Tawi banks to take on spot assessment of the prestigious Tawi Barrage project. He directed for increasing pace of work on this project and target for pondage of the lake before November this year.

He emphasised on completing other allied projects of beautification simultaneously to make it a go-to place for the visitors coming here. He also took e-cycle ride on the newly developed cycle track on the banks of the river and

eco-friendly atmosphere it would give opportunity of improving on health of the riders as well. On the occasion it was revealed that the Tawi Riverfront phase-I is going to be completed soon followed by Phase-II. It includes construction of embankments retaining wall with channelized section 250m wide and for a length of 3.5km on both sides. It was given out that

city infrastructure. He

observed that besides provid-

ing leisurely experience in an

raising of barrage height to achieve adequate water height (ponding) at Gujjar Nagar bridge is also part of it. Pertinently, the JSCL is developing Tawi River front as the most important project for development of the city. The 7 KM long river front is proposed to be completed in 2 phases. The first phase starts from 4th bridge to Main Tawi Bridge and phase 2 from Main Tawi Bridge to Gujjar Nagar Bridge. Pathways would be constructed on both the sides (banks) of the river to provide easy

Sarore toll plaza; political parties ask Govt to release YRS workers

Bhalla led Congress leaders barred to meet jailed YRS leaders DySP DAR Samba attached

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, former Minister, Yogesh Sawhney, Manmohan Singh and District President Kathua Pankaj Dogra on Wednesday visited Kathua District Jail to meet arrested YRS leaders.

On Monday, hundreds of Yuva Rajput Sabha activists held a protest demanding the removal of the toll plaza alleging that it was set up in violation of rules. Some of them even tried to damage the structure. police said. Police have detained 26 YRS members they said.

Several other organisations, including trade bodies, have also demanded the closure of the toll plaza.

On Wednesday Congress leaders led by Bhalla were not allowed to meet arrested YRS activists prompting them to protest outside Jail.

Bhalla said that BJP is facing unprecedented public resentment across J&K for its alleged anti people policies.

"Life and livelihood of those living on the edge of poverty is not changing for the better", he said and added "amidst untamed inflation and unemployment, the withdrawal of food schemes only

added to the daily woes of people". The former Minister said, "Congress is committed to uplift the poor and downtrodden sections of the society", he said.



Bhalla alleged that J&K has witnessed huge setbacks due to the revocation of statehood by the BJP government including seizing of jobs, land, and the suppression of political and civil rights.

Yogesh Sawhney said that the BJP has pushed the Jammu and Kashmir into unprecedented political uncertainty by

indulging in politics of hate. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference has vehemently condemned the use of lathi charge on people who were peacefully protesting to demand the removable of the Toll Plaza

In a statement issued here today. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K National Conference, asserted that the demand for the removable of the Toll Plaza from Sarore is well-founded

and reflects the concerns of the people. He emphasized that the citizens' peaceful demonstration for getting justice is a democratic right and should be met with understanding and cooperation. Apni Party today staged a protest

demonstration against the illegal collection of Toll Tax on Jammu-Pathankot highway in Samba district's Sarore.

The protesters were shouting slogans against the NHAI, and demanded that the illegal collection of the Toll Tax at Sarore must end, and the Govt must take legal action against the people involved in harassing the people on the highway.

Meanwhile, Government attached Aiav Anand, Deputy Superintendent of Police, DAR Samba, with Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu, with immediate

Conjunctivitis or Pink Eye cases on rise in Kashmir No need to worry, disease is seasonal and fully curable: DAK

SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Conjunctivitis cases have increased in Kashmir as more than 8829 confirmed cases of the 'Pink Eye' have been reported from different parts of the Valley during the past few

As per the official data, 4352 cases of Pink Eye have been recorded from various parts of Kashmir and number of cases in Jammu Kashmir is almost 15000 till August 10.

According to the latest data cases are increasing after every passing day and at present 8829 cases of conjunctivitis, commonly known as the "pink eye" have been recorded from different areas of Kashmir during the past two weeks.

Anantnag has reported the most infection cases followed Baramulla with 1415, Srinagar 1104, Pulwama 1439, Budgam 1004, Shopian 821, Kupwara 567,

440, and Bandipora 38. Maintaining optimal hygiene and emphasised frequent hand washing with soap and water, particularly after touching the face or contaminated person is the best way to keep healthy.

Doctors Association Kashmir President Dr Nissar-ul-Hassan in an exclusive conversation to the STATE TMES said, that for halting the spread of the infection, people should keep distance from those who are infectious. He said that we have seen in Monsoon season, number of cases of pink eye infection are increasing because virus got more active in this sea-

This disease is communicable and spreads very fast especially among student, who don't take care of hand hygiene, once they touch their hand on eye, they put it on the table in a classroom that spends a lot of

The main reason for this is that there is an epidemic like situation in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

"In situations where soap and water aren't available, opt for hand sanitiser containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching the eves to prevent germ transfer. Steer clear of infected individuals, as conjunctivitis is highly contagious. Refrain from sharing personal items and ensure surfaces prone to virus contact are regularly disinfected. Consider wearing eye protection when in close proximity to infected individuals. Employ respiratory etiquette by covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of tissues properly. Prevent eye rubbing to curb virus spread. Stay home if infected and seek guidance

from a healthcare profes-

sional before resuming

activities. Adhere to contact lens guidelines, replace lenses and cases regularly, and maintain cleanliness in Lastly, avoid swimming pools to prevent further transmission," he added.

Dr Hassan said that cases are declining now and those who are getting infected should self- isolate as selfisolation is the best way to control this viral infection.

No matter the number. there is no need to panic. Infection is completely curable, but hand hygiene and isolation are essential for control.

Conjunctivitis, commonly referred to as "pink eye" is a common eye illness in India and other countries.

A thin, translucent membrane that covers the white of the eye and the inside of the evelids, the conjunctiva. is affected. Eye virus is extremely infectious and spreads quickly, especially in crowded settings.