

India's G20 Presidency coincides with India's glory in Space: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: India's G20 Presidency coincides with India's glory in Space, said Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy.

"G20 Summit is happening in India at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as the tallest leader of the world. The Summit is taking place at a time when India's flag is flying on the South Pole of Moon, the first time any spacecraft has landed on the farther side of the Moon and the nation's achievements in Science & Technology, including the pioneering R&D success story in Covid vaccine, are being hailed across the globe," the Minister said.

True to the spirit of 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam', the theme of the G20 Summit in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the world today acknowledges PM Modi's mantra of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.'

In an exclusive interview during 'Doordarshan Dialogue G20' on the eve of G20 Summit here, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India is ready



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview during 'Doordarshan Dialogue G20' on the eve of G20 Summit at New Delhi.

to lead the world in more ways than one. For any future science endeavour, including in the Space sector, all the stakeholder nations of the world would need to come together, he added.

"If we have to go beyond this, we have to move on collectively, because we are part of the global world. So any further growth has to happen in a much, much extended integration. The main characteristic of the growth from here onwards would be that it would be largely technology driven," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

Pointing out that India's Space programme is now at an equal pace with the world's leading Space agencies, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the NASA might have been the first to

land on the moon, but it was India's Chandrayaan-1 that picked up possible evidence of water molecules on the Moon and now Chandrayaan-3 has for the first time landed on the South Pole of the moon.

"Chandrayaan is being looked up by the entire scientific community across the globe because they expect some new inferences being gathered from there, most from Chandrayaan-3 because it's gone into a virgin area. So obviously, the inputs, inferences that would be forthcoming from there would be of utility to all the other Space agencies as well for their future projects and planning," he said.

Dr Singh recalled that all the agreements signed dur-

ing the recent visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the United States were technology driven, - right from the Artemis Accords to Joint Expedition to the International Space Station and India signing up to the Semiconductor Consortium.

Dr Jitendra said ISRO has launched more than 380 foreign satellites, earning more than 250 Million Euros and more than 170 Million US Dollars by launching European and American satellites respectively.

"India's overall Space economy today stands at about \$8 billion, viz 2% of the global (market share) but the entire world is recognizing increased pace and that's

why the conservative projections are \$40 billion by 2040, but later we had the ADL (Arthur D Little) Report, which has projected India's Space economy to grow up to \$100 Billion by 2040. So we've started moving very fast, we are still conservative in our evaluation of ourselves, but the others' assessment is much, much more, which means that we have indeed arrived," he said.

Dr Singh said Space Applications is being utilised in almost all sectors such as Smart City project, Railway Tracks & management of unmanned Railway Crossings, Roads & Buildings, Telemedicine, Governance, and most importantly, the 'Svamitva' GPS land-mapping.

Dr Jitendra said that during PM Modi's tenure of nine years, India's disaster capabilities have become world class and we are providing Disaster Forecasts for neighbouring countries as well.

"Applications of Space Research in Disaster Forecasting & Management have helped save more than the investments made in the Space Missions," he said.



Baba Sidhgoria Temple Paloura gears up for 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya from Sept 14

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JAMMU: Baba Sidhgoria Temple Paloura under the supervision of Mahant Kuldeep Singh Maharaj is all geared up to host the grand 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya from September 14 to 24, 2023 while the Journey to Enlightenment through the religious discourse of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Mahant Shri Dr. Satyanarayan Das Ji Maharaj will commence from September 18 at the temple premises to immerse the devotees in divine bliss.

The 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya, Hawan Puja, Sant Samelan is being organised by Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from September 14 (Thursday) to September 24 (Sunday), 2023 where all the devotees will take part in Mahayagya and listen Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme.

Addressing a press conference Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji alongwith Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that it was great pleasure and a matter of pride that the 54th Mahayagya is being organised and invited all the devotees to get immersed in the religious fervour during the Mahayagya followed by Langar on daily basis.



Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal addressing a press conference at Jammu.

Giving details Mahant Baba Kuldeep Singh Ji said that Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Naryan Dass ji Maharaj will be held from September 18, 2023 (Monday) while other religious programmes will commence from September 14, 2023 (Thursday).

The religious programme will start on September 14, 2023 (Thursday) at 8 am with Jal Yatra followed by Mandap Puja and Yaga from 8 am to 12 noon on September 14. Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Naryan Dass ji Maharaj from 2 pm to 5 pm daily from September 18, 2023 (Monday) to September 24 (Sunday).

The Shoba Yatra from Paloura will start at 3 am and culminate at 7 am on September 24 while Puran

Ahuti and Bhandara will be organised at 12 noon on September 24, 2023 (Monday).

Baba Ji also informed that accommodation and food for Pandits and Mahatmas will be arranged daily by the Baba Sidhgoria Ashram Paloura at the temple premises.

The managing committee members include Varinder Singh Badori, Rampaul Sharma Pooni Chak, Ashok Singh Chib, Satish Sharma Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Vasu, Vishu Jaipal Paloura, Suresh Kumar Laswara, Sonu Baba Paloura, Jyot Baba Paloura, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Balbir Singh Paloura, Mohit Gupta, Amarjeet Singh, Deepanshu, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Suresh Kumar Rehari and Kuldeep Gupta Talab Tillo.

ADC Jammu discusses preparations for municipal elections with Nodal Officers

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JAMMU: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh on Friday chaired a meeting to discuss the preparations for the upcoming Municipal Elections here in the DC Office.

Present in the meeting were ADC (Adm.) Jammu, Sandeep Seointra; Joint Commissioner JMC, Kulbhushan Khajuria, SSP Hqrs Jammu Rannish Gupta, AC Nazool Jammu Vinay Sharma, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma, ACG Jammu Manisha Angral, Deputy DEO Rameshwar Kumar and several other District Officers assigned roles of nodal officers for the elections.

The Nodal Officers were informed about their roles during the election process. Threadbare discussion was also held regarding transport plan, security arrangements, communication plan and SVEEP campaign with various stakeholders. ADC Jammu directed Nodal officers to prepare and share definite plans with Deputy DEO within prescribed time limits for smooth and fair conduct of upcoming municipal elections.

Special focus was laid on training of EVMs handling and other election related duties.

Training of Officers deputed as Returning Officers shall commence from tomorrow at Teacher's Bhawan Jammu.

Div Com reviews land issues of Airport expansion



Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Friday.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar on Friday reviewed the status of land acquisition and related issues pertaining to the Jammu Airport Expansion Project here at a meeting of functionaries of the stakeholder departments.

Seeking the details about the Jammu Airport expansion project, he was informed that the land acquisition had almost been completed and only a few patches of land with structures and buildings

of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna were not handed over to the Airport Authorities.

It was informed that 20 structures have already been vacated by Animal Husbandry and 2 more were vacated today paving the way forward for completion of the project.

"Alternative land has been provided to the Animal Husbandry Department for shifting its hatchery and office buildings. The land has been provided in Nagrota and

Chatha areas" the meeting was told.

The Div Com instructed DC Jammu to resolve the issues on the allotted land to facilitate shifting of Animal Husbandry buildings in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Animal Husbandry, Director Airport, Assistant Commissioner central, Additional Secretary Civil Aviation Department and other concerned officers.

Digital Literacy cum Grievance Redressal Cell established in Relief and Rehabilitation Organization (M)



Relief and Rehabilitation Deptt officials listening to issues at Grievance Redressal Cell.

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JAMMU: Relief and Rehabilitation Department has established "Digital Literacy Cum Grievance Redressal Cell" in the head office and at the migrant camps/Zones under its jurisdiction and non-camp areas for the period 6th September to 9th September 2023.

The move, as per the R&RO, has been taken in compliance to the instructions imparted vide circular No; 25-JK(GAD) of 2023 dated 02-08-2023 for cele-

bration of "Brashtachar Mukht J&K Week".

All Zonal offices and Camp Offices have been notified as grievance redressal Cells for the convenience of the Kashmiri migrants.

The teams have been deputed by the department to various migrant camps/non-camp areas for registering the complaints/grievances and initiate suitable action there- of and also educate the migrants regarding the initiatives of online services

which can be accomplished from the comforts of their residences itself. Today more than 100 complaints have been received, subsequently directions in respect of the grievances pertaining to the department have been issued on spot and in respect of line departments, the matter has been conveyed to these departments for their early redressal.

The primary aim behind this initiative is to eradicate corruption and promote transparency and accountable governance.

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, K.K. Sidha through the medium of media requested all Kashmiri migrants to take the benefit of this initiative and to come forward and work collectively with the administration advocating "Brashtachar Mukht" campaign and thereby strengthening Relief Organization towards strong and transparent governance.

Outreach programme for newly inducted Accounts Officers, personnel held

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JAMMU: An outreach programme/interactive session with newly inducted Accounts Officers (JKAS probationers) and accounts personnel was on Friday conducted at Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Jammu on TDS provisions under the Income Tax Act by Dharmender Gupta Income Tax Officer (TDS) Jammu under overall supervision of Commissioner of Income Tax, (TDS-1) Chandigarh, Vivek Nangia and under the guidance of Priyanka Singla, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-TDS, Ludhiana.

The interactive session was attended by Bharti Sambyal Director Finance (JKAS Principal NZATI), Dr. Farah Anjum, (JKAS Sr. Instructor) and large number of JKAS Accounts officers.

The primary agenda of this outreach programme was to educate and sensitize newly inducted officers about their roles and responsibilities as drawing and disbursing officer



Dharmender Gupta Income Tax Officer (TDS) Jammu posing with other officers at a programme.

and various TDS compliances under Income Tax Act.

The workshop was organized to make them more efficient and to provide better services to deductors and taxpayers.

Dharmender Gupta apprised gathering about importance of TDS mode of revenue collections and share of TDS collection in All India Total Net Collection which has seen exponential growth in all facets over the years.

He stated that TDS mode of collection which is non-intrusive, but extremely powerful instrument to check tax evasions and augment Govt. revenues also helps in identifying

new tax payers, thereby keeping a tab on domestic base erosion and profit shifting. TDS compliance also helps naturally in widening and deepening of tax base. TDS provides a whole lot of information which enables data mining and analysis by the department extensively.

Dharmender Gupta advised the officers that annual returns should be submitted online well within due dates and every taxpayer should declare his/her income(s) honestly and accurately as this will help in ensuring timely compliance with the income tax regulations and avoid unnecessary

penalties or similar punitive actions.

He emphasized that every possible care should be taken while allowing exemptions/ deductions in computing tax liability for the year. Every document in support of claims made by employees should be subjected to proper examination. Income Tax Officer TDS also made aware about the serious consequences of TDS violations for the entity as well as the principal officers. In this program he focused on issues being examined by the Income Tax Department, specifically on fraudulent/fake deductions and bogus TDS refund claims

made by income tax payers in their returns of income.

He said that claiming false and fabricated deductions by employees attracts severe action under Income Tax Act, 1961 & IPC in the form of penalties and prosecutions.

Power point presentation was given by inspector TDS Rahul and CA Pawan Kapur.

CA Kapur gave highlights of newly introduced provisions under TDS and legal and technical aspects about new functionalities on TRACES, filing of correction statements for liquidating huge infructuous demands, Disposal of applications related to TDS mismatch grievance, Challan Correction, TAN closure, short deductions, short payments, non- payment of interest, late filing fee etc. Principal NZATI Bharti Sambyal thanked Income Tax TDS Officer Dharmender Gupta for organizing such important educational workshop for guiding future drawing and disbursing officers of UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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JAMMU: Reiterating that the Jammu interest will always remain sacrosanct and paramount, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday said, post Article 370 abrogation era has rekindled a hope and paved a way for this region to play equal role in decision-making and governance of Jammu and Kashmir, ending the decades old spell of deprivation, discrimination and ignominy.

"Delineation of legislative constituencies is a big stride towards political empowerment in general and the Jammu region in particular; with marginalised segments like dis-

placed persons of POJK, Paharis, Gujjars and Bakerwals getting a sense of belonging in the overall political structure, heretofore the entitlement of chosen few", Rana said while interacting with media persons on the sidelines of the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here alongwith Veenu Khanna, BJP State Secretary.

He blamed the Congress for degrading Jammu politically to the extent of playing second fiddle to elite class of politicians who did not spare even the vast mass of Kashmiris, least to speak of respecting the aspirations of this region.

Exploiting religious and

regional sentiments as per political expediencies has been their fort to remain glued to power. "While the Congress presided over the subjugation of the Jammu region, the Valley centric parties all along ignored the then two regions of Jammu and Ladakh just for having no base or stakes outside Kashmir," he said, adding that he kept raising his voice for the legitimate cause of Jammu during those gloomy times.

Rana said that he will continue to work for the betterment and fulfilment of aspirations of the people of Jammu region in the larger ambit of carving out 'Naya J&K' as per vision of Prime Minister



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues.

Narendra Modi.

He said the Union Territory is in the making of a real jewel in the crown of India with peace and normalcy dawning and bringing glory to the Valley.

The past four years of post

Article 370 repeal have witnessed huge transformation taking place with tourist foot-fall breaking earlier and making new records, thus bringing cheer in the lives of the people, not only across the Valley but also the Jammu

region too.

He referred to fillip in Jammu economy due to influx of record pilgrim arrivals for onward journey to Shri Amarnathji Cave Shine on the Kashmir Himalayas during the just concluded pilgrimage. The stone throwing and Hartal culture has been taken over by humming tourism and economic activities.

This has obviously rattled the power lorn political actors, who had been thriving on miseries and agonies of their own brethren, he said while referring to the death and destruction between 2009 and 2018 in particular.

To a question, Devender

Rana said that the BJP stand of 'no road, no toll, on Saroor Plaza is clear while the party has been emphatically pitching for relief to poor segments of society while installing smart power meters.

He also referred to holistic development taking place across Jammu and Kashmir as per commitments of the Prime Minister from time. The inadequacies if any are being plugged with timely interventions, he said, adding development and welfare being a continuous process will get further fillip during the third tenure of Yashasvi Narendra Modi.

"BJP has been on mission mode in respect of bringing

complete peace and normalcy besides ensuring equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir," Devender Rana said, adding that the milestones registered in the past four years stand testimony to the sincerity of the governments at the Centre and here.

Responding to another question, Rana decried the disinformation campaign of some political parties with vested interest, saying that they were generating passions over the issue of lands and jobs by hoodwinking public opinion.

He cautioned people to remain vigilant against the machinations of the obstructive politicians who had lost their political relevance.