

# Indian StartUps to launch Space satellites soon: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Oct 10: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology, MoS PMO, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra

they set out to address the limitless opportunities offered by the Space Domain. The Minister lauded the role of ISPA for marvellously working in developing and forming global linkages for the growth of

technology domain, is emerging as an important multi-faceted enabler that provides unprecedented reach. He added that many nations are today focusing on developing their military space capabilities to ensure its safe, secure, and friendly use along with deterrence capability to deny it to adversaries, when necessary.

Dr Jitendra Singh highlighted the constructive role played by ISPA in engaging with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Ministry of Defence and the three services to address their requirements and said that ISPA will play a much deeper role in supporting the capability and capacity-building initiatives of the Government in times to come. The Minister also thanked the Chairman and Director General of ISPA as well as their members for having put up a splendid show by organising this event.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering inaugural address at the "India Space Conclave" commemorating first anniversary of "Indian Space Association" (ISPA), at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on Monday.

Singh today said that Indian StartUps will soon launch Space satellites as well as satellite constellations and try their rockets.

The Minister also informed that five PSLVs are being domestically produced by L&T and HAL, while OneWeb is all set to launch their satellites through ISRO and NSIL.

Speaking at the India Space Conclave in Delhi on the occasion of first anniversary of the Indian Space Association, ISPA, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is safe to say that a Space Revolution led by ISRO along with the Private Sector and Start-ups is on the horizon.

Referring to a series of reforms unleashed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in unlocking the Space sector to Industry for Public-Private-Participation, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the strength and innovative potential of our young and private industrial enterprise will take a lead in the global space technology disruption in times to come. He expressed hope that India's young technology wizards shall breach new barriers in the field of Space Technology while

the Indian Space Industry in a short span of one year. He said, members of ISPA are continuously striving in undertaking policy advocacy and engaging in the reciprocation of knowledge and vision to make India a flag bearer in the sphere of Space tech domain.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, ISPA is acting as a major contributor toward supplementing the Indian Government's endeavours to make India acquire a leading position in the arena of commercialised space-based excursions. He said, for this, ISPA's role as a commune to deliberate interactions between the key stakeholders becomes a vital and critical one. The Minister hoped that ISPA keeping the motto of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' high will usher in important technological advancements and investments in the country which will eventually create high-skill job opportunities, while following the government's approach to Space reforms.

Dwelling on the strategic relevance of Space in view of recent global conflicts, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Space, a dual-use

## Div Com reviews winter preparedness by Deptts

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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today convened a meeting regarding Winter preparedness by departments across Kashmir Division.

The meeting was attended by all Deputy Commissioners, Director RDD, Director Health, Director Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Chief Engineers of KPCL, PHE, PWD, MED, HoDs of various agencies, officers of NHIDCL, BRO, NHA, SMC, PDD, other departments besides Additional Commissioner Jammu, DC Ramban and DC Udhampur. At the outset, Div Com impressed on Additional Commissioner Jammu and DC Ramban to facilitate the smooth movement of vehicles from their side particularly morning and evening hours when markets along National Highway remains abuzz which creates traffic jams and interrupts smooth traffic movement.

He also asked them to stock salt in advance that can be used to spray over road at Patnitop when it gets slippery due to snow and frost. Besides, he told them to put snow clearance machinery ready at critical junctions for instant action to facilitate flow of vehicles.

Meanwhile, Div Com stressed on CEs of R&B and MED to use new sophisticated machinery instead of crude snow clearance machinery. He exhorted upon them to chalk out priority wise

snow clearance plan and directed them that priority once decided shall not exceed or change.

He asked them to put the priority plan in public domain so that people shall know in advance about the locus standi of their respective areas.

Similarly, PMGSY and SMC officers were directed to enhancing the capacity of men and machinery for snow clearance. Pole directed that public should be made aware that no one should throw snow of lawns on lanes.

He directed for making heli-pad service functional in Kupwara and Bandipora for far-off areas which remain cut off due to snow. Div Com on the occasion also directed concerned DCs to streamline ticket booking and issuance of tickets in a transparent manner besides directed deputiation of staff there and snow clearance mechanism.

Regarding avalanche warning in hilly areas, Div Com directed for issuing advance avalanche warning for hilly areas so that damage to property and loss of lives is avoided.

C E PHE was asked to ensure functioning of WSS across the districts and stocking of diesel for DG sets for lift filtration plants. Besides, Div Com directed to provide logistics to staff stationed in snow bound sources of WSS.

Similarly, Div Com directed concerned for maintaining sufficient quantity of essential food items in stock besides asked for market checking to control black illegal profiteering by traders during closure of highway due to snow.

## JUTA suspends protest after written assurance from university admn

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 10: Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA) has decided to suspend the protest which had been started with the unfortunate death of Dr Chandra Shekhar, after getting written assurances from the University Administration on its demands.

The decision to suspend the protest was taken in General Body Meeting of the JUTA held today. It may be recalled that the teachers of Jammu University observed the unprecedented 18 days pen-down strike where teaching and research activities were completely suspended.

Later, in the Executive Council meeting held on 27th September 2022, JUTA had decided to change the mode of protest and also review the efficacy of this mode of protest after ten days and if by any means the house will feel that the administration has not taken corrective measures then the teachers will be forced to change the mode of agitation which would be aggressive.

It was decided that the teachers will go to the classes by wearing black badges and will observe total non-cooperation with the university administration with regard to NAAC accreditation. It was also decided that no official communication from the office of the Registrar will be honoured and responded till the case of appointment of Dr Chandra Shekhar's wife on compassionate ground is forwarded to the office of Lieutenant Governor by the administration and the Registrar is removed from the official position.

After the university gave a letter addressed to the president JUTA, that the case of compassionate appointment of the wife of late Chandra Shekhar, has already been recommended and forwarded to the Chancellor and also the letter has been sent to the office of Financial Advisor for fixing date and time of the interviews for the higher administrative posts including the Registrar, the Association decided to suspend the protest.

## India Post set to launch Parcel Packaging Services in J&K, Ladakh UTs

Irfan Trambo

SRINAGAR, Oct 10: The authorities of India Post today said that they are set to launch Parcel Packaging Service at Srinagar GPO and Jammu and Leh for the convenience of the people apart from the Mobile Parcel Booking Service to make the process further easy for the general masses.

In this regard, Chief Postmaster General, J&K Circle Niraj Kumar on the occasion of 'National Postal Week-2022' said that the Postal Department has been providing extensive and fast services in mail transmission of letters, postcards, inland letters, registered letters apart from Post Office savings bank services and is set to launch an array of services which are aimed at the welfare and convenience of the people.

"Apart from the Parcel Packaging Service, we are also

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planning to launch Mobile Parcel Booking Service, which is going to be a new thing under which the postmasters will go to the doorsteps to book parcels on the spot; bringing services to people," he said.

It was under the same initiative, he said, yesterday Shikara Post service for the people living in and around Dal Lake was launched and the same is going to ensure more convenience to people.

Post-Master General said that in the last 30 years, the Post Office here has started several new customer-friendly services like speed post, Business Post Express, Parcel Post, Business Parcel, e-Post, e-Payment, and Electronic Money Order. "These services are being widely used by the public and the details about these are available on [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in)," he said.



SAD leader Darbinder Singh & others addressing joint press conference in Jammu on Monday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

## 8 Assembly, 2 LoK Sabha seats be reserved for PoJK DPs: SAD

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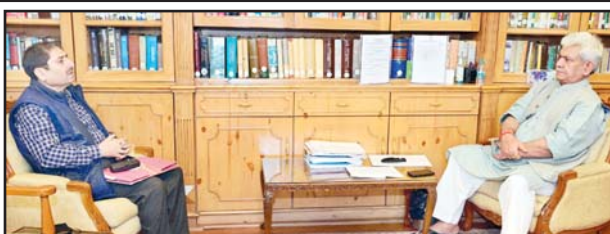
JAMMU, Oct 10: Shiromani Akal Dal, J&K and leaders of various Sikh organisations from J&K UT have demanded to reserve 8 Assembly and two LoK Sabha seats (DPs) from Pak occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

In a joint of SAD and various Sikh organizations of J&K led by Darbinder Singh, president Shiromani Akali Dal, J&K the speakers expressed anguish over the neglect of the DPs from PoJK, specially the Sikh community. They pointed out that Sikh community of J&K mostly refugees

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migrated during partition of PoJK in 1947 and settled in various inhabitants of Jammu and Kashmir, are demanding Pahari status and reservation on the pattern of minorities community and Gujjar and Bakarwals but nothing has been done for them so far.

The Sikh bodies were hoping that Home Minister Amit shah shall announce something for minorities as well as refugees migrated from Pahari region of PoJK, but nothing has been announced. In previous visit of Jammu and Kashmir by Home Minister at Digiana Ashram



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha during meeting with Rajinder Premi, son of Freedom Fighter Sarwanand Kaul Premi at Srinagar.

## Son of freedom fighter SK Premi calls on LG

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 10: Rajinder Premi, son of India's well-known freedom fighter, social reformer and litterateur, Sarwanand Kaul Premi, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here today.

During his meeting with the Lt Governor, Rajinder Premi put forth the demands for the construction of Community hall/Cultural centre at his native village Soaf-Shali, Kokernag, besides commemoration of the literary and cultural activities on

the works of martyr Sarwanand Kaul Premi, who was killed by the terrorists in 1990.

He also discussed regarding commemoration of his late brother Virender Kaul and naming a PHC and Sports stadium after him.

The Lt Governor observed that Sarwanand Kaul Premi was one of the greatest writers of the country and throughout his life, he worked hard towards national integration, brotherhood and communal harmony. He assured all possible support and assistance to Rajinder Premi on the matters put forth by him.

### Mobile Parcel Booking Services also in offing'



Chief Postmaster General J&K Circle Niraj Kumar addressing a press conference in Srinagar on Monday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

He, on the occasion, informed that 1432 Post Offices are providing services in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh UTs while the National Sorting Hubs are functional at Srinagar, Jammu, and the Parcel Sorting Hubs running at Srinagar, Jammu, and Ladakh.

"Recently Special Parcel Booking Centre has been opened in Srinagar GPO and more than 16 Lakh IPPB accounts have been opened in J&K and Ladakh UTs after the service was launched in 2017," he said.

He further said that there are 12 lakh Savings Bank accounts presently active in J&K besides about 20 thousand accounts for girl children under the scheme Sukanya Samridhi Yojna. "People are also benefited through Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance Scheme."

Further, he said, there are more than 1.70 Lakh PLI/RPLI Policies currently operative in J&K Postal Circle and that the Department of Posts J&K Circle has also started Road Transport Network service between Srinagar to Leh and Vice versa on September 23, 2022, between Srinagar to Jammu on September.

He said that the India Post has inducted the latest technology in Post Offices and almost all the services like booking of articles in speed post parcels, Money

utilize available funds for increasing their fish production in the district.

Joint Director (South) elaborately explained about various measures being taken up by the department to encourage more and more youth towards taking

"All the Head Post Offices and Sub Post Offices have been fully computerized. Further banking under Core Banking Services, ATM facilities are available in Post Offices," he said.

The Minister also informed that work on connecting remote landscapes by building tunnels like the Atal tunnel and the Zoji La tunnel will reduce carbon emission in the mountain environment.

He expressed that visiting Ladakh is always refreshing due to its beautiful landscape and magnificent mountains. Integration of science and policy is to be the core activity of IMI, in light of this, he suggest-

## Union Jt Secy Fisheries visits Anantnag; reviews PMMSY, other schemes

Excelsior Correspondent

ANANTNAG, Oct 10: Union Joint Secretary Fisheries, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Sagar Mehra, conducted an extensive tour of Anantnag to review status of implementation of Pradhan



Union Joint Secretary Fisheries interacting with officers during visit to Anantnag.

Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in the district. He was accompanied by Joint Director Fisheries (South), A M Tak besides other district officers and officials of Fisheries Department.

During his field tour, he visited dozens of private trout farming units and hatcheries and had a detailed discussion with the farmers regarding their progress and performance. He lauded the progress achieved by the farmers in their respective units and appreciated their self inventive innovative ways towards enhanced fish production.

The farmers apprised the Union Joint Secretary of their issues and concerns including some demands like establishment of fish clinical laboratory at district headquarters and Fish Processing Unit to encounter the disease outbreak and take away their fish produce to longer distances without any damage and spoilage.

Union Joint Secretary assured the farmers that all their issues would be looked into and sorted out in a phased manner. He exhorted upon them to optimally

## 155 R&B Roads transferred to PMGSY Jammu/Kashmir for upgradation

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Government today accorded sanction to the transfer of 155 R&B Roads with a total length of 1272.435 kilometers sanctioned for upgradation under PMGSY III 2022-23 (Batch I) to PMGSY Jammu/Kashmir.

According to the Order, these 155 Roads sanctioned for upgradation by Union Ministry of Rural Development, has been transferred to Chief Engineers PMGSY Jammu/Kashmir on "as is where is basis", enabling them

## Minister addresses Summit in Leh Involvement of local people must for responsible tourism: Yadav

Excelsior Correspondent

LEH, Oct 10: Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Monday said the involvement of local communities is essential to ensure environment-friendly and responsible tourism in the Himalayas.

Himalayan forests have been promoting peace for centuries. Tourism in the Himalayas should be promoted for nature and spirituality seekers and pilgrims, Yadav said at the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit being held at Leh, Ladakh.

"Not only environment friendly but responsible tourism is also the need of the hour. Involvement of local communities in tourism is most important for integrating such initiatives," he said.

The focus of the summit is to reduce the negative impacts of tourism while harnessing its positive contributions to building climate and socio-ecological resilience and sustainability.

Yadav emphasized that tourism should be expanded keeping in mind environmental fragility.

He said his Ministry has disposed of all wildlife-related proposals and applications submitted on 'Parivesh' portal to expedite the development journey of Ladakh.

The Minister also informed that work on connecting remote landscapes by building tunnels like the Atal tunnel and the Zoji La tunnel will reduce carbon emission in the mountain environment.

He expressed that visiting Ladakh is always refreshing due to its beautiful landscape and magnificent mountains. Integration of science and policy is to be the core activity of IMI, in light of this, he suggest-



Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav speaking at the 11th Edition of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit in Ladakh on Monday.

ed integration of uniqueness of cultures and environments to become essential part of such summits.

He also highlighted the establishment of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNHIE) and its one Regional Centre at Leh, under MOEFCC which is particularly mandated on research and development activities for sustainability of the Himalayan environment. He emphasized that various unique landscapes of the country like the Himalayas, Western Ghats and Thar desert need special attention of the scientific community.

During the event, capacity building of youth was another important aspect that was mentioned so that it does not focus only on literacy for employment but also on preservation of local culture, environment protection and developing scientific integrity among youth.

R&D organisations under MOEF&CC like GBPNHIE, ZSI, BSI, WII have been conducting research on various pertinent issues like plant genetics for rapid breeding, digitization of Indian flora and fauna and reintroduction of Cheetahs in India for correcting ecological wrong to ecological right. Government has schemes like Skill India and various portals like National Career Service Portal, e-Shram Portal, Udyami and ASEM portals etc., which are promoting financial literacy and integrated capacity building even for remote areas of the country. National Career Service Portal already has 1 crore applicants with 10 lakh employers which provided 4.28 lakh employment opportunity, largest so far. This portal is being further upgraded.

Yadav stressed that Ease of

living is as important as Ease of doing business and MoEF&CC is working on this. During COP-26 at Glasgow, the Prime Minister highlighted that world should go towards Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE). The Government is promoting mindful use of resources rather than mindless use of the same. Ideas for such practices are already available in our culture and traditions. People living in harsh Himalayan conditions have all these values and the region is not only popular for tourism but also for cultural harmony. "We have many strengths like Buddhist monasteries which are a symbol of peace in this world full of stress, depression, and anxiety," he said.

He emphasized that tourism should be expanded for various aspects keeping in mind environmental fragility, sports, mountaineering, cycling, peace etc. The recent World Forest Conference in US passed a declaration that forests are not only for enjoyment but are an important source of peace. Himalayan forests are promoting peace for centuries. Tourism in the Himalayas should be promoted for nature seekers, pilgrims, and spiritual seekers. Like Ladakh, other states of the Himalayas such as Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya etc. have unique aspects which should be integrated into tourism. Not only environment friendly but responsible tourism is also the need of the hour. Involvement of local communities in the tourism is most important for integrating such initiatives. All our activities should be round the year and our educational institutions should have formats aligned with it," he added.

## AJKPC reminds Govt about fate of two earlier outreach programs

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 10: Ahead of 3rd outreach program of Union Ministers, the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) today reminded the Government about promises made to people during earlier two such programs in J&K.

AJKPC, an organization working for the welfare of elect-

not pay any heed to the repeated prayers of the elected PRI members despite directions of the Union Minister and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

He said in the earlier interactions with the ministers, their organization was promised that all the pending installments of the Finance Commissions would be released without any delay and all the pending dues of



AJKPC president, Anil Sharma addressing press conference in Jammu. -Excelsior/Rakesh

ed Panchayat members and for strengthening the local self bodies has asked the Government to fulfil the promises made by the Union Ministers during their two visits to different villages and blocks of Jammu and Kashmir under Outreach Program that were held on the directions of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ahead of such third outreach program wherein over 60 Central ministers are expected to visit different districts, Blocks and Panchayats, AJKPC has reminded the Government to implement all the directions and promises made by the Ministers during earlier outreach programs.

Addressing a press conference here today AJKPC president Anil Sharma welcomed the third outreach program but also expressed the displeasure of the elected Panchs, Sarpanchs, BDC Chairpersons and DDC members as the officers failed to implement the on spot directions issued by Union ministers.

Sharma said it is unfortunate that local administration and officers at the helm of affairs did

MGNREGAs whether under Administrative, Labour or even material component would also be cleared. Sharma said after the return of the Union ministers, the local officers here did not even bother to pick up calls of the elected PRI members forget clearing any pending dues.

AJKPC president flanked by several other issues including formulating policy for different kind of daily wagers in J&K including PHE workers, Health, Anganwadi workers.

Sharma said AJKPC stands for all vulnerable sections of the society and it would continue to raise its voice. He reiterated the demand of his organization for formulating a policy for providing job to the family members of martyr PRI members who have sacrificed their lives between 2011 to 2022 for strengthening democracy in J&K.

Other members of AJKPC who spoke on the occasion include. Ram Saroop Sharma, Jentender Singh, Das Raj Bagat, Shahwaz Zaffar and others.