

## After Chandrayaan, India set to launch first Sun mission: Dr Jitendra

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MAINPURI (UP), Aug 29: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances,



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a public programme at Mainpuri on Tuesday.

Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that close on the heels of successful Chandrayaan mission, India is ready with the first Sun Mission "Aditya-L1", which ISRO is all set to launch, most likely on 2nd of September.

Addressing a public program here today, Dr Jitendra Singh said, with the entire world celebrating India's Chandrayaan

## JD Tourism leads 3-day expedition to Poonch; promotes homestays, adventure tourism

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JAMMU, Aug 29: An extraordinary three-day odyssey to district Poonch was led by Sunaina Sharma Mehta (Joint Director, Tourism, Jammu) to celebrate the pristine beauty of Poonch and



JD Tourism Jammu Sunaina Sharma Mehta posing with pilgrims at Buddha Amarnath shrine in Poonch district.

championed the cause of promotion of homestays, pilgrimage, rural and adventure tourism in this border district which is blessed with unparalleled natural beauty and heavenly adventures.

During her maiden tour to Poonch, Mehta paid reverential visit to the holy shrine of Shri Baba Buddha Amarnath at Mandi. Engaging wholeheartedly with the pilgrims embarking on Buddha Amarnath Yatra, which commenced on August 17th, Mehta gleaned their invaluable insights for future promotional campaigns of the pious annual Yatra.

Addressing the media, Mehta underscored the Department's unwavering commitment to nurturing pilgrimage tourism, border tourism, adventure and rural tourism. She conscientiously laid emphasis on the need to tap the immense potential of Poonch-Rajouri district and the Pir Panjal area especially regarding adventure gems, natural marvels and Sufi pilgrimage spirit of the area.

## CJM Reasi frames charges in forgery, cheating case

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JAMMU, Aug 29: Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Reasi Archana Charak today framed charges in challan produced by Police Station Reasi against accused Mohd Rafiq, son of Mohd Din of Daloyth, Thakrakote in forgery and cheating case.

As per the prosecution case, a complaint was lodged by DySP Headquarters Reasi Nikhil Gogna to the effect that accused who is a constable got sanctioned PCL Loan worth Rs 5 lakh and Rs 7 lakh in the year 2016 and 2017 by using fake stamp and signature of SP Reasi and deposited confirmation letter and salary certificate in the J&K Bank Branch DC Office, Reasi.

Accused Mohd Rafiq used fake signature and stamp of SSP Reasi thrice and made duplicate documents for the personal benefits and got sanctioned loan in his favour. Upon this application, FIR was registered at Police Station Reasi and investigation in the case started.

The counsel for the accused Advocate Rakeshjeet Singh argued that Investigating Officer seized photocopy of cash book which is not admissible in law. According to the prosecution

mission, the popular interest in the Sun Mission has also increased manifold.

Giving full credit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Minister said, all this would not have been possible, if the Prime

Minister had not taken the courageous path-breaking decision of liberating India's space sector from the shackles of the past which no other government had taken the initiative to do. As a result today, he said, within a short span of four years, ISRO's financial resources have increased, the number of StartUps have gone up from 4 to 150 and the credibility of India's satellite launching facility has

greatly enhanced. He said, along with the historical Heritage

great saints and sufis like Chote Shah Shrine Sakhi Maidan, Ramkund Temple Mankote, Sain Miran Shrine, Nangali Sahib Gurudwara, Dashnami Akhara, Nav Greh Temple and many more, along with the historical Heritage



Tibetan Parliament delegation during interaction with JCCI team in Jammu.

Mughal Road, the unparalleled pristine Alpine Lakes, Banjhadari meadow, Nurpur meadow, Noor-i-Chhamb Waterfall, Nandishool waterfall which is also a frozen waterfall during winters, Tatakuti Peak and other natural marvels of immense beauty.

In a groundbreaking initiative, one-day Homestay Promotional Camp was organized in the enchanting Loran Mandi area of Poonch district. The presence of Joint Director Tourism Jammu marked this event as a testament to the Department's unwavering dedication towards promoting Homestay and rural tourism in the area. It heralded the dawn of a new era in tourism prosperity, one that promises to uplift the local homestay industry.

During her engagement with the locals, Mehta passionately encouraged all stakeholders and the local community to step forward and actively get their homes registered with the Tourism Department to welcome visitors and tourists to their homes and showcase the local culture and ethos.

The issue involved in all the twelve appeals was with regard to alleged forgery of CDRs by an official of the Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bijbehara Anantnag, used by the contractors for production of the same along-with the tender documents for allotment of various development works undertaken by the Engineering Departments.

"On a cumulative analysis of the evidence brought on record by the prosecution and on consideration of rival submissions made by the counsel for the parties, it is found that there is no sufficient and cogent evidence to record conviction of the respondent-officials. The trial court had correctly recorded that the CDRs in question though bear similarity/conformity with the CDRs seized in the parent case, as such, by no stretch of imagination, guilt can be fastened upon any of the respondent-officials in the instant case particularly in the absence of examination of handwriting expert", Justice Chowdhary recorded.

The Court said the judgments under challenge in all the appeals, seems to have been passed assigning sufficient and good reasons and this Court does not find any occasion to interfere with the well reasoned judgment passed by the trial court.

Justice Chowdhary said that the prosecution had, though, examined the prosecution witnesses and also placed on record documentary evidence, however, there being no oral direct incriminating evidence against any of the accused as such the prosecution cannot be said to have proved its case before the trial court.

## J&K clinches top spot in country in number of citizen-centric online services

\* We have created new benchmark in e-Governance Service Delivery: LG

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SRINAGAR/JAMMU, Aug 29: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, formally announced the landmark achievement of reaching 1016 citizen centric services being provided in online mode making Jammu and Kashmir first amongst all States/UTs in

es to the common man ushering in a new era of digital governance.

"J&K creates a new benchmark in e-Governance Service Delivery with 1016 services now made available online. Digital transformation of the UT is guided by the principle of people-first and our aim to



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the number of e-services being provided to citizens.

The Lt Governor said that it was a milestone achievement in tune with the commitment and resolve of the J&K administration to provide ease, convenience and accessibility of services

empower the common man. This historic achievement is testimony to our commitment to transform the social landscape and enhance citizen's satisfaction, ensure transparency and accountability in the system and empower the aspirational and talented youth and women," the Lt Governor said.

It was informed that J&K has overtaken MP to become number one amongst States / UTs in the country in the number of online services provided to citizens. Under the Digital J&K programme launched in mission mode last year, the number of online services has increased exponentially from 174 services in July, 2022 to 1016 services as on date with nearly 500 percent increase in just one year.

The Lt Governor noted that remarkable digital journey of J&K and the resultant transformation from a laggard status in e-governance to a leading position in such a short span of time is unprecedented. This has brought about a paradigm shift resulting in increased transparency, accountability and efficiency at all levels, he said.

As a result of purposeful and focused action, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an exceptional increase in volume and uptake of e-services which has transformed the government-citizen interface as never before. There has been a palpable reduction in corruption and increase in citizen satisfaction which is being regularly monitored through a citizen feedback mechanism.

It is the adoption of a robust model of e-Governance - not just automation but citizen-centric approach by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir which has resulted in an exponential rise in the number of online services and availability of services 24 x 7 x 365. Integration with systems like Digilocker, Aadhaar, e-payment/SMS Gateways has enhanced the ease of living and

traumatized by systematic violations of their most fundamental human rights and threat to their distinct culture and national identity since China occupied Tibet (CoT).

They also said that at present half of the migrated population of Tibet is settled in India. The Government of India has already highlighted our issues and we also request your Association that our cause should be highlighted at an appropriate level.

President JCCI said that your demands are very genuine and every country has the right of freedom and China should declare Tibet as an independent country. He assured the visiting MPs that demands put before the Chamber shall be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

The other office bearers present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, senior vice president, Rajeev Gupta junior vice president, Manish Gupta secretary general, Rajesh Gupta - secretary and Rajesh Gupta-treasurer.

## HC upholds acquittal of PHE, PWD officials in forged CDRs clearance case

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29 High Court has upheld acquittal of various officials of PHE and PWD (R&B) Department who were accused of submitting forged CDRs which were cleared by the Central Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Justice M A Chowdhary dismissed almost 12 appeals filed by the prosecution-state in a common judgment and upheld the judgment of the trial court whereby all the officials were acquitted on account of lack of evidence by the prosecution.

The facts of the case in all the appeals is that one Ghulam Mustafa Wani the then General Manager of Central Cooperative Bank Ltd Anantnag, found two forged and fictitious CDRs (Cash Deposit Receipts) pledged in favour of the Superintending Engineer PHE Khanabal, having been cleared by the said authority, when they were presented before Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. Branch Bijbehara and it was alleged that besides these two forged CDRs, 21 such like CDRs had been seized from the office of Technical Officer to Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Kashmir, which on their verification from CC Bank Branch Bijbehara were found forged and having not been issued by the Bank but were found to have been forged by someone deceitfully and under a deep conspiracy.

During the investigation of the case and on verification, the CDRs bearing Nos. 30031 and 30032 were found to be forged and fictitious, and besides this, during the course of investigation, 15 more CDRs were seized, which upon verification were also found fake and fictitious and Out of these 15 CDRs, one had been seized from PHE Khanabal and the other 14 CDRs had been seized from the office of Chief Engineer R&B.

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convenience of citizens obviating the need to visit government offices. The seriousness of the Government's resolve can be gauged from the fact that the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), 2011 has been amended to bring online services under its ambit. Around 300 services have been brought under the auto-escalation mechanism for ensuring time-bound delivery of services and penalties for delays in service delivery.

## Sinha's greetings on Raksha Bandhan

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings to the people on the eve of Raksha Bandhan.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, I extend my greetings and good wishes to the people."

Raksha Bandhan is the celebration of the unique bond between brothers and sisters. Rakhi symbolizes love, compassion, affection and mutual trust between sisters and brothers. May the spirit of this festival strengthen the familial bond, unity, harmony and brotherhood in the society and usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for all," the Lt Governor said.

Taking a leap forward in mobile Governance, the recently launched mobile application 'Mobile Dost' provides all online services through mobile phones and has a bilingual interface. Moving towards digital inclusion another landmark initiative is the launch of 'Digi-Dost' - a mechanism for doorstep delivery of citizen-centric services by leveraging the ubiquitous presence of Common Services Centres (CSC).

The Lieutenant Governor commended the efforts of all departments of the J&K Government for developing, designing and deploying online services and particularly the IT Department, JaKeGA and NIC for spearheading the Digital J&K mission. He stressed upon the need to ensure proper assessment of citizen feedback and to continually monitor the quality of services.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, exhorted the officials to identify the areas where online services should be developed for citizens for bringing about social transformation and transparency. He further directed that an intensive IEC campaign be launched to inform the public about the digital initiatives and for greater uptake of the online services.

Addressing the maiden meeting, Vice-Chancellor, Prof A Ravinder Nath presented the futuristic agenda of the university and informed that CUK is creating a Bureau of Academic Affairs, to provide a broad framework for the curriculum development specifically on scheme of instruction, examination and evaluation and to keep the higher education at par with the global standards. He said the varsity is establishing a School of Honors and Finishing Studies, to nurture the talent pool and prepare the aspiring students with required employable skills.

The varsity is also creating a Bureau of Research Affairs to provide directions and strategies for the promotion of competitive research and to strengthen the Departmental Research Committees for promoting result-oriented frameworks that support the sustainability of the research base.

Prof R Ravinder Nath said, a Bureau of Human Resources, is also being established to develop a policy framework for identifying and attracting the talent pool of work force and to create the various positions.

The members were also informed about the recognition of Teacher Education courses by NCTE and its approval for ITEP (BA-B Ed) four-year course from the session 2023-24, establishment of Center for Information Technology (CIT), modification of the Official Logo of the University and setting the target 100 Days for Launching of Academic & Administrative Reforms.

The participants advised that the university should focus on infrastructure development and academics, and also explore PPP for housing.

Planning and Development Officer, Prof. S Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, took up the agenda items of the meeting.

## CBJ arrests 3 absconders after 23 years

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JAMMU, Aug 29: A special team of Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Jammu (CBJ) has arrested three individuals accused of cheating people of their hard-earned money after 23 years.

The case FIR number 02/2001 registered under Sections 420 and 120-B of the RPC at Police Station CB Jammu, involves allegations of cheating people through a private finance company. The accused allegedly enticed individuals by promising to double their investments within a few years.

The arrested absconders have been identified as Azhar Abbas and Adil Mirza, brothers, and Night Azhar, wife of Azhar Abbas, all residents of Mufi Bagh, Barzee, Harwan, Srinagar.

According to a CBJ spokesperson, the arrested individuals managed to elude authorities for more than two decades by continuously changing their locations within Kashmir and in Mumbai to avoid



Sadhus led by Mahant Deependra Giri Ji performing Chhari Puja at Sheshnag on Tuesday.

## Chhari Mubarak reaches Sheshnag, will have darshan on Aug 31

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JAMMU, Aug 29: Chhari Mubarak, the Saffron robed holy mace of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati which has started its final journey to cave shrine on August 26 from Dashnami Akhara Srinagar has reached Sheshnag today.

Led by Mahant Deependra Giri Ji Maharaj, the custodian of holy mace and founder of True Trust which makes arrangements for boarding and lodging of devotees and Sadhus accompanying holy mace to cave shrine held Puja at the bank of Sheshnag by chanting the Vedic hymns. Besides, the Sadhus and other devotees, Sevadars and Bhandara people joined the Puja.

In the evening, Aarti was held at Sheshnag by Sadhus and devotees led by Mahant Ji. On the occasion, prayers were held for prosperity of mankind also.

Earlier, Chhari Mubarak left Chandanwari early this morning towards Sheshnag. The Chhari Mubarak after a night halt at Sheshnag today will leave for



CUK Vice-Chancellor chairing Planning & Monitoring Board meeting of the university on Tuesday.

## Planning & Monitoring Board meeting of CUK takes important decisions

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: The 10th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB) of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK), which was held at SKICC today under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor, Prof A Ravinder Nath, took important decisions.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chancellor JUST, Prof Shakeel A Romsho; Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University, Prof Sunaina Singh; Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof Qayyum Hussain; Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof Umesh Rai; former Director, Academic Audit, Osmania University, Prof C Vishnuvardhan; Joint Secretary, UGC, Prof Shakeel Ahmed; Dr Gitanjali J Angmo, Dean and CEO, HIAL; Dean Academic Affairs, Prof Shahid Rasool; Registrar, Prof M Afzal Zargar; Registrar NIT, Prof Kaiser Bukhari; Dean School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Prof Wali Muhammad Shah; Head Deptt of Management Studies, Prof Abdul Gani; Planning and Development Officer, Prof S Zahoor Ahmad Geelani; Finance Officer, Dr Mehraj ud Din Shah and other functionaries of the university.

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