



Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan addressing a gathering at the inauguration of the two-day Loka Sabha (LKS), a common platform for Keralaites living across the globe, at the Legislator's Assembly Complex in Thiruvananthapuram.

Chandrayaan-2 mission on schedule: ISRO

SRIHARIKOTA (AP), JAN 12—The Indian Space Research Organisation today said the Chandrayaan-2 mission is on schedule and flight models are going through various tests. In Chandrayaan-2, the country's second mission to the Moon, ISRO is planning to rove to explore the lunar surface. "It is on schedule. We have to find out whether it is in March or not," ISRO Chairman S Kiran Kumar told reporters here in a response to a question.

Speaking after the successful orbiting of 31 satellites, including weather observation Cartosat-2 Series craft, by the PSLV-C40, he said the Chandrayaan-2 satellite was getting ready at the ISRO Satellite Centre.

The flight models were going through various levels of tests, he added.

It would comprise an orbiter, lander and six-wheeled rover which would move around the landing site and instruments on it would send back data that it would be using in analysing the lunar soil.

After reaching the lunar orbit, the lander housing the rover will separate from the orbiter. After a controlled descent, the lander will soft land on the lunar surface at a specified site and deploy the rover. Director of ISRO's

Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu S Somnath said tests related to Chandrayaan-2 were underway at the centre also. "What we are trying to do is to prove the ability to do a soft landing (the rover). Tests are on to demonstrate soft landing in a simulated way," he said. Terming it as a "wonderful task," he said "we are trying to complete it in a short span of time and that is going on right now".

To a query on whether there was possibility of ISRO carrying out manned space mission, Kumar said, "The possibility was always there for taking up such a mission but the government has to decide by giving resources."

On the future launches to be taken up by ISRO in 2018, Kumar said the next launch will be a communication satellite. The GSLV-Mk1 first stage had been assembled and already completed integration. "They are going through process and it is targeted sometime next month (for launch)," he said.

Beyond that, there would be MkIII and another PSLV which will carry navigation satellite IRNSS-1I. "We also have a number of launches almost every month one launch and we are going to work towards that," Kumar, who is retiring later this month, said.

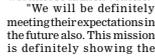
"We are trying to push the launch envelope to such an extent so that we have three of GSLV category and nine of PSLV category (this year). It is still quite a tough task," he said. Referring to the unsuccessful launch of IRNSS-1H on August 31 last year, he said it was a peculiar case. "Very marginal deviation created a problem. Not withstanding that what we did was we went through a rigorous process of analysing and have made the mission more robust," the ISRO chief said.

Kumar said to identify the cause of the incident, a team was formed which carried out various simulations and review process were taken up by the scientists. "Each time you encounter a problem you come out of it. You need not worry about the failure. If you have not failed it means, you have not tried hard enough. So, we need not worry about set backs," he said. Kumar said launch vehicle technology was a very complex thing and in spite of hundreds of successes, there can still be a failure. "That is why it is called as risky business. So what we need to clearly understand is that each time make the system more and more robust, learn the deficiency and keep improving," Kumar, who is retiring later this month, said.

Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre P Kunhkrishnan lauded ISRO scientists for opening the year with a success. "This mission proved the effectiveness of all corrective measures taken in PSLV C-40 making the vehicle more robust and reliable," he said. Multiple projects were underway at the spaceport to ramp up ISRO's launch capability, he said.

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It said that in pursuance to the high court's December 2016 order, the unified MCD had created as many as 1741 posts of special educators. "Out of this 1741 posts of special educator, the unified MCD had created as many as 1540 posts are still lying vacant, that means 89 per cent posts of special educators in MCDs run schools have not been filled up so far."

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K'taka home minister defends CM's 'terror' jibe at BJP-RSS

BENGALURU, JAN 12—Defending Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's "Hindu terror" jibe at the BJP-RSS, Karnataka Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy today said those who created an atmosphere of terror in the society were called terrorists.

"He (Siddaramaiah) had said extremism... those who create an atmosphere of terror in the society are called terrorists. Their (BJP-RSS) conduct is also like that," he told reporters in Mangaluru. Referring to certain controversial remarks of BJP MPs Pratap Simha and Shobha Karandlaje and Union minister Ananth Kumar Hegde, Reddy said looking at all this, it was clear that the intention of these people was to disturb peace in the society. "Those who create an atmosphere of terror in the society are called terrorists," he added.

In a no-holds barred attack, Siddaramaiah had on January 10 lashed at the BJP, RSS and Bajrang Dal had terrorists within their organisations, a charge rubbished by the saffron party. "They themselves are like terrorists in a way. The BJP, RSS and Bajrang Dal also have terrorists within," he had said, taking his attack on the Congress' principal political rival to a new level, ahead of the state Assembly polls due early this year. After coming under an intense attack from the BJP for his remarks, Siddaramaiah had yesterday called those associated with the saffron party "Hindu extremists".

Reddy earlier held a meeting with senior police officials of the Dakshina Kannada region for the second day. On the repeated violent communal incidents in the region, the home minister said the police department was functioning "efficiently, there is 100 per cent no failure on their part".

"Things will be fine if organisations here keep a silence and allow people to live peacefully, whether it is the PFI or SDPI or Bajrang Dal or RSS or BJP or Sirim Sena," he said.

The BJP has been demanding a ban on Islamist outfit PFI and its political wing SDPI, holding them responsible for a spate of killings of Hindu activists in the coastal Dakshina Kannada district. On the other hand, the PFI has blamed Sangh Parivar outfits for the killing of Muslims in the region. (PTI)

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Maha Cong seeks apology from Gadhkari for 'insulting' Navy

MUMBAI, JAN 12—The Maharashtra unit of the Congress today hit out at Union Minister Nitin Gadhkari for "insulting the Indian Navy" and demanded an apology from him. "Gadhkari should apologise for insulting the Indian Navy by saying he will not give an inch of land to Navy officers in Mumbai and asking them to go on Pakistan border. We condemn these remarks," Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said. Wondering why all Navy officials need to stay in posh South Mumbai, Ports minister Gadhkari had yesterday said "not an inch" of land would be given to Navy to build flats or quarters in the area. "Actually, Navy is needed at the borders from where terrorists sneak in. Why does everyone (in the Navy) want to stay in South Mumbai? They (Navy) had come to me, asking for a plot (of land). I will not give even an inch of land. Please don't come to me again," Gadhkari had said. Gadhkari's public displeasure came in the backdrop of the Navy declining permission for building a floating jetty at Malabar Hill in south Mumbai, where a floating hotel and seaplane service are planned. Sawant charged why Gadhkari was insisting on a floating hotel which can be threat to Mumbai's security. "This should be probed," he demanded. Sawant alleged that BJP's patriotism was sham and was not applicable to private companies. He claimed that the Navy took objection to help and redevelopment projects in South Mumbai due to security issues especially in the backdrop of the 26/11 terror attacks. The Congress leader said Gadhkari's comments were damaging the morale of Navy officers. (PTI)

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Rs 3 lakh aid to kin of minor killed in police custody in HP

DHARAMSALA, JAN 12—The Himachal Pradesh government has announced an assistance of Rs 3 lakh for the next of kin of a minor who was killed in the rape-and-murder case of a girl in Kothkhal. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur announced the aid while replying to the discussion on motion of thanks on Governor's address to the legislative assembly.

The 16-year-old girl had gone missing in Hallia in Kothkhal area of Shimla district on July 4 last year and her bare body was recovered on July 6. After the postmortem report confirmed rape and murder, a case was registered and following public outcry, a Special Investigation team was constituted which arrested six persons. One of the six accused in the case died in police custody and eight police officers, including an IG-rank officer, were arrested by the CBI in connection with the custodial death. Thakur said the public's trust on the state police had gone down in the previous government's rule. "This government shall rebuild that trust," he said. Thakur said times

have changed and the voters now want results instead of false promises. The chief minister charged the former Congress government of under-spending funds to provide employment for youth. "Only Rs 7 crore was spent by the last Congress rule on 20,000 youth under the employment allowance scheme. However, it had to provide employment to as many as 12 lakh youth," Thakur said, adding that providing employment to such a large number of youth was difficult but not impossible. "The new government would ensure employment by self-employment and by creations of jobs in public and private sector," he said.

The chief minister said his government would speed up all the major projects in the state. He said he would rid the state of mafia and corruption of all kinds. "For this, my government shall require assistance and suggestions from the members of opposition also," he said.

The house unanimously approved the motion of thanks to Governor's address with voice vote. The house stands adjourned sine die. (PTI)

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Warships Nirbhik and Nirghat decommissioned

MUMBAI, JAN 12—Warships INS Nirbhik and INS Nirghat were decommissioned here, after serving the Navy for 30 and 20 years respectively. The warships were decommissioned at a solemn ceremony at the Navy Dockyard yesterday, a Defence spokesman said today. The ceremony involved traditional lowering of the ensign and commissioning pennants with playing of 'Jai Hind Post'. The chief guest for the ceremony was Rear

Admiral R B Pandit, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, who had commanded INS Nirghat earlier, the spokesman said in a statement here.

Cdr V R Naphade, (Retd) and Commodore S Mampully, (Retd), the commanding officers of Nirbhik and Nirghat respectively were the guests of honour.

The ships, belonging to the Killer subclass of the Delhi Government, were proud legacy as their original

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Environment ministry, Delhi govt to launch clean air campaign next month

NEW DELHI, JAN 12—With Delhi-NCR facing air pollution crisis, the environment ministry along with Delhi government and some agencies have decided to launch a clean air campaign in the national capital next month. Chairing a meeting on mitigation of the problem of air pollution, Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan today said the joint campaign will result in taking effective steps for alleviating pollution crisis and hoped that this will become a template which can be emulated throughout the country.

The two-week long clean air campaign to be conducted jointly by the ministry along with the Delhi Government, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and other municipal agencies, will start from February 10. "The campaign seeks to sensitise ground-level functionaries and public to enforce the habit of environmental protection," Harsh Vardhan said. He said there would be a team of 70 officers, led jointly by one officer each from the Environment Ministry and the Delhi

Government. These officers will be assisted by those from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi Pollution Control Committee and respective municipal corporations.

He said Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), shopkeeper associations and the civil society will be encouraged to a part of these teams and participate in the campaign. The teams will be provided with check-lists so that there is focused activity on mitigation of pollution, including effective measures for dust mitigation, solid waste management and prevention of garbage burning. "Centre & Delhi to jointly carry out 2 week campaign to combat AirPollution in national capital, beginning Feb 10."

"Seventy joint teams of officials will fan out to all the 70 assembly constituencies and inspect sources of air pollution and enforce punitive action against violators," Harsh Vardhan tweeted. Union Environment Secretary C K Mishra and Chief Secretary of Delhi Government Anshu Prakash were among those who attended the meeting. (PTI)

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Govt. of MIZORAM State Lotteries Result Sheet (11/01/2018)

ROSE Weekly Lottery		ROCKNAN Weekly Lottery		RODNEY Weekly Lottery	
1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-	1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-	1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-
5226	4291	4486	4329	6152	5922
2322	8536	8704	9752	0956	5655
3769	4291	1917	0121	9629	8288
0153	6237	1704	7754	2360	1757
8649	5660	7525	3612	5757	9803
2927	3290	3752	0250	2026	8730
6527	9949	3627	9949	2360	1757
9505	5980	2882	7683	8541	7928
6186	2183	0917	6241	5113	5899
4541	3895	3441	3895	4650	0860
6632	5008	3138	8222	3087	6387
1173	0512	8476	2071	1393	6051
9546	8328	6624	2614	5617	7032
4120	3942	6509	5009	2457	3353
1806	0938	3548	4880	8287	2672
8847	8093	8058	2877	4232	6723

LUCK Weekly Lottery		LANKA Weekly Lottery		LORD Weekly Lottery	
1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-	1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-	1st Prize Rs. 10000/-	2nd Prize Rs. 1000/-
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2978	3997	3219	9995	7455	9810
4559	8480	6140	4522	9035	9248
8715	1751	8510	8304	2634	9665
6299	2705	4678	5703	4974	4389
2055	3108	6140	5253	5128	3340
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