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CHANDRAYAAN-2: INDIA'S ATTEMPT TO LAND ON MOON

## Technical glitch aborts moon mission, next launch date could be much later

ISRO says countdown stopped 56 minutes before liftoff; though window exists today, launch unlikely

**AMITABH SINHA**  
SRIHARIKOTA, JULY 15

JUST UNDER an hour before liftoff, India's first attempt at landing a spacecraft on the moon was aborted early Monday morning after a technical snag was detected in the GSLV-MkIII rocket.

Without giving any details, an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) statement said: "Revised launch date would

be announced later."

It was not clear immediately how soon that new launch date could be. ISRO officials indicated that it could take up to a few days to assess the seriousness of the problem. It could rule out another attempt at the launch in the current window of opportunity which is available only until Tuesday (July 16). The next launch date could be months later.

The countdown to the launch was stopped at 56 minutes ahead of the scheduled time



GSLV-MkIII on the Sriharikota launch pad

after scientists detected a problem in the rocket. While ISRO did not specify it, there were indications that the problem was detected in the upper stage of the rocket carrying the cryogenic engine where liquid hydrogen fuel had been filled less than half an hour earlier.

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## Subansiri dam: Work on despite assurance to NGT that it won't



The hydel power project site in 2011 (left) and 2019

**JAY MAZOOMDAAR**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

INFORMED THAT work on the Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Project on the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border had been "kept pending" since 2011 due to a local agitation, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in December 2015 asked NHPC Ltd not to resume construction till safety issues were resolved. The Mini Ratna PSU has achieved over 30% progress in concretizing since.

When work was stopped in December 2011, show Central Electricity Authority (CEA) data, the Subansiri project had completed concretization of 5.75 lakh cubic metres (cum). By March 2019, concretization at Subansiri had increased by 1.85 lakh cums to a total of 7.6 lakh cums.

Some of the work — slope protection to arrest landslide on both banks of the river, for example — commenced in 2014 before the stay order and the NGT permitted such measures for safety and protection of the public and property. But the Tribunal also categorically told NHPC "not to undertake any work on the main project except those that were related to urgent repairs and maintenance".

Yet, records reviewed by *The Indian Express* show, massive concretization has been carried out to construct the project's extended spillway (see box), that has widened the dam base by over 100 metres. A spillway is a structure for controlled release of dam water into the riverbed downstream. Additionally, the developer has nearly completed the construction of two cut-off walls under the dam base. These components were suggested in 2013 by a Dam Design Review Panel (DDRP), the recommendations of which are still being reviewed under an NGT order.

"Since the dam is incomplete, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Dissenting voices in Govt: Surcharge on rich may well end up hurting investment

**SUNNY VERMA & ANIL SASI**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

A SECTION within the Central government is of the view that the Budget proposal slapping a higher surcharge on the super rich will effectively discourage new investors and exacerbate the trend of migration of high net worth individuals from India. The imposition is seen as being in contradiction with the overall theme of the Budget — that of fostering private participation to catalyse a reversal in the sluggish investment sentiment in the country.

A top policy maker in the NDA government, who spoke to *The Indian Express* on the condition of anonymity, said the surcharge will have the "most deleterious" impact on investments in the country and push out unicorns (new age companies with valuation above \$1 billion) and discourage the inflow of high quality human capital that India

**EXPLAINED**

### Rs 12000 cr but at what cost?

AN ADDITIONAL revenue of Rs 12,000 crore is being factored via surcharge imposed on the super rich but experts warn that this is far outweighed by its adverse impact on investments. The new tax will hit investment trusts through which many foreign investors put money into India's stock markets.

was just beginning to attract.

"When we impose high surcharge on people earning over \$200,000-300,000 (roughly more than Rs 2 crore), they may not CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



## Police cover for couple

Sakshi Mishra, daughter of BJP MLA Rajesh Mishra, and her husband Ajitesh, a Dalit, were roughed up Monday outside the Allahabad High Court. The couple, who received threats after their inter-caste marriage, were granted police cover. **Ritesh Shukla** REPORT, PAGE 9

## Deported from UAE in terror case, 14 men flown to Chennai by NIA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHENNAI, NEW DELHI, JULY 15

FOURTEEN PERSONS, deported from the United Arab Emirates and apprehended by the National Investigation Agency for suspected association with men linked to an alleged terror outfit, were flown from New Delhi to Chennai on a special flight Monday.

It is learnt that the men were produced before a NIA court which granted their custody to the agency. Sources claimed that

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the men — they were said to be from Chennai, Tirunelveli, Theni, Nagapattinam and Ramanathapuram — were members of Wahdat-e-Islami Hind, a religious organisation in Tamil Nadu.

They were deported after

intelligence agencies received credible inputs that they had been in touch with individuals in Tamil Nadu who have now been placed under arrest by the NIA for suspected links to alleged terror outfit Ansarulla.

On Saturday, the NIA searched premises linked to three individuals in connection with its probe into activities of Ansarulla. One among them was Chennai resident Syed Bukhari, president of the Wahdat-e-Islami Hind. On Sunday, the NIA arrested two of the three individuals — Hassan Ali CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Bracing for SC hearing & trust vote, Karnataka parties hide their MLAs

**JOHNSON TA**  
BENGALURU, JULY 15

AS HE made his way through the ruling members lounge in the Karnataka Assembly Monday, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy spotted an MLA from his party Raja Venkatappa Nayak.

"Where were you yesterday? We thought you had joined the rebels when you went missing," he told the MLA, who rose from his seat to greet the CM. The JD(S) Raichur MLA quickly explained that it was only a rumour. "Keep your courage up. It will all work out," Kumaraswamy told Nayak, whose name has been among

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Morning! What's the latest from Sidhu-ramaiah?

those likely to join a group of 13 Congress-JD(S) rebels who have resigned and have been holed up CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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**MANY DELAYS LATER, RTR FLYOVER OPENS TODAY**

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## Is the Governor a puppet? Bihar bars person who set civil services exam question

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, JULY 15

CRITICALLY EXAMINE the role of Governor in state politics in India, particularly in Bihar. Is he a mere puppet?

This question, in the General Studies Paper II of the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) entrance examination (mains) Sunday, has led to an uproar, resulting in the barring

of the person who set the examination paper.

The analytical question, asked in English and Hindi, carried 38 marks.

In the past, two Bihar Governors found themselves at the centre of controversy. After the 2000 Assembly elections, Governor BC Pandey invited the Nitish Kumar-led NDA to form the government though the Rabri Devi-led RJD had emerged CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Animal underpasses on Maharashtra highway a life-saver, tigers turning out to be regular users

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**VIVEK DESHPANDE**  
NAGPUR, JULY 15

LAST WEEK, travellers on the newly four-laned NH-44 in Maharashtra recorded a startling video. It showed T1, a tiger from the Pench reserve, crossing the highway in daylight. Pench officials said T1, a male of about 11 years, had already been hit once by a vehicle in February.

Two days after that video was shot, two people died on the highway after their car hit a truck while swerving to avoid a wild

boar.

Wildlife activists have cited these incidents to underscore the inadequacy of the nine underpasses built by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), on the directions of the Bombay High Court, for animals to avoid the highway.

However, a report by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) scientist Bilal Habib and his team shows that over March, April and May, 17 different species of animals started using these underpasses along the 16-km patch of forest on the Maharashtra side of the highway — including T1.

Tigers have been among the most frequent users of at least one of these underpasses, says



T1 spotted using an underpass at night. Courtesy WII

the report that is part of a study titled 'Ecological impact assessment of existing and proposed

road infrastructure in important wildlife corridors in India'. The study found animals

displaying "peculiar behavioural patterns" that could help in devising mitigation measures required to be undertaken in other similar projects.

For instance, between March and May, the study undertaken with the help of 74 trap cameras showed that T1 used Animal Under Pass (AUP) 9 at least twice. In another case, the study showed, a sloth bear took two months to decide that it would use the underpass.

The study found that while some animals passed through the underpasses, some used them for playing or resting. Most animals used the underpasses during night, it showed. The CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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