

SENIOR SCIENTIST DR JEFFREY S KARGEL FROM THE USA SAYS...

'Delhi smog has hit tourism hard'

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Sharing his insight and experience, senior scientist Dr Jeffrey S Kargel from the USA said Indore despite being the cleanest city with fresh air is also facing a major hit in tourism because of smog in Delhi, as the world's impression of India as a tourist spot is judged by the capital. He added that it is difficult and expensive to change the habit of farmers, who burn stubbles.

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will definitely raise health-care cost and tourism is already badly-hit," Kargel said.

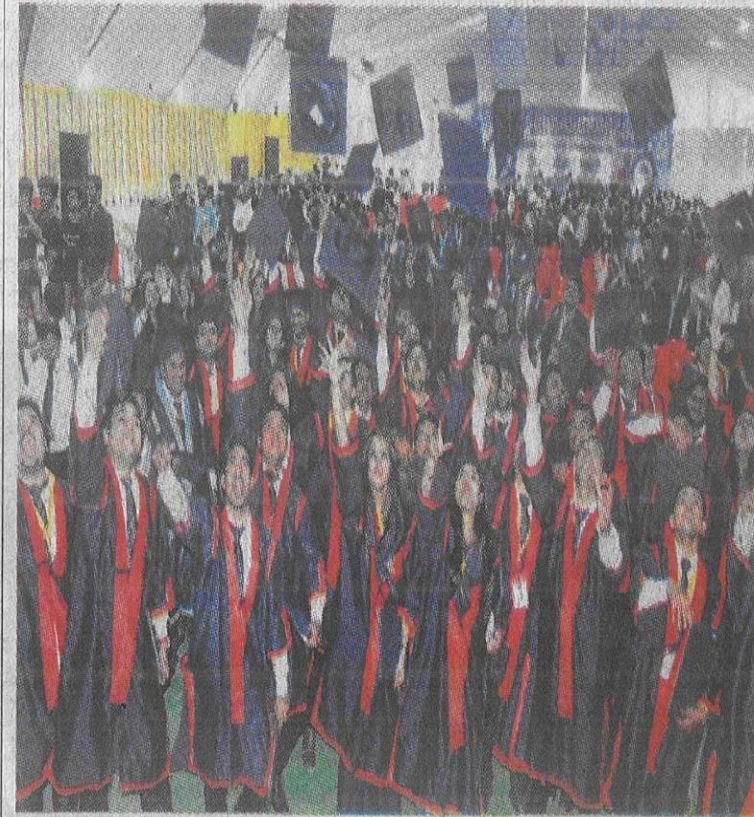
Being a member on glacial studies of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Kargel also discussed depleting glaciers.

"The rivers will still flow, we will still have water to drink and survive even if the glaciers melt away," he said. However, he added that with no glaciers to act as banks of pure water, the seasonal flow of rivers would be affected and we

will definitely face a pang. Talking about life on Mars, Kargel felt less hopeful and said, "Life might be deep seeded under the earth if by chance it is there." He said chance of life on Mars is very dim as life is unlikely to flourish without water.

On Chandrayaan 2, he felt a slight error in timing was the cause of crash. "Not just India but even I was sitting and watching the landing live with professors, but it was just a slight error, otherwise the mission is definitely successful as the Lander is in the Moon's orbit which is also quite challenging," Kargel said.

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