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Now, all eyes on Vikram landing

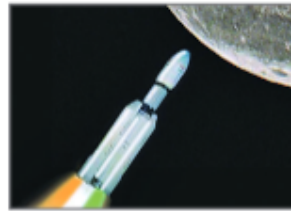
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Bhubaneswar: As Vikram (lander) of ISRO's Moon mission — Chandrayaan-2 — is set to make a soft landing on the lunar surface early on Saturday morning, city residents have set their eyes on television screens for the much-awaited touchdown.

Sibasis Maity, managing director of the Central Tool Room and Training Centre (CTTC) in Bhubaneswar, wished the ISRO scientists luck for the most crucial part of the mission.

The CCTC has made limbs for rover Pragyan, sensors for lander Vikram, seven assemblies for navigation and inertial momentum of the orbiter, 22 types of valves and parts of cryogenic engine for launch vehicle GSLV Mk III of the Chandrayaan-2 mission.

"I am eagerly waiting to see the successful soft landing on the south pole of the Moon. I pray to Lord Jagannath for its success, Maity



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added.

Subhendu Pattnaik, deputy director of the Pathani Samanta Planetarium, said he has encouraged people to watch the historic moment. "The 15-minute landing part

of Vikram is very important. Rover Pragyan

will come out of the lander four hours after Vikram's landing. Pragyan will work on the moon for 14 days. We pray for the success of the mission," Pattnaik added.

IIT Bhubaneswar director R V Rajakumar said, "It's a great achievement for our country. Vikram's landing is the crucial part. I wish the ISRO scientists all luck."

He said K Sivan, ISRO chairman, will attend the convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar on September 21.