

## NC's standing in all 87 constituencies unimpeachable: Rana

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU Sept 4: Provincial President Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday described National Conference as a deep rooted mass movement enjoying unimpeachable standing across Jammu and Kashmir.

"NC is the only party with credible footprints in all the 87 Assembly constituencies of the State", he declared while addressing party workers at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here this morning.

Mr Rana exhorted the party workers to get activated for big democratic exercise next year and said the political atmosphere enveloping across the State is highly conducive for National Conference with people eager to give it a decisive mandate. He referred to his extensive visit of the Jammu region in recent months and exuded confidence that the party will emerge as a force to reckon with in the ensuing elections.

"I am confident that National Conference will bag maximum seats across the region and prove that it was equally popular in Jammu division", he said, adding that the party is poised for massive victory both in Parliamentary and Assembly elections.

Taking dig at political soothsayers, he said those patting their backs over standing in the political arena will find political drought by not even finding candidates to field for the contest in certain constituencies. Without naming any party, he said many of these are aberrations which have emerged as a result accident in the wake of disturbed conditions. They are the proxies, enjoying presence in limited areas, he maintained.

While envisioning a big role for National Conference in the state polity, its development and empowerment of people, Mr Rana cautioned people against disruptive, divisive and communal elements, saying that in a bid to gain cheap mileage they may try to vitiate the atmosphere. "They have a vested interest in disturbed conditions and therefore maintain vigil against their machinations", he said and pledged that National Conference will stand like a rock against their tentacles.

The Provincial President said the role of National Conference in political renaissance of Jammu

and Kashmir cannot be undermined, as the founding fathers awakened the people from deep slumber and empowered them to fight for their rights. "We are inheritors of great political legacy and it is incumbent upon all of us to work for strengthening the bonds of amity and brotherhood", Mr Rana said and urged the workers to fan out in their areas for strengthening further the party for meeting the challenge.

Those who participated in the meeting in Rattan Lal Gupta Sate Vice President, Laxami Dutta Provincial President Women Wing, Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary, S.S Bunty YNC, Rampal Ex-MLC, Th. Kashmira Singh Ex-MLC,

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Meanwhile, Mr Rana constituted National Conference Displaced Persons Cell, Jammu and appointed Rajiv Chuni as its first Chairperson.

The Cell will look after the interests and seek solution to the problems being confronted by Pakistan occupied Kashmir Refugees of 1947, 1965 and 1971.

The Provincial President urged Mr Chuni to maintain close rapport with the displaced people and advice the party to frame up response to mitigate their problems.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah paying obeisance at Shahdara Sharief on Wednesday.

## Omar pays obeisance at Shahdara Sharief

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RAJOURI, Sept 4: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today paid obeisance at Shahdara Sharief and prayed for peace and prosperity of the State and well being of the people.

The Chief Minister, who was

accompanied by Legislator and Provincial President National Conference, Kashmir, Nasir Aslam Wani interacted with devotees and the management of the Dargah Sharief and took stock of the facilities available for devotees and Zaireen at the shrine complex.

## HC drops contempt proceedings against CS

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 4: High Court today dropped the contempt proceedings against the Chief Secretary of the State after he submitted his explanation to the court over the proposed amendments to Anti-corruption Act-2006.

A Division Bench of Jammu and Kashmir High Court comprising Justice Mansoor Ahmad Mir and Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar expressed satisfaction about the explanation tendered by the Chief Secretary. "From the perusal of the compliance report submitted by him (CS), we are satisfied about the explanation tendered by him. Therefore, contempt proceedings are dropped (against him)," the court observed.

The court had sought explanation from the Chief Secretary for his "evasive and incorrect

compliance report regarding amendments to State Prevention and Corruption Act -2006 and creation of two Additional Special Judges Anti-corruption.

The court had also directed the CS to file fresh compliance report.

The Bench also directed the committee of six members of the Government to file status report with regard to the Act-2006.

Javaid Ahmad Kawoosa, additional advocate general submitted to the court that all Deputy Commissioners of the State, except Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and Rajouri have submitted their detailed status reports.

The court after hearing the submission directed these DCs to file a detailed status report by or before next date of hearing, failing which the shall appear in person to explain the non-compliance.

## Encroachment of over 20 lakh kanal State land DB directs State to divulge names of encroachers within 4 weeks

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 4: In a significant development, the Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice M M Kumar and Justice Hasnain Massodi today directed the State to submit complete information divulging the names of those who have encroached over 20 lakh kanal State land across Jammu and Kashmir.

When the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against encroachment of State land by the mafia in connivance with the bureaucrats and politicians came up for hearing, Additional Advocate General (AAG) H A Sadiqui submitted that information with regard to regularization of land under the Roshni Act has been submitted to the court in four volumes.

However, Advocate S S Ahmad, who along with Advocate Suraj Singh was appearing for the petitioner, brought to the notice of the Division Bench that huge area of State land is in illegal occupation of the land mafia, which is comprised of bureaucrats, legislators and other as per the allegations.

In this regard, Advocate Ahmad placed reliance on a reply furnished to a starred question given in Assembly—AQ No.618. "According to the information divulged, the illegal occupation of land and the area, district wise, has been given", he said.

He argued that regularization of land under Roshni Act, has expired in the year 2007 and the information divulged in answer to the starred question is somewhere in the year 2012-13. "Vital part of the information has been withheld by not divulging the names of those who are in illegal occupation of the land as is evident from the answer to the starred question which says that the exact information regarding particulars of illegal occupants of State land is voluminous", Advocate Ahmad said.

"The citizens of the State are entitled to know the identities and names of illegal occupants of the State land and would also be interested in their eviction so that public exchequer is not deprived of the revenue as well as the valuable land", the counsel for the petitioner said. After hearing Advocate S S Ahmad along with Advocate Suraj Singh for the PIL, Advocate SK Shukla for the CMA whereas Senior AAG Gagan Basotra and AAG HA Siddiqui for the State and Senior Advocate Sunil Sethi with Advocate Venu Gupta for the RB Educational Trust, the DB, in the open court directed that complete information divulging names of those who have encroached upon over 20 lakh kanal State land be disclosed to the court so as to take a view for further course of action.

"Needful should be done within a period of four weeks with copy in advance to the learned counsel for the petitioner and counsels for other parties", the DB said and asked the Registry to list the PIL for further consideration on September 30. The DB also directed that the copy of information with regard to regularization of land under the Roshni Act be also furnished to the counsel for the petitioner.

According to the reply to the starred question, 33710 kanal of State land is under illegal occupation in Anantnag, 46920 kanal in Bandipora, 114135 kanal in Baramulla, 43742 kanal in Budgam, 24544 kanal in Ganderbal, 29114 kanal in Kulgam, 54034 kanal in Kupwara, 40620 kanal in Pulwama, 13180 kanal in Shopian, 44294 kanal in Srinagar, 177551 kanal in Doda, 160358 kanal in Jammu, 104746 kanal in Kathua, 75159 kanal in Kishtwar, 129717 kanal in Poonch, 396018 kanal in Rajouri, 167521 kanal in Ramban, 141524 kanal in Reasi, 97133 kanal in Samba and 152416 kanal in Udhampur.

## Court denies bail to Director Dutta Finance Company

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 4: Special Mobile Magistrate Electricity Jammu, Balbir Lal Jaswal today rejected the bail application of one Gurcharan Singh Dutta, Director of the Dutta Finance Company and father of Managing Director of the company.

According to the challan, a written complaint was lodged by one Joginder Singh with Police Station Gandhi Nagar alleging that a number of people from various districts of the State deposited their hard earned money with "Dutta Financiers" at Nanak Nagar. In the month of April 2011 when some depositors approached the Finance Company for payment of interest and even the deposited money for their personal use, the Directors and other officials refused to pay the same.

The owners/Directors of the company namely Gurbachan Singh Dutta and his son Harpal Singh Dutta had been delaying the payment on flimsy grounds although they had a big fleet of petrol tankers and trucks running on Jammu-Leh road and even in Nepal through the younger son of Gurbachan Singh Dutta namely Amarjeet Singh. In this way, they cheated the depositors of around Rs 20 to 25 crore. On the receipt of complaint, the case was registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar but later it was transferred to Crime Branch.

After hearing Senior Prosecuting Officer VK Sudan for the State, Special Mobile Magistrate Electricity observed, "the concession of bail will shatter the ray of justice for the poor depositors". Accordingly, the court rejected the bail application.



HS Paul and Chief Minister of Delhi, Sheila Dikshit during a meeting at New Delhi on Wednesday.

## DAC meets Dikshit, discusses opportunities to increase Delhi's presence in advertising world

**Excelsior Correspondent**

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Delhi Advertising Club (DAC) led by its President, HS Paul today met Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi and discussed opportunities to partner together to increase Delhi's presence in the advertising world.

HS Paul (Daily Excelsior), President, Delhi Advertising Club (DAC) while speaking said that according to industry estimates, India is the 12th largest advertising market in the world and the fourth fastest growing market on advertising grounds.

If advertisers spend around Rs 35,000 crore in India, Delhi contributes to roughly 30 per cent with release orders to the tune of around Rs 10,000 crore being signed out of Delhi. As such, we seek the Government's support to take decisive steps towards mak-

ing Delhi the Mecca of Indian advertising", Paul added.

Paul also placed a formal request for Government support for premises of the Club.

HS Paul was accompanied by Vice President, Vijay Chopra (Interads), secretary Kailash Arora (Taran Bharat), senior joint secretary Jatinder Pal Singh (Chardikala), joint secretary Anoop Joshi (Sail), treasurer KK Malhotra (K's Advtg) and other senior members like Dr Ajit Pathak (Indian Oil Corporation), Sushil Pandit (The Hive), Chandar Mohan (Jupiter), Surinder Rana (Shakti Bhoog), Naresh Sachdeva (Niyati Comm.), SK Babbar (LNJ Bhilwara), T Sriram Gopal (Alaknanda), Chabi Roy Gupta (BEI Confluence), Ruby Sinha (Kommune), Rinu Jha (Kommune) and Sharan Paul (Mediamind Associates).

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