

## Run one more Vandebharat, Hemkunt Express to Jammu: Jugal

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JAMMU, Aug 9: Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP Member of Parliament from Jammu -Poonch Lok Sabha constituency today



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma during a debate in Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

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Parliament said that under the stewardship of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi the whole nation has entered into the era of development & Ministry of Railways has also done great development. He complimented Prime Minister and Union Minister of Railways for laying foundation stone for 508

## Top businessman's son arrested with heroin, cash

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RAJOURI, Aug 9: Carrying forward its action against narcotics peddlers in order to check illegal narcotics/drug trade, Rajouri police nabbed a youth, son of a prominent local businessman and recovered a consignment of narcotics/ heroin and around Rs 1.50 lakh cash from his possession. A police spokesman identified the accused as Vikal Choga alias Viku, son of Vimal Choga, a resident of Ward 9, Rajouri. He said that a police team headed by Deputy SP Headquarters Rajouri, Mudassir Hussain alongwith SHO, Aejez Ahmed Wani and other police officials during routine naka at Saranoo in Dhangri area intercepted a car and started its checking.

On developing some suspicion, the frisking of this vehicle was conducted in presence Executive Magistrate during which narcotics consignment/ heroin about 40 gram was recovered along with around Rs 1.50 lakh cash. The youth was arrested

and consignment and cash seized. A case FIR No. 180/23 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act has been registered in Police Station Rajouri and investigation taken up. SSP Rajouri, Amritpal Singh reiterated the commitment of police towards eradication of menace of drugs from the society. He said that a number of narcotic-peddlers have been arrested or detained under PSA in the district in the recent past.

## SIT formed to investigate alleged corruption in BRO projects

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LEH, Aug 9: The Ladakh Administration today accorded sanction to the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate into the allegation of corruption in engagement of labours leveled against 54RCC, 81 RCC, 104 RCC and 114 RCC of BRO projects in the Union Territory.

"The SIT comprising Sub-Divisional Magistrate Khalti, Assistant Labour Commissioner Leh and Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Leh shall enquire into the matter of allegation of corruption as mentioned in the representation of one Lawang Stanzin resident of Hanu (Aryan Valley) and submit its report not later than 25-08-2023," read an order issued today by General Administration Department, Ladakh.

## People of Chenab region have high hopes on DPAP: Azad

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DODA, Aug 9: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad today said that his aim of returning to Jammu Kashmir was to minimise the miseries of people and build J&K as one of the top economies of the world.

He said that most of the economic potential of UT is untapped power potential and majority of its regions are unexplored given the tough and varied geographical terrain.

"If the resources and the potential of only Doda district is untapped and explored, it will create immense jobs for the local youth. Bhandarwah is known as mini Kashmir and I promise you if elected to power, it will emerge as an epicentre of economic activities," he said while addressing a gathering at the town during his ten days long tour of Chenab region.

Azad said that after the tourists



DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing large public rally in Bhandarwah on Wednesday.

footfalls in Kashmir, it is Bhandarwah which attracts Bollywood to shoot.

Former CM addressed three public meetings at Pranu, Khelani and Bhandarwah which were attended by large number of people and scores of people joined DPAP and decided to carry on the party's pro-people agenda.

Azad criticized the successive regimes for ignoring the region and said that whatever he did as Chief Minister and as Union Health Minister only that is reflected on ground. "The leadership needs a vision and I carry that for my people. And that is why I gave up national politics and returned to my people to serve them," he said.

Azad also addressed a massive gathering at Khileni where hundreds of people joined DPAP. He said the people have rejected conventional politics and are fully aware of their rights.

"Time is gone when the people were exploited for pity issues and favours. Now people want change and all hopes are set on DPAP which encourages talent, handwork and honesty in its functioning," he said.

Prominent among others who were present in the meetings included former ministers GM Saroori and Abdul Majeed Wani, senior leader Mohd Aslam Goni, PR Manhas, Ramesh Parihar and Asif Gattu.

## NC seeks issuance of symbol for contesting LAHDC elections, HC reserves judgement

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 9: High Court today reserved its orders to the plea filed by the National Conference for issuance of election symbol "Plough" for the party for contesting the upcoming election to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC).

The party through its General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar has approached the court challenging the notification dated 26.7.2023 excluding the allocation of election symbol for upcoming general elections of LAHDC scheduled to be held in August or September.

The party is also aggrieved with the action by withholding the notification of election symbol which as per the petitioner-party is already allotted and reserved for it. The party

counsel Sharik Reyaz argued that after the abrogation of Article 370 and consequent upon the application of Re-organization Act, the division comprising of Leh and Kargil districts were made a separate Union Territory without legislature and for the upcoming LAHDC election, the election symbol allotted to the petitioner-party has to be formally notified and in this regard a representation was submitted to the Chief Election Officer Ladakh UT.

He argued that without considering the representation so submitted, the impugned notification came to be issued by the Administrative Secretary Election Department Ladakh by denuding and depriving the party to contest the upcoming election on the symbol already allotted to it.

The counsel representing the Ladakh UT objected to the plea of the party by submitting that it is not a registered political party for Ladakh UT but it registered as a state political party of J&K UT and its symbol is reserved for the said UT.

The counsel also argued that the notification issued on May 15 issued by ECI contains the list of National and State Political parties recognized by ECI and the said notification has not been challenged by the petitioner-party.

"The LAHDC provides only the political parties recognized by the ECI and have reserved symbols as delineated in the said notification which is evident that the petitioner-

party is not a recognized political party in Ladakh UT", he argued.

With regard to the notification under challenged, he added that allotment symbols belonging to the National/State parties and in-terms of rules of LAHDC it is clearly spelt out that a political party operating in the council areas shall mean a political party recognized by the ECI as a national party or state party of this state as on the last date of making nominations as such the whole process of challenging the notification is totally bad in law.

## 'Anusandhan' Foundation to define stature of India at 2047: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that "Anusandhan National Research Foundation" will define the stature of India at 2047.

Replying to the discussion on "Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023" in the Rajya Sabha, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Anusandhan Act will pave the way for India to join the select league of developed nations.

The House later passed the Bill with a Voice vote. It had been earlier passed by the Lok Sabha on Monday, 7th August 2023.

"This is a Bill which is going to have a long-term effect, long term outcomes and all of us, each citizen of India, including those sitting on the other side, are going to be stakeholders. To that extent, this is possibly history in making," he said.

The Bill will provide high level strategic direction for research, innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of natural sciences including mathematical sciences, engineering and technology, environmental and earth sciences, health and agriculture.

The Minister said, it will also promote scientific and technological interfaces of humanities and social sciences to promote, monitor and provide support as required for such research and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Bill will hike the R&D spending in the country. The Executive Council of NRF is mandated not only to



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh replying to discussion on the "Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023" in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

monitor the progress of the different projects but also to analyse the accountability of the funding at different level stages.

"(It envisages spending of) Rs. 50,000 crore for five years, out of which Rs. 36,000 crore, almost 80%, is going to come from non-government sources, from industry & philanthropists, from domestic as well as outside sources," he said.

Clarifying that the Bill takes care of State Universities and Institutions by earmarking separate funds, Dr Jitendra Singh said the bill envisages separate competition within the State Universities and Institutions with separate allocation exclusively for them.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the NRF envisaged by PM Modi will catapult us to the league of developed nations pioneering new research in new frontiers.

"Ever since Prime Minister Modi took over in 2014, he has, one after the other, taken a number of path-breaking decisions, broken several taboos of the past in order to liberate India of those

self-made barriers so that we could have a global role. And he envisaged for ourselves the Amrit Kaal next 25 years. Obviously we have to live up to global parameters and that is possible only if we have the same level of competitiveness as other countries," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said PM Modi has proven how to break silos and work together with the private sector to unlock the vast potential of our unexploited resources.

The Act will pave the way to establish NRF that will seed, grow and promote Research and Development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

The Act will establish NRF, an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in the country as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP), at a total estimated cost of Rs. 50,000 crores during five years (2023-28).

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