

'Anusandhan' National Research Foundation to anchor upscaled private collaborations: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: In a decisive move to overhaul India's scientific research and innovation landscape, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has called for positioning the newly constituted Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) as the central coordinating body across all science ministries and departments. The aim is to foster synergy, encourage private sector involvement, and align research with national priorities and market readiness.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing a joint Ministerial meeting at New Delhi on Thursday.

importance of moving beyond isolated efforts to a unified, outcome-driven research strategy. "All science ministries must work with the intent to deliver market-relevant, public-good products," he said, underlining ANRF's role as both coordinator and catalyst for innovation

and private investment. Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, CEO of ANRF, presented an ambitious roadmap centered on catalytic funding models, AI-driven scientific acceleration, and deep private sector partnerships. Modeled after globally successful insti-

tutions like the NSF and DARPA, ANRF will oversee cross-ministerial missions focused on scalable innovation with economic and social impact.

Key initiatives include the launch of a "Small Business Deep Tech Innovation" programme to support startups and MSMEs, and the rollout of a "Cloud of Research and Innovation Infrastructure" to enable nationwide access to underutilized R&D facilities.

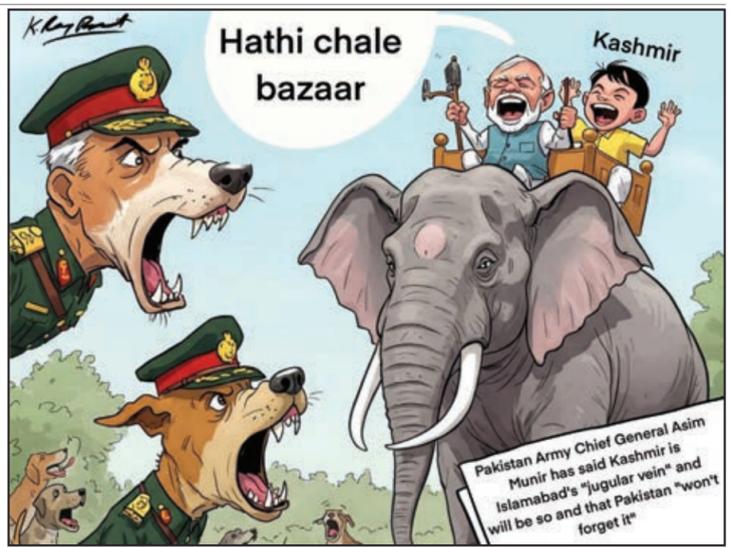
A highlight of ANRF's strategy is its AI-for-Science initiative, which aims to harness artificial intelligence to model equations in physics, chemistry, and biologically accelerating

the transition from theory to real-world application.

Dr. Singh cited successful innovations such as CSIR's HANSA-NG, an indigenous two-seater trainer aircraft with 110 orders, and the Department of Atomic Energy's Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR), as models of scalable, market-driven science. He urged greater private sector involvement in such projects, including expanding HANSA-NG production with airlines and aerospace firms.

India's space and ocean tech missions, bio-manufacturing hubs, and semiconductor initiatives were also reviewed, signaling a push toward integration, scalability, and sustainability.

Concluding the session, Dr. Singh declared, "The time for working in silos is over. We must institutionalise collaboration and deliver solutions that matter." The meeting marks a turning point in India's approach to science-unifying research, policy, and industry under ANRF's leadership to power the country's innovation-led growth.



Excise sleuths conduct multiple raids in Kathua, destroy 2,200 kgs Lahaan, 15 lts illicit liquor, one working still

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KATHUA: In a crackdown against the shadowy trade of illicit liquor, the Excise Eradication Wing launched a series of coordinated raids across multiple villages in District Kathua on Thursday, dismantling illegal distillation units.

Acting on intelligence and in line with the firm directives of Excise Commissioner Subash Chander Chibber and Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive)

Sanjay Bhatt, the operation was executed under the vigilant supervision of Excise & Taxation Officer (Eradication) Saniya Malik.

A team led by Inspectors Manjeet Singh and Deepak, Sub-Inspector Vikas Sharma, and Excise Guard Shabaz Khan swept through the areas of Sakety Chak, Palli, Chatyal, Mahi Chak, Muthi Hardu, and Khanpur, uncovering the hidden underbelly of illegal liquor manufacturing.

During the meticulous operation, the raiding party unearthed and destroyed 2200 kilograms of Lahaan, 15 liters of illicit liquor, and one operational still, found on state land.

The Excise Department reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to eradicating the illicit liquor trade and urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities. The mission continues, spirited by justice and driven by duty.

Dr Darakhshan chairs Ambedkar celebration event at Anantnag Modi strengthened Constitution, not threatened it: Andrabi



Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board & National Executive Member BJP, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi at celebration of Ambedkar Jayanti event held at Dak Bunglow in Anantnag.

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ANANTNAG: Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board & National Executive Member BJP on Thursday presided over the Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Event held by BJP at Dak Bunglow in Anantnag.

Speakers at the event spoke about the contribution of Baba Sahib in the making of modern India. His contribution for ensuring social justice and equality was discussed at

length. Party leaders pledged to take the message of Baba Sahib to the grassroots.

In her address Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that we are proud to build this nation on the constitutional principles given to us by Ambedkar Ji.

She said that Modi era is the golden era in India for strengthening constitutional authority in all spheres of governance and public life.

"Congress & Company has been shouting for the past eleven years that

Samvidhan is under threat, but in reality Modi has strengthened the Constitutional spirit in India. Modi introduced Samvidhan Divas in the country", said BJP National Executive Member. Prominent BJP leaders including District President Rakesh Koul, ST Morecha UT President Chowdhary Roshan, General Secretary Adil Hussain Nengroo, Vice President Pinka Malik, G N Dar, Maqbool Ganai & Dr Amin Bhat also participated.

Majority of people endorse abrogation of Article 370: Sethi NC cheating people with double-sided narrative: BJP



Chief Spokesperson, J&K BJP, Adv. Sunil Sethi briefing media at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Majority of people including the political parties endorse abrogation of Article 370 in open or secret.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir feel cheated with the double-sided narrative of the senior National Conference leaders.

This was stated by Adv. Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson, J&K BJP. Accompanied by Arun Gupta, Spokesperson, and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP, he was addressing a press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Thursday.

Sunil Sethi accused the NC of deceiving the public mandate by practicing double-sided narrative, which is chosen according to the time, place as per their suitability.

He said that new political ripples have come-up in Jammu and Kashmir with the release of a book authored by AS Dulat, in which he has made a passing reference that former CM Farooq Abdullah was not against the abroga-

tion of Article 370.

The regional political parties favour continuation of Article 370 in the public to cheat them, but they view Article 370 was hampering the progress and the lasting peace process in J&K.

Based on facts shared by AS Dulat in his book, it is clear that the political parties in the valley believe that BJP has done a favour to Jammu & Kashmir by abrogating Article 370.

"By placing counter-accusations on AS Dulat, the NC, now is attempting to save its face and escape the public wrath", said Sethi. He said that some parties and leaders have supported the abrogation openly and others secretly, displaying their acceptance of the repeal of the controversial provision.

Arun Gupta said that the common people support their leaders considering them as their role models and saviours. People expect them to be true to their words, actions and whatever is

said in public should not be different from what is conceived otherwise in private.

Gupta said that before independence, even the rulers could not afford double talks and double standards.

He said that this type of politics and politicians do no good to the nation.

He said that NC believed J&K as its ancestral property and did whatever they felt, without any sense of public accountability.

NC has been exposed for its double standards on many occasions and the latest exposure by AS Dulat makes absolutely clear that whatever BJP has been telling about NC right from their inception was right.

People who support these types of leaders and parties feel hurt and their confidence from their work gets eroded. It is high time, public has to understand NC's double standard, and that their future cannot be handed over to parties and leaders who have no moral grounds.

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