

Dr Jitendra hails Cabinet approval for establishing ‘National Research Foundation’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday hailed the Union Cabinet approval for establishing the "National Research Foundation" (NRF). The approval came in response to a proposal moved by the Ministry of Science & Technology in the cabinet meeting this morning.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi approved the introduction of National Research Foundation(NRF) Bill 2023 in the parliament to establish NRF that will function as a high level think tank for coordination and long term as well short term planning. It will also seek to create infrastructure and



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking in an interview at New Delhi.

innovation across the countries, including in the peripheral university particularly in the rural and semi urban areas.

In a tweet Dr Jitendra Singh said that the National Research Foundation will foster a vibrant culture of research, innovation, academics, industrial applications, and StartUps in the country, and enhance India's role as a global player.

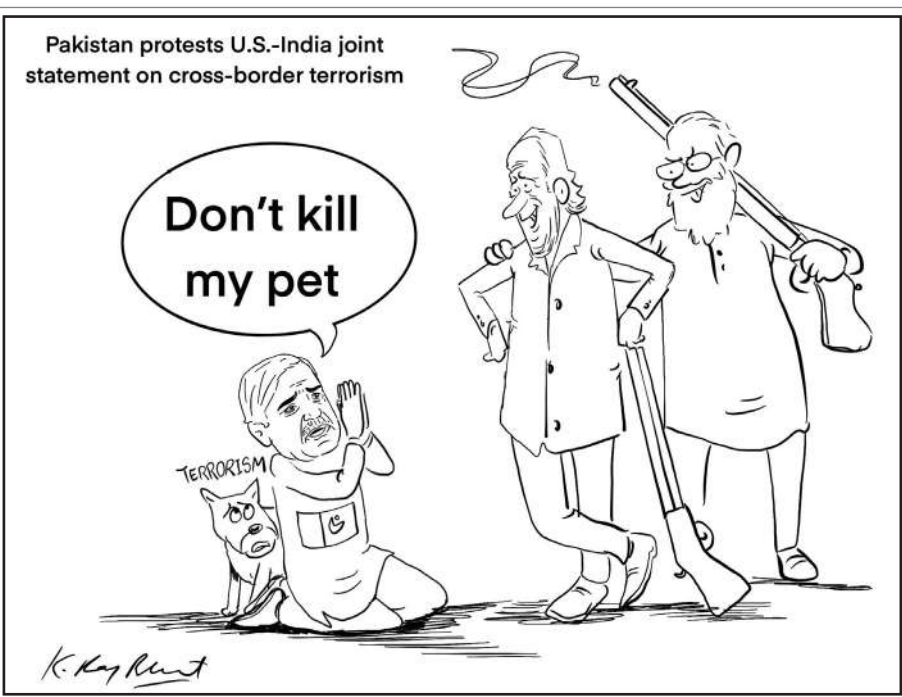
The new body will also analyse expenditure and project, and conduct annual surveys of scientific research.

The proposed NRF 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 bill, after approval in the Parliament, 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 crore during five years (2023-28).

The bill will also repeal the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) established by an Act of Parliament in 2008 and subsume it into NRF which has an expanded mandate and covers activities over and above the activities of SERB.



KVK Jammu of SKUAST-J awarded best KVK award among North Zone



Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head KVK Jammu receiving the award.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: KVK Jammu of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) working under the leadership of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor and guidance of Dr. S. K. Gupta, Director Extension awarded best KVK award among North Zone.

KVK Jammu has been awarded best KVK among 72 KVKs of North states and Union Territories viz., Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh for their functioning and service to the farming community.

Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head KVK Jammu received the award during Zonal workshop of KVKs of Zone 1 held at

Dehradun from June 26 to 28, 2023.

The award was confirmed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Agriculture Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI Zone 1PAU Ludhiana) for its initiative viz., farmers outreach, administrative capabilities, linkages with line departments, handholding of FPO's, Farmer's lounge, processing and branding of farmers produce along with large scale recommendations through OFT's, Frontline demonstrations and capacity buildings of rural youths and progressive farmers.

During the workshop Dr. Vishal Mahajan of KVK Kathua was awarded for best presentation among KVKs of UT of Jammu and Kashmir during the zonal workshop.

Amarnathji Yatra: ACS Home visits Nunwan, Chandanwari; assess arrangements for annual pilgrimage

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
ANANTNAG: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, R K Goyal, on Wednesday visited Pahalgam and took stock of arrangements being put in place at Nunwan base camp and Chandanwari camp for yatries arriving for annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY-2023), commencing from July 1.



ACS Home, R K Goyal with DGP Dilbag Singh and others inspecting SANJY 2023 arrangements.

ACS was accompanied by Director General Police, Dilbag Singh and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), Dr Mandeep Bandari,

DIG South, DC Anantnag, SDM Pahalgam and other civil and police officers were also present on the occasion.

At Chandanwari camp, ACS reviewed the healthcare facilities established in DRDO hospital for providing quality healthcare services to Shri

cater to the needs of holy devotees.

"The makeshift State-of-the-art hospital, built by DRDO at Chandanwari, will help in providing better and round the clock healthcare facilities to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and to those engaged in Yatra Management", he maintained.

ACS directed the medical officer to keep the medical facilities available round the clock so that no devotee has to face any inconvenience on this account.

He also visited Nunwan Base Camp at Pahalgam and took stock of preparations and arrangements for the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra. He conducted a detailed tour of the base camp

and inspected the facilities including drinking water, healthcare, toilets, sanitation, entry points and langar management, established at the Camp.

Later, R K Goyal held meetings with the camp directors and other officers regarding conduct of this religious Yatra. He directed them to ensure that best services are extended to pilgrims expected to throng the UT for pilgrimage. He asked for giving focus on maintaining proper sanitation and quality basic amenities at all the spots established for the pilgrims.

The Camp Directors and other officers of line departments apprised the ACS of facilities available in the camps for the pilgrims.

Power shutdown

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Lower & Upper Gadigarh, Indra Nagar, Dharap, Sudan H/Care Centre and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 01 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Dharmani, Arnas, Mahore, Gulabgarh, Jyotipuram, Power House, Reasi Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 01 and 02 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to the Industrial area of Bari Brahmana, Kartholi,

Ratnuchak, Mandal, Birpur Industry, Seora, Kanal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 02 from 5 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Katal-Brahma, Katal-Gujran, Sherpur, Londi, Bane Chack, Dunga, Nanan, Barnoti, Channi, Marheen, Paharpur, Logate, IID Industry, MES Janglote, NICER Paper Mill, Techno-Plast and other adjoining areas and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 02 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Greater Kailash,

Birpur Industry, Seora, Kanal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 02 from 6 am to 8 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industry, DC Office, Bainglad, Raiyan, Rakh, BSE, Supwal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 02 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Bishnah, Kotli, Deoli, Treva and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 03 from 6 am to 8 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Seora, Kunjwani, Apna Vihar, Bakshi Colony, Dental College, Bandu Rakh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 03 from 8 am to 10 am.

ADGP Jammu greets people on Eid-ul-Azha

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone has greeted the people of the Jammu Province on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. He has also wished all ranks of Police and their families a joyful Eid.

Singh expressed hope that the festival will bring joy and happiness among the people of the UT of J&K including members of Police family and Police martyrs.

He also directed district Superintendents of Police and other supervisory officers to put foolproof security arrangements in their respective jurisdiction so that the general public could have a happy, joyous and safe Eid-ul-Azha celebration.

In his message, ADGP Jammu prayed for peace and prosperity of all the people of UT J&K.



NYK delegation calls on Kavinder, seeks hike in honorarium

‘BJYM’s approach holistic, people centric’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A delegation of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) met senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, and highlighted demands including hike in honorarium.

The delegation urged the BJP stalwart leader to forward their plight before the concerned authorities as they are being paid meager salary, which is not enough to even ensure two times bread and butter. The delegation members said that their future seems to be bleak as no one is taking care of their needs in these times of high inflation. After giving a patient hearing to the delegation members,



BJYM members presenting memento to former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta.

Kavinder assured to take up the matter with concerned quarters and pursue it till the time the same reaches its logical conclusion.

Meanwhile, Kavinder addressed BJYM Sammelan here at Katra.

Tejaswi Surya, MP and BJYM National President

members to continue with the good work as their public friendly gestures contribute much in strengthening the party at the grass-root level.

Kavinder said that people centric policies and schemes by the Modi Government have gone down well among the electorate as the same were without any prejudice or discrimination touching all the sections of people in J&K. He said that the endeavours of BJP Government have increased manifold times the inclination of the people towards the party and vote share is expected to swell in the coming times, which shall be testified in the upcoming political contests in the Union Territory.

Chairman General Zorawar Singh Memorial Education & Charitable Trust calls on Lt Governor



GZSMECT members calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Devinder Singh Kaluria, Chairman, General Zorawar Singh Memorial Education and Charitable Trust (GZSMECT) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan, on Wednesday.

The Chairman, GZSMECT accompanied by Sushma Jamwal, Trustee, Diksha Kaluria, General Secretary and Riya Kaluria, Treasurer apprised the Lt Governor on the working of the Trust.

The delegation expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the protection, renovation, conservation and preservation of heritage building, Vijaypur Palace of General Zorawar Singh at Reasi for which the work order has already been issued.

Natrang organises Bharatanatyam dance workshop

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Natrang Jammu organised a 'Bharatanatyam' workshop under the guidance of Nitika Aggarwal at Natrang studio theatre in the ongoing Children Theatre Camp-2023 which is being conducted by Sumeet Sharma.

Speaking about the workshop Natrang director Balwant Thakur informed that in its endeavour to expose younger generations to the great performing art traditions of India, Natrang this year chose to introduce one of the leading classical dance tradition 'Bharatanatyam' to the participants of Natrang Children Theatre Camp.

He further informed that India has eight classical dance traditions and Bharatanatyam is amongst the oldest one. Bharatanatyam traces its origins back to the

Natyashastra-an ancient treatise on theatre written by the mythic priest Bharata. Fact remains that younger generations are drifting away from their roots and it becomes our larger responsibility to expose and connect them to our rich cultural traditions.

The workshop was conducted by Nitika Aggarwal-a famous Bharatanatyam exponent who is a Visharad graduate from Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh. Appreciated and awarded on many occasions, she is credited for having introduced classical dances in the temples of Jammu and conducted a dance recital at the historic Raghunath Mandir organised by FICCI FLO. She is also an established Vedic astrologer.

Those who took part in the workshop included Shafaq Fatimah, Tasnia Shafquat, Samrat Sharma, Advait Soham, Raga Sharma,

Adeesha Singh, Ruhaan Chandan, Jayaditya Singh, Sharvil Mahajan, Shranaya Mahajan, Javir Singh, Reet Gupta, Aryan Gupta, Adira Gupta, Daivik Gupta, Mehak Chib, Abhiraj Sharma, Sadhya Sharma, Araiya Shan, Mrigasya Shan, Daiwik Shan, Advik Sharma, Tannay Chopra, Aarav Vashisht, Jeevansh Sharma, Arindam Kohli, Aarohi Kohli, Saanchi Dutta, Dwijesh Dutta, Riaan Gupta, Manavi Bhushan, Kavyaansh Gandotra, Shravya Sharma, Audvik Badyal, Kamakhya Bali, Vidhanshi Jamwal, Viyaan Sharma, , Droan Dushyant Kohli, Anmol Sharma, Kushan Malhotra, Pragya Wadhera, Abhay Sharma, Aarjav Jain and Pulkrit Jayce.

Natrang Children Theatre camp is being assisted by Mohd. Yaseen, Kananpreet Kaur, Palshin Dutta, Mihir Gujral and Sheryaar Salaria.

Chief Secretary bids farewell to Samoon, Sharma

Terms their services valuable for J&K



CS Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta according farewell to Amit Sharma and Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta along with other administrative Secretaries on Wednesday bid farewell to Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department and Rajesh Sharma, Custodian General on their superannuation at a function organized here at Civil Secretariat.

Dr Mehta described both these officers as a professionals with kind heart who proved their mettle during their long spanning careers in Jammu and Kashmir.

He credited both of them for handling their jobs with great ability and professionalism for which they shall be remembered for long.

He also wished them good health and luck in future and hoped that they shall guide young-

sters in times to come. Speaking on the occasion, Samoon said that he has an emotional connection to J&K and has fond memories with everyone here and is overwhelmed by the affection he has received. He said that he has received out of way cooperation and support from everyone, officers, staff and people in whichever capacity he served them. Rajesh Sharma added that working in J&K has been a matter of pride as the circumstances and conditions across UT are diverse.

Recalling their service, the administrative secretaries recollected the roles they had played during their period of services in J&K. They credited them for several successes and said that they will be missed in times to come.

The officers also bid farewell to Amit Sharma, who has been posted in Ladakh UT.



Glances of foundation stone laying ceremony for the new High Court complex of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu on Wednesday.