

# Syama Prasad Mookerjee was an underrated academician: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Introducing a new narrative to the profile of Bharatiya Jan Sangh founder, Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said on Sunday that Mookerjee was an under-rated academician and while the history failed to do justice to him by not adequately acknowledging his self-effacing contribution in public life, a greater injustice was meted out to him by not adequately acknowledging his sterling role as an academician which was recognised even by the British rulers.

Delivering an Academic Lecture on the subject "Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee and his contribution to Higher Education", Dr Jitendra Singh described Syama Prasad Mookerjee as a 'prodigal child' who grew up into a 'versatile genius', which enabled him to achieve so much in life in a short span of just 52 or 53 years of age.

At a time when there were very few Universities in India, which were mostly controlled by the British and



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering an Academic Lecture on Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, on Sunday.

dominated by the British faculty, he said, Syama Prasad Mookerjee rose to become the Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University at the age of 34 and in spite of his multifarious activities, Mookerjee delivered as many as over 22 Convocation addresses in different Universities of India and some of the thoughts expressed in his vocation addresses are timeless quotable quotes with a universal relevance.

Describing Mookerjee as an emancipated thinker, Dr Jitendra Singh quoted from his Calcutta convocation address on March 2, 1935, where he had said "Surrender not the convictions you hold dear, but learn to appreciate the points of views of your opponents".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Mookerjee's political vision was also guided by sound academic logic and as an evidence, he quoted from his Nagpur University Convocation address of 1936, wherein he said, "India failed mainly because her people were at the critical hour divided and disorganized. We revelled in internal strife, which ceased for a time when great things like Asoka and Akbar ruled over destinies of India."

Lashing out at some of the left-leaning intellectuals for dubbing Mookerjee as a "Hindu protagonist", Dr Jitendra Singh quoted from his Agra University Convocation address of November 23, 1940 to explain what Hinduism meant to Mookerjee in the context of India when he had said, "I would ask you to fulfill in

abundant measure your obligation for the revival of the glory of Hindu culture and civilization, not from a narrow bigoted point of view, but for strengthening the very root of nationalism in this country."

Describing Mookerjee as a perfect blend of conviction and courage of conviction, Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that Mookerjee resigned from the post of Vice-Chancellor when he got involved in agitation against the British Government and resigned from the Union Cabinet because of his ideological differences with the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Even in his political thoughts, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Mookerjee was inspired by a deep sense of academics that reflected in the slogan "Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan, Ek Pradhan", which he gave before making the ultimate sacrifice of his life for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir. Even today, he said, these six words' acronym sums up the entire 75 years' history of post-independence Jammu & Kashmir.



## Sukhnandan calls on Union Minister Mandavia, seeks immediate supply of DAP

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JAMMU: Former Minister, ex-MLA Marh and Chairman Panchyati Raj Cell BJP JKUT, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar on Sunday met Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemical & Fertilizers, Mansukh Mandavia and submitted a memorandum seeking immediate supply of fertilizers specially DAP for the farmers of J&K UT in general and Jammu Province in particular.

Former minister apprised Union Minister about the agony of farmers in J&K and situation emerged due to short supply of fertilizer specially DAP in the peak season.

"Fertilizers are one of the the most important inputs for the farming community, but it has been in short supply in J&K for the months of September and October 2021, which is the sowing season of early variety crops of wheat, winter vegetables, cattle fodder crops etc. but due to shortage of fertilizer specially DAP (Diammonia Phosphate) the farming community in J&K in general and in Jammu divi-



Ex-MLA Marh, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar submitting memorandum to Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemical & Fertilizers, Mansukh Mandavia.

sion in particular are not in the position to sow these crops well in time. Late sowing of crops may result low yield which ultimately affects the production," Sukhnandan said.

He added winter crops are not only key crop cycle for the farmers but is equally important for the growth of J&K economy which largely depends on agriculture & Horticulture sectors.

He also asserted that short supply of fertilizers to J&K UT at this juncture will

adversely affects the agricultural production and unnecessarily invite law and order in the UT.

Union Minister give patient hearing to him and spoke to Ministry officials and advised them to ensure the supply of fertilizers specially DAP to J&K UT with in week's time.

He assured that supply of fertilizers to J&K will be streamlined within a week and there will be no shortage in the future also as J&K is on the top most priority of the Central Government.

## GMC Kathua organises International Virtual Cancer Conference

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KATHUA: Department of Radiation Oncology, Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua under aegis of Association of Radiation Oncologists of India North Zone Chapter supported by LBN Radiations of Hope-A Cancer Care Foundation on Sunday organised CRAB-ECON 9th International virtual Cancer Conference.

Theme of conference was 'Decoding Cancer Genetics' and is first such conference organised from Jammu and Kashmir.

The conference was attended by luminaries in Oncology and Researchers in field of Cancer Genetics.

Dr Deepak Abrol Incharge Radiation Oncology GMC Kathua and Dr Abhishek Shankar Associate Professor AIIMS Patna were the Programme Directors while Dr Shannim Ahmad, Additional Professor AIIMS Delhi and Dr Rakesh Kumar from School of Biotechnology SMVDU were organising



Doctors addressing International Virtual Cancer conference.

Secretaries.

Conference was organized under patronage of Dr Anjali Nadir Bhat, Principal GMC Kathua.

Dr Anil D'Cruz, President of International Union Against Cancer, Geneva and well known Head and Neck Cancer Surgeon also attended the meeting and praised the organisers of CRAB-ECON for organising the event annually.

Key resource faculty included Padamshri Dr Ashok Vaid Chairman

Medical Oncology Medanta who spoke on Hereditary Breast and ovarian Cancer Syndromes, Dr Purvish Parikh President ICON who spoke on value of Molecular Testing in the Real World, Dr Abhishek Shankar from AIIMS Patna who spoke on Molecular prevention of Cancer.

Dr Rajesh Vashistha, President AROI from Bathinda, Dr Rakesh Kapoor Director Tata Sangroor and Mullanhpur and Dr G V Giri Secretary

AROI from Bangalore delivered inaugural address.

Dignitaries and faculty who delivered the talks and chaired the sessions were Dr Manoj Gupta Dean Academics AIIMS Rishikesh, Dr AFM Kamaluddin Secretary Oncology Club Bangladesh, Dr V Srinivasan Secretary ICRO from Chennai, Dr Meenu Gupta Professor and Head from Dehradun, Dr Neeraj Jain Senior Vice President NZAROI from Amritsar, Dr S N Senapati

from Orissa, Dr Jyotsna Suri from GMC Jammu, Dr Vikas Roshan from AOI, Dr Priyanshu Chaudhary and Dr Piyush Mehta from Mohali and Dr Ankur Mittal from Oswal Ludhiana, Dr Mukesh Tanwar from Rohtak, Dr Manoj Kashyap from Amity Stem Cell Institute, Dr Sonali Verma from SMVDU, Dr G R Bhat from SKIMS, Dr Asif Amin from University of Kashmir and Dr Audesh Bhat from Central University of Jammu.

A best paper session was also conducted in which Dr K Amaldev won Lajwanti Bhagatnath Gold Medal.

Pertinent to mention that LBN Radiations of Hope is a Cancer Care Foundation Trust involved in cancer awareness among masses and is also working for cause of Continuing Medical Education in India.

## Anti-Pak protests against killing of civilians, soldiers by terrorists held in Jammu

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JAMMU: Several groups on Sunday staged anti-Pakistan protests at different places here to condemn the killing of civilians and security personnel by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The fresh protests in different parts of Jammu and border district of Poonch came a day after terrorists shot dead two non-locals, Arvind Kumar Sah of Bihar and Saghir Ahmad of Uttar Pradesh, in separate attacks in Srinagar and Pulwama districts.

The protesters belonging to different groups set ablaze effigies of the Pakistani government to denounce its continued support to the terror activities in the Union Territory.

They also paid rich tributes to nine army personnel who lost their lives



Rashtriya Bajrang Dal activists burning effigy during a protest.

during the ongoing search and cordon operation in Surankote and Mendhar forests in Poonch district.

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal outside Press Club and Rajput Karni Sena at Tawi bridge, the officials said.

## Mushroom Cultivation, a potential entrepreneurship for youth: Advisor Farooq

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan, emphasized all the stakeholders for encouraging and promoting Mushroom Cultivation, a potential entrepreneurship for youth in Jammu and Kashmir, in a big way.

Advisor stated this during his recent visit to Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. He interacted with undergraduate students of Experiential Learning Programme on Mushroom Cultivation and Spawn Production.

He motivated the students to take up enterprises of mushroom cultivation and



Advisor, Farooq Khan interacting with students.

spawn production as these are the potential enterprises of future. He emphasized that artificial cultivation of mushrooms round the year can be a reliable source of income generation and help the students not only in earning their livelihood but they can become job providers rather than job

seekers. He stressed upon the need to open up new spawn production laboratories in Jammu region so that the demand of farmers regarding availability of spawn is taken care of.

Dr. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of the University introduced Advisor to various Experiential Learning

Programmes being offered in the University.

Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Director Research and Registrar of the University showcased research activities of mushroom unit of SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Amrith Vaid, Head of Division of Plant Pathology and Dr. Sachin Gupta, Associate Professor and Incharge Mushroom Unit briefed the dignitaries about the services being provided to the farmers, students and young entrepreneurs by the Mushroom Unit of SKUAST-Jammu.

## Rana, Slathia accorded warm welcome at BJP headquarter

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JAMMU: Devender Singh Rana and Surjit Singh Slathia were accorded warm welcome at J&K BJP headquarter on Sunday after their joining in BJP's National headquarter, New Delhi earlier.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by J&K BJP Co-incharge Ashish Sood, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, former MLC Ashok Khajuria, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and other senior party leaders welcomed both earlier NC stalwarts into BJP at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Yudhvir Sethi, Shakti Parihar, Sham Lal Sharma, Aseem Gupta, Chander Prakash Ganga, Rajeev Jasrotia, Priya Sethi, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Keshav Dutt, Arvind Gupta, Rajeev Sharma, Pawan Gupta, Sanjita Dogra and others party senior leaders also welcomed them in the party fold.

Ravinder Raina, while welcoming Rana and Slathia termed them as experienced



Devender Singh Rana and Surjit Singh Slathia being welcomed by BJP J&K leaders at party headquarter.

& seasoned politicians who have earlier served as political stalwarts in National Conference.

He said that today the BJP activists are happily welcoming them into the BJP family.

He said that to reach this stage, BJP predecessors have sacrificed their lives in the long history of struggle for "Ek Vidhaan, Ek Nishaan, Ek Pradhana".

He recalled the contributions of Maharaja Hari Singh, Prem Nath Dogra and others, he said that Pt. Nehru led Congress and Sheikh Abdullah led National Conference made Maharaja Hari Singh to suffer as Maharaja strongly battled for Independence of India from British at every occasion including Round Table

conference.

Raina said that BJP has always stood for restoring the pride of the Nationalists and erected Statues, monuments and developed parks on the name of Maharaja.

He said that BJP led by Modi removed the wall of hatred-Articles 370 & 35(a) that prevented the J&K and particularly Jammu region from deserved development.

He said that today, with the strong dedication of BJP leaders Jammu is on the path of model development with the AIIMS, IIM, IIT, Central Universities, Express Highways, Bridges, Ring Roads and much more.

He said that only BJP is capable of doing justice to all the earlier neglected areas and sections and this is the reasons the leaders of such

stature are attracted to BJP in order to serve the people in a better way.

Ashish Sood, while welcoming both leaders into the party fold said that BJP is the only party dedicated to serve the people while meeting their aspirations.

He said that BJP believes in serving the society and Nation while taking all along those who are like minded. He said that it is really a proud moment that today more mass leaders from Jammu & Kashmir have joined the ranks of BJP to work dedicatedly with a vision for the wholesome development of J&K.

He stressed that the party believes that both the leaders will do justice with the aspirations of masses while working dedicatedly keeping the party

principles in their minds.

Jugal Kishore Sharma welcoming them into party fold said that BJP believes in "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas".

He said that he is looking forward for more dedicated work from both the leaders for raising the voice of people and strengthening the organization. Devender Rana, while thanking the senior BJP leaders for their warm welcome, said that he is overwhelmed. He said that BJP has got the dedicated and selfless cadre which had formed the strong base of BJP in the whole nation and now under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the stature of Indians have grown in the whole world.

He said that while working in NC, he was ignored while speaking for the cause of Jammu and now he has joined BJP to raise the voice for his own people at right platform.

Surjit Slathia said that he has now joined the BJP with a vision to work for a cause.

He said that he will work like a soldier in the party. He said that he will work dedicatedly on the party lines along all other BJP leaders for raising the voice of Jammu.

## Bhalla attacks Modi Govt over 'failure' on national security front in J&K



JKPCC Vice President, Raman Bhalla after inauguration of a Park at Rani Talab.

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JAMMU: Alleging breakdown of law and order security scenario machinery in the J&K, JKPCC Vice President, Raman Bhalla on Sunday lambasted BJP govt for its failure to rein in the anti social, anti national, communal and disruptive forces that were hell bent to vitiate peace and disrupt communal harmony in J&K for their vested interests.

He claimed that the killing of non locals by terrorists in broad daylight proves that the government has failed to control the law & order situation in J&K.

"The Government is not performing according to aspirations of J&K people. The farmers, business community, traders, students are totally fed up with this non-performing Government, which has failed on all fronts whether it is providing

basic facilities to the people or paying timely wages to the daily wagers working in various departments of J&K or checking price hike of essential commodities", he said.

This was stated by former Minister in an impressive programme organized by Corporator Dewarka Choudhary for inauguration of Park at Rani Talab, Sanjay Nagar Digiana Ward 46.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Taranjeet Singh Tony, Vijay Chib, Harbans Lal Sharma, Balvinder Singh Rinku, Raju Katyal, Mohinder Singh, Chatter Singh, Capt Subash, Darshan Singh, Gani Sabaib, Rerd. SSP Amrik Singh, Gurdeep Singh Kaka, Hazara Singh, Madan Ch. Sanjay Gupta Murli, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Rohit Tondon, Gurnesh, Romesh Choudhary, Thar Chand, Tersham Lal besides prominent persons of the area.