

# LG inaugurates IOCL's LPG bottling plant in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated Indian Oil Corporation Limited's LPG Bottling Plant at Vessu-Nipora, Anantnag.

Congratulating Indian Oil Corporation, Jhelum Oil Agency and the people of the region on the commissioning of the new LPG Bottling Plant, the Lt Governor said that the Plant has the capacity to supply 3240 cylinders per day and will cater to the surge in demand of LPG during the winter season.

The Lt Governor said Social movements such as Ujjwala Yojna have brought massive transformation in the lives of women. Under the guidance of Prime Minister issues of basic amenities such as Housing, Electricity, Water, Toilet, Gas, Roads, Hospital and School have been addressed to benefit all sections of the society, he added.

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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating IOCL's LPG Bottling Plant at Vessu-Nipora, Anantnag.

saturation of social security and welfare schemes under the guidance of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has improved the living standards of the poor, farmers and the deprived section of the society, the Lt Governor said.

Under Ujjwala Yojana 1.0, a total of 8 crore poor, deprived, backward, tribal families across the country were given LPG connections, while Ujjwala Yojana 2.0 aims to provide LPG connections to 1 crore low-income households that could not be covered under the first phase, observed the Lt

Governor.

About 12.41 lakh households in Jammu and Kashmir have been provided LPG connections under Ujjwala 1.0 and it is our endeavor to extend the benefit to the left-out low-income households, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor further asked the officials and stakeholders to ensure that no eligible beneficiary remains left out under the Ujjwala Yojana.

The Lt Governor also shared the details of mass awareness programme of all services under the Public Services

Guarantee Act during the Back to Village-IV programme.

Jitendra Kumar, Executive Director and State Head, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in his welcome address termed the day as a significant occasion for IOCL and expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Government for their support.

He informed about the increased availability of petroleum products in the UT, besides the installation of CNG infrastructure in Jammu Division. He further shared the

vision of IOCL to become carbon neutral by 2046.

The new LPG Bottling Plant is set up over five acres of land having annual capacity of 12,000 MT and daily capacity to dispatch 10 LPG trucks, i.e. 3240 cylinders per day, and can store more than 500 filled cylinders. Apart from Indian Oil, the distributors of BPCL and HPCL will also be supplied continuously through the Plant, it was informed.

The Lt Governor along with other dignitaries also planted a tree sapling to mark the occasion. Composite Gas Cylinders were also distributed among the consumers.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Dr Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag; senior officials of IOCL, Civil Administration and Police department; LPG distributors, besides other stakeholders and a large number of people were present on the occasion.



## New, young voters to define India at 2047: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a congregation of new and young voters at Moradabad, UP on Wednesday.

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MORADABAD: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said that the new and young voters will define India @2047, and with the active young years on their side, they have the privilege and opportunity to contribute to the making of Century India, as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a congregation of new and young voters here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Uttar Pradesh is home to about 55 million young men and women who are in the 18-30 age group, which is approximately 37 % of the total voters in the State.

Dr Jitendra told the youth that a few days ago, Prime Minister Modi launched Rozgar Mela - the recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel and during the ceremony, appointment letters were handed over to 75,000 newly inducted appointees. He said, in near future, the target of 10 lakh government jobs will be completed in a mission mode.

The Minister, also appealed to the youth to strive for other means of livelihood through lucrative StartUp ventures and innovative entrepreneurship, as

it is next to impossible for any country to provide government jobs to all.

Referring to Prime Minister's continued focus on youth power since 2014, Dr Jitendra said, on August 15, 2017, in his Independence Day speech, Modi said, "January 1, 2018 will not be an ordinary day - those born in this century will start turning 18. For these people, this is a decisive year of their lives. They are going to be the creator of the destiny (Bhagya Vidhata) of our nation in the 21st century. I heartily welcome all these youth, honour them and offer my respects to them. You have an opportunity to shape the destiny of our country. A proud nation invites you to become a part of its developmental journey".

Dr Jitendra said, in the 2019 polls, 133 million young adults got the opportunity to vote and of them 70 million were young men and 63 million young women and over 72 percent of them were living in India's villages.

The Minister said, this number may touch 140 million by 2024, and this is India's demographic dividend that should not be

allowed to go waste.

Dr Jitendra Singh reminded the youth and also the administration that the Election Commission of India in July this year announced that those above the age of 17 years can now apply in advance to get enrolled in the voters' list and not wait until the voting age of 18 years.

The Commission has directed the chief electoral officers and electoral registration officers of all states to work out tech-based solutions to enable the youth to file their advance applications concerning three subsequent qualifying dates - April 1, July 1 and October 1, and not only just January 1. The Minister said, the move will boost EC's efforts to enrol new young voters who turn 18 in a year, for which an amendment was recently made to allow quarterly registration of voters.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Central government and the UP Government are jointly planning to hold 'Yuva Vijay Sankalp Rally' in all the nooks and corners of the state to make the youth aware of the developmental initiatives and achievements of the "Double Engine Sarkar".

## Entire J&K, Ladakh integral part of India, shall retrieve our regions: Raina



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and other senior leaders celebrating Accession Day at Maharaja Hari Singh Park, near Tawi River, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Whole of J&K, Ladakh is an integral part of India and we shall retrieve our regions, said Ravinder Raina, while massive Accession Day (Vilay Diwas) celebrations were carried out by BJP across Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP led by its President Ravinder Raina and other senior leaders celebrated Accession Day (Vilay Diwas) with vigour, at Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Park, near Tawi River, Jammu.

The National Flag was also hoisted on the occasion while paying glorious tributes to the great Maharaja.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, Former Minister Sat Sharma, former MLC Ashok Khajuria, Vice-President Sham Sharma, Vice-President Yadvir Sethi, former Minister Bali Bhagat, JMC Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Ramesh Arora, Girdhari Lal Raina, former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Dy Mayor Baldev Billawaria, Veenu Khanna, Rekha Mahajan, Sunil Sethi, Abhinav Sharma, Rajni Sethi, Sanjay Baru, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Dex, DDC Suresh Sharma, Prem Gupta, Bawa Sharma, Rajinder Chib, Vinay Gupta, Munish Khajuria and other senior party leaders were also present on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina said that the whole J&K is celebrating this day as it has come after supreme sacrifices by Nationalists. "Vilay Diwas is like Republic and Independence day for us as this was the day when our maharaja made J&K an inte-

gral part of India. He added that the Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja was full and final in which he united the whole of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of India. Some parts of Jammu and Kashmir are still under the illegal occupation of Pakistan and China and the day is not far when we will hoist the tricolour there as well," he said and added that Congress ditched Maharaja and the state of Jammu & Kashmir. He also said that India has always respected minorities and has given the top positions of PM and President to the minorities.

Jugal Kishore Sharma said the Accession day is a very important day for us. He said that the Accession Day marks the signing of the instrument of accession by the maharaja with the governor-general of India, Lord Mountbatten, on October 26, 1947 to join the then dominion of India. He provided insight on the historic events during the accession of J&K with the Union of India.

Dr. Nirmal Singh remembered the important role played by the Maharaja Hari Singh and chain of events during the unification of J&K with dominion of India and the negative role of the then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru and sheikh Abdullah.

Sat Sharma attributed the free atmosphere of present J&K to the great vision of Maharaja Hari Singh. He said the present dispensation under PM Modi strengthened J&K and the country.

Thakur Narayan Singh organized the whole programme and also carried out the programme proceedings.

## Union MoS reviews developmental scenario in Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Union Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Corporate Affairs and Planning Rao Inderjit Singh on Wednesday visited Pulwama district under Central Government's Public Outreach Programme. He reviewed developmental scenario of the district besides reviewing implementation status of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. During his visit, the Minister chaired a meeting of officers at Circuit House and reviewed implementation and progress recorded under MGNREGA, PMAY, NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat JSY, JSSK PMGSY, JJM, ICDS, PMAY-U and various other schemes.

While addressing the various delegations and beneficiaries of various schemes, the Minister said that Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is consistently working for betterment and upliftment of downtrodden and poor people and people are now getting benefited directly from schemes of Government.

While meeting a delegation of Fruit Growers Association Pulwama, the Minister was apprised about the problems faced



Union MoS Planning Rao Inderjit Singh chairing a meeting.

by the community. The growers demanded for a CA store in Pulwama, leaf analysis facility, soil testing lab and furthermore, smooth transportation of apple fruit to rest of the country. The Minister assured the delegation that he will take up the issues with the concerned. He further said that he will take a personal interest in redressal of all the grievances.

A delegation of youth also met the Minister that raised the demand of sports academy and modern sporting infrastructure in the district. Besides a delegation of SHGs also met the minister and raised various demands related to the empowerment of Self Help Groups. The Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baser-ul-Haq Choudhary through a powerpoint presentation highlighted the achievements, special initiatives and best practices of the District Administration under different schemes. He also informed the chair that more than 3.00 lakh youth are expected to participate in different games this year. He also apprised the Minister that the district has also completed process of digitization of land records and the district has developed nearly 270 Amrit Sarovars whereas more than 200 playgrounds have been developed in the district.

SSP, ADDC, ACR Pulwama and other officers were present.

# Using Rishi Sunak as a tool to defame India, hurt majority community



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On October 24, the Conservative Party of UK, which mis-governed, looted, drained and exploited India for 200 years; destroyed India socially, culturally, religiously, economically and politically; created among Indians a class of collaborators through Lord Macaulay's atrocious education policy; went on perpetrating barbarities on the patriotic Indians and mercilessly torturing, lynching, killing and hanging them on a daily basis; and changed the political map of India in collaboration with its India-based lackeys, created a history of sorts. That day, almost 200 Conservative MPs supported the candidature of Rishi Sunak of Indian origin for the top executive post of UK, post of Prime Minister. They swung solidly behind Sunak not because he's a devout Sanatani or an ardent worshipper of Bhagwan Krishna and cow but because of his merit and his spectacular performance as UK's Chief Secretary to the Treasury and UK's Chancellor of Exchequer (Finance Minister) between 2019 and 2022.

What the Conservative Party did was an internal affair of the party as well as UK, notwithstanding the fact that Rishi Sunak was a practicing Sanatani. Of course, the landmark decision of the Conservative Party to select a practicing Sanatani is UK PM led to jubilations across India for reasons not really difficult to fathom. After all, UK had converted India into its colony and did what it did to India and Indians, especially the Hindus, for 200 years and Sunak will occupy 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the British PM since centuries, on October 28.

It bears recalling that it was on March 28, 1892 that the then Under Secretary of State for India Lord GN Curzon, who later became Viceroy of India, dismissed the Indians as voice-

less millions. Opposing the bill seeking introduction of elective principle in India in the House of Commons, imperialist Curzon, inter-alia, had said: "The people of India are voiceless millions. They are not universally aware that the English are in their country as rulers. The people of India are ryots and peasants, whose life is not one of political aspiration but one of mute penury and toil". In other words, Curzon contemptuously dismissed the Indians as mere British subjects not fit for any say whatsoever in the administration and governance of and law-making processes in their own country. Such was the nature of the British contempt for the Indians, especially Hindus, who and whose religion and culture were at the receiving end since the seventh century. No wonder then that the Sanatanis in India took the elevation of Rishi Sunak to the post of UK PM as a great moment.

Sadly, however, a number of India-based leaders, including senior Congress leaders and former Union Ministers P Chidambaram and Shashi Thooru; used the rise of Rishi Sunak on the political horizon of UK as a tool to question India and its political system and tried to create a nasty narrative that India was ill-treating the minorities, especially Muslims, and the majority community has been ruling the roost in India. They conveniently overlooked the fact that three Muslims - Zakir Hussain, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad and APJ Abul Kalam -- rose to become the Union President; Hamid Ansari served as VP and chairman of RS for 12 years; Mannohan Singh, a Sikh migrant from Pakistan, served as Indian PM for 10 long years; AK Antony, a Christian, served as Defence Minister for years; Salman Khurshid served as Minister for External Affairs and Preeti Kaur (Sikh) and E Ahmad of Muslim League as MoS in MEA; Syed Akbaruddin served as spokesperson of MEA for years; PJ Kurian (Christian) and K Rehman Khan as deputy chairman of RS; Altamas Kabir served as Chief Justice of India; Goolam Essaji

Vahanvati served as Attorney General of India; Syed Asif Ibrahim served as Director Intelligence Bureau etc etc. They also ignored the fact that AR Antulay, Barkatullah Khan. Abdul Gafoor and Anwara Taimur were chief ministers of the overwhelming Hindu-majority states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar and Assam, respectively.

In the Union Territory of J&K, Peoples Democratic Party chief, an ardent believer in the concepts of self-rule, demilitarization, Indo-Pak joint-control over J&K, porous borders and dual currency and former J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti, whose father - Mufti Sayeed-- served both as Union Home Minister and J&K CM twice, and National Conference, protagonist of greater autonomy, bordering on virtual sovereignty, also took the plunge and denounced PM Narendra Modi, of course, without naming him for making invidious distinctions between Hindus and Muslims. Mehbooba Mufti was more critical and her tweet read like this: "Proud moment that UK will have its first Indian origin PM. While all of India rightly celebrates, it would serve us well to remember that while UK has accepted an ethnic minority member as its PM, we are still shackled by divisive & discriminatory laws like NRC & CAA".

It would be only appropriate to catalogue here some of the instances to lay bare the disparities between what Mehbooba Mufti and all others of her ilk, without any exception, in Kashmir said and did in J&K between October 26, 1947 and June 2018. They never considered J&K an integral part of India. They considered Kashmiri Muslims a race apart. They considered only discriminatory Article 35A, seditious Article 370, separate J&K constitution and separate J&K flag "secular" and Indian Constitution, Indian Laws and Indian Institutions "rightwing" and "anti-Kashmir". They converted Jammu and Ladakh into Kashmir's two colonies and rendered the people of these two provinces unreal

and ineffective for all practical purposes. They consistently dubbed all the non-Kashmiris, including Hindu-Sikh refugees from Pakistan languishing in Jammu since 1947 and members of Valmiki Samaj and Gorkhas living in Jammu since decades, as foreigners and denied them even the basic civil and democratic rights, including the right to own property. They consistently dubbed the Indian Army as occupying forces. They converted Kashmir, which was once 100% Hindu, into 100% non-Hindu in January 1990. They, including Farooq Abdullah's brother Mustafa Kamal, openly said that "J&K is a Muslim-majority state and the CM of J&K has to be a Muslim". All the Wazir-e-Azams/CMs of J&K between 1948 and June 2018 were non-Hindus from Kashmir and they all belonged to one particular religious sect. They all converted the Civil Secretariat, the seat of Government, into a one-region and one-community institution and in a most brazen manner. They rigorously excluded Jammu and Ladakh from all sectors, including the vital service and engineering and medical education sectors. This can be seen from the fact that the number of Kashmiri employees is over 4 lakh out of over 5 lakh; the rate of unemployment in Jammu is over 69% as against less than 30% in Kashmir; and the number of students from Jammu province in the technical and professional institutions is not even 30%. They left no stone unturned to change Jammu's demography, particularly after 1996, when the NC again recaptured state power. They settled almost one lakh Rohingyas and Bangladeshis at strategic locations in and around Jammu city to create a Kashmir-like situation with a view to causing non-Muslim migration. The memory of what the Mehbooba Mufti government did in Jammu on February 14, 2018 to further change the Jammu's demography is too fresh to be forgotten. That day, she openly encouraged certain sections to occupy the state and forest lands in

Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur districts and directed the police and revenue magistracy to not disturb those who would illegally occupy the state and forest lands. They consistently battled for Pakistan, China and subversives in Kashmir. The memory of what they said after the abrogation of Article 35A and Article 370 still lingers in the nation's mind. They had said that they would take back these Articles with the support of China.

Not just this, they opposed tooth and nail the recommendations of the new delimitation commission despite the fact that it gave more representation to Kashmir (47 seats) as compared to 43 seats to Jammu. They dismissed this recommendation plus creation of 6 more seats in Jammu as deliberate attempts of the Narendra Modi Government to change Kashmir's demography. They opposed tooth and nail the inclusion of non-Kashmiris in the voters' lists, dismissed them as aliens and termed their inclusion in the voters' lists a sinister conspiracy.

But these constitute only a few of the several such examples which only serve to expose Mehbooba Mufti and others of her ilk in Kashmir; which expose their nasty and flawed concepts of India and on India, ethnic minorities, secularism, diversity, pluralism, democracy, state, nation, sovereignty, borders and the Indian defence machine. Sadly, the "secular" governments in Delhi always sided with these Kashmiri leaders. It was only from June 2018 that the Narendra Modi Government started stemming the rot and it has to do much much more to end the menace of separatism and communalism in Kashmir. It's a matter of satisfaction that the now-awakened nation and sections of objective mainstream media have been tearing into those who are shamelessly striving to use the rise of Rishi Sunak in UK as a tool to defame India and hurt the majority community by communalizing everything.