

Dogra pride sabotaged by self-styled Dogra protagonists: Dr Jitendra

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KATHUA: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Sunday that the Dogra pride had been sabotaged by self-styled Dogra protagonists who were now raising this bogey after having spent lifetime eating loaves and fishes of power with Congress or National Conference, the two political parties which were responsible for the oppression, imprisonment and torture of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, the tallest Dogra of our time and the same parties which had banished Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler, to exile and forced him to live and die in Mumbai.

In a hard-hitting dig, while addressing the BJP party workers and party candidates for District Development Council election here, Dr Jitendra said, the "Gupkar Gang" of Kashmir is matched by the "Guftar Gang" from here and quoted an Urdu couplet by Allama Iqbal ".... Guftar Ka Qazi Ban To Gaya, Kirdar Ka



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh with the BJP candidates for DDC election, during workers meeting at Kathua.

Qazi Ban Na Saka" which, when translated, referred to the man who spoke in the tone and style of a holy priest but whose conduct and character was not that of a holy priest.

Dr. Singh said, it has become a fashion for some to taunt the BJP for cancellation of Dogra Certificate and asked, when the Dogra Certificate was canceled by the Congress-PDP government, why none of the so-called Dogra Ministers in that cabinet had uttered a single word in protest, but when they found themselves thrown out of their respective parties, they suddenly remembered the Dogra

Certificate which they actually need for themselves now rather than for Dogras.

He said, we shall certainly redeem the sins committed by them, but we will never let their sins stick to our forehead and we will keep reminding people of their treachery and opportunism. About development, Dr. Jitendra observed that in certain quarters and also some sections of media it has become a habit to say that they cannot see any development. Citing a sarcastic example, he said, when the same worthies drive in their vehicles across the Keediyar-Gandiyal bridge to

save 40 minutes of their journey through Khads, at that time they are able to see this Rs.150 crore bridge but when they sit before the TV camera they are unable to see this bridge. To those, who say there is nothing on ground, Dr. Jitendra asked, has the network of upgraded roads and bridges right from Lakhampur to Kishtwar in his Lok Sabha Constituency been constructed in the sky, if not on the ground.

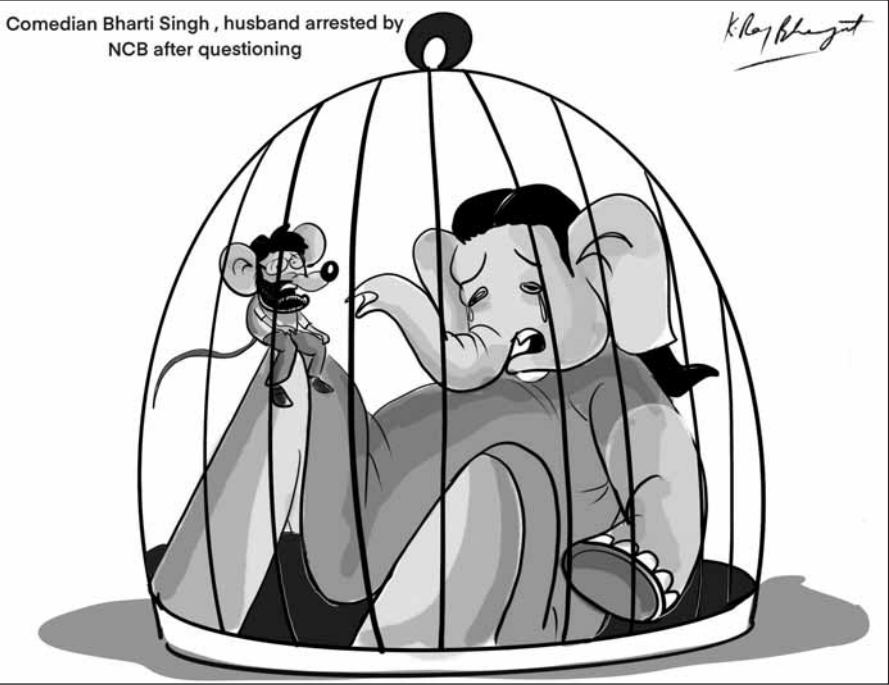
About those provoking the youth in the name of jobs, Dr. Singh called upon the party men to go to people and tell how from time to time the Ministers in the erstwhile Congress and National Conference governments, including the so-called Dogra Ministers had taken money to make backdoor temporary job appointments and bluffed the youth to believe that they will become permanent automatically.

He said, we are finding ways to help these cheated youth and at the same time, now the inter-

views for jobs have been abolished so as to ensure that hereafter the job appointments will be made on the basis of written test so that nobody can take money and use unfair means by manipulating the interview marks.

If there is a single youth from a poor family who qualifies for the job through written test merit, we will stand by him and not be cowed down by protests provoked by the promoters of backdoor appointments, he added.

Exuding confidence that the DDC election will be won hands down by BJP, Dr. Jitendra said we have put up candidates who are educated, young and energetic. He asked the candidates to go to the people and reason out on each and every issue. He reiterated that the BJP victory march of DDC election in J&K will begin from Lakhampur, the place where Syama Prasad Mookerjee had courted his arrest for abolition of Article 370.



No indiscipline shall be tolerated by BJP: Anurag Thakur

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JAMMU: No indiscipline shall be tolerated by the BJP, may be at any level, as no one is above the party and the decision of the party is supreme, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Sunday.

Thakur, who is the Union Minister of State for Finance and the party's Jammu and Kashmir DDC election in-charge, on Sunday started Party's election campaign in the Territorial Constituency Marh for upcoming District Development Council elections, here.

He was accompanied by Sunil Sethi (Chief Spokesperson Parbhar), Thakur Narayan Singh (Seh-Parbhar), Abhinav Sharma (Advocate, Spokesperson BJP and Incharge Elections for District Development Council, Territorial Election Constituency Marh), Rajinder Singh Chib (President Jammu District Rural), Vandhana Kumari (Sarpanch Panchayat Nagbani Flora and contesting candidate for Territorial Constituency Marh), K.L. Sharma (District General Secretary BJP), Sham Lal Sharma (Sarpanch Panchayat Panjore), Pooja Devi (Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa) and other BJP leaders.

While addressing the gathering, Anurag highlighted the achievements of Narendra Modi and the beneficial policies of BJP particularly for farmers, border residents of villages like construction of bunkers in



Union Minister Anurag Thakur along with BJP leaders after filing of DDC nomination paper by candidate.

border villages, financial assistance to the farmers, enhancement of old age and widow pension and compensation to farmers on account of damaged crops.

He also told the gathering that the people of Jammu should be careful about the anti-national policies of the political parties which are constituents of 'Gupkar Alliance' in as much as Gupkar Alliance is nothing but a voice which reflects the object and agenda of anti-nationals and the Chinese and Pakistanis approach against India.

Thakur stated that the BJP is having special concern for the farmers, ex-servicemen and the residents of border area villages and Marh Tehsil comprises many border villages and therefore, all the policies and schemes of BJP led by Narendra Modi are for the benefits of the farmers and the ex-servicemen.

Sunil Sethi, Abhinav Sharma and Rajinder Singh Chib appealed to the public to support the candidature of Vandhana Kumari (candidate

for Territorial Constituency Marh) as she being a highly qualified candidate can lead the constituency in a better way.

They also stated that electing Vandhana Kumari from Territorial Constituency Marh shall be beneficial for the public and for residents of Territorial Constituency Marh as her victory would strengthen the 3-tier system and the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as this election is the first election in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Anurag Thakur also told the gathering that they should be aware of those who are misleading the public against the BJP and are trying to create confusion in as much as those who are trying to mislead the public against the BJP themselves stood elected in various elections by claiming sympathy being BJP sympathizers.

In the presence of a huge gathering, Sarpanch Pooja Devi, former Sarpanch Gajansoo Bhushan Sharma and social activist Naresh Choudhary joined BJP in presence of Anurag Thakur.

ANTF arrests three with psychotropic substances



SSP ANTF Vinay Kumar addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: A team of Jammu and Kashmir Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) on Sunday arrested three narcotic smugglers with huge quantity of psychotropic substances seized from a truck.

SSP ANTF Vinay Kumar here on Sunday told reporters that based on specific inputs that psychotropic substance laden truck bearing Registration number PB10HB-3586 which was on way to Jammu from New Delhi, the teams immediately swung into action and laid Naka on the National Highway.

"Three smugglers carrying drugs were arrested on the spot," he said.

Arrested transporters were identified as Amit Saxena, son of Mukesh Saxena of East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi, Surjeet Kumar, son of Madal

Lal and Rohit, son of Paramjeet, both are residents of Punjab.

"One of the arrested namely Amit Saxena is a notorious narcotic smuggler of New Delhi and was wanted in many NDPS cases," Vinay said adding that two days ago, another notorious narco dealer of Delhi namely Salman has been arrested by ANTF from Delhi.

"These two back to back arrests of Delhi based narco dealers are expected to spill the beans about banned Pharmaceutical drug cartel of North India including illegal drug manufacturing Industries," he said.

The psychotropic substance seized included 6,700 bottles of Codeine Phosphate and 18,000 capsules of Spasmo Proxyvon Plus, he added.

A case has been registered and investigation started.

Infants' deaths due to spurious drugs PMO takes cognizance of Suresh's complaint, directs state licensing authorities for action

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JAMMU: Taking cognizance of complaint made by senior social activist Suresh C Khajuria regarding death of infants due to spurious drugs in several parts of north India



had highlighted unfortunate deaths and deformities of infants in J&K, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and had also even taken up the issue of adequate compensation to families of innocent victims and those who are deformed with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and concerned State/ UT Governments.

Including Ramnagar tehsil of Udhampur district of J&K, Prime Ministers' office has instructed state licensing authorities to take necessary action in the matter.

Senior social activist Suresh C Khajuria, who had taken up cudgels on behalf of the infant victims of spurious drugs, had written to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene in the matter and requested him to take action against guilty besides taking corrective measures at the policy level to stop recurrence of such incidents in future and adequate compensation and treatment of innocent victims.

Khajuria in his letter brought to the notice of the Prime Minister Modi the sad and untimely death of several children and severe deformities to others in some parts of northern India due to consumption of spurious drugs since December, 2019. He

The Prime Ministers' Office in a communication to Suresh C Khajuria had responded that the matter related to product quality of drug 'Coldest-PC Syrup' have been forwarded to the concerned State Licensing Authorities for taking necessary action in the matter vide this office letter no. ED/Misc.-335/2020 dated 13.08.2020 and ED/Misc.-394/2020 dated 24.09.2020

Khajuria had given details of the death and deformities suffered by innocent infants due to consumption of spurious drugs in J&K, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh besides the chemical reports of the drugs by the state laboratories and even by

the doctors of the prestigious institutions like PGI, Chandigarh where one of the infant victim was treated and later died.

Khajuria had pleaded that there was a need of formulation a comprehensive compensation policy at the central level and implemented in all States. All those who are affected due to consumption of such spurious and substandard drugs should be adequately compensated. It should also have provisions imposing punishment/penalties on those who for their personal gains play with the lives of others by circulating sub-standard medicines in the market.

He had requested the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to issue necessary directions to target such activities through stringent measures in coordination with state governments. He further argued that there should be some system in place for treatment, rehabilitation and compensation of such innocent victims who are from poor strata of society since they are unable to get treatment from expensive private doctors and even cannot afford expensive medicines.

DGP sanctions welfare relief of over Rs 3.5 cr for cops

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JAMMU: Continuing with an aim to provide more welfare measures for police personnel and to give financial assistance to meet the urgent needs, Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh sanctioned welfare loan, relief in favour of 345 officers and personnel of J&K Police vide an order issued by PHQ.

Under this order, over Rs 2.9 crore have been sanctioned in favour of 294 personnel to meet the expenses of their own marriage, and marriage of wards. Rs 52 lakh have been sanctioned in favour of 37 personnel for self-treatment and treatment of their dependents.

Eight police personnel have been provided welfare loan for higher education of

their wards. Rs 2.5 lakh have been sanctioned in favour of five police personnel for circumcision, Akhand Path, Mudan of their wards.

Under this order, over Rs 1.5 lakh as welfare relief has also been sanctioned in favour of ten personnel.

The welfare loan sanctioned to the Police personnel is refundable and is

recovered in monthly installments from their salaries without any interest. The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

Police headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing assistance to all the ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police including the wards of Martyr police personnel and wards of mar-

tyr SPOs.

Besides, meritorious scholarship for the brilliant students of in-service police personnel is provided to inculcate spirit of competition among them. More welfare measures are being taken in future to ensure increased help and assistance to the police personnel as also to the wards of martyr policemen.

Abrogation of Art 370: Curse or blessing for Jammu?

People were expecting huge changes on ground level with the abrogation of Article 370. The decision was welcomed by every nationalist people with a hope of huge development for Jammu region. Despite lapse of considerable time, nothing is visible on ground with Jammu still being discriminated....!



terms of development and employment. Jammu, due to its weak leadership and

Baru Khajuria, a working woman said, "Abrogation of Article 370 was thought to create most powerful impact for people of Jammu. The biggest issue was equitable development of Jammu at par with Kashmir region. Jammu had high expectations in

Kashmir-centric loyalty by central governments, could never see the sun rising towards its horizon. Tourism industry was never promoted thus resulting in limited opportunities for youth to get jobs. Most of the packages announced went to Kashmir and Jammu could never understand why this step motherly treatment was practised with it. Within the regions, be it Ladakh or Jammu, resentment was brewing among masses for equitable share in every sphere. The hope was finally fulfilled,

when Article 370 was abandoned. It is now more than a year but nothing substantial has been achieved yet. People want to see changes on ground. Basic amenities are still lacking, with no healthcare nor modernisation for Jammu city. Smooth road connectivity is still a distant dream. Jammu continues to be struggling against many things. Abrogation of Article 370 must bring some dynamic changes on ground level, which yet not reached the region."



territories, against the will of people of all the regions of erstwhile State. No one wants status of UT instead of State but BJP had done wrong and went against will of the people and divided Jammu & Kashmir and its people on region basis.

On August 5, 2019 they shunned all voices including mainstream political leaders, activists, students, youth and others. Whole erstwhile State was put under curfew and all communication links were banned. Till date, 4G has not been restored which is our basic right, and now one can easily see the curse of abrogation of Article 370," he added.

Yaser Rashid, Law Student, Jammu University: As we are already aware that prior to abrogation of Article 370, the erstwhile State had a special status. We had combination of three regions, different cultures, different religions and different rituals.

"We were living in the best era before abrogation of Article 370 but unfortunately due to the dirty politics of Center's ruling party, we were betrayed on 5th August 2019, when whole demography of our erstwhile State was changed and it was bifurcated into two Union Territories, against the will of people of all the regions of erstwhile State. No one wants status of UT instead of State but BJP had done wrong and went against will of the people and divided Jammu & Kashmir and its people on region basis.



Shruty Sharma, a Homemaker said, "The decision to abrogate Article 370 has perhaps generated more emotions than any other event in recent past.

From celebrations to anger, from euphoria to despondency, from pride to humiliation, it has seen a wide spectrum of emotions reflected through millions of conversations on social media. Article 35A, which comes under Article 370, proscribes non-permanent residents of J&K from permanently settling in J&K, buying immovable property, acquiring land, applying for Government jobs or any kind of scholarships, aids as well as other public welfare projects. The people of J&K will now lose these benefits associated with permanent resident certificate. Moreover, as per my view, what has been promised is not being delivered to us."



HDFC officials & PHDCCI members during a webinar.

our money with banks. But it is really painful when some fraudsters cheat the bank and our money is lost. We have heard of so many cases where small banks have been shut and savings of innocent people are lost," Pradeep Multani, Sr Vice President PHDCCI asserted.

Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI -Jammu said that in past robbery and looting of banks were the only threats were heard about, but with the advent of digitalisation of Banks and financial institutions and mobile banking the paradigm of these threats have changed. In order to counter such threats and safeguard public money especially the elderly people, Banks and the law enforcement agencies need to work together to thwart such elements, he added.

Tahir Ashraf, SSP Incharge Cyber Crime, J&K Police said that in coming days J&K Cyber Police is planning to hold these awareness workshops across the UT and what we have seen

that from last few years we are able to retrieve around 60 lakh of people, who became victim of online scams and frauds. Riyaz Ahmad, SHO Cyber Police Station Kashmir also spoke on the occasion and shared his views and experience about cases being handled by him from last 3 years.

Amitabh Sharma - Area Manager, Risk Intelligence & Control -HDFC Bank Ltd in his presentation gave details of new evolving trends of cyber and technological frauds including Phishing, Vishing, Smishing, Skimming, Over lay Keyboard, Card cloning, SIM Swipe, fake websites, and Online Shopping scams.

Rakesh Wazir, Mentor - Jammu and Kuldeep Gupta, Co-Chairman Jammu, extended gratitude to the HDFC Bank for providing an opportunity for organising such an informative webinar. The vote of thanks was presented by Sanjay Aggarwal, Co-Chairman PHDCCI-Jammu.