

# DDC vote is vote for grassroot 'self-rule': Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said on Sunday that the District Development Council (DDC) vote is a vote for grass root "self-rule" and by turning out in huge numbers, people have rejected the concept of dynastic self-rule or dynastic autonomy perpetrated by the Gupkar Parties.

Addressing election meetings during the last day of the second phase of the election campaign in the hill terrains of Pancheri, Dr. Jitendra said, District Development Council (DDC) election will ensure autonomy for the grassroot representatives and the voter has rejected the concept of autonomy for ruling families.

He said, this is also an endorsement of the Modi government's decision to introduce 3-tier grassroot



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh during DDC election campaign in hilly terrains of Pancheri in district Udhampur, on Sunday.

democracy which had been denied to the people of Jammu & Kashmir for more than seven decades.

Reiterating that in the last over six years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the priority focus has been on development, regardless of vote bank or other considerations, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, every area and every region has been given its due, depending on its requirement and there

has been a conscious attempt to undo the injustice of the past.

As for Pancheri, Karimchi and surrounding areas, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that the road was constructed for the first time four decades ago after a sustained struggle of the BJP Unit of Udhampur but there was no up-gradation done since then. It is only now, in the last four years, he said, that through the Central Road

Fund (CRF) the upgrading and blacktopping has been undertaken which will be completed in due course of time.

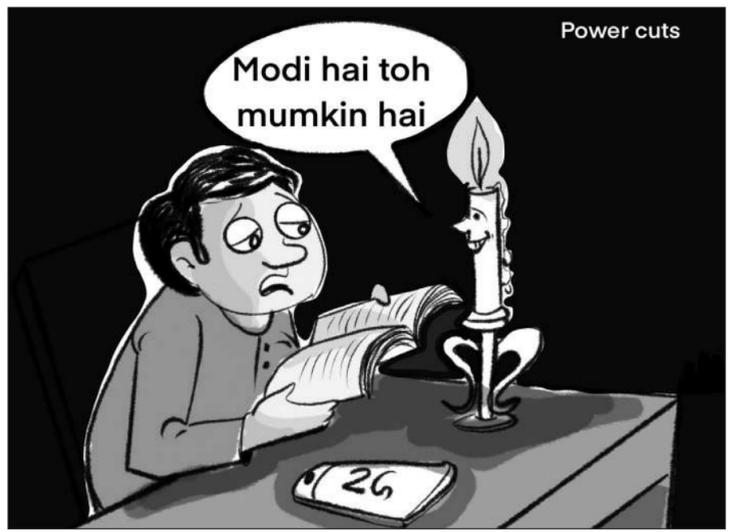
Dr. Jitendra Singh informed, we had put across a demand for three Degree Colleges in the area, one for Mogri, one for Pancheri and one for Katra but when the list was out we were told that since already nearly 65% of the new Degree colleges allocated in Jammu & Kashmir had been taken by the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency which included remote areas like Marnat and Kastigarh and, therefore, of the two nearby stations, Mogri was given one college and we were assured that Pancheri will also be given a college.

He said, meanwhile, one of the opposition leaders, who is also contesting the District

Development Council election went to the court and got the order stayed. This only goes on to prove, he said, that the opposition is unable to digest the development works undertaken by the BJP government and therefore they have adopted a disruptive approach to block the work.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, it is now for the people to decide whether they would vote for the candidate from a party which is relentlessly pursuing the development goals or they support candidate from a political party which has blocked the college work and thus blocked the future of the youth.

He said, at a time when more than 75% of the population is below the age of 40 years, we cannot afford to elect representatives who are anti-development and anti-youth.



## Cong sinking its alliance partners, will fail PAGD as well: Anurag

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Claiming that no one is willing to embrace the Congress in the country, Union Minister and BJP leader Anurag Thakur on Sunday said the party has crushed all hopes of its alliance partners to win elections and the result would be no different in Jammu and Kashmir where the maiden district development council (DDC) elections are underway.

Addressing a series of election meetings at Gajansoo and March here in support of the party candidates, he said, The corrupt Gupkar and Congress have forged a cheater-gang to gain power in J-K and the Congress is all set to fail Gupkar in the UT after finishing the rest of the parties in other states of India.

Thakur was referring to the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, an amalgam of seven mainstream parties including the National Conference and the PDP, seeking the restoration of special status to Jammu and Kashmir.



Union Minister, Anurag Thakur addressing election rally.

Though the Congress has distanced itself from being a member of the alliance, it is in a seat-sharing agreement with the alliance for the DDC polls.

"The Congress party is the only political party in the country whose focus is not on winning elections but to beat its own allies. In every other state where the Congress leadership has contested the elections, they crushed all hopes of their alliance parties to win those elections," the BJP leader said.

He claimed that the Congress was now moving from being a B team to a C team, which no one is willing to embrace.

The Congress party and its leaders across the country are not letting go of any opportunity to embarrass the Congress

workers by their performance. In Jammu and Kashmir too, they have under the table alliances with the Gupkar and have formed this cheater-gang to gain power in Jammu. The same juggling of Gupkar with the Congress is going to fail in these DDC elections," he said.

Thakur claimed that the Congress does not have any internal democracy in its organization setup and questioned how it can claim to defend the democracy? For us, power is only a way to do service, that is why, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP is now the largest political party in the world. The people of the country are no longer seeing the Congress party as any option, he said.

## Country is safe in hands of Modi: Randhawa



Former MLC Vikram Randhawa and others during a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Urging people to vote and support in favour of BJP during DDC elections for Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas, former MLC Vikram Randhawa on Sunday said that the country in very much safe in the hands of Narendra Modi. He was addressing an election rally at Kud in connection with election campaigning for DDC elections. BJP leaders Narain Singh and Adv Amrik Singh also spoke on the occasion.

Randhawa requested people to vote in favour of BJP candidates for further strengthening the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as nation is moving ahead on the path of development under the leadership of Modi. Amrik Singh stat-

ed that opposition parties got united under the flag of Gupkar Gang, directly or indirectly, just to mislead the people. He cautioned voters to remain alert and not to play in their hands besides availing benefits of multiple schemes launched by Modi Government for welfare of people. Others present on the occasion included Arushi General Secretary Mahila Morecha, Som Nath Senior leader, Rakesh Anthal, Sumita Jamwal candidate Shalender Vaid, Surjit Singh General Secretary PJK Sharnathi Intellectual Forum, Paranjit Singh Ex Corporator, Nasib Singh Prof K D Singh, Prehlad Singh, Amandeep Singh, Waryam Singh Udhampur, J P Singh and Arun Khosla.

## Youth must contribute in promotion of Dogri culture & folk: Zorawar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Exhorting youth to selflessly contribute in promotion of Dogri Art, Culture, language and folk to bring back its pristine glory, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal here on Sunday released "Video Tu Bawe Maa Di Share Kar De".

On the occasion, Team Jammu Chief, Zorawar Singh appreciated young Abhishek Kalotra (Abhi), an Engineer on Electronics by profession, who sung his debut Bhaunt paying tributes to Maha Kali.

"If Er Abhishek Kalotra, who is also pursuing his Masters in Dogri, can show such a great commitment towards music and art, it is indeed a matter of pride. Youth like Er Abhishek Kalotra can become ambassadors for promotion of Dogri language, culture and folk," said Zorawar.

In his address, Chairman



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others releasing devotional Album.

Team Jammu, lauded the efforts of Singer Er Abhishek Kalotra, lyricist, Saranga Battalavi, Music Director Kumar Gaurav, Video Director, K K Malhotra, Sahil Mahajan and Mahant Shri Bitta, and wished them good luck for their future endeavors.

"There is no dearth of talent in Jammu Province be it artists, actors or sport persons who can bring laurels to Jammu and Kashmir. However, it is an irony that the way other governments like Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh extends support to its budding entre-

preneurs, the same is missing here in Jammu and Kashmir especially in Jammu Province.

"The one who chooses singing, acting or sports as their career, the youth have to manage all resources on their own due to which, a number of persons leave their dreams halfway and finally opt other unwilling fields to feed their families. The government must form a policy to support such talented youth," highlighted Zorawar Singh Jamwal and demanded that JKUT administration must take an earliest call on such issues as well.

## J&K Police signs MoU with BSEIL for skill dev training for wards of policemen

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bombay Stock Exchange Institute Limited (BSEIL) for skill development training courses for wards of police personnel.

The MoU was signed by AIG welfare Manoj Kumar Pandith, on behalf of J&K Police (JKP), and BSE Institute Ltd (BIL) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ambrish Dutta in presence of Director General of J&K Police Dilbag Singh here, a police spokesperson said.



AIG Welfare Manoj Kumar Pandith and BSEIL Managing Director Ambrish Dutta signing MoU.

The MoU is for collaboration to mobilise, train, design courses and support wards of JKP officials -- serving, retired as well as martyred.

"The objective of this agreement is to improve the skills of these wards. Under this agreement, BIL will

design course, train, do assessment and certification of trainees as per prescribed guidelines," the spokesman said.

He said the agreement would cover skill development programmes for youth, women and other eligible candidates for creating

employability, skills and sustainable livelihood.

"Under this agreement, BIL will help schools under the JKP jurisdiction to introduce vocational skills for banking and financial markets and insurance courses," the spokesperson said. Speaking on the occasion, Singh said the partnership started when BIL had come for a union territory level function to promote youth employability.

"During the interaction we came to know that BIL is working into skill development of youth in various parts of the country and is very keen to do training programmes for the wards of

police martyrs and the wards of serving police personnel," he said.

He said more opportunities need to be provided to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir so that they could contribute to the nation's growth.

"J&K Police will facilitate and provide all assistance for such an endeavour as well," he added.

Dutta said JKP is one of the bravest forces of the country and BIL is honoured for partnering with it.

"Our skill development programmes are about sustainable growth and economic development," he said.

## Deliberate attempts on to vitiate peaceful atmosphere in Jammu region: Muslim activists

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Several Muslim activists, including a former bureaucrat, of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday alleged that "some elements" are making deliberate attempts to harm the communal harmony of the union territory's Jammu region and sought the intervention of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Though they did not identify the "elements" but claimed that their attempts intensified after the announcement of the District Development Council (DDC) polls, the first elections after Jammu and Kashmir was reorganised into a union territory last year.

Former bureaucrat Khalid Hussain and advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmad at a press conference said that Muslims of the Jammu region are nationalist to the core and do not need a certificate from anyone to prove their nationalism.

"Deliberate attempts are being made by some elements to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu (region) by peddling lies



Former bureaucrat Khalid Hussain talking to reporters.

about Muslims being land grabbers even as the fact of the matter is that there are only a handful of Muslims who have availed land under the Roshni Act," Hussain said.

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court last month had ordered a CBI probe into an alleged scam in the Roshni land scheme, following which the union territory administration said it would annul all actions taken, cancel mutations and retrieve the entire land in six months.

Since then, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has released lists of those who have either illegally availed land under

the Roshni Act, popularly referred to as the Roshni land scheme, or encroached state land.

Prominent members of the community such as businessman Javed Iqbal, social worker Abdul Majid and Bathindi sarpanch Hafizullah were also present at the press conference, among others.

Hussain, who is a former deputy commissioner, alleged that there are "elements who are spreading hatred against Muslims by accusing them of trying to change the demography of Jammu".

"My family is living in Jammu for generations and so are the others who

are present here (at the presser) Gujjars and Bakerwals have rendered numerous sacrifices and helped the security agencies to ensure that terrorism is uprooted from the Jammu region," he said.

"The lieutenant governor must invite all communities for a discussion on the issue to clear any misgivings among the locals," Hussain said.

During the press conference, Ahmad said that "there are certain elements that are playing politics to divide the people and they became hyperactive after the government announced the DDC elections."

He also spoke about protests that had taken place in Bathindi, and said that security personnel should be deployed in strength in Bathindi, Chuwadi, Sunjiwan and Gujjar Nagar areas of the (Jammu) city as the minority community is feeling "oppressed and depressed".

Ahmad highlighted the need for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood by all citizens of Jammu.

## LG extends greetings on eve of Guru Nanak Jayanti

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday extended his warm greetings to the people of the Union Territory on the auspicious occasion of 'Prakash Parv' of Sri Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism.

In his message, the Lt Governor said Guru Nanak Dev's principles of purity of mind, honest living, and selfless service are elemental to the establishment of a harmonious society without discrimination and distinction.

Guru Ji's life and his message of love, compassion, equality, peace, and brotherhood continue to guide humanity to this day. As a tribute, we must resolve to follow the path laid down by him to strengthen the bond of amity, integrity, and mutual goodwill among people," Sinha remarked.

He expressed hope that the occasion would inspire all to follow the ideals of the Guru. He also prayed for peace, progress, and prosperity in the UT and the well-being of its people, an official release said.

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**Clarification/Corrigendum/Addendum**

**Name of Work: Construction of Community Toilets/Public Toilets at 12 locations in Jammu city under Smart City Mission**

e-NIT No.: 11(P) of 2020-21, Dated: 27/10/2020

Consequent to the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 07-11-2020 in the office of the Executive Engineer, Projects Division, JMC, which was attended by 08 intending Bidders/their representatives besides officials from Jammu Smart City Limited, the Clarification/Corrigendum/Addendum is issued as under which shall form the part of the Tender Document.

S. No.	Queries Raised by the attending Bidders	Response of JMC
1.	Why NGOs are not eligible for construction of CT/PTs under Smart Cities. NGOs are already empanelled with Ministry of HAUDD for past five years and make various such units across the UT of J&K.	NGOs shall be eligible to participate in the said Tender.
2.	Security deposit should be reduced from 10% to 2%.	The Security Deposit (Retention Money) is 5%, which shall be released within 30 (thirty) days of the date of issue of the Completion Certificate as already mentioned in Clause 36 of the SBD (P-55).
3.	Clearance of Land Title by JMC	The title of Land for all the Community Toilets (CTs) is clear and without dispute.
4.	Payment Schedule	Refer Schedule E : Project Milestones and Payment Schedule, Page 120 of the Tender Document.
5.	Rate Conduct for all sites together or one by one.	CTs have been split in 02 Groups:- Group A and Group B, each comprising of 06 CT units. Bidder can bid for either of the groups or both the groups.
6.	EMD exemption for firms registered under Ministry of Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSME).	Agreed (as per section 11 of Public Procurement Policy for MSME).
7.	Experience requirement should be curtailed to 03 years instead of 05 years.	Agreed.
8.	Mobilization charges should be paid in advance.	Not agreed.
9.	Allotment of CT Units without calling Tenders	Not Agreed

**B. The Approx. Value of the Project** as appearing in Clause 2.1 of Section 2 at Row No.- 3 of the Table (Page No.-10) or appearing anywhere else in the tender document be read as INR Rs. 142.68 Lakh (Group A: INR Rs. 70.45 Lakhs & Group B: INR Rs. 72.23 Lakhs).

**C. Amount of Bid Security/ Earnest Money Deposit** as appearing in Clause 2.1 of Section 2 at Row No.- 10 of the Table (Page No.-10) or appearing anywhere else in the tender document be read as: Rs.2,85,400/- (For both Groups Rs. 1,42,700/- (For Single Group)

**D. Evaluation requirements** as appearing in ITB 3. 4.4a of the Bid Data Sheet (Page No- 27) or appearing anywhere else in the tender document be read as INR Rs. 43.00 Lakh total (for both Groups) & INR Rs. 21.50 Lakh (for Single Group).

**E. Minimum Eligibility Criteria/Qualification Criteria** as appearing in Clause 4.3 of Section 4 at S.No.- 5(b) (Page No. 30) or appearing anywhere else in the tender document be read as: Should have an Average Annual turnover of INR Rs. 43.00 Lakh total for both Groups & INR Rs. 21.50 Lakh for Single Group during last 3 financial years (i.e. FY 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20) immediately preceding the current Financial Year.

**F. Minimum Eligibility Criteria/Qualification Criteria with regards to Experience of having successfully completed similar works** as appearing in Clause 4.3 of Section 4 at S.No.- 4 (Page No. 30) or appearing anywhere else in the tender document: The amount of work of Similar Nature shall be considered proportionate to the total value of each Group.

**G. The estimated Cost of each Type of Toilet Unit is as under:**

S. No.	Description of Site	Approx. Cost (In lakhs)
1	Type-1	4.90
2	Type-2	9.30
3	Type-3	10.49
4	Type-4	18.23
5	Type-5	27.98

**H. Last date and time for uploading bids shall now be 04-12-2020 upto 14:00 Hrs instead of 21-11-2019.**

Rest all the Conditions remain same.

No: JMC/PD/20-21/Tech/1269-70  
Dt:- 21-11-2020  
DIP/J-2778-P/20  
Dt:- 29-11-2020

Sd/-  
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