

Those who mocked at Jammu Declaration chanting Jammu Jammu

Jammu to play equal role in governance, decision making in J&K: Rana

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VIJAYPUR: Expressing happiness over realization dawning on the entire political spectrum of Jammu and Kashmir that political role of Jammu cannot be downplayed or put under the carpet anymore because of the self-centric politics of chosen and privileged few, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday said Jammu is destined to play equal role in the political discourse of the Union Territory.

"Jammu region is not community specific but it encompasses all the people of the Jammu region, irrespective of religion, race or caste", Devender Rana said at the sidelines of a function to inaugurate education enterprise in the presence of Prem Sagar Aziz former Minister and Er. Dil Bahdur Singh Jamwal, Incharge BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Vijaypur this afternoon.

When asked to react over a senior politician and Member of Parliament raising slogans of Jai Dogra and Jai Jammu in Udhampur, Rana said this vindicates the position taken by him in the recent past.

He said he had not pitched for Jammu's larger role in decision making and the political empowerment in the Jammu Declaration resolve three and half years ago to put one province against the other, or one segment of the society against the other but the historic fact of part played by



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana inaugurating an education enterprise in Vijaypur.

this region in socio-economic development and political awakening of the erstwhile state that had got shadowed due to decades long discrimination and neglect by the vested interests.

He said he was being mocked publicly and condemned as divisive and communal just for raising the voice of Jammu by those political outfits who are now raising the same slogans.

"Now the same lot of politicians take pride in raising slogans of Jai Jammu and Jai Dogra", Rana said, adding this is the reality of Naya Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is steadily but single-mindedly treading the path of peace and normalcy.

The nightmare of choked Valley is over and the people there are relishing the benefits of normalcy, which had been grabbed by, not only the terrorists sponsored from across the borders but also by the local actors,

who had developed vested interest in boiling Kashmir. Their politics sustained on the turbulence in the Valley and they kept burning midnight oil in promoting the culture of stone pelting and hartals, he added.

Rana described the change in the mindset of the so-called political stalwarts, who ruled Jammu and Kashmir in turns, to the ground slipping under their feet due to total rejection by the politically sagacious people. Finding themselves pushed to wall, they now take shelter and refuge in the serene shadow of Jammu, which is known for its spirit of assimilation and sense of sacrifice. Despite facing abject neglect during successive governments, Jammu faced all the injustices meted out to them, not by the people of Kashmir but their feudal elite, with grace and grandeur, he maintained.

Rana asserted that the BJP

believes in inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, with every segment of society, irrespective of region, religion, race or caste having equal opportunities to prosper and progress and equal rights in the governance. The party does not believe in the political hegemony of any region or a particular section of elites. The people's power will triumph under the cherished agenda of Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, he asserted.

On the question by media persons about his response to the changing political scenario in the Union Territory, Rana quipped: "Better late than never." He said the BJP stands for 'Jai Bharat and Jai Jammu and Kashmir'.

Earlier Devender Rana inaugurated an education enterprise at Gurha Morh, Vijaypur.

Rana congratulated the young entrepreneurs Nishesh Gupta and Amit Babouria for their initiative and wished them success in all their endeavours. He hoped that the initiative will contribute in supplementing the efforts of imparting quality education to the younger generation.

Raman Singh Slathia, Vijay Singh, Ravinder Singh, Capt. Pritam Singh, Manjeet Malik, Riyaz Malik, Kishore Singh Slathia, Rakesh Singh Slathia, Ghansham Singh, Master Shoba Singh and others were present on the occasion.

Food crisis in Pakistan



J&K NHM celebrates 'World Meteorological Day 2023'



Mission Director, NHM, Ayushi Sudan presiding over a programme.

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JAMMU: As a sequel to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision of saving our climate, Jammu and Kashmir National Health Mission on Thursday celebrated "World Meteorological Day 2023" at State Health Society Nagrota, Jammu.

During the celebration, achievements, current progress and future opportunities were discussed to sensitize the audience on climate change.

J&K NHM organised the event on this year's theme "Future of weather, climate and water across the generations".

Mission Director, NHM,

Ayushi Sudan, inaugurated the programme and provided detailed insights on this year's theme and shared some facts about the impacts of climate change on human health. She appealed the audience to perform their part with all devotion to save the planet earth.

The programme was designed to highlight the essentials of climate change besides discussing steps need to be taken up to reduce the deterioration of climate.

The introductory session was addressed by Dr Parvash Kumar, Programme Manager Climate Change. He highlighted the importance of steps to be taken in this regard.

Satish Kumar, ICT consult-

ant from Mavis Technologies New Delhi presented a detailed presentation on the "Role of ICT in climate change" which highlighted how information and communication technology is leading the way in climate change.

Gundeep Singh from Rise Global Meteorology Department, New Delhi, highlighted the importance of "Jal Shakti Mission" in providing clean water to households besides telling how this mission helps in water conservation as well.

Students from JMC, Cluster University and NCC also shared their thoughts on water conservation and ways of mitigating climate change.

CCI Elections on April 23: Candidates file nomination papers

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JAMMU: On last date of submission of nomination papers for various posts of Chamber of Commerce & Industries Jammu, Election President Shiv Partap Gupta along with Vijay Gupta, Manmohan Singh, Kulbhushan Gupta and Anil Gupta, declared that nomination papers have been received for the post of President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary General, Secretary and Treasurer. Giving further details, they informed that Arun Gupta and Rakesh Gupta have filed nomination

for the post of President while Anil Gupta, Rajinder Kr Gupta and Surinder Mahajan have filed their papers for the post of Senior Vice President. "Ashu Gupta and Rajiv Gupta have filed nominations for the post of Junior Vice President; Manish Gupta, Deepak Aggarwal and Ajay Langer have filed nomination for the post of Secretary General; Rajesh Gupta, Raj Gupta and Mukesh Gupta have filed papers for the post of Secretary; Rajesh Gupta and Manik Gupta have filed nominations for the post of Treasurer," informed Election President.

Court awards 7-yr RI to two brothers in culpable homicide case

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Bandipora Amit Sharma has awarded seven years rigorous imprisonment and fine Rs 5000 each to Mohammad Ramzan Dar and Mohammad Yousuf Dar; sons of Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Dar; residents of Ilahipora Alosa, Bandipora who were facing trial in 304-II RPC (culpable homicide not amounting to murder).

As per case of prosecution, on November 13, 2016 police post Alosa received information from reliable sources that at Gurlal, two parties namely Abdul Rehman Dar; son of Mohammad Sultan Dar; resident of Ilahipora Alosa and Mohd Ramzan Dar; Mohd Yousuf Dar; both sons of Gh Mohi Ud Din Dar residents of Ilahipora Alosa were having some dispute over Aabi-awal land. On the day of occurrence,

Abdul Rehman Dar was attacked on his head by other side, causing his death. After completion of investigation challan was presented.

Principal Sessions Judge Bandipora Amit Sharma, after hearing both the sides, observed that the nature of the crime committed and manner in which it was committed can be decisive factors to decide as to whether corrective measures should be adopted or a deterrence based approach would be befitting. The sentence must adhere to the principles of proportionately of the punishment to the gravity of the offence. As the injury was inflicted on the vital part of the body of the said deceased, undue sympathy and unwarranted leniency impair the cause of justice. As the act of the accused persons falls under the category of 304 (II) RPC and the Section provides

the maximum punishment which may extend to ten years or with fine or both. Whereas this fact cannot be ignored that both accused are agriculturists by profession and have no criminal record. "Keeping in view age of accused, the manner in which the said act was committed by them and this fact is also of relevant consideration that both the deceased as well as the accused persons are in relation with each other. So taking all these factors in view, the accused persons while being convicted under Section 304 (II) of RPC are hereby sentenced to; Rigorous imprisonment for seven years and a fine Rs 5000 each for commission of an offence under 304 (II) of RPC. In case of default in payment of fine, the accused would undergo further imprisonment for one month each," the Court observed.

450th Prakash Diwas of Guru Nabha Dass to be celebrated on March 26



Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Dass Samaj Kalyan Parishad members at a press conference.

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JAMMU: Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Dass Samaj Kalyan Parishad will celebrate 450th Prakash Diwas of Guru Nabha Dass March 26, 2023 at Teachers Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. It was informed by the members of the Parishad in a press conference held in Jammu on Thursday. The members further informed that a large number of devotees shall participate from Districts Kathua, Udhampur; Samba, Reasi, Ramban, Doda, Bhadarwah, Kishtwar and Jammu to seek blessings of Guru Maharaj. The members further said that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will be the Chief Guest while

Member Parliament Jammu Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma shall be the Guest of Honour during the function.

It was further made public that Parishad shall honour outstanding students and personalities of the community who have excelled in various fields and brought laurels to community and the society at large. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Sansar Chand Krotra, Gopal Dass, Trilok Nath Deol, Rajesh Bajjal, Raghbir Kumar, Adv Both Raj Rao, Adv Khilari Lal Kuran, Jai Pal Banotra, Surinder Lakhotra, Gopal Krishan, Sagar Chand and Brij Lal.

Advisor Bhatnagar decorates JKP Inspector on promotion



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar decorating recently promoted Inspector Rakesh Kumar.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Thursday decorated recently promoted inspector, Rakesh Kumar of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Officer on Special Duty, SSP, Rajesh Sharma; Officer on Special Duty, Joginder Singh Rai and other officers of personal section of Advisor were also

present. Interacting with the officer on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar congratulated him and his family. He advised the officer to work with the same zeal and dedication for the department and welfare of general public.

Notably, the officer is currently performing his duties with Advisor Bhatnagar as Liaison Officer.

PM is 'single-handedly' taking stress on all economic & social fronts like for Jan Aushadhi Pariyojna

Even after 14 years of launch Jan Aushadi Medicines have not taken even 0.5 pc of Pharma Market ?

Why so when Jan Aushadi medicines bear very genuine price tags as compared to branded generic medicines?

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Despite India being one of the leading exporters of generic medicines to the world, the majority of Indians have been lacking due and sufficient access to fairly priced allopathic medicines (even which are patent free). Instead the branded generic medicines were being sold and are still being sold in India at highly / unreasonably inflated prices, as high as even 500 to 700 % more than there could be a fair price for a patent free drug with reasonable margin for the seller. Same drug (active ingredient) is sold by different pharma companies under different brand names even with inflated MRPs but even highest MRP marked drug is sold to the patients with the help of prescription writers in the absence of there being any effective implementation of the practice to write the prescription by generic name of drug even in government hospitals / institutions.

Branded Generic medicines/patent free were being sold and are still being sold in India at highly / unreasonably inflated prices, as high as even 4to8 times more than a possible fair price for a patent free drug (Amlodipine - 5mg Tab Jan Anushadi Rs.5/ 10 Tab, Amodop-5 Rs.15.55/14 Tab, Amlokind-5 Rs. 22.15/ 10 tab, Amanat- 5 Rs.22.37/10 tab, Amlip-5 Rs.24.97/10 tab, *Amntas 5 Rs. 74.93/30 tab, Amlovas 5 Rs.37.46/15 Tab, Mold 5mg Rs.39/10 Tab, Samuloday 5 mg Rs.53.56/10 Tab, *Espin-5 Rs.66.50/10 Tab). Medicines if prescribed under generic/ technical name/ chemical name would

make the manufacturers of a medicine using same technical grade material to mark their drug with a competitive MRP which most of them generally do not do when they market with a brand name with the assistance of the 'Prescription Writer'. Unfairly marked MRP fleeces all of the society, whether rich or poor; ofcourse the rich may be able to bear the burnt and the economically weaker / poor may be further crushed or may 'skip' taking timely treatment. No doubt with coming up of Jan Aushadhi some manufacturers have either brought down their branded product MRP or atleast they have not increased further but that is too less an achievement for a 15 yr old Pariyojna.

No doubt there has been some increase in the sale of 'generic' medicines after BPPI/ Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) was given the work of making available 'patent' free technical grade drugs labelled with fairly decided MRPs through Jan Aushadhi outlets in late 2008.

But looking at the facts like (i) that the JA generic drugs are genuinely priced much lower than those sold under brand names by private companies (ii) the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) provides financial cost & infrastructure support to those who take to starting such shops/ Kendras the sales have been very much frustrating. Had the Member Pharma PSEs of BPPI/PMBI, the Administration in Health & Medical Education Departments and political mas-



ters worked even 'a quarter' as committedly as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working on day basis after 2016 for promoting Jan Aushadhi drugs surely a few lakhs of crores of people of India would have been saved from draining out into the 'pockets' of those in unfair trade. For instance prescription writing has to be enforced by Health administration and Modi has to come and enforce it. Imagine how many shops of medicines may be there in a country like India having 6,50,000 or so villages where the patent free / generic drugs may be under brand names may be being sold with unreasonably inflated MRPs but still Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) has set a 'Target for opening only 10,500 PMBJP Kendras in India upto March, 2025 for a programme of such a high public interest economic welfare which can benefit all segments of society without any financial burden on government & additionally bringing fortunes to sick Central Government Public sector Enterprises that are part of Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI).

Surely Prime Minister is not being provided real feedback on ground situations and it appears he is 'single handedly' taking stresses on all economic & social fronts. Even after 2016 when PM has been taking the JA programme like his very personal 'child' and working hard to promote it all these 7 years the people below have surely not worked

truthfully and a few lakhs of crores of INR have been fleeced from the patients. Even seven years is too much of period. On the initiated of Prime Minister of India that since 2019 now the 7th March has been declared as Jan Aushadhi Divas

Releases from Concerned Government departments have said on the eve of JA Diwas -2023 that JA Diwas is being "celebrated" as "Jan Aushadhi Divas" every year for enhancing awareness about the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme and promoting generic medicines. Department of Pharmaceuticals / PMBI has said on the eve 5th Jan Aushadhi Divas (2023) that "The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana is a flagship scheme of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and claimed that (PMBJP) has made significant impact to the lives of common people. But taking out indicators from the subjects discussed here in should the Department claim that the PMBJP has made significant impact? Should PMBI celebrate on JA Divas or Should it observe JA Divas and pledge that now 'they' will day basis to effectively implement Sh. Narendra Modi intentions ?

No doubt people have started knowing about this programme, people know it as

only PM Modi's programme, very less people may be able to tell the name of Dr Min Health and Family Welfare (Mansukh Mandaviya) and MOS Chemical & Fertilizers and New & Renewable energy (Bhagwanth Khuba) who are the concerned ministers.

There is immediate need for examining the reasons for such a good public interest programme (in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is taking so much intimate interest) is taking off so slowly.

There is need to even recast the promotional slogans and explanations like (i) providing quality generic medicines at an affordable price which should be something like "providing prices at genuine prices" (ii) 5th Jan Aushadhi Divas was "celebrated" in 2023 on 7th March (observing 1st to 7th March as Jan Aushadhi week) with the theme of " Jan Aushadhi sastibhiachhibhi" ("जन औषधि सस्ती भी अच्छी भी") where as better it would be to say "Jan Aushadhi kisi se kamahin aur uechhitkeemat par bhi" ("जन औषधि किसी से कम नहीं और उचित कीमत पर भी है")

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