

Congress abandoned Mantalai project, Modi revived it: Dr Jitendra

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CHENANI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP candidate from Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency, said here on Friday that Congress party had abandoned Mantalai project and it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who revived it to set up a state of the art Wellness cum Meditation Centre.

In a whirlwind election tour of Chenani Assembly segment during which he visited several remote hilly panchayat areas and addressed a series of public meetings culminating at Mantalai, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Late Dhirendra Brahmachari had planned Aparna Ashram at this spot. For this purpose he was provided a piece of land by the then Congress government on the personal intervention of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who held the Yog Guru in high esteem. However, after the sudden demise of Dhirendra Brahmachari in a plane crash, for the next 50 years the structure was left abandoned and allowed to turn into shambles, he said.

It was only after Prime



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh campaigning in remote hilly panchayat areas of Chenani Assembly constituency on Friday.

Minister Modi took over in 2014, said Dr Jitendra Singh, that the project was revived because Modi taught us that rising above all other considerations and regardless of political interest, we will fulfil all those tasks which remained unfinished by the UPA government because of their politics of appeasement and vote politics. He said, the state-of-art Wellness cum meditation centre set up at Mantalai will soon be a spot of international level as it caters to the requirement of all age groups and all genders at a much cost effective rate. He said, for the ease of the travellers visiting here as well as for easy accessibility, the new

centre also has a helipad and landing facility

Dr Jitendra Singh had proposed that the old Aparna Ashram should be maintained as Dhirendra Brahmachari's archive collection and the hotel industry from outside should be motivated to invest here in the PPP Model. He said, he will get the proposal revived after the election.

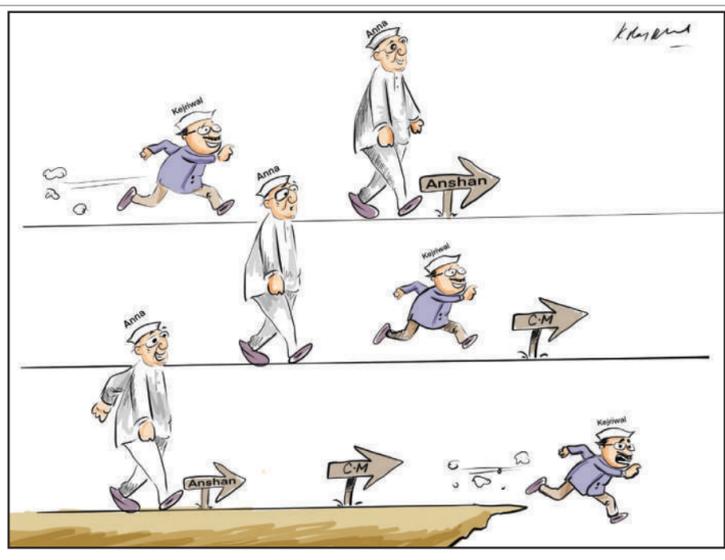
In earlier meetings during the day, Dr Jitendra said, Chenani block which was known to be very backward till a few years ago has witnessed a network of roads and this has contributed to district Udhampur securing one of the three ranks every year as far as PMGSY roads

is concerned.

He said, Chenani which was earlier known to be one of the most backward areas got three national level projects in the last 10 years. One of them is Asia's longest 9.5 long km 'Chenani-Nashri

Highway Tunnel', Sudmahadev - Khileni national highway connecting the most backward and inaccessible villages on the route and the Mantalai Centre.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that Purple and Lavender cultivation which was earlier started in Doda district has now been undertaken even in the Basantgarh area of Chenani. During his tour Dr Jitendra Singh received a rousing welcome wherever he stopped on the way. He was accompanied by senior BJP leaders B.S. Mankotia, Pawan Khajuria and Arun Gupta. The local PRIs, Panchs, Sarpanchs including DDC members joined him during the tour.



AIJMS urges community members to get unite to secure ownership rights of custodian land allocated during migrations



Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS with community members at a meeting.

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JAMMU: All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) extended its appreciation and gratitude to the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) Government and the Central Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for considering and fulfilling the long-standing demand of the Jat Maha Sabha regarding the OBC status for the Jat community.

In this regard a meeting was held here at Kunjwani area on Friday, Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS and former Mayor along with community members lauded the government for fulfilling the long pending demand of the Jat community.

Ch Manmohan said that behind every success there was a long struggle.

He highlighted the relentless efforts of the Jat Maha Sabha in advocating for reservation benefits under the OBC category over the last more than ten years. He underscored the numerous efforts undertaken by the Sabha, including organizing Maha Sammelans, Mahila Adhiveshans, meetings with the Backward Classes Commission, Lt Governors, Chief Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy

Commissioners, and officials at the Centre, demonstrating the unwavering determination of the Jat Maha Sabha.

Ch Manmohan asserted that after years of tireless struggle, today marks a significant achievement as the Jat community successfully obtained OBC status. He credited the success to the entire Jat Maha Sabha team, along with those who fought relentlessly across the country for the OBC status. He also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the women brigade, who also left no stone unturned in attaining the OBC status.

Ch Manmohan emphasized the significance of OBC reservation would prove advantageous for the children of our community in the upcoming years, particularly in accessing opportunities within government jobs, medical and engineering stream and other educational purposes.

In addition to the OBC status, Ch Manmohan mentioned that the collective efforts of the Jat Maha Sabha also secured Border Reservation.

However, he stressed that while this victory marks a significant milestone, the journey of Jat Maha Sabha is still incomplete. "Now, the

community members need to get united once again to secure ownership rights of the custodian land allocated to the Jats since their migration in Jammu and Samba districts from 1947, 1965, and 1967," he added.

Ch Manmohan, while reaffirming his commitment to continue advocating for the rights and welfare of the Jat community, has pledged to pursue the issue of ownership rights with equal fervor. He appealed to the Jat community members include the Mahila Shakti of the community to strengthen the Jat Maha Sabha to continue the fight for their ownership rights.

Among those who were present include Maj. Harmam Singh, Col Shiv Choudhary, Col R.L. Gangaal Chairman AIJMS Nowshera, Kuldeep Nathyal Retd Chief Engg., Master Bhajan Singh Chairman AIJMS Jammu Urban, Sunil Choudhary CA President AIJMS Jammu Urban, Kamal Randhawa Gen Secy. Vijay Kumar and Ram Paul Vice presidents, Sudarshan Choudhary Surveyor, Capt Gopal Sandhu, Sukhdev Choudhary, Capt. Jeet Singh, Kala Choudhary and many others.

Consumption, trade of narcotics are worst possible crime against humanity: SP City South

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the eve of martyrdom (23rd March, 1931) of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Ajay Sharma, SP City South, Jammu City, under Operation 'Pathshalla' participated in the programme organised by the students of Jammu university in the campus premises.

He delivered a lecture on drug abuse and described consumption and trade of narcotics as the worst possible crime against humanity.

He also explained to audience how drug trade is supported by the adversary and how the money generated by it is utilised as for terror funding and anti national activities against



SP City South, Ajay Sharma donating blood and paying tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

the unity and integrity of the country.

He requested all students of Jammu university, faculty, doctors and media persons present to take a pledge on the eve of Martyrdom of Shaheed

Bhagat Singh to stay away from Substance abuse and act as ambassador to eradicate the menace of Drug abuse.

He requested everyone present to identify such vulnerable persons from peer group and treat the victims of drug abuse with sympathy, love and care.

SP South further requested students to act decisively and passionately in waging war against the Drug abuse as knowledge about Drug abuse is one of the most potent weapon to stay away from it. He emphasised that jammu Kashmir police

There was a free medical awareness camp also organised which was also inspected and role of Doctors in spreading awareness and treating victims was also discussed and appreciated by all.

AIIMS Vijaypur to launch countrywide Tele-Consultation Services for doctors

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant stride towards enhancing healthcare accessibility and collaboration, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Vijaypur, Jammu is set to commence its Tele-Consultation services from 27th March 2024.

This groundbreaking initiative aims to facilitate doctor-to-doctor tele consultations, empowering doctors not only from Jammu and Kashmir but also from other states.

It will enable them to seek expert opinions from consultants of numerous departments (Specialty & Super-specialty) of AIIMS Jammu. The Doctors will be using the e-Sanjeevani platform to get expert opinion from renowned medical Professionals of AIIMS Jammu, receiving vital insights and guidance on challenging medical issues. This collaborative approach will foster knowledge exchange and will ensure that patients receive the highest quality of care, regardless of their geographical location. Announcing the commencement, Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu, emphasized the Institution's commitment to serve the mankind as a referral hospital and extending its expertise beyond its premises. He stated, "AIIMS Jammu, a referral hospital, aspires to fulfil its duty to provide services to regional doctors. With the introduction of Tele-Consultation services through the e-Sanjeevani portal, the Institute aims to bridge the gap between healthcare providers and ensure timely access to specialized care. It will add value to patients' lives by saving them time and money by eliminating the need to travel to hospitals and instead of travelling they could easily consult at their regional health clinics."

The Tele-Consultation schedule, featuring specialty-wise consultations, will be available on the AIIMS Jammu website - <https://www.aiimsjammu.edu.in>. Regional doctors are encouraged to visit the e-Sanjeevani portal for detailed information and to schedule tele consultation appointments.

This initiative marks a significant step forward in promoting collaborative healthcare practices and leveraging technology to overcome geographical barriers in medical care delivery.

governance.

To seek the 'Ashirwad' (blessings) of the people in the form of votes for the party candidate for the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, the team will put its best efforts to present the true picture of the massive development and the changes seen by them in their lives after availing the benefits of various welfare which has been extended in the UT by the concrete efforts of the sitting MP, now the BJP candidate for the third consecutive term.

BJP Media Cell to aggressively counter fake narrative of INDI Alliance

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To review the working of the Media Cell of BJP, constituted for Jammu - Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, the media team, held its meeting at Bakshi Nagar office on Friday.

The meeting was attended by media team Incharge GL Raina, Co-Incharges Balbir Ram Rattan and Zorawar Singh Jamwal. Parliamentary Constituency Convener & former Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta and Constituency Incharge for Pravasi Workers Anil Rakwal, were also present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussions were held on every aspect related to the smooth and result-oriented working of the media cell on regular basis to serve as bridge between the party candidate and the people of the Lok Sabha constituency spread over a



Members of Media Cell of BJP at a meeting in Jammu.

JU organises meet on 'Developing opportunities in exploring entrepreneurship in medicinal plants sector'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Botany in collaboration with AYUSH and J&K Medicinal Plants Board on Friday organised a one day meet entitled "Developing opportunities in exploring entrepreneurship in medicinal plants sector" in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Botany.

Dr. Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH J&K, CEO J&K Medicinal Plants Board was the Chief Guest while Prof. Seema Langer, Dean, Life Sciences was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Suresh Sharma, Deputy Director AYUSH welcomed the participants and elaborated upon the relevance of Medicinal Plant sector as an enterprise for youth of JK UT.

Dr. Wahid ul Hassan, Technical officer, J&K Medicinal Plant Board apprised the audience about the potential of Medicinal Plant sector in employment generation in J&K.

Dr. Mohan Singh emphasized on the collaborative approach of University



JU faculty presenting memento to Dr. Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH J&K.

Departments and AYUSH in tapping the potential of medicinal wealth of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. He also called upon young botany scholars to venture a carrier in Medicinal Plants cultivation and processing.

Prof. Susheel Verma, Head Department of Botany thanked J&K Medicinal Plants Board for the offer of collaboration and also elaborated on Medicinal plant wealth of UT of J&K and its potential towards economic development of the UT as well country as whole. Prof. Seema Langer emphasized on the role of skill development in view of National

Education Policy. She stressed upon young students to set up their own enterprises and generate employment. There were three expert talks by Prof. Namrata Sharma from Department of Botany, University of Jammu; Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist and incharge KVK Samba and Dr. Puneet Choudhary Chief Scientist KVK R.S. Pura on different aspects of Medicinal plant cultivation and entrepreneurship. The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Monika Gupta with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Altaf Mir.

Absence of notification bars police to register FIR under Gambling Act: Court

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Sanjay Parihar on Friday held that absence of notification bars police to register FIR under Gambling Act.

The Judge restrained police from registering case until notification issued.

This significant order has been passed by Principal Sessions Judge Jammu in revision petition filed by Bobby Sharma who claimed that he worked as Manager of Hotel Ocean Grand situated at Jewel Chowk Sank Market, Jammu, which is owned by one Mohinder Singh. That in the intervening night of 16th/17th of December, police raided the hotel and entered a particular room wherefrom they arrested Kashmiri boys who had booked that room. That the arrested persons were taken to police station Nowabad. On 17th of December, petitioner was called in police station and made to sign cer-

tain documents and told that an FIR has been registered as the said Kashmiri persons were found indulging in gambling. The petitioner was shocked to know that he too was included as one of the accused persons. The police told him that petitioner has been roped in only as a formality and that the matter would be closed by the court upon payment of fine. The later was then taken to the court, made to sign certain document and to deposit Rs.100 as fine.

Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Sanjay Parihar after hearing Adv Vishal Kapur for the petitioner, observed that, the initial action of the police agency of registering FIR against the petitioner in absence of any notification regarding enforcement of Sec. 3/4 of the Act in the area where petitioner was working for gains, was highly improper. Because law would come into operation and its violation would be tackled only

in accordance to law in force for the time being. In absence of their being any notification under section 2 of the Act, the police agency of police station Nowabad had no power to direct registration of FIR. So much so, there could have been no search warrants in terms of Sec. 5 of the Act thereto. This is because until the provisions except Sec.13 and 17 are made applicable to the area of the petitioner by way of notification, neither there could be any search warrant nor registration of case under the Act. Being Act of special nature, in terms of Sec.5 of the Code was required to be investigated, enquired and tried as per the special law itself but not otherwise. Once the police has no power to invoke the application of Act of 1867, then there could be no prosecution of the violator. Because the initial action is not in consonance with law, resultantlly, all consequential

actions must fail.

Scanning of the record of Trial Court would show that petitioner and co-accused have been produced before the Magistrate for having committed offence under section 3/4 of the Act and Magistrate has proceeded to impose fine of Rs.100/- upon recording plea of guilty of petitioner and co-accused. As per the charge sheet Rs.62,200/- was also found recovered as stake money. However, no order has been passed with regard to disposal of said amount. Because in the event of accused pleading guilty, the money so seized become tainted one, thus ought to have been forfeited to the State, which has not been done. Therefore, Ld. Magistrate has failed to apply law to the case in hand and resultantlly, the order impugned suffers from illegality and passed without following due process of law. Hence, by exercising revisional juris-

diction, the conviction so recorded is set aside. Charge sheet shall stand dismissed and amount so seized if not claimed, shall forfeit to the State within three months from the date of this order, Court ordered.

Principal Sessions Judge Sanjay Parihar after hearing PP Suresh Sharma for the UT whereas Adv Vishal Kapur for the petitioner, ordered that having regard to the controversy involved, it is desirable that copy of the order be sent to Director General of Police (J&K) with the request that the matter be taken up with concerned quarters for issuance of notification in terms of Sec. 2 of the Act, enabling the police agency to process such cases in accordance with law and until any such notification is issued, Incharge police stations/police officers connected with the enforcement of law, shall be directed not to register such cases, Court ordered.