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Spirit of inclusivity, spirituality is our strength & we need to

disseminate this Sufi thought to young generation: Darakhshan

Modi Govt pulls out J&K from darkness to light: Yudhvir BJP aims to achieve landslide victory with over 400 seats in upcoming Lok Sabha polls

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Monday asserted that the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi has pulled J&K from the dark era to light by taking extraordinary steps including nullification of

He was speaking during the Shakti Kendra Path meeting organized in Ward No 9, Narayaniya Mohalla, by former councillor Suneet Raina Ji. The meeting saw the presence of prominent leaders Parmodh Kapahi, District President of Bharatiya Party Jammu, Hariom Sharma, Former Coordinator of Jammu Raman Sharma Ambohalla Mandal President, Sakina Bano, Asha, Jyoti Gupta, Jyoti Bhat, Deepak Kumar, Tahir Abbas Nakavi, Neeraj Katoch, Madan, Kamalpreet Kaur, Anu and Sharda, along with several booth presidents and a large number of attendees.

The senior BJP leader said that the situation in J&K has witnessed 180degree change after the Modi Government took over the reins of the country because earlier the people were longing for peace and safety of life but today businesses have been

BJP Senior

Sukhnandan

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Choudhary

development

across the country

Leader and Former Minister

Kumar on Monday today

appealed the people of

Jammu and Kashmir to

once again vote for BJP in

the Lok Sabha elections to

make the Union Territory

a partner in the ongoing

While addressing public

meetings at Kalyanpur,

Jaswan, Parwah, Rapur

and Nandini Pangore (

Marh), senior BJP leader

Sukhnandan Kumar said,

"Only BJP government

can ensure the welfare of

the people of Jammu and

Kashmir under the leader-

ship of Prime Minister

seats, more seats have to

be filled in Jammu and

Kashmir and Jammu and

Kashmir has to be freed

from the shadow of the

new nizams of three fami-

lies after 75 years," he

Abdullahs, Muftis and

Congress for corruption,

blamed

Sukhnandan

" In order to cross 400

Narendra Bhai Modi."



He asked party workers to ensure

victory of Bharatiya Janata Party in

the ensuing Lok Sabha elections with

an ambitious target of crossing the

The party is confident in its ability to

secure a resounding victory and main-

tain a strong mandate for effective

governance and development, he

Parmodh Kapahi, in his address,

said that BJP under the dynamic

leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has implemented a

range of comprehensive reforms and

transformative initiatives that have

positively impacted the lives of millions

of citizens across the country. These

itics, BJP is a party dedi-

cated to the welfare, devel-

opment, trust and respect

Addressing the gather-

ings, Ch Sukhnandan

Kumar expressed his grat-

itude to all the people that

the affection and trust

showered on him by the

people of the constituency

has always motivated him

to put more efforts to

bring development proj-

ects and schemes of wel-

fare. He said that Marh

constituency has got the

distinction of being one of

the most gifted one as

every project has reached

here on the demand of the

people. He assured to con-

tinue serving the people in

future with full dedication

and commitment under

the guidance and leader-

ship of Prime Minister

Others who present in

the meetings include DDC

Balbir Kumar, Sardar

Daljeet Singh, Sham Lal,

Raj,

Secretary BJP, Narinder

Singh & Deepak Pandey.

Narendra Modi.

Choudhary

Jammu

Kashmir,"he said.

400-seat mark

past ten years.

flourishing and colossal development is in the offing as every nook and corner is witnessing the execution of new projects with rural areas also moving apace with their urban counterparts.

He said that the BJP Government has created a strong pedestal for steering the UT of J&K towards pinnacle of development but the responsibility to make this dream a reality lies on the people, who are the real stakeholders.

Sethi emphasized the need for the Bharatiya Janata Party to win with a complete majority and a hundred percent voter turnout.

They also enlightened the public about various developmental initiatives undertaken by the honorable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, in the

Vote for BJP and become partner in ongoing development journey

Only BJP govt can ensure welfare of J&K people: Sukhnandan

R.IP Senior Leader and Ch Sukhnandan Kumar addressing

gathering at Marh.

of crossing 400 has to be

Minister urged the people

of Jammu and Kashmir

that to cross 400, "we have

to win more seats than

"There are four parties in

the fray in the battle of

Jammu and Kashmir,

three families - Abdullah,

Mufti and Gandhi-Nehru

family and the fourth is

Bharatiya Janata Party.

All three parties including

Congress work on the

agenda of bringing injus-

tice and 370 again. The

people of Jammu and

Kashmir have earlier

aloied voted to reduce the

influence of three families.

Jammu and Kashmir.

achieved," he said.

dirty politics of sepa-

ratism. "These three fami-

lies have been working on

the agenda of bandhs,

strikes, boycotts and stone

pelting in Jammu and

Sukhnandan further said

that the number, enthusi-

asm and courage of the

public is showing that

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi is going to become

the Prime Minister for the

third time. "The same

enthusiasm, enthusiasm

and craze for Modi is

being seen all over the

country. In whatever

meeting, conference or

rally you go, slogans of

Modi-Modi echo. The

entire country has decided

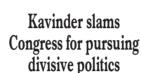
Kashmir for decades.

implementation of flagship schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Avushman Bharat, and many others that have contributed to the socio-economic growth and upliftment of the

He said that BJP's commitment to good governance, inclusive development, and national security has resonated with the people, resulting in a massive groundswell of support and an upsurge in membership across the

The party's strong grassroots level organization, effective campaign strategies, and dedicated cadre ensure that the BJP is well-prepared to secure a decisive victory in the upcom-

Suneet Raina said that the BJP's vision for a New India encompasses sustainable development, job creation, infrastructure growth, and welfare measures for all sections of society. With its pro-active governance approach and a focus on strengthening India's position globally, the BJP aims to lead the nation towards a prosperous and self-reliant future, he added.



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senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, criticized the strongly Congress party for indulging in divisive politics and prioritizing appeasement over

Kavinder highlighted the historical parallels, stating, "The Congress' manifesto mirrors the divisive agenda of the Muslim League, which sought reservation on religious lines in 1929. By perpetuating appeasement politics, the Congress is jeopardizing the fabric of our nation.' He further accused the

Congress of disregarding the interests of the majority community and attempting to sow seeds of discord for their



Board

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SRINAGAR: Chairperson of

Waqf Board participated in

the conference while Waqf

members

Mohammed Hussain and Dr

Darakhshan Andrabi also

participated in the confer-

Eid-al-Fitr arrangements

were reviewed in the meeting

and a deliberation on propa-

gation of the sufi ideology

took place where in all reli-

gious preachers expressed

their views on the responsibil-

ity of Imams and Khateebs on

social awakening related to

the hazards of the drug abuse,

importance of peace and har-

JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, national unity.

Speaking at the meeting, the BJP stalwart echoed the sentiments expressed by BJP National President, J.P. Nadda. regarding Congress' manifesto, which he alleged to be a blueprint for division akin to the agenda of the Muslim League led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah during the pre-independence

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Chairperson JKWB Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

mony in the society. Speaking on the occassion, Dr Andrabi said that it was the responsibility of the preachers to pass on the messages related to moral values and social values to the new

generation in our society.

Spirit of inclusivity and spirituality is our strength and we need to propagate this sufi

The teachings of our spiritu-

al leaders and Walis and Rishis need to be disseminated to the youth", said Dr Darakhshan. She said that this was the age of the revival of the sufi thought in J&K and religious preachers have a bigger role to play. While extending Eid greetings to the religious preachers, Dr Andrabi wished them all the best for Eid prayers in their

NC welcomes Er. Vikram Puri



NC leaders welcoming Er. Vikram Puri in party fold.

Monday.

Secretary and former Minister

Provincial President JKNC Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta welcomed the new entrant Er. Vikram Puri along with his wife Pooja Puri at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan, here on

Sadhotra urged the people to Conference, as they believe it is fulfill the aspirations of the people of Jammu Kashmir for a brighter future for the generations to come and work towards equitable development, progress, peace and brotherhood in J&K.

He said that victory of the alliance candidates will be peoples vote to development, peace and progress.

Rattan Lal Gupta appealed to the party workers to work hard dedicatedly and ensure the victory of Alliance candidates of India Bloc in the ensuing Lok Sabha Polls. He asserted that the National Conference is the only party capable of safeguarding the future of Jammu and Kashmir and its people.

On this occasion Er. Vikram Puri pledged to carry forward the mission of National Conference in transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a peaceful and progressive state with devotion and dedication.

Babu Rampaul former minister, Central Zone President and Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zonal President Udhampur Reasi said that only National Conference is the secular party in letter and spirit and has proved its mettle as bringing welfare and prosperity to the people during its rule. They appealed to the people to vote for its alliance candidates of India Bloc in the ensuing Parliament elections.

Those who were present on

this occasion Bimla Luthrra former MLA. Pardeen Bali Provincial Ayub Malik Secretaries, Jugal Mahajan Treasurer, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell. Ashwani Abrol, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Rita Gupta, Dilshad Malik Vice Presidents Central Zone, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West, S. Teiinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Vinod Kumar Puri Rtd Chief Engineer, B.RChandan, Amit Verma, Pankaj Kapoor, Abishek Mahajan, Amit Mahajan and Karan Mahajan.

Dr. Jitendra Singh deserves appreciations for pointing at 2006/2007 irrational Reorganizations of Districts in J&K

DAYA SAGAR ddressing a massive public meeting this 7 April in BIllawar Union Minister and senior BJP leader Dr Jitendra Singh is reported to have said that Congress deliberately denied district status to Billawar where as some places in Kashmir region with smaller area and population were given district status and Jammu region was subjected to discrimination. Though late, it can be still hoped that he will work for getting the corrections applied on priority. In one way, his expressing concern for the then Congress lead Congress-PDP Government in J&K not splitting the Kathua district in more districts when very small districts had been carved out in Kashmir Valley is surely based on sound reasoning since even a very casual look into the reorganizations done in 2007 would reveal how bluntly more districts had been carved out in Kashmir valley ignoring the status of the existing districts of Rajouri, Kathua, Udhampur, Doda (before 2007) and like in Jammu region and recommendations made by Wazir Commission in 1984. The areas of these districts have lesser geographical compactness, have comparatively bad terrain & lesser facilities of communication.

Rajouri and Poonch are two Districts in Jammu Region that have a reasonably large part of Indo-Pak LOC as it exists in two regions of UT of J&K and 'they' have been victim of regular LOC disturbances as well as infiltration attempts from the across the LOC.. Education, agriculture, horticulture, tourism and local crafts of the people there too have not received the needed attention from the governments and in addition they have been victim of displacements due to disturbances engineered from across the LOC as well as attempts made by 'separatist' from across the valley for cultivating their ideologies through emotional exploitation. So, under the circumstances J&K cannot afford to see more of civic disturbances / agitations and that too also outside Kashmir Valley. Demands for seeking required attention have remained feeble since the common people there have not been politically and administratively adequately empowered. duly. People there have lived & are still living in educational as well as administrative backwardness.

No doubt present Government / leadership in Delhi has since day one expressed strong commitment towards mission peace & stabil-

ity in J&K for ensuring equitable development of all regions/ sub regions of J&K including meeting any shortfalls anywhere by pumping in additional material / human resources but much need be still

In 2017 /18 the people of Nowshera, Sunderbani, Kalakote held demonstrations /candle marches demanding atleast one more new District Administrative Unit for them by reorganizing the existing revenue district of Rajouri and adjoining areas. Any how the demands then did not receive adequate attention and support from the political par-

In the interest of 'preserving' peace and stability in J&K the agitations like the one that had been started in Rajouri District for carving out atleast one more district out of the erstwhile (as exited before 2014 reorganisation) Tehsils of Surankote, Nowshera, Kalakote , Rajouri, Kotranka/Budhal, Thanamandi and Darhal must not be allowed to seed again since there is all justification in making atleast two districts out of present Rajouri District that in 2006 itself already had 7 Tehsils spread over 2630

sq Km area (Digest of statistics 2007-2008 mentions it as 2727 Sq. km) but instead of bifurcating a district like Rajouri a new dis-

trict

made

Shopian was

Kashmir

Valley in 2006

with just one

in

Vikas

State

A Look through the Mist

Tehsil and a meager area of 312 sq km as per 2011 Census (Digest of statistics 2007-2008 mentions it as 313 Sq. km and District website on 16 Jan 2024 mentions it as 612.87 sq.km).

In 1979 Sh. Sheikh Mohd Abdullah lead NC Government had divided the 3 Valley districts of Baramulla, Anantnag and Srinagar 6 districts there (SRO 306 of 6/6/1979 Baramulla, Kupwara, Anantnag, Pulwama, Srinagar, Badgam) but the then existing 6 districts of Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Rajuri and Poonch in Jammu Division were not split.

After 1979 irrational reorganization of district administrative units was once again done in 2006/2007 by Congress - \overline{PDP} Government through SRO 185 of 22nd May 2007 lead by Ghulam Nabi Azad (when through districts in Jammu Division were increased from 6 to 10 as against 9

District Ganderbal Census 2011 says 259 sq km (district website on 16 Jan 2024 mentions Bandipora
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as per 2011
Census,
Digest of
statistics Kugam
2011
Census
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recommended by Wazir Commission in 1984 and districts in Kashmir Division were also increased to from 6 to 10 as against only 7 recommended by Wazir Commission in 1984) and to some extent in view of creation of new Tehsils in 2014 by the BJP-PDP Government some more demands for new district status from areas like Akhnoor, R. S. Pura, Bani, Basohli, Billawar, Ramnagar and like have started mushrooming but some surely had genuine value in them.

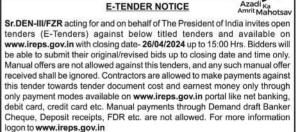
The ground realities do justify the scope for acceptance of demands being raised by some people like that of Kathua, Rajouri district could be well sensed from a brief information as contained in Table - A.

It is true that creating 'tiny' districts like Shopian would be of no much meaning of a purpose and still administration could be brought more near to the people only by providing more tehsils/ niabats/ patwars where ever needed. But since wrongs as repeated in 2006/2007 cannot be reversed so wisdom lies in accepting genuine demands like that came from some people of Rajouri district in 2018 since government cannot logically turn it down when smaller districts are there in Kashmir region. It will be wise to immediately appoint a high power Reorganisation Commission (with private members also) for recasting some more district administrative units in UT of J&K so as to correct the wrongs done over as demanded by the people of the backward areas like that of Bani/Basohli/ Billawar, Nowshera/ Sunderbani/ Kalakot, Akhnoor; Rajouri, Budhal/Mendar; Mohore/Gool, Ramnagar; Thathri/ Gulabgarh/Paddar, Hiranagar, R.S.Pura; Ramban, Kargil , Zanskar, Leh , Nubra, Changthang , Sha, Dhahan, Doda, Kishtwar and like.

The discriminations must be addressed by those in government well in time before they flare up as disturbing resentments. No doubt the policies held so far have helped only a few in Kashmir valley too where as the common there too is still socially, administratively and politically weak enough to stand against the ideological exploitation.

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