

# New Bioeconomy policy to place India as global leader: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: "The new Bioeconomy policy rolled out by the Modi Govt is set to place India as a global leader in the years to come", said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh while briefing the media about the recent Union Cabinet decision on the ambitious BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Employment, and Environment) Policy, heralding a transformative shift in India's manufacturing sector.

As India emerges as a Global Biotech Powerhouse, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be hailed across the world as the champion of new Biotech Boom, that promises to boost the economy, innovation, jobs, and environmental commitments. The Science and Technology Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh hailed PM Narendra Modi's visionary leadership for spearheading a forward-looking policy that aims to pivot from traditional consumptive practices to high-performance, regenerative bio-manufacturing, marking a sig-

nificant step towards a cleaner, greener, and more prosperous Bharat.

Speaking on the surge in Bioeconomy, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said "India's bioeconomy has experienced remarkable growth, skyrocketing from \$10 billion in 2014 to over \$130 billion in 2024, with projections to reach \$300 billion by 2030. This surge reflects India's robust economic growth. The recent policy will reignite growth spirits and position India as a potential leader in the 4th industrial revolution, he said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said "The BioE3 Policy is set to accelerate this growth trajectory, making substantial contributions to the 'Make in India' initiative by fostering the development of bio-based products with minimal carbon foot-



prints."

According to Dr. Jitendra Singh the BioE3 Policy is designed to address critical global challenges such as climate change and depleting non-renewable resources by: 1) Facilitating the shift from chemical-based industries to sustainable bio-based models 2) Promoting a circular bioeconomy 3) Achieving net-zero carbon emissions through innovative waste utilization from biomass, landfills, and greenhouse gases and 4) Encouraging the development of bio-based products and expanding job creation.

Highlighting the key fea-

tures, Dr. Jitendra said the policy encourages entrepreneurship across diverse sectors, including bio-based chemicals, smart proteins, precision biotherapeutics, climate-resilient agriculture, and carbon capture.

It establishes cutting-edge biomanufacturing facilities, biofoundry clusters, and Bio-AI hubs, he added.

The Minister said, renewed focus is on ethical biosafety considerations and global regulatory harmonization by aligning with international standards.

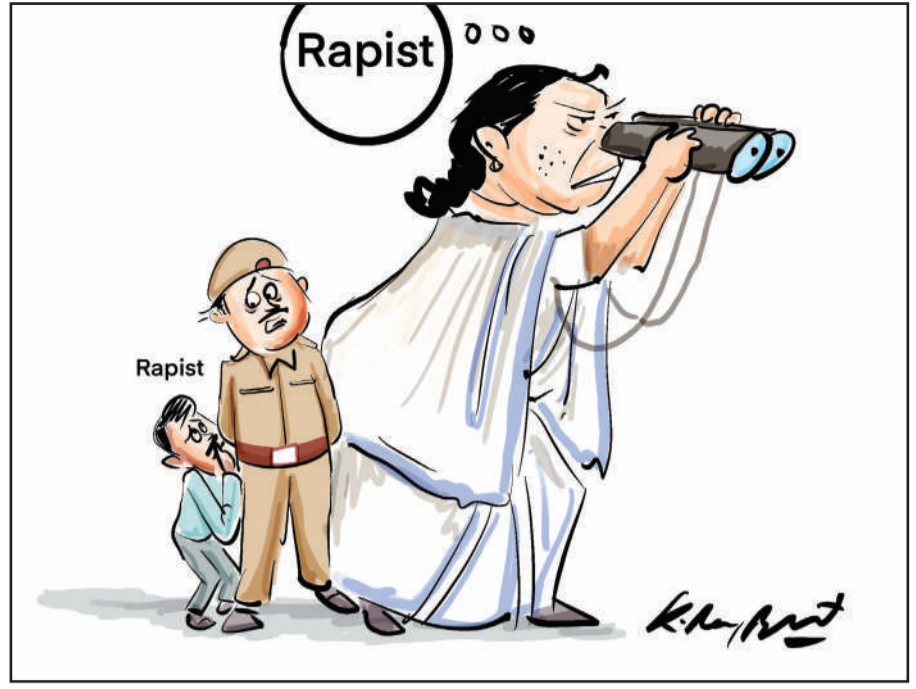
Understanding the Importance of Biomanufacturing hubs Dr. Singh highlighted that it will serve as centralised facilities crucial for the production, development, and commercialization of bio-based products. He said "These hubs will bridge the gap between laboratory-scale and commercial-scale manufacturing, fostering collaboration among startUps, SMEs, and established manufacturers."

Dr. Singh categorically mentioned that these will play a

vital role in large-scale manufacturing of products like mRNA-based vaccines and proteins. He expressed confidence that Bio-AI hubs will drive innovation by integrating AI to analyse large-scale biological data, paving the way for new gene therapies and food processing solutions.

Giving special emphasis on employment generation potential of the policy, Dr. Jitendra Singh said "It is expected to generate substantial employment opportunities, particularly in tier-II and tier-III cities, where biomanufacturing hubs will be set up. These hubs will leverage local biomass sources, thereby enhancing economic development in these regions."

Towards the conclusion of the interview Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated that by investing in the country's economy, environment, and employment, the BioE3 Policy supports India's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), setting a benchmark for how effective science policies can drive national development and sustainability.



## BJP is in fray in J&K on agenda of peace, prosperity & development ensured by Modi: Darakhshan

### Hands over mandate letters to BJP's South Kashmir candidates

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ANANTNAG: BJP National Executive Member & senior party leader Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday handed over Mandate letters of South Kashmir candidates of Bharatiya Janata



BJP National Executive Member, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi handing over Mandate letter of South Kashmir candidate

Party at an impressive event held at Anantnag.

She was accompanied by former MLC & senior party leader Charanjeet Singh Khalsa & others. Amid loud sloganeering, Andrabi was accorded a warm welcome on her arrival in BJP office at Anantnag.

Dr. Darakhshan handed over mandate letters to Mohammad Rafiq Wani (Anantnag West), Advocate Syed Wajahat (Anantnag), Sofi Yousuf (Srigufwara-Bijbehara), Vir Saraf (Shangus-Anantnag), Javed Ahmad Qadiri (Shopian) & Arshid Bhat (Rajpora).

"BJP is in the fray in J&K on the agenda of peace, prosperity and development ensured by Modi.

We are proud of achievements and we are in the contest for a change in the political scenario of J&K", said Dr. Andrabi after the event.

While talking to media, she said that our leaders and workers are confident of huge pub-

lic support in all parts of J&K and we are the only political party which cannot be accused of double speak.

"It is because of BJP that we are living in peaceful atmosphere where our youth are not forced into suicidal actions anymore. BJP has broken the sinister nexus between separatists and their pseudo mainstream political leaders", said Andrabi.

She said that it sounds like a crude joke when we hear dynasts claiming that they will resolve people's problems.

"Problem creators are shamelessly trying to fool people by saying that they will address to public issues. They ruled for decades and only exploited the youth and nurtured violence and divisions.

Their manifestos are yet again aimed at dividing people and creating unrest in J&K", said BJP National Executive Member Andrabi congratulated the nominated candidates and wishes them good luck.

## In democracy, people are real masters: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari urged party leaders and senior workers to maintain close connections with the masses in their respective areas through political and public outreach activities.

He emphasized that in democracies, the people are the true masters, as they have the right to choose their representatives. He advised his leaders and grassroots cadre to ensure that the public is well-informed about Apni Party's pro-people agenda and policies.

Bukhari made these remarks while addressing a public workers' convention in north Kashmir's Uri constituency ON Monday.

During his speech, Bukhari strictly instructed his leaders and workers to refrain from personal attacks on political opponents during the election campaign. He said, "We are in politics to serve the people. Our role is to inform them about our



JKAP President S.M.A Bukhari speaking in a programme.

agenda, policies, and intentions for how we aim to serve them. The choice ultimately lies with the people; they are the true masters and have the right to elect their representatives. Let's do our part and leave the rest to the people. We should avoid any form of aggression and refrain from personal attacks on our political opponents. This is not a battleground but an election campaign. Therefore, we must maintain our composure and uphold ethical standards at all times." "I strongly believe that whatever the results of the forthcoming

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AKHNOOR: Following the announcement of BJP candidates, a grand welcome was organized for former SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat and Rajeev Sharma in Akhnoor.

Hundreds of supporters, dancing to the beats of drums, celebrated the occasion, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the region. The BJP has declared Mohan Lal Bhagat as the candidate from the Akhnoor constituency and Rajeev Sharma as the candidate from the Chhamb constituency. Both leaders, along with their supporters, offered prayers and sought blessings at the historic Kameshwar Temple. Mohan Lal Bhagat expressed his gratitude to the party leadership for selecting him as the candidate from Akhnoor.

In his address, he emphasized his commitment to working tirelessly alongside party workers to achieve BJP's goal of "50+ seats."



BJP candidates, Mohan Lal Bhagat and Rajeev Sharma welcoming in Akhnoor.

He confidently stated that this time, Jammu and Kashmir would have a BJP Chief Minister. Rajeev Sharma assured the public of resolving all major issues and reiterated his commitment to the party's policies.

He emphasized that BJP's objective is to promote stability and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also highlighted the ongoing development initiatives in the region under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

vowed to accelerate this progress after securing victory in the upcoming assembly elections. The event was graced by the presence of DDC Bhushan Baral, DDC Sharda Bhai, Mandal Presidents Shyam Singh and Manga Ram, former Akhnoor Municipal Chairman Surinder Sharma and Sanjay Saraf, former Jourian Municipal Chairman Madan Lal, along with several Sarpanchs, Panchs, Councilors, and prominent citizens of Akhnoor and Chhamb.

# What to talk of receiving some 'Special', instead even PR of J&K had been made victim under cover of Art35A

**■ DAYA SAGAR**

Art 35A had been otherwise 'added' in Constitution of India by a Presidential order as a 'new' Article for doing very special good to Indian Citizens who were placed in the category of Permanent Resident of J&K (PR of J&K) but instead even some of them / they (PR of J&K) were under disadvantage with human rights of woman violated and the Schedule Tribe having no reservation in the Legislative Assembly. Had leaders like Dr. Farooq Abdullah gone for fair use all PR of JK would have stood for the cover of Art35A

Anyhow with The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019 C.O. 272 of 05-08-2019 also made in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 370 by the President the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 as amended from time to time has been superseded and the protective cover provided to J&K State government/ Legislature by Art35A was taken off. No doubt the political leadership of J&K that had been ruling till date did express resentments against the action of the Government of India/ Parliament but had no explanation to place in public domain for having not used the provisions available under Art35A for the overall advantage of the Indian citizens kept in the category of Permanent Resident J&K. After issuance of C.O 272 J&K State has also been split into UT

of J&K ( with legislature) and UT of Ladakh (THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR REORGANISATION ACT, 2019 Act 34 of 09-08-2019) . After August 2019 Permanent Resident of J&K status has been changed to Domicile of J&K for which requirements have fixed only in terms of one's residency (stay ) in J&K and (i) .Reservations for Schedule Tribe have been provided now in the Legislative Assembly of J&K, (ii) the discrimination being done with the female subjects of J&K as regards their right to choose their life partner has been done away with. Le man and woman have same rights (iii) J&K state has started contributing a few medical seats from local government medical colleges to common national pool thereby making available to the erstwhile 'permanent residents of J&K' ( now domicile of J&K) a few thousands more seats to compete for admission in PG courses ,

The definition for the Permanent Resident of J&K for Section-6 of J&K Constitution was partly drawn from Notification No. 1-L/84 dated the twentieth April, 1927, read with State Notification No. 13/L dated the twenty seventh June, 1932 of Maharaja Hari Singh Government . Sections 1 to 8 and Section 158 of J&K Constitution became effective on 17 November 1956 whereas other sections became effective w.e.f 26th Jan 1957. In a way only those people who qualified to be the Citizens of

India interms constitution of India but had been Permanent Resident of J&K ( State Subject of Class -I,II and in a way even Class-III- who had been accorded rights as State Subject by Maharaja Government / State Government after 1911AD till 14 May 1954) and those who were still staying as ordinary residents of J&K after obtaining permission ( Izazatnama) from Maharaja Government having lawfully acquired immovable property in the State, since & prior to 14th May 1944 AD were taken immediately in the class of Permanent Resident of



Accordingly the provisions / rules / laws for exclusive rights to the State Subjects of J&K as were there before 1947 like that regarding services under state government ( in the shape of like that in Section-127 of J&K Constitution - Transitional provisions public services ) & holding of immovable properties in J&K {Section- 158 - (2,3)- Repeal and saving of laws and rules}; exclusive rights to Permanent Residents of J&K for voting in assembly elections & entering J&K Legislature ( Section -51 - Qualifications for membership of the Legislature; Section 140

of J&K Constitution - Elections to Legislative Assembly ) ; aids from the government were conferred on the permanent residents of J&K only .

No doubt Section-8 & Section-9 were also there in the J&K Constitution to allow relaying of provisions / descriptions, where ever later needed, regarding the qualifications and special provisions / rights of Permanent Residents of J&K but upto August 2019 no amendments had been made even to correct the wrongs and undo the injustice done even to Indian citizens named as Permanent Residents of J&K ( as discussed earlier ) what to talk of addressing the grievances of Indian Citizens belonging to Indian states other than J&K as regards their rights for joining J&K state services and buying land in J&K that were blocked even after 1947 in Independent India .

Not only that, even the rights that of (i) the families of 'local' Balmikiyas & Gurkhas who have served the interests of local state population for decades but had not been in the category of state subject before 1947 of had come to state after 1947 , (ii) the 1947 refugees from Pakistan who were staying in J&K since late 1947 with permission (iii) IAS/IPS/IFS officers of J&K Cadre even after serving in J&K for 35 to 40 years (iv) 15 out of 21 PVC decorated Indian defence force personnel had fought on J&K LOC/LAC/IB against the enemy were non permanent resident of J&K and their families

were /had not been .acknowledged by relaxations as Permanent Residents of J&K all these years even when Section 8 and Section 9 of J&K constitution were there with provisions available for making needed amendments/ changes . .

So the allegations that the corrections were not applied intentionally by local J&K leaderships who had held the reins of governance all these years more to simply project that J&K was distantly placed Indian state did hold which was very clearly demonstrated from the behaviour and statements that have been coming mostly from 'prime' Kashmir valley leadership even in 2017 in view of some petitions before the Supreme Court challenging the 'existence' of Art35A as an article of Constitution of India instead they even did not work for undoing the wrongs on the fundamental rights of even some permanent resident of J&K who were debarred from approaching the Apex court under the cover of Art35A, if not permanent residents of J&K.

No doubt after 31 Oct 2019 first the government posts in services of UT of carrying a pay scale of not more than Level-4 (25500) only were still kept reserved for the J&K Domicile but later on all jobs were ordered reserved for domicile of J&K (S.O. 1245(E) of 03-04-2020) , (The writer is a Sr Journalist & a known analyst of J&K affairs)

## Is voting really a power for common masses?

<p><b>Astik Kohli, Social Activist</b> Since Jammu and Kashmir was converted into a Union Territory, there have been no assembly elections here. Now, for the first time, elections are taking place in the Union Territory. I appeal to the people to vote only for those who have genuinely worked for the betterment of Jammu. Vote for those who have delivered results and make sure to vote wisely and thoughtfully. Do not waste your vote.</p>	<p><b>Ashok Kumar, Businessman</b> For the past 10 years, we have been waiting for elections here, and now polls are finally about to happen. This will also address many issues faced by the common people, as numerous projects have been stalled for quite some time. It seems that some change will be seen in Jammu and Kashmir. I congratulate the Election Commission for bringing us this good news. We hope that whoever wins the election will certainly work for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.</p>	<p><b>Kanav Sharma, Advocate</b> Firstly, the bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir had been problematic; people's issues were not being resolved, and the public was frustrated. With the transition of our state into a Union Territory, several changes have taken place, including the implementation of various laws directly from the central government that were not previously in effect here. I believe we should view all these changes positively. I appeal to everyone to actively participate in the elections and make their voices heard.</p>	<p><b>Yashpal, Trader</b> After 10 years, voting for assembly elections is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir. We should all actively participate and vote for the candidate or party that prioritizes the interests of Jammu and Kashmir. We need to advocate for the restoration of statehood, as the people of Jammu will not find relief until then. I appeal to the people of Jammu to participate in the elections to support the restoration of statehood and the development of Jammu.</p>	<p><b>Amreek, Businessman</b> Assembly elections are going to be held in Jammu and Kashmir after several years, which I welcome. We have been waiting for a long time for elections to be conducted here, but the conditions were not favorable. A lot has changed in Jammu and Kashmir, and now we have the right to choose our public representatives. The ensuing elections have rekindled a hope that change is coming to Jammu and Kashmir, and this will be for the betterment of the people.</p>	<p><b>Chandra Mohan, Advocate</b> The conditions in the region were not right, which is why elections were not held. Today, thanks to the efforts of the central government, things have improved here, and now assembly elections are being conducted, which I welcome. It is time for the voice of the people to reach the government. Many are frustrated because elections have not been held here for several years, resulting in unresolved issues. I now hope that solutions can be found for all the problems faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, so that everyone living here can breathe a sigh of relief.</p>
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