

Dr Jitendra discusses upcoming Party programmes with his constituency's BJP leaders

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh held a Preparatory meeting via video conferencing with BJP District Presidents, MLAs and DDC Chairpersons of the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency to review the upcoming party programmes on the eve of the Independence Day and for the next few weeks.

Dr. Jitendra outlined a detailed roadmap for the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra, scheduled from August 2 to 15, 2025.

He informed participants that, to build momentum, he had already flagged off one Tiranga Yatra in Udhampur yesterday, and will also



participate in a motorbike rally tomorrow in New Delhi, while he will lead a Tiranga Yatra in Kathua on the August 13.

Dr Jitendra also urged party func-

tionaries, youth wings, and citizens to celebrate Independence Day with full patriotic fervour, ensuring that no house in the constituency is left without the Tricolour fluttering proudly.

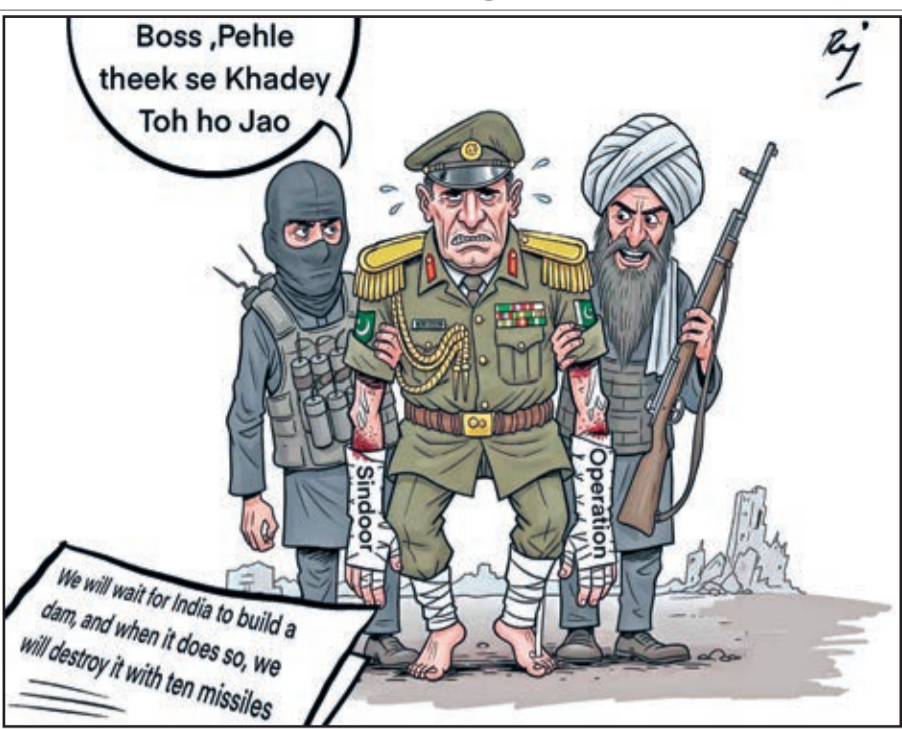
Describing the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign as a people's festival of unity, reminding everyone that the national flag is a living symbol of India's freedom struggle, integrity, and pride, Dr Jitendra motivated BJP workers and youth volunteers to reach every home, inspire every citizen, and make the celebrations truly inclusive.

Looking ahead, the Minister briefed participants about the upcoming National Sports Day celebrations, to be observed from August

29, 2025, in honour of India's hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

The celebrations will commence with the registration of potential sportspersons and will include a variety of sporting events to encourage youth participation and promote a culture of fitness. He highlighted that this extended celebration will continue until October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti, thereby linking sports promotion with national values.

Dr. Jitendra urged leaders at all levels to integrate the spirit of patriotism and sportsmanship in these events, turning the coming weeks into a grand celebration of India's unity, youth power, and cultural pride.



Sukhnandan visits Samba, Jammu border villages; seeks urgent action on water, electricity crisis



Senior BJP leader Ch. Sukhnandan Kumar during meeting in Samba.

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader Ch. Sukhnandan Kumar on Monday visited several areas in Samba district and the border villages of Jammu district, where residents apprised him of acute hardships due to shortage of drinking and irrigation water.

Villagers also complained about frequent and unscheduled power cuts, which, they said, were severely affecting their ability to safeguard crops. "Without water and electricity, our fields are drying up and farming is becoming impossible," the locals told

the BJP leader.

Ch Sukhnandan visited Rangarh, Kamore Camp, Nandpur, Dugg, Chimney Chak, Shalpur, Palura Samba and other adjoin places.

Expressing concern over the situation, Ch. Sukhnandan Kumar urged the government to take immediate steps to resolve the crisis. "If the farmer suffers, the entire population will suffer, because without food nothing can be done," he stressed.

He appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally intervene if the Omar Abdullah-led UT government

had failed to provide basic amenities to the people. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and LG Manoj Sinha have always been supportive of farmers. I am confident they will find a way to address these prime issues," he said.

Those who met the former Minister include Ex Sarpanch Vijay Kumar; Ex Sarpanch Jyoti Kumar; Ex Sarpanch Kalidas Choudhary, Ex Mandal Pardhan BJP Shiv Kumar; Ex Sarpanch Om Parkash, Ex Sarpanch Darshan Choudhary, Ex Sarpanch Reena Choudhary, Sanju Randhawa, and Akshay Kumar.

CM underscores J&K's immense dairy potential

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a high-level review meeting on the Jammu & Kashmir Dairy Processing Infrastructure Development Scheme (JKDPIDS), a Rs 1,433 crore initiative aimed at transforming the J&K's dairy sector into a robust, organized and globally competitive industry.

During the review, the Chief Minister highlighted the vast potential of dairy in Jammu & Kashmir.

He stressed the urgent need to expand organized milk processing from the current 4% to at least 20% within the next seven years, ensuring better prices, regular payments, and market access for over 5 lakh dairy farmers.

Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, gave a detailed presentation on the scheme, implemented



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing high-level review meeting on Monday.

by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as the nodal agency.

The plan envisages the establishment of 10 automated milk processing plants across 18 districts (excluding Srinagar and Jammu), enhancement of milk collection and chilling capacity to 10 LLPD, creation of 100 milk testing laboratories, and the formation of 10,000 farmer-owned dairy collectives.

He said that all Deputy Commissioners have been

asked to immediately identify and transfer 40-50 kanals of encumbrance-free land for each proposed processing plant.

The Chief Minister called for close inter-departmental coordination to ensure timely provision of road connectivity, electricity, and water to the project sites.

He further instructed NDDB and the Animal Husbandry Department to expedite agreements on sexed semen production and fodder development

to strengthen productivity at the grassroots level.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also asked NABARD to ensure prompt release of funds and strict financial monitoring, while emphasising that all departments must adhere to the set timelines for project execution, with quarterly progress reviews at the state level.

Highlighting the scheme's projected impact, the Chief Minister said it will significantly boost coopera-

tive turnover, create thousands of rural and skilled jobs, and ensure the supply of hygienic, export-ready milk.

He said the initiative represents far more than a sectoral upgrade-it is an economic transformation for rural Jammu & Kashmir. "Our dairy sector has the potential to be a pillar of rural prosperity and a driver of export excellence," he remarked, urging all stakeholders to work with urgency and precision.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production Javid Ahmad Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary APD, Principal Secretary Finance, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Director Animal Husbandry, and representatives from NABARD, NDDB, SA&P Group and other concerned officials.

AIIMS Jammu hosts historic 'Sindoor Maha Raktdaan Yatra'

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JAMMU: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu stood at the heart of a historic and patriotic initiative with the hosting of the 'Sindoor Maha Raktdaan Yatra' - a large-scale blood donation camp dedicated to the valour, sacrifice, and indomitable spirit of the Indian Armed Forces.

The event became a confluence of healthcare excellence, national pride, and community service, drawing the presence of prominent leaders from the Union and State governments.

This noble initiative, envisioned by Eknath Sambhaji Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, was organised for the first time on such a scale after Independence.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the programme was conducted simultaneously at four centres -Base Hospital Srinagar, Command Hospital Udhampur, Military Hospital Jammu and AIIMS Vijaypur (Jammu).



Dr CM Maharashtra, Eknath Sambhaji Shinde with other dignitaries at AIIMS Jammu.

'Together, these centres saw enthusiastic participation from donors, with AIIMS Jammu recording 83 units of blood donation. The drive also witnessed the extraordinary participation of over 1,200 wrestlers (pehalwans) from Maharashtra, whose presence added a spirited dimension of unity, discipline, and dedication to the cause.

On August 9, 2025, Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush and Minister of State,

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, inaugurated the camp at AIIMS Jammu.

He visited AIIMS Jammu's advanced facilities, including the Automatic Blood Sampling Machine, state-of-the-art diagnostic services and the Digital Library.

He appreciated AIIMS Jammu's growing stature as a premier hub for healthcare, research, and medical education, while commending the noble spirit behind the blood donation drive-calling every drop of blood donated a

"symbol of life, hope, and resilience."

Also joining the occasion was Dr. Uday Ravindra Samant, Minister of Industries & Marathi Language, Government of Maharashtra, who visited AIIMS Jammu as part of the Sindoor Maha Raktdaan Yatra.

He praised the institute's dedication to delivering world-class healthcare, driving innovation in medical research, and serving the nation through initiatives that blend compassion with

cutting-edge science.

On August 10, 2025, Eknath Sambhaji Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, visited AIIMS Jammu for the Sindoor Maha Raktdaan Yatra. He expressed his gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, for taking the Initiative to make AIIMS Jammu a key pillar of this patriotic programme.

He lauded the institute's role in uniting citizens for a cause that celebrates bravery, sacrifice, and the spirit of service.

The two-day event reflected AIIMS Jammu's unwavering commitment not only to excellence in patient care and medical innovation but also to contributing to the social and patriotic fabric of the nation. By hosting the Sindoor Maha Raktdaan Yatra, AIIMS Jammu reinforced its position as a centre where healthcare meets humanity and science walks hand-in-hand with service to the country.

Khatana raises tribal alienation concerns with Home Minister

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member Gulam Ali Khatana called on Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah in the national capital, flagging a series of issues relating to Jammu and Kashmir, with particular emphasis on what he termed the growing alienation of tribal communities.

Referring to the recent killings of tribal residents, Khatana underlined their longstanding role in countering insurgency and protecting the territorial integrity of the region. He said their sacrifices were well recognised by senior police officials in the Union Territory and urged that the community be accorded due protection, inclusion, and encouragement.

The MP also drew attention to the closure of several trek routes and tourist



MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana calling on Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah.

spots in Jammu & Kashmir following the recent terror attack, noting that the decline in tourist arrivals had left many local homestay owners who had availed loans to expand their facilities, in financial distress. He urged the Centre to consider targeted measures to revive the tourism sector.

Expressing concern over the limited implementation of certain Central welfare schemes and legislations in the Union Territory, including the SC/ST (Prevention

of Atrocities) Act and forest laws, Khatana alleged that the National Conference was "functioning with the old mindset and in the same manner as prior to the abrogation of Article 370" and thereby hindering the reach of such initiatives.

He asked for direction to the J&K administration to fully implement Central schemes so that the benefits of welfare and development programmes could reach the intended sections of the population.

Pakistan's jugular vein lies in Rawalpindi's terror factories, not in Indian soil: Gaurav

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson Gaurav Gupta strongly condemned Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir's recent "jugular vein" remark, made while addressing the Pakistani diaspora in Tampa, Florida during his ongoing visit to the United States. Gupta termed the statement as "a desperate attempt to revive a failed narrative and mislead Pakistan's own people."

Gupta asserted that Kashmir is, and will always remain, an integral and inseparable part of Bharat - not just as per the Constitution, but as the settled will of the Indian people and the unmatched sacrifices of the armed forces. "No foreign propaganda can change this reality," he said.

Rejecting Munir's rhetoric as historically false and politically motivated, Gupta stated that Pakistan's so-called 'jugular vein' is not in Indian territory but in



Rawalpindi's terror factories - the breeding grounds of extremism that have bled the region for decades. "If Pakistan truly wishes to protect its 'lifeline', it should dismantle these terror hubs rather than spread lies on foreign soil," he added.

Highlighting Pakistan's collapsing economy, record-high inflation, and severe shortages of basic necessities, Gupta said the country's military leadership is busy indulging in hollow chest-thumping abroad

instead of fixing its broken economy and restoring dignity to its people. "Pakistan is chasing a 75-year-old failed agenda while its citizens suffer," he remarked.

Recalling the Pahalgam attack and India's decisive counter-terror operations, Gupta warned that cross-border terrorism will be met with a firm, fitting, and final reply - always. "The days of turning the other cheek are over. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bharat's national security posture is crystal clear - zero tolerance for terrorism, zero compromise on sovereignty," he stated.

In a direct message to Islamabad, Gupta said: "Stop daydreaming about Kashmir, vacate PoK, end your terror sponsorship, and read the writing on the wall - Jammu & Kashmir is, was, and will always be Bharat. That is the beginning and the end of the story."

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JAMMU: National Conference (NC) is the champion in establishing very strong robust foundation of terrorism and separatism in J&K and till today the whole J&K is paying a very heavy and unbearable price for this creation by NC.

This was stated by Arun Gupta, J&K BJP Spokesperson.

Accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, BJP Media Incharge, he was addressing a Press Conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Generation after generation in J&K have been deprived of joining mainstream of country and today when whole India and it's all states are progressing leaps and bound, J&K has started the path of progress with the active involvement of Govt. of



J&K BJP Spokesperson, Arun Gupta talking to reporters.

India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Before 1947, when J&K was a princely state, NC then also had agenda of promoting separatism and after 1947, when J&K was part of united India post-Independence, NC continued its agenda for all the years. The separatism and terrorism were brewing up which resulted into full-fledged terrorism in 1989,

with the active support of then NC government in power, which saw huge migration from Kashmir, which give a clear indication that it was a designed game plan of NC. The Police administration, law and order were all vested with J&K Government and in spite of all resources available NC did not stop this migration from Kashmir.

The foundation of NC is

based on the concept and philosophy of separatism and the seeds planted have turned into big trees, in all these years. There are well nourished and fed and the results are evident from the situation J&K is passing through. Govt. of India and local administration have been successful in ensuring that common man in J&K is comfortable, no hartals, no calendar, no dictation, no appeasement to separatism.

NC has to reply to the citizens of J&K as to why in spite of world-famous tourist destination, both leisure and religious pilgrimage, has been so backward even after many years of Independence.

NC could never think and imagine beyond their family and its growth, and to ensure they continue to be in power all forces and powers were appeased, resulting into J&K condition, where

we are today.

Deep rooted seeds of separatism and their appeasement have destroyed the J&K and its democratic institutions. NC is Solely responsible for this and today they are asking Question to regarding militancy, which only NC has to answer.

NC will never be forgiven for the damages they have done to J&K and its citizens. Generations will never forgive NC for all the contribution they have done before 1947 and after 1947, resulting into 40 long years of deprivation to J&K and its citizens.

J&K has now started successfully on the path of very fast progress and irresponsible statement by NC leaders is not something citizens of J&K will ever want. This militancy supported statements only add to the agenda of NC which harm the progress, growth and peace.