

# Dr Jitendra slams Opposition for undermining revival of democracy in Kashmir

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: On the eve of Kashmir's highly anticipated elections, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivered a blistering critique of opposition parties, accusing them of undermining the revival of democracy in Kashmir and trying to thwart the region's hard-won democratic resurgence.

Speaking in a popular election media conclave here, Dr. Singh contrasted the current vibrant democratic participation with the period of stagnation and manipulation under previous administrations.

Dr. Jitendra highlighted how the democratic aspirations of Kashmiris, which had lain dormant for 30-40 years, have been reignited following the abrogation of Article 370. He noted the remarkable 70-80% voter turnout in recent Block Development Council (BDC) elections, a significant improvement that matches the national average in Lok Sabha elec-



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview at "Aaj Tak" Conclave at Srinagar on Thursday.

tions. Dr. Jitendra Singh praised PM Modi for opening the gates of democracy in J&K which were dormant for decades.

In a pointed rebuttal to critics, Union Minister condemned those lamenting Kashmir's state as having no substantive issues left. "The same individuals who once exploited Article 370 for personal gain, elected their own relatives, and secured merely 10-12% of the vote, are now decrying its abrogation. Their era is over," he declared.

Dr. Jitendra also referenced historical manipulations of electoral laws, criticising the Congress party for extending Assembly terms from 5 to 6 years in 1970 and then reversing the decision under Morarji Desai, a move that was never undone in Kashmir. This, he argued, underscores the previous administration's disregard for true democratic principles.

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr. Singh contrasted the current administration's efforts with

the previous regime's failures.

"Under Modi, Kashmir has seen a genuine transformation. The Modi government has opened the gates to a vibrant democracy, breaking free from the abuses of Article 370 by the NC and PDP. The previous administration, led by Manmohan Singh, was more concerned with hosting Iftar parties than addressing real issues."

Dr. Jitendra accused the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of perpetuating a cycle of political opportunism and disenfranchisement.

"NC and PDP abused Article 370 to further their own agendas and vested interest. Islamabad gave directions and curfew was issued in Srinagar; those days are gone now common people have empowered under PM Modi. For opposition their primary concern was maintaining their power; not fostering genuine democratic engagement," he said.

Highlighting the Modi government's commitment to transparency and inclusivity, Dr. Singh praised the Prime Minister for ensuring that governance benefits, including "Pucca" houses, are extended to all Kashmiris, irrespective of party affiliation, caste, creed, or religion. "This stands in stark contrast to the selective and divisive approach of the previous administration," he noted.

In a strong defence of the BJP's principles, Dr. Singh affirmed the party's decision to exit its alliance with the PDP on ideological grounds. "We stand by our consistency and conviction. Our manifesto, championed by Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, promised to abrogate Article 370, and we fulfilled that promise," he asserted.

Dr. Singh's comments underscore the BJP's dedication to restoring democratic values in Kashmir and challenge the opposition's credibility and commitment to meaningful democratic reform.



## Dynasts gave bloodshed to Kashmir, BJP gifted peace and prosperity: Darakhshan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PULWAMA: BJP National Executive Member & J&K Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday led a huge road show in Rajpora Assembly Constituency in Pulwama district.

The road show covered Thamuna, Babhara, Tiken, Rajpora Payeen, Hajam Bala, Shadimarg, Qasbayar & then return via Argicheek, Drabgam, Sephora, Akhal, Shaltaki, Mitrigam, Murrin, Kangan and covering around 16 villages and townships culminated at Qasbayar where a huge election rally was held.

BJP Candidate for Rajpora Assembly constituency Arshid Bhat accompanied Dr Andrabi.

The cavalcade of Dr Andrabi got tremendous reception at all halt points in all localities.

BJP candidate Arshad Bhat in his address said that BJP's vision of development represents the people's aspirations. He thanked the young for their fight for a change in these elections.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that BJP has freed Indian politics from the dynasts and the political dividers.

"BJP saved the young of



BJP NEM, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi addressing rally.

Kashmir from being killed on a daily routine. Those who criticise us for the political change in J&K actually wanted the status quo of violence, bloodshed and separatism, so that their politics of exploitation continued on the blood of the innocents. But the changes in J&K are permanent and so is the safety, progress and development of our youth", said Darakhshan Andrabi.

She added that during the past few years BJP's vision of a peaceful and progressive J&K as implemented at the ground by the Prime Minister has changed J&K for all good.

"We in J&K are not identified by the daily news of killings and shutdowns anymore but are now known by the demonstration of our capabilities and potentialities in all walks of life.

Peace has gifted us economic stability and opportunities to earn. This is what BJP has given to the people of J&K", said BJP National Executive Member. Darakhshan gave details about the construction of roads & highways, medical facilities including miraculous Golden Card, welfare schemes for empowering youth, women, agriculturists and skilled workers & labourers.

"Dynasts gave bloodshed to Kashmir, BJP gifted peace and prosperity", said BJP NEM & senior party leader.

Dr Andrabi appealed to the youth to support the vision of BJP & the dynamism of our candidate Arshad Bhat whose public service records speak for his sincerity and dedication. She thanked the people for their warmth and love.

## NCB arrests two traffickers with 3.015 Kg Charas

### One lady trafficker arrested in follow up action

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Keeping its commitment to combat drug trafficking in the region, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Jammu seized 3.015 Kg. Charas on September 11, 2024 at NH-44, Sainik Colony, Jammu and registered case CR-18/2024/

In this connection, two persons namely Deepak Goyal and Kailash Goyal, both resident of Ajmer, Rajasthan were arrested. Initial investigation has revealed that the seized Charas was supplied from Srinagar and further it was destined to Ajmer; Rajasthan.

The seized Charas was supplied by a lady named Aisha alias Aapa, wife of Md. Yousuf Bhat alias Shabir Bhat, resident of Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir.

Accordingly, a team of NCB alongwith Anantnag Police arrested the said Charas Supplier on Thursday. Till now, three arrests have taken place.



In the wake of upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has geared itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region.

## Chairman J&K ICAI, other delegates meet Vikram Sahay

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Vikram Sahay, IRS, has officially assumed charge as the Principal Commissioner of Income Tax (PCIT) for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

On this occasion, a delegation led by CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman of the J&K Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), along with CA Nakul Saraf, Past Chairman, J&K ICAI, and several Chartered Accountants and members of the Bar Council extended their congratulations to Sahay. During the meeting, the delegation discussed various issues and challenges faced by professionals and taxpayers in the region, particularly concerning pending appeals, rectifications, and other income tax-related matters. The professionals voiced their concerns and sought



CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman of J&K Branch of ICAI along with others meeting with Vikram Sahay Principal PCIT.

solutions to improve efficiency and reduce delays in the resolution of these matters.

In response, Sahay assured the group that he is committed to addressing their concerns and resolving the issues faced by taxpayers and professionals alike.

He emphasized the importance of collaboration between the Income Tax Department and stakeholders, stating, "We will work together to resolve grievances and ensure the smooth functioning of tax administration in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh."

He also stated plans for outreach programs aimed at raising awareness among taxpayers across different regions of Jammu & Kashmir.

These programs will focus on educating taxpayers about their rights, obligations, and the services available to them, fostering a more informed and compliant taxpayer base.

Sahay reiterated his commitment to improving the tax administration system in the Union Territories, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and fairness for all stakeholders involved.

## Congress, NC responsible for making JK as battlefield for Pak sponsored militancy: Sham

### Appeals people to reject parties supporting divisive agenda

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Making sardonic attack on Congress and National Conference (NC), senior BJP leader and party candidate for Jammu North constituency, Sham Lal Sharma on Thursday said that due to anti-people and anti-India policies of these parties, Jammu and Kashmir became a battlefield for Pak sponsored militancy for over three decades that has taken thousands of innocent lives.

Addressing party workers and people at different places in Jammu North constituency, Sham said both these parties are responsible for creating disorder, lawlessness and economic crisis in Jammu Kashmir which also led to the unfortunate exodus of



BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma addressing public meeting.

Kashmiri Pandits from the valley. Leaders of these parties stayed away from the trouble torn Valley and kept the people at the mercy of God in the critical time. People remember the irresponsible and casual attitude of these parties in tackling the situation, and will give appropriate response to these forces in the upcoming elections, said Sham.

Maintaining that the unholy alliance of Congress-NC which has been formed to grab power once again by misleading the innocent masses, promising restoration of Article 370, releasing militants and other anti-national elements from jails, and distribution of freebies to people. But fact is that

they have no moral right to advocate the cause of people as they did not deliver on ground and made only false promises for the past over six decades. People understand their objective and design and this time nothing will work and both these parties will suffer serious defeat in the elections, Sham asserted.

Sham appealed to the people to vote and support BJP wholeheartedly in the upcoming elections, ensuring victory of the party for sustained peace, prosperity, security and overall welfare of Jammu Kashmir. He said BJP has always advocated for peace, dignity and holistic development of every nook and corner of Jammu Kashmir without any discrimination in the name of

caste, creed and colour. Its people-friendly policies are for every section of the society and all are equally availing their benefits.

He called upon the workers and party functionaries to reach out to every individual voter, make them aware about the welfare schemes of the party, and convince them to vote for BJP to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir for better future of the coming generations.

Those present on the occasion included, Mandal Adhyaksh Rakesh Singh, Vijay Sharma, Rampal, Kulwant, Rajni Devi, Bindu Devi, Prabhari Raipur Domana Anil Sharma, Shakti Kendra Pramukhs and Booth Presidents.

## Hazratbal voters demand best healthcare, park eradication of dog menace, better roads

■ **MASROOR AHMAD**  
SRINAGAR: With the people of Jammu and Kashmir just 5 days away from the first phase of Assembly Elections, starting on September 18th and concluding on October 1st, residents of Hazratbal constituency are expressing their demands, hoping for a leader who will fulfill long-standing promises including upgradation of Primary health centre Lal Bazar.

It is noteworthy that after the delimitation exercise some areas of Zadibal Assembly segment like Lal Bazar have been included in Hazratbal Assembly segment. A direct fight is between NC's candidate Salman Ali Sagar and PDP's Asiya Naqash. Asiya Naqash is a former MLA while as

Salman Ali Sagar is contesting his first election.

The Lal Bazar area suffered a lot during the tenure of National Conference. MLA Peer Afaq and PDP MLA Abid Ansari, this time voters are very anguish and say that if roads and healthcare infrastructure are not given by priority, the candidate will have to face backlash of the voters. "Our main demands include 24 hour healthcare facility and construction of an urban full fledged hospital with better equipment's," the residents told the State Times. The hospital project which has been a set of political promises for decades. Residents demanded repair of all internal and main roads which have been isolated for the past several years as earlier political leaders and now

officials are not paying attention to the dilapidated.

In addition to infrastructure, the residents are pushing for the development of cricket ground and public park with walk tracks in the area.

As Voters in the Lal Bazar area, which falls under the jurisdiction of Hazratbal constituency, gears up to cast their ballots on September 25 in second phase of polling, the message is clear: they want action, not just promises. Upgradation of hospital, public park, eradication of dog menace, macadamisation of all the roads, better drainage system. Locals say these development projects are at the forefront of their concerns, and they expect their next leader to address these key issues.

# National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas', 31st Annual Conference of JMS inaugurated at JU

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu, today inaugurated the three-day National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas' and the 31st Annual Conference of Jammu Mathematical Society (JMS). Padma Shri Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council J&K UT and Chief Guest of the seminar inaugurated the national seminar and shared his insight with the delegates coming from all across the country.

In his address, Prof Dinesh Singh emphasized the importance of making mathematics relevant to real-world applications and societal benefits.

He urged teachers to help students recognize the value

of the subject in addressing societal challenges and to bridge the gap between mathematical theory and its practical uses. Highlighting the evolving technological landscape, Prof. Singh encouraged educators to adapt their teaching methods to make mathematics more accessible and understandable for students.

Prof Singh also highlighted the responsibility of educators in empowering students by strengthening their foundational knowledge.

He called on teachers to ensure that students become more capable, equipping them with the skills and confidence needed to navigate a rapidly changing world.

By connecting students with the core principles of mathematics, he said, teachers can help them har-



Padma Shri Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council J&K UT speaking at a seminar.

ness the power of the subject to thrive in a technology-driven future.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu presided over the Inaugural Function.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rai lauded the Department for successfully organizing the event,

acknowledging their efforts in promoting critical discussions on the intersection of disciplines.

He emphasized the pivotal role of mathematics in advancing various branches of science, particularly in biological sciences.

Prof. Rai explained that mathematics serves as the

foundation for modeling complex biological systems. Mathematical principles can be applied to simulate biological processes, predict outcomes, and develop strategies for tackling real-world challenges.

Furthermore, Prof. Rai stressed the need for dissolving traditional academ-

ic boundaries to encourage a more integrated approach to education. He argued that by fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, students and researchers could harness the full potential of mathematics to make significant advancements in biological sciences and beyond. This holistic approach, he added, is essential for evolving education in a rapidly changing world where the integration of knowledge across fields is becoming increasingly crucial.

Prof. A. P. Singh, former Head Department of Mathematics and Dean Faculty of Sciences appreciated the efforts of the Department of Mathematics to sustain the Jammu Mathematical Society for the past 34 years, ensuring its growth. He congratulated

the organizing team of the National Seminar and 31st Annual Conference of the Jammu Mathematical Society. Earlier, Prof. Romesh Kumar, HOD, Department of Mathematics, and President Jammu Mathematical Society and Convener of the National Seminar formally welcomed the delegates.

He gave a detailed introduction to the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas and academic status of the department. Delegates from various institutes of the country like Cluster Innovation Center Delhi, Indian Statistical Institutes, Bangalore, University of Delhi, Panjab University Chandigarh, Central University of Jammu, Central University of

Kashmir, University of Kashmir are attending the Seminar.

On this occasion, Prof. Dinesh Singh, Prof. A.P. Singh, Prof. Umesh Rai, President JMS Prof. Romesh Kumar, and Dr. Tirth Ram, Secretary JMS, distributed prizes among the winners of "One Day Students' Conference and Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition." Dr. Tirth Ram, Secretary of the Jammu Mathematical Society, presented the Annual Report of the Society and highlighted the activities being organized by the society in the Department. Dr. Shalu Sharma conducted the proceedings of the Inaugural Function and Dr. Sarika Verma presented a formal vote of thanks.