Dr Jitendra thanks PM for mentioning, promoting 'Purple Revolution' in Doda

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DODA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday profusely thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for mentioning in his public address "Purple Revolution" and Lavender Farming which began from the Bhaderwah town of district Doda and PM Modi turned it into a success story through his personal intervention and continued support. He also thanked Narendra Modi for being the first Prime Minister after nearly five decades to have addressed a public rally in Doda city.

Speaking to the media, after the conclusion of mammoth public rally addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and attended by thousands and thousands of people who had gathered from far-flung areas, Dr Jitendra Singh said, ever since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister, he has given high priority to this far-flung hilly region, which had been perpetually neglected by the Congress and National Conference MLAs and MPs elected from here, even though they were occupying influential Ministerial positions in the State and the Centre. As a result of this, he said, today Doda has risen to be at par with more developed regions in this part of the country.

Dr Jitendra pointed out that the success of Purple Revolution and Aroma Mission in District Doda had offered a new avenue of Agri StartUps to the whole country but the truth is that this success would not have been possible without continued support and patronage by Prime Minister Modi who took a personal interest in it. He recalled that in one of his "Maan Ki Baat" broadcasts, Prime Minister Modi devoted considerable time to explain the

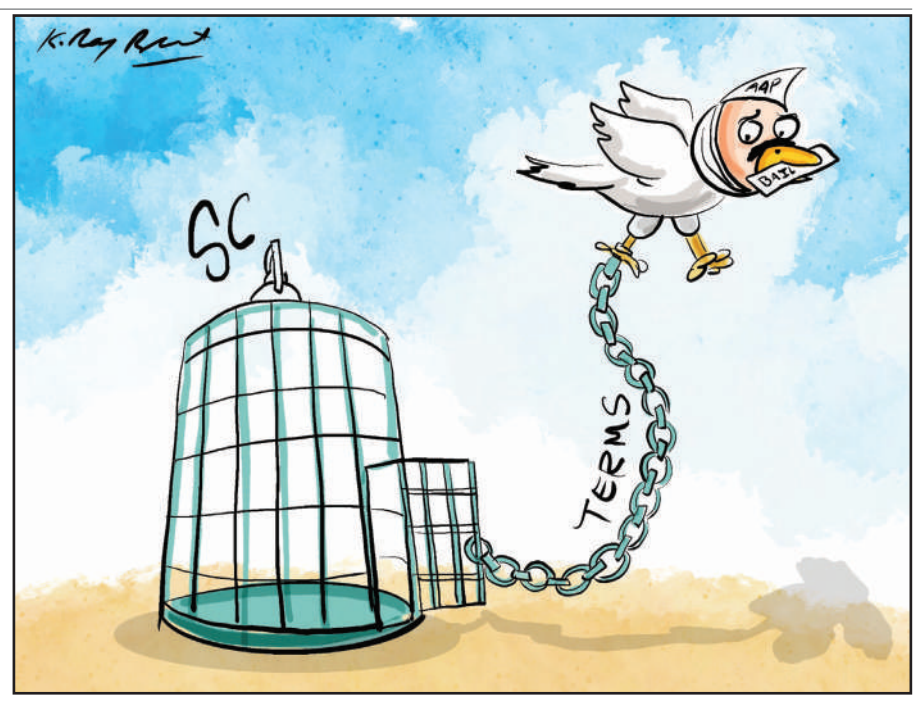
details and the merits of Lavender farming. Again, it was under Prime Minister Modi that a tableaux depicting the Purple Revolution was displayed in the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26th of January 2024.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the unprecedented public response in Doda was indicative of the aspiration and hope that Prime Minister Modi had kindled in these far-flung hills, particularly among the youth who now feel that they have an equal level playing field and equal opportunities like youths elsewhere.

Dr Singh referred to PM Modi's emphasis on youth and said, it was during the last 10 years that this region got a centrally aided Medical College and host of other institutions.

Dr Jitendra said, the town of Doda situated on the banks of river Chenab has rich water resources but it was only in the last 10 years that there are series of Hydro projects opened one after the other with the personal intervention of Prime Minister Modi. As a result of which, this region is going to be a Power Hub of North India. Dr Singh also thanked Prime Minister Modi for providing a network of roads to the remotest hilly destinations, which had been overlooked all these years.

With only two days left for the first phase of election, Dr Jitendra Singh was confident that after the visit of Prime Minister Modi, BJP will be comfortably winning all the assembly seats in the region.



AIIMS Jammu's Surgeon selected as Asia Pacific Orthopedic Association's Young Ambassador to represent India at 2025 Congress in Australia

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JAMMU: AIIMS Jammu announces that Dr. Rashid Anjum, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedics, has been selected as the sole representative from India for the prestigious Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) Young Ambassador Program.

Dr. Anjum will represent India at the 24th APOA Annual Congress in 2025, set to take place in Cairns, Australia, alongside fifteen of the most promising young surgeons from across the Asia Pacific region.

This remarkable achievement recognizes Dr. Anjum's excellence and dedication to advancing orthopedic surgery. The APOA Young Ambassador Program is a highly competitive platform that identifies future leaders

in the field, providing them with opportunities to showcase their work, engage in international collaborations, and contribute to innovations in orthopedic care. This year's selection process was highly competitive, reflecting the growing recognition of academic and educational opportunities for young surgeons across the region.

As a Young Ambassador, Dr. Anjum will have the unique opportunity to present his work during the 'Young Ambassador Sessions' and engage in high-level discussions with leading surgeons from around the world. He will also have hospital visitations in Australia and attend exclusive events such as the President's Dinner and other scientific events, where he will receive a certificate of recognition for his achievements.

The program offers valuable opportunities, including hospital visits, podium presentations, and participation in collaborative discussions with fellow surgeons from the Asia Pacific region.

The APOA congratulated all selected Young Ambassadors and anticipates their active participation in enhancing a vibrant and inclusive orthopaedic community.

NC, Congress deprived people of basic rights for 70 years: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: BJP contesting candidate for Jammu East Assembly segment, Yudhvir Sethi criticized the National Conference (NC) and Congress for depriving several communities of their fundamental rights for over 70 years under the pretext of Article 370. Interacting with the people during a series of meetings at Athem, Khajuria Mohalla, Megh Sabha at Ward No 9 and others while campaigning in the Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that communities such as the Valmikis, Gorkhas, and Civic Safaikaramcharis had been ignored and neglected by successive NC and Congress regimes. "Under the guise of Article 370, NC and Congress perpetuated decades of injustice against these marginalized communities, denying them basic rights and opportunities for growth and development. Not only were these communities marginalized, but even their children were deprived of educational opportunities and job benefits under the NC and Congress regimes, he added.

"For decades, children from the Valmiki, Gorkha, and Civic Safaikaramchari communities were denied access to quality education and employment opportunities due to the discriminatory policies of the past governments. NC and Congress ensured that these communities remained trapped in a cycle of poverty and exclusion," he added. The senior BJP leader further stressed that it was only after the abrogation of Article 370 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government that these communities finally received their due recognition and rights.

During the door-to-door campaign, Yudhvir Sethi assured the people of Jammu East constituency that he is fully committed to addressing their long-standing issues and ensuring overall development in the area. He pledged to work relentlessly towards improving infrastructure, enhancing civic amenities, etc. Sethi emphasized that the BJP's vision for Jammu and Kashmir focuses on providing better healthcare, education, and a clean, safe environment. He reassured the residents of East Constituency that their concerns will be prioritized, and every effort will be made to bring about a significant transformation in their lives through transparent governance and development-oriented policies. Sethi urged the people of Jammu East to vote and support for him for a progressive and prosperous future and vowed to continue working for the upliftment and empowerment of all sections of society.

Regional parties of J&K infused poison of violence in our lives, promoted drugs here: Darakhshan

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PULWAMA: BJP National Executive Member & J&K Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi addressed a massive public rally at Abahama in Rajpora in Pulwama today.

BJP contesting candidate for Rajpora Assembly constituency Arshid Bhat also addressed the gathering. Dr Andrabi was accorded warm welcome by the huge gathering on her arrival at Abahama this afternoon.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi thanked the people for their warm response to the policies of the Prime Minister & said that BJP has now become a very powerful political space in the valley of Kashmir.

"Peace and development was gifted to the people of J&K by our government after more than three decades of bloodshed, social polarization, uncertain life & insecurity in the territory supported by the regional dynastic parties of Kashmir NC, PDP with the support of another dynastic group INC. Those who are now praying to the people for votes are the

BJP NEM Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi addressing rally.

ones who are responsible for the killing of our youth", said Darakhshan Andrabi.

She lambasted the NC, PDP & Congress leaders for again trying to sell the semi-separatist ideology to the people who suffered immensely as a result of this evil business of the political exploitation of the youth.

"Peaceful J&K is a reality now. No welfare measure of BJP are reversible. The changes in J&K are final. We have earned this peaceful situation after loss of lives for decades and we cannot allow these political brokers to disturb this situation of contentment for our young generation and this election will reduce them to a small size", said Andrabi. She appealed to the young generation voters to reject this primitive politics of these dynasts and show them the door out.

"They gave drugs to our youth, created a political syndicate out of this drug trade for fulfilling their political ambitions. They destroyed our social fabric and they are again in the field with no shame at all as they are again trying to sell their old narratives in a changed J&K. People have made their mind to reject them outrightly ", said Andrabi.

She appealed to the people of the area to vote for Arshad Bhat who has proved himself as a dedicated young volunteer and is loved by the people here.

Sham Lal leads power-packed road show, seeks massive support in Jammu North Elections

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JAMMU: Intensifying his election campaign and to closely connect with the people of Jammu North constituency, senior BJP leader and party candidate, Sham Lal Sharma organized an impressive road show here on Saturday.

The road show comprising large number of supporters with their four wheelers, two wheelers displaying party flags, chanting slogans in support of BJP and party candidate, embarked from Roop Nagar and passed through Old Janipur, Main Stop, Janipur Colony, High Court Chowk, lower Patoli, upper Patoli, Lakkar Mandi and other interiors falling under ward Nos.34, 35,36,37 and 38.

The enthusiastic people standing along both sides of the road warmly welcomed the leader and showered flower petals on him. Large number of women chanting victory slogans in favour of BJP also greeted and blessed him for success in elections. Sham humbly accepted the greetings of the people and sought support for his victory.

Subsequently, Sham Lal Sharma addressed well attended public meetings at Domana and other places and highlighted the programmes and policies of the BJP. He said BJP's nationalistic agenda is to strengthen the democracy at the grass root level in a real way, restoring sustained peace, harmony and equal justice to every section of the society. It is endeavour of the BJP and Pradhan Mantri, Narinder Modi to deliver social justice at the doorstep of every individual with dignity and honour. The slogan of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka

Senior BJP leader and party candidate, Sham Lal Sharma during road show.

Paryas itself symbolizes the strong commitment of the Prime Minister towards the welfare of people of the country, especially the poor and marginalized classes, he asserted.

Maintaining that Jammu region has suffered a total neglect on every front due to Kashmir centric politics for the past over seven decades and no party paid any heed to address the issues of Jammuties. Dogra honour, heritage and culture was undermined and successive regimes only played with the sentiments of people, using them as vote banks only. Now the time has come to give befitting reply to these anti-people and anti-India parties in the upcoming elections to restrain them to regain power. "Supporting Congress, NC and PDP means reversing back to the era of militancy, stone pelting, blasts, hartals and encouraging the anti-national forces to destabilize the nation and Jammu Kashmir", said Sharma.

He appealed to the people to support BJP liberally in the upcoming elections to form an exclusive government in Jammu Kashmir. He said BJP is always committed to empower the people by further strengthening the democracy at the grass root level and ensuring equitable development in every nook and corner of the State. Sharma called upon the party workers to step up their efforts to mobilize the people for ensuring maximum percentage of polls in every polling station, which is their democratic right to elect the representatives and government of their choice.

Prominent among those accompanied included, Mandal President Raveesh Mengi, Corporators Sunita Gupta, Surinder Sharma, Rani Devi, Yashpal Sharma, Subhash Sharma, Rekha Manhas, Praduman Singh, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Mandal General Secretaries Sanjay Bhat, Sangeeta Verma.

IIM Jammu hosts roundtable conference, alumni meet

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a Roundtable Conference at Hotel Trinity, Whitefield, Bengaluru, centered on the theme "Fostering Academia and Industry Partnership: The Way Ahead." The event aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry by encouraging collaboration to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities in the corporate world.

In his welcome address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, emphasized the crucial role of academia-industry partnerships in shaping the future of education. He highlighted IIM Jammu's dedication to equipping students with not only a strong academic foundation but also the practical skills needed to excel in the professional world. Prof. Sahay stressed that such collaborations would ensure that graduates are industry-ready and capable of meeting the evolving demands of the workforce.

The event began with a welcome and registration session, followed by the

Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay lighting ceremonial lamp.

lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Dr. Garima Saini, Co-Chairperson of Placements at IIM Jammu, delivered an introductory speech, setting the stage for the discussions ahead. A video presentation on IIM Jammu showcased the institute's achievements and its ongoing efforts to integrate academic excellence with industry needs. Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson of Placements at IIM Jammu, further emphasized the institute's strong academia-industry ties. The conference featured three panel discussions, each addressing key aspects of the industry-academia partnership:

Cultivating Industry-Ready Leaders for Long-Term Employability focused on strategies to prepare graduates for the dynamic global industry by fostering adaptability, leadership, and practical expertise.

Navigating the Future of Work: Integrating AI, Ethical Practices, and Human-Centric Skills explored how artificial intelligence, ethical considerations, and human-centric skills will shape the future workplace.

Leadership in Digital Transformation highlighted the role of leadership in successfully navigating organizations through digital advancements, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and strategic decision-making.

Dr. Garima Saini delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and stressing the importance of ongoing dialogue between academia and industry. The event concluded with the national anthem followed by lunch and networking sessions, allowing attendees to explore potential collaborations.

Later in the evening, IIM Jammu's Alumni Committee hosted a lively Alumni Meet, also at Hotel Trinity. The meet featured an address by Prof. B.S. Sahay, who emphasized the importance of a strong alumni network. Alumni shared insights on strengthening the network and were briefed on the institute's latest developments.

The successful event reinforced IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering academia-industry partnerships, ensuring that its programs remain relevant and responsive to the needs of the corporate world.

Randhawa unveils visionary blueprint for Bahu Constituency

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, interacted with voters during door to door campaign at Ward No. 48, Gorkha Nagar and its adjoining areas of Bahu Constituency, emphasizing the need for change and prosperity over dynastic politics. He was accompanied by State Vice President J&K Anuradha Charak, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Ex Councillor Sharda Kumari Co-Covenor Vivek Patyal, Mandal President Neeraj Puri, District Vice President Karuna Chetri, District Secretary Amit Sharma, District Mahila Morcha President Divya Jain, Sunny Sangotra, Daljit Singh, Subash Chander and others were present on the occasion.

Vikram Randhawa unveils blueprint for the general public of bahu constituency. He highlighted the BJP's commitment to good governance, development, and social justice, contrasting it with the legacy of dynastic politics that has hindered Jammu and Kashmir's progress. He emphasised that there is renewed enthusiasm among the people in a fear-free Jammu and Kashmir, and expressed confidence that the people would choose the BJP and a "double engine" government focused on development.

While addressing the gathering BJP popular leader Vikram Randhawa emphasized that J&K is moving forward on the path of development under the leadership of Prime

BJP candidate for Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa during door to door campaign.

Minister Narendra Modi. He remarked that the BJP has always stood for "one country, one constitution, one flag, and one leadership," and now, Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with India. Randhawa noted that tourism and investment in the region are increasing rapidly, opening up new employment opportunities. He noted a significant change since the abrogation of Article 370.

He stated that incidents of stone-pelting have completely stopped, with terrorism at an all-time low and tourism reaching new heights. According to him, the dominance of terrorists and stone-pelters has been eradicated.

He elaborates my vision is to create a Bahu Constituency where every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities," Randhawa said. "I will work tirelessly to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance in all domains of society.

Randhawa's vision has resonated with the public, who are eager for a leader who will bring about transformative change and development of Bahu constituency. Randhawa appealed to the voters to exercise their franchise wisely, choosing a candidate who will work for their betterment and the region's prosperity.

Randhawa pointed out that voter participation in Jammu and Kashmir has surged, with voting percentages increasing from around 10 per cent in the past to 58 per cent in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He said that the upcoming assembly elections will be historic and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will choose BJP for sustained development and stability in the region.