

Kathua, Hiranagar interwoven with core ideology of BJP, Jan Sangh: Dr Jitendra

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KATHUA/HIRANAGAR: Addressing a series of BJP election meetings in Kathua and Hiranagar Assembly segments today, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that Kathua and Hiranagar are interwoven with the core ideology of BJP and Jan Sangh.

Recalling the events of May 1953, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is from here that Syama Prasad Mukherjee had given a call for complete integration of Jammu & Kashmir, which ignited the countrywide sentiment of nationalism and also became the motivation for a relentless crusade by thousands and thousands of Jan Sangh Karyakartas across the country.

Dr Jitendra further recalled that this is also the district Kathua which gave India the first and the only National President of Bharatiya Jan Sangh or BJP from Jammu & Kashmir in the form of Prem Nath Dogra who took over as the National President in 1955.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a BJP election meeting at Hiranagar.

He said, it is the uncompromising struggle and sacrifice of three generations of Karyakartas from here which kept the Party alive even though there was no government of BJP either at the Centre or in the State. He said, the story of the nationalistic struggle by the people of Kathua and Hiranagar is closely interlinked with the growth and journey of Bharatiya Jan Sangh and then the Bharatiya Janata Party. Calling upon the people to vote for Bharatiya Janata Party not only to form the government but also to

defeat the forces that are trying to undo the nationalistic struggle of three generations, Dr Jitendra said, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought justice to all by abrogating Article 370 and 35A, National Conference and Congress are talking of reviving these provisions and depriving us of equal rights. He said, on the one hand, BJP's "Sankalp Patra" speaks of "Maa Samman Nidhi" in the form of Rs. 18000 per year for the elderly woman of the household, on the other hand, National

Congress talks of reviving 35A, thereby depriving the daughters of their right over their parental property.

Dr Jitendra said, Hiranagar had always spearheaded nationalist movement against discrimination and divisive rule, and now the time has come for this region to spearhead the movement against the disruptive forces, which are once again trying to raise their head.

Referring to unprecedented development works accomplished in the last 10 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's govern-

ment, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Kathua has been known at the national level for some of the unprecedented projects like Shahpur-Kandi project for irrigation, North India's first Industrial Biotech Park, Keerian Gandhi Bridge, Atal Setu, Centrally funded Government Medical college, Engineering College under Rastriya Uchhatar Siksha scheme, first-ever seed processing plant, dozens of new bridges, so on and so forth.

The Congress and National Conference governments, said Dr Jitendra Singh, worked against this region so ruthlessly that while they granted 4% reservation to the youth living along the LoC near PoJK from where they got their MLAs and MPs elected, they committed the inhuman sin of not granting the same reservation to the youth living on the other part of the border, namely the International Border, because it was not a part of their vote bank. This anomaly was also undone by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said.



Rana addresses massive election rally in support of Yudhvir Sethi Aspirations of people of East constituency would remain my top priority: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former MLA, Devender Singh Rana, reaffirmed the transformative journey that Jammu and Kashmir has undertaken over the past decade under the leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Highlighting the region's advancements across various sectors, he emphasized how progressive policies have led to unprecedented growth in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities.

Devender Rana was addressing a large and enthusiastic gathering at an election rally in Upper Pargalta in East constituency in support of BJP candidate Yudhvir Sethi, who is contesting from the Jammu East Assembly constituency.

In his speech, Rana attributed Jammu's rapid development to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose unwavering commitment to the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir has ensured that the region remains a priority for the central government. "Jammu and Kashmir has been at the center of our development agenda, and we are witnessing the results today. Roads, schools, hospitals, and job opportunities have all significantly improved, contributing to a higher quality of life for the



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and party candidate Yudhvir Sethi addressing public meeting.

people," he said.

Rana also assured the people of Jammu East that the BJP will continue this momentum of growth. "We are committed to ensuring that the benefits of development reach every corner of Jammu East," he remarked. "Our candidate, Yudhvir Sethi, represents the aspirations of the people, and he is deeply dedicated to addressing the concerns of the constituency. With a proven track record of public service, he is poised to deliver on our collective vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', prioritizing the welfare of every community," he added.

Taking aim at the opposition, Rana criticized their leadership for what he called a lack of vision and ineffective governance, which, he argued, had failed to bring any tangible development to the region during their tenure. "The people of Jammu East are well aware of the empty promises made by the opposition parties. They have seen the difference between words and action. This time, they will vote for development, stability, and a brighter future for their children," he asserted.

Devender Rana made a passionate appeal to the electorate, urging them to come out in large numbers and cast their votes in favor of the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections. "The upcoming polls are a crucial opportunity to ensure continued growth and prosperity for Jammu East. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Jammu that will set an example for the rest of the country," he said.

Yudhvir Sethi expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Devender Singh Rana for his unwavering support and encouragement during the rally. He also took the opportunity to make a solemn promise to the people of the Jammu East constituency, assuring them that their concerns and aspirations would remain his top priority. "Yudhvir Sethi vowed to work tirelessly to bring about meaningful change, ensuring development, better infrastructure, and improved services for all. "I am fully committed to addressing the issues faced by our constituency and will leave no stone unturned in delivering on the promises we make today," he affirmed.

Entire nation, J&K in specific is indebted to families of soldiers who gave supreme sacrifice: Sham

JAMMU: A meeting of the Akhil Bhartiya Purv Sainik Seva Parishad was organized by Captain Paras Ram President, Jammu North in which a large number of Ex-servicemen and patriotic citizens were present. Many distinguished Ex-servicemen from Roopnagar, Muthi, Barnai, Bantalab, Raipur, Purkhoo and Damana were present on the occasion. The meeting began with two minutes of silence to pay homage to all the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and a patriotic song by Capt Krishan Singh.

During the meeting, Sham Lal Sharma, the BJP candidate from Jammu North, passionately addressed the gathering of ex-servicemen, emphasizing the deep respect and gratitude the nation owes to its soldiers. He remarked, "Our soldiers are the true custodians of our nation's integrity, carrying forward the proud Dogra legacy of loyalty and patriotism. Their sacrifices in protecting our 'matribhumi' can never be repaid, and it is our duty as citizens to ensure that their legacy is honored and preserved."

Sham further stressed the critical role of ex-servicemen in shaping the nation's future, stating that their unwavering commitment to national security is a guiding light for the country. He assured the veterans that, if elected, he would advocate for policies that prioritize the dignity and honor of the armed forces, reinforcing the government's focus on national security and the well-being of those who have served. Col Vidya Sagar (Retd) said that we are a non political organization but if safety and security of our motherland is threatened we will have to come forward and support a political party which talks of Patriotism and BJP is the only option. Brigadier Balbir Singh Sanbhal, President, Akhil Bhartiya Purv Sainik Seva Parishad, UT of J&K said that for us our nation comes first and we will vote for such a candidate who believes in the philosophy of 'Nation First'.

Col Sukhvir Mankotia (Retd) requested Sham Lal that Ex-servicemen have only on demand from you once the Govt is formed by the BJP is take decision in the National Interest and all the Ex-servicemen are with you. He further added that our first priority is Dignity and honour of our motherland for that we Ex-servicemen will ensure Government is formed by politicians loyal to our motherland and not by those who questioned the Balakot and Uri strikes.

NC-Cong promoted terrorism, BJP brought & Dev in J&K: Smriti Irani

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JAMMU: BJP's star campaigner and former Union Minister, Smriti Irani, on Wednesday said that NC-Cong promoted separatism and terrorism, while PM Modi brought peace and development in J&K and empowered the women.

This was stated by Smriti, while addressing rallies at Nandpura and Rajpura in Ramgarh Assembly segment in favor of BJP candidate Dr Devender Manyal. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought development to the ground in J&K," she said, while adding, "under the Congress and National Conference governments, separatism and terrorism were promoted and people were deprived of even basic necessities".

Irani said that Modi government has worked for



BJP leaders honouring BJP's star campaigner and former Union Minister, Smriti Irani.

empowering women. Earlier, women of J&K who married outside were denied all rights but after abrogation of Article 370 by Modi

govt, the women of J&K now have equal rights even after marrying outside, she said.

Smriti said that BJP government in Jammu and Kashmir will give Rs 18000 to the most senior woman in each family annually. The youth appearing for UPSC and Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission exams would also be provided Rs 10,000 as coaching fees by the BJP govt, she said.

Irani said that Prime Minister Modi has set Jammu and Kashmir on the path to becoming the most developed state in the country. She said that after the abrogation of Article 370, justice has been served to people from all sections of society.

Terrorism and separatism are now things of the past, with peace and prosperity being enjoyed by all, she said. The region has seen a significant increase in the

number of tourists, she said. Farmers will be given Rs 10,000 under the PM-Kisan Nidhi Yojna, and students will be given laptops and transport allowances, she said.

Women will also be provided with two free LPG cylinders each year. The Modi government guarantees peace and prosperity.

While speaking on the occasion, Manyal said that only BJP is the well wisher of people of J&K and is guarantee to peace and development. "BJP will form next govt in J&K on its own," Manyal said.

District Development Council (DDC), Chairman Keshav Dutt, DDC members, Sarabjeet, Asha, Ramesh, Anita, Chaudhary, Subhash Bhagat, and others were also present on the occasion.

ANTF holds awareness program on 'Drug Abuse' at Girls High School Jammu



SSP ANTF Raj Kumar addressing students.

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JAMMU: In line with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) team of Jammu organized an awareness program on drug abuse at the Girls High School in Jammu today. Approximately 100 students and staff members participated in this crucial initiative aimed at combating the drug menace in society.

The session featured a comprehensive briefing led by SSP ANTF Raj Kumar, who discussed various aspects of drug abuse and its detrimental effects on individuals and communities. The primary goal of the program was to educate students about the dangers of drug use and to promote healthier lifestyle choices.

During the program, students were encouraged to engage in sports and other extracurricular activities as preventive measures against drug abuse. "Staying active and involved in sports can significantly reduce the risk of falling into drug-related issues," Raj Kumar emphasized. Additionally, attendees were urged to share information with law enforcement agencies regarding drug peddlers and smugglers, underscoring the importance of community vigilance in tackling drug-related crimes. The SSP encouraged students to communicate

with their peer groups, spreading awareness about the perils of drug abuse within their circles.

The program was well-received, with students expressing their commitment to staying drug-free and actively participating in community efforts to combat substance abuse. By fostering a culture of awareness and responsibility, the ANTF aims to empower the youth of Jammu to make informed decisions and contribute to a safer, healthier society.

Crime Branch Jammu arrests notorious fraudster involved in series of cheating cases

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JAMMU: Special Crime Wing (SCW) of Crime Branch Jammu on Wednesday in a significant development arrested one Deepak Kumar, son of Parshotam Lal, resident of Nathal Chak, Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua who is involved in series of cheating cases registered at Crime Branch Jammu from 2018 to 2024.

"The cases registered against Deepak Kumar are FIR No. 25/2021 U/S 419,420 IPC of PS Crime Branch Jammu, FIR No. 53/2023 U/S 419,420 IPC of PS Crime Branch Jammu, FIR No. 07/2024 U/S 419,420 IPC of PS Crime Branch Jammu and FIR No. 29/2023 of Uttarakhand State and the current Case FIR No. 01/2023 U/S 419,420 IPC P/S Special Crime Wing Jammu," Sandeep Mehta, SSP Special Crime wing, CB Jammu told reporters.

Since the accused was dodging the police and was absconding since the registration of the case, a Special team was constituted by SSP, Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch Jammu, Sandeep Kumar Mehta for apprehending the accused which was headed by Insp. Ashok Bazaz of SCW



Sandeep Mehta, SSP Special Crime wing, CB Jammu talking to reporters.

Jammu.

Acting on a specific information, Sandeep Mehta said, the special team of SCW of Crime Branch Jammu apprehended the accused today from the outskirts of Kathua.

The current case pertains to the duping and defrauding of the complainant namely Kuldeep Singh, son of Late Bhuri Singh, resident of Village Dabri, Tehsil Goran, District Samba and others by the accused Deepak Kumar who has cheated them of their hard earned money to the tune of Rs. 42.20 lakhs by alluring them of Govt Jobs in the department of MES, Mehta said. During the course of investigation,

Sandeep Mehta added, it came to fore that the accused is an ex-Army man and has left his job in 2018/19 and has subsequently allured the complainants and others and made them transfer the money in the accounts provided by the accused.

"It was also found that the accused was a habitual cheater and was involved in various cases of cheating and fraud in Jammu and outside the UT of J&K," SSP Mehta said adding that the approximate money as of now duped by the accused is around Rs 1.80 crores. Further investigation in the case is going on and more arrests are expected, he added.

Ouster of Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhis must for democracy to flourish in J&K: Ram Madhav

BJP will form government on its own: Ashok Koul

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SRINAGAR: Senior BJP leader and election campaign in-charge for J&K, Ram Madhav, on Wednesday said that ouster of 3 families Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis from J&K politics is must for flourishing of democracy in J&K.

This was stated by Ram Madhav, while addressing a public meeting in support of the party's candidate Faqir Mohammad Khan in village of Batra in Gurez. "PM Modi established peace in J&K and crushed terrorism but NC-Cong want to revive terrorism and push J&K into unrest," Madhav said, while adding, "people are with the development agenda of PM



BJP leader and election campaign in-charge for J&K, Ram Madhav addressing public rally at Srinagar.

Modi". Cong-NC want to bring back Article 370 which means they want death and destruction in J&K, he said, adding, "the ouster of dynastic parties from the politics of J&K is must for democracy to flourish and peace in J&K".

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought democracy to the ground and restored peace in J&K, paving way for development and prosperity. Madhav said that the three dynastic parties looted J&K and crushed democracy here.

Complete freedom from such rulers is essential so that peace prevails development continues, he said.

He urged the public to vote in large numbers to ensure BJP's victory so that the ongoing development and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir do not come to a halt.

BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul, expressed hope that the people will support BJP. "Only BJP is guarantee to peace and development in J&K and its bright future," Koul said. He said that people are fully behind PM Modi's development agenda and BJP will form next government in J&K. Chairperson of the Jammu

and Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, said that this new J&K has been built by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where stone-pelting and terrorism have been replaced by peace and a surge in tourism.

She remarked that the BJP-led central government has truly implemented democracy in Jammu and Kashmir and brought its benefits to the people.

In contrast, the 70-year dynastic rule uplifted only a few families while the common people were always oppressed, she said. BJP Secretary Tariq Keen and party candidate from Gurez (ST), Faqir Mohammad Khan, also addressed the gathering.