BJP to safeguard Mookerjee's legacy of J&K's total integration: Dr Jitendra

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UDHAMPUR: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that BJP will firmly safeguard Syama Prasad Mookerjee's legacy of J&K's total integration and will not allow anybody to reverse the abrogation of Article 370 done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for which we had to wait for more than six decades.

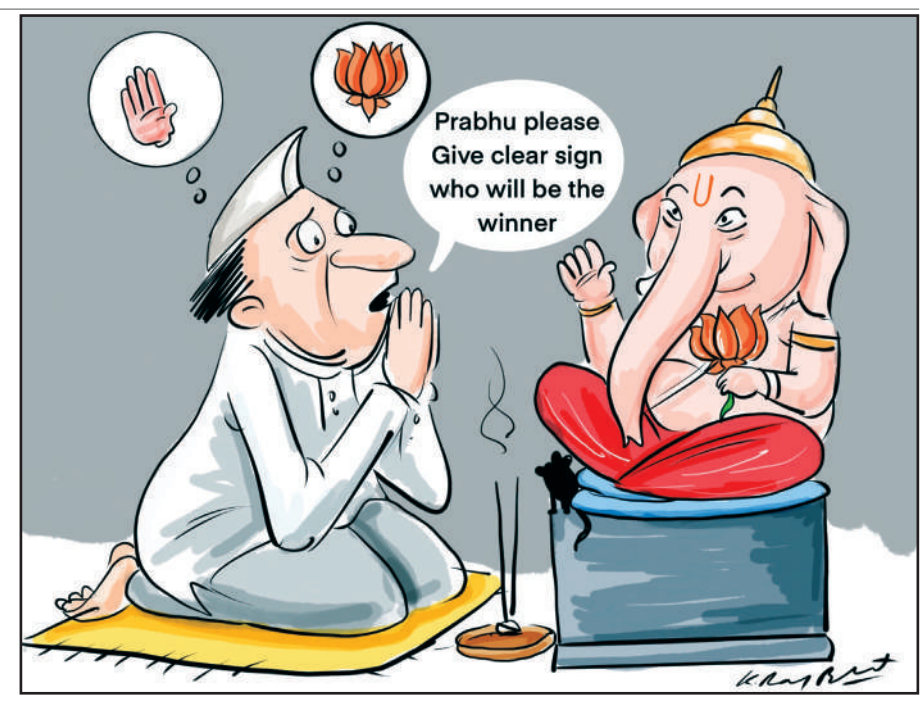
Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a BJP election rally at Udhampur on Saturday.

Addressing a BJP election public rally after the filing of the nomination by Pawan Gupta, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the ideological struggle of BJP started from the days of Praja Parishad founded by Prem Nath Dogra and was also one of the key agendas of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh for which our Founding Father Syama Prasad Mookerjee laid down his life. He said, therefore, it is the obligation and duty of each of BJP Karyakartas to live up to the spirit of nationalistic integration inspired by Mookerjee and fulfilled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 5th August, 2019.

Dr Jitendra Singh asked, today at a time when 21st century India is assuming a global profile, is it not improper and unbecoming to think of reverting back to a social arrangement where one section of society is discriminated vis-à-vis other and a large proportion of population is deprived of its legitimate rights. Similarly, he asked, at a time when Prime Minister Modi is spearheading cause of women-led development, will it not be inhumane and outrageous to deprive women of equal rights and deny a daughter of Jammu & Kashmir any claim to the land and property rights of her parents if she chooses to marry a spouse who is not a domicile of Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr Jitendra said, for the first time when Prime Minister Modi took over in 2014, Jammu & Kashmir had found an outlet for its rich natural resources which were left unexplored for over half a century. Today we have a large network of roadways, the world's highest railway bridge and Purple Revolution in the form of Aroma Mission, which is becoming a role model for the entire country. Similarly he said, Udhampur has given India the Milk Food recipe of "Kalari" under "One District One Product" programme and has potential to develop as future Milk Industry.

It is therefore, said Dr Jitendra, in the interest of not only the region but also important for our future generation that the benefits of new arrangement and integration of Jammu & Kashmir enabled by Narendra Modi is kept intact so that tomorrow when Viksit Bharat of 2047 reaches the world pedestal, Jammu & Kashmir can have a leading role in India's growth. This will ensure avenues of employment, business, well-being and prosperity for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir who have already lost three generations at the altar of mindless terrorism perpetrated from across the border and facilitated by parties like Congress who extracted national political interest out of it, said Dr Jitendra Singh.



This election is between nationalist forces and anti-nationalist forces: BJP

J&K BJP Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi speaking at a meeting.

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JAMMU: The J&K BJP Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, on Saturday said that the 'Sankalp Patra' of the party released by Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday is visionary that it has rattled all the political parties.

Sunil Sethi was accompanied by BJP Spokesperson YV Sharma and Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra on the occasion.

"In the 'Sankalp Patra' of the BJP, the aspirations of all the sections of the society have been accommodated and the vision for the future roadmap has been presented," Sethi said while addressing a press conference, here today.

Sethi said that BJP is the only party which fulfills the promises made in its manifesto released in each election be it Assembly elections or be it Parliamentary elections.

"The BJP fulfilled 95% of the promises made in its manifesto in 2014 Assembly elections in J&K and 97% promises made in its manifesto in 2019 Lok Sabha elections," Sethi said.

"The 'Sankalp Patra' released yesterday by Union Home Minister has baffled all the political parties and none has been able to criticize it," he said, adding, "We have given future roadmap of development in J&K".

The 'Sankalp Patra', he said, has been prepared after a long and hectic exercise by reaching out to all sections of the society across J&K and taking feedback from them regarding their problems and aspirations. In the 'Sankalp Patra', we have promised to give laptops to students, provide monetary assistance to students, Rs 18000 to elderly women, relief in pending power bills, enhancement in pension of widows and Physically challenged besides addressing other issues of the people, Sethi said.

"People, in these Assembly elections have to choose between BJP which wiped out terrorism and brought development and those are intending to bring back militancy," Sethi said, while referring to NC and Congress.

"As Amit Shah has rightly said, this Assembly election is the first election held under the Indian Constitution," Sethi said, while adding, "Those who were part of Separatist parties and members of Jamaat-e Islami are now contesting elections held under the Indian Constitution".

There are no 2 Constitutions now, Sethi said.

Excise Deptt conducts raids; 4500 kg lahan seized, destroyed

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JAMMU: On the directions of Excise Commissioner Subash Chander Chibber, the Excise Department launched on Saturday a significant operation to tackle illegal liquor distillation in the Karail Manasa and Shekhpur villages of Tehsil Bishnah. The raid, led by Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu, Sanjay Bhat, aimed to dismantle illicit liquor production operations in the region.

The team conducting the raid included ETO Samba Dr. Anil Chandan, ETO South Rupali Vaid, ETO Eradication Sania Malik, Inspector Gagandeep Singh (Incharge Bishnah Range), Inspector Khalid Amin (Incharge R.S. Pura Range), Inspector Paramjeet Singh (Incharge Samba Range) along with Excise Guards Parladh Singh, Hitesh Kumar, Kamal Kumar and other officials.

As a result of this operation, the team seized and destroyed 4500 kilograms of Lahan, a key ingredient used in the production of illicit liquor, found and subsequently destroyed on state land.

This raid is part of the Excise Department's sustained efforts to eliminate illegal distillation and ensure strict enforcement of excise laws. The department remains committed to protecting public health and upholding law and order in the region.

J&K people rejected NC & Congress, dynastic politics no longer relevant in J&K: Yudhvir Sethi

Joins Amit Shah's rally with more than 5000 supporters

Senior BJP leader and candidate for East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi and others participating in Home Minister Amit Shah rally.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and candidate for East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi today criticized the National Conference (NC) and Congress for their failure to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir during their decade-long rule in J&K for more than 70 years. He emphasized that these dynastic political parties have lost their relevance as they continue to prioritize their family interests over public welfare.

Speaking to media persons during the Amit Shah Rally in Jammu North Assembly segment, Yudhvir Sethi criticized the NC and Congress for their persistent focus on consolidating their family legacies rather than addressing the genuine concerns of the people. He declared that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have overwhelmingly rejected these parties, recognizing that their dynastic rule has only led to neglect and underdevelopment.

"The NC and Congress have proven time and again that their priority is their own political survival, not the well-being of the common man," he said and asserted "Their outdated approach and self-serving policies have resulted in widespread disillusionment among the people. It's time for a change."

In a show of solidarity and support, Yudhvir Sethi along with over 5,000 supporters including Ex Corporators, Mandal Presidents, Booth Presidents, office bearers and party workers of East constituency joined Union Home Minister Amit Shah rally held at Manhas Sabha in the Jammu North Assembly segment.

He appealed to the voters to cast their ballots in favor of the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections, highlighting the party's commitment to addressing the region's pressing issues and promoting inclusive growth.

"The BJP stands for a future where development and public welfare are the cornerstones of governance. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has seen transformative changes. Our focus remains on improving infrastructure, healthcare, education, and creating employment opportunities for all," Sethi said.

The senior BJP leader urged voters to support the BJP in the forthcoming Assembly elections, emphasizing that a vote for BJP is a vote for a progressive and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir. "Our vision is clear and our commitment is unwavering. We are dedicated to making every constituency a model of development and ensuring that every citizen benefits from our policies."

44 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AHWCs) of Directorate of Ayush J&K awarded NABH Accreditation

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JAMMU: In a significant milestone for the Ayush sector in Jammu and Kashmir, 44 additional Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AHWCs) in the Jammu Division have been accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH). This landmark achievement further elevates the quality of healthcare services available in the region through Ayush Systems as per Ayush principles and practices. Out of the 44 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AHWCs) accredited by NABH, 07 are in District Jammu, 08 in District Kathua, 05 each in District Rajouri and Reasi, 04 each in District Samba and Kishtwar, 03 each in District Ramban, Doda and Poonch and 02 in District Udhampur. It is also to inform that 35 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AHWCs) of Kashmir Division have also been identified for undergoing NABH inspection later in this month for the accreditation process. It is pertinent to mention that five Ayush Health & Wellness Centres were previously awarded NABH accreditation in a National level summit held at Panchkula, Haryana, where the then Union Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, conferred the award to Dr. Mohan Singh, Director Ayush J&K. That initial recognition set the stage for the recent addition of 44 more accredited centres.

Dr. Mohan Singh in his statement expressed his gratitude to Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, for his regular monitoring and unwavering support in making this achievement possible. He informed that the accreditation of these 44 centres is a testament to the relentless efforts of the entire team of Directorate of Ayush, J&K including District Teams and will further strengthen the trust and confidence of the public in the quality of Ayush healthcare service delivery, being provided under the aegis of Health and Medical Education Department. He further informed that against the sanctioned 571 Standalone Ayush Dispensaries in J&K, 523 have been upgraded to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AHWCs) in a phased manner by the Directorate of Ayush J&K under National Ayush Mission. These facilities include, determination of Prakrati/Mizaj, Therapeutic and Wellness Yoga Sessions, Diagnostic services, Screening for NCDs, Panchkarma/Regimenal Therapies for rehabilitation, IEC & Public Health Outreach programs, School Health programs, besides promotion of Medicinal Plants sector in the UT of J&K. These services provide continuum of care and include Promotive, Preventive, Curative and Rehabilitative Services enshrined in the various Ayush Systems of Medicine. "The Directorate remains committed for enhancing healthcare delivery and fostering a healthier, more vibrant community through its ongoing efforts towards achieving quality AYUSH health care Service delivery" he added. Dr. Mohan Singh also informed that Minsitry of Ayush, Govt. of India has introduced a new Scheme viz. "Har Ghar Ayur Yog" which will be a holistic scheme involving all the Departments emphasizing on 'self care' and 'preventive health care'. This scheme will integrate Yoga and Ayush practices into daily lives of people, promoting inclusivity and accessibility. He told that this scheme will foster healthy living at grass root levels, reducing disease burden and out of pocket expenditure of people by adopting Ayush principles and practices. He also acknowledged the efforts of the designated Nodal Officers for NABH accreditation from the Directorate of Ayush, J&K, Dr. Arun Gupta, and Dr. Bharti Koshal Bhat, for their crucial role in securing this remarkable accomplishment.

JA drugs growth has been poor: Only PM Modi has been promoting JA but others in Govt have been Idling

Had prescription writing by Chemical name been enforced Lakhs Cr of INR would not have been Fleeced

When PM can work promoter of a welfare programme why can not the officers below?

■ DAYA SAGAR

A Look through the Mist

My friends often ask me when the Jan Aushadhi (JA) medicines are of same technical grade material, they are equally effected and are so reasonably priced compared to same medicine being sold under a brand name then why there use is so less ? Among other reasons the prime reason I find is that the practicing doctors , not even in government hospitals, do not religiously write prescription by generic name (chemical name) so a large majority of people are forced to buy the same medicine sold under brand names even at a price 300 to 500 percent more than the price on which a medicine is sold . Not only that it has been observed that same drug may be manufactured by more than one manufacturer with different MRPs (say 110/230/270) but there too prescription writers may even prescribe brand with Rs110 tag but may go with Rs.270 tag, why one can imagine. The Jan Aushadi store drug may be still available with a lower price tap. That way both the trade as well the patients are being unfairly treated. Just for idea sake two commonly used drugs used infections / other disorders are given here under in Table _A.

Table- A

Generic/ Chemical name	BRAND Name	MRP INR branded Strip of 10 units	MRP Jan Aushadhi Strip of 10 units
Cefpodoxime Proxetil (200mg) + Clavulanic Acid (125mg)	MECO Dox CV (Merlyn biotech)	159/10	72.00/
Cefuroxime (500mg)	MOXI Til 500(Merilyn biotech	576/10	142.10 Cefuroxime (500mg)
Itopride 150mg pantaprazol 40mg	Ganaton Total Capsule SR (Abbott)	465.26/10	50 /10
	Pantop IT SR	238/10	50/10

Annual Report 2021-2022 of the Department of Pharmaceuticals Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers GOI among other things mentions that India provides generic medicines to more than 200 countries, 8 out of 20 Global Generic companies are from India, India Pharma Sector output in 2020-21 was expected to be Rs 4,27,109 Crore. But despite the country being one of the leading exporters of generic medicines to the world, during 2020-21, total pharma export was ?180555 cr against the total pharma import of ?49436 crore and the majority of Indians lack sufficient access to affordable medicines. Before taking the issue further let me in simple common man language mention here that the 'generic' medicines that we are referring here are those medicines which are manufactured using those technical grade materials which are bound by the patent rights of any individual pharma company and are marketed with the chemical (generic) name or still under a brand name. So question here is why the majority of Indians lack sufficient access to affordable medicines?

The simple answer to such questions could be that the prescription writers don not write prescriptions by chemical / generic name and even when on date programme like PM Bhartiyae Jan Aushadhi Pariyojna medicines are also available where a large number of medicines of common / general use are available at 20 to 25% of MRP of many branded medicines and the government has not been able enforce the prescription writing by government doctors what to take of private practitioners. Jan Aushadhi programme is is a general welfare programme where government can do good to people without spending anything from the exchequer.

Jan Aushadhi scheme was started in 2008 by Ram vilas Paswan but upto 2015-16 the progress was very very dismal (not more than even 12 Cr INR distribution by BPPI on whole sale basis to Jan Aushadhi outlets). It has been only in 2017 when PM Narendra Modi took personal interest in the scheme and has almost (rather only) become the star campaigner . Today (ending 2023) the all turnover of Jan Aishadhi is nearly INR 600 Cr and that is only due to Prime Minister Modi, there is almost no contribution of the programme handling ministry (Ministry for Petroleum & Chemicals), programme handling all India body (earlier Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India -BPPI/ now Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India - PMBI) Ministry of health GOI / States , the Directors of Health in states , the drug Controllers in states the Administrative Secretaries of the States/ Uts and the like since what to talk of carrying good of the programme to masses they have not been able back the Prime Minister by atleast enforcing prescription wring by chemical name in their areas What to talk of promoting prescription writing by chemical name in all doctors they have failed to promote that even in all government doctors (serving as well as retired) who are in a way directly or indirectly fleecing the patients by allowing the pharma companies / their dealers to sell on heavily inflated prices. It is not out of place to point here that had the sales of JA shops been promoted the private pharma companies too would have lowered their inflated MRPs worth indirectly benefitting the common man.

So the highest in administration in States/ UTs like Chief Secretary could help in promoting the PM Bhartiye Jan Aushadhi Pariyojna by making the administration below to see that prescription writing by generic name by government doctors while on duty / while in their pvt. Clinic where practice is allowed / practicing retired government doctors is strictly enforced . The general public should also report the cases / prescriptions where the brand names are written but generic name could be written to the Chief Secretary of J&K/ Administrative Secretary. When PM can work promoter of a welfare programme why can not the officers below?

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