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J&K NDP Party Manifesto

The J&K NDP seeks participation of people in the elections to strengthen the democratic process so that the institutions of democracy create conditions that will facilitate resolution of the J&K issue and bring about self sustaining development across all the three regions of the state.

Our Aspiration

To make Jammu and Kashmir

- Politically empowered
- Economically self reliant
- Environmentally safe
- Socially cohesive
- Culturally vibrant

5 key Agendas

1. Remodel the Political Structure: Pursue Self Rule as the Framework of Resolution.
2. Reconstruct the Economy: Rebuild and Rehabilitate.
3. Reform the Government: Effective Governance.
4. Revive the Civil Society: Create a harmonious environment.
5. Rally the Youth: Provide opportunity and support.

Remodeling the political structure

Special Status: Need

- The special status enshrined in Article 370 is required to empower the people of J&K and help deal with the issues of identity, borders and governance.
- Use Article 370 itself to restore the original special status of the state.
- Article 370 impacts everything from political discourse to personal responses, from economy to emotions, from society to sensibilities and from institutions to ideologies.

Self Rule: The Basics

The Self Rule document will be the guiding framework for Resolution.

- Closer ties across the Line of Control
- Make borders irrelevant
- Complete Connectivity
- Economic & Social Integration of the region
- Regional Free Trade Area
- Common Economic Market

Self Rule: Institutional Setup

- Innovative Institutional Arrangements
- Joint Coordination mechanism for projects
- Joint Regulatory Commission on trade and tariffs
- Constitutional Restructuring
- Restore powers of the state assembly.
- Empowering sub-regions.

Reconstructing The Economy Economic Strategy

Economic Policy and Reforms will promote Self Rule through:

- Extensive Import substitution.
- Intensive Export orientation.
- Globalization of Skills & Standards.
- International benchmarking of Products and Processes.
- Regional Trade Integration with SAARC economies.

Economic Policy

- The overall economic policy will align the economic structure of J&K with its own resources, skills and society.
- Economic policy will not be formulated for government's activities but for private businesses and enterprises.
- Ensure that along with economic transition, there will be upward social mobility.
- Addressing the twin problem of:
 - Skill deficit: Not having the skills that are needed.
 - Skill mismatch: The skills we impart in our colleges and universities are not the ones that the J&K economy requires.

Financial Policy

- Liquidity Management: Make J&K Bank once again the Banker of last resort for the Government of J&K.
- Debt Financing: Access domestic and international debt markets for:
 - Structural Adjustment and Stabilization Assistance from DFIs and Multi lateral institutions.
 - J&K Development Fund: A professionally managed debt offering.
 - Issuance of Dal Development Bonds.

Diversifying Personal Finance Options

Set up a Non Bank Finance Company that will:

- Channelize local domestic household savings into local enterprises with lower risk and higher return.
- Offer nationally accepted financial products which are Sharia compliant.
- Issue Land Bonds: An indexed bond which will be linked to land prices, like a Gold bond.

Diversifying Trade

Taking the Cross Line of Control trade to the next level

- Monetization of Cross-LoC Trade.
- Opening more trade routes.
- Increasing trade items.
- Establishment of a dispute resolution forum.
- Set up dedicated communication network.
- Make the trade bankable.

Fostering Rural Growth

To create self sustaining centers of growth and employment, Model Business Village will be created.

These will include

- Model Apple Village.
- Model Saffron Village.

- Model Walnut/Almond Village.
- Model craft village.

Each MBV will have

- *A high density orchard/production unit.
- *A storage facility/designing facility.
- *A picking and grading line/grinding unit.
- *A packaging and processing unit/marketing setup.

Development: Urban

Develop Mega cities

- Greater Srinagar
- Greater Jammu
- New Cities: All towns with population size-class of 50,000 to 99,999 will be upgraded in infrastructure and made into cities.
- Satellite Town: All towns with size class of 20,000 to 49,999; will be planned as satellite towns.

Internationalizing Education

- Make a "Special Educational Zone" in J&K
- Institutions like Oxford, Stanford, Harvard can't set up shop in India because of regulatory hassles. To enable them to operate here, a geographical zone in the state which is free from these regulations will be demarcated.
- Such a zone can harness the potential of the international education business by bringing high profile Universities to J&K.

Organic Valleys

- Create three organic valleys in the state; one each in Chenab, Jehlum and Nubra Valley.
- To produce globally accepted organic fruit and food products free from any chemical exposure.
- Add value to and modernize the traditional foods and cuisine.
- Preserve the cultural practices of these areas.

Health and Herbal Centre

- Make J&K a Health and Herbal tourist destination by combining the:

- Herbal wealth of the state.
- Unani and Ayurveda specialist systems.
- Super specialization in Lifestyle disorders like anxiety, depression, insomnia, or memory loss.
- Build “Herb Gardens” across the state and make them as unique yoga centers.

Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation of the flood affected and flood impacted will be the first priority.
- The floods have not only destroyed assets but severely impaired the process of income generation.
- As such post-flood rehabilitation program will be restoration of livelihoods and rebuilding of the economy.

The recovery and rehabilitation will focus on asset loss in:

- Housing & public buildings.
- Roads and bridges.
- Irrigation
- Energy
- Environment

And income loss and liability commitments in:

- Trade
- Tourism
- Horticulture
- Handicrafts
- Provide default insurance for uninsured assets of small traders and businesses from Calamity Relief Fund & Disaster Relief Fund.
- Provide financial assistance for construction of temporary shelter sheds till rebuilding starts.
- Debt Relief package for Kisan Credit Card and Artisan Credit Card holders.

Flood Protection

- Flood protection master plan for all major rivers and their tributaries.

- De-silting and dredging of all rivers and nalahs.
- Protection and Strengthening of existing bunds.
- Building of new protection bunds on river Jehlum, Tawi and tributaries.

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