## J&K Narrative Recommendations September 7, 2024

Issue 1	BJP releases 25-point manifesto; promises 5 lakh jobs, free land allotment, free electricity
Brief	The BJP's manifesto for Jammu and Kashmir, unveiled by Amit Shah, includes 25 promises focused on development, financial support for vulnerable groups, and job creation.
Actionable	<ul> <li>Narrative Stance         <ul> <li>BJP's manifesto makes no mention of restoring statehood to J&amp;K. It is now clear that BJP never wants to grant statehood to the people of J&amp;K.</li> <li>BJP played with the emotions of Jammu and Kashmir by promising statehood multiple times but never delivered.</li> <li>Yesterday, Abbas Naqvi was worried when RG talked about statehood</li> </ul> </li> <li>Press conference, Tariq Karra         <ul> <li>Amit Shah's speech and BJP's manifesto made it clear that BJP has no intention of restoring statehood to J&amp;K.</li> <li>Both Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Amit Shah's speeches made no mention of statehood.</li> <li>Now that BJP's manifesto leaves it out, it shows they don't care about Jammu and Kashmir's demand for statehood and have no plan to give it.</li> <li>BJP failed to follow the Supreme Court's order to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. They will not give it even after the elections.</li> <li>The primary demand of every individual in Jammu and Kashmir is statehood. When they didn't even mention this key issue, how can they be trusted to fulfil any other promises for the state?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tweet, Supriya Shrinate         <ul> <li>The BJP's manifesto, with promises similar to the Congress model, proves 'Sarkar Tumhara, System Hamara,' showing that even if they come to power, they are still reliant on the Congress model.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Issue 2	The last 10 years saw a golden era for Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring peace, progress and development: Amit Shah in Jammu at the BJP manifesto launch
Brief	Addressing a press conference here, the BJP leader said the last 10-year period will be written in golden letters in the history of the country and J&K, and urged people to vote his party to power to continue good governance. Appealing to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to vote for the BJP in the assembly elections, Shah said, "Give us a five-year tenure to ensure the development of the region."

## Actionable

## **Narrative Stance**

- The last 10 years of the BJP's reign has been the organised plundering of Jammu and Kashmir's resources. BJP's LG has been siphoning off resources from the people of J&K and handing them over to outsiders.
- Definition of BJP's Naya Jammu & Kashmir: No peace, no jobs, no water, no electricity—only drugs.

## Press Conference, Raman Bhalla & Tara Chand

- The past 10 years of BJP's reign in J&K have completely destroyed the region's economy.
- BJP's failure to create jobs has resulted in an exponential increase in the drug menace.
- J&K has the second-highest unemployment rate in the country at 28.2%.
- For the past 3 years, all public exams have been delayed due to paper leaks and malpractices.
- Apple and walnut farmers are suffering due to the reduction in import duty that is favouring foreign imports.
- In the last 10 years, Cylinder prices have risen by 120%, petrol by 37%, mustard oil by 38%, atta by 109%, and milk by 43%.
- J&K is currently suffering the worst power cuts in two decades with 12 to 16 hours of cuts per day coupled with a 15% hike in electricity tariff rate.
- The people in the region are faced with a severe drinking water crisis with protests erupting in different parts of the region.
  - o Jun, 2023: Residents of Nigli village in north Kashmir's Sopore town protested against the Jal Shakti department for not providing them with drinking water.
  - Jul, 2024: Locals protested over the water crisis in Chanibal village, Pattan, by blocking the Srinagar-Baramulla highway. The District Police used mild force and tear gas to disperse them.
  - Jul, 2024: Due to water scarcity, four family members were killed when their vehicle plunged into a gorge in Handwara, Kupwara district, while they were on their way to fetch drinking water from a nearby spring.
- Highlight that this is BJP's definition of 'Naya Kashmir'. If BJP comes to power, the next 5 years will see further breakdown of the region's economy.