J&K Narrative Recommendations September 13, 2024

Issue 1	Er Rashid addresses energetic supporters at first rally after being freed from Tihar
Brief	Engineer Rashid, who has been imprisoned since 2019 on charges of terror funding, was granted interim bail until October 2 to participate in the campaigning for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Ram Madhav from BJP made a statement "This rank separatist, in jail for last 5 years under UAPA for indulging in anti-India activities, is out on bail to further vitiate Valley politics"
Actionable	 Narrative Stance It's a fixed match between Engineer Rashid and BJP to create polarisation. Since the BJP has nothing to offer, they want this polarisation to divide the votes. Every vote for a non-INC-NC party is a vote for the BJP.
	 Video Message: Chaudhary Lal Singh, Raman Bhalla, Mula Ram, Tara Chand BJP is using Engineer Rashid to create an atmosphere of fear in Jammu. It is the centre that has released Er. Rashid to scare the people of Jammu But the people of J&K will no longer be scared by the tactics of the BJP Daro Mat This time Jammu has no fear and it will fight for its Haq - It will teach the BJP a lesson

Issue 2 (a)	LG Manoj Sinha offered to resign if a secret ballot reveals that over 75% of the public believes no significant work has been done for their welfare in the past five years.
(b)	J&K has a rising unemployment problem with a 28.2% unemployment rate.
(c)	There has been a 1500% increase in drug addiction since 2018.
Brief	LG Manoj Sinha has made a statement about Rahul Gandhi likening his role to that of a historical king in an interview.
Actionable	 Narrative Stance LG is BJP's remote control who cannot understand the needs of the people of J&K. The LG has failed the youth of J&K. BJP's Naya Jammu Kashmir has no peace and no jobs, only drugs. This election will be a vote against the BJP and the unelected LG. Press Conference: Salman Soz, Dolly Sharma J&K is being ruled by an outsider who is an unelected remote control. BJP has created an unemployment crisis in J&K.

- According to government PLFS data, in March 2024 J&K had the second-highest youth unemployment rate of 28.2% in the 15-29 age group.
- The unemployment rate for young women is 48.6%, the highest in the country.
- A staggering 65% of government department posts in J&K have remained vacant since 2019.
- This has pushed the future of J&K's youth into darkness. BJP is making the youth of J&K choose between drug addiction and suicide.
 - At 30%, the region has the highest suicide rate in India.
 - With a 1500% jump in drug addiction, it has also become the worst drug affected region in the country.
 - On 4 August 2023, a Parliamentary Standing Committee estimated that J&K has around 13.5 lakh drug users.
 - In the 10-17 years age group, approximately 1.7 lakh children are drug users.
 - In the 18-75 age group, there are 11.8 lakh drug users according to a report of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment in August 2023.
- Drugs are flowing freely in the state: With no jobs, a cost of living crisis and a conflict-ridden society, J&K's youth is in extreme despair.
- Due to the BJP's failure in managing the state, an entire lineage is now at grave risk, leaving countless families in a perilous situation.

Video Message, All INC Phase 1 candidates - Surinder Lal Channi, Amanullah Mantoo, GA Mir, Peerzada Md Syed, Shaikh Zafrullah, Nadeem Sharief, Shiekh Riyaz, Pradeep Kr Bhagat, Vikar Rasool Wani

- BJP has deliberately pushed the youth of J&K into drugs so that they can control them.
- They have failed to provide jobs to the youth and have pushed their future into darkness.
- The BJP has created a crisis in the state by pushing drug consumption and suicides.

Testimonials of Unemployed Youth, Akash Bharat and IYC cadre

• IYC should aggressively propagate testimonials of unemployed youth on all Social Media platforms.

Visit to Rehab Center, Neeraj Kundan, Ajay Lakhotra

• Visit a drug rehab centre and interact with patients. Highlight how BJP's misgovernance has destroyed their future.

Issue 3	LG says the era of free service is over. People would need to pay for water and power.
Brief	LG Manoj Sinha stated that people need to realise the era of free services is over and that they will now have to pay for everything, including water and power.

Actionable

Smart Metre Bill Bonfires, District Presidents - Jammu

- Set up designated areas in towns and villages where people can gather to burn copies of their inflated electricity bills.
- The event should be accompanied by speeches from local leaders, emphasizing the unjust smart metre policies and calling for a rollback of excessive charges on electricity bills.