



Achievements of Indian National Congress and People’s Democratic Party coalition government in the state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2002-08

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ABSTRACT

The Research paper will try to highlight the various achievements of the coalition partners in different sectors of state of Jammu and Kashmir under the main focus of healing touch and kushhal Kashmir manifestoes from 2002 to 2008 coalition government in the state.

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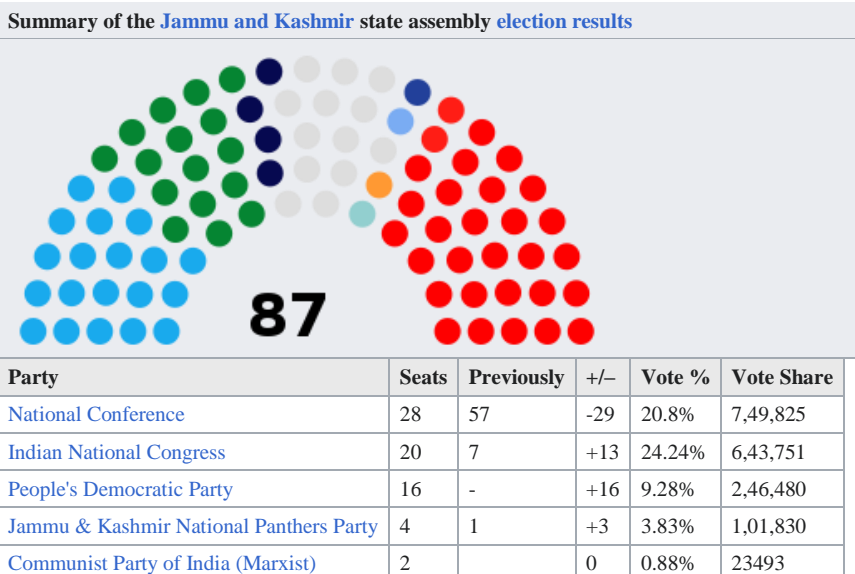
Introduction:

The coalition government is formed when no political party gets a clear cut majority in the elections to form the next ruling government .the state legislative assembly elections of 2002 in the state of Jammu and Kashmir resulted in the hung assembly where no political party gets the majority to form the government .so after many negotiations a coalition government was made between Indian national congress and people’s democratic party with a rotational chief minister for a three years term the first three years led by PDP under the leadership of Mufti Mohammad syeed and last three years by congress under Ghulam Nabi Azad^[1]

Formation of PDP and INC coalition government

The assembly elections in the state of Jammu and Kashmir were held in 4 phases from 16th of September to 8th of October 2002.

The seat share shown below



Party	Seats	Previously	+/-	Vote %	Vote Share
Bharatiya Janata Party	1	8	-7	8.57%	2,27,633
BahujanSamaj Party	1	4	-3	4.50%	1,19,492
Democratic Movement	1			0.62%	16,366
Jammu and Kashmir Awami League	1	1	0	0.91%	24,121
Independents	13			%	4,38,287
Total (turnout 43.70%)	87	87			

Source; ^[2] [^"Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Election Results in 2002". www.elections.in](http://www.elections.in)

The elections resulted in the majority winning of seats by National conference but lacked the target of winning 36 seats out of 87 to form the ruling government .So a coalition was formed between PDP and INC to form form the next government in this coalition it was decided to have a rotational chief minister of both the parties for three years each the PDP to led by Mufti Mohammad syed and the INC By Ghulam Nabi Azad as the chief minster ^[3]

Notable Achievements of the coalition partners .

Healing touch policy as promised in the election as the main agenda to repair the peoples hurt, psyche ,redeem and tainted dignity arising a ray of new hope in the minds of the people and wholly motivating them to change their life through political participation and democratic processes to implement healing touch policy some extraordinary steps were taken like as, withdrawal of security forces from forward areas ,ceasfire along the borders disbanding of agencies like STF,SOG , scraping of POTA and release of political prisoner's for the overall development of the deuterated economy position of the state a free trade zone in jammu and Kashmir implemented under the banner of SAFTA under a separate experiment between New Delhi and Islamabad in the other fields a notable work was done especially in tourism, health sector,education,,governance after all lifting ban and providing much awaited jobs for the youth ^[4]

Kushhal Kashmir another vision of the coalition government was also successfully implemented whose main focus was on the reinstatement of the law and order, good governance, eradication of poverty, peace and normalcy and overall developmental prosperity in the state apart from this a notable step was taken by the opening of Srinagar- Muzaffarabad road Poonch-Rawalakote road in order to boost the economy of the state and to prosper general public as promised. The government determined a long pending demand concerning the implementation of wazir commission by taking some bold steps to form new 8 districts , 3 sub divisions and 12 tehsils .The roshni proposal was recast as a result of which landholder rights of about 22 lakh kanals of state land was awarded to small and marginal farmers ^[5]

Conclusion:

The state legislative assembly election of 2002 in jammu and Kashmir resulted in the hung assembly in which no political party gets a clear majority to form the next ruling government on its own so in order to form the government a coalition was made between PDP and INC to form the next government with a rotational chief minister of three years term for each party .Both the coalition partners strict on their agenda of revolutioningthe overall scenario of the disturbed state by the implementation of some notable policies like as healing touch and kushhal Kashmir the major aim behind these policies was to change the overall shape of the state by the peace,prosperity,development,employment,and law and order etc. The coalition partners almost successfully achieved their agenda as promised in their alliance manifesto but the coalition got a major devastating set back due to the amaranth land row agitation which was signed by rotational chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad of congress this decision led to the early breakdown of the coalition partners as a result the alliance partners couldn't complete their tenure of 6 years.

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