



Himachal Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal campaigning for the BJP. Tribune file photo

BJP MANIFESTO PROMISES

- Induction plate to every household
- 500 new buses
- Job creation for 10 lakh jobs
- Free medicines to all in govt hospitals
- Policy to regularise services of PTA and para teachers
- Enhancement of social security pension and pension to retired employees
- Soft loans for students and farmers
- Free pilgrimage for pensioners once in five years
- Insurance cover for lawyers, truck and taxi drivers
- Enhancement of daily wages
- Law and Sanskrit universities



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<p>HAROLI 43 Voters: 72,205; MLA: Mukesh Kumar Agnihotri (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Mukesh Kumar Agnihotri (54) Congress MA Assets: Rs 30 lakh Sitting MLA.</p> <p>Ram Kumar (43) BJP MPhil Assets: Rs 50 lakh. New entrant and former student leader.</p>	<p>JAWALI 09 Voters: 80,748; MLA: Neeraj Bharti (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Neeraj Bharti (34) Congress BE (computers) Assets: Rs 20 lakh.</p> <p>Arjun Singh (40) BJP MA, BEd Assets: Rs 1.13 crore.</p> <p>Sanjay Singh Guleria (50) Independent (BJP rebel) MSc, BEd Assets: Rs 2.5 crore Making it difficult for BJP candidate Arjun Singh. Congress likely to benefit.</p>	<p>KARSOG (SC) 26 Voters: 60,351; MLA: Hira Lal (Ind)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Hira Lal (46) BJP Higher secondary Assets: Rs 12 lakh Won as Independent in 2007, joined BJP as associate member.</p> <p>Mansa Ram (71) Independent BA Assets: Rs 9.16 lakh Won on Congress ticket twice.</p>	<p>KUTLEHAR 45 Voters: 72,569; MLA: Virender Kanwar (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Virender Kanwar (48) BJP LLB Assets: Rs 52 lakh Sitting MLA.</p> <p>Ram Dass Malangad (64) Congress Matriculate Assets: Rs 2,59,43,000. Elected twice, remained deputy speaker of HP Assembly.</p>
<p>INDORA (SC) 07 Voters: 73,954; MLA: Des Raj (BJP; denied ticket)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Kamal Kishor (59) Congress BA, BEd Assets: Rs 9 lakh.</p> <p>Reeta Dhiman (36) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 6.40 lakh.</p> <p>Manohar Dhiman (55) Independent Matriculate Assets: Rs 2 crore A BJP rebel.</p>	<p>JHANDUTA (SC) 46 Voters: 66,141; MLA: Rikhi Ram Kondal (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Rikhi Ram Kondal (65) BJP ITI (diploma) Assets: Rs 1.30 crore Deputy Speaker; has won four elections (1985, 1990, 1998 and 2007).</p> <p>Beeru Ram Kishore (59) Congress MBBS Assets: Rs 1.06 crore Remained two-time Congress MLA in 1993 and 2003.</p>	<p>KASAULI (SC) 54 Voters: 57,218; MLA: Dr Rajiv Sehgal (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Dr Rajiv Sehgal (41) BJP BAMS Assets: Rs 31.15 lakh Sitting MLA.</p> <p>Vinod Sultanpuri (30) Congress LLB Assets: Rs 3.95 crore Son of six-time MP, KD Sultanpuri; secretary Pradesh Congress Committee.</p>	<p>LAHAUL & SPITI (ST) 21 Voters: 21,990; MLA: Dr Ramlal Markande (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Ravi Thakur (50) Congress Graduate, hotelier Assets: Rs 15 crore First timer and son of late Lata Thakur (former Congress MLA); close associate of Gandhi family.</p> <p>Dr Ramlal Markande (47) BJP PhD Assets: Rs 43.87 lakh Made debut on HVC ticket; became minister in BJP-HVC government; lost to Congress in 2003; won in 2007.</p>
<p>JAISINGHPUR 13 Voters: 73,865; MLA: Atma Ram (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Atma Ram (78) BJP Matriculate Ex-servicemen, won Assembly polls in 1990, 1998, 2003 and 2007.</p> <p>Yadvinder Goma (26) Congress B.Tech Assets: Rs 5.22 lakh First-timer, son of former Congress MLA Milkhi Ram Goma.</p>	<p>JOGINDERNAGAR 31 Voters: 82,743; MLA: Gulab Singh Thakur (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Gulab Singh Thakur (64) BJP Lawyer Won three elections on Cong ticket; joined BJP, won in 1998; former Speaker and PWD Minister.</p> <p>Surinderpal Thakur (52) Congress Matriculate Assets: Rs 1.09 crore Nephew of Gulab Singh, who defeated latter in 2003, but lost to him in 2007.</p>	<p>KASUMPTI 62 Voters: 59,121; MLA: Sohan Lal (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Anirudh Singh (35) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 7,78,30,000 Newcomer, zila parishad chairman.</p> <p>Khushi Ram Balnatah (62) HLP Graduate Assets: Rs 71,36,000 Sitting BJP MLA from Rohru, forced to shift after delimitation.</p> <p>Kuldeep Tanwar (56) CPM Doctorate Assets: Rs 4,55,63,000 Social activist associated with literary, Kheti Bachao campaigns.</p> <p>Prem Singh (42) BJP Illiterate Assets: Rs 1,03,27,000 Panchayat pradhan of Bhatta Kufer, new to electoral politics.</p> <p>Vijay Jyoti (40) Independent Matriculate Assets: Rs 7,23,07,000 Hails from erstwhile princely state of Keonthal.</p>	<p>MANALI 22 Voters: 60,676; MLA: New constituency</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Govind Thakur (44) BJP Graduate Assets: Rs 1.74 crore Son of Kunj Lal Thakur, a former minister; fought three elections, but won only one on BJP ticket in 2007.</p> <p>Bhuvneshwar Gaur (38) Congress Senior secondary Assets: Rs 12.5 crore First timer and son of Raj Krishan Gaur, former minister.</p> <p>Dharamvir Dhami (63) Independent Matriculate Assets: Rs 15.78 crore Fought three elections on BSP ticket and as Independent, lost all.</p>
<p>JASWAN-PRAGPUR 11 Voters: 68,069; MLA (Pragpur): Yograj (Cong); MLA (Jaswan): Nikhil Rajour (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Bikram Thakur (48) BJP BSc Assets: Rs 50.19 lakh Won Assembly polls from Jaswan in 2003.</p> <p>Nikhil Rajour (57) Congress Secondary School graduation Assets: Rs 56.32 lakh Made political debut from the seat represented by his sister, Viplove Thakur moved to the Rajya Sabha. Mother, Sarla Sharma was State Congress chief.</p> <p>Naveen Dhiman (37) Himachal Lokhit Party BSc Assets: Rs 28.20 lakh Won as Independent in 2003 polls; lost in 2007 on BJP ticket; both parents remained MLA from Pragpur.</p>	<p>JUBBAL-KOTKHAH 65 Voters: 63,538; MLA: Narinder Bragta</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Narinder Bragta (60) BJP Postgraduate Assets: Rs 1,85,42,418 Won from Shimla in 1998, shifted in 2003 and won the seat in 2007.</p> <p>Rohit Thakur (38) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 4,73,83,84 Grandson of late Congress stalwart Ram Lal Thakur, won the seat in 2003.</p>	<p>KINNAUR (ST) 68 Voters: 51,264; MLA: Tejawant Negi (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Tejawant Negi (52) BJP Graduate Assets: Rs 3,45,35,472 Lost in 2003, won in 2007.</p> <p>Jagat Singh Negi (64) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 2,82,98,230 Won the 2003 polls, lost in 2007.</p> <p>Chet Ram Negi (64) HLP Graduate Assets: Rs 2,82,98,230 Won in 1998 as BJP candidate, contesting on HLP ticket this time.</p>	<p>MANDI 33 Voters: 63,347; MLA: Anil Sharma (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Anil Sharma (56) Congress Pre-engineering Assets: Rs 12.68 crore Son of former Telecom Minister Sukh Ram; won in 2007; was Sports Minister and Raja Sabha MP.</p> <p>DD Thakur (62) BJP Lawyer Assets: Rs 52.67 lakh Former Congress MLA, joined BJP, lost in 2007.</p>
<p>JAWALAMUKHI 12 Voters: 65,398; MLA: Ramesh Dhawala (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Ramesh Dhawala (61) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 30.38 lakh Food and Supplies Minister in BJP regime, won as Independent in 1998 and on BJP ticket in 2003, 2007.</p> <p>Sanjay Rattan (49) Congress BA, LLB Assets: Rs 49.53 lakh Contested two Assembly polls as Independent and lost. Fielded by Congress for the first time.</p>	<p>KANGRA 16 Voters: 68,113; MLA: Sanjay Chaudhary (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Surender Kumar Kaku (58) Congress BA Assets: Rs 17 lakh.</p> <p>Pawan Kajal (38) Independent (BJP rebel) Matriculate Assets: Rs 1.65 crore.</p> <p>Sanjay Chaudhary (46) BJP Postgraduate Assets: Rs 50 lakh.</p> <p>Dr Rajesh Sharma (00) Congress rebel MD Assets: Rs 75 lakh Entry of Congress, BJP rebels has made it a four-cornered fight. It could be anyone's game in Kangra.</p>	<p>KULLU 23 Voters: 73,346; MLA: Govind Thakur (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Masheshwar Singh (63) Himachal Lokhit Party College dropout Assets: Rs 4.38 crore Three-time BJP MP, twice Banjar MLA and state BJP president in 1990; lost to Virbhadra Singh in 2009 Lok Sabha polls.</p> <p>Ram Singh (57) BJP, Sangh activist Graduate Assets: Rs 3.45 crore Runs shawl business, first timer.</p> <p>Sunder Thakur (48) Congress LLB, hotelier Assets: Rs 9.94 crore. A hotelier.</p> <p>Prem Lata Thakur (56) Independent Higher secondary Assets: Rs 1.95 crore First timer, proxy candidate of her husband Satya Parkash Thakur, a Congress rebel.</p>	<p>NACHAN (SC) 28 Voters: 69,669; MLA: Dile Ram (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Tek Chand Dogra (67) Congress Art and craft diploma holder Assets: Rs 32 lakh Won the seat thrice, but lost to BJP in 2007.</p> <p>Vinod Kumar (32) BJP Senior secondary Assets: Rs 10.93 lakh First timer and Sangh activist.</p> <p>Damodhar Singh (47) Independent Draughtsman Assets: Rs 23 lakh First timer and BJP rebel.</p>