

'NEHRU MADE BLUNDERS ON KASHMIR, MODI RECTIFIED THEM'

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The BJP, on the 75th anniversary of Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India, slammed Jawaharlal Nehru for his "blunders" and asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi corrected them by nullifying Article 370, which granted special rights to the erstwhile State.

As BJP leaders, including Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju and Jitendra Singh, targeted Nehru for his handling of the erstwhile State's accession, the Congress hit back, saying that BJP leaders must account for what had happened under its rule there rather than blaming Nehru.

Mr. Rijiju said the country's first Prime Minister's blunders, which, he said, included enacting Article 370 and taking the dispute with Pakistan to the United Nations, drained the country's resources. Mr. Singh said had Nehru allowed then Home Minister Vallabhbhai Patel to handle its accession the way he did with other princely States, the history of the region would have been different.

The Congress mocked BJP leaders over their criticism of Nehru, saying these "students of 'WhatsApp nursery' need to revisit their history classes".

BJP leaders have no idea of contemporary history of the country, party spokesperson Pawan Khera said.

"Give us answers. You have been in power for eight years. What has been your achievement in those years in J&K," he added.

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