

# Cong takes out Ambedkar Samman March, demands resignation of Home Minister

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**JAMMU, DEC 24:**

Congress today took out "Ambedkar Samman March" from Ambedkar Chowk towards Divisional Commissioner office Jammu, seeking resignation and public apology from Home Minister Amit Shah for insulting the architect of the Constitution Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar in the parliament few days ago. As part of the nationwide call of the party, senior Congress leaders of PCC, DCC & frontal wings took out "Ambedkar Samman March" to press for the demand of resignation and public apology from Home Minister. They raised slogans against the home Minister Amit Shah and in favour of Congress party and leadership of the party and fully supported the leadership to continue the struggle for seeking action against the Home Minister.

The March organized by PCC & DCC Jammu Urban, led by Working President Raman Bhalla alongwith Th. Balwan Singh, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, DCC President Manmohan



Singh, Ved Mahajan, Indu Pawar, Naresh Gupta, Yash Pal Kundal, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma (Mian), Shashi Sharma, Satish Sharma, OBC Chairman Madan Dogra & other senior leaders raised slogans against Amit Shah seeking his resignation. The peaceful March started from the statue Chowk of Dr B R Ambedkar at Panama Crossing Gandhi Nagar and marched towards Div Comm office.

Earlier the Congress leaders garlanded the statue of Dr

Ambedkar and raised slogans in his respect. The police stopped the March just before the Div Comm Office, when a representative of the administration received the memorandum addressed to the President of India through divisional Commissioner seeking action against Mr Amit Shah.

Talking to media persons Shri Raman Bhalla Working President forcefully reiterated the demand for the resignation and public apology from the Home Minister immediately

. He said that the entire nation is hurt by the insulting remarks of Home Minister in the parliament against the father of Constitution Dr Ambedkar but the Prime Minister is silent on this issue. The mindset of the BJP has come out open from the mouth of Home Minister Amit Shah, who used insulting words for the great stalwart. He said that it was on the written request of Congress President and LOP in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and LOP in Lok

Sabha Shri Rahul Gandhi to the Presiding officers of the two houses the discussions on the Constitution on completion of 75th was initiated, during the course of which Mr Amit Shah used the derogatory words against Dr Ambedkar. Instead of paying tributes and honouring his great contributions in the framing of the Constitution, Mr Amit Shah insulted the great personality by using insulting words. The party demands immediate resignation and public apology by the Home Minister to cool down the unrest in the country over the issue, otherwise people will not be satisfied. Several prominent leaders took part in the protest march including Sanjeev Panda, Neeraj Gupta, Ranjit Singh Manhas, Ricky Dalotra, Rajesh Sharma, Virinder Singh Manhas, Dr R K Khajuria, Dewan Chand, Latish Sharma, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Keval Krishan Jogi, Jugal Sharma, S. Baldev Singh, Sandeep Dogra, Pritam Singh, Anirudh Sawhney, Sat Paul Sapolia, Shamsheer Chand, Sanjeev Katal, Aman Baba and others.

# FICCI FLO JKL launches WeFLO: The first all-women job portal for J&K and Ladakh, powered by MIET



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The Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh chapter of the FICCI ladies Organisation (FLO-JKL), the apex body of business women in the country launched WeFLO.in, the region's first dedicated all-women job portal, designed to empower the women of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. Powered by the Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET), this pioneering initiative was launched at a grand event attended by esteemed dignitaries and stakeholders. The occasion was graced by Ms. Sakina Itoo, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Health & Medical Education & Social Welfare, Jammu & Kashmir, as the Chief Guest. Her presence emphasized the critical importance of women's participation in the workforce. Adding to the event's significance, Mrs. Joyshree Das Verma, National President of FICCI FLO, joined as Guest of Honour, and Ms. Reshma Patel, National Head of Digital Literacy Initiative, FICCI FLO and Prof. Ankur Gupta, Director MIET attended as Distinguished Guests. Senior government officials and dignitaries also extended their support to this landmark initiative as Special Guests, including Mr. Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K, Mr. Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTP, Mr. Arun K Manhas,

Director, Industries & Commerce Jammu, Mr. Rajinder K Sharma, Director, JKEDI, Mr. G Velladurai, Jt. Director, MSME J&K UT, Ladakh among others.

In her welcome address, Mrs. Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL, highlighted the portal's transformative potential in bridging the gap between talented women and meaningful employment opportunities. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Minister Ms. Sakina Itoo for her inspiring leadership and for officially inaugurating the portal. Gratitude was also extended to Mrs. Joyshree Das Verma for her steadfast dedication to advancing women's empowerment in business and industry, which has shaped meaningful projects such as this portal. In her presidential address, Hon'ble Minister, Ms. Sakina Itoo congratulated FICCI FLO JKL and MIET for their pioneering initiative and trusted that women in J&K shall find suitable avenues for employment and career opportunities through the portal. She felt that all stakeholders need to join hands to accelerate the socio-economic growth of the J&K region. She expressed confidence in the ability of the youth of the region and foresaw the region leaping ahead on the path to peace, progress and development. Mrs. Joyshree Das Verma, National Head, FICCI FLO expressed delight on her maiden visit to Jammu and

extended compliments to the JKL chapter for thinking out-of-the-box to launch weflo.in, an impactful initiative with far reaching implications. She felt that the time for the J&K region to shine on the national stage had arrived and was impressed with the development work taking place in all sectors.

WeFLO.in, built with the technical expertise of MIET under the leadership of its Director, Prof. Ankur Gupta, aims to connect women job seekers with progressive employers committed to diversity and inclusivity. Prof. Gupta and his team played an instrumental role in conceptualizing and developing the platform, generously contributing financial and technical resources. The launch also saw the felicitation of key contributors and collaborators who played a pivotal role in making this project a reality. Heads of academic institutions were recognized for their efforts in enrolling women students on the portal, ensuring a seamless connection between education and employment. Academic partners facilitated were Prof. SP Saraswat, Principal, GCW Gandhi Nagar, Prof. Ravinder Tickoo, Principal, GCW Parade, Prof. Pragya Khanna, Principal, GLDM GDC Hiranagar, Prof. Twinkle Suri, Principal, SPND GDC Samba. Other key dignitaries present included Ms. Priya Sethi, Former Minister BJP, Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, Mr. Ranjeet Kalra.

## 70% Reservation in J&K

# 'Why protest outside Omar's Residence, why not outside Modi,' questions Harsh

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Expressing dismay over the protest held in Srinagar outside the residence of J&K Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah by various parties including those of NC, PDP, AIP and others, the JKNPP (India) Chairman and Former Minister questioned as to why such protests were not held in 2023-24 against the then govt which had mindlessly enhanced reservation upto 70% with indecent haste. He said that while the new CM, who had assumed office hardly two months back and had also constituted a committee over the subject, was being targeted, the protagonists of the reservation augmentation were never questioned by any of the protesting groups or other organizations.

Maintaining that it was BJP govt at the centre and its proxy rule in J&K which announced to take reservation

to 70%, Mr. Singh questioned as to why such protests were not held outside the residences of Modi and Amit Shah. He said that an insecure BJP which had lost its ground in J&K had contemplated resurrection through appeasement and hence did the greatest injustice to the deserving candidates by burying merit under debris of enhanced reservation.

Bitten by the power bug, an insensitive BJP defied even the persistent rulings of SC on a 50% limit on reservation and forced its own will contravening even the fundamental principles of the constitution, asserted Singh.

And rather than insisting for a sound reservation policy leaving due place for merit, the BJP leaders piggybacked on centre's reservation policy to ride their journey to victory, added Singh. He said that intoxicated with power, the self-aggrandising BJP govt indulged in mis-adventurism

without realising that its gory moves of heightened reservation could prove counterproductive in the long run. While unemployment had never been an issue for BJP govt, its appeasement policies and its shoot and scoot politics had caused immense damage to body politic of the erstwhile state. Accusing the protesting parties of maliciously targeting the new govt with vicious mendacities, Mr Singh advised them to lodge such protests outside central BJP leadership and their agents in J&K if they were really sincere in their intentions. He said that people were wise enough and no facade of deceptive posturing by any such leaders or political parties could beguile the people. He said that he would volunteer to join any such protest if held in New Delhi against those who conspired to defeat merit in J&K only for promotion of their political prospects in the troubled UT.

# BJP not a family-oriented party, but a party based on democratic principles: Tarun Chugh

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BJP is the only political party that follows true internal democracy by holding elections right from the booth level to the level of national president of the party after every 3 years, stated Tarun Chugh. J&K BJP held a day-long workshop at its party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, on its ongoing 'Sangathan Parv' for its second phase under which the organization elections would be held.

Tarun Chugh, national general secretary, BJP & Prabhari J&K BJP, accompanied by Rekha Verma, BJP national vice-President & Prabhari Sangathan Parv-Jammu & Kashmir, Shrikant Sharma, Observer for organizational elections-Jammu & Kashmir, Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Dr. Narinder Singh, national secretary BJP & MLA, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition & General Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), Er Ghulam Ali Khatauna, MP (Rajya Sabha), Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM, J&K BJP, Ravinder

Raina, former President, Rakesh Mahjan, Returning Officer, J&K BJP Sangathan Parv and other senior leaders of the party addressed the Sangathan Parv workshop.

Tarun Chugh, while addressing the workshop asked the senior party leaders to meticulously pursue the elections under the Sangathan Parv after the culmination of Active Membership Drive of the party. He stressed that the dedicated party workers should be chosen as the office bearers of the party to strengthen the organization further. He said that in the process of organizational elections, work has to be done based on consent including and involving all. He said that BJP is not a family-oriented party but based on democratic principles.

Rekha Verma appreciated the J&K BJP for the excellent progress in the primary membership and active membership drives so far and said that the national leadership of the party expects similar dedication for the organizational elections under the 'Sangathan Parv'. Shrikant Sharma said that he would personally supervise the organizational elections in

Jammu & Kashmir. He asked all party leaders to commit themselves to uphold the principle of total internal democracy.

Sat Sharma asked all the party leaders to meticulously conduct all the tasks under the Sangathan Parv in a time-bound manner. He asked the party leaders entrusted with the task of conducting organizational elections to be very fair and unbiased in their approach. He also asked them to adhere to all the guidelines (like age etc) strictly while choosing the right activists for the new assignments.

Ashok Koul prompted the party leaders to share the details of the progress of the ongoing 'Sangathan Parv' like primary membership drive, and active membership drive. He also asked them to focus on their 'Pravas' to ensure the scrupulous conduct of the task. Rakesh Mahajan, who conducted the workshop proceedings, assured the senior party leadership that the whole election process under the ongoing 'Sangathan Parv' would be conducted meticulously while selecting the dedicated party workers for every official post.

# Police arrests 2 drug peddlers in Baramulla; contraband substance recovered

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**SRINAGAR, DEC 24:**

Continuing its efforts to combat the menace of drugs in society, Police in Baramulla have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession. A police team led by SHO Police Station Pattan at a checkpoint established near ITI Pattan, intercepted a vehicle Santro bearing registration number JK01L-7671 with 02 persons onboard. They have been identified as Mosin Raja son of Gh Mohiuddin Tantray resident of Tantraypora Palhallan and Ashiq Hussain Dar son of Ab Ahad resident of Manzseer Sopore. During search, 2.30 grams of contraband brown sugar was recovered from their possession. Vehicle used in the commission of the crime has been seized. The accused persons have been arrested and a case under relevant sections of the law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation is underway. People are requested to cooperate with Police in the fight against the drug menace by sharing any information regarding drug peddling or trafficking in their areas. People can contact nearest police station to report any suspicious activities and help to create a drug-free society.

# Major General Anupinder Bevl Visits 2 J&K Bn NCC, Jammu

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Major General Anupinder Bevl, VSM, Additional Director General of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate visited 2 J&K Battalion NCC in Jammu to assess and review the systems and procedures in place that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the NCC curriculum. During his visit, Major General Bevl conducted a thorough inspection and praised the dedicated efforts of the officers, Permanent Instructor Staff and civilian staff. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards across all aspects of training and administration, encouraging everyone to continue their excellent work to fulfill the aims and objectives of the NCC. The General Officer expressed particular appreciation for the excellent standard of drill demonstrated by the cadets from MAM College, recognizing their commitment and discipline. He also commended the collective efforts being made by all involved in NCC activities, underscoring that such commitment is vital to the growth and development of the NCC in the region. In addition, Major General Bevl placed significant emphasis on institutional training and the role of Associate NCC Officers and Permanent Instructors in ensuring the continued high quality of training. He further commended the contributions of the Commanding Officer and the staff of 2 J&K BN NCC, for the battalion's achievements and encouraged to further enhance the standards and performance of the unit. The visit served to reinforce the commitment to quality training and leadership development within the NCC, ensuring that the cadets in Jammu & Kashmir receive world-class training and opportunities for growth.

# Indian Army organizes lecture on 'Know Your Army' Quiz at Kalakote

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**KALAKOTE, DEC 24:**

In order to engage the local youth positively and further promote the Indian Army-Awam cooperation, an Indian Army Quiz and Lecture" was organised at Netaji Memorial High School, Khargala, Kalakote. This initiative focused on fostering awareness about the Indian Army among the youth and showcasing the Indian Army's illustrious history, its landmark operations, and the gallantry of its brave soldiers. The event witnessed active participation from 47 students and seven teachers, who displayed remarkable enthusiasm. The top three participants were also felicitated for their outstanding performance. In addition to the quiz, the event featured a segment dedicated to Armed Forces Flag Day celebrations. Observed annually on 7th December. Armed Forces Flag Day is a national tribute to honour the soldiers, veterans, and Bravehearts of The Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. The students were informed about the required educational qualifications for each entry, including Officer Entry and the Agniveer entry scheme. The student's queries were addressed by a representative of the Indian Army.

# Police conducts inspection of SIM Vendors to curb SIM misuse in Ganderbal

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As part of its ongoing efforts to curb the rising instances of fraud and to prevent misuse of mobile phone SIMs, Police in Ganderbal today launched a verification drive on SIM card vendors in the jurisdiction of Police Station Gund. The drive aims to verify the authenticity of documents submitted by subscribers and to ensure that SIM vendors are adhering to the guidelines set by the government and to ensure that their SIM connections are verified. Further, POS vendors were directed to maintain proper data and SIM cards must be issued only after proper verification of the antecedents of subscribers. The ongoing verification drive emphasizes the commitment of Police to curb the menace of fake sims.

# Training program on importance of organic and natural farming practices for sustainable crop production conducted at CONF, Chatha

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Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (CONF), SKUAST-Jammu organized one-day training cum awareness program entitled Importance of organic and natural farming practices for sustainable crop production under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) project on Alternate agriculture Systems for Sustainability on 24-12-24. The program aimed to educate and empower local farmers and farm women by imparting knowledge on best practices for enhancing crop quality and marketability.

The training was conducted under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) B.N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Balbir Dhotra, Principal Investigator who welcomed Prof. Parshant Bakshi - Head, CONF and other scientists of the university. In this programme, more than 50 farmers and farm women from village Shergarhi, Miran Sahib,

R.S.Pura participated in the event. In his inaugural address Prof. Balbir Dhotra discussed importance of Organic and Natural farming to combat health related issues of soil and humans. He stressed that organic and natural farming practices should be followed to reduce the burden of chemicals in soils.

Prof. Bakshi emphasized the significance of the HADP project and its role in promoting organic and natural farming in Jammu region. He interacted with the farmers and urged them to share their experiences of traditional practices of farming. He stressed upon the farmers to follow Good Agricultural Practices for improving human health and also taught the various methods of preparation of Jeevamrit, Bejamrit, Neem Astra, Panchgavya to the participants. He visited them to strawberry field where organic cultivation using various mulches were demonstrated. Dr. Satish Kumar, Prof. (Vegetable Science) discussed in detail

the various aspects of Organic and Natural farming in vegetable cultivation and suggested the farmers to adopt few remedies like mulching, seed treatment, nursery management etc suitable in their farm. Dr S.K. Singh, Professor give live demonstration of the preparation of NSKE and other formulations to the farmers. Dr Kiran Kour, Professor (Fruit Science) discussed organic cultivation of dragon fruit to the farmers and suggested for introducing dragon crop in their orchards.

The program was managed by Sh Niraj Manhas, Sh Sadiq Ahmad, Sh. Vaid Raj and other staff members of the centre and the training concluded with a positive response from the farmers, who expressed their gratitude for the valuable information shared and vowed to implement the knowledge gained in their farming practices. During the event, various small tools (sickle and khurpa) were also distributed among the farmers.

# Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals Police seizes 6 vehicles, arrests 5 persons in Budgam

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**SRINAGAR, DEC 24:**

Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, Police have arrested 05 persons and seized 06 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Budgam. A police party of Police Post Waterhail, arrested five persons and seized six vehicles, 01 LNT and 05 tippers bearing registration numbers (JK14C-

1705, JK03B-9020, JK05G-5212, JK13-1231 and JK03B-2072) for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in area of Samson Khansahib.

The accused persons have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Pandit resident of Kanoora Khansahab, Ishfaq Ahmad Ganie, Abdul Majeed Dar, Sameer Ahmad Ahangar and Shabir Ahmad Dar all residents of

Sholipora Budgam. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Khansahib and investigation has been initiated. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are appealed to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.