

BJP denying statehood after failing to get mandate to rule: Karra

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JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra has lashed out at BJP for doing injustice to the people of Jammu & Kashmir by not fulfilling the commitment for statehood, since people didn't give BJP mandate to rule in J&K. Addressing a large gathering of Congress workers here today, Karra accused BJP of giving punishment to the people of J&K as the party didn't get mandate to rule UT in the recent assembly elections. BJP wants to now rule by proxy through LG administration.

This is great injustice to the people and a betrayal after repeated commitments for early restoration of statehood and this is defiance of Supreme Court direction also. Carrying forward party's mission for restoration of full statehood besides Jai Babu Jai Bhim Jai Samvidhan, JKPCC Chief today addressed the rally at Salarh in Bishnah organised by the contested candidate and AICC secretary Neeraj Kundan which was attended by several senior leadership of the party.

Karra said that it is irony of the time that we have to demand the statehood from those in power, whose politi-



cal ancestors sided with Britishers when Congress was fighting for freedom on the roads and in Jails. They have no history in freedom of country but trying to erase the history of Congress leaders in freedom struggle. JKPCC Chief recalled the contribution of dogra warriors for expanding the boundaries of Jammu Kashmir Ladakh upto Gilgit-Baltistan but BJP dismembered the historical dogra state ruthlessly and now not willing to restore the same forcing people especially dogras to fight on streets.

Seeking mandate of people to support the movement of Congress - "Hamari Riyasat, Hamara Haq", Karra asked gathering to raise hands as they responded positively. He praised Organiser of the rally and said that Shri Rahul

Gandhi has encouraged and promoted young leadership at the national level including Shah Nawaz and IYC President Udey Chib from J&K, who were also present & addressed the gathering urging for support to Congress movement for statehood.

Neeraj Kundan in his address expressed gratitude to the people of Bishnah Assembly segment for giving him a lot of support in the elections and assured them to continue serving them. He raised the issue of smart meters and harassing poor consumers by disconnecting their power for default of payment. He also raised the issue of eviction of poor farmers from the lands under their cultivation from decades. He also mentioned various issues of common

people who have been pushed to the wall by BJP govt and LG administration and asked people to rise to support Congress movement.

Working President Raman Bhalla thanked the people of Bishnah assembly for giving him huge support and votes of over 40000 votes during his Lok Sabha elections and now to Neeraj Kundan in Assembly elections. He said people of Bishnah are secular and residing along border and have undergone great sufferings due to BJP policies. The government is snatching their lands and harassing them through water and power taxation. He raised the issue of left out settlement package of refugees and blamed BJP for betrayal with them.

Working President Tara Chand reminded people of

the constitutional guarantees & safeguards under Maharaja rule and post independence and the welfare measures for downtrodden. He asked people to support the Congress movement for restoration of statehood to seek redressal of their grievances. Ex- MP Ch Lal Singh referred to the struggle of dogras and dogra rulers to establish a vast state but BJP snatched our dogra state ruthlessly and arbitrarily against the wishes of all people including those of Jammu. He lashed out at BJP for the loot of our resources, land and jobs after abrogation of special status and pressed for constitutional safeguards to save future generations. He also referred to the plight of farmers due to anti farmers policies of BJP govt and expressed concern over the lack of Legal guarantee of MSP to farmers and lack of quality seed and fertilizers to them. Prominent those who attended includes Yogesh Sawhney, Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma, Hari Singh Chib, Indu Pawar, MLA Ifitkhar Ahmed, Manmohan Singh, M K Bhardwaj, Narinder Sharma, Vijay Sharma, (Seva Dal) Dwarka Chaudhary, Ajay Lakhotra (NSUI), Jatinder Bhagat, Jung Bhadr, Vijay Tagotra & other local leaders.

"Selective ST Status undermines Article 370 abrogation" Pt. Ashok Khajuria calls for equal ST status for all POJK DPs, warns of agitation



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Pt. Ashok Kumar Khajuria, a prominent leader of the Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) Displaced Persons (DPs) community, convened an urgent meeting today to address the growing discontent over the selective grant of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. The meeting, attended by key social and political activists, ex-Panchayat representatives, and members of the Jammu South-R.S. Pura constituency, witnessed strong criticism of what was termed as "step-motherly treatment" towards Pahari-speaking POJK refugees residing outside Rajouri-Poonch. Raising serious concerns over the discriminatory policy, Khajuria stated, "If all POJK refugees are Pahari-speaking, then why should their rights be determined by where they reside? If the government grants ST status to Pahari-speaking people in Rajouri-Poonch, why are those settled in Jammu and other regions deprived of the same benefits? A community should not be divided based on electoral calculations or political convenience."

Khajuria and other attendees criticized the existing policy, arguing that it unfair-

ly excludes thousands of POJK refugees who share the same ethnic identity, language, and cultural background as those in Rajouri-Poonch. He highlighted the paradox of the policy, questioning why a family's decision to seek better livelihood opportunities outside Rajouri-Poonch should result in losing their rightful claims to benefits.

"One brother living in Rajouri-Poonch gets ST status, while another, who migrated to Jammu or elsewhere in search of livelihood, is denied the same right. This is nothing but an absurd and politically motivated decision," he stated, adding that such a divisive approach contradicts the spirit of equitable governance. Khajuria called upon former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to take urgent notice of this "grave injustice" and push for policy corrections that ensure equal treatment of all Pahari-speaking POJK refugees across Jammu and Kashmir. Reminding the gathering of the long history of suffering endured by POJK refugees, Khajuria noted that nearly 50,000 families were forced to flee their homeland in 1947 and resettle in India under extremely challenging circumstances. Today, their population has grown to over

13 lakh, with approximately 10.5 lakh residing in Jammu alone, yet they continue to struggle for basic rights.

He argued that while the abrogation of Article 370 was hailed as a step toward eliminating discrimination in Jammu and Kashmir, the selective grant of ST status contradicts the government's claims of "justice for all." "If the government truly believes in equitable development, it must end this step-motherly treatment towards POJK refugees. Otherwise, the entire justification for abrogation of Article 370 falls flat," Khajuria asserted.

Khajuria emphasised that if the government fails to rectify this policy and extend full ST status to all Pahari-speaking people of Jammu and Kashmir, the community will be left with no choice but to launch an "aggressive agitation" to secure their rightful demands. Prominent among those present include Ex Sarpanch Vijay Sharma, Vikas Sharma, Pt Surinder Kumar, Sdr Surjeet Singh, Ex Panch Bharat Sharma, Naresh Kumar, Smt Sunita Sharma, Smt Neelam Kumari, Gourav Raina, Rohit Khajuria, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Sarwan Dass, Pt Rakesh Sharstri, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Sankeev Khajuria beside others.

Inflation and unemployment increasing in country due to BJP's wrong policies: Satish Sharma

Workers should be ready for Panchayat and local body elections

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A meeting was organized on Sunday by Block Congress Committee Gangyal, a large number of Block and District Congress Committee members attended the meeting. On this occasion, State Congress Committee General Secretary and former Chairman of Jammu Municipal Corporation Satish Sharma was specially present. Satish Sharma, while addressing the workers, said that Panchayat and civic body elections can be announced in the coming days and workers should be ready for the elections. He said that people in Jammu and Kashmir are facing a lot of problems. BJP has only given false assurances to the people in the last 11 years. He said that due to BJP's wrong policies, inflation is constantly increasing in the country. Youths are wandering from one state to another in search of employment. But whenever elections come, BJP tries to get votes by misleading people in the



name of religion. He said that Congress workers should go to every ward and listen to the problems of the people and expose BJP's propaganda against Congress.

He said that people in Jammu Kashmir likes Congress and especially the people of Jammu division because from 2002 to 2014, when Congress was a part of the government in Jammu & Kashmir, development works were done on a large scale in Jammu and complete justice was done to the people of Jammu and suffering the consequences of it because without the

consent of the Center and BJP, the elected government of Jammu Kashmir is not able to take any decision in the interest of the people. He said that now the time has come that we people of Jammu will have to come out on the streets and will protest and demanding the status of the state. On this occasion, District Vice President Baldev Singh Wazir, District General Secretary Omprakash Sharma, District General Secretary Nagarmal, District Senior Leader Ludra Mani Sharma, Vipin Sangral, Sherry Kumar, Rashpal Verma, Sat Verma General Secretary Sanjay Sharma, Anrez Singh, and many other leaders were present.

Sadguru Madhuparamhans Maharaj delivers religious sermons in Akhnoor

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Sahib Bandagi's Sadguru Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the congregation with the nectar of his discourses today at Sungal Road Akhnoor, said that all the religions of the world accept one thing that the soul is immortal. All the religions of the world also believe in heaven and hell. If someone stubbornly says that we do not believe, then there is no remedy for it. A Chaudhary of Delhi announced that whoever explains the eighteenth chapter of the Gita to me, I will donate a cow to him. The cow gives 10 kg of milk. His wife said that you do not do any work, I raise the children by selling this milk. Someone will come and explain the eighteenth chapter and take away the cow. He said that no one will be able to explain. The wife said that there are great scholars, someone will explain it. He said, you fool, keep quiet. I will say that you did not understand at all. If this is the case then it is a different matter. Otherwise all the religions of the world believe unanimously, they also believe in heaven and hell. There was a king. He lived in his own pleasure. Sahib thought that he has to give him knowledge. Sahib made him visit hell.

You see that in dreams some people laugh, some cry, some get scared. Although it is a dream. But such is the play of situations that at that time everyone believes it to



be true. The pain of hell is also like a dream. But at that time that pain is felt. At that time the messengers of death were putting the man in the crusher. Just like farmers put sugarcane in the crusher. These are not stories. This is the truth. That is why all religions have said. Just like one sees a dream, similarly this condition is also like a dream. All the saints have confirmed this. Just like a dream, so is the world. Neither the dream is true nor this world. Just like a man eats carrots and radishes, similarly the messengers of death were eating the man there. Some were being put in a pitcher and were being beaten from above. There are seven pitchers in hell. Seven Kumbhi is hell. There is mud in one pot, blood in another, excreta in another, pus in another, urine in another and fire in another. Sinners are thrown in them. If one raises his neck, he is hit with a hammer from above and is thrown down. Just think what kind of tortures are there. Seeing all this, the king became restless.

You see in the world. Humans also give strange

tortures. Uganda's President Idi Amin used to make people stand at crossroads and get them beaten with hammers until they died. Look at Hitler. He beat the Jews very badly. This is how the pains of hell are. There are very deep pots. The king became very sad after seeing this. The one who gives false testimony, the snake stings his tongue. The one who kills someone without any fault, he gets a very big hell. The man and woman who love someone other than their husband and wife, they have to embrace the man like hot iron. Some goons scare others and walk away. Don't do this. It is a sin. Crows and vultures are set free on them. They peck at them alive. Alcohol is always forbidden. Those who consume alcohol are punished.

This is the path to destruction. Hot oil is made to drink. Those who harass devotees and saints, their entire body is afflicted with leprosy. Their entire body parts burn. Seeing all this, the king requested the Sahib to save him. Sin is forbidden in all religions. You see the Nirbhaya incident. How brutally she was killed. The kind of deeds this man is doing. The person who tells a lie gets the biggest punishment. The Sahib is clearly saying that there is no sin equal to lying. You should never take money from others. But don't go towards women. Ravana lost his ten heads because of women. You should avoid the tortures of hell.

Amar Mahal Museum hosts six-day Art Camp as part of Tawi Festival

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The iconic Amar Mahal Museum has come alive with colors and creativity as it hosts a six-day art camp featuring Master Artist and Painter Sohan Billawria alongside 13 talented students from the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA). This artistic endeavor is part of the third edition of the Tawi Festival, organized by the Hari Tara Charitable Trust, and aims to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. Scheduled from March 7 to March 9, the Tawi Festival promises to offer a mesmerizing journey through the vibrant traditions, art, and history of the region. The art camp serves as a prelude to this grand celebration, providing young artists with a unique opportunity to learn and create under the guidance of the acclaimed artist Sohan Billawria. The camp focuses on traditional techniques and contemporary themes, bridging the past and present of J&K's art scene. Speaking at the inauguration, Sohan Billawria expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, emphasizing the importance of nurturing young talent and preserving the region's artistic legacy. The participating students showcased remarkable skill and creativity, drawing inspiration from the scenic landscapes and cultural motifs of Jammu and Kashmir.

GDC Thannamandi organizes 'Mehfil-e-Afsana'

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The Department of Urdu in collaboration with Cultural Committee of Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi organized a literary event, Mehfil-e-Afsana, celebrating the art of story writing. The event featured renowned guest speakers and showcased thought-provoking Afsanas, highlighting the richness of Urdu literature. The distinguished guest speakers included Iqbal Nazish, who delivered a presidential address on the occasion and also presented his Pahadi Afsana "Kali Padi" that reflected a sorrowful saga of a lost culture and traditional values, and the afsana was read with heightened imagination. Mohd Aslam Mirza captivated the audience with his afsanas "Dad's Gift" and "Ab Kisay Rehnuma Karay Koi", the style and art in both of the stories had a profound impact on the audience. On behalf of Zafar Khokhar, Dr. Abdul Haque Naimi read out her afsana, bringing her literary voice to the audience. Dr. Ashaq Malik contributed with his insightful afsana "Hum Kitnay Sharmindah Howay", adding depth to the session by narrating his thoughts on Aligarh culture as lived by him during his scholarly days. The event was graced by the esteemed Principal of GDC Thannamandi, who expressed his gratitude to the guest speakers and participants, appreciating their contribution to the literary discourse. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Mudasir Gori, ensuring a smooth flow of the session. At the conclusion, Prof. Abdul Haque Naimi, Head, Department of Urdu, presented the vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of all involved in making the event a success. The event was well-attended by college staff, including Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Prof. Asif, Prof. Rakesh Puri, Dr. Nazir Ul Islam, Dr. Goher Iqbal, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmad, Dr. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Junaid Ahmad, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Fatima, Dr. Rumi Dar, Dr. Nagina Koser, Ms. Rizwana Koser, Dr. Atiq Ul Rehman, Dr. Mohd Zubair, Dr. Showkat Ahmed, Dr. Mohd Shakoore, Dr. Sajid Ali, Dr. Arshid.

Ranvijay Singh urges MLAs to prioritize public welfare in Upcoming Budget Session

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Ranvijay Singh, great-grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji, has issued a heartfelt appeal to the Members of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, urging them to prioritize the pressing issues of the populace in the forthcoming Budget Session starting from Monday i.e., March 3. This session, notably the first in nearly seven years, presents a pivotal opportunity for Legislators to address the aspirations and concerns of the people. Reflecting on the significance of the Assembly sessions, Ranvijay Singh remarked that they serve as vital platforms for highlighting and resolving the challenges faced by citizens. He emphasized the imperative for elected representatives to engage in meaningful discussions, focusing on policy-making and development initiatives that directly impact the welfare of the region's inhabitants. "The prolonged gap of legislative proceedings has heightened public expectations," he said, adding "It is incumbent upon our Legislators to utilize this session effectively, ensuring that the voices of our people are heard and translated into actionable policies." He asserted that any disruptions or unruly behavior that could derail the proceedings, underscoring that such actions would be a disservice to the electorate. Ranvijay Singh expressed optimism that the upcoming session would mark a new chapter in the region's legislative history, characterized by collaboration, transparency, and a steadfast commitment to public service.

All-inclusive development Modi's mission: Sat Sharma



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working on the line of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas"—a vision of inclusive development that ensures progress reaches every citizen, regardless of region, community, or economic status. Sat Sharma, President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this in a meeting with party senior leaders and prominent activists at Bishnah town, along with General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, local MLA Rajeev Bhagat, Jammu border district president Rinku Choudhary and Ex MLA Ashwani Sharma. Sat Sharma said that PM Modi's leadership continues to focus on inclusive growth, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all. Right from the day PM Narendra Modi assumed office, he has taken numerous initiatives aimed at uplifting marginalized communities and strengthening India's socio-economic fabric. His government has launched and successfully implemented landmark schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, and Startup

India, which have impacted millions. These programmes are designed to bridge the development gap, ensuring that prosperity is not confined to a few but benefits every segment of society. Sat Sharma said that "inclusive development" is not just a slogan but a mission for our PM. His vision is to create an India where every citizen, regardless of background, has access to basic necessities, opportunities, and a dignified life.

Sat Sharma pointed out that one of the government's key areas of focus has been financial inclusion. The beneficiaries of different welfare schemes get the financial assistance into their bank accounts through DBT mode, without middlemen. Millions of Jan Dhan accounts have been opened, providing banking access to the unbanked and empowering them. Sat further shared that infrastructure development is another pillar of PM Modi's inclusive growth strategy. Mega projects of road, rail and air connectivity, are transforming rural and urban landscapes, creating jobs, and boosting economic activity. The push for Digital India has accelerated technological penetration, bridging the urban-rural divide and

fostering entrepreneurship.

Social empowerment remains at the heart of this mission. Women-led development is a priority, with programmes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Ujjwala Yojana, and Mudra loans fostering financial independence and gender equality. Similarly, the government's focus on NEP 2020 (National Education Policy) is ensuring quality education for all, preparing India's youth for a knowledge-driven future. Under PM Modi's leadership, India is embracing Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047, ensuring that growth is not limited to metros but reaches villages, small towns, and every citizen. As India continues its remarkable development journey, PM Modi's unwavering commitment to inclusive growth remains the cornerstone of his governance. He stressed upon those in the meeting to keep making people aware about Modi's mission of serving every citizen. Prominent among those who attended this meeting included State Executive Members, Raj Singh Langhe, Narayan Dutt, DDC Dhaminder Kumar, Ex District President Sunil Dutt, Satish Bharti, Mandal President Sumit Sadotra, Sujit Singh and others.

Congress delegation visits Billawar victims

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A Congress delegation led by Former Minister and senior Congress leader Dr Manohar Lal Sharma accompanied by Dist President Pankaj Dogra Kajal Rajput, Raman Thapa, Yog Raj, Budhi Singh & others today visited the victim families in Billawar to share their concern over the delay in the investigation into the two incidents. The Congress team visited the victims families on the directions of JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed

Karra and to extend support to their demand for a fair investigation.

The team visited the family of Makhan Din and shared the grief and concern over the delay in outcome of investigation. The team demanded a judicial enquiry into the heinous incident in a time bound manner. The Congress team also visited the families of victims of mysterious killing of two persons namely Roshan Lal & Sansar Chand in Kahoge area and expressed great concern over the failure of the police

to bring out the truth behind the shocking incident. The team met ADC Vinay Khosla & demanded a high level investigation into the serious incident which has caused great fear amongst local population. They expressed serious concern over the rising incidents of crime in the area and demanded effective measures to check. The other members of the delegation included Puran Chand, Vipul Sharma, Mehmood, Ram Lal Bhatti, Duni Chand, Karan Singh, Shiv Kumar, Tara Chand Panotra & others.