

Bharat leads JKPCCK Kissan Congress protest, submits memorandum opposing Indo-US trade deal

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RAMGARH, JUN 23:

The Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCCK) Kissan Congress, led by Chairman Bharat Priye along with farmers, horticulturists and agricultural workers, submitted a memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India through the Tehsildar Ramgarh, strongly opposing the proposed Indo-US Trade Deal and demanding protection of the interests of Indian farmers. The memorandum was submitted at Tehsil Office Ramgarh in the presence of District Samba Kisan Congress President Darshan Lal, along with Sumandeep, Tirth Ram Bhagat, Karan Singh and other representatives. The participants expressed serious concern that the proposed trade agreement could adversely impact India's agricultural economy by allowing large-scale imports of sub-



dized agricultural products from the United States, making it difficult for Indian farmers to compete in the domestic market. They stated that farmers are already facing multiple challenges including rising input costs, unpredictable weather conditions, shrinking landholdings, debt burden and unstable market prices. In such a situation, any further pressure from foreign competition

could deepen distress in the farming sector. The memorandum highlighted that increased imports may lead to a decline in prices of key agricultural commodities such as wheat, maize, pulses, oilseeds, fruits and vegetables, directly affecting farmers' income. Special concern was raised over Jammu & Kashmir's horticulture sector, particularly apple, pear, walnut,

almond and cherry growers, who may face stiff competition from imported produce, threatening the livelihood of thousands of families dependent on fruit cultivation. The group also cautioned that the dairy and livestock sector could be negatively impacted due to the entry of imported products, further burdening local farmers already struggling with high production costs. They emphasized that

agriculture remains the backbone of rural employment, and any adverse impact on the sector would affect labourers, transporters and small traders connected with the rural economy. The memorandum called for mandatory consultation with farmers' organizations, agricultural experts and stakeholders before finalizing any trade agreement affecting agriculture. Among their key demands, they urged protection of Minimum Support Price (MSP), strong tariff and anti-dumping safeguards, protection of agriculture and horticulture sectors, and full transparency by placing details of the proposed agreement in the public domain. The leaders asserted that no trade agreement should be concluded at the cost of farmers' livelihoods and stressed that safeguarding Indian agriculture must remain a national priority in all international trade negotiations.

BJP OBC Morcha pays tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on his Punyatithi

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The BJP OBC Morcha Jammu & Kashmir paid heartfelt tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, on his punyatithi by organising tribute programmes across booth levels throughout the Union Territory. The main programme was held at the BJP Office, Kacchi Chawni, Jammu. The event was conducted by Arun Sethi, District President, BJP OBC Morcha Jammu, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the relevance of Dr. Mookerjee's ideology in present-day India.

Prominent leaders present on the occasion included Braham Jyot Satti, State President, BJP OBC Morcha; Zorawar Singh Jamwal, BJP Spokesperson; Suresh Salgotra, State Vice President; Ashok Salgotra, State Secretary; Sanjay Verma, District General

Secretary; along with several Mandal presidents and party workers. On the occasion, floral tributes were paid to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, followed by a moment of remembrance in honour of his sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the nation. Speakers recalled his lifelong commitment to nationalism, education, and social upliftment, along with his firm stand against divisive forces.

They highlighted that Dr. Mookerjee was among independent India's most prominent leaders, who strongly advocated the principle of "One Nation, One Constitution, One Flag." He opposed the permit system and special status arrangements that, according to speakers, created barriers between Jammu & Kashmir and the rest of the country. His struggle and sacrifice in Jammu & Kashmir continue to inspire generations.

The speakers also noted his

contributions as an eminent educationist and statesman. He served as one of the youngest Vice-Chancellors of the University of Calcutta and later as India's first Minister for Industry and Supply. His vision for a strong, self-reliant and united India, they said, continues to guide national policy and ideology. Addressing the gathering, Braham Jyot Satti said Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee dedicated his life to safeguarding India's unity, sovereignty, and cultural identity. He described Mookerjee's sacrifice for the complete integration of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of the country as a lasting symbol of patriotism.

He further said that Dr. Mookerjee's vision of a strong and united India continues to inspire nationalist thought and called upon party workers to carry his message to the grassroots and work for the welfare of society and national unity.

Kulgam Police arrests drug peddler, recovers over 1 Kg of Ganja

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KULGAM, JUN 23:

Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Kulgam Police arrested a drug peddler and recovered over one kilogram of ganja-like contraband from his possession during a naka checking operation in the district. A special naka was established by a police team from Police Station Kulgam at Chattabal Crossing. During checking, the police intercepted a suspicious individual carrying a bag. Upon search, officers recovered 1.187 kilograms of ganja-like contraband substance along with an aluminium foil concealed inside the bag. The accused was identified as Mohammad Rokib, son of Mohammad Mofajul, a resident of Chandbita, Lalkunri, Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. The recovered contraband and aluminium foil were seized, and a case under FIR No. 111/2026 has been registered at Police Station Kulgam under relevant provisions of law. Further investigation is underway. Police reiterated its commitment to combating the drug menace and ensuring a safer society through sustained action against drug peddlers.

Police intensify crackdown on illegal mining in Baramulla; multiple vehicles seized

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BARAMULLA, JUN 23:

J&K Police in Baramulla continued its sustained drive against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of minerals, seizing multiple vehicles involved in illegal extraction and movement of sand, gravel and boulders across the district. During naka checking near Babateng Pattan, police intercepted and seized five dumpers and four tippers carrying sand and gravel without valid authorization. In a separate action near Nawwan Mode Kreeri, one dumper and two tippers transporting mineral material without requisite permission were also seized. Action under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act has been initiated against the violators. In another operation near Public Park Kunzer, a police party of Police Station Kunzer intercepted two tractors bearing registration numbers JK04H-2519 and JK01-33701, loaded with boulders allegedly extracted illegally from Ferzpora Nallah at Hardbani. The drivers identified as Suhail Ahmad Pandith and Danish Ahmad failed to produce valid authorization for extraction or transportation of the minerals. Accordingly, FIR No. 86/2026 has been registered at Police Station Kunzer under relevant sections of law. Both tractors along with the seized material have been taken into custody and investigation is underway. Police reiterated its commitment to curb illegal mining activities and urged the public to cooperate in protecting natural resources and maintaining ecological balance.

IGP Kashmir given additional charge of Armed Wing

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SRINAGAR, JUN 23:

The Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has issued an order relieving senior IPS officer Anand Jain from his responsibilities in the Union Territory following his appointment as Director General of Police (DGP) Ladakh. According to the order, Anand Jain, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Armed), was relieved with effect from the night of June 22, 2026, after his transfer by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The order further states that Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, has been assigned additional charge of Head of the Armed Wing, Jammu and Kashmir, in addition to his existing duties until further orders. The arrangement has been approved by the Director General of Police, J&K, as per the official communication issued by DIG Personnel Mubasser Latifi.

Indian Army conducts consolidation and sustainability programme under NMJKA

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As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan, the Indian Army conducted a Consolidation and Sustainability Programme at Trashi, Kishtwar. The programme aimed to reinforce the message of a drug-free society and ensure sustained community participation in the fight against substance abuse. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, youth, students, community leaders and representatives of various civil institutions. The programme focused on reviewing the progress achieved through earlier awareness initiatives and strengthening collective efforts to prevent drug abuse in the region. During the interaction sessions, participants were sensitised about the harmful effects of drug addiction on individuals, families and society. Emphasis was laid on the importance of continued awareness, community vigilance, positive youth engagement and the adoption of healthy lifestyles as key measures for sustaining the gains achieved under the campaign. Success stories and positive outcomes of previous awareness drives were also shared, motivating participants to act as ambassadors of change within their respective communities. The gathering reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the objectives of the Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan and fostering a safe, healthy and drug-free environment for future generations. The programme concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to remain vigilant against the menace of drug abuse and actively contribute towards the realisation of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

Gujjar-Bakerwal students ignored by NC Govt: Khatana

Demands immediate deployment of seasonal teachers at migratory schools across J&K

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Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Nominated Shri Gulam Ali Khatana on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference Government, accusing it of neglecting the educational needs of the Gujjar-Bakerwal community by failing to deploy Seasonal Teachers at migratory schools despite the commencement of the annual migration season. Taking serious note of the issue, Khatana said that thousands of Gujjar and Bakerwal families have already begun their seasonal migration to upper reaches, but the Government has yet to ensure the availability of teachers for children studying at migratory educational centres. Describing the delay as "inexcusable and discriminatory", the BJP MP alleged that the present Government has demonstrated scant regard for the welfare, aspirations and educational rights of one of Jammu and Kashmir's largest tribal communities. "The migration calendar is known to the Government well in advance.

Every year these families undertake seasonal migration and every year Seasonal Teachers are required to be deployed accordingly. The failure to make timely arrangements is not merely an administrative lapse but reflects the Government's indifference towards the Gujjar-Bakerwal community," Khatana said.

He said that while the National Conference Government continues to make tall claims about social justice and inclusive governance, its actions on the ground paint an entirely different picture. "The children of Gujjars and Bakerwals are being deprived of their right to education because of official apathy. The Government appears more interested in rhetoric than governance. If it genuinely cared for tribal welfare, deployment orders would have been issued before the migration season began," he remarked.

Khatana further alleged that tribal communities have repeatedly found themselves at the receiving end of policy neglect under the present dispensation. "The Gujjar-Bakerwal community has every reason to feel ignored.

The continued delay in deployment of Seasonal Teachers has reinforced the perception that the concerns of tribal populations are not receiving the attention they deserve from the present Government," he said.

Khatana warned that any further delay would adversely affect the education of thousands of tribal students and undermine efforts aimed at improving literacy and educational outcomes among Scheduled Tribe communities. Khatana urged the School Education Department to immediately deploy Seasonal Teachers at all migratory educational centres across Jammu and Kashmir and ensure that academic activities commence without any further delay. Reaffirming his commitment to safeguarding the interests of Gujjars and Bakerwals, Khatana said that he would continue to raise issues concerning tribal rights and welfare at every appropriate forum until the matter is resolved. The BJP leader also appealed to the Government to treat the issue as a matter of urgency and ensure that no tribal child is deprived of education due to administrative negligence.

CNMS adopts governance, ethics & compliance Manual 2026 to strengthen transparency

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JAMMU, JUN 23:

The Centre for NaMo Studies (CNMS), a public policy, research and academic institution, has formally adopted its Institutional Governance, Ethics and Compliance Manual - 2026 Edition, reaffirming its commitment to transparency, accountability, ethical governance, gender justice, child safeguarding, and institutional integrity. The manual, approved by Prof. Jasim Mohammad, Managing Trustee and Chairman of CNMS, introduces a comprehensive governance framework covering key institutional areas including prevention of sexual harassment (POSH), finance and financial management, procurement and vendor management, human resources, travel and reimbursement, conflict of interest, and child protection and safeguarding policies. According to Prof. Jasim Mohammad, the initiative reflects CNMS's commitment to building a professionally managed, transpar-

ent, inclusive and accountable institution dedicated to research, public policy, education and nation-building.

In compliance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, CNMS has also constituted its Internal Committee to address workplace-related complaints and promote a safe and respectful environment. The committee is headed by Prof. Jasim Mohammad as Patron, with Prof. Divya Rashmi, Chairperson of Divye Foundation, New Delhi, serving as Presiding Officer. Dr. Anu B., Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India, has been appointed as External Legal Member.

Other members include Nadeem Waris Khan, Advocate; Nikhat Parveen, Director, Media Centre, Aligarh; Jawaid Rahmani, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Journalism Today Group; Dr. Deeba Abrar of HUM NGO, Aligarh; Ismat Chughtai, Advocate, Delhi High Court;

and Prof. Zakia A. Siddiqi, former Principal, Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University. Dr. Daulat Ram Sharma, Trustee of CNMS, will serve as coordinator of the committee. The Internal Committee will be responsible for handling complaints, conducting awareness programmes, promoting gender sensitisation, and ensuring compliance with statutory provisions under the POSH Act. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jasim Mohammad said the adoption of the Governance, Ethics and Compliance Manual marks a significant milestone in CNMS's institutional development, aligning it with best practices in governance, transparency, legal compliance and public accountability. Dr. Daulat Ram Sharma, Trustee of CNMS, said the policies will be reviewed periodically to ensure continued compliance with evolving legal and organisational requirements, further strengthening the institution's commitment to ethical conduct and excellence.

Celcius Logistics showcases cold-chain solutions to strengthen J&K horticulture supply chain

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Celcius Logistics, a leading domestic 3PL logistics player providing end-to-end cold-chain solutions, organised an engagement programme in Jammu & Kashmir bringing together Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), aggregators, distributors, traders and other stakeholders from the region's horticulture ecosystem to highlight the benefits of temperature-controlled logistics.

The discussions focused on how technology-enabled cold-chain systems can help reduce post-harvest losses, preserve produce quality, improve market access and enhance income opportunities for growers across the agricultural value chain.

Jammu & Kashmir, known for its high-value horticulture produce including apples, cherries, pears, walnuts and almonds, continues to face significant post-harvest wastage. As per a NITI Aayog report titled

"Roadmap for Horticulture Development in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir @ 2047", the region reportedly loses around 500,000 tonnes each of apples and vegetables annually, resulting in an estimated economic loss of over 23,060 crore.

Against this backdrop, the session highlighted key challenges related to storage, transportation, market access and supply chain efficiency. Stakeholders explored how integrated cold-chain infrastructure can help maintain freshness from farm to market, minimise spoilage and improve overall price realisation.

The programme also covered best practices in temperature-controlled logistics, along with the role of digital technologies such as real-time tracking, route optimisation, inventory visibility and improved coordination across the supply chain. Participants were briefed on how cold-chain networks can extend shelf life and reduce quality deterioration

of perishable produce.

Speaking on the initiative, Swarup Bose, Founder and CEO of Celcius Logistics, said that Jammu & Kashmir's horticulture sector plays a vital role in India's fresh produce economy and supports thousands of livelihoods. He noted that reducing post-harvest losses through efficient cold-chain solutions can significantly improve income opportunities for farmers and strengthen farm-to-market linkages.

He added that strengthening cold-chain infrastructure is essential for unlocking the full potential of the region's horticulture sector and improving its competitiveness in wider markets. The initiative forms part of Celcius Logistics' broader efforts to promote adoption of cold-chain solutions across India's agricultural ecosystem through stakeholder engagement and knowledge-sharing aimed at reducing food losses and improving supply chain efficiency.

GDC Ramban organises poster making and essay writing competition under NMJKA

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RAMBAN, JUN 23:

Government Degree College Ramban organised Poster Making and Essay Writing Competition as part of the ongoing 100-Day Campaign under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan. The programme was conducted under the overall supervision of the Principal, Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri. The event aimed to create awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to encourage them to express their ideas creatively through posters, essays, and slogans promoting a drug-free society. In his address, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Katal, Associate Professor, appreciated the efforts of the NCORD Committee, faculty members, and students for their active participation in the event. He stressed the importance of involving students in such activities to spread awareness in society about eliminating the menace of drug abuse. He also encouraged everyone to contribute towards building a healthy and drug-

free society. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Vishal Baloria. Speaking on the occasion, the Convener of the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, Prof. Ram Parkash, appreciated the students for their creativity, talent, and the meaningful messages reflected in their posters and essays. He encouraged the participants to continue contributing to social awareness initiatives through such constructive activities.

Both competitions were adjudged by a jury comprising Dr. Rabinder Kumar, Prof. Neetu Sharma, and Dr. Anuj Gupta, who appreciated the participants for the quality, originality, and social relevance of their work. In the Poster Making Competition, Ms. Aditi Thakur secured the first position, followed by Ms. Sumeera Ashraf Wani in the second position and Ms. Tarandeep Kaur in the third position. In the Essay Writing Competition, Ms. Unnati Mahajan secured the first position, while Ms. Neha Thakur and Mr. Romesh Kumar secured the second and third positions, respectively.