

Irate over target killings in valley, BJYM stages protest against Pakistan

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on Monday held a demonstration against recent targeted killings in Kashmir and Pakistan for supporting and promoting terrorism in India.
 The protest was led by its President Arun Prabhat Singh. Raising slogans against Pakistan, the BJYM activists condemned Pakistan for its brutal act.
 Addressing the protest, Arun said the brutal targeted killings by terrorists is another example of cowardness of Pakistan and its sponsored terrorist outfits.
 "This terrorist act will not suppress nationalist voices in the Valley and the rising popularity of a nationalist party like the BJP among the people of the Valley," he added.
 "These are the cowardly acts by terrorists, which would only reaffirm



BJYM activists burning effigy to Pakistan Government.

the BJP workers' determination and to help Prime Minister Narendra Modi realize the dream of taking Jammu and Kashmir to new heights," he added.
 J&K Unit Vice-President of BJP, Yudhveer Sethi also addressed the

agitated BJYM activists. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Pakistan's ISI-backed terrorists were feeling desperate and have resorted to target killings to kill the democratic process in the union territory. The anti-national forces are hell

to ruin the peace in Kashmir Valley which has seen a new phase of development since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the reins of the Central government.
 Such gruesome acts are meant to scare the people of Kashmir Valley, who are now extending support to the policies and programmes of the BJP at the Centre, Sethi said.
 Pakistan is trying all the tricks up its sleeves to ensure that normalcy does not return to Kashmir and instead there is a revolt and blood-bath on the streets.
 But PM Modi-led government is determined to defeat Pakistan's nefarious designs and usher an era of peace, prosperity, progress and development in Kashmir, Sethi said.
 Others present were Kapil Chib, Akhil Prasher, Preeti Choudhary, Vikas Sharma, Ranjeet Singh, Yuvraj Thakur, Chetan Wanchoo and Rahul Sharma.

Mayor inaugurates development works

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more development & civic amenities to the citizens of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC along with Surinder Chowdhary Councillor Ward No 29, on Monday inaugurated the development works which includes construction/renovation of Bathroom, Chowkidar's Quarter, School Kitchen & other allied works at Government Girls High School, Rajpura Mangotrian of Ward No 33.
 Remu Manhas, Principal along with other staff members of the school as well as Bawa Sharma, Ashok Yogi, Krishan Verma, Balvinder Kumar, Naseeb Raj, Karan Sharma and other prominent inhabitants of Rajpura Mangotrian & its adjoining localities and



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta interacting with people.

Ashish Bhasin, Assistant Executive Engineer & other supervisory staff of Engineering Division-II & Sanitation Wing were also present.
 Mayor told that it was the long pending demands of the School Staff and the work of which was started a few months back by the JMC with an allotted amount of Rs. 6.70 lakh

has been completed and has been handed over to School management for further use for children and staff members.
 He urged the Principal to plant more and more seasonal as well as ornamental saplings within the premises of the school for maintaining greenery & eco friendly atmosphere in the school complex.

BJP's reckless experimentation with J&K resulted in re-emergence of terrorism: Harsh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Holding the BJP regime responsible for the present crisis in J&K, Harsh Dev Singh, Chairman-JKNPP and former Minister, said that its imprudence and flawed policies had resulted in unabated bloodshed and mayhem claiming precious lives of innocents as well as security personnel.
 He said that terrorism had almost died down in J&K during the popular govts but the reckless experimentation of the present rulers resulted in gradual deterioration of the security scenario creating early 90's situation in the erstwhile state.
 Charging the BJP govt with treating J&K as a workshop and conducting weird experimentation over it during the last few years, Harsh said that such a flawed approach of

the centre had led to massive complications with an all-round disenchantment prevailing in the new UT as a consequence thereof. What was the rationale in breaking the oldest state and converting it into UTs?, questioned Singh.
 "Not only was the state demoted to the level of UT, but the people have been deprived of their right to have a democratically elected govt for the last more than 3 years. The Assembly having been suspended and consequently dissolved in 2018, the people are being subjected to proxy rule of the centre. A Domicile law which allows the outsiders to reside in J&K and to become its residents getting all the rights of 'state subject' has further added fuel to the fire. The growing alienation amongst the youth in particular is

being downplayed and disregarded. The entire focus of the BJP govt is on its political expansion deliriously oblivious of the growing tensions and escalation in terrorism in the UT. And while the killings of innocents has become a routine affair in J&K, the BJP leadership continues to harp on formation of govt in J&K and winning 50 seats therein without uttering a word to save the erstwhile Dogra state from death and destruction. It seems that the BJP wants to keep the pot boiling in J&K so that it could exploit the present situation as political firecracker in other states for its vote bank politics," asserted Harsh adding further the normalcy shall never be achieved as long as centre continued to rule J&K by proxy.

JJSF ends 3-day fast after performing Hawan

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Joint Students' Federation (JJSF) founder members, office bearers, students, staff and other prominent dignitaries paid tributes to the student martyrs of 1966, who had sacrificed their lives for the Jammu cause and performed Hawan for the peace of the departed souls.
 A number of JJSF volunteers, led by Pushvinder Singh Manhas (State President JJSF) and Atul Sudan, State Vice President JJSF paid floral tributes to the student martyrs of 1966 and then performed Hawan at Shaheedi Sthal, GGM Science College. JJSF volunteers also distributed Halwa Prasad on the occasion. Meanwhile Chairman JKNPP Prof Bhim Singh, Ravinder Tikoo Principal GGM Science College, Ranjit Singh Janwal, DN Mehta along with other dignitaries offered juice to Abhishek Sharma, Shubham Sakolia, Kanav Sharma and Anshul Choudhary who were fasting from October 16 in memory of 1966 student martyrs. Further addressing the media persons Pushvinder Singh (President JJSF) said that in 1966, the then government tried to shift the Agriculture College from Jammu to Kashmir (Sopore) and the students of GGM Science College started the agitation against this move of the government. Others who addressed gathering were Hari Dutt Sishu (JJSF Founder Member), Pratap Singh Janwal (Former JJSF Leader), Harpreet Singh (Former JJSF Leader), Vasu Dev Singh, Arun Dev Singh, Sunil Singh Chauhan Secretary JJSF, Rahul Sharma President GDC Samba, Ayush Singh President GDC Akhnoor, Harjot Singh President GDC RS Pura, Sourav Choudhary, Ajay Chambyal President Hiranagar Youth Union, Abhi Badyal Vice President Vice President Hiranagar Youth, Divyansh President SKAUST, Manav President GDC Khour, Deepak Singh President GDC Sidhra.

Amit Shah ensured advancement of J&K on path of development: Ashok Kaul

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JAMMU: With the removal of controversial Articles, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has ensured advancement of Jammu & Kashmir on the path of development, said J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul while addressing a meeting of BJP District Jammu West.
 BJP District Jammu West held a meeting of BJP State office bearers and District office bearers to discuss the arrangements of upcoming rally of Union Home Minister at Bhagwati Nagar.
 The meeting was chiefly addressed by J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul in the presence of J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, District Prabhari Karan Singh and District President Munish Khajuria.
 While addressing the meeting, Ashok Kaul said that as the Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address a huge public rally in Jammu on 24th October at ground adjoining 4th Bridge, Bhagwati Nagar, a specific responsibility lies on the shoulders of BJP

District Jammu West activists due to the rally location which lies in the said district.
 Kaul said that as this will be the first public rally of Amit Shah in Jammu after the abrogation of controversial Articles 370 & 35(a), this is surely a long sought event by the party activists and common masses.
 He said that the common masses of Jammu & Kashmir are really thankful to him and Modi for this rightful decision.
 Kaul during the meeting asked the party leaders from Jammu West to form teams and allot different responsibilities to the party activists for the successful conduct of the public rally. He said that every precaution will have to be taken to ensure the smooth and successful organization of the rally. Vibodh Gupta while discussing the rally arrangements also said that on 24th October on the birth anniversary of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra the party activists must also remember his contributions in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir who struggled for the total integration of J&K with the rest of India.

Deal effectively with menace of terrorism in Kashmir Valley: KPC

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Kundan Kashmiri, President KPC Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) expressed big concern over the constant selective killing of minorities in the valley, which include Kashmiri Pandits, Sikhs and non local Hindus from the last fortnight and such dastardly acts of these innocent killings through hit and run strategy by terrorists and other gun yielded youths is highly painful as these victims are not even related to the security and other activities confronting these killers. Kundan Kashmiri stated that this utter criminal and inhuman behaviour adopted by these killers on the dictates of their masters across the border and valley cannot be tolerated any more now by our nation of one hundred thirty

crore and having a strong army fifteen lakhs, so, warranting an effective proactive policy and adopt a befitting strategy to effectively deal with the menace of terrorism by UT and Central Government. He said that it has also become incumbent upon the Government to have this menace of terror wiped out from the union territory of J&K, once for all and any type of stumbling blocks should be dealt strongly and crush the descriptive and anti-nation forces in the valley to make environment of peace to live for all section of people.
 KPC President further stated that security forces need to be more alert and vigilant to eliminate these terrorists before reaching in villages and cities of union territory of J&K and local underground and

over ground workers are required to be identified, nailed and severely punished to contain any future recurrence as without their support neither the survival of terrorists are possible nor attacks on innocents. The Government should not wait more before it is too late. KPC also demanded that Pakistan be declared a terrorist country and Bangladesh leadership be asked to provide full security to Hindus and their religious places in Bangladesh. It also demanded the PM package employees posted in the valley should not be forced by the JK authorities to return to the valley for joining their duties till the situation improves. Other KPC leaders and activists including Tej Pandita, MK Raina, Sushel Ji Bhat and others also viewed the same.

Harmony India Awards 2021 featured Indian Harmonies Choir

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JAMMU: With its 7th edition, Harmony Cultural Foundation in association with Harmony India organised a musical evening with the theme of 'Celebrating the spirit of Jammu & Kashmir', this year featured the young budding talents from Jammu and Delhi and Indian Harmonies Choir from J&K. The Harmony India Award ceremony was followed by the choir performance.
 The programme was held at Teacher Bhawan, Jammu where many dignitaries like Nirupama Kotru IRS, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor Ministry of Coal Mines & Minority Affairs, GOI, Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta, Director Tourism JK UT, Vivekanand Rai graced the occasion and appreciated

the work flow and presentations, initiatives, projects carried by the Harmony Cultural Foundation throughout these years.
 New talents were featured this year from Jammu and Delhi, starting with performance was Harshita Pandita, she presented a Kashmiri folk song which was hugely appreciated by the audience, followed by the Bharatnatyam dance performance by Chhavi Koul on Saraswati Vandana. Vanshika Bhat mesmerised the audience with her melodious voice and won the appreciation & applause for her performance.
 Second part of the program featured the presentation by Indian Harmonies Choir from J&K who recently performed at Inaugural Ceremony of Anrutt Mahotsav and represented

J&K's music at global level in front of PM Modi, singer Hariharan, actor Anupam Kher.
 Founded in the year 2018, by singer-music composer Saurabh Zadoo, Indian Harmonies Choir of J&K, is a young & dynamic choir group from J&K state, which aims at propagating Indian poetry & folk-flore with the contemporary music.
 The choir group performed two poems of Dina Nath Nadim, vocals by Sagar Koul, Chhavi Koul, Prajwal Kaul, Himanshi Raina, Bhavik Pandit, Aakash Bhat, Sannat Koul, Anmol Raj, Vanshika Bhat, Khushi Kaul, Shriya Walli, Harshita Pandita, Srushti Raina. Music Composer Saurabh Zadoo couldn't attend the program due to some medical emergency.

First performance was Soun wattan followed by the new special release "Me Cham Aash Paghaeel" featuring the melodious Dr. Deepali Wattal.
 This poem 'Me Cham Aash Paghaeel' by Dina Nath Nadim revolves around the story of three different women with different hopes and their only fear.
 This year the Life time achievement award' for this year was conferred upon Zareef Ahmad Zareef, Sahitya Academy Awardee, a Kashmiri poet and writer, for his outstanding contribution in the field of Kashmiri Literature and Language.
 Shrestha Samman was conferred upon Veer Munshi, Kailash Mehra, Ravi Kemmu, Late Shadi Lal Koul (posthumously), Ravinder Kaul, Gokul

Dembi, Late Pandit Mohan Nirash (posthumously), Dr. Naseeb Singh Manhas and Ravi Dhar. The Samman was given in recognition of the outstanding contribution by personalities in their respective fields.
 State Icon Award was conferred upon Rajesh Raina in the field of Journalism. Community Icon Award conferred upon Sandhya Dhar and Sanjeev Pargal.
 'Yuva Puraskar' is being conferred upon Abdul Rashid in the field of Kashmiri Folk Instrumental Music.
 A special award will be given this year for Voluntary Service During Covid-19 to Dr Rohit Koul, Vikas Razdan, Bhavina Pandita & Ravinder Pandita who have been supporting hand during these unprecedented times.

Federation of Industries demands export subsidy for local industries

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JAMMU: Federation of Industries Jammu (FOIJ) has demanded export subsidy for export of products by manufactured by local units to other countries at par with export subsidy granted to eligible exporters of Handloom & Handicraft products from Jammu & Kashmir. In a press statement issued here, Lalit Mahajan, Co-Chairman FOIJ and President Bari Brahmna Industries Association (Regd) conveyed gratitude towards LG Manoj Sinha, Arun Kumar Mehta Chief Secretary J&K and Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, I&C Deptt for granting incentives to exporters of Handloom/ Handicraft goods to any country, 10 per cent of total value or upto Rs 5 crore,

whichever less.
 It is pertinent to mention here that a number of industrial units manufacturing various products in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir are not able to export the same to other countries due to locational disadvantages, higher raw material cost and road freight and it is the need of the hour to provide instant relief to Industrial units also by providing the Export subsidy at par with the Handicraft and Handloom Manufacturers/ Merchants. He urged LG Manoj Sinha to grant the export subsidy to all industrial units of Jammu & Kashmir at par with Handloom & Handicraft exporters for encouraging them to export their products to other countries.

District Statistics & Evaluation Office; District Food Safety department and checked the attendance of the staff.
 The DDC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Director Employment, besides other officials.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu on Monday informed that the power supply to Talab Tillo, Trilokpur, Bohri, Udheywala, Machelian, Marh, Gajansoo, GhoManhasan, Shahzadpur shall remain affected on October 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.
 Likewise, the power supply to Railway construction company load at Sumer shall remain affected on October 20 and 21 from 10 am to 5 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Jhajar Kotli, Dami, Churta, Suketar, Janakha, Samral, Katra, Mori, Dansal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 10 am to 4 pm.
 Likewise, the power to Vijaypur, Kolpur, Bhandral and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 8 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Bhalwal Mairpur, NS Pura Rajpurs, Najwal, Kanachak, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, Tirth/Talab, GREF, Gumpal, Saa No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 21 from 8 am to 2 pm.
 Likewise, the power to Roop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Housing Colony, Chinor, Durga Nagar, Buta Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Greater Kailash, JDA and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 6 am to 10 am.
 Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer O&M Circle, Jammu, JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Barnai, Natar Kotha, Lower Muthi, K.C. Door, PHE adjoining, Lower Barnai, Industrial Area and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Babliana and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Meanwhile, the power supply to Arnia and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 and 23 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Hakkal and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20, 21 and 23 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Likewise, the power supply to Kanachak and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Bathindi and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Likewise, the power supply to Dhamesh Nagar, Parts of Babliana and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on

October 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Shastri Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 However, the power supply to Patoli Brahmna, Gurha Brahmna, Ganesh Nagar, Sangrampur, Kailash Nagar, Gajey Singhpura, Patniyal, Swaran Vihar, Rajinder Nagar, Pattian, Keeran, Laxnipuram, Parshuram Temple, Gujjar Basti, Purkhoo Camp, Domana Police Station, Patoli, Toph, Shiv Mandir, Subash Nagar, Near Shop Factory, New Tara Vihar, Dream City, Lower barnai, Domal, Gajansoo Market, Galwade, Lale ki Mill, Kirpalpur, Bhudhuchak, Roop Nagar, Chinore, Laxnipuram, Paloura, Gujjar Basti, Radha Vihar, Udhaywala, RK Vihar, Sangrampur, Akalpur, Lower Shiv Nagar, Rajpura Park, Street No. 17, Bank Colony, Nandani, Sheera, Amar Colony, Marh, Sunnymavaliya, Harshato Kdiya, Ladour, Floura, Rehari, Gurha, Brahmna, Bakshi Nagar, Gurha Morh, Gurudwara and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 20 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 Similarly, the power supply to Machine Domana, Raipur Domana, Nagbani, Mandlik Nagar, BSF Camp, Patta Paloura and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Patil, Mir, Karra meet Rahul Gandhi; discuss current situation in J&K

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SRINAGAR: AICC Incharge J&K & MP, Rajani Patil, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Ghulam Ahmad Mir and CWC Member Tariq Hamid Karra on Monday met Rahul Gandhi in Union Capital and discussed current security situation in J&K. The meeting lasted for more than one hour, in which leaders debated and discussed the current security situation in J&K, besides civilians' killings and attack on non-local labourers came under discussion. The leaders expressed serious concern over deteriorating security situation in J&K and said Congress Party feels highly concerned about the safety of people while blaming the Centre Govt for failing to ensure safety of people. The loss of civilians is a matter of serious concern, Leaders added and urged the Centre Govt to take immediate effective measures to ensure safety of citizens. Many other issues of public importance also came under discussion.