

Satya Pal Malik's bribe charges: Youth Congress seeks action against 'corrupt' RSS/BJP leader, stages protest

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JAMMU: J&K Pradesh Youth Congress (PYC) on Tuesday staged a strong protest against the BJP Government on the statement given by former Governor of J&K Satya Pal Malik regarding the bribe offer of Rs 300 crore given to him by a BJP/RSS leader and Ambani, seeking stern action against the 'corrupt' leader and his or her ilk.

The Youth Congress activists under the leadership of Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&K YC assembled at the Press Club and raised slogans against the BJP Government at the Centre. They also voiced concern over ambiguous statements made by the Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to the UT without taking anything concrete action against the corrupt BJP/RSS leader for his attempt to bribe the former Governor of Jammu



PYC leaders raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

and Kashmir.

Talking to media persons, Uday Chib said that under the constitution of India both giving and taking bribe amounts to crime and after Satya Pal Malik, who held the prestigious gubernatorial post in the erstwhile state of J&K and is incumbent governor of Meghalaya, leveled charges against a 'corrupt' BJP/RSS leader and Ambani why the so-called corruption-free government of PM Narendra Modi is shirking to take

action. He also demanded that S.P. Malik should disclose the name of the 'corrupt' BJP/RSS leader to expose the black sheep in politics.

Uday Chib said that the BJP Government is shielding the corrupt party members which again is the height of corruption and should be condemned by one and all. Uday also condemned central dispensation for abetting people to hoard black money in Swiss Banks. Quoting media reports, Uday men-

tioned that funds of Indians parked in Swiss banks grew to over Rs 20700 crore at the end of 2020 from Rs 6,625 crore at the end of 2019 which clearly shows how much the BJP government was successful in bringing back the black money from foreign countries. He asked BJP leadership to stop befooling people of the country any more failing which the people will teach a lesson to BJP in the forthcoming elections.

Among those who joined the protest include Ricky Dalotra Vice President JKPYC, Sahil Singh Langleh General Secretary JKPYC, Latish Sharma, Divyansh Jamwal and Manpreet Singh JKPYC Secretaries, Happy Randhawa DYC President, Aju Manhas Vice President DYC, Ankush Sharma General Secretary DYC, Sunny Jatt and Ankush Sharma AYC President.

Lecture on 'Present Scenario of Jammu Kashmir & Role of Society' held

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JAMMU: On the eve of 75th year of Accession of Jammu Kashmir with India, Department of History, University of Jammu in collaboration with Centre for Ladakh and Jammu Kashmir Studies organized one day public lecture on 'Present Scenario of Jammu Kashmir and Role of Society'.

Prafulla Ketkar, Editor Organiser (Weekly) was main speaker on the occasion while Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar, VC, University of Jammu was the chairperson.

Prof. Suman Jamwal, HoD, Department of History said that very soon we are going to have an Oral History Cell which would go a long way in the retrieval and construction of a fresh history of the region. Advocate Harshwardhan Gupta, Secretary, CLJKS gave brief introduction of the Centre which is a think tank and dedicated to objective research on different issues of Jammu and Kashmir. Prafulla Ketkar said the in Indian civilization every-



Prafulla Ketkar, Editor Organiser (Weekly); Prof Manoj Dhar, VC, JU and others releasing a brochure.

day has its own importance but keeping this traditional continuity the importance of 26th October i.e. Accession Day of J&K becomes more significant in making the Idea of Bharat a living reality in context of Jammu and Kashmir. Highlighting the role J&K in the civilizational development of India, he emphasized that since the time immemorial Jammu and Kashmir is Bharat, the geographic, historical and cultural continuity of Jammu Kashmir with Bharat can be identified in multiple ways. He stressed that Jammu Kashmir had remained a pious land where Great Rishis like Kashyap, Acharya Abhinavagupta, Baba Jitto,

Lalleshwari, Nund Rishi have worshipped. He also the highlighted the role of Maharaja Ranjit Dev, Maharaja Gulab Singh, General Zorawar Singh, Maharaja Ranbir Singh, Maharaja Hari Singh, Brig. Rajinder Singh and others who made every possible effort in the keeping the unity and integrity of J&K with Bharat.

Since 1930s, in J&K there had always been struggle of nationalists forces who always stood against those destructive forces which tried to challenge Idea of Bharat. Under the shadow of article 370 and article 35A these communal and separatist forces remained active in the J&K.

As a result, the voices of

nationalist people were suppressed for decades. In order to keep the spirit of Indianness alive, we need to save the Idea of Bharat in J&K.

Today when whole nation is celebrating 75years of independence, it becomes our moral duty to remind and pay our sincere tribute to those freedom fighters and their motivational force who made supreme sacrifices in this context.

He reminded the pivotal role of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra and Shyam Prasad Mookerjee in the process of integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India. Ketkar said that integration is evolving process it is still continuous. 26th October 1947, 5th August 2019, amendment in Article 370 and abrogation of Article 35A are not only constitutional developments but important landmarks in this integration process. All the constitutional developments in J&K after 5th August 2019 are strengthening the process of democratization and leading towards integration of J&K with India.

Randhawa distributes ration among beneficiaries of PMGKAY



Former MLC, Ch. Vikram Randhawa distributing ration.

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JAMMU: Former Member Legislative Council and Secretary Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP), Ch. Vikram Randhawa who is also the convenor of Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY) on Tuesday distributed ration among the beneficiaries of the abovementioned scheme at Satwari Panchayat in Gandhi Nagar assembly segment.

While speaking on the occasion, Randhawa said that the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra

Modi is committed to provide food to all and keeping this thing in mind the PMGKAY was launched amid ongoing pandemic which has benefited 80 crore families of the nation. Randhawa said that BJP is committed for the welfare and upliftment of all sections of the society and as the pandemic forced people to stay indoors the party decided to provide food to the most affected lot of the society who were daily bread earners.

He said that the daily bread earners were left jobless and cashless.

"Keeping their sufferings in mind BJP decided to provide them food so that these families are saved from starvation", Randhawa added.

"Feeding 80 crore families is not an easy cake but still the Prime Minister of India was determined to go ahead with this scheme which has proved a boon for those living Below Poverty Line (BPL). It has proved that the government at the Centre is pro-poor people", Randhawa said.

He further said that there scores of welfare schemes for the downtrodden section of the society and urged upon the people to come forward and avail the benefits of the people friendly schemes launched by the Modi government.

Others who were present on the occasion include Naib Sarpanch Avtar Singh Chib, Mitlesh Charak Panch, Ashu Gupta Panch, Prithvi Singh Ward President and Harpal Singh.

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JAMMU: On the Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir (26 October) Union Minister Prahalad Singh Patel, Jal Shakti Minister paid tribute to Maharaj Hari Singh at BJP Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here. Prahalad Patel, while paying tributes to the great Maharaja, said that the works of Maharaja are not only limited to the state of Jammu & Kashmir but his works are part of India's legacy.

He said that the thoughts of Maharaja about social equality, primary education and other reforms were ahead of time and at the same time his contributions in opposing the regime of British are also exemplary.

He said that although the elder generation is aware of the facts and the sacrifices made, it is our duty to pass on this legacy and history to the younger generations so that they also are aware of our proud history and culture.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 begins in POWERGRID

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna company under Ministry of Power, Government of India, is observing Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity from 26th October to 1st November, 2021 in all its offices falling under Northern Region Transmission System-II.

During this week, several programmes are being organized for creating awareness amongst masses, youth, employees and their family members, highlighting evils of corruption and its impact on society. At Regional Headquarters, Jammu, a pledge was administered virtually to all its employees by K. Sreekant, CMD, POWERGRID.



ED NRTS-II, Kailash Rathore addressing a Vendors' meet.

Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, NRTS-II addressed the employees and reiterated the value of practicing virtues of integrity and honesty in all spheres of life.

An e-pledge counter has also been setup wherein employees are being administered integrity e-pledge through the CVC website. Earlier vendors meet was also organised through virtual mode which was attended by representatives of twenty companies and site in-

charges of NRTS-II. During the meet, various issues were deliberated and suggestions were sought from participants for further improvements. A speech competition was also organized for the spouses of male employees on the topic Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity.

Amandeep, Pinky, Anuradha and Supriyaware adjudged first second, third and fourth respectively in this competition.

Karma Sonam receives NatWest Group Earth Heroes Inspire Award 2021

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LEH: Karma Sonam, field manager with the Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), has received the prestigious NatWest Group Earth Heroes Inspire Award 2021.

The NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards, year on year, recognizes extraordinary individuals/institutions whose efforts have left a significant mark on wildlife and habitat conservation. Having worked in Eastern Ladakh for almost 15 years, Karma Sonam has contributed immensely towards furthering community-based conservation efforts in 17 villages of the landscape. "Our aim is that the community's livelihood stays sustainable and that humans and wildlife co-exist peacefully



ly and harmoniously", Karma says. In his capacity as a field manager, he has successfully implemented interventions to mitigate the human-wildlife conflict that exists in Rong Valley and areas of the Changthang region. The Livestock Security Program and Corral Reinforcement initiative have helped compensate for losses incurred by the communities due to predation. Reserves have been left free from grazing with the community's support, to help increase the population of species like the Tibetan Argali, Ladakh Urial, Bharal, and Tibetan Gazelle, one of

the rare species in the landscape in need of conservation. Karma Sonam has also been instrumental in implementing the Shangdong to Stupa initiative where Shangdongs, traditional wolf traps, are neutralized and a Stupa, a holy buddhist structure, is built next to it to reaffirm the community's commitment to peaceful existence with the wildlife.

Adding to his role as a conservationist, Karma Sonam has also helped run education programs for children in 15 years at NCF. His strong dedication to conservation stems from his love for nature and wildlife and his work over the years has inspired communities including more than 3000 kids and youth.

CISF remembers its Bravehearts at National Police Memorial

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NEW DELHI: To celebrate 75 years of the India's Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to commemorate the martyrs of Police and CAPFs, a 10 days long commemorative event is being organized at National Police Memorial (NPM), Chanakyapuri, New Delhi from 22nd to 30th October, 2021 for paying tributes to the martyrs of Police and CAPFs and to felicitate their families at the National Police Memorial (NPM) at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. CISF commemorated the supreme sacrifice made by its valiant bravehearts by organizing a day long grand ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri and



CISF officers posing with family members of bravehearts.

CISF HQs, New Delhi.

A total of 126 martyrs of CISF who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, and 52 frontline Covid warriors who lost their lives in the line of duty during the Corona pandemic were commemorated on the occasion.

In the morning session, family members of the CISF martyrs, Sr. Officers and personnel of CISF paid homage to the

martyrs by offering flower petals at the Central Sculpture, NPM, and the martyrs' families also visited the 'Wall of Valour' where the names of all the martyrs of CAPF and police, who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation are engraved in stone.

The families were then given a tour of the Police Museum and were shown the short video films that were prepared by the

CISF as a tribute to martyrs and on the diverse role of CISF on national security. Later the families of the Martyrs of CISF were felicitated by the Senior Officers.

In the afternoon session, M. A. Ganapathy, DG, CISF felicitated the families of CISF Martyrs in a function organised at Lawn's of CISF HQs, New Delhi. In his address, Ganapathy remembered the

courage and valour of CISF Martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

In the evening session, M. A. Ganapathy, DG, CISF visited NPM, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi and laid wreath at the Central Sculpture and paid tributes to the martyrs. Open air display of movies on freedom struggle, valour and sacrifice of CAPF personnel, and the invaluable contributions of CAPF and Police Bravehearts in the service of the nation were showcased. A retreat ceremony was also organized on the occasion and an attractive band display was performed by CISF's band team. Senior Officers, personnel and families of CISF of Delhi-NCR based Units were present on the occasion.

National Executive meeting of IJU held, demands PCI reform, minimum facilities

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HYDERABAD: The two-day national executive committee meeting of the Indian Journalists Union (IJU), that concluded at Hyderabad, rigorously discussed various burning issues concerning the practitioners of journalism across India and emphasized on effective safety & security to journalists, reforms in Press Council of India (PCI) and basic minimum facilities to the media fraternity sustaining the spirit under freedom of the press to serve the largest democracy on the globe. Chaired by IJU president K. Sreenivas Reddy, the two-day meet, where representatives from almost all States and Union Territories of India including Tsewang Rigzin from Ladakh and Nava Thakuria from Assam participated, expressed serious concern over killings of journalists by anti-social elements and filing of cases against journalists and media houses to



IJU National Executive Committee members posing for group-photograph after meeting at Hyderabad.

give a signal to them to fall in line or face the music. The Union urged the authorities to probe the murders of five journalists till date in 2021 and provide adequate compensations to the victim families.

The meeting appealed to the Union government to declare working journalists as frontline warriors and sanction compensation to all victims in media in the country, which should be in exclusion to the compensatory amount of money, declared by various State governments.

The national union of

scribes also urged the provincial governments, where journalists succumbed to the corona virus invasion, to announce compensatory packages to the victim families. Expressing concern over the growing number of attacks on journalists and media organizations in different parts of the country, the IJU meet demanded a specific law to deal with such situations applicable across India. The union also urged the Government not to misinterpret and misuse various laws with an aim to harass media houses not falling in line.

The IJU has denounced the dictatorial and unlawful activities of the outgoing Chairman of the Press Council of India Justice C. K. Prasad and demanded the restoration of credibility of the Council with rightful representation to the National Unions. The IJU reiterated its demand to widen the PCI with the inclusion of electronic media and digital media and renaming it as Media Council of India. The IJU has also demanded reinstatement of the Working Journalists Act with more favourable provisions

encompassing wages, wage revisions, job security, pension benefits and the whole gamut of working conditions for working journalists in the country. The meet, in a resolution passed unanimously, termed the amalgamation of the Working Journalists Act, 1955., into a code, where working journalists are bundled along with sales representatives, as dangerous to the democracy. As clarified by the Supreme Court, the freedom of press in India is inherently laid down in the constitutionally guaranteed rights to the freedom of expression.

Union minister for tourism, culture and development of north-eastern region (DoNER) Gangapuram Kishan Reddy also graced the occasion, where he agreed to initiate supports to corona-media victims and pragmatic actions for the welfare and assured all possible supports to media persons of the newly born Telangana State.