

Delhi rubbing salt on wounds of Jammu: Prof Hari Om

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JAMMU: The ruling BJP has been rubbing salt on the wounds of the bleeding nation and humiliating Jammu almost on a daily-basis in its desperate bid to further pamper, appease and please the Jihad-gripped Kashmir ignoring the dangerous ramifications of what it has been doing. Its latest recommendation made through the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO that Srinagar city should be added to the list of the UNESCO creative cities network for its "commitment to placing culture and creativity at the heart of their development and to sharing knowledge and good practices" and its acceptance by the UNESCO on November 8 should leave none in any doubt whatsoever that an insidious influence was at work to defeat the great objective of the August 2019 reform scheme by an unholy alliance between certain compromised elements in the administration and protagonists of jihad in Kashmir.

All this was stated by the patron of Ikkjutt Jammu, Prof Hari Om, while calling the bluff of the so-called nationalistic BJP and exposing its double-speak and appease-Kashmir policy.

He was addressing presspersons at the party headquarters in Jammu.

"It must remain a matter of shame that the BJP government at the centre further rewarded Srinagar whose leadership is known for converting the city into a den of anti-India intrigues and conspiracies and into the capital



Patron of Ikkjutt Jammu, Prof Hari Om addressing a press conference.

of secessionists of all hues; throwing out lock, stock and barrel the non-Muslim minorities, including the original inhabitants, Hindus, or converting it into a one-community region; maiming, lynching and murdering the leftover members of the minority communities and security forces personnel and attacking the symbols of the Indie civilization and Indian state; and which calls all the non-Kashmiri Indians aliens, aggressors and oppressors and openly and in a most brazen manner makes common cause with China, Pakistan and Taliban in Afghanistan and vouches for Islamic rule and Shari laws," said Prof Hari Om while tearing into the BJP and its government at the centre.

The Ikkjutt Jammu patron said by making the UNESCO include Srinagar in its list of creative cities network, the Union Government not only accorded dangerous respectability to the cult of jihad and politics of

exclusion in Kashmir, but also insulted, humiliated, taunted and let down Jammu.

Prof Hari Om said, "It's Jammu city which created mighty Dogra kingdom in the 19th century consisting of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. It's Jammu which fought against and defeated again and again secessionists in Kashmir after 1846. It's Jammu which sacrificed all its rights and interests and acceded the whole of the state to India in October 1947. It's was Jammu which has been fighting for the national cause in the state and making supreme sacrifices for the nation in this strategic region since 1947. It's Jammu which is known as the Indian capital of refugees, all victims of jihad, as it welcomed and accommodated cheerfully the refugees from Pakistan, PoJK and Kashmir, in 1947, 1947-1949 and 1990, and continues to do so even today, ignoring its paramount socio-economic and politi-

cal rights and interests. It's Jammu which abolished the obnoxious Begar system in 1919; handed down modern education and justice systems; introduced agrarian reforms to grant proprietary rights to even small and marginal farmers; introduced social reforms to eradicate angularities between castes; and threw open wells and temples for all; and promoted art, literature, architecture and Indian civilization".

The Ikkjutt Jammu patron added that Jammu constitutes that region in the country which is known for its valour, sacrifices, tolerance, brotherhood and peaceful co-existence.

He bemoaned that New Delhi, instead of appreciating its geo-strategic position, role, sacrifices and splendid contributions, has been consistently stabbing Jammu from the back and appeasing Srinagar.

Enough is enough, said Prof Hari Om, adding that Jammu can't lead the life of servitude any longer. He said: Jammu must be separated from Kashmir and granted the full state status without any further delay so that its citizens lead a dignified and secure life and manage their own social, cultural, economic and administrative affairs and matters themselves and achieve the status Jammu and its citizens legitimately deserve in the polity of the country.

Others present were Ashwani Sharma, Sanjeev Chib, Harish Kapoor, Vir Vikram, Ajay Singh Saini, Rajinder Jaswal, Manik Jamwal, Virender Abrol and Mukesh Gupta.



Timely compensation being provided to farmers under Modi Govt: Sukhnandan

'DAP manure will be soon available to J&K farmers'

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JAMMU: Chambal DAP manure will soon be available to J&K farmers as first consignment of the same is set to reach Jammu today itself, said former Minister and Chairman J&K BJP Panchayati Raj Cell Sukhnandan Choudhary.

Sukhnandan accompanied by BJP Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta and Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra was addressing a press conference at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here to highlight the availability of the manure and compensation for the damaged crops in the region.

Choudhary said that the 2nd rack of the IPL DAP rack will also reach Jammu within 2-3 days, while adding that 3rd rack of IFFCO DAP is also set to reach Jammu before 20th November. He vehemently thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his primary concern to the issues of the farmers.

He said that there was some scarcity in the availability of the manure particularly DAV manure to the farmers. He mentioned that with the efforts of union MoS PMO Dr. Jatindra Singh, he called upon the Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemical and Fertilizers of India L. Mansukh Mandaviya in Delhi to discuss the plight of



Chairman J&K BJP Panchayati Raj Cell, Sukhnandan Choudhary talking to reporters.

the farmers.

He also appreciated the role of Agriculture Commissioner Naveen Choudhary for his commitment shown in the issue.

"One Rack of Chambal DAP manure will reach here today and IPL DAP manure of 2nd Rack will be loaded soon to reach Jammu in some more days. 3rd Rack of IFFCO DAP manure will also reach Jammu mostly before 20th of November. Farmers will be able to sow their next crops in time", Choudhary said.

Sukhnandan also emphasized on the damage to the crops in whole of the Jammu & Kashmir and particularly talked about the damage to the crops of the farmers from Jammu region due to the recent hailstorm. He said that the Prime Minister was much worried over the farmer's condition and essentially guided the immediate measures to provide

relief to the farmers.

He also said that work is being done very fast to provide compensation to the farmers for their loss of crops and 1st payment will be released mostly today in the farmers account itself. He thanked PM Modi for the same. He noted that this is the first time that timely compensation is being provided to the farmers and this could be done only with the special consideration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He reiterated that the BJP government under dispensation of Modi is committed to uplift the socio-economic status of the farmers. He also appreciated the prompt working by procurement Mandis to acquire Kharif crop while saying that this timely procurement will help in the timely sowing of Rabi crops with the timely provision of manure.

Delegation of Srinagar Bar calls on President J&K HC Bar Association

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JAMMU: To discuss a number of common issues faced by lawyers in both the region of the Union Territory, a delegation of J&K High Court Bar Association Srinagar, led by its Chairman, Nazir Ahmad Ronga called on the President, J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, M K Bhardwaj. Other members of association including Mohinder Pal Singh Palli (Vice-President), Surjeet Singh Andotra (General Secretary), Aditya Sharma (Joint Secretary) and Amandeep Singh (Treasurer) from Jammu while Bashir from Srinagar Bar were also present on the occasion.

During the meeting,



Srinagar Bar members during meeting with Jammu Bar President Senior Advocate M.K Bhardwaj.

threadbare discussions were held on a number of issues and it was unanimously accepted that issues concerning members of legal fraternity will

be raised before appropriate forums jointly, especially those related to registration work, DRT issue, Consumer Forum, CAT etc.

Special Excise Mobile Magistrate rejects bail plea of habitual offender

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JAMMU: Special Excise Mobile Magistrate Jammu Umesh Sharma has rejected three bail applications of one Rakesh, son of Vinod Bawa, accused in three different cases bearing Nos 1676/2021 pertaining to FIR 216/2021 of Police Station Nagrota, 1716/2021 pertaining to FIR 301/2021 of Police Station Nagrota and 1717/2021 pertaining to FIR 248/2021 of Police Station Bahu Fort, all under sections 357 and 380 of IPC. Counsel for accused Adv Sudesh Sharma argued that the custody of applicant is no more required as accused is already in the judicial custody adding that offences alleged against the accused are not so grave or of serious nature.

APP Yogesh Bamba appearing for UT said that accused is a habitual offender and involved in multiple FIRs of similar nature and investigations are simultaneously going on, as such his bail applications should not be allowed.

The Special Excise Mobile Magistrate, after hearing counsels for both sides, held that mere factum of accused being in judicial custody cannot entitle him to seek bail especially when he is involved in multiple cases and when investigations are simultaneously going on. He further held that the accused resides outside the UT of Jammu and Kashmir hence there is every apprehension that in case accused is released on bail, he may flee away from clutches of law. In view of facts discussed above, the Special Excise Mobile Magistrate rejected bail applications.

PIL seeking closure of 59 un-registered dairies/establishment of Goushala

DB expresses anguish over non-filing of compliance report by JMC, imposes cost of Rs 15,000

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh comprising Chief Justice, Pankaj Mithal and Justice Puneet Gupta while expressing its deep anguish/ displeasure over non-filing of compliance report by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in terms of order dated March 18, 2021 read with order dated August 18, 2021 whereby the Division Bench had directed the counsel for JMC to seek instructions and to make a statement on the instructions from JMC regarding time-frame within which unauthorized dairies shall be removed from municipal limits and proposed Goushala (Cattle Pound) would be made operational after completing all necessary formalities. The DB had further directed that counsel for JMC will also submit a complete blueprint in this regard. The similar directions were

reiterated on August 18, 2021 when the counsel for JMC sought adjournment and accordingly, it was allowed further four weeks time to comply with the order dated March, 18, 2021.

Division Bench headed by Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal after hearing Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocates Supriya Chouhan, Mohd Zulkarnain Chowdhary & Advocate Sayed Majid Shah, appearing for petitioner in the much publicized PIL filed by an NGO-SAVE (PIL No. 25/2017) through its Chairperson Devinder Kour Madaan alias Rumpy Madaan, took serious note of non-filing of compliance report as counsel for JMC further sought adjournment to enable him to report compliance of orders dated March 18,

2021 and August 18, 2021.

Upon this, the Division Bench headed by Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal reluctantly granted 2 weeks time to Advocate Harshvardhan Gupta, appearing for JMC to file JMC's response subject to the payment of costs of Rs 15,000 which has to be deposited in the registry of the High Court on or before the next date. The DB further directed that response shall be filed on affidavit by Municipal Commissioner and none else and in case, such a response is not filed within the time provided, the Municipal Commissioner shall personally appear before the Court on the next date.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate S S Ahmed vehemently argued that JMC is non-serious

towards relocation of unregistered/illegal dairies and there is no progress towards establishment of modern Goushala and it is unfortunate that JMC has miserably failed to report compliance of orders dated March 18, 2021 and August 18, 2021. Advocate Ahmed vociferously argued that JMC Commissioner and Municipal Veterinary Officer be directed to appear in person to explain their conduct in taking orders of the Court lightly, particularly regarding slow pace of establishment of Goushala. He further submitted that earlier JMC's Municipal Veterinary Officer had visited Haridwar, Gurugram and other important Goushalas in order to have similar Goushala in

Jammu while 97 Kanals of land at village Seri Khurd (Nagrota) has been earmarked for aforesaid purpose. He further submitted that despite availability of funds, JMC is lackadaisical towards establishment of modern Goushala and there is also no headway towards relocation of the unregistered/illegal dairies.

Advocate Harshvardhan appearing for JMC tried to resist submissions of Advocate S S Ahmed and requested DB that there were certain developments which delayed filing of compliance report and further submitted that cost of Rs 15,000 may not be imposed upon JMC and he be granted a short adjournment to file compliance report of previous orders. However, the DB headed by Chief Justice did not concede to the prayer made by the counsel for JMC.

DB seeks fresh status report regarding time-period for removal of encroachments from forest land

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh comprising its Chief Justice, Pankaj Mithal and Justice Puneet Gupta directed Deputy AG to file a fresh compliance/status report within a month with full details, especially in relation to the matters referred to above with clear indication to the time within which the entire forest land would be made free from encroachments and steps which the Forest Department intends to take that in future no encroachment would be permitted on forest land.

When the PIL came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that in this Public Interest Litigation, it has come to record that there are 127 encroachers upon the forest land as identified by Forest Department. Accordingly, directions were issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch to provide requi-

site support to ensure eviction of these encroachers from forest land. It was also directed that the Deputy Commissioner, Poonch shall hold joint meeting with the Divisional Forest Officer Poonch and SSP Poonch, so as to draw an action plan to get the land freed from encroachers. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest was required to provide requisite funds for the removal of such encroachers.

Deputy AG Ayyaz Lone, appearing for the Forest Department has drawn the attention of the Court to compliance report filed by the divisional Forest Officer, Poonch on 21st September, 2020 to show that the Forest Department is not sleeping over the matter and that 12 encroachers have been evicted from the forest land as a consequence of which about 409 Kanals and 17 Marlas of land have been retrieved. Upon this Division Bench said that the aforesaid

report is completely silent as to the action which may have been taken against the remaining encroachers.

It does not even specify area of the land, which has been retrieved from each of 12 encroachers, who have been evicted.

The report does not even discloses if 127 encroachers identified are disputing that they are not encroachers rather authorized occupants of land which is not a forest land or if disputes in this regard are pending before any competent authority and directed Deputy AG to file a fresh compliance/status report with full details especially in relation to the matters referred to above with clear indication as to the time within which the entire forest land would be made free from encroachments and the steps which the Forest Department intends to take that in future no encroachment would be permitted on forest land.

EJAC seeks regularisation of adhoc, temporary employees

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JAMMU: J&K Employees Joint Action (EJAC) held a daylong session at Srinagar on Tuesday, which was presided over by its President Mohd Rafique Rather and attended by a number of members. During the meeting, a number of important issues related to employees were discussed threadbare.

On the occasion, it was

decided that a representation containing all pending issues, highlighted in detail, shall be submitted to the Government.

It was also decided that issues of non-disbursal of salary to most of PSUs for last several months, would be taken up with the concerned authorities to seek immediate redressal.

The participants also discussed issue regarding

regularisation of adhoc, daily-wagers, consolidated employees, who are facing a lot of hardships. The participants urged Government to release pending salary of all employees working in different PSUs and formulate a comprehensive policy for regularisation of all adhoc and temporary employees at the earliest.

On the occasion, President EJAC Rafique

Rather nominated Sajad Ahmad Parry, Sr leader EJAC and President Daily-Wagers United Forum as General Secretary, which was endorsed by all senior leaders and unit heads in one voice. Rather also hailed contributions of outgoing General Secretary, Khurshed Ahmad Bhat, who is retiring from services this month.

JAMMU: A number of activists of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) led by its President, Ashok Gupta took out a protest rally in Jammu city to condemn recent killings in Kashmir. Raising anti-Pak slogans, the activists also burnt Pakistani flag as a mark of resentment against the rogue nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Gupta said that targeting minorities is an act of cowardice. "We want stern action against anti-national forces to prevent similar attacks in future," he



DFSS activists burning Pakistan's Flag during a protest.

added.

On Monday, a civilian Mohd Ibrahim Khan was

shot by terrorists outside a shop in Bohri Kadal area in downtown Srinagar, who

was a salesman, working at a shop owned by Sandeep Mawa, a Kashmiri Pandit businessman. He further stated that Pakistan and its terrorists will never mend their way, as it is known to all that The Resistance Force (TRF) is a new face of Lashkar-e-Toiba to spread its propaganda. Earlier, a day before, a 29-year-old policeman was shot dead by terrorists in Batmaloo area. Those who were present in the protest included Abhishek, Deepu, Kalu, Prem, Bantu, Ramesh, Aman, Charan, Avnet and Taran.