

# Congress pays tributes to Indira Gandhi on 104th Birth Anniversary

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JAMMU: The Congress party on Friday paid rich tributes to Former Prime Minister Lt. Indira Gandhi on her 104th Birth Anniversary.

Former Minister Raman Bhalla, Vice President PCC, Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC & InCharge District President Jammu (U) and PCC & DCC J (U) leaders remembered the former PM for her contributions and achievements.

They paid tributes to her statue at Indira Chowk in a small ceremony organised by Councillor Ritu Choudhary.

They then paid floral tributes to her at the Congress office in Shaheedi Chowk to celebrate her legacy. Calling her an exemplary leader; they recalled her contributions to the economy, foreign affairs, and nation building.

Born on 19 November, 1917, Indira Gandhi served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977 and then again from 1980 to 1984. She was the first and the only female PM India has seen and was often known as the 'Iron Lady'.

Former Minister Raman Bhalla recalled Indira Gandhi as one of the most powerful and inspirational figures in Indian history, saying that the



Senior Congress leaders paying tributes to Indira Gandhi.

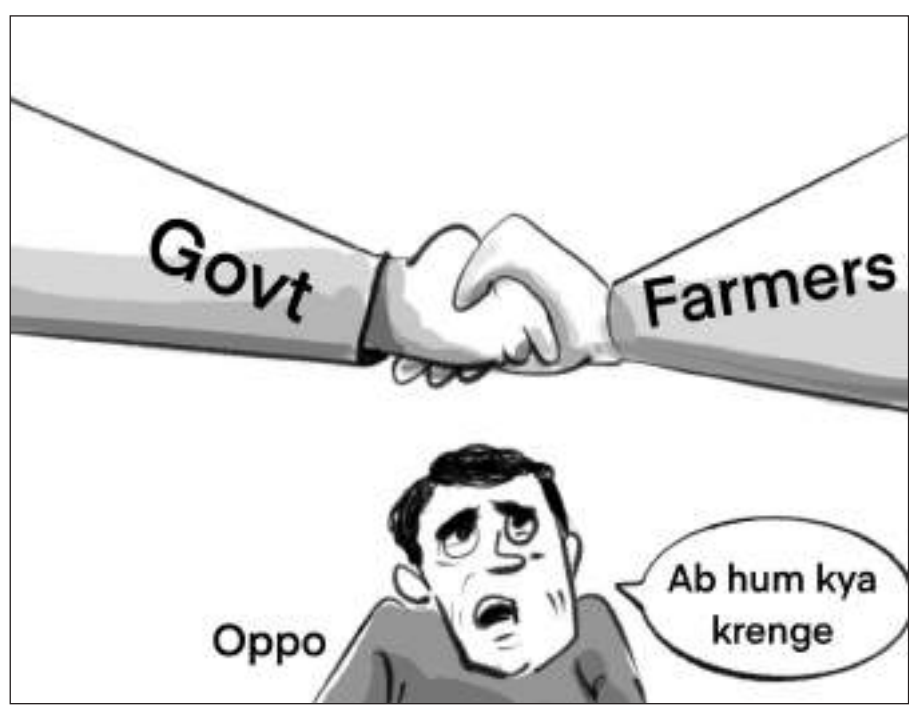
former prime minister played an important role in establishing India as a strong country. During her tenure as Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi took many decisions which changed the course of India's history. There is a huge contribution of Smt. Indira Gandhi in the strong position that India enjoys today. Some of the notable decisions that she took during her reign included the nationalisation of banks and abolishing the privy purses of the princely states in the country. She led a life of conviction and courage and made countless contributions to the economy, social sector, agriculture particularly through the green revolution, foreign

affairs, and to world peace and disarmament. Throughout her political life, she made the tough choices that were necessary for guaranteeing a strong, secular nation that lived up to its socialist ideals. It was due to her efforts that the word 'secular' was added to the Preamble of the Constitution of India. She believed in the principle of all religion harmony. We must keep that spirit of secularism alive in our hearts, our politics and nation and commit to fighting the forces which seek to uproot these seeds of secularism. The Congress party workers will continue to stand in the support of people at the grass-roots level to raise serious issues. The

anti-people policies of the BJP government must be countered with the secular and inclusive values taught by Indira Gandhi.

Speaking at the event, Yogesh Sawhney remembered her for her strong will and courage in leading the country and impressive leadership. On her birth anniversary we pay homage to India's first female Prime Minister who led with great love for the country and a commitment to take the nation at the greatest heights, he said. Her unflinching dedication and determination towards the nation's progress serves as an inspiration to us.

Senior Congress leaders Kanta Bhan, Th. Balwan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, Swaran Singh, Sanjeev Panda, Shashi Sharma, Gajjan Singh, Karan Bhagat, Rajbir Singh, Rickey Dalotra, Sahil Sharma, Rajeev Saraf, Kapil Chib, Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Uttam Singh, Vijay Malhotra, Vinod Kholi, Rajesh Sharma, Chandreshkhar Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Satpal Sapolia, Jatin Vashisht, Balbir Kumar, Rakesh Sharma, Tamanna Heer, Chanchal Dogra, paras ram bloria Gagan Bral, Vipin Sharma, Rakesh Sharma Sanjay Manhas, and Rakesh Chopra attended the function and paid tributes to the former Prime Minister.



# Minority Welfare initiatives of BJP Govt signify PM's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishvas: Darakhshan Meets Goa CM, urges for formulation of Goa Waqf Board

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GOA: BJP National Executive Member, Party Spokesperson & Chairperson of Waqf Development Committee of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Friday had a meeting with Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant at Panjim. She was accompanied by CWC members Haneef Ali, T O Naushad and Waseem R Khan.

The delegation of Central Waqf Council inspected Sufi shrines and assets & properties of the Minority community in Goa State and also held many meetings with the state departmental heads & field management staff.

The delegation also visited many minority areas and talked to the cross section of people.

Later Dr Andrabi shared the field inputs with the Chief Minister and expressed her satisfaction over the minority welfare in the state.

She urged upon the Chief Minister to formulate a full-fledged State level Waqf Board in Goa as per the Central Waqf Act.

In this connection a roadmap document was also



Chairperson of Waqf Development Committee, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi and others during a meeting.

presented to Sawant.

Dr Andrabi was assured by the Chief Minister that the observations of CWC will be considered seriously and a decision will be taken soon.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi thanked CM for creation of a conducive inclusive developmental environment in Goa where the Prime Minister's 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas & Sabka Vishvas' is seen everywhere in practicality.

Sawant informed the delegation that programmes & schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs have transformed the lives of minorities in the state.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi asked the Chief Minister to issue orders to the Social welfare Ministry to shift to

digital mode of working for implementation of all Minority schemes & welfare so that transparency is ensured.

Later speaking to media at Panji, Dr Andrabi said that BJP has succeeded in creating an all-inclusive developmental environ in India where no discrimination on religious, regional, linguistic or ethnic grounds is allowed.

"Minorities oppose us as their politics of division are challenged by our inclusive political ideology. Objectively they fail to oppose BJP but then try to incite communities & groups on fake and false propaganda to nourish their divisive politics. But people have rejected their politics of hate," said Dr Andrabi.

# Petition challenging nullification of alienation of lands under SWP: HC grants four weeks time to file objections

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JAMMU: In a petition, challenging Communication/order issued by office of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) (Respondent No. 2) bearing No. LS/Misc-288/2020 dated October 22, 2020 regarding 'Grant of permission for alienation of land recorded as 'Gair Mumkin Khad' whereby all permissions for alienation of lands granted under State Water Policy (SWP) and Plan adopted vide SRO 456 dated October 25, 2017 and consequent transactions were declared invalid and void ab initio and it was further directed that no transactions for alienation of such lands shall ever be admitted for registration, Justice Sindhu Sharma of J&K High Court after hearing Adv Sakal Bhushan with Rahul Sharma granted four weeks time to file objections. Court further ordered that in case the objections are not

filed, the matter will be considered on merits of case. During the course of hearing, Adv Sakal Bhushan submitted that communication/order is based upon an opinion of Senior Additional Advocate General dated July 28,, 2020 as stated therein itself. The aforesaid opinion is in turn based on wrong understanding of provisions of J&K Big Landed Estates Abolition Act, Svt. 2007 (1950 AD), hereinafter referred to as 'BLEA'. What has been ignored is the fact that Section 3 of BLEA itself had stated that aforesaid Act will not apply to 'any land which is occupied as site of a town or village and is not assessed to land revenue'. Therefore, reliance on any provision of the BLEA, in legal opinion and communication/order based thereon, is utterly misconceived and deserves to be withdrawn.

He further submitted that 'as

a matter of fact, many colonies of Jammu Development Authority, J&K Housing Board and private colonizers have been built on the lands recorded as Khads like Roop Nagar, Bantalab, Birpur, Channi Himmat, Sainik Colony, Greater Kailash etc. The communication/order dated October 22, 2020 issued by the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) has cast cloud on status of all these lands which caused a panic amongst the people of J&K as it has the effect of disturbing economy of the people who cannot alienate their lands now and banks which cannot effectively enforce securities like mortgages created in their favour; besides adversely affecting the petitioner herein by nullifying the permission for alienation of his land granted vide its letter dated June 7, 2018 by the office of Deputy Commissioner Jammu.

# NHM J&K receives National award at 'Governance Now 4th Digital Transformation Summit'

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JAMMU: National Health Mission, J&K received award for Swasthya Nidhi survey app in the Health Category at the fourth Digital Transformation Awards Summit titled 'Towards Integrated Digital Health Infrastructure' organized by Governance Now. The project was appreciated at the National-level for leveraging digital approach to track suspicious COVID-19 patients and to take timely action.

Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Yasin M Choudhary who was one of the key speakers in the Digital Summit spoke on various aspects of Ayushman Bharat digital health Mission (ABDM) including HMIS, e- sanjeevani - Telemedicine , RBSK & ASHA applications.

While giving details about the project, Mission Director NHM, J&K on Friday said that Swasthya Nidhi a survey app is an integrated health audit & intensive screening framework designed to collect the health data of individuals from households in J&K and to take timely action to track suspicious COVID-19 patients. The data after collection is scanned by medical teams to take requisite action for preventing the spread of the virus. It is a unique initiative of the Government which helped to contain the spread of COVID-19. Under this initiative various teams were constituted to perform the health audit of the citizens. The teams captured health status of the people which helped to identify the symptomatic people and necessary containment measures were taken by the department, he added.

The project had helped the administration at district, block and village level in risk assessment for suitable action and allocation of resources at all levels. He thanked all the officers and front line workers associated in making this project a grand success.

# Div Com concludes 5-day tour of Rajouri, Poonch districts



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langar addressing a public meeting.

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RAJOURI: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langar on Friday concluded the five day extensive tour of frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch after holding a series of meetings with the public representatives and people living in forward areas of Nowshera subdivision.

During the last leg of his visit, the Divisional Commissioner conducted an extensive tour of forward areas of LoC in the Nowshera subdivision. He held interactions with border residents

and PRI members of Qila Darhal, Thandi Kassi. The public of border blocks Qila Darhal and Thandi Kassi apprised the Divisional Commissioner about several issues and projected demands of their areas. They sought construction of more border bunkers, macadamization of roads, up-gradation of schools, better healthcare services and other issues of public concern. Dr Langer issued on the spot directions to the concerned officers for resolving the issues raised by the public. He directed the officers to expedite the

progress on development works in these forward areas and work in close coordination with PRI members.

The Div Com assured that all their genuine concerns would be redressed in a time-bound manner. He said tours are being conducted to take the first-hand appraisal of the public grievances at their doorsteps so that plans and policies are formulated in consultation with the public and PRIs and the benefits of the Government initiatives percolate to the last beneficiary. The Div Com was accompanied by ADDC Pawan Parihar; ADC Nowshera Sukhdev Singh Samyal; BDO Qila Darhal, Manmeet Kumar; BDC Khalid Firdos besides Panches sarpanches and locals of Qila Darhal and adjoining areas.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner paid obeisance to Veer Bandeshwar Temple located on the zero line.

# Improve living conditions at Police Housing Colony: ADGP Jammu asks officers



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh inspecting residential quarters at Police Housing colony Gulshan Ground Jammu.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh reviewed the functioning of GOs Mess and inspected the adjoining area of residential quarters of Police Housing colony Gulshan Ground Jammu.

During his visit to the Housing colony Gulshan

Ground Jammu, the ADGP Jammu interacted with the inhabitants and listened to their grievances patiently and assured them early redressal of their genuine grievances and also gave necessary directions to the concerned officers on spot for the improvement of their living conditions.

# Time to name Indian Princes who allied with British as Friends & Allies during 1857 1st Swatantrata Sangram

## 19th November is Jhansi's Maharani Lakshmi Bai's Birthday

19th November was the concluding day of the three-day Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv' celebrated in Jansi. This 19th November was also the day when our revered Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi was a figure of prominence when he visited as 1st Prime Minister the Jansi Fort to pay tributes to Rani Lakshmi Bai, Jansi ki Rani as she is called all over India, in connection with her birthday celebrations.

Rani Lakshmi Bai (Manikarnika) has been the first ruler of modern India who revolted against the Rule of the British East India Company in 1857 not for the cause of only her own kingdom but gave a call to all the ruling Princes in India to come together for driving out the East India Company from India. But at the same time

there were a very few local Kings / Princes who took to her call and there were many kings/ princes who either stayed away or who openly sided with the 'British East India Company ' forces to fight against the Indians lead by Rani Lakshmi Bai. Some Indian princes sent even contingents of infantry, cavalry and guns to help the British against Rani Lakshmi Bai and her associate princes. Even some Rajas / Princes/ Maharajas felt pride in officially on record calling the 1st Swatantrata Sangram as Mutiny 1857 and their 'person/ kingdom ' as loyal friends and allies of the British.

Modi has said that Rani Lakshmi Bai has a place in history. No doubt Rani holds very respectable place in the heart of common Indians but no one had so far paid tributes to Her

like Narendra Modi paid on this 19th November. Surely the event should be taken as a leap towards the mission "Honour the Greats who Opposed the Foreign Rule over Modern India" and in a way Rani Lakshmi Bai ( Jansi ki Rani) stands almost first in the first Row but so far she has not been accorded the due stature at the appropriate level. So the pages left blank or and filled with tailored history of struggle for Indian Independence should be filled or and corrected with atleast naming all those Indian princes / Rajas/ Maharajas who had sided with the East India Company in 1957 -58 as loyal friends and allies of the British and those who had not voluntarily stepped down before



A Look through the Mist

14th August 1947. The tracks for Independence of India were laid by Rani Lakshmi Bai who called on all the Indian princes of Bundelkhand to join hands for ending the British East India Company. Had the princes taken the call, India would have been free from foreign rule much before 1947 & may be even without partition.

It was more due to the leadership and martyrdom of Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jansi that 1857 rebellion against the BritishEast India Company earned the honours as 1stSwatantrata Sangram in the hearts of Indians..

But inspite its failure the 1857 Swatantrata Sangram did shake the might of British by laying tracks for undoing the foreign rule.In the aftermath of the 1st

Indian Swatantrata Sangram( British called it Revolt/ Mutiny of 1857 ) Imperial (British) Government was forced to take serious note of growing outrage in India against foreign rule. Hence Parliament of UK enacted the Government of India Act 1858 where under East India Company rule was ended and the company's territories in India were called the "British possession in India". Queen Victoria's proclamation of 1st November 1858 to the "Princes, Chiefs, and People of India" unveiled a new British policy of perpetual support for "native princes" including reversing Lord Dalhousie's policy of political unification through princely state annexation thereby leaving the princes free to adopt.

With the GoI Act of 1958 India

was placed under the direct government of the Crown, whereby princes were given the right to adopt a son (abolition of the Doctrine of Lapse), equal treatment promised to Indians and the like. And after that it was in last decade of nineteenth century that movement of peoples rule started simmering prominently in British India ( territories that were directly ruled by the British) and in the Princely states the lead was not with prominence. In the Princely states ( Native states ) after 1858 there was lesser political activity for peoples democracy against British as well as the local Autocracy on the lines it started in British India for independence from British rule.

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