

Indira Gandhi led nation to unmatched Bangladesh victory: Capt Davar

Exposes false propaganda of BJP against Congress leadership

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JAMMU: Congress on Sunday celebrated the 50 anniversary of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971 in an impressive function in Jammu in which AICC Convenor Commemoration Committee and Senior Congress leader Capt. Praveen Davar was the Chief Guest, while PCC President G.A. Mir presided over the function, which was attended by a large number of people and retired army personnel as Special Guests.

The function was organized by J & K Commemoration Committee of Bangla Desh Liberation War under the chairmanship of veteran leader and former MP Pt. Dharam Pal Sharma under the patronage of JKPC in collaboration with DCC Jammu Urban as well as other Districts and Frontal Wings of the party.

Besides Senior Congress leaders PCC functionaries, former Ministers, former Legislators, Corporators, Frontal Heads, DCC Presidents, several distinguish guests and war veterans including Prof. S.K. Sharma Former HOD Law Department Jammu University, Col. Shiv Choudhary, Col. B.D. Sharma, S. Mansa Singh War Veterans of 1971 war, Capt.



Congress leaders paying tributes to martyrs of 1971 war.

Lalit Sharma, Sub. Maj. Kirpal Chand and few others attended as special guests and recalled the history of 1971 war and paid rich tributes to the war heroes and the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Capt. Praveen Davar, who is the Convenor of the Bangladesh Liberation War Commemoration Committee, traced the history of the 1971 War and was heard with rapt attention during his 40 minute forceful address.

He said generations to come will recall with gratitude the monumental contribution of Indira Gandhi in the creation of an independent and sovereign country 50 years ago.

Her leadership in the 9 month long crisis was brilliant and courageous which was supplemented by the exemplary military leadership of the Army Chief Field Marshal

Sam Manekshaw, Navy chief Admiral SM Nanda and Air Chief Air Chief Marshal PC Lal.

Capt Davar also lauded the massive contribution of Defence Minister Jagjivan Ram and Foreign Minister Swaran Singh in the war and events prior to and after the war, including Shimla agreement. Capt. Davar recalled that to secure itself against the possible US-China intervention, India signed on August 9, 1971, a 20 years Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace and Friendship and Cooperation.

The Treaty provided for immediate mutual consultations and appropriate effective measures in case of either country being subjected to a military threat.

Capt Davar also paid homage to 4000 martyrs of the 1971 War and winners of 513

Vir Chakra, 77 Mahavir Chakra and 4 Param Vir Chakra - Maj Hoshiar Singh, 2/ Lt Arun Khetarpal, L/ Nk Albert Ekka and Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Sekhon.

Mir remembered the strong leadership of Indira Gandhi under whose stewardship the brave Indian army lead the nation unmatched victory in the history of World and it was unique victory when Pakistan was divided into two countries in just 13 days of war against all sorts of pressures and ignoring the threats from US as well as China.

Pt. Dharam Pal Sharma octogenarian veteran Congress recalled the victory of 1971 war under the dynamic leadership of Smt. Indira Gandhi and then General Manik Shah (later Field Marshal) taking the pride and confidence of the Country at the top of the world. Recalling

the dynasim and contribution of Indira Gandhi, the veteran leader advised the Congress workers and youngsters to learn more about the history of Congress and its stalwarts and unitedly fight against the false propaganda of the opposition against Congress party.

Former Ministers & Vice Presidents Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney, Balwan Singh, Shiv Dev Singh, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Balbir Singh, T.S. Bajwa, Indu Pawar, Hari Singh Chib, K.C. Bhagat, Sanjeev Sharma, Panaj Dogra, Heads of Frontal Wings, Corporators PCC and DCC leaders attended in large number and paid floral tributes to war heroes of 1971.

Ravinder Sharma, Chief Spokesperson JKPC and State Convenor BLW coordinated the programme and remembered the victory of the country under the dynamic leadership of Indira Gandhi, who not only divided Pakistan but also forced Z.A. Bhutto to sign the Shimla Treaty, binding Pakistan for resolving all outstanding issues including J&K through bilateral talks thus closing the doors of any third party intervention.

He said that another function shall be held tomorrow at Paloura in collaboration with DCC Rural Jammu.



Samuhik Yagnopavit

Rana lauds community initiatives in holding congregational ceremonies

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JAMMU: Lauding the community effort in performing various religious obligations with austerity in true religion-cultural spirit, former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday said the initiatives leave an indelible mark and lasting impact for successful accomplishment of social reforms.

"Such an effort reflects decency and high level of emancipation", Rana said while participating in Samohik Yagnopavit ceremony, organized by the Global Solace Society and Vishva Kashmiri Samaj at Swami Mirza Kak Ji Ashram here.

Rana said such congregational ceremonies bring parity in social order and help minimizing wasteful expenditures that have taken a toll on poor segments of the society. Pomp and show by affluent people becomes almost a norm which eventually stays on as a social evil that becomes hard to fight.

In this backdrop, the well intended effort is highly appreciable, he said adding that this should be encouraged in a big way.

"Coming as it from an



Former MLA Devender Singh Rana along with other BJP leaders attending Samohik Yagnopavit ceremony.

emancipated community, the congregational ceremonies will inspire others to follow the suit", Rana observed and congratulated the parents for the high degree of their understanding in volunteering to congregational events which enabled the culmination of such a ceremony. This is indeed heartening, he added.

Jammu Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta commended the initiative, describing it as a noble cause, and said such collective efforts are indicators of emancipation.

"These efforts will indeed go a long way in bringing about much needed social reforms", he added.

Convener Kashmiri Samaj

Kiran Mittal, while speaking to the gathering, said that

the community ceremonies are gaining momentum, as the people in general are supportive of performing such occasions with austerity.

He gave a detailed account of holding such ceremonies in the past as also their future plans and expressed gratitude to all those volunteering and joining to undertake such ceremonies in austerity.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included President Global Solace Pintoo Ji, M K Yogi, Raman Suri, MK Bangroo, Ashok Aima, Rajesh Gupta, TK Bhat, Pt. Rameshwar Dutt, Som Nath Khajuria, Ashok Singh Manhas, S. Sucha Singh, Madan Sharma and Kulbhushan Singh.

Lecturers' Forum for expediting regularisation process, granting Charge Allowance

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of All J&K Plus Two Lecturers' Forum (AJKPTLF) was held under the chairmanship of its President, Deepak Sharma on virtual mode, and was attended by a number of members. During the meeting, the participants demanded charge allowance and regularisation of all Incharge lecturers besides discussing various other issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Deepak Sharma said that Forum is fortunate that many issues of cadre have been resolved by the administration, under guidance of Principal Secretary SED, B K Singh but a large number of incharge lecturers are still awaiting regularisation. He demanded expediting regularization process of all incharge incumbents including left-out lecturers and other officers including Principals and other higher-officers besides granting charge allowance to at all levels.

Forum further demanded that adequate staff must be provided in schools at all levels before any decision is taken on reopening of schools as hundreds of Higher Secondary schools are lying headless and a large number of posts of subject Lecturers are presently vacant. He also demanded release of promotion list of Principals at the earliest and provision of Lecturers

through PSC/DPC or academic arrangement to provide immediate relief in interest of students.

Forum further demanded that all lecturers and Principals who have completed tenure of more than one year in hard posts including Ladakh should be repatriated to their home towns. Anil Sharma, Vice President of forum informed the house that Forum has requested Directorate of School Education Jammu for making transfers to hard areas (Zone 3), with a rider of deemed to be relieved, after successful completion of tenure of one year.

Forum hoped that all burning issues and grievances of 10+2 cadre, including Assured Career progression (ACP)/ Time Bound Promotion and induction quota into KAS in favour of Plus Two Lecturers etc would be resolved by the Government on priority.

Proceedings of the meeting were conducted by General Secretary R S Slathia and technical coordination was provided by Vice President Anil Sharma. Those who deliberated in the meeting included former President N S Jamwal, Chief Organiser Sanjay Bhagat, District Presidents Intiaz Qazmi, Ashok Sharma, Fazal Hussain, A R Giri, Jatinder Sethi, Anis Ahmad, Manoj Anand, Vijay Verma, Anwar Khan, Mulkh Raj and Ajay Sehgal.

AJKLTF launches annual membership drive; President TWAJ, others join federation



AJKLTF President, Dev Raj Thakur talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: All Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Teachers Federation (AJKLTF), affiliated to 'Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh' (ABRSM), led by its President, Dev Raj Thakur and General Secretary, Rattan Sharma, started annual membership drive in Jammu on Sunday. A meeting of the State Executive body was also convened which was attended by a number of senior members. During the meeting, Jasmeet Singh Madaan, President, Teacher's Welfare Association Jammu (TWAJ) along with a large number of fellow teachers joined AJKLTF and Teacher's Welfare Association got subsumed in ABRSM. The newly joined members pledged to work honestly as per set

principles.

While speaking on the occasion, Jasmeet Singh Madaan said that he along with his companions would remain committed towards teachers' welfare. He further assured that he would work hard to further strengthen ABRSM in Jammu region. The state executive of AJKLTF led by Dev Raj Thakur welcomed all new members and expressed satisfaction over impressive performance of federation in last two and a half decades. Further, Rattan Sharma urged entire teaching community to strengthen ABRSM for ensuring a better future.

Various issues and demands of the teaching fraternity were also discussed on the occasion which included non-disbursal of salary to NPS employees from last two

months, implementation of old pension scheme, holding DPCs for all teaching & Non-Teaching staff, formulating a transfer policy for teachers grade-II & III etc. The federation urged the LG to issues necessary instructions to concerned authorities for fulfilling all pending demands of the teaching fraternity at the earliest.

Those who AJKLTF included Subash Jamwal, Amit Dutta, Harshdeep, Joshpal Singh, Preet Dutta, Nitan Kumar, Prof Sanjay Samyali, Kulwant Singh, Vijay Sharma, Kishore Kumar, Chander, Gurdas Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Karan Singh, and Rakesh Kumar. Members of state executive body who were present in the meeting included Neeraj Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Rakesh, Naresh and Rahul.

LG releases 22nd edition of Shri Raghvendra Panchang

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday released the 22nd edition of Shri Raghvendra Panchang that serves as a guide on religious events. The Panchang has been brought out by a team led by former member of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board and retired professor of Astrology, Central Sanskrit University, Chander Mouli Raina.

A panchang connects astrological research and discusses practical applications of this research in everyday lives of the masses. Releasing the latest edition of Shri Raghvendra Panchang at Raj Bhavan here, Sinha congratulated its editor-in-chief Raina and members of Shri Raghvendra Jyotish Sansthan Trust and underlined the importance of taking such initiatives to make people aware about local culture and traditions. Panchang is a source of information about national and local festivals and fairs, religious rituals, besides auspicious occasions of various religious faiths of the region.

AJKPC welcomes fixation of rates of minor minerals, seeks strict compliance of Govt order

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JAMMU: Welcoming the decision of District Administration Jammu to fix the rates of minor minerals at source and processed material, All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC)-a frontline registered organisation of elected PRIs waging war against mining mafia-has requested authorities for strict compliance of government order to provide much-needed relief to the people. Addressing a press conference here, Anil Sharma, UT President of AJKPC, extended gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg for taking serious note of the overcharging issue being



AJKPC UT President, Anil Sharma talking to reporters.

raised by the AJKPC since the last two months and gullible people were being

duped by stone crushers as they used to charge exorbitantly for processed construction material. "We welcome the decision of the district administration that they have finally fixed the rates of minor minerals at source and processed material at stone crushers. The stone crusher operators had been charging exorbitant and to hide their malpractices, they used not deny proper bills for the same," Sharma said, adding "We had constantly been raising the issue for the last two months and we had requested the administration that it should devise a mechanism to ensure that stone crushers should display the rate lists of minor minerals". The AJKPC leader said the

Jammu province in danger, 'Separate State' only solution: Ankur

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JAMMU: Destruction of Revenue records of encroached Sunjwan and Chowadi forests is another indicator of fact that Indian State Apparatus has been taken over from within by subversive Jihadists if not by connivance but surely with acquiescence of Govts, both UT & Union; given their flawed policy paradigm on Jammu and Kashmir. Sunjwan Forests in line with planned & organised demographic invasion of Jammu province include several illegal Muslim Ghettos housing several thousands of settlements raised illegally on Forest lands including centres of radicalisation and indoctrination. Forest records in Jammu are not only the most critical assets to preserve ecology of Jammu but also critical evidence about how Jammu has been subjected to Jihadist demographic assault by state-sponsored Muslim-capture of its ecologically most sensitive territories. It was stated by Ankur Sharma, President IkkJutt Jammu, while addressing a press conference in Jammu on Sunday.

While interacting with media, Ankur further said that destruction of Revenue records of these critical areas under BJP's watch revealed that conspiracy to destroy Hindu majority Jammu is going on unabated. "Given the subversion, state instrumentalities are apparently acting as facilitators in Pakistan's bigger project of Islamisation of Himalayas & Islamisation of Santana, an essential requirement of which is Islamisation of Jammu, post Islamisation of Kashmir and



President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma addressing a press conference.

which has been planned through a genocidal process of severe Demographic Invasion of Jammu. We are witnessing one of the biggest acts of administrative subversion in recent times," said Ankur Sharma, adding that nation's backbone in the strategic region, Jammu province, is in danger. "Operating under smoke screen of a UT Government the Demographic Invaders of Jammu have been working with impunity to destroy evidence that would lead to legal interventions to evacuate occupied lands," Ankur asserted.

Earlier, when news related to destruction of revenue record broke, President IkkJutt Jammu had tweeted, 'Jihadists in collaboration with the current secular Govt filed a review petition in December 2020 to stall implementation of the Roshni Judgment; Jihadists recently destroyed entire record of encroached forest areas; Such is the nature of Land Jihad in Jammu'. Roshni Act was declared unconstitu-

tional by J&K High Court in October, 2020 in a petition filed and contested by Ankur Sharma and according to him, this act was one of the tools and in fact a legislative tool of Islamising Jammu. J&K High Court had ruled that all State Lands allotted under Roshni Act have been allotted illegally and these shall be taken back in a time-bound manner. Sharma charged that the statement given by the BJP Govt in Supreme Court coupled with Review Petition filed against Roshni judgment in J&K High Court has stalled the implementation of Roshni Judgment thereby jeopardising national interest as well as security of the nation.

The President IkkJutt Jammu further claimed that as soon as BJP Government declared Delineation of Legislative Constituencies in J&K on the basis of fudged 2011 Census, it became absolutely clear that erasing of Hindu majority Jammu was being given a new impetus by those very forces within BJP who wanted

peace with Pakistan on basis of 'Musharraf Formula'. "BJP High Command in its pursuit of compromise with Muslim separatists is disempowering and erasing Hindu majority Jammu alike Congress. It is revealing that BJP had committed in writing through its Agenda of Alliance with PDP that their coalition Govt would create a Muslim majority 'New Jammu'. The ongoing case in High Court is a biggest challenge to this objective and that is why the destruction of Revenue records was allowed so that all evidence of forest capture is destroyed," he opined.

Ikkjutt Jammu President further said, "Destruction of revenue records of Sunjwan and Chowadi and restoration of accommodation for the secretariat employees from Kashmir are a part of deep rooted conspiracies hatched by those within and outside the set up, who have been changing Jammu's demographic profile, particularly since 1996 to create a Kashmir-like situation in this part of country so that Pakistan is able to grab whole of J&K. A separate Jammu State is the only solution to this civilisational challenge." Kashmir, he said, should be divided into 2 UTs and one UT should exclusively house victims of genocide who happen to be Hindus of Kashmir.

Others present during the press conference included Ashwani Sharma, Harish Kapoor, Sanjeev Chib, Rajinder Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Ajay Singh Sani, Deepak, Virender Abrol, Vir Vikram and Manik Jamwal.