Issue ordinance to grant statehood to enslaved Jammu: Hari Om

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JAMMU: Enough is enough. The people of Jammu province suffered immense socio-cultural and politico-economic losses at the hands of the New Delhi-backed fundamentally separatist and communal Kashmiri leadership for over 70 years. They left no stone unturned to convert Jammu into Kashmir and establish Nizam-e-Mustafa in the state using all means with the legislators from Jammu overtly and covertly supporting the colonizers in Kashmir and sections of bureaucracy also dancing to the tunes of Kashmiri rulers. They played havoc with the Jammu's demographic profile after 1996 and established dozens of colonies and townships in and around Jammu city exclusively for a particular community from Kashmir. They looted the state and forest lands in Jammu province misusing their official position. They converted the legislative assembly into a den of anti-India activities and a tool of subversion and exploitation. It was stated here today by Patron Ikkjutt Jammu, Prof Hari Om while addressing a press conference at the party headquarters.

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

Prof Hari Om said people of Jammu province could not afford any kind of truck with the jihad-gripped and Jihadi-controlled Kashmir and rabidly anti-Jammu Kashmiri leaders of all hues. He added that co-existence of Jammu with Kashmir will only help the enemies of the nation accomplish their break-India sinister agenda and the Ikkjutt Jammu will not allow the enemies to succeed by achieving for the enslaved and ruthlessly exploited Jammu province status of state at whatever cost. The so-called Jammu leadership has failed Jammu and the Ikkjutt Jammu has resolved to regenerate socio-economic and political life of the suffering people of Jammu province, Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs included, he further said. Reflecting on the nature of relations between Jammu province and Kashmir between 1846 and 1947, Prof Hari Om said that the religio-political leadership in Kashmir consistently opposed the Treaty of Amritsar under which Kashmir became part of the Dogra Kingdom in 1846 and demanded 'freedom' from what they called 'oppressive and alien Dogra rule'. In 1924, they submitted 13 representations to the Indian Governor-General Lord Harding asking him to dethrone the Dogra Maharaja and take over J&K, liberate Kashmir from Jammu and reserve all the posts for the Muslims of Kashmir, revealed Prof Hari Om. He further said that in 1931, the Kashmiri Muslim leadership revolted against Maharaja Hari Singh and used violent methods to get Kashmir 'liberated' from the Dogra rule. In 1946, the Kashmiri religio-political leaders under the well-known anti-Jammu Sheikh Abdullah launched 'Quit Kashmir Movement' to achieve 'freedom from Jammu'.

Ikkjutt Jammu Patron said that the Kashmiri Abdullahs under the patronage of the Congress government at the Centre and JL Nehru changed their goalpost in 1947 and demanded a semi-independent status for the whole J&K consisting of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and they continue to pursue the same line even today with Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti even asking PM Narendra Modi on a daily-basis to accommodate the Pakistani stand on J&K and giving their unstinted support to separatists and terrorists. The memory of what the Farooq Abdullah government did in 1999 still lingers in our minds. He said that year the NC Government had adopted autonomy committee report that urged New Delhi to throw away the Treaty of Amritsar "lock, stock and barrel". The memories of what the Congress-PDP coalition government did in collaboration with the NC, the CPIM, the Peoples Democratic Front in 2007 in Jammu itself are still fresh to be forgotten. That year, they in no time defeated the Bill seeking incorporation of the terms secularism and socialism in the Preamble of the separatist J&K Constitution, said Prof Hari Om. He further said that situation has now climaxed to the point that Abdullahs, Muftis, Bukharis, Lones, Sozs, Mirs, Muzzaffars and who not in Kashmir have been openly abusing and opposing people of Jammu province and holding protest marches against them in Srinagar for the simple reason that the delimitation panel proposed 43 seats for Jammu, including 7 reserved seats for SCs, in the 90-member house, and 9 reserved seats for STs including Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gadis and Sippis. How could the people of Jammu province, Hindus and Muslims included co-exist with the Kashmiri Abdullahs, Muftis and ilk, who hate them from the core of their heart and treat them like the slaves are treated, asked Patron Ikkjutt Jammu

Prof Hari Om urged the Narendra Modi Government to look all these facts in the face and issue an ordinance that separated Jammu from Kashmir and conferred statehood status on Jammu province. He also appealed to the suffering people of Jammu province to join the Ikkjutt Jammu movement to get a political status they as respectable citizens legitimately deserve in the Indian polity. The people of Jammu province just can't mark the time because to mark the time would be to help the separatists in Kashmir. Others present during the press conference included Harish Kapoor , Vir Vikram Aditya, Avtar Soni, Tilak Raina Kamal Warikoo, Reshev Singh and Varinder Abrol.

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J&K to have district-wise rating of Governance practices: Dr Jitendra

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh receiving an update on implementation of Good Governance practices in J&K, from Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Union Ministry of Personnel, V Srinivas on Sunday.

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NEW DELHI: Jammu & Kashmir will soon become the first Union Territory in the country to have district wise rating of Governance practices, by setting up a district level "Good Governance Index".

Disclosing this here on Sunday after receiving an update from the newly appointed Secretary of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Union Ministry of Personnel, V Srinivas, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Centre will set up District Good Governance Index (DGGI) in J&K and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) will carry out this task in collaboration with the Union Territory Government. The framework of the proposed Index has been finalised with the technical support from the Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad.

The Minister said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen that we should replicate in Jammu & Kashmir, the same best practices of governance which are followed in other States and UTs of the country. He said, for a long time, as a result of certain constitutional and administrative constraints, many of the Central Rules of DoPT and ARPG were not applicable in Jammu & Kashmir; but in the last over two years, there has been a fast-track attempt to change the work culture and to follow the Mantra of "Maximum Governance, Minimum Government", which has been the guiding principle at the Centre and States, ever since the Modi government came in 2014.

Good Governance Index at the district level, said Dr Jitendra Singh, will enable each of the 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir to rise to the level of some of the best administered districts of the country, with time bound disposal of office files and other matters, increased transparency, increased accountability and increased citizen participation. He said, the next step would be to carry forward these Good Governance practices down to Tehsil and Block level.

The DGGI Framework has 58 Indicators drawn from different aspects of development and district administration distributed in all-encompassing 10 sectors such as Agriculture & allied sector, Commerce & Industry, Human Resource Development, Public Health, Public Infrastructure & Utilities, Economic Governance, Welfare & Development, Public Safety & Judiciary and Citizen Centric Governance.

These indicators were finalised after a series of consultations with the District officials of Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Academia, Subject Specialists, etc. Looking at the availability of authentic published data and other key principles, the set of indicators have been finalised from a larger list of 135 to 58.

To compute the rating, index and rank of the Districts on their performance based on finalised 58 Indicators, an elaborate exercise of data collation followed by rigorous data sanitisation has been undertaken. Final index computation process using standard and tested data normalisation and scoring methods is underway. This would result in coming out with Division-wise and District-wise ranks of the Districts. While there will be a comprehensive rank of Districts based on composite 10 Sectors, the DGGI will also offer a window on indicator-wise performance of the Districts.

BJP on wrong track, damaging present job scenario: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday claimed that BJP Govt after promising stars and sky during 2014 elections has badly failed to address all the outstanding issues of the refugees from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

He was speaking on the occasion of felicitation programme organized by Congress Vice Chairman Refugee Cell Amrit Bali to felicitate him on being appointed as JKPCC Working President and also for highlighting Refugees issues on every concerned platform.

Earlier a bike rally was organized from Karan Bagh to Kanshi Puri, Gadigarh to welcome JKPCC Working President where he also visited Satguru Baba Kanshi Dev ji Ashram, Gadigarh to seek blessings of Shri Shri 1008 Goswami Guru Rakesh Bali Maharaj.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Pawan Bhagat, Block Vice President, Inderjeet Sharma Chairman Taxi Union J&K, Rishav Bali, National Spokesperson Indian Youth Congress, Sunil Slathia, Jagmohan Sharma, Lalit Sharma

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla during visit to Kanshi Puri, Gadigarh.

Happy, Avinash Singh, Gurjeet Singh, Babbi Sharma, Kewal Sharma, Ankush Sharma, Mohit Kumar, Jai Ram Sharma and Kuldeep Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla held BJP Govt responsible for exploiting the issue of POK displaced persons in Jammu and Kashmir with their casual approach; consequently the issue is still hanging.

He said present government is not serious to address their long pending issues, which were promised to them.

He said the Government should re-examine the one-time package that was sent to the Centre by the previous Government and take a decision on it. He asked the DPs to keep full faith in Congress and they will get justice.

Regarding their other issues like updating records, registration of left out families, ownership rights, reservation of their wards for getting admission in government institutions, according backward status to them, Bhalla said that Government should examine these issues afresh and take appropriate steps to address the same.

Bhalla speaking on the occasion further said that people of the Jammu region are back stabbed by BJP leadership. There is strong resentment among people of Jammu region against BJP, which miserably failed to address even basic issues of people. He said that BJP Government has totally lost its credibility due to its misgovernance, which led to the failure of Government on all the fronts. He said that the causal workers, daily wagers, consolidated employees, need based workers and employees of several departments highlighted their demands through protests seeking fulfillment of the commitments and promises by BJP Govt to them while in opposition and after assuming power, they are neglected by the Government instead of resolving their issues.He deliberated upon various problems being faced by public in absence of an elected Government. He said people want development, employment opportunities, better infrastructure and other basic requirements like adequate water and power supply. He said BJP is a dream seller party which makes lot of promises during elections. But after getting power, they act as mute spectators.

ACB nabs Patwari, agent red-handed while accepting bribe

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JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Raja Mudasir Ali Khan, Patwari Halqa Kathwar, Khansahib, Budgam and his agent Nawaz Hussain Mir while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 1,00,000 for mutation of land records.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint alleging therein that Raja Mudasir Ali Khan, Patwari, Halqa Kathwar, Khansahib, Budgam is demanding an amount of Rs 1,00,000 as bribe for affecting transfer of land in favour of maternal cousins of complainant. "On receipt of complaint, FIR No. 38/2021 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered and investigation started. During investigation, a trap team was constituted by ACB which laid a successful trap and caught accuses Patwari red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 1,00,000 (Rs 10,000 cash + cheque of Rs 90,000) from complainant through his agent namely Nawaz Hussain Mir, resident of Khanpora, Budgam. The bribe amount was recovered from accused in presence of independent witness. The accused along with agent Nawaz Hussain Mir were arrested on spot and during search of his personal vehicle, Rs 82,000 (cash) was also recovered and seized. The search was also conducted at the house of accused public servant," the official said adding that investigation of the case is going on.

All Morchas must act in unison for strengthening organisational structure of BJP: Chugh

BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul addressing working committee meeting.

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JAMMU: "All Morchas must act in unison for strengthening organizational structure of party," BJP National General Secretary, Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh said while addressing one-day combined working committee meeting of all Morchas of party organized by Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu & Kashmir, here on Sunday. BJP National General Secretary, Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma and General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul addressed the combined working committee meeting while former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former party Presidents Ashok Khajuria, Shamsher Singh Manhas, Sat Sharma, General Secretaries Ad. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, All Morcha Incharge Munish Sharma amd Morcha Presidents were also present on the stage.

Varinderjit Singh, Surjit Singh Salathia, Shakti Parihar, Yudhvir Sethi, Aseem Gupta, Anuradha Charak, Devinder Singh Rana, Bali Bhagat, Sham Choudhary, Sham Sharma, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, Rajeev Sharma, Dr. Krishan, Narain Singh and other senior leaders and activists from BJP's 7 Morchas namely Yuva Morcha led by Arun Prabhat, Mahila Morcha led by Sanjita Dogra, SC Moreha led by Prof. Gharu Ram, OBC Moreha led by Brahm Jyot, ST Moreha led by Haroon Choudhary, Minority Moreha led by Sheikh Bashir and Kissan Moreha led by Omi Khajuria participated in the meeting.

Tarun Chugh while addressing the meeting chiefly focussed on the planning for qualitative progress of party through Morcha functioning in specified communities and areas of the society. He said that all Morchas must act in unison for strengthening organizational structure of party.

He minutely explained role of every individual Moreha and their operational style. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is concentrating on every segment of society for their empowerment and asked the Morchas to contribute in the vision of New India.

Ravinder Raina stressed on the importance of this combined working committee meeting of all Morchas.

He focussed on the BJP's ideology, party's five principles and history. He said that BJP is an ideology based party which strives to serve the Nation and the society.

He drew comparison between soldier and BJP activists stressing that each activist works dedicatedly without caring for personal benefits and comforts.

He said that party's Morcha activists will play an indispensable role in achieving the mission of BJP to form BJP government in J&K in next Assembly elections.

Ashok Koul in his address said Nationalism, Good Governance and benefit to the last person of society form the form three important principles of BJP.

He focussed on the working system of the organization and said that team spirit and micro level management are the important virtues of the organization.

He said that a BJP activist never thinks of self and works in field keeping in mind "One for All and for One" and added that Morcha activists strives to create a strong bond of "Oneness" in party and different communities in society.

Specific individual meetings of all Morchas were held in separate groups which were addressed by senior leaders of party. The meeting concentrated on using all the items which were nit made from plastic. Priya Sethi presented the Vote of thanks concentrating on role of all in making the meeting successful. Munish Sharma conducted proceedings of meeting.

Ineligible, unverified beneficiaries enjoying undue benefits under PMAY-U

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: There are hundreds of irregularities in the implementation of various Government schemes at various places and it has been observed that most of schemes are benefiting government employees, ineligible persons and other influential people due to which schemes brought in for poor and needy are not benefiting the deserving sections. Recently in district Bandipora, an RTI revealed that there have been many irregularities in implementation of Centre's Housing Scheme, under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) which is being implemented by Municipal Council Bandipora. Surprisingly, as per a RTI reply, Government employees, people owning huge immovable properties including land, having double-story houses and shops have been included in beneficiary list and assistance installments have also been released, in gross violation of rules laid down under the scheme. Not only this, as per sources, people used oldest pictures of under-construction houses located at far-off places to draw benefits under the schemes. However, the MCB has refused to provide photographs in reply to RTI giving vague excuses thus raising more doubts of foul play by the implementing authority. As per information provided by the Public Information Officer, Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Bandipora for scheme PMAY-U, under DPR-I, 557 beneficiaries was enlisted for 17 wards of Bandipora town while under DPR-II, 208 beneficiaries were enlisted and for DPR-III, 185 were enlisted, though all are not benefited. The information provided under RTI revealed that the scheme has been either executed 'casually' or field officials have worked 'hand in glove' in incorporating ineligible beneficiaries to take illegal benefits in gross violation of norms laid under the scheme. The beneficiary data not only underscores loopholes ignored by municipal corporation, but also highlights 'injustice' done with all those who were eligible for the scheme. Under RTI information, it has come to forth that not only several government employees have taken the benefit of scheme meant exclusively for poor but even those beneficiaries have taken at least two installments, who already possess well-built houses and properties worth lakhs of rupees, highlighting negligence and discrepancies at part of the department in verifying genuine cases, that too when listed documents of beneficiaries of each ward have been countersigned by at least six employees, including President and Executive Engineer MCB, declaring that 'the sites have been personally verified, and are correct and actual as per field reports'. Moreover, each ward and beneficiaries are geo-tagged, the officials claimed in the RTI. Despite MCB already having information of beneficiaries of IHSDP of 2010-2012, it still tried to adjust several such cases under PMAY-U scheme. Many among the beneficiaries have taken two installments for IHSDP scheme as well, the RTI revealed. Under IHSDP, the total dwellings sanctioned are 413 with each unit costing Rs 1.03 lakh. Under the scheme, Rs 4.25 crore has been received out of which Rs 3.97 crore has already been released. Though officials have marked several such benefited cases as ineligible in PMSY-U, which include Government employees and those having property worth lakhs, they stated that 'recovery letters have been issued' to them. However, no information has been provided on aforesaid matter in RTI but it has been told that 'recoveries are affected by CLITC personnel'. The locals, who had been alleging discrepancies in execution of scheme for long, have demanded a proper investigation so that all ineligible and rich can be weeded out from beneficiary list besides ensuring fair execution of the scheme in future so that poor are not left in the lurch.