

Police resorts to lathi-charge to disperse protesting ReK teachers in Jammu

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JAMMU: Police on Wednesday resorted to lathi-charge to disperse protesting Rehbar-e-Khel (ReK) Teachers demanding regularisation.

Agitating ReK teachers started the protest march from outside the Press Club of Jammu but contingent of police deployed, prevented them from disrupting the traffic on the road.

To foil the march, police resorted to lathi-charge and dispersed them.

Hundreds of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers continued their protest for the sixteenth consecutive day on Wednesday under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers Association and appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir administration to fulfil the promises made to them.



Agitating ReK teachers during a protest in Jammu on Wednesday.

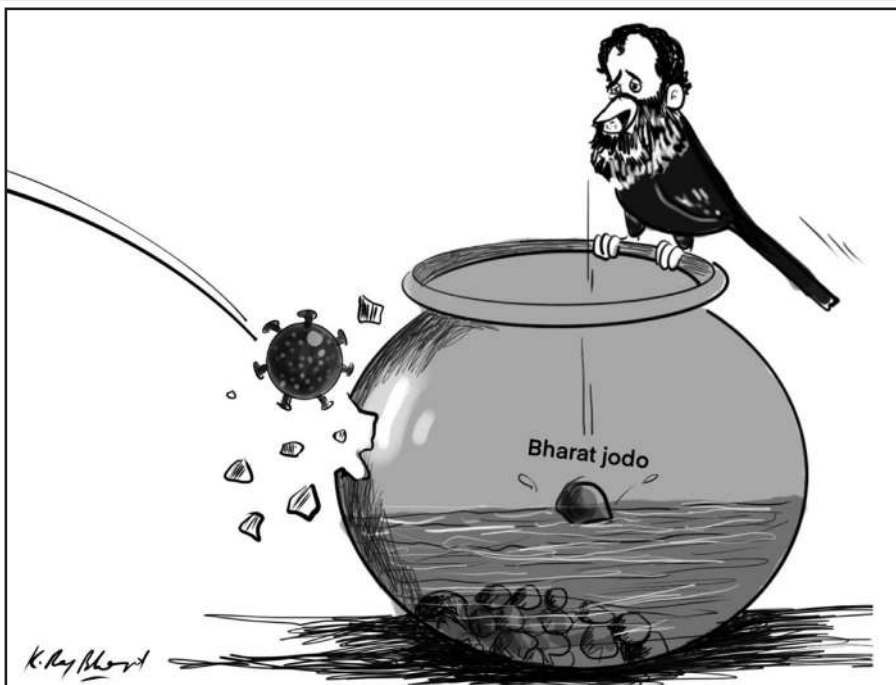
The Rehbar-e-Khel teachers staged a protest claiming to remind the administration of promises committed with their delegation at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar on May 29, 2022.

"The committee was also framed to resolve our issues but it has not yet submitted its final report and our legitimate demands are not being fulfilled, so we were forced to intensify the protests," said the

agitating ReK teachers.

They claimed that the LG administration has directed the department to implement the order which was proposed by the committee earlier and it is against the policy and cabinet order of Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers.

"We perform duties with enthusiasm, but the present government denies justice to us," they added and said that as per the policy the available vacancies of PET's will be kept reserved for Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers but the Govt is going to de-freeze the frozen posts, which is totally injustice with them.



Jammu lawyers abstain from work, stage protest against Rajouri terrorist attack

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JAMMU: The work in District Court Jammu suffered as Advocates abstained from work in protest against terrorist attack at Rajouri.

On the call of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu the lawyers in large number took out a procession in the court premises, Janipur, Jammu raising slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who opened fire on three houses of Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) refugees in Dangri village in Rajouri district on Sunday evening responsible for the killings of four innocent civilians and injuring several others citizens of India, besides two children in an IED blast the next morning.

The JKHCBAJ suspended work in all the courts, tribunals, commissions, revenue courts on Wednesday against the killings which has shaken every civilized citizen of the society in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The JKHCBAJ is of the opinion that if such inci-



Lawyers staging protest against Rajouri terrorist attack in Jammu.

dents are not curbed by the UT administration of J&K in future, then the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu will have no other option except to intensify the protest / agitation and will appeal to the people of Jammu for Jammu Bandh. M K Bhardwaj, Senior Advocate & President of Association, strongly condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harbouring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten the life of the people and security forces in UT Government of J&K. Pakistan, who has failed to provide

democracy and development to its people, has no business to disturb our peace in the UT of J&K, he said.

The Bar Association has also taken a serious view of the fact that the attack on three houses of PoJK refugees not possible without support of some sleeper cells. The persons involved in causing such incident be immediately arrested and prosecuted in accordance with law.

The Association has called upon the UT Government to take stern action against the anti-national forces as well as against the neighboring country Pakistan to prevent them

from repeating similar acts in future also.

Meanwhile, Spokesperson Democratic Azad Party J&K, Thakur Randeep Bhandari expressed his concern on terrorists attacks in Rajouri.

"Incident is matter of great concern for all of us and I strongly condemned this heinous acts of terrorism against civilians, particularly against the minority community in J&K UT," Bhandari said and requested the people of all sections of society not to fall prey to these evil designs of terrorists and maintain a peace and harmony.

Bharat Jodo Yatra to be a major event in J&K: Rajni Patil

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JAMMU: All India Congress Committee Incharge J&K affairs Rajni Patil on Wednesday said that the final phase of Yatra in the Union Territory will be a major event and most successful. She said this here after taking review of the arrangements for two days since Yesterday along with Former Union Minister & AICC Observer "Hath se Hath" Campaign Bharat Singh Solanki, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani, Former JKPC President G A Mir, CWC Member Tariq Hameed Karra, Ex MP, AICC Jt Secy Manoj Yadav, Working President Raman Bhalla, G N Monga, Mula Ram , Yogesh Sawhney and other senior leaders, district presidents and frontal heads.

Rajni Patil said that the enthusiasm amongst the workers and the general Public indicates that the phase of Yatra in J & K would be historical and most successful. She took stock of the arrangements



AICC Incharge J&K Affairs, Rajni Patil addressing a party workers meeting at Jammu.

of all sorts and different committees for purpose at Afsar Guest House Shakti Nagar Jammu coordinated by Th Mamohan Singh General Secretary PCC and attended by all senior leaders, former minister/Ex-Legislators and others. She expressed satisfaction over the preparations over arrangements being made so far and asked leaders and workers to coordinate all arrangements and mobilisation for the participation.

She also stressed for All necessary arrangements for the Bharat Jodo Yatris, participants from outside states and participants from different districts.

Rajni Patil expressed great shock over the Dhangri killings and termed it most unfortunate.

She shared the grief and concern of the people and demanded tightening of security network to protect innocents especially minorities. Bharat Singh Solanki explained the impact of Bharat Jodo Yatra and said that it is most important movement in the history.

He also explained the Hath Se Hath campaign being launched in the country from 26th Jan especially in the districts which remained untouched in the BJY. Raman Bhalla briefed the leaders about the prepa-

rations so far and said that the people are eager to express their feelings and sufferings to Rahul Gandhi.

Coordinator for the Yatra G A Mir referred to the various aspects of the Yatra and the areas of concentration. He said three major events like Lakhampur, Jammu and Srinagar need special focus.

Member CWC Tariq Hameed Karra also stressed upon the need to have total coordination for the Mega event of great Historical importance and asked All to pool their efforts. Earlier two minutes silence was observed in the meeting to pray for peace to the departed souls of martyrs and express solidarity with the families of Dangri victims. Ravinder Sharma Chief Spokesperson presented a brief report about the gruesome incident at Dangri leading to loss of precious lives and the demands of the local people about strengthening of security network and self defence mechanism in villages.

Traders express solidarity with Dangri victim families



Traders taking out candle march to pay tributes to Rajouri terror attack victims.

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JAMMU: On the call of the Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market, Jammu traders in large numbers took out candle march from Federation office to Bikram Chowk to pay tributes to the Rajouri terror attack victims.

Traders while passing through main road were house raised slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who opened fire on three houses of Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) refugees in Dangri village in Rajouri district.

Deepak Gupta, President

Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market strongly condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harbouring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten life of the people & security forces in JKUT.

He said that the Nationalist people of Jammu has taken a very serious view of the failure of the present UT Government of Jammu & Kashmir in saving the innocent lives and liberty of the Hindus.

He said that this is not possible without support of

some sleeper cells. He demanded that the persons involved in causing such an incident be immediately arrested and prosecuted in accordance with law. He called upon the U.T. Government to take stern action against the anti-national forces as well as against the neighboring country Pakistan to prevent them from repeating similar acts in future also.

Among those who were present in the Candle March were Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Abhimanyu Gupta, Vc. President, Sham Lal Langer, General Secretary, Vishal Gupta, Secretary and Amit Gupta, Cashier of the Federation, Yashpal Gupta, President Retailers Federation, Ankush Mahajan, President Bawe Market, Rajesh Bagotra, President Sugar Association, Harish Gupta, Keshav Pal, Ankush Gupta, Ashwani Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, Vishal Bharti, Gaurav Gupta, Rahul Gupta, Robin Gupta, Vivek Gupta, Sonu Gupta, Rahil Gupta and Raghav Gupta.

Transporters thank Govt for redressing issues



Chairman AJKTWA, Ajit Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Chairman of All J&K Transport Welfare Association (AJKTWA), Ajit Singh expressed thanks to J&K administration for redressing the long pending issues of transporter fraternity. While talking to reporters here on Wednesday, Ajit Singh said a transporter delegation called on a committee of the Transport Department to project the long pending demands which were redressed by the committee.

He said committed assured that no VLTD is mandatory for passing of any kind of commercial vehicles like Trucks, buses, taxis, minibuses etc in J&K UT, Passenger tax to be filled on quarterly basis not as earlier software demanding one year advance, the permit fee to be charged on old fee structure for due permits since 2018, problem faced in NIC software will be redressed by the RTO otherwise the issue can be escalated to Ministry of electronics and Information Technology. The matter of charging of fitness fee on all commercial vehicles is under active consideration, Ajit said adding that ist assured that the owners of blacklisted vehicles due to passenger tax can produce their documents and receipts and can get their vehicles out of the blacklist in 7 days. Regarding replacement of surrender permits, Ajit said, Govt has not agreed for replacement with the pre existing permit for commercial vehicles above the age of 10 yrs but routes can be transferred in RTA meeting with the request of permit holder of passenger commercial vehicles. He also requested the Govt. to reconsider certain remaining demands for the welfare of the transporters.

Yudhvir castigates Congress for inviting controversial persons in Yatra Says it's not Bharat Jodo but 'Bharat Todo Yatra'

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir while coming down heavily on the Congress party and its leaders including Rahul Gandhi for pursuing the anti-India tirade by conducting the Bharat Jodo Yatra and inviting the persons of doubtful and controversial credentials to join the same. Terming Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' as 'Bharat Todo Yatra' he said that the welcome accorded to such controversial people who have been spewing venom against the Indian establishment goes to prove beyond doubt the malafide intentions of the Congress leader behind the organizing of the Yatra.

In a statement issued to media here today, while responding to participation of former RAW Chief AS Dulat

in the Yatra and walking hand in hand with Rahul Gandhi, the senior BJP leader stated that Amarjit Singh Dulat is a former Special Director of the Indian Intelligence Bureau and former Secretary of the Research and Analysis Wing in 1999-2000. He added that even after retirement, he was appointed as an Advisor on Jammu and Kashmir affairs in the Prime Minister's Office and served there from January 2000 to May 2004. Yudhvir accused the former RAW Chief of hobnobbing with terrorists saying that it was Dulat who managed to ensure that Hizbul Mujahideen Chief Syed Salahuddin's son gets a medical seat in Srinagar.

He said that it is an open secret that Dulat has often supported and furthered Congress' anti-BJP and pro-Pakistani propaganda.

Anganwari workers hold protest against HR policy

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JAMMU: A large number of Anganwari workers and helpers of the Social Welfare Department on Wednesday held a strong protest in Jammu against the decision of the J&K Administrative Council, badly impacting their career prospects.

Scores of Anganwari workers and helpers from various ICDS Projects/ Centres led by Union leader Suman Suri assembled near Press Club, Jammu today and started a massive protest against the decision of the Lt Governor's Administrative Council, the meeting of which was held recently. The protestors were carrying banners and placards in hands raising slogans in support of their demands.

They were strongly opposing the proposal of Comprehensive Human Resource (HR) Policy to govern the engagement, leaves, promotions, and other important aspects of



Anganwari Workers and Helpers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

the policy for female Anganwari workers and helpers working in the Integrated Child Development Scheme of J&K UT, whereby the services of both AWWs and Helpers would end on attaining age of 60 years and the vacancy so created will be filled up with the newly laid procedures with fresh candidates.

They strongly demanded that their wages be increased and brought at par with Haryana or Himachal Pradesh by enhancing their state share. They regretted that they were being paid the lowest wages as compared to any other UT or State.

would be deemed to have disengaged from the post of AWWs and Helpers and the vacancy so created will be filled up with the newly laid procedures with fresh candidates.

44th AGM of IIPA J&K Regional Branch held



Dignitaries releasing brochure during 44th Annual General Meeting of J&K IIPA.

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JAMMU: The 44th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Jammu and Kashmir Regional Branch of IIPA was held in Jammu, which was attended by IIPA Life members.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (R) Patron of the branch in his address laid out the roadmap for the year 2023 and urged upon the team to design innovative capacity building programs for the government departments. He also proposed that IIPA should engage with various universities in the region and explore academic and research collaboration in the area of public administration and governance.

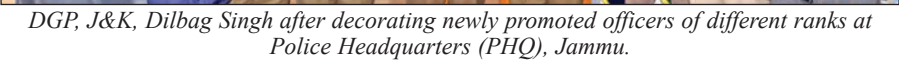
B R Sharma, IAS (R), Chairman of the branch in his

address shared that IIPA JKRB has consistently featured in the top three branches in the country for the last three years. He also shared that in the coming year, IIPA JKRB, through its experienced human resource, will be undertaking policy and governance related research projects.

While presenting the annual report for the year 2022, Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB shared that in the last year the branch has been able to organize various capacity building programmes for the government officers in line with the vision of the government. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary presented the Annual Statement of Accounts. The members com-

plimented the officer bearers & Executive Committee for record number of quality programs during 2022 and also proposed various themes around which the future programmes should be organized.

K.B. Jandial, IAS (R), Director Seminars presented the formal vote of thanks. Some of the members present during the AGM were Er. J B S Johar, Dr. G N Qasba, Kuldeep Khoda, IPS (R), Dr. Sudershan Kumar, Dr. C M Sethi, IPS (R), A M Watali, IPS (R), P P Sharma, IPS (Retd), Prof R D Sharma, S D Swatantra, IPS (Retd) Hemant Sharma, IAS (Retd), G M Andrabi, Prof Rekha Choudhary, Er VN.Sharma, Manoj Pandita, Dr. Komal Nagar, Amit Sharma.



DGP, J&K, Dilbag Singh after decorating newly promoted officers of different ranks at Police Headquarters (PHQ), Jammu.

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh on Wednesday decorated newly promoted officers of different ranks at Police Headquarters (PHQ) here.

The officers who were decorated with ranks include, DIG Umesh Kumar (SO to ADGP Railways), Inspectors (M) Bhagwan Singh and Bashir Ahmad, and Sub-Inspector (M) Bashir Ahmad.

The DGP J&K congratulated the officers and their families and expressed hope that they will continue to work with the same zeal and dedication for the department and for the people.

Danesh Rana ADGP (Coord.) PHQ, IGP Headquarters PHQ B S Tuti, SSP CICE CID Hqrs. Sandeep Choudhary and AIG (Pers.) PHQ Ramesh Angral were present on the occasion. The officers

wished them luck for future assignments.

Pertinent to mention here that, Police Headquarters has ordered 5161 promotions during the year 2022 that includes one of the biggest promotion bonanza on the eve of New Year 2023, in which 1347 ASIs of Executive and Armed Wing were promoted besides 91 personnel were given out of turn promotions in the previous year.