

Chuni calls on PM Modi to take decisive military action for liberation of PoJK

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JAMMU: S.O.S. International, the organization representing displaced persons from Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), has sent an urgent appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking military intervention to liberate the region, destroy terrorist infrastructure and drug trafficking networks, and honour India's longstanding parliamentary commitment. The letter, dated January 5, 2026, from Chairman Rajiv Chuni, represents tens of thousands of families displaced since 1947 and emphasizes the severe ongoing injustices under Pakistan's illegal occupation.



trafficking routes fueling narco-terrorism that endangers India's security and youth.

The indigenous people of PoJK have endured immense suffering, including the 1947 genocide that targeted Hindus, Sikhs, and other minorities with mass killings, expulsions, and forced conversions, effectively erasing entire communities and turning survivors into refugees. Properties remain seized without compensation, and dams such as Mangla have been constructed on ancestral lands without consent, submerging homes and farmlands. Despite these atrocities, the displaced persons yearn to return and

live peacefully as citizens of India.

The appeal invokes the Indian Parliament's unanimous resolution of February 22, 1994, which affirms the entirety of Jammu and Kashmir as an integral part of India and calls for Pakistan to vacate the occupied territories, describing this as a binding national pledge.

A compelling recent precedent is the United States' resolute military operations against Venezuela in early 2026, including Operation Southern Spear and the culminating Operation Absolute Resolve. Under President Donald Trump, U.S. forces conducted airstrikes on drug trafficking infrastructure and a large-scale operation in Caracas, resulting in the capture of President Nicolás Maduro and associates on charges of narco-terrorism linked to flooding America with drugs and posing a national security threat.

India, the letter argues, possesses even stronger justifications: restoring territorial integrity in line with a parliamentary resolution (unlike the U.S. action without a territorial claim), eradicating terrorism by destroying training camps and launch pads (more direct than U.S.

efforts against drug routes), neutralizing PoJK-based drug networks compounded by cross-border terrorism, and addressing humanitarian crises including human rights abuses, resource exploitation, and the plight of displaced persons and residents. Just as the U.S. acted decisively to safeguard its security by targeting narco-traffickers and related infrastructure, India holds superior moral, legal, and security imperatives to liberate PoJK, eliminate terrorist camps and launch pads, dismantle drug networks, and reintegrate the region with the motherland.

"We have suffered 78 years of injustice and eagerly await return to our homeland as Indian citizens," stated Chairman Rajiv Chuni. "Under Prime Minister Modi's strong and visionary leadership, this is a pivotal moment for bold measures to achieve justice and fulfill the nation's commitments."

S.O.S. International expresses confidence that the Government of India will respond sympathetically to this enduring injustice and undertake necessary actions, including military operations, to resolve it.

NAUP holds protest, demands action against illegal immigrants

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JAMMU: The National Awami United Party (NAUP) on Tuesday staged a strong protest in Jammu against the alleged illegal settlement of Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants in the region. The demonstration, led by senior NAUP leader Shikha Bandral, was held at Residency Road and witnessed the participation of a large number of party workers and local residents.



NAUP women wing raising slogans during protest.

Raising slogans, the protesters voiced serious concerns over what they described as unchecked illegal settlements in and around Jammu city. They alleged that the growing presence of illegal immigrants poses a threat to national security, local demographics, and public safety. Addressing the media, Shikha Bandral said that the issue goes beyond demographics and directly impacts the security of the region. "Despite repeated warnings and representations, the number of illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants continues to increase in the outskirts of

Jammu. We demand immediate identification and deportation of these individuals to ensure the safety and rights of the local population," she stated. The party placed several demands before the administration, including immediate identification and verification of all foreign nationals residing in Jammu, strict action against individuals providing shelter or fake documents to illegal immigrants, and a time-bound deportation plan. NAUP also urged the J&K Police to conduct a rigorous verification drive to ensure that no illegal settler possesses Aadhaar

cards, voter IDs, or ration cards.

Bandral warned that if the administration fails to take concrete and timely action, NAUP will intensify its agitation across the Jammu province to protect the interests of the local Dogra community.

Several prominent NAUP leaders were present during the protest, including Suman Devi, Sushma Kumari, Pinki Devi, Balwan Chand, Bittu Ram, Poli Devi, Krishan Lal, Parveen Kumar, and Anju Devi, who echoed similar concerns and expressed solidarity with the demands raised.

JKPDD Draftsmen Association announces new executive body



JKPDD Engineering Draftsmen Association executive body at a meeting.

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JAMMU: The All J&K Power Development Department (JKPDD) Engineering Draftsmen Association concluded its executive body elections. The elections were held simultaneously at Gladni Guest House, Narwal, Jammu, and JKPDD Guest House, Bemina, Srinagar, and were conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

Varinder Kumar was elected President, Vishal Sharma as Vice President, Gourav Sharma as General Secretary, and Davinder Singh as Treasurer. The newly elected leadership expressed gratitude to the association members for their trust and support. Newly elected President Varinder Kumar thanked all members and specially acknowledged the efforts of the election committee members, includ-

ing Gulzar Ahmed from Kashmir, Pawan Sharma, Ankush Bhardwaj, Rajesh Singh, Raman Charak, and Pankaj Sharma, for ensuring a smooth and transparent election process.

He assured that the new executive body will work tirelessly to resolve long-pending issues of the Draftsmen cadre and collaborate with the administration for the progress of the power sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Youth Wing of SMVDS Samiti stages protest outside Secretariat over BOPEE Admissions

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JAMMU: The Youth Wing of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangharsh Samiti on Monday organized a massive yet peaceful protest outside the Civil Secretariat in Jammu, alleging discriminatory policies of the J&K Government and serious irregularities in the BOPEE-led MBBS admission process.

The protest was led by Youth In-charge Kartik Sudan and witnessed the participation of a large number of youth.

Raising slogans against the UT administration, the protesters expressed strong resentment over what they described as flaws, lack of transparency, and biased conduct by the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE).

The protesters held the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Health Minister Sakina Ittoo responsible, stating that since



Youth Wing of SMVDS Samiti staging protest outside Secretariat.

BOPEE functions directly under the UT administration, accountability cannot be evaded.

They alleged that the future of students from Jammu is being compromised and constitutional institutions are being misused to benefit select groups.

In a symbolic and spiritual form of protest, members of

the Youth Wing sat near the main gate of the Secretariat and collectively recited the Hanuman Chalisa, praying for wisdom for the government to rise above appeasement politics and ensure justice for all sections of society. Members stated that the protest aimed to highlight alleged discrimination against Sanatani students and seek divine guidance for

fair governance.

Addressing the media, Kartik Sudan issued a stern warning, asserting that the peaceful nature of the protest should not be mistaken for weakness. He alleged that technical and administrative loopholes in the BOPEE admission process appeared deliberate and part of a larger conspiracy to harm the careers

of deserving youth. He warned that if the alleged injustice in MBBS admissions is not corrected immediately, the Samiti would launch a large-scale agitation across the country.

Convener of the Sangharsh Samiti, Colonel Sukhvir Singh Mankotia, strongly criticized the administration, stating that any compromise on transparency in critical sectors like education and health is unacceptable. He demanded immediate intervention from the Chief Minister and Health Minister to cancel the flawed admission process and restore fairness.

The protest concluded with a warning that failure to address the demands would lead to a widespread movement across Jammu and Kashmir.

Prominent participants included Anshu, Rahul, Atal, Jatin, Uttam, Sanjay, Abhimanyu, Venu, Manik, Akshay, Ankit, and others.

SOB organises "Special Smiles" Oral Health Programme

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JAMMU: To welcome the New Year with a meaningful and inclusive initiative, Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), JK-UT on Tuesday organised "Special Smiles", an oral health screening and awareness programme for persons with intellectual disabilities at the SAHYOG INDIA Complex. The programme was inaugurated by special children along with doctors and dignitaries, symbolising inclusion, confidence, and empowerment.



Doctors lighting a lamp at oral health screening camp.

from beneficiaries, parents, and caregivers, reflecting the growing need for specialised healthcare services for persons with intellectual disabilities.

A team of qualified and dedicated dental professionals including Dr. Harneet Kaur, Dr. Shaliziya Bhagat, Dr. Eshmeem Kaur, and Dr. A. V. Himadri conducted free oral health check-ups. The

doctors provided preventive dental care advice and educated participants and caregivers on proper oral hygiene practices. A special initiative and support was extended by Dr. Shaliziya Dental Clinic.

Dr. A. V. Himadri, BAMS, MHA (pursuing), also provided valuable logistical support and conducted general health check-ups for all special children and participants.

All the doctors expressed immense satisfaction in serving specially abled children and reaffirmed their commitment to continue working with the mission of Special Olympics Bharat. Parents and caregivers highly appreciated the initiative, acknowledging its positive impact on the health and well-being of their children.

Dr. Ashwani Jajra, Founding President and Area Director, Special Olympics Bharat JK-UT, reiterated his strong commitment to improving the health, confidence, and quality of life of intellectually challenged individuals. He highlighted that "Special Smiles" is one of the key health programmes under the global Special Olympics movement, aimed at ensuring inclu-

sive healthcare for all.

Several prominent personalities graced the event, including Dr. Ajay Kumar Prabhhu, Thakur Jagdev Singh, Ashwani Kumar, Allah Rakha, Vandana Jajra, Suresh Kumar (SI), Gurjeet Singh, Sahil Badyal (Programme Manager, SOB), Poonam Raina, Hari Vishwas, Anuradha, Sharun Badyal, Aman Kangotra, Rajni Devi, and Kanta Devi.

The programme concluded with the distribution of oral care kits and awareness material, reinforcing the importance of good oral health as an essential part of overall well-being.

Participants were also served fruits, snacks, tea, and a delicious lunch. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Sahil Badyal, Programme Manager, Special Olympics Bharat.

Rule of law non-negotiable; disturbance of peace will not be tolerated: Jasrotia

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JAMMU: Expressing serious concern over recent incidents reported from the Narwal area of Jammu, allegedly involving illegal Rohingya settlers, BJP MLA from Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia has called for urgent administrative and law enforcement action, warning that unchecked illegal settlements pose risks to public order and internal security in the sensitive Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Jasrotia stated that growing anxiety among local residents regarding their safety and livelihoods cannot be ignored. He emphasized that anyone residing illegally and found disturbing public peace must face firm and lawful action, asserting that tolerance of law violations undermines social harmony. Highlighting J&K's strategic sensitivity, the



MLA said unauthorized habi-

are violating Indian law, and the administration is duty-bound to act," he said.

Jasrotia urged the UT Administration to conduct a thorough probe into the Narwal incident and launch a comprehensive verification drive to identify foreign nationals living illegally in the UT. He demanded that those found violating the law be deported strictly as per legal provisions, without delay or discrimination.

Reiterating the BJP's stand, he said the party remains committed to national security, rule of law, and zero tolerance toward activities threatening peace.

BJP KDD conducts grassroots outreach, assures redressal of public grievances

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JAMMU: Reinforcing its unwavering commitment to the welfare and upliftment of the displaced community, a high-level delegation of the BJP Kashmir Displacement District (KDD), led by District President Rajiv Pandita, on Tuesday conducted an extensive grassroots outreach tour of Ganga Nagar and Bharat Nagar in the Bantialah.

The visit was aimed at assessing ground-level challenges facing by residents and reaffirming the party's role as a strong advocate for inclusive development and public welfare. Both Ganga Nagar and Bharat Nagar fall under the jurisdiction of the Prem Nath

highlighted included infrastructure maintenance, sanitation, drinking water supply, and efficient delivery of essential public services. Listening patiently to the residents, Rajiv Pandita assured them that all issues raised would be taken up with the concerned departments and that a structured mechanism for time-bound redressal would be put in place to prevent undue hardship. Mandal President K.K. Koul expressed gratitude to the district leadership. The delegation included Vice President KDD Bhushan Lal Raina, Secretary Surinder Bhat, Mandal General Secretary Durga Sunil Sher, Ravinder Bhat, Yuva Morcha Vice President Vatsal Bhan,

Rule of Law cannot be challenged on University Campuses: Gaurav

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson and Convener of International Affairs, Jammu & Kashmir UT, Gaurav Gupta has strongly condemned the raising of objectionable, provocative and inflammatory slogans against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Jawaharal Nehru University (JNU) on January 5.



of the country. Expressing anger, raising provocative slogans or attempting to delegitimise judicial verdicts after an unfavourable decision amounts to wilful disrespect of the Constitution," Gupta asserted.

Welcoming the firm and responsible stand taken by the JNU administration, Gupta said universities are meant to be centres of education, innovation and constructive debate, and cannot be permitted to degenerate into hubs of hatred, anarchy and political radicalisation. He demanded strict disciplinary and legal action against all those identified, so that such incidents are not repeated anywhere in the country.

The BJP leader also criticised opposition parties for politicising the issue and attempting to shield disruptive elements instead of unequivocally condemning acts that tarnish the image of premier academic institutions. "Those who selectively speak of democracy but refuse to respect the verdicts of the Supreme Court expose their hypocrisy and double standards," he remarked.

Gupta reiterated that the Bharatiya Janata Party firmly believes in freedom of speech and expression, but will not tolerate anti-national activities, glorification of individuals accused in serious criminal cases, or slogans that threaten public order, national unity and social harmony.

"The youth of India deserve education, empowerment and opportunity-not indoctrination, chaos and contempt for constitutional values. Respect for the Constitution, judiciary and democratic institutions is non-negotiable," he concluded.

DHJ sensitises farmers to JKCIP initiatives, advanced horticulture practices



Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed speaking at a programme.

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POONCH: The Director Horticulture Jammu (DHJ), Gul Syed attended an awareness camp organized under the Jammu & Kashmir Competitive Horticulture Implementation Project (JKCIP) at Narol Top, Zone Mendhar, Poonch.

The Director interacted with farmers and orchardists, highlighting the objectives of JKCIP and encouraging the adoption of

modern horticultural practices for sustainable income enhancement.

Later, the Director held an interaction with local progressive orchardists at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Rajouri.

The interaction focused on sharing experiences, addressing field-level issues and promoting advanced horticulture practices.

The programme was attended by the Chief

Horticulture Officer; Sushel Anugral; Assistant Director Horticulture Jammu, Sunil Gupta; KVK Head, Dr Arvind Kumar Isher; District Horticulture Officer and others.

The Director emphasized the department's commitment towards strengthening horticulture development through farmer-centric initiatives and effective implementation of government schemes.



Mandala KDD, headed by Mandala President K.K. Koul, who apprised the district leadership of pressing civic and administrative issues requiring urgent attention. Key concerns

Mahila Morcha Karyakarta Shashi Bhat, Sunita Tikku, KDD Secretary Shiban Kachroo, Chaman Lal, Bansil Lal, Mandala General Secretary P.N. Bhat, Veer Ji Thaploo, Neeraj Koul.