

JKPSA flays Govt for irresponsible attitude towards private schools, warns to hold protest on Dec 24

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JAMMU: Playing Government for its irrational and irresponsible attitude towards private schools of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA) Jammu has urged the administration to fulfill all genuine and pending demands of the private schools at the earliest. Speaking during a meeting organised by Ajay Gupta, General Secretary JKPSA under the leadership of President JKPSA, Kamal Gupta, members highlighted various burning issues being faced by them.

General Secretary Ajay Gupta highlighted agenda of meeting which included arbitrary orders issued for fixation & regulation of fee of private schools by the FFRC, resolution of 50 per cent fee reduction by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), exploitation of private schools owners due to numerous bottlenecks created by Education department for affiliation/recognition of schools, delay in reopening of schools for offline teaching etc.

Members belonging from different areas of J&K, while speaking during the meeting,



JKPSA members during a meeting at Jammu.

said that online mode of education has now turned into a profit generating source for big IT companies and students are the worst sufferers, as online education cannot evolve a concept of team spirit, co-operation, coordination and work culture among them. The members expressed dismay over the resolution passed by JMC for private schools functioning within municipal limits of Jammu without knowing their sufferings. They further added that Chairperson FFRC Justice (Retd.) Muzaffar Hussain Attar has no frame work and policy to regulate fee of private schools as he is incorporating number of restrictions varying from school to school while fixing the fee.

President Kamal Gupta

demanding immediate review / withdrawal of all orders which are issued by FFRC on hit and trial policy for private schools. He also appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to constitute a monitoring cell to check

the discrepancies which FFRC is regularly committing while fixing fee of private schools. During the meeting, it was unanimously resolved that if Government will not mitigate the problems of private schools,

then designated members of JKPSA will hold a protest at Press Club Jammu on December 24, 2021 to highlight their demands.

Prominent members who attended the meeting included Rameshwar Mengi (Vice President), Ram Parkash Sharma, Sat Pal Sharma, Ashwani Khajuria, Lal Chand Gandotra, Kulvinder Singh, Ajay Singh, Sanjeev Luthra, Tariq Bali, Vineet Gupta, Laddi Kumar, Jatinder Heera, Naresh Kumar, Gourav Charak, Racepal Singh, Satya Paul, Bodh Raj, Deep Dayal, Vijay Sharma, Anil Sharma and Vishal Singh.



Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha honouring army veterans, Veer Naris and unveiling the mural of Ashok Chakra Awardee, Late ASI Babu Ram of JKP in presence of family members of martyr.

Jammu deserves more Assembly seats than Kashmir valley: Team Jammu

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JAMMU: Exuding confidence that Centre will end 75-year-long political injustice with the Jammu region, Team Jammu on Thursday hoped that Delimitation Commission constituted by the Union Government to redraw Assembly and Lok Sabha Constituencies will remove the prevailing disparity between two regions of the Union Territory (UT).

"People of Jammu region have high hopes on Delimitation Commission and we are hopeful that political injustice with this region will be removed", Chairman of Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said while interacting with media persons.

Accompanied by young DDC, Member, Panchari-Moungri in Udhampur district, Jasvir Singh, Team Jammu chief said, "As per criteria set by the panel, Jammu deserves more assembly seats as compared to Kashmir Valley due to topography and demography of this region."

He regretted that previous delimitation panels, constitut-



Chairman of Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal flanked by DDC Member, Jasvir Singh talking to reporters.

ed from time to time, were biased against Jammu as successive state governments were not interested to treat Jammu at par with Kashmir Valley.

Zorawar Singh Jamwal further demanded that new assembly constituencies should be carved out in all 'deserving areas of Jammu region. He especially mentioned that the Panchari-Moungri belt, which always remained neglected, full-fills all criteria and deserves to be an Assembly segment.

Pointing towards the recent assurance of Union Horne

Minister, Amit Shah during his visit to J&K, Zorawar said that Home Minister had promised to end discrimination with the Jammu region.

"We are kipping that the incumbent regime will fulfill its promise to treat Jammu with the same yardsticks it is treating other regions", he said and cautioned that people of the Jammu region will not tolerate further political discrimination after the abrogation of Article 370. "If Delimitation Commission failed to end political discrimination with Jammu region, we will be left with no other

option but to launch a mass movement for a separate state for Jammu region", asserted Zorawar and pointed towards the ongoing agitation launched by the various political and social groups of Ladakh. He questioned that if so many well welfare measures like reservation of jobs for locals can be extended to the populace of Ladakh UT, then why not similar measures for Jammu region. He asserted that the people of Jammu region are all prepared to launch a decisive battle to end discrimination once for all.

In his address, Jasvir Singh, shared information regarding the work being done by him during the last one year and his plan for further development of the area in the press conference in Jammu.

Jasvir Singh informed that in the last one year, the works which have been closed for years and are waiting for, completion in Panchari Moungri have been restarted with the help of District Administration and Panchayati Raj Institution and all efforts are being made

to complete them soon and dedicate them to the public.

Among them, the hospitals being built by the Public Works Department, in which Badhota, Lander, Mongari, Lali, Bariote, Damanot and Ladda are prominent.

In the education sector, Jasvir Singh added, construction has been expedited and efforts are being made to complete the works at Galiote, Lander, Panchari, Panjar, Dammot and Ladda. The building of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Basnote will soon be completed and dedicated to the public.

He considered drug addiction as the biggest threat to the entire society and especially to the younger generation. He reiterated his resolve to make Panchari Moungri area drug free.

Singh demanded introduction of a new youth policy, a new recruitment policy, to fill up vacancies quickly, to make temporary employees permanent. He said that the Center should now hold assembly elections for bright future of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rana calls for stakeholder partnership to restore glory of old Jammu

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JAMMU: Calling for multi-stakeholder partnership in development to assuage aspirations of all segments of the society, senior BJP leader and former legislator, Devender Singh Rana on Thursday sought expansion of heritage status of the old Jammu upto Mubarak Mandi, covering all the interior markets, upwards the historic Raghunath Bazar in order to restore the pristine glory of the Dogra pride but with a caveat that it should not impede the business prospects of these Bazar's infact should be done with the purpose of increased traffic to these Bazar's thereby restoring their business opportunities as well.

"We urge Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to constitute an empowered panel, comprising the officers of the line departments and representatives from the trade and commerce to draw a road map for this purpose under the Jammu Smart City Project", Rana said during his interaction with traders of the heritage markets of the old city.

The office bearers of various market associations accompanied Rana during his exhaustive tour of the areas surrounding Mubarak Mandi, the Dogra seat of power of yesteryears. They included Subash Abrol, President Mubarak



Traders presenting a memorandum to BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

Mandi Bazar Association, Sanjay Jain, President Sarafa Association, Harish Gupta, President Pacea Danga Bazar Association, Rajesh Verma President Upper Bazar Association and others.

The heads of the traders' associations raised various critical issues confronting all those associated with retail businesses, which inter-alia included, slow pace of work on the renovation of Dogra heritage project, which has hugely impacted the free movement of the residents, shopkeepers, shoppers and even the general public for nearly two decades.

They complained that the residents and shopkeepers have been subjected to conditions appropriate to, what they stated, an undeclared administrative siege, especially after putting in place two steel gates in June last year. This, they said, has created a

situation where in the complete traffic load to Mubarak Mandi, Pacea Danga, Jain Bazar has been shifted to the Upper Bazar where frequent jams have become a normal feature.

Rana said that all the points raised would be taken up with the concerned departments and appropriate forums for earnest action. He said development becomes unproductive if the stakeholders are not taken on board in the implementation of renovation and upgradation in particular. He said the participatory role of the people is necessary for successful execution of development projects. Earlier Rana also visited Shashvat Art Gallery, a Manuscript Conservation Centre established by National Mission for Manuscript at Dhoumthly Bazar where many ancient manuscripts are archived.

Infant mortalities in Ramnagar due to spurious drugs NHRC again seeks proof of payment of compensation from J&K Govt

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JAMMU: National Human Right Commission (NHRC) vide its recent direction has directed its Registry to issue final reminder to Chief Secretary, Govt. of UT of Jammu & Kashmir as well as Additional Secretary, Department of Health and Medical Education, UT of Jammu & Kashmir to submit proof of payment of Rs 3 lakh to NoKs of each deceased infants/child within six weeks positively falling which the commission will be constrained to invoke its coercive powers under section 13 of PHR Act, 1993 calling for personal appearance of the authority concerned before the commission. NHRC also directed UT administration that the additional/complete report as directed by the commission, be sent to it latest by January 29, 2022 for further consideration.

Sukesh C Khajuria an eminent Sr. Social Activist of J&K had approached

the NHRC for ordering appropriate compensation to the victims and fixing of responsibility of the state authorities in the case. The issue of deaths of infants/children due to consumption of a particular spurious cough syrup in Ramnagar Tehsil of Udhampur during the month of December 2019-January 2020 was taken up by Khajuria with NHRC seeking compensation for the families of victims and fixing of the responsibility of the concerned authorities. While taking up the matter on September 7, 2020 the Commission, after consideration of facts & circumstances of the case, found that there was a procedural lapse on the part of the Drug Department of the State of Jammu & Kashmir wherein the authority had duly failed to keep a regular vigil on the contamination and contents of medicines sold within its jurisdiction and thus held that the State is vicariously liable for said negligence. In view of

that, by exercising power under section 18a(i) of PHR Act, 1993, the Commission directed Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir to show cause within four weeks as to why the Commission should not recommend payment of compensation of Rs. 3,00,000 to NoKs of each deceased in the present case, who died due to consumption of adulterated oral syrup/medicine. The authority was further directed also to file report with regard to action taken against the delinquent officials, on account of whose negligence such incident occurred. On one hand, the UT administration has been trying to portray that it was willing to pay compensation to victims, on the other hand it has even filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court against the order of J&K High Court which has not only rejected plea of administration against the payment of compensation but also passed strictures against conduct of the bureaucracy. The parents of victims /next of kin (Nok) of the each deceased infants had completed all formalities with the Tehsildar Ramnagar submitting all the required documents/ information like (i) name of the account holder (ii) Name of Bank & Branch (iii) bank account number (iv) IFSC code (v) copy of Aadhar card and undertaking on an affidavit duly attested by the 1st class Magistrate stating that in event of any adverse judgment by the Apex Court in the matter of SLP titled Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir & ors. VS National Human Rights Commission & ors (pending adjudication) the compensation amount shall be returned back to the Government within a period of one month from date of any such judgment. Speaking regarding the case, Khajuria said, "Although, money cannot replace a human life but still can give some solace to the bereaved families who mostly are poor."

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Golden Jubilee celebrations of Bangladesh's Independence

Indira's leadership brought Pakistan to its knees in 1971: Bhalla

Need to protect Indira's ideals from fascist tendencies of BJP: Sawhney

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JAMMU: Congress party on Thursday celebrated Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's Independence at PCC Headquarters at Shaheedi Chowk. Former Minister Raman Bhalla Vice President PCC & Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC Incharge District President Jammu (Urban) along with other senior Congress leaders were also present during the function. They congratulated the people of Bangladesh on 50 years of independence and remembered former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for playing an important role in the liberation of Bangladesh. The day marks emergence of the nation as an independent country in 1971 following a



Congress leaders paying tributes to martyrs.

nine-month-long bloodstained war of Liberation against Pakistan. Prominent senior leaders Rajveer Singh, Karan Bhagat, Kapil Singh, Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Sanjeev Sharma, Satish Sharma, Riekey Dalotra, Chandershekhar Sharma, Atul Sharma, Vijay Chib and Rakesh Sharma were also present on the occasion. Speaking during the func-

tion, former Minister Raman Bhalla said that the entire country is joyful for Bangladesh's 50 years of independence. "India is also proud because it was one of our leaders who was Bangladesh's biggest ally -Iron Lady, Indira Gandhi. She wanted a democratic Bangladesh. She envisioned a mature, parliamentary democracy in Bangladesh. She wanted

Bangladesh to be a democratic nation," said Bhalla, adding that it was only the strong leadership of Indira Gandhi which forced Pakistan to surrender in front of Indian forces. Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney said that after a long struggle of the army, Bangladeshi civilians and freedom fighters gained independence. He further stated Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister and leaders of Congress played a very important role in freedom of Bangladesh. It was only her magnificent leadership which broke Pakistan into two pieces, he added. He further said that the ideals and values, for which she stood for entire her life, must be protected and guarded from fascist tendencies of BJP Government.

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