

# CCI deputation calls on Atal Dulloo, discusses issues related to traders

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JAMMU: The Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu deputation called on Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Atal Dulloo and discusses various issues related to traders' community.

The deputation submitted a memorandum giving details of the demands.

The ace body of traders and industrialists under the leadership of its President Arun Gupta demanded VAT and Power Amnesty Schemes for the concerned business community.

It was explained that under VAT and Power Amnesty Schemes it was provided that defaulters can deposit their dues without interest and penalties but due to continued lockdown and financial crunch some traders could not avail the benefit of the scheme therefore deserve one more chance to deposit the VAT



CCI President Arun Gupta handing over memorandum to Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Atal Dulloo at Jammu.

dues and power bills without interest and penalties. It was also demanded that the limit for e-way bills should be enhanced from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh.

Arun Gupta also urged the Finance Commissioner to ensure

that power bills from hoteliers should be charged on the pattern of industries as was the case in the past.

The CCI delegation also requested Atal Dulloo that the Industries who could not claim the SGST in the

year 2017 therefore the same should be given a chance to claim that amount.

The CCI also asked Dulloo to give an opportunity to the assesses of GST to file their GST returns during the lockdown period of Covid-19. It was also informed that there are some assesses who also have filed their GST returns after the expiry of date therefore an appeal was made that their cases should also be considered and brought under the aforesaid scheme.

The delegation also sought government help in revival of The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu and also demanded extension of 5% interest subsidy to the business community which was given during the first phase of the lockdown.

The Financial Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the Chamber deputation and assured for early consideration of issues put forth during the meeting.

## BJP pays glowing tributes to Praja Parishad agitation Martyrs



J&K BJP leaders paying tributes to martyrs of 1953.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) paid glowing tributes to the martyrs of 1953 Praja Parishad agitation during a function organized by Daljit Singh Chib Ex Vice Chairman Kisan Board and President Praja Parishad Trust at Jourian here on Monday. In a befitting tribute and honour to the martyrs who laid down their lives during the 1953 agitation, a Shaheedi Smarak was also unveiled on the occasion in presence of senior BJP leaders including J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Seh Prabhari BJP Jammu Kashmir Ashish Sood, Former Deputy CM's Dr Nirmal Singh, Kavinder Gupta, Sanatan Sabha President Purshotam Dadhichi, Former Minister and State Vice President Sham Lal Sharma, Ex MLA's Rajiv Sharma and Dr Krishna Bhagat. It is pertinent to mention here that on January 11, 1953, during the agitation demanding 'Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan, Ek Pradhan', Wayan Singh, Sain Singh, Trilok Singh, Baldev Singh, Nanak Chand, Mela Ram and Basant Ram from erstwhile Akhnoor achieved martyrdom by laying down their lives for the greater good of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

While paying glowing tributes to the martyrs, BJP President Ravinder Raina said that the 1953 agitation under the leadership of Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan:

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their protest against the separate Constitution, separate flag, separate 'Sadar-e-Riyasat' and the Permit System and the mission got accomplished with the Indian Constitution and the Indian Tricolour fully extended to J&K Union Territory during the BJP Govt's tenure.

Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta, while paying tribute to martyrs, said that the Praja Parishad agitation of 1953 was launched with the slogan 'Ek Vidhan-Ek Nishan-Ek Pradhan' to ensure full integration of J&K with the rest of the country. It was fight against the Permit System, under which anyone wishing to visit then State of J&K had to obtain a permit. The sacrifices made during the agitation will always be remembered. It brings tears to my eyes that it was only after almost seven decades that the BJP Government led by Narendra Modi fulfilled their dream of 'Ek Vidhan-Ek Nishan-Ek Pradhan' when it abrogated the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

In his address on the occasion RSS leader Purshotam Dadhichi said that it was the Praja Parishad agitation that laid the foundation of a historic movement to remove the separate flag besides having a single constitution across the nation.

He asserted that today there being single constitution and flag for the whole nation including J&K is the real tribute to 16 youth who made supreme sacrifice during the 1953 agitation.

Former minister and BJP leader, Sham Lal Sharma, said that we must never forget the sacrifices of these martyrs that transformed the Praja Parishad agitation into a massive movement that ultimately led to achieving the goal finally with abrogation of Article 370 after which the J&K Union Territory has been witnessing unprecedented development on all fronts.

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