

Congress blames BJP of betrayal with refugees of 1947, 1965, 1971; seeks full relief package without delay

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JAMMU: JKPCC Chief Spokesperson and former MLC Ravinder Sharma has strongly criticised the Centre and UT government for closing the relief package for POJK, Chhamb DP's and west Pakistan refugees, which is clear betrayal and back-tracking of the promises with them by the Modi government and BJP.

Reacting sharply to the recent publication of the government closing the relief package from 10th February onwards, Senior Congress Leader termed it great betrayal with the suffering communities who were exploited by the ruling party by making hollow promises especially full implementation of the 2014 relief package recommended by then state coalition government on the ini-



tiative of Congress party and Dr Manmohan Singh government.

Talking to reporters, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson questioned the closing of the ongoing package when all eligible families could not be even covered with the installment of Rs 5.5 lakhs per family, which was described as first install-

ment but with the closing of the package, it is clear that there is nothing more for them, which is clear betrayal with them.

He said after long struggle of refugees of POJK, Chhamb, and west Pakistan and hot perusal by the Congress, a package was worked out on the direction of Dr Manmohan Singh government in 2014 and recommended to the centre by state government.

It comprised of 25 lakh per family as financial package besides jobs, reservation package and coverage of all left out DP families under land allotment and land deficiency categories.

The said package was not only endorsed by the all party joint parliamentary committee but also enhanced the relief amount

to Rs 30 lakh per family, however the Modi Govt and BJP failed to sanction the package.

Only a meagre amount of Rs 5.5 lakhs was sanctioned but that too has not been disbursed to all eligible families because of various hardships in the procedure and documentations for them.

The package of Rs 30 lakh per refugees family and other major components of the recommended package have proved to be another Jumla of BJP and Modi government like the promise of Rs 15 lakhs per family of black money.

Demanding sanction of full package of 2014 for them, without further delay, he announced that that Congress shall fully support the struggle of the refugees of POJK, Chhamb and west Pakistan for their due rights especially to get full benefits of the entire package endorsed by the parliamentary committee.

Dr Karan Singh bestows honour upon Dr Vishwa Murti Shastri

Ajatshatru applauds Shastri's contribution towards Sanskrit language

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JAMMU: Chairman Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust and former Member Parliament, Dr Karan Singh on Tuesday bestowed honour upon Prof Vishwa Murti Shastri after the later received much coveted Padma Shri Award for his momentous contributions in the fields of Literature and Education.

In an impressive function held at Shri Raghunath ji Temple here, Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee Dharmarth Trust took the honours of felicitating Dr Shastri on the behalf of Dr Karan Singh.

Ranvijay Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust honoured Prof Vishwa Murti by presenting a souvenir.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Anshul Garg and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Satish Sharma also graced the occasion.

Pt Shiv Raina, Chairman J&K Dharmarth Trust Advisory Committee, threw light on the life history of Prof Vishwa Murti.

In his message, the Chairman Trustee has extended his warmest congratulations



Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee Dharmarth Trust and others honouring Padam Shri Prof Vishwa Murti Shastri.

to Dr Shastri for achieving this extraordinary feat and asserted that the recognition accorded by the central dispensation is well deserved. He said that the pivotal role played by Prof Shastri in promoting Sanskrit in the arid belts of J&K and elsewhere is simply unrivaled and incomparable. "The people of the Union Territory of J&K and even the entire country owe so much to Prof Shastri for his phenomenal work towards the society", his statement reads adding that the persona of Prof V M Shastri is epitome of hard work and elegance which is difficult to find in today's fast and materialistic world.

Ajatshatru Singh congratulated Prof V M Shastri for getting the rightful acclaim. He

said that Prof Shastri has acted as a beacon of light for others in Jammu and Kashmir to follow his pursuits and act as an asset by bringing name and fame through dint of hard work while emulating the life struggles of Dr Sahib. He also lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for conferring Padma Shri Award to Prof Vishwa Murti.

Prof Vishwa Murti Shastri, while speaking on the occasion, reciprocated warm wishes to Dr Karan Singh ji and extended his gratefulness towards the entire Dharmarth Trust family for bestowing honours upon him. He said that he will continue to work for the people of Jammu and Kashmir by sharing experience and knowledge which he has attained during

the journey so far. Prof Vishwa Murti also assured that the officials of J&K Dharmarth Trust that he will make all possible effort for upgrading Shri Raghunath Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya Birmur as Adarsh Mahavidyalaya for the promotion of Sanskrit language in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The function was organized by President J&K Dharmarth Trust, Advocate Ajay Gandotra while Secretary, Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Prominent among those who were present include Dr U.C Sharma and P.S Pathania, members of J&K Dharmarth Trust Council; Parveen Kumar Sharma, Chairman Citizens Cooperative Bank, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, Gen S.K Sharma, Parveen Sharma, Mehra, Vijay Saraf, Surinder Mahajan, ex President RBBA and Anil Sharma Members of J&K Dharmarth Trust Advisory Committee; Sanjay Gupta, President Raghunath Bazaar Businessman Association, Hira Lal Abrol and employees of the Trust.

POWERGRID provides support to Govt Hospital Sarwal under CSR initiatives



Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, POWERGRID Northern Region-II handing-over 15000 surgical masks to Dr. Harbaksh Singh, MS Government Hospital, Sarwal.

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JAMMU: With an intent to provide the protective equipment to the medical and non-medical personnel, Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, POWERGRID Northern Region-II handed 15000 surgical masks to Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital, Sarwal, here on Tuesday.

These masks were handed over under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of POWERGRID. On the behalf of the hospital, Naveen Bhan, senior pharmacist and other senior officials of POWERGRID were present on the occasion. This initiative of POWERGRID will help the Government Hospital

Sarwal in countering the current wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Kailash Rathore reiterated POWERGRID's commitment in contributing to general well being of society through its CSR initiatives. He also apprised about the assistance provided to various authorities during COVID-19 situations within the region.

Dr. Harbaksh Singh lauded the efforts of the POWERGRID and said that this help is of great importance in this time of crisis when all are engaged in the war to defeat corona virus disease.

During last three years, POWERGRID has taken up many CSR initiatives in Jammu province amounting to Rs 1.75 crore.

SKJVST appoints Ankush Sharma as Advisor, Chetan Wanchoo as Spokesperson

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JAMMU: Shri Kailash Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust (SKJVST) has appointed social worker Ankush Sharma as its Advisor and Chetan Wanchoo as spokesperson of the trust.

In a statement issued to media here on Tuesday, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Trust, said that this decision has been taken while deliberating at length the plan for expansion of the Trust activities in the coming time.

Detailing about the aims and objectives, he said that the trust has been established with the aim to promote Sanskrit language.



Rohit Shastri demanded that on the pattern of Rajasthan, Sanskrit Ministry should be established in Jammu and Kashmir UT; Sanskrit language should be made compulsory in the schools of Jammu and Kashmir right from first class; Establishment of Jammu Kashmir Sanskrit

Academy and Jammu Kashmir Sanskrit Sansthan on the lines of Uttar Pradesh.

He also demanded the filling of posts of Vedic Studies in higher education while asserting that Sanskrit should be accorded special status and last but not the least Sanskrit Scholars should get schol-

arships and reservation quota in jobs, etc.

Urging the UT Administration led by LG Manoj Sinha to fulfill the aforesaid demands, the Trust president asserted that this would boost the morale of those involved in promotion of Sanskrit but would also make it possible to restore the extinct Sanskrit Dharma-philosophy in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. Meanwhile Ankush Sharma

and Chetan Wanchoo thanked Mahant Rohit Shastri for appointing them to significant positions in the trust.

They assured him that they will make every effort towards the upliftment of the Trust.

They further asserted that they will leave no stone unturned in working to restore the pristine glory of Sanskrit across J&K as it existed in the ancient times.

NC constitutes District Committee Jammu Rural-A

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JAMMU: With the approval of Provincial President Jammu Province Mr Rattan Lal Gupta. Mr Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural "A" constituted District Committee Jammu Rural "A".

Seven Vice Presidents, four Secretaries, three Joint Secretaries, seven Block Presidents and nine Members.

Bharu Ram Bhagat Ex-Sarpanch, Ranjeet Singh Manhas, Karpal Chand Mahsha, Bali Ram, Rtd Capt. Joginder Lal, Rameshwar Sharma and Dr Gafoor Ahmed have been nominated as Vice Presidents.

Randir Singh Jamwal, Omkar Singh, Tilak Raj Bhagat and Madan Lal will be Secretaries. Inderal Singh, Sangeet Sharma and Hussain Mohd will be Joint Secretaries.

Subash Bhagat Ex-Corporator have been nominated as Block President Raipur Domana, Bishan Dass Sarpanch as Block President Mandal, Siraj Din Sarpanch as Block President Dhanasal, Tharu Ram Sarpanch as Block

President Nagrota, Charanjit Singh Langeh as Block President Marh, Mohinder Singh as Block President Khour and Gian Chand as Block President Akhnora.

Ravinder Sharma, Bir Singh, Hans Raj, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Devi Dayal Jogi, Babu Ram Bhagat, Madan Lal, Pritam Sharma and Shyam Lal Langey shall be members.

Gupta newly constituted District Committee and hoped that District Committee will reach to the gross root level to mitigate the sufferings of the people of District Jammu Rural "A".

Chairman Rupa Group conferred with Padma Shri

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KOLKATA: Chairman of the Rupa Group has been conferred with the Padma Shri, one of the country's highest civilian honours.



We are thankful to the prolific leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bestowing such an honour.

This is a momentous occasion and an intrinsic recognition of his accomplishments as a Visionary, a Corporate Leader and a Philanthropist, whose contributions to the business community and society remains unparalleled.

14567-Elderline-National Help Line for Senior Citizens functional in J&K

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JAMMU: With an aim to provide necessary support and help to senior citizen of J&K, an elderline, a national help line is functional in J&K.

The helpline in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is functional in J&K for the senior citizens.

The helpline is functional since September 2021 with the toll free number 14567.

The people falling under the old age category are informed to dial 14567 in case of any need for necessary support.

ADGP Jamwal decorates SP rank to Chanderjeet, Firdous, Nisar



ADGP Security, J&K, Dr S.D Singh Jamwal decorating SP rank to Chanderjeet Singh.

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JAMMU: In a pipping ceremony held at Security Headquarters J&K Jammu, ADGP Security, J&K, Dr S.D Singh Jamwal decorated SP rank to Firdous Ahmad Khan, Nisar Hussain Shah and Chanderjeet Singh who have been recently promoted to the present rank. Swarn Singh Kotwal SSP Security Central Pool Jammu, Ashok Kumar Commandant JKAP 4th Security Bn, Jammu, and M.Y. Kichloo, SSP Security Civil

Secretariat, R.S. Sambyal SSP (Tech), Security Headquarters, J&K, R.P. Singh SSP, Staff Officer ADGP Security, Arvind Rathore CPO and Farooq Ahmad PS to ADGP Security were present on the occasion.

The ADGP congratulated the promoted officers for their elevation to the rank of SP and said that each elevation comes with more responsibility.

He wished them best future ahead and hoped that the officers would continue to work with more zeal and zest.

No room for corruption under Modi Govt: Abhinav

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JAMMU: BJP Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to eliminate any remnants of corruption from the country in the coming years as rooting out the same is one among the top priorities of the Centre.

This was stated by Advocate Abhinav Sharma Spokesperson BJP J&K in a statement issued to media persons here on Monday. Quoting PM Modi's remark made on Mann Ki Baat, Sharma said that BJP Government has taken so many revolutionary steps in curbing the rampant corruption and soon this scourge will become extinct from the country.

He said that under Modi Government there is no room for corruption and

those who are delinquent by default will either have to shun this ill or else will have to land in jails to spend rest of their lives repenting.

He said that under the BJP government, the anti-corruption bodies have become proactive and enjoying powers as never before.

"This is the reason that there is steep fall in corruption related cases and the tirade is on to nab those who are not in a mood to mend their ways", Sharma, said, adding that rooting out corruption is a must for ensuring progress of the country and therefore BJP government is on right track to track-down corruption and the corrupt as soon as possible.

The senior BJP leader

said that PM Modi has rightly described the corruption as a "termite" which makes the country hollow.

"The appeal which PM Modi has made to the people of the country to get united to fight out corruption is a very significant thing because the rampant corruption can only be rooted out by the cooperation of people. Every single citizen has the duty to expose the corrupt wherever and whenever he finds one.

By this way, corruption can be tackled and the corrupt can be taught the lesson of life", Sharma said, adding that unlike successive governments BJP dispensation will not tolerate the menace and sooner than later this menace will be rooted out from the

country.

The senior BJP leader said that abolishing interview for all Group-B (Non Gazetted) and Group-C posts in the government was a strenuous effort of Central Government headed by PM Modi to eliminate scope of corruption in appointments to government jobs.

He said that such steps have been taken to make selection to these posts purely on the basis of the merit in the written test.

Abhinav Sharma appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir that if any government servant asked for bribe they should immediately report to CBI or Anti-Corruption Department to expose such elements who are promoting corrupt culture in the Union Territory.

Power shutdown

areas shall remain affected on February 02 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer O&M Circle, Jammu JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Bank Colony, Govind Nagar, Nandani, Om Nagar, Near Soap factory, New Tara Vihar, Thater Mohalla, Janipur, Daily Excelsior, Lakarmandi, Indra Colony, Naseeb Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Sangrampur, Gajey Singhpora, Patniyal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 02 and 05 from 09 am to 03 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gajansoo Market, Galvade, Pratap Morh, Lahori Chak, Chibey Chak, Dream City, Lower Barmal, Lower Barnai, Svaran Vihar, Rajinder Nagar, Pattian, Laxmipuran, Keeran, Dhattrayal, Karloop, Chatha and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 03 and 06 from 09 am to 03 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Patta Bohri Chowk, Surya Vihar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 02 from 09 am to 03 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lower Shiv Nagar, Rajpura, Shakti Nagar, Gurha Bakshi Nagar, Janawal House, Krishna Mandir, Police Chowki, Parshuram Temple, Gujjarbasti, Domana Police Station, Purkhoo Camp, Bazigar Basti, Halluan, Garhi, Floura, Nagbani, Domana Machine, Raipur Domana and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 02, 05 and 08 from 09 am to 03 pm.

Youth NC leader quits party, joins BJP

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JAMMU: Prominent political and social personalities from Manjhakot (Rajouri) hailing from NC and other political parties as well as prominent social activists joined Bharatiya Janata Party at its party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar; here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, DDC Member Shahid Iqbal, former MLA and former DC welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

BJP Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Aman Sharma, Naveen Jaiswal were also present on the occasion.

New entrants joined BJP in the leadership of former NC Student Wing leader & social activist Adv. Shaida Maqsood along with her supporters. Ravi Pandit, Sajawar Khan and others also joined BJP on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina welcomed the new entrants into the



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina welcoming new entrants into party fold.

party and said that prominent political and social personalities are today joining the party even from the remotest border areas like Manjhakot.

He welcomed Adv. Shaida and others and expressed confidence that her activities will strengthen the party in the border area and help the women folk as well as local youth.

He said that people have now adopted the PM Modi's development policies though their heart knowing very well PM Modi has given unprecedented speed to the development of J&K.

Vibodh Gupta said that joining of Adv. Shaida into BJP has given a big jolt to NC in the Manjhakot area.

He credited every BJP activist under the leadership

of Ravinder Raina for joining of prominent women and youth into the party.

Priya Sethi said that BJP has successfully gained trust of common masses with the public oriented works and policies.

She said that BJP is the best platform to serve the Nation and society with selfless efforts.

Adv. Shaida Maqsood thanked party senior leaders for their love and support and said that she will make sincerest efforts to abide by the principles of BJP.

She said that she will concentrate on the value addition in the ongoing works while helping the local people in their needs, along with the organizational and development works.