

# Nagrota leaders reject Delimitation panel's draft report

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JAMMU: Leaders of various political parties from Nagrota, in a joint press conference held here on Tuesday, unanimously rejected draft proposal of the Delimitation Commission, which has suggested creation of new constituencies in J&K without taking people of the area in confidence. "The norms, criteria and ground realities besides aspirations of people seem to have been ignored in delimitation draft," Basher Ahmad Kohli, President JCB, Traector & Dumper Union, Nagrota said while addressing media.

"We are surprised over the kind of divisions, clubbing of certain areas ignoring ground realities and worst inconvenience in most areas. This is certainly not as per needs, wishes and aspirations of people," said Kohli, adding that report seems to be framed behind closed doors without thinking about hilly



Political leaders from Nagrota talking to reporters.

and plain terrains, aspirations of people and communities. He said that people of Nagrota constituency always remained on forefront for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood but the delimitation commission has ignored them. "Name of Gandhi Nagar constituency, which was built on the name of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi and is one of the major constituencies of Jammu division, has been removed which is not acceptable. Similarly, Sidhra and Majalta areas of Nagrota constituency

have been clubbed with Jammu. Rajouri and Poonch assembly seats from Jammu region are included in Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency without taking people of area into confidence," he said. Believing that entire delimitation exercise is a part of a major ploy, he suggested the members of Commission to reframe their report with fresh inputs after taking people of concerned assemblies into confidence.

Others present on the occasion included Thoru Ram Block president NC

Nagrota, Ch Rehmat Ali BDC Chairman NC, Ch Hamid Vice President PDP, Vijay Sharma

Congress Block President Nagrota and Subash Thappa President BSP Nagrota constituency.

## AICC approves appointments in SC Department of JKPCC

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JAMMU: The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has approved the appointments in the SC Department of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee to strengthen the organization at various levels.

The AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal with the consent of Congress President Sonia Gandhi, National Coordinator Departments K. Raju, Rajesh Liloithia, Chairman SC Dept AICC, PCC President Ghulam Ahmed Mir and Chairman Pradesh SC Dept. Karan Bhagat, has approved these appointments with immediate effect.

Jagdish Bhagat, Capt.(Retd.) Mukh Raj, Om Prakash Bhagat, Geetan

Singh, Dr. Raj Paul Hans, Ram Pal and Babu Ram have been nominated as Vice Chairman; Vinay Bushan, Pankaj Bhagat, Kewal Krishan Jogi, Sunil Thappa and Pawan Bhagat as General Secretaries/Coordinators; Ashok Kumar, Baldev Raj, Dev Raj, Parshotam Lal, Vijay Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Jagdish Raj, Sansar Chand, Mohan Singh and Sub. Karam Chand as Secretaries/Conveners; Lalita Rai as Coordinator Mahila Wing; Adv. Khiladi Lal Goran as Coordinator Legal Cell; Dewan Chand as District Chairman for Jammu (Urban); Vinod Kumar for Samba; Yog Raj for Kathua; Shamsher Chand for Rajouri and Jai Ram Bhagat for Ramban.

## 'Only Modi Govt acknowledged sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh'



Chairman J&K Sikh Welfare Front, RS Nalwa briefing media persons.

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JAMMU: Welcoming recent declaration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to observe December 26 annually as, 'Veer Baal Diwas' to pay homage to courage and martyrdom of Four Sahibzades (four sons) of Guru Gobind Singh, a number of Sikh organisations have said that this historical declaration would provide a major boost to morale of Sikh community.

While addressing a press conference in Jammu on Tuesday, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, Chairman J&K Sikh Welfare Front and Harasis Singh, President J&K Sikh

Council along with other Sikh leaders, said that after independence of India, it is only the present government headed by Narendra Modi, which has acknowledged great sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh against repressive policies of Mughals. "This decision of present Government, remembering ideals of bravery of Mata Gujjar Kour, is a matter of great pride for entire Sikh community and real tributes to courage and sacrifices of Sahibzades and other martyrs of Sikh community, on their quest for justice and truth," said Sikh leaders, adding that Sikh community always

remained in forefront for defence of motherland, on the principals laid down by great Gurus. They further urged Prime Minister for providing more opportunities to Sikh community for serving the nation, by ensuring their representation in Assembly, Parliament and other important fields.

The leaders further appealed to the Prime Minister to reconsider suggestions of Jathedar Shri Akal Takhat Sahib and (SGPC) Shromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Amritsar for naming December 26 as per Gurmat terminology and Sikh traditions besides requesting all Sikh organisations to write letters of appreciation and thanks to Prime Minister for the historical step.

Others present on the occasion included Ranjit Singh, Devinder Singh, Surinder Singh, Sohan Singh, Manpreet Singh, Rangil Singh and Jaspreet Singh.

## UoL Student Union President Tashi Dorje call on LG Mathur

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LEH: President, Student Union, University of Ladakh, Nawang Tsundus, and Designer Tashi Dorje on Tuesday called upon the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, at Raj Niwas.

Nawang briefed LG Mathur of the issues faced by the students at University of Ladakh, including lack of continuity of studies due to sudden resignation of contractual teachers, non-issuance of migration certificate by University of Kashmir to students who passed out from Degree Colleges in Ladakh, lack of buses to ferry students, the need to introduce new courses such as Public Administration and Fine Arts, inadequate books at the library, personality development training programme, introducing BEd as a distance education course,

upgrading the infrastructure such as toilets and girls' hostel and smart classrooms.

Later, designer Tashi Dorje gave a detailed PPT presentation to LG Mathur on the need for a core design team in Ladakh.

He briefed LG Mathur about the need to safeguard traditional crafts and bridge the gap between traditional and new-age technologies.

LG Mathur stated that the focus should be on fulfilling the potential of agriculture, handloom/handicraft sectors as there is a lot of scope and opportunities in these sectors.

Stating that a comprehensive solution is needed, LG Mathur said that the right technology, social mobilisation, training, producing good quality products in bulk and at nominal cost is required to promote handicraft/handloom products from Ladakh.

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the country and will give representatives fair opportunities to develop them socially as well as culturally. The changed boundaries have merged many inaccessible areas and have also made a platform for representatives to raise their voice in the House for development of infrastructure, which otherwise was never done seriously.

The new constituencies, both that of the Parliament as well as the Assembly, will bind people culturally, economically and socially as well as bring them out of isolation. Many of the new constituencies have now come out of the clutches of those trying to nurture their areas on the basis of caste, creed, region or religion.

The manner in which

members of the Delimitation Commission have changed the boundaries, added or removed areas of constituencies, it has paved a way for the representatives taking their constituencies on the path of development.

Raman Suri said, the Delimitation Commission has done a commendable job by carving out Mata Vaishno Devi constituency, which will enable its representatives to solely concentrate on Katra, with which the facilities for pilgrims will be enhanced and every effort will be put in to develop the area to its full potential.

This, he said, was a much needed affair that stands addressed and no one should show their reservation over this new constituency.

These changes, Suri said, will give J&K a fresh life and change the political course forever, which is needed to bring new and young politicians into the mainstream and help them become people's voice in the Parliament as well as the Assembly.

## Mula Ram, Hari castigate BJP for 'wrong policies', ask people to vote for Congress in Punjab

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GURDASPUR: Former minister and Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Congress Committee (JKPCC) Mula Ram who was recently appointed as All India Congress Committee (AICC) Election Observer for District Gurdaspur in Punjab accompanied by Hari Singh Chib President District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural held a series of meetings with Beopar Mandal Gurdaspur besides holding multiple public meetings at Gurdaspur and Qadiani assembly segment of District Gurdaspur.

During the meeting with the Beopar Mandal Gurdaspur both the Congress leaders discussed the role that the members of

this trading body will play in motivating and convincing the people to vote for Congress in the upcoming elections.

They said that the business class has suffered a lot due to wrong policies of the BJP Govt at the Centre and urged them to teach BJP a lesson in these elections.

While addressing a public meeting at Qadiani assembly segment, Mula Ram accused the BJP Government at the Centre of having failed to provide any succour to the common people who are bearing the brunt of sky rocketing prices of essential commodities including fuel prices.

Moreover, the people feel crushed under the spine breaking inflation. He held the hollow policies of BJP led the role that the members of

government at the Centre responsible for economic slowdown, unemployment and unbridled inflation. He said the woes and miseries of the common man today are attributed to the wrong policies of the BJP Government at the Centre.

Urging the people to cast their votes in favour of Congress, he asked them to decimate BJP in the elections.

Hari Singh appealed to the people to cast their vote in favour of Congress to ensure its victory for forming the next Government on its own.

He said that Congress is the oldest political party and shall continue its fight against 'divisive and exploitative' forces, which are hell bent to destroy communal harmony.

## Ch Manmohan demands extension of rehabilitation package scheme for DPs

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JAMMU: The abrupt closure of rehabilitation package scheme for PoJK Displaced Persons of 1947 and Chhamb DPs of 1965 and 1971 is a cruel joke with those refugees who have not received the stipulated Rs 5.5 lakh relief for delay in documentation.

This was stated by All India Jat Maha Sabha President and former Mayor Jammu, Ch Manmohan Singh in response to government move to annul the aforesaid scheme from February 10, 2022 onwards. He questioned the logic of denying the genuine right to the refugees who have migrated from PoJK during the aforesaid years leaving behind their homes and hearth. Ch Manmohan Singh alleged that dictatorial attitude of bureaucracy and high-handedness of the Revenue Department have led to this situation resulting in sheer

injustice to thousands of people and marring the goodwill shown by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards the people who were forced to leave their everything in PoJK for no fault of theirs. He said that many refugee families have been denied their rightful share of Rs 5.5 lakh by rejecting their applications without even telling the beneficiaries about the shortfalls in their documentation.

The former Mayor questioned the entire procedure adopted by the concerned department while inviting the applicants because the applicants were never given any receipts for their applications thus giving rise to ambiguity and even corruption. Expressing concern, he said that it is totally unjustified to close the scheme as most of the beneficiaries are still struggling to get their due as they could rectify the lacunae or arrange the documents which are short.

Ch Manmohan Singh demanded that the aforesaid scheme should be extended for another six months and a procedure be established whereby the applicants get the information that why they have been denied the relief so that they could rectify the lacunae or arrange the documents which are short.

## EC Minority Affairs visits Thangnak Phyang



Imamiya, Sheikh Nazir Hussain.

EC Mehdi handed over a cheque of Rs 50,000 on behalf of the Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor took stock of the damages caused due to a collapse of a house at Thangnak Mohalla, Phyang recently. He was accompanied by Nominated Councillor, Muntaz Hussain, and I/c President, Anjuman

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## Central Secretariat delegation meets Dr Jitendra, discusses promotion issues

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NEW DELHI: A delegation of Central Secretariat officials on Tuesday called on Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge DoPT (Department of Personnel & Training) and discussed with him promotion issues, including timely promotions as well as other service matters.

The twelve-member delegation representing all Central Secretariat Services (CSS) officers flagged a number of issues before the Minister like immediate Promotions (Regular/ad hoc) in CSS, extending all the benefits of Organized Group 'A' Service to Central Secretariat Service Officers such as inclusion in the list of CRD, Cadre Review by CR Division, Non-functional Up-gradation, Declaration of NFSG in

issued, subject to the outcome of pending writ petitions, he recalled. The members of the delegation conveyed their thanks to Dr Jitendra for his highly responsive and generous attitude in resolving their service matters, whenever he is approached. They expressed confidence that with the Minister's intervention, their issues will get resolved.

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