

# 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, Tractor & 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 JKPC

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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 Lilothia, 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.) Mulkh 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; Shamsheer 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) Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Amritsar for naming December 26 as per Gurnat 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.

## NGO donates masks, sanitizers to Health Department



NGO members handing-over COVID kits to Director Health Services Jammu.

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JAMMU: A delegation of 'National Corruption Control and Human Welfare Organization' an NGO led by Brigadier Harcharan Singh, on Tuesday called on Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman and donated masks and sanitizers to the department.

In a bid to contribute its bid in the times of Covid and to express solidarity with the frontline health

workers working day and night amid the challenging time of pandemic, the NGO donated 1000 N-95 masks and 250 bottles of sanitizers to DHS Jammu for the benefit of health department.

The good will gesture was highly appreciated by DHS Jammu. He thanked the visiting delegation for their cooperation, upon which the Brigadier assured all possible help from his NGO in the future also.

## Delegation of AJK Non-Gazetted Horticulture Employees Union meets Director Horticulture

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JAMMU: Delegation of All Jammu and Kashmir Non Gazetted Horticulture Employees Union met Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Sevak under the chairmanship of UT President Fayaz Ahmad Bhat.

UT Vice President Mohd Maqbool Itoo, UT Chief Organizer Farooq Ahmad Malik, UT General Secretary Showkat Ahmad, Provincial President Kashmir Mohd Amin Dar, Provincial President Jammu Sanjay Khujuria, Executive Members Kuldeep, Talib Ahmad also part of the delegation. Bhat expressed thanks to the Director Horticulture Kashmir Aijaz Ahmad Bhat and Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Sevak for sub-

mitting file of pay anomaly and file of Amendment in Recruitment Rule (SRO 235) to the higher ups.He discussed many issues of non gazetted employees of non gazetted employees of Jammu Province with the Director Horticulture Jammu. The Director heard the delegation patiently and assured them that all the genuine demands of non gazetted employees will be fulfilled as soon as possible.

The NGHEU requested Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha and Principal Secretary to Horticulture, Naveen Kumar Choudhary to intervene and fulfill the long pending demands of Horticulture Department such as Pay Anomaly, Amendment in SRO 235, amendment in BHT/BSc. training policy, regularize of Casual/Daily wagers, etc.

## Smile Train Project; Amandeep Hospital conducts 7,500 cleft lip surgeries

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AMRITSAR: Amandeep Hospital Private Limited (AHPL) has attained a major milestone in its Smile Train project, initiated with the aim of adding beautiful smiles to faces of people in need and proffer new hope and a fresh lease of life to patients needing surgical intervention for the correction of their facial deformities, through a host of successful surgeries performed under this project, over the years.

Giving details, Dr Ravi Kumar Mahajan, HOD, Chief Plastic, Microvascular and Reconstructive Surgeon, Amandeep Group of Hospitals, and President, Association of Plastic



Surgeons of India, said that the AHPL had launched the Smile Train project in 2004 to perform cleft lip surgeries on patients needing the same.

"The hospital has attained a major milestone in this sphere with at least 7500 successful surgeries performed free of cost on those needing the same for

the correction of cleft lip and secondary deformities," he said.

He added that the hospital has also been offering speech and dental services for the past 18 years. "These speech and dental services are also being offered free of cost," Dr Mahajan added.

He maintained that the achievement bore witness to the hospital's distinction as a medical conglomerate specializing in various fields of medicine and surgery.

"This is not the end of the road as the Smile Train still has a long way to go with many more such successful surgeries likely to be performed under this project in the future," said Dr Mahajan.

## 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 Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh 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 Qadian 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 Qadian 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

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 exploitive' forces, which are hell bent to destroy communal harmony.

## 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

JAG Grade, Operationalization of 30% posts at JAG level from overall senior duty posts, etc. The members of the delegation wanted relaxation in the 9-year service clause for proceeding on central deputation. They also requested the Minister to notify and declare 1st October as Central Secretariat Services Day. Dr Jitendra gave a patient hearing to the members of the delegation and assured them that the DoPT will take all measures to sort out all the pending issues including the cases pending in the courts.

The Minister recalled that over three years back, DoPT had carried out mass promotions of nearly 4,000 officials in different departments at different levels, which had been widely hailed. Many of these promotion orders were also

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.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the CSS officials are an essential tool of governance, since the notes and drafts prepared by them form the bedrock of Government policies as the proposals pass through various stages in the government hierarchy. The Minister told the officers to have out-of-box thinking and innovative ideas to improve the administrative system.

## EC Minority Affairs visits Thangnak Phyang



EC for Minority Affairs, LAHDC Leh, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor taking stock of damages at Thangnak Mohalla.

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LEH: The Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, 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, Mumtaz Hussain, and I/e President, Anjuman

Imamiya, Sheikh Nazir Hussain.

EC Mehdi handed over a cheque of Rs 50,000 on behalf of the Chairman, LAHDC Leh from the CEC Relief fund to the affected family. He assured that the Hill Council Leh will ensure further assistance whenever required in the future.

## 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 applications 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 procuring documents from the

revenue department is the most difficult part in this whole gamut.

Ch Manmohan Singh also raised concern over the concerned department not telling the aforesaid applicants the reason for denying them the relief as the same has also led to confusion and delay in many cases. He said that there is no logic in abruptly closing the aforesaid scheme because still hundreds of families are hurching to get the benefit guaranteed by none other than the Prime Minister of the country.

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.