

# BJP pays tributes to Lala Shiv Charan Gupta on his 14th death anniversary

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UDHAMPUR: Glowing tributes were paid to Lala Shiv Charan Gupta on his 14th death anniversary at a homage giving function organized by the former Minister of State for Finance and Information Technology and ex-MLA Udhampur Pawan Kumar Gupta.

The function also marked the celebrations by the BJP workers at Nand Palace, Dhar Road, to hail yet another landslide victory in the elections to Legislative Assembly in four states, reflecting the strength of the party, which remains a cherished dream for the rank and file.

Leading large number of workers to pay floral tribute to Lalaji, senior leaders Pawan Kumar Gupta, Devender Singh Rana, Satish Sharma and Baldev Raj Sharma, President Municipal Council Udhampur recalled the commitment of the late leader towards nation and service to the people and making the BJP a mass movement in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Speakers recalled the yeomen services of the legendary leader Lala Shiv Charan Gupta, born on March 3, 1925 at



Ex-MLA Udhampur Pawan Gupta and prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana during a programme.

Udhampur, and his political odyssey. Lalaji was jailed twice by the Sheikh Abdullah regime during the Praja Parishad agitation.

Lala Shiv Charan Gupta was elected to the State Legislative Assembly four times and worked tirelessly in various capacities to serve the people and strengthen the party at the grassroots level. His role in the socio-political arena remained enviable all along. Lalaji remained President Beopar Mandal, Udhampur, General Secretary Cow Protection Samiti, Chief Organizer of Social Sudhar Sabha, President Ram Leela Club, Udhampur, Vice-

Chairman of Town Area Committee, Udhampur, Zonal Secretary of Praja Parishad, Udhampur, Member Central Working Committee of Praja Parishad and Member Central Social welfare Board. He was elected to the State assembly for the first time in 1962 on the mandate of Praja Parishad. He was also elected MLA in 1967 and 1977 on the mandate of Jana Sangha. In 1996, Lala Shiv Charan got elected to the Legislative Assembly on the BJP mandate. He remained Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Gupta, who is also the son of Lala Shiv

Charan Gupta, said that the departure of the visionary leader left a huge political vacuum. The family is yet to overcome the grief, as Lalaji continues to remain in their hearts and thoughts.

"The month of March is especially difficult for us as a family since this is the month his soul chose to be born in and then leave us all", Mr Pawan Gupta said in a choked voice adding that this time of the year, the family remains gripped in nostalgia with his fond memories while painfully re-living with the sense of loss.

"Lalaji's legacy extends beyond the family of course. His magnanimous persona blessed so many people around him and his legacy ensures peace and an improved life for so many of us and also his hypnotic persona lives deep in our hearts and soul", Mr Pawan added.

Pawan Gupta also highlighted Lalaji's vision and tireless dedication for the prosperity of the people of Udhampur. He said his selfless services and commitment to the nation will remain an inspiration for all and for the generations to come. He also added that his physical form may have departed

14 years ago but his eternal light shines on us through the heavens above guiding us through the more challenging paths of life.

The Speakers also hailed the historic victory of the BJP in recent Assembly elections, saying this is only due to the pro people rule over the country by the BJP government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

DDC Chairman Lal Chand, BDC's Balwan Singh and Jeevan Sharma besides DDC members, Sapanches and Panches also addressed the function.



## Only youth can take war against drug abuse to a logical conclusion: Zorawar

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JAMMU: Encouraged by the over-whelming response of the people in its war against menace of drugs, the Team Jammu organized Anti-drug programme at Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Baag Baayian, Gole Gujral Camp, here on Sunday.

The speakers educated the younger generation against this menace which has been slowly gripping youth of Jammu region. During the program, the youth expressed concern over the ignorant attitude of local police on the burning issue of drug menace. They pointed out that their area is a tail end of two police posts including PP, Pouni Chack and PP, Talab Tillo, due to which both the jurisdictions are not having a proper vigil in that area. "Many a times suspicious movements have been spotted but no action was taken," rued the youth present during the pro-



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal addressing a gathering at Jammu.

gram. Addressing the gathering, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, chairman of the Team Jammu, asserted that they would take their war to the logical conclusion with the support of the people. "The way people, especially the youth, are coming forward in our campaign has encouraged us", he said and reiterated commitment of the Team Jammu to liberate youth of Jammu region from the yoke of drugs. "It is small initiative from our side

which has received overwhelming and unprecedented response from Jammuites as people cutting across party ideology, caste, creed, colour and religion are coming forward to render their support to make Jammu free from drugs", Team Jammu chief said that in the days to come, Team Jammu will organize similar programs and rallies in other parts of Jammu region.

Exhorting the youth to single out those who are responsible for spreading

this menace in Jammu region, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that "Our priority is to involve as many as youth in the on-going campaign to give a message to the society that youth of Jammu are ready to shoulder the responsibility of make this city free from drug abuse." Zorawar Singh Jamwal maintained that it was high-time to expose those who, for some petty financial benefits, are playing with the lives of the younger generation.

Prominent among others who spoke on the occasion included President, Gurudwara Singh, Baag Baayian, Sardar Amarpreet Singh Lovely, general secretary, Sardar Paramjeet Singh, Sardar Reebek Singh, panches, Trilochan Singh, Surinder Singh, Vishal Rajput, Surinder Sharma, Deepika Rajput and Gulshan Kumar.

## ‘The Kashmir Files’ truly masterpiece movie: Tarun Chugh

‘Every Indian across the globe should watch it’

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and the National General Secretary of BJP, Tarun Chugh tweeted upon 'The Kashmir Files' film, written and directed by Vivek



Agnihotri based on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. Tarun Chugh quoted in his tweet, "The Kashmir Files' is truly a masterpiece movie. Special thanks to @vivek-agnihotri Ji for making such a wonderful movie which speaks about the

genocidal environment which was faced by The Kashmiri Pandits. #JusticeforKashmiriHindus" He further mentioned, "The Kashmir Files' talks about the fake propaganda. It is clearly showed that how media failed to deliver the truth for decades. Every Indian across the globe should watch this movie."

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fragmented Shangus - Anantnag constituency about 40 Km from headquarter of the 43-Anantnag West. Same is the case with Kishtwar where Muchaber PC and Balgram PC closer to Inderwal is annexed with 45- Kishtwar.5-Handwara is another case in point. The part of Handwara Tehsil is sliced away and annexed with another Assembly Segment and Drugmulla Tehsil previously part of 3-Kupwara is joined with 5- Handwara. Similar treatment is given to 74-RS Pora - Jammu South and 22 - Sonawar where PCs from middle of other Assembly segments have been picked joined with other Assembly Segments. The 41-Dooru, the constituency with largest population 192381- and a large area as well. The Assembly Segment qualifies for an additional constituency. Most of the Assembly segments present the same story. The Assembly segments are mentioned only to illustrate the departure and deviation from the stilled norms. The Hon'ble Commission has in disregard of law carved out islands within and from the middle of the Assembly segments and annexed with far away Assembly segments without any proximity or connectivity. The details herein are only to illustrate the pattern of departure from set practices and universally followed norms and does not cover all the segments.

23. The two Provinces / Divisions of Jammu and Kashmir are contiguous separated by mighty Pir Panjal range and other mountains of The Lesser Himalayas. Both the Divisions have similar terrain and topography and almost equal share of predominantly hilly and difficult areas. The hilly and difficult areas cannot be selectively used to the advantage of one Division and increase its representation and disempower and disenfranchise the other Division. The people on other side of Lesser Himalayas and small valleys within the range are exposed to similar hardships like lack of adequate communication and connectivity as in the Districts placed in +10% category. To illustrate population in Matigawran, AhlanGadole, Kapran, Hapathar, Lidroo, Frislan, Lehendajan, Chimran, Kachiwan, Chaugam and scores of other remote areas of Anantnag is victim to immense hardship as regards means of communication, civic amenities, entitling the district to be categorized as -10% or at least average category. The entire Shopian district overlooked by mighty Pir Panjal with the toughest terrain and difficult and remote areas with little or no communication like Darpora, Heerpore, Kirchhapathri, Dachnoo, Gersinar, Jampathri and Saimarg, Chakhirnoor, Kathhulan and other areas, has been placed in +10% category, making it unfair and discriminatory. Same is true about Baramulla. With 100 km long LoC and remote areas HawaMarkoot, Kiti Dajan, and interior areas of Rafisabad, Bijhama, Kamal Kot, Nambla, Uri, interior areas of Soniyaar, Kandi, Kakawthal, with little or no communication, and hardship faced by a large segment of population near LoC getting uprooted day in and day out, the Baramulla district deserved to be placed in -10% category. The Budgam district has also not received fair deal in the Paper-1 proposals. The Hon'ble Commission has failed to realise that most of the district comprises of hilly and mountainous areas below and overlooked by Tosmaidan and remote areas with tough terrain in Khag, Beerwah, Khan Saheb, GogjiPathri. The district has been surprisingly placed in +10% category when it ought to have been in -10% category or at least in average category. The categorization and criteria set out in Paper-1 followed to make such exercise is therefore arbitrary, unfair and selectively used. The result is gross injustice to the Kashmir Division unless correctional measures are taken. We have voiced our concern in the meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and submitted that the proposal offends core criteria observed in such exercise.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

24. The propose delimitation of the Parliamentary Constituency Anantnag and the Draft Proposal may be without a parallel in the history. No where in such an exercise two geographically different regions separated by one of the highest mountain ranges inaccessible for most of the year must have been ever joined to form one constituency ignoring fundamental principles of congruity, connectivity, convenience and compact area as required under law. The Draft as regards other two parliamentary constituencies of Srinagar and Baramulla also does not have regard to the fundamental principles of delimitation.

25. What can be more shocking example of unrealistic, illogical and irrational demarcation of a Parliamentary Constituency than that of 3-Anantnag Constituency. The Hon'ble Commission has joined Anantnag, Kulgam and Zainapora from Shopian District with Poonch and Rajouri Districts without any regard for the terrain, geography, connectivity, accessibility, and overall

convenience. The Hon'ble Commission has not in the least considered that Anantnag, Kulgam and Zainapora are separated by mighty Pir Panjal Range and the area are in-accessible for half the year because of heavy snowfall. The draft proposal makes no sense looking from any angle. The only result would be huge hardship to the people of Poonch, Rajouri and also far flung areas of south Kashmir. Redrawing of boundaries of Srinagar and Baramulla depicts similar indifference to the guiding principles of compactness, contiguity and connectivity while making delimitation exercise. Shopian has been made part of Srinagar Constituency and Budgam and Beerwah part of Baramulla in utter disregard of the settled guiding principles and to huge inconvenience of the people.

26. The Hon'ble Commission has restored some of the names of huge historical importance. Working Paper 1-6 shockingly obliterates a number of Constituencies of historical importance. However justice remains to be done to Amirakadal, Zadibal, Sangrama, Gulmarg, HomShailBugh, Batmaloo, Gandhi Nagar are made to disappear and completely obliterated unmindful of their emotional value and importance. Amira Kadal makes us remember the name of Governor Amir Khan who has made significant contribution to architecture and urban development. It is shocking when efforts are being made to restore old names of cities and towns in the Country, a conscious effort is being made to obliterate and remove history and culture of Jammu and Kashmir. The names of places, towns and cities are symbols of culture and history and deserve to be respected. The constituencies therefore must be restored.

27. The Hon'ble Commission has made the exercise seemingly on perusal of maps without visiting different parts of north Kashmir, South Kashmir, central Kashmir, Pir Panjal, Kathua and other district and sub district headquarters. The Hon'ble Commission did not meet and interact with cross section of people and civil society groups across Jammu and Kashmir and the draft does not reflect the aspirations and views of the general public.

28. That non application of mind is as submitted in earlier responses writ large on the Working Paper 1-6 as must be clear from the submissions made above and the proposals therefore deserve to be withdrawn and whenever permissible under the Constitution a fresh look given to it after wider consultation and interaction with all sections of society.

29. That the Working Paper 1-6 proposals for the reasons set out in preceding paras and for the reasons that may be submitted hereafter are not acceptable and should not be acted upon as these would result in grave injustice to every segment of the population and also violate the fundamental principles that govern the delimitation exercise and are to be abided by the Hon'ble Commission.

30. That we reserve the right to make further oral and written submissions in support of the submissions made above.

31. That this dissenting proposals / memorandum / objections along with annexures be kindly taken on record and published with the draft proposal.

In the premises and having regard to the submissions made and the annexures enclosed and the submissions to be made as and when the Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to allow, it is respectfully prayed:

That Hon'ble Commission having due regard to the cogent and convincing submission made in paras 1 to 31 above may be pleased to stop the Delimitation exercise forthwith pending final adjudication and disposal of the batch of writ petition questioning Vires and constitutional validity of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019.

The draft proposal made in Working Paper 1-6 proposing demarcation of the Assembly Constituencies and Parliamentary constituencies be withdrawn without acting upon the proposals in any manner or proceeding ahead in the matter.

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Dated:04/03/2022

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Subject: Dissenting Proposal regarding Assembly/Parliamentary Constituencies of UT of Jammu Kashmir.

Hon'ble,

W.r.t your letter No. 282/J&K/2022 (DEL) Dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, I am forwarding revised proposal having suggestions regarding delimitation of the Assembly segments.

I humbly request the Delimitation Commission to consider the following suggestions:

- > The newly proposed "Anantnag-Rajouri" Parliamentary seat may please named as "Anantnag-Poonch" Parliamentary Seat.
- > "Shopian" Assembly segment falls between Anantnag & Rajouri Poonch, therefore Shopian may please be included in Anantnag Rajouri Parliament seat & "Bijbehra" Assembly segment may please be included in Srinagar Parliamentary seat as it is very adjoining to Srinagar.

District Jammu

- 1- The "Bahu" Assembly segment should be renamed as "Bahu Lochan" Assembly segment.
- 2- The "Jammu East" assembly segment should be renamed as "Jammu Tawi" Assembly Segment. The river Tawi flows through the Jammu City. It is sacred river and people have great faith in the river. Considering the sentiments this seat may be renamed as "Jammu Tawi" seat.
- 3- The "Jammu North" Assembly segment should be renamed as "Muthi-Domana" Assembly segment.
- 4- The "Maira Mandarian" & "Chowki Choura" Tehsils may kindly be excluded from Khour Assembly Segment and to be included in Akhnour Assembly segment.

- 5- The "Pargwal" tehsil may kindly be excluded from Akhnour Assembly segment and to be included in Khour Assembly Segment.

District Samba

- 1- The "Katli" PC may be excluded from Ramgarh Assembly segment and to be included in Samba Assembly Segment.
- 2- The "Rajpura" Tehsil to be excluded from Ramgarh Assembly segment and to be included in Samba Assembly Segment.

District Rajouri

- 1- The "Darhal" Assembly segment may please be renamed as "Budhal Assembly" Segment. (Tehsil Kotranka & Tehsil Khawas)
- 2- The "Darhal" Tehsil may kindly be excluded from Darhal Assembly Segment and included in Thanamandi Assembly Segment.
- 3- The "Fahtehpur" PC may be excluded from Rajouri Assembly segment & included in "Thanamandi" Assembly segment.

Respected, In reference to the letter no. 282/J&K/2022(DEL) dated: 25/02/2022, my note of dissent may be published along with the draft proposal of the Commission.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

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