

School named after Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo

NC, Cong had vested interest in KPs' exodus: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday alleged that contrary to the myth being spread that the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) was engineered by the then Governor Jagmohan at the behest of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the matter of fact is that the National Conference (NC), Congress and their Kashmir-centric allies had a vested interest in KP exodus because it gave impetus to their policy of appeasement towards a particular community and benefited them by creating a deep communal divide.

Speaking at a largely attended programme organised to name a Govt School after Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo, Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the aftermath of Kashmiri Pandit exodus and the overwhelming atmosphere of terror that followed, the voter turnout in 1996 and subsequent elections remained confined to around 10%, which the National Conference and its allies were successful in easily manipulating to get their members elected as MLAs and MPs.

He recalled that he had on the floor of the Parliament said that there should be a provision to fix the minimum threshold of voter turnout percentage to allow a candidate to be recognized as having been elected as the member of Lok Sabha or State Legislative Assembly.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, he and several other youth activists of his gener-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a gathering of displaced Kashmiri Pandit community after formally naming a Govt School after Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo, at Rohini, New Delhi, on Sunday.

ation were eye-witness to each sequence of exodus beginning from the arrival of first batches of Kashmiri Pandits at Geeta Bhawan Jammu and makeshift Camps at Mishriwala and Nagrota, where they lived in most unhygienic conditions with the drains passing through the kitchen area and hardly any toilet facility available.

It was pathetic to see upper middle class Kashmiri Pandit families forced to live in a makeshift single room shed without any basic amenities.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, he vividly recalls the summer of 1990 which was most harsh for the displaced Kashmiri Pandits who had never the seen the summer of plains, as a result of which there were a series of Heat Stroke cases happening, and as as a

young medico, he and his colleagues would physically lift heat struck Kashmiri Pandits and place them on ice-slabs.

He said, the film "The Kashmir Files" has done a tremendous contribution in bringing out the unspoken side of the Kashmir story, when most of the film makers were busy making films romanticising the Kashmiri terrorist.

Describing the death of Tika Lal Taploo as not only an assault on Kashmiri Pandits but a bigger assault on the composite culture of Kashmir valley, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Taploo enjoyed reverence across all sections of society for his integrity and compassion.

He said, there are several other aspects also, which require more films

to be made to depict, for example, why in a democratic set up, a section of society was forced to become refugees in their own country and why this did not elicit the world's attention.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijender Gupta MLA & former Delhi BJP President welcomed Shri Tika Lal Taploo's family which now resides in Rohini, along with 237 families of Kashmiri Hindus or Pandits.

Gupta said that people of Delhi are shocked at the level of insensitivity and apathy displayed by Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal on the plight of Kashmiri Hindus.

Not only did the AAP government refuse to make 'The Kashmir Files' tax free, but its leaders also made mockery of the Kashmiri Hindus massacre in the Delhi assembly, he said adding that this attitude is a proof of CM Arvind Kejriwal's anti-Hindu mindset.

It was an emotionally charged moment when people remembered Tika Lal Taploo and what ensued in Kashmir after his brutal killing. Many of them recalled the dark days of Kashmiri Hindu genocide and subsequent coverup that took place due to vested interests, especially in politics and media.

Mayor of NMCD, Raja Iqbal Singh graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Alok Sharma, President, NMCD Education Committee and MCD Councilor presided over the programme.



Sham Sharma urges people to cherish, preserve Sanskrit language

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader, Sham Lal Sharma weighed in on the importance of the Indian traditional language, Sanskrit and called on the citizens to cherish and preserve the same.

Sham, as the chief guest, was speaking in an event organized as the mark of birth centenary year of Dr. Pandit Uttam Chand Pathak Shastri at Government Higher Secondary School, Ghordi, here.

He said that Sanskrit is not only the language of rituals, it is the mother of Sanatan Dharma and culture.

Describing the antiquity of Sanskrit language, Sham Lal said that Sanskrit has emerged on the world stage as the most accurate language of space.

Knowledge of Dogri language i.e. all the people of Jammu and Kashmir should have knowledge of Sanskrit language along with the local dialect of their area, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, special guest, SSP Shakti Kumar Pathak, while highlighting the present status of Sanskrit language in Jammu and Kashmir and the necessary points for fundamental improvement in it, said that Sanskrit is necessary to maintain life and to preserve culture. It is necessary to study it and make others do the same.

The chairman of the centenary year organizing committee, Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor



Senior BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma being felicitated during the event.

said that Sanskrit should be the language of our practice, emphasizing on this topic, told through an example based on some parts of the promotion of Sanskrit language by the organizing committee. The guest of honour, Dr. K.K. Sharma, Agriculture Director Jammu, said in his speech that Sanskrit is the oldest and living language of the world.

Prof. Sharad Chand Sharma ji explained in detail in his speech mentioning the entire life story of Shastri ji.

Prof Sharad Chand Sharma, Chairman of English Department, Central Sanskrit University Jammu, threw light on the entire life story of Shastri.

Acharya Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay, Principal of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, at the very beginning of the program, while stating the motto of 'Gehe Gehe Sanskritam' throughout the year mentioned about the various activities to be conducted

by the organizing committee.

DDC Chairman Rakesh Sharma welcomed all the visiting guests by giving traditional turbans, Chunari and pictures of Marada Mata. BDC. Chairman Arti Sharma thanked all the guests.

More than five hundred people of the city including Vinod Sharma, Rakesh Jamwal, Rakesh Gandotra, Vishal were present.

The people who have done excellent work in their respective fields were honoured by the organizing committee.

The organizers of this program are mainly from Ghordi Vikas Manch, Shrimat Vivekananda Forum Ghordi, Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Vishwasthali, Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranvir Campus, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology Jammu and was done under the joint aegis of Srikailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust.

Rectify procedures in contract system for full-fledged development of J&K: Team Jammu

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir is passing through a phase of transformation and Panchayati Raj Institutions are playing an important role in giving new impetus to development and strengthening democracy at the grassroots level.

In the midst of all this, there is a need for massive changes in policy making, especially in the rural areas, so that the development goals can be achieved in time.

Addressing a joint press conference here today, Chairman, Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal and District Councilor, Panchairi Mounagri, District Development Council, Udhampur, Jasvir Singh appealed the Lt. Governor administration to bring changes in policy making, keeping in view the ground situation.

He said that it is a matter of concern that a large part of the amount allocated to Panchayati Raj for the financial year 2021-22 has not reached the public.

The same has resulted into more hardships in the routine life of a common man.

Giving details, DDC, Councilor, Jasvir Singh highlighted that the Panchayati Raj team had been conveyed the detailed plan of the financial year to the government on time, but despite that it could not be implemented on the ground.

He pointed out that the procedures of contract system could not be implemented in a logical and systematic manner in the Rural Development Department, as a result of which most of the allocated



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal briefing media in Jammu.

amount could not be spent for the development of the people. For this there are huge gaps in policy making.

Jasvir Singh said that if there are no major changes in the policies, then the condition of the next financial year will also be similar to the previous financial year and the circumstances of the present point towards it.

He said that there is a huge shortage of teachers in rural areas, due to which the future of rural areas is in dark because for the development of these areas, it is most important to strengthen the field of education. Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that there is a need for recruitment of teachers on a large scale, the delay in this is tarnishing the hope of bright future of lakhs of students from poor and backward sections. Teaching learning tools are not fit for the present time and required immediate change. The government should take immediate steps for this. There is acute shortage of staff in almost all government departments. Without listening to the issues of the youth and finding a positive solution, the dream of a new Jammu and Kashmir will remain incomplete. New

recruitment policy and new youth policy are the urgent need of the hour.

Team Jammu chief further said that the non-completion of government projects on time is causing huge loss to the exchequer and the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The government should study the ground situation in depth while making policy. He expressed his support to the employees demanding the old pension scheme. He said that the government should work fast towards making every temporary government employee with a respectable salary and permanent. Ensuring employment for the youth must be included in the priority of the government.

BJP rules by deceit, 137 days of election period saw no price hike of petrol, diesel: Congress

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JAMMU: Congress has charged BJP of ruling by deceit, as it stopped price hike of petrol and diesel for 137 days of election period and now it's price increasing every day.

Criticising the steep rise in the prices essential drugs and petrol and diesel ,everyday for past five days totalling increase of Rs 3.20 so far, this week, JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that BJP rules nation by deceit, as it didn't increase these prices for 137 days of election period to dodge voters. This is clear loot by deceit & cheating, the citizens, as it has other emotional issues in elections to divert attention of people from real issues of unprecedented inflation, uncontrolled prices and large scale unemployment due to failure to create jobs and wrong economic policies, he said.

The sudden rise of petrol and diesel prices after gap of 137 days in view of elections in different states, Sharma said, clearly indicates how BJP befools people and loots them after elections, while in elections BJP has other diversionary tactics. He said that the price of petrol and diesel was Rs 71.41 and Rs 55.49 during Dr Mammohan Singh's government when the price of crude oil in international market was 108 USD. At that time govt would charge Rs 9.20 and Rs 3.46 per litre per ltr as duty which is Rs 18.70 and Rs 18.34 at present under BJP rule, as the price of petrol, diesel per ltr is Rs 98.61 and Rs 89.87 IN the Capital, he alleged.

He said that the rise of eleven to 16 percent in the prices of over 800 essential drugs is a shocking news for all especially poor and common man. The poor patients will die as they would not be able to afford the medicines. This is first time that such a high prices will be hiked as earlier it was 0.5 to one percent hike every year.

He said that BJP government loots the common man through huge taxes, least bothering about the poor and common man, who are suffering a lot under BJP regime and unable to meet both ends of their families.

The party shall launch a campaign against the anti people, anti poor moves of the Modi government and has urged the people to strongly oppose the unprecedented taxes and tax terrorism of BJP.

No doubt DC appears taking TASK seriously but more is needed to undo wrongs done over 7-decades

► J&K Delimitation Commission proposals notified in Govt Gazette in terms of Sec-60(5) of Act34 of 2019 ◄

► Exercise for Delimitation of Constituencies of the 1st Legislative Assembly of UT of J&K is still LIVE ◄

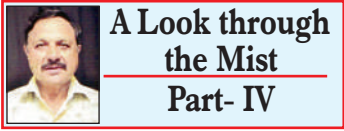
► DC holds a pious & high level responsibility as its order can't be challenged in any Court ◄

► People still hope that wrongs of 1st Legislative Assembly of J&K State will not be repeated in UT of J&K ◄

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(iii)keeping in view the broader information on physicals that could be overseen by writer keeping in view the guiding parameters as laid down for delimitation of constituencies of a Legislative Assembly of UT of J&K in Sub Section(2) of Section-60 of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, Act no 34 there can be sensed a fair case for distributing on macro level atleast 47-48 MLA constituencies over areas lying outside Kashmir valley and 43 to 42 MLA in areas other than Jammu region (Kashmir valley). A broader sketch has been drawn by for macro distribution in Table -YYY placed here in . The official certified data can have some differences but shall not be worth overturning the balances projected in the table-YYY.

(iv). Section-60(5) of the Act-34 says delimitation commission after considering all objections and suggestions which may have been received by it before the date so specified, determine by one or more orders the delimitation of constituencies and cause such order or orders to be published in the Official Gazette, and there upon such publication, the order or orders shall have the full force of law and shall not be called in question in any



court. In other words Delimitation Commission is body appointed to execute an assignment as per the parameters constitutionally laid down after obtaining all types of needed data / information ,analysing the same, then laying down the real maps of the individual segments of a Legislative Assembly and finalising the same only after taking opinion (though opinions not binding) of all the stake holders.

Hence, the Commission is placed with a pious responsibility of much higher level since final order of the Commission cannot be challenged in any court of law, whereas even judgement order of HC or SC can be challenged.

(v) The Delimitation Commission may kindly also make the official data (like geographical areas , topography, terrains/ physicals , the all weather road / black top connectivity/ % area covered by roads region/district wise , population etc) at region / district levels as obtained from the Government of J&K and basis drawn for classification of districts otherwise it is not possi-

Table -YYY					
S No	Factor	Ground Information	Jammu Region	Kashmir Region	Likely share out of 90 for Areas outside K Valley
1	Section-50 of J&K Constitution.	Elected MLCs	14	12	48.46 units
2	Administrative status and local conveniences	1947 Districts including POJK	5 District +2 Jagirs (Poonch & Chenani)	3 Districts	Number districts in 1978 gives real picture and number of districts after 1979 and in 2007 cause illusion. Surely the districts in Kashmir valley were irrationally increased in 1979 and 2007 to mislead any reviewing authority.
		Districts excluding POJK 1948	4 + 2 Jagirs (less Mirpur)	2 districts (less Muzaffabad)	+33% & +++300% more than what Wazir Commission said.
		Districts excluding POJK in 1978	Six	Three	
		Districts in 1979	6 (no change)	increased from 3to 6?	
		Districts proposed by Js Wazir Commission in 1984	9 Nine	7 Seven	
		Districts made in 2007	10+	10++ ?	
		Likely Weightage	55%	45%	49.50
3	Area in 2021		26293 sq km	15948 sq km	56.02 units
4	***Connectivity				
		*Roads 1987	3500 km	4900 km	
		*Area Covered by roads in 1987	18%	40 %	*a. Delimitation order 1995 ignored the guiding data on Areas outside Valley that had comparatively very poor connectivity
		**Roads J&K R&B Website 31-03-2021			**b. Current status in 2021 is also bad for areas outside Kashmir valley
		Black Top roads Km	14541 km	12225 km	
		Fair weather roads Km	5780 Km	890 Km	
		Total Roads of all type including B.T/ Metalled/ Shingled/ FW	25.96 % of total roads in region. 0.846 km /sq km	0.767km/sq km 38.8% more than Jammu region 1.124 km/sq km 33.5% more than Jammu Region	
5	****Terrain		Min 60% bad	Max 40 % bad.	Around 50 units
					***The Vale of Kashmir is also quoted even in official documents as to be also having it past an ancient lake basin about 85 miles (135 km) long, 20 miles (32 km) wide, that is drained by the upper Jhelum River. i.e nearly 4620 sq km out of 15948 sq km.
6	Population	Population 2011	53, 50811	68, 88497	39.8
7.	Overall likely reflections could be upto units out of 90 units in favour of areas outside Kashmir valley : 48.82 out of 90				

ble for persons from outside official arena to make specific observations

(vi) The task before the DC is very unique& special type requiring undoing the wrongs of over 7 decades. The Commission has taken already 2 years to notify draft order for public comments but has given only 7 days time to the people of UT of J&K and those connected with affairs related to UT from outside the official arena which is too less a period and that too when the minimum data has not been included in the notification/ notice / draft order.

As regards the 5 constituencies of upper house (Lok Sabha) there is not much to be deliberated on that and any particular suggestions that may be still required can be made after the the constituencies of the Legislative Assembly are redrafted by the DC after taking into consideration the suggestions & objections that have been invited from general public upto 21-03-2022.

Hoping that Delimitation Commission shall provide more of opportunity / data / information in the next notification to obtain more specific inputs for further review.

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