

Confederation demands real Reservation Amendment Bill 2025, warns of statewide agitation

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JAMMU: The All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations held a protest conference at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu, demanding that the government introduce the Real Reservation Amendment Bill 2025 to ensure justice for marginalized communities.

Addressing the media, RK Kalsotra, State President of the Confederation, strongly condemned the recent viral draft of the Reservation Bill, calling it an attack on constitutional reservations. He warned that any attempt to dilute existing reservation policies would lead to mass protests. "The circulating proposal aims to weaken the fundamental rights of SC/ST/OBC communities, and we will not tolerate any such move," he stated.

The Confederation has put forth several key demands. They have called for an increase in reservation quotas, with SC reservation in recruitment and promotions raised from 8% to 10%, ST-1 reservation from 10% to 12%, and OBC reservation fixed at 27% in accordance with the Mandal Commission. Another critical demand is the immediate restoration of reservation in promotions for



Members of Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations staging protest.

SC/ST/OBC employees, which has been pending for years.

Additionally, the Confederation has urged the government to reinstate the five-year age relaxation for SC/ST candidates in employment and education, instead of the current three-year concession. They have also stressed the importance of clearing backlog vacancies, ensuring that all pending posts reserved for SC/ST/OBC candidates in government employment are filled.

A significant demand put forward is land rights for marginalized communities. The Confederation insists that government state lands should be returned to SC/ST/OBC communities and legal ownership granted

to them. Furthermore, they are calling for a statewide and national caste census to ensure fair distribution of reservation and resources in proportion to population demographics.

Another major concern raised is the vacant Scheduled Caste member post in the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (PSC), which has remained unfilled since December 2022. The Confederation demands that the government immediately appoint a representative to ensure fair participation in decision-making. Additionally, they have urged that the Bodhgaya Monastery in Bihar be placed under the independent control of the Buddhist community.

Apart from reservation concerns, the Confederation also highlighted the rising incidents of caste-based atrocities. Kalsotra mentioned specific cases, including the suicide of a tribal boy in Billawar and the rape of a minor Dalit girl in Kathua, as alarming instances of caste-based violence. He urged authorities to take strict action against such crimes and ensure justice for the victims.

Warning of escalating protests, Kalsotra declared that failure to address these demands would result in a statewide agitation. He emphasized that SC/ST/OBC communities would not remain silent if their rights were tampered with. "Our fight is not just for reservations but for digni-

ty, equality, and justice. If the government does not act, we will take to the streets to protect our constitutional rights," he stated firmly.

The Confederation also urged opposition parties to support the Real Reservation Amendment Bill 2025 in the upcoming Assembly session. "Social justice is not a political issue; it is a constitutional responsibility. We call upon all opposition parties to stand with SC/ST/OBC communities and ensure that this bill is passed without any dilution," Kalsotra added.

As a final resolution, the Confederation unanimously decided that if the government fails to pass a pro-SC/ST/OBC bill, they will gear up the Assembly in the coming days as a marker of resistance.

The protest conference was attended by several prominent leaders, including B.L. Bhardwaj, Ramesh Sarmal, Ramesh Uttama, Dr. Ramesh Kaith, Bansil Lal Ch., K.K. Fotra, Arif Ch., Rashpal Bhardwaj, Hurdutt, Shamsher Chand Bhagat, Roshan Ch., Amar Nath Bhagat, Mohinder Karloia, Kuldeep Raj, Kasturi Lal Basotra, Dr. Shiv Pal Sarmal, Daulat Ram, and many others.

All J&K Megh Sabha addresses SC Reservation concerns

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JAMMU: In a significant move to address concerns regarding the reservation rights of the Scheduled Caste (SC) community, a joint press conference was organized by the All J&K Megh Sabha under the leadership of its President, Narinder Datt.

The event witnessed the participation of prominent community leaders, including Parshotam Lal (President, Saryara Sabha), Sham Lal Basson (General Secretary, Ravidas Sabha - Bahu Fort), Kali Dass (President, All J&K Mahasa Sabha), Captain Biru Ram (President, Barwala Sabha), and Prithvi Singh (President, Batwal Sabha).

During the conference, Narinder Datt addressed the media and urged the SC community not to panic over a recently circulated bill on social media regarding the reduction of SC reservation from 8% to 4%.

He clarified that the bill appears to be a private member bill, which may or may not be accepted by the concerned party.

While historical instances of reservation curtailment exist, he reassured the community that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and former



Sabha President, Narinder Datt briefing media.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the SC community's rights and development remain a priority.

He expressed confidence in the capabilities of elected MLAs from the SC community, emphasizing their education, vigilance, and accountability. "They will never let history repeat itself, as every SC community member is watching and supporting them," he added.

Narinder Datt strongly appealed to SC MLAs to raise their voices in the legislative assembly, demanding an increase in the reservation percentage for the SC community from 8% to at least 15%. He also urged the government to consider reservation in promotions as per the Supreme Court's directives, highlighting that Jammu and Kashmir, as a Union Territory (UT), is solely responsible for implementing such policies.

Furthermore, he called upon the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister to ensure the proper implementation and maintenance of the reservation roster. The press conference saw the participation of several key figures, including Kittin Singh, Rashmi Devi (City President), Premila Devi, Sapna Bhagat, Neelam Bhagat, Satya Devi, Narinder Singh, Amar Nath Bhagat, Rajinder Bhagat (Vice President), Ashok Bhagat, Rakesh Kumar (President, Doda), Anil Aryan, Ramesh (Ex-Councilor, Doda City), Daulat Ram (President, Kishtwar), Baldev Singh (Ex-Sarpanch), and Rajesh Bhagat. The event marked a collective call for justice, equality, and empowerment for the SC community in Jammu and Kashmir, reinforcing the demand for a fair and equitable reservation policy in line with the region's UT status.

HAY Health organises free dental camp at Batpura Dalgate

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DALGATE: HAY Healthcare on Sunday conducted a free health camp at Batpura Dalgate, providing essential medical and dental care to the local community.

The initiative aimed to ensure quality healthcare services, offering free consultations, medicines, and referrals for specialized treatment.

A team of medical professionals participated in the camp, including Dr. Mohammad Arif Lone, Dr. Nawsheba, Dr. Adnan Rafeeq, Dr. Adil Ashraf,



Umer Maqsood, Farhaan Altaf, Laila (Dental Assistant), and Suhaib. Throughout the camp, hundreds of patients received dental check-ups

and necessary treatments. HAY Healthcare also distributed free medicines to those in need. Patients diagnosed with serious dental conditions were referred for further specialized care to prevent complications.

The initiative was widely appreciated by the local residents, who benefited from the expertise and compassionate service of the medical team. HAY Healthcare remains committed to organizing similar outreach programs in the future to improve healthcare accessibility for the community.

Atharva Awards of Excellence on June 1

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CHANDIGARH: Atharva Awards of Excellence, one of the biggest education awards, will be held on June 1 at Atharva Group of Institutes, Malad (West) Mumbai. This prestigious award event will recognize outstanding UG, PG, and PhD research scholars from across India, providing a national platform to showcase their ground-breaking contributions.

Sunil Rane, executive president of Atharva Group of Institutes who envisioned the award said that the initiative aims to motivate,

inspire, and reward the brightest minds in Engineering. The award event will honour outstanding contributions in the field of research, technology and innovation.

"We seek to highlight the brain, capabilities, efficiency, brilliance, and intellectual strength of India's young researchers. With a mission to inspire innovation and reward excellence, the awards will honor outstanding contributions in cutting-edge fields such as robotics, space research, and emerging technologies."

With one male and one

female winner per category, each winner will get a trophy and ₹50,000 prize.

The event will bring leading academicians, researchers, industry experts, and policymakers together making it a landmark moment in India's education and research landscape. The awards not only recognize innovation but also serve as a catalyst for future advancements, ensuring that young minds receive the support and recognition they deserve, said Rane.

The grand award event will witness the participation of

researchers, innovators across India in the presence of eminent academicians and industry leaders making it a key milestone in the education sector.

Meanwhile, for the past 25 years, the Atharva Group of Institutes has been at the forefront of shaping the careers of thousands of students, offering them the tools and opportunities to thrive in a competitive world. From its humble beginnings, the institute has blossomed into a renowned center of learning, fostering excellence, innovation, and growth.

JBM raises alarm over chitta menace, demands urgent action



Manch members staging protest in Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: The Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JBM), under the leadership of Senior Advocate Ashok Sharma, former MLA & MLC and Chairman, staged a powerful protest at Ambphalla, Jammu, to raise awareness about the devastating impact of Chitta, a deadly drug that has ravaged countless lives and families. The protest was aimed at urging the authorities to take strict measures to curb the menace that threatens the future of Jammu's youth.

Addressing the gathering, Ashok Sharma expressed deep concern over the growing drug crisis, stating that Chitta has rendered young individuals directionless and weak, robbing them of their potential and dreams. He described the situation as a ticking time bomb, cautioning that the unchecked spread of drug addiction could lead to the collapse of entire families and communities. He urged society to unite and fight against the menace before it claims more innocent lives.

Sharma also painted a heart-wrenching picture of families shattered by drug addiction, saying, "Nothing is more heartbreaking than a father carrying his son's lifeless body to the cremation ground. The very hands that nurtured and protected the child now bear the unbearable weight of an avoidable tragedy." He called for collective awareness and action, stressing that only through a united front can drug abuse be eradicated from society.

Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, the Chief Advisor and Spokesman, echoed these concerns, emphasizing that affected families have endured unimaginable pain and suffering. He called for compassionate leadership that understands their struggles and works toward ensuring that such tragedies do not repeat in the future. He warned that society must act now before drug addiction destroys an entire generation.

Ch. Ghauri Ram (Secretary General) and Vice Chairman Advocate Usman Salaria also expressed their alarm over the increasing drug menace in Jammu, particularly the rise in road accidents caused by drug-addicted drivers. They emphasized that these individuals pose a severe threat not only to themselves but also to innocent pedestrians. They called for strict law enforcement and awareness campaigns to curb the crisis.

Retired Principal Session Judges KYS Manhas and Hari Om Singh warned that delay in action could lead to irreversible consequences, urging the authorities to act immediately before the situation worsens. Similarly, Vice Chairmen Satish Poonchi and Kamalpreet Singh criticized the government's failure to take decisive action against drug peddlers, revealing that some corrupt elements within the police force were allegedly protecting them. They urged the government to implement a strong anti-drug policy to tackle this growing menace.

Prominent dignitaries including Devender Singh, Istkar Khan, Dr. Yashpal

Sharma, Zaid Malik, Pt. R.C. Sharma, Haji Shak Mohd, Kuldeep Kumar, and Er. Ashwani Sharma also voiced their concerns, calling for immediate, stringent measures to curb the drug crisis in Jammu.

The JBM's protest sent a strong message, emphasizing that the fight against Chitta is not just about individual lives but about the very survival and future of Jammu's youth and society. The organization has vowed to continue its fight until effective action is taken to eliminate the drug menace.

J&K Bank Retired Employees Welfare Association holds body health checkup camp

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of the core committee members of the J&K Bank Retired Employees Welfare Association, Jammu, a full-body health checkup camp was organised on Sunday at the association office, situated at Camp Gole Gujral Road.

The initiative, undertaken in collaboration with Atulya Diagnostic Lab, aimed to provide comprehensive health checkups to retired employees and officers who are members of the association, along with their spouses who had given their consent to participate.

The camp commenced at 7:30 AM, where a proficient medical team conducted full-body health examinations, covering 58 vital parameters along with PSA test as well.

A substantial number of more than 250 members availed themselves of this health camp, which was organised for the fourth time following the overwhelming response to previous editions. The entire health checkup was offered free of cost to all participating members, with the association bearing the expenses as part of its ongoing commitment to their welfare.

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Mohinder Singh (President), Iqbal Singh (Working President), R.K. Bhan (General Secretary), Chander Hass (Working General Secretary), P.P. Gupta (Vice President), V.D. Dogra (Vice President), Ved Gupta (Treasurer), Arun Kumar Gupta (Secretary), Yogesh Thappar (Secretary), Pawan Mahajan and other core committee members.



Association members during the camp in Jammu on Sunday.

GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/126/2024-25 Dated: - 28-02-2025
Executive Engineer PCD PHQJ&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on **Percentage rate basis** from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Repair/ renovation works at Zilla Sainik Welfare office building Udhampur	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr	23.11 lacs	2000/-	46220/-	90 working days	07-03-2025	"A", "B", &"C"
2	Repair/ renovation of Zilla Sainik Welfare office building at Reasi	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr	9.21 lacs	700/-	18420/-	60 working days	07-03-2025	"A", "B", "C"&"D"
3	Repair/ renovation of Quarter No. 07 block old APHQ at Gulshan Ground Jammu	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr	2.49lacs	200/-	4980/-	60 working days	07-03-2025	"A", "B", "C"&"D"

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Executive Engineer
Police Construction Division
PHQ, J&K, Jmu/Sgr.

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS (NAIB TEHSILDAR) MAJALTA
Kusam Bala D/O Yash Pal Singh R/O Village Plater Tensil Majalta Distt. Udhampur
(Applicant)
VS
Union of Territory of J&K through Block Development Officer (B.D.O), Majalta
(Non applicant)
In the matter of: Request for direction to Block Development Office Majalta for issuance of Birth Certificate of applicant namely Kusam Bala D/O Yash Pal Singh R/O Plater, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur.
Proclamation to Public in General
Whereas the above stated application has been instituted before this court for seeking direction to BDO Majalta (HQ at Mansar) for the registration of birth particulars of applicant namely Kusam Bala D/O Yash Pal Singh, whose details are as under:

S. No.	Name of the Applicant	Father Name	Mother Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
1	Kusam Bala	Yash Pal Singh	Raj Kumari	Female	01.02.1959	At Home (Village Plater)

It is hereby notified to the public in general that objections, if any, regarding the registration of birth can be put forth before this court within 15 days after the publication of this notice and failing which the application will be processed under rules.
Given under my hand and the seal of this on 08.02.2025.
Sd/-
Naib
No: NTM/93-94
Date: 08.02.2025
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)
Majalta

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS (NAIB TEHSILDAR) MAJALTA
Sahil Sharma S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o Village Thalore, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur.
(Applicant)
VS
Union of Territory of J&K through Block Development Officer (B.D.O), Majalta
(Non applicant)
In the matter of: Request for direction to Block Development Office Majalta for issuance of Birth Certificate of applicant namely Sahil Sharma S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o Village Thalore, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur.
Proclamation to Public in General
Whereas the above stated application has been instituted before this court for seeking direction to BDO Majalta (HQ at Mansar) for the registration of birth particulars of applicant namely Sahil Sharma S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar, whose details are as under:

S. No.	Name of the Applicant	Father Name	Mother Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
1	Sahil Sharma	Romesh Kumar	Soma Devi	Male	03.11.2004	At Home Village Thalore, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur.

It is hereby notified to the public in general that objections, if any, regarding the registration of birth can be put forth before this court within 15 days after the publication of this notice and failing which the application will be processed under rules.
Given under my hand and the seal of this on 25.02.2025.
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