

Rana terms Sidhra Temple sacrilege as unpardonable act, seeks stern punishment to perpetrators

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday visited the Narsingh Temple, in the outskirts of the City of Temples, and expressed grave concern over the unfortunate, unholy and unpardonable act of desecration.

He said, "The incident should not be brushed aside just as the handiwork of hooligans but a thorough probe should be carried out to unmask the perpetrators behind the most heinous crime essentially engineered to disturb peace and tranquility".

Devender Rana said the guilty should be immediately booked and brought to justice



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana during visit to Narsingh Temple.

in a time bound manner for stern and exemplary punishment as per law so that the peace inimical elements think twice before daring even to think about such misadventures. There seems to be a pattern in such acts and the law enforcing agencies should redouble their efforts to nip the evil in the bud as such incidents have potential to flare up the communal passions at a place known for harmony and brotherhood.

He urged the people, irrespective of religious affiliations, to come forward and take a firm stand against the anti-social elements, which are out to vitiate the atmosphere.

Rana also made a passionate appeal to the people of Jammu to maintain unity and harmony, which he said was the most effective response to foil the machinations of the disruptive elements. Any emotive move by the people will amount to playing into the hands of the enemies of unity and amity, he said.

Accompanied by Baldev Raj, Mohd Sultan, Angrez Singh, Shiv Ram, Bishan Singh, Ajay Sharma, Babu Ram Bhagat, Babu Ram, Abdul, Mohd Haneef, Sagra Singh, Jagdish Singh, Mohan Lal, Shyam Singh, Madan Lal, Devender Kumar, Karan Singh, Chaman Lal and others Rana condemned the act and hailed the maturity of the people in meeting the situation sagaciously.



Unprecedented number of Amarnath pilgrims a salute to PM, J&K security forces: Chugh

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh there is a new-found positivity in J&K ever since it was declared a Union Territory and it is reflected in a big boom in the number of tourists to the J&K.

In a statement, he said the law and order situation in J&K has substantially improved due to the diligent work of the security forces.

People from other states are visiting J&K in an unprecedented number and it is also reflected in the record number of pilgrims who would be going to the Amarnath Yatra



this year, he said. Chugh said it was a very positive sign for the nation that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and strategies have made J&K enter a new era where terrorism has been replaced by tourism. He said the security forces are determined to foil all attempts of the Pakistan's ISI to disturb peace in J&K as they would not be allowed to have free play anymore.

"The age of Abdullahs and Muftis supported by the Congress is over and now the disruptive forces are beating the retreat much to the satisfaction of common man here", Chugh added.

BJP betrayed Maharaja's legacy of safeguarding jobs, lands of J&K people: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Monday assailed the BJP for trampling and betraying the visionary legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh by revoking the exclusive rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir on their lands and jobs.

"Instead of indulging in rhetoric, the BJP must realize the damage caused to the rights of the people by scrapping the constitutional provision based on the 1927 enactment of the permanent resident law by the great Maharaja", Sadhotra said while interacting with prominent people at Raipur in Balwal.

He said the insult to the injury of the J&K people is that while Ladakh has succeeded in securing safeguard to jobs and lands, a double yardstick is being applied to us.

This has already resulted in terms of lands allotted to outsiders and attempts being



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra interacting with prominent people at Raipur in Balwal Block.

made to open up jobs to the non state subjects at the cost of the bonafide permanent residents here, he said, adding that Jammu is going to suffer the most being in close proximity to the chances of non-state subjects making their way to Jammu are more likely because of its proximity to other parts of the country and conducive-ness in terms of security scenario, culture, topography and terrain.

"By now the self-proclaimed champions of the Jammu cause must have understood the folly the Centre has committed", the former minister said, hoping that the people, irrespective of region or religion will rise above myopic political considerations to seek documented guarantee in respect of safeguard to lands and jobs.

Sadhotra took on the BJP for its failures in every sector and causing unrest among the people over administrative and developmental inertia.

The unprecedented inflation has subjected the people to miseries with housewives braving the brunt in particular as the prices of essentials have touched skies, primarily due to hike in the fuel prices.

The people have been forced to take to the streets during the scorching summers, he said and hoped the ruling dispensation will show some sort of empathy with the suffering people rather than making false claims.

The administrative credibility is all time low, given the deliverance and performance in various sectors of development. The power and water supply continues to be erratic while the roads are poek marked by ditches.

The accountability seems to be the last priority which is disgusting, he added.

Sadhotra asked the BJP to concentrate on governance rather than dividing the people and indulging in falsehood.

These are not going to take Jammu and Kashmir anywhere, he said and cautioned against testing the patience of the people, who feel pushed to the wall. Same is

true about the youth both educated unemployed as also skilled and unskilled work force due to growing unemployment. The pandemic times have added to the malady.

He made a passionate appeal to the administration not to let the situation go out of hands and fill up the vacancies on the fast-track basis besides undertaking special drives in the police and other para military forces.

Sadhotra also exhorted the party workers to intensify mass contact programmes, identify the problems faced to the people and remain proactive in seeking their redressal from the concerned forums.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Raghbir Singh Manhas District President, Ghar Singh Chib Corporator, Randhir Singh Jamwal Secretary Distt. Ex Sarpanch Bhupinder Singh Jamwal, Rakesh Sharma, Baldev Singh Jamwal and Gurnam Singh.

DC Jammu discusses formulation of District Capex Plan 2022-23

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg on Monday chaired a meeting to discuss the formulation of District Capex Plan 2022-23 and review the progress and achievements under last year's plan, here at DC Office Complex.

Chief Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch and other

senior officers of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

The officers of the concerned departments apprised the DDC about the expenditure made under district Capex 2021-22 and status of the projects.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the officers to formulate the plan in due consultation with PRIs, BDCs and

DDCs of the district. He said that the main focus of the departments must be on outcome in terms of benefit to the public.

He emphasized that the District Capex Plan should include only such works which address the issues faced by common people and asked the officers to submit the Capex Plan before April 25, 2022.

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