

DCC Rural stages protest against power, water shortage

People will teach BJP a lesson in Assembly elections'

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress Party staged a strong protest over the unabated power and water crisis across Jammu. The massive protest organised by District Congress Committee Jammu Rural at Roopnagar falling in Jammu North Assembly segment. It was led by former minister Mula Ram, DCC President Hari Singh, Youth Congress President Udhay Bhanu Chib along with Rajinder Kumar and other office bearers of District Congress Committee Jammu Rural.

Annoyed over the frequent power outages and erratic water supply, the protesters were displaying empty buckets in their hands raising vociferous slogans against the Union Territory Administration and the concerned departments. The slogans raised included "Jo Sarkar Bijli Paani Na De who Sarkar Nikammi hai"; "PDD, PHE Murdabad"; "Congress Party

Zindabad" and "BJP Hay Hay"

Talking to reporters, the senior Congress leader Mula Ram said that it is highly condemnable on the part of the Govt to take the issue of power outage and water supply callously knowing fully that these two basic necessities constitute a matter of life and death for the people.

Accusing the government of not being able to come up with a contingency plan in advance despite this issue cropping its head for the past many summers, the former minister said this yet again proves the gross failure of the BJP Govt which is misleading the people by making tall claims of its achievements. He said that the party and its government having been totally exposed on all fronts will be taught a lesson by the people in the forthcoming Assembly elections in J&K.

The DCC Rural President Hari Singh, in his address, lamented that

while frequent power cuts and water shortage has been irking the people during hot summer days but the government continues to be in deep slumber. He said that the water and power shortage has affected the women, the elderly, children, the students and the poor the most and it is a shame for the government that it has adopted such a callous attitude towards addressing this significant issue pertaining to sustenance of life. He demanded that since there is no water and power therefore the administration must not charge for water and power supply. He urged the Administration to withdraw fixed charge of water and power bills. Youth Congress President Uday Bhanu Chib said people don't have electricity and not a drop of water in their households with life having become a hell for them. The Government in such a situation is expected to take immediate steps to improve this pathetic situation, but it has miserably

failed to rise to the occasion and address the issue. This failure is yet again a miserable failure on the part of BJP's proxy government in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory thus adding further to the woes of the people added to their woes. He said the PHE Department and Power Development Department fulfilled not even a single promise made by it to the people before elections and continues to befool the people with its Jumlas. However the people can gauge through their game plan now. He appealed to the people to teach the saffron party a lesson in the next Assembly elections in J&K.

Among those who joined the protest include Ram Pal Chairman Municipal Committee Gho Manahasan, Om Parkash President Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Paloura; Dr Chander Mohan Sharma; Tarun Vaid, Virender Mehta, Ajmer Singh, Sat Chib, Anil Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Shahbaz Khan, Afzal and others.

mobiles (JK08E 9640, JK11B 4762 and JK11F 4310). FIRs Nos 81, 82 & 83/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act were registered at Police Station Surankot and further investigation started.

District Police Samba successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines by rescuing 5 bovines, in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal. Acting on information received from reliable sources regarding illegal transportation of bovines, a party from Police Station Ghagwal at near Naka point Tapay NHW, signaled a Tata Mobile load carrier bearing Registration No JK02CV/5077 to stop for checking but instead of stopping vehicle, the driver accelerated the vehicle but was successfully chased by alert cops. On checking, 5 bovine animals were found laden inside vehicle which were rescued. FIR No. 65/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Ghagwal in this regard.

Man held for illicit distillation; 15 lts liquor recovered, approx 200 lts Lahan destroyed

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KATHUA: Continuing stringent action against illicit liquor menace, Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Friday cracked down heavily on illegal/illicit liquor trade at Mirpur Jagoo village under jurisdiction of Police Station Kathua and Police Station Rajbagh and recovered approximately 15 lts Desi Liquor and destroyed about 200 lts Lahan. A person was also arrested in this regard.

As per details, information was received from reliable sources that illicit liquor was being manufactured in Mirpur Jagoo village and its adjoining areas. Acting swiftly, a police team led by Insp Balram Sharma Incharge Police Post Nagri under supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Shammi Kumar conducted a special raid at suspected location. During search, 15 lts Desi liquor was recovered from one Mangal Singh, son of Kartar Chand, resident of Mirpur Jagoo, Tehsil Nagri, District Kathua. He was arrested and FIR No. 163/2022 under section 48(a) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

In another instance, acting on reliable information illicit liquor was being manufactured in Tanda and adjoining areas of Chadwal, a police team led by PSI Muzamil Manzoor Incharge Police Post Chadwal under the supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan during special checking duty, recovered 200 lts Lahan, lying unattended in fields. Thereafter all recovered consignment of illicit Lahan was destroyed while further investigation is going on.

Major crackdown on drug menace; 26,000 intoxicating tablets, 10 bottles of banned syrup recovered, 1 arrested

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KATHUA: Acting sternly against drugs menace under overall directions of SSP R C Kotwal, District Police Kathua on Friday arrested a drug peddler near Sabzi Mandi and recovered 20,000 Tramadol Hydrochloride Tablets & 6,000 Alprazolam intoxicating Tablets along with 10 bottles of Corex (Codeine Phosphate & Chlorpheniramine Maleate Syrup) bottles from his possession.

As per details, information was received from reliable sources that one Varun Khajuria, son of Madan Lal Khajuria, resident of Ward-15 Patel Nagar Kathua Tehsil & District Kathua was involved in drug peddling and presently coming from Hatti Morth towards Patel Nagar on foot. Acting on tip-off, a party from Police Post Industrial Estates Kathua led by Insp Rajinder Khajuria Incharge Police Post Hatti along with EMIC Kathua under supervision of DySP Headquarters Shammi Kumar laid a special Naka and apprehended suspect.

On through checking, 2,000 strips of 'Tramadol Hydrochloride' 100 mg each (containing 20,000 tablets), 100 strips of 'Alprazolam' Tablets (Alprazolam 0.5 mg each containing 6000 tablets) & 10 Bottles of 'Corex' (Codeine Phosphate & Chlorpheniramine Maleate Syrups of 100 ml each) were recovered from his possession. On questioning, the accused revealed that drug consignment was brought from other state through courier service. He was arrested and FIR No. 164/2022 under section 08/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

Burglary case solved; accused arrested, stolen cash recovered

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KUPWARA: Police on Friday solved a burglary case by arresting an accused involved in crime and recovered stolen cash from his possession.

As per details, Police Post Bazar Kupwara received a complaint from one Intekhab Aalam Bhat of Gani Mohalla Baramulla stating therein that during intervening night of April 27-28, some burglars struck his shop situated at Kupwara and decamped with cash. Accordingly, FIR number 98/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kupwara and investigation started.

During investigation, a special police team led by IC Police Post Bazar was constituted. By using all available means, officers zeroed in on a suspect identified as Mohd Shahid Salmani, son of Abdul Aziz Salmani, resident of Bijnour at present running a barber shop at Hajaj Market, Kupwara. On questioning, he confessed his involvement in crime. On his disclosure, stolen cash amounting to Rs 1,53,880 was recovered also from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where remain in custody. Further investigation of case is going on to find out his possible involvement in other criminal cases.

BJYM nominates Vice President, Prabharis, Seh-Prabharis, Spokespersons

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JAMMU: BJYM Jammu Kashmir President Arun Prabhat in consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org), All Morecha Prabharis Munish Sharma, Ajay Pargal Prabharis BJYM and Ajay Vaid Seh Prabharis BJYM, nominated Prabharis and Seh Prabharis of several districts of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. Besides, Arun Prabhat has also appointed Kapil Chib as incharge Jammu-Poonch Parliamentary constituency, Akhil Prashar as Incharge Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary constituency & Anuj Bharti as Headquarters Incharge BJYM J&K.

Sanjay Sharma was appointed as Prabhari-Kishhtwar district; Ramprasad Thakur as Prabhari and Prashant

Bhandari as Seh Prabhari of Doda; Vijay Paroch Prabharis and Darshan Kumar Seh Prabharis of Ramtan, Hariom Sharma Prabharis and Sunit Gupta Seh Prabharis of Udhampur; Abhishek Sthathia Prabharis and Abhi Koushal Seh Prabharis of Reasi; Ranjit Singh Prabharis and Surekha Jamwal Seh Prabharis of Kathua; Dikshant Sharma Prabharis and Bhanu Pratap Seh Prabharis of Billawar; Rinku Choudhary Prabharis and Jaswinder Singh Seh Prabharis of Samba; Atul Sharma Prabharis and Dr Himja Mengi Seh Prabharis of Jammu; Pankaj Sharma Prabharis and Rohit Manhas Seh Prabharis of Jammu West; Adv Kanav Sharma Prabharis and Rajat Manhas Seh Prabharis of Jammu Rural; Vikas Sharma Prabharis and Vikas Sharma

(Aknoor) Seh Prabharis of Aknoor; Yuvrajeet Singh Prabharis and Manzoor Ahmed Naik Seh Prabharis of Nowshera; Shrey Sethi Prabharis and Ashish Sharma Seh Prabharis of Rajouri; Amit Sharma Prabharis of Poonch; Chetan Wanchoo Prabharis and Sumedha Arora Seh Prabharis of KDD and Damanjeet Singh was appointed as Prabhari of RS Pura unit.

Meanwhile, Arun Prabhat nominated Atul Sharma as BJYM Vice President; Aquil Mir and Gourav Sharma as Spokespersons; Saket Rathore as BJYM JK Campus Outreach Incharge; Raghav Arora as BJYM Sports Cell Incharge; Pushpinder Kumar as BJYM Mission Youth Incharge and Luvdeval Sharma was nominated as BJYM IT Cell Incharge.

DGP sanctions over Rs. 1.65 cr as special welfare relief for NoKs of police personnel

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JAMMU: With an aim to provide financial succor to the families of the police personnel/SPOs who have attained martyrdom or have passed away while in service, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned over Rs 165.65 crore as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of such deceased Police personnel/SPOs.

Vide different PHQ Orders an ex-gratia relief of Rs 38 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of Martyr Constable Javid Hussain Kambay.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel HC Nardeel Singh, SgCts Ranjeet Singh and Amir Hassan, Ct Ajad Shatru and Follower Naseer Ahmad.

The deceased personnel have passed away due to illness/natural death while in service.

Rs 1 lakh each was already paid to NoKs of these martyred/deceased police personnel for performing last rites through their concerned units.

Similarly Rs 6 lakh each as Special Welfare Relief has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of deceased SPOs Roshan Lal and Basharat Hussain and Rs 5 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of deceased SPO Sanjay Kumar who passed away during the course of their engagement in the department.

Rs 50000 was already paid to their families for performing last rites. The amount is sanctioned out of the Contributory Welfare Fund of SPOs. Besides, DGP has also sanctioned Rs 50000 as financial assistance/medical relief in favour of SPO Rattan Singh and Rs 15000 in favour of SPO Roshan Lal to defray expenses in connection with medical treatment.

Dishonouring of Nation Flag: Accused held

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NOWSHERA: In incident regarding dishonouring of Nation Flag, police on Friday arrested an accused.

Briefing media, Additional SP Nowshera Amit Verma said that on Wednesday evening, information pertaining to dishonouring of national flag was received wherein it was reported that national flag hoisted on the building of Sub District Hospital Nowshera, has been dishonoured by some unknown miscreants. Soon after receiving information, a team from Nowshera Police Station rushed to the spot and examined the site. FIR 68/2022 under section 2 - Prevention of Insult to National Honour Act was registered and investigation started. Special investigation team was constituted under SDPO Nowshera assisted by SHO Nowshera, which identified few witnesses and their statements were recorded. The circumstantial evidences were gathered and found corroborative with facts revealed by material witnesses.

Based on investigations, one Koushal Kumar, son of Romesh Chander, resident of Ward-7 was zeroed-in for questioning. It further came to fore that Koushal Kumar is of unsound mind, which will be investigated formally in coming days. SSP Rajouri Mohd Aslam has assured public of early completion of fair and impartial investigation into the case.

25 injured in tractor-bus collision

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SUNDERBANI: 25 passengers got injured after a tractor hit a bus on Jammu-Poonch highway near village Rah Siot.

According to reports, a loaded Tractor-trolley without registration number, on way to Bhambla collided with a bus (JK02E 3685) on way from Jammu to Rajouri, due to which 25 passengers in bus got injured. They were shifted to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sunderbani for treatment. Chowki Chora Police has registered a case and seized both the vehicles.

Clash during function, 4 arrested

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JAMMU: Four persons were arrested after two groups clashed with each other in a function at Gandhi Nagar and brandished weapons. As per details, a clash erupted in a function on Thursday night, in which two groups attacked each other resulting in injury to a person. He was shifted to hospital while police has detained four persons for questioning.

Myanmar resident arrested with fake documents

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JAMMU: Police on Friday nabbed a Myanmar (Burma) resident and seized many fake documents from his possession.

As per details, acting on a tip-off that a man is indulged in preparing fake documents for foreigners, Trikuta Nagar police raided a location and nabbed one person, who was identified as Yunus, resident of Burma. Many fake documents of several Bangladeshi residents were recovered from his possession.

Man electrocuted

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JAMMU: A man was electrocuted to death at Chowk Chabutra on Friday.

As per details, Shishir Kumar, resident of Odessa, presently staying at Ustaad Mohalla got an electric shock in a shop, while he was working. He was shifted to hospital and where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Woman consumes poison, dies

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AKHNOOR: A woman died after she consumed poison at her house in Akhnoor on Friday.

As per details, one Satya Devi, wife of Om Prakash, resident of Ramnagar Colony consumed poison in her room and was shifted to hospital by her family members where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Retired J&K Bank manager dies in road mishap

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KATHUA: A retired manager of J&K Bank died in a road mishap in Kathua on Friday evening. As per the details, a speedily driven car hit a scooter in Langate Morh area as a result the scooter rider identified as Kuldeep Singh Sumbria, resident of ward Number 1, Kathua received severe injuries. He was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Army recovers 5.8 Kg heroin

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NOWSHERA: Army on Friday recovered 5.8 Kgs of heroin from Lam area.

As per the details, Army's Lam Battalion of Ace of Spades Division noticed some suspicious movement in their area on which search and sanitization operation was launched and a black polythene bag containing 06 packets of heroin like substance weighing 5.8 KGs (approx) was recovered from it. On this regard, FIR No.69/2022 under sections 8/21 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Nowshera. Further investigation in the matter is going on in Police Station Nowshera under Police Post Lam.

