

Randhawa calls for deportation of Rohingyas to save Jammu

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JAMMU: Ch. Vikram Randhawa called for the complete deportation of Rohingyas, Bangladeshis to save Jammu. He raised serious concern on the uncontrolled mushrooming and the security and demographic change threats in Jammu.

Ch. Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu accompanied by BJP District President Naresh Singh, senior leader Adv. Amrik Singh, Mandal President Surjit Singh, and Mandal General Secretary Ajay Sharma, addressed a press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Comparing Bangladeshis and Rohingyas to the termite, Vikram Randhawa said that this infestation has engulfed entire Jammu region and the Bahu Assembly Constituency region is facing heat of this infestation.

He questioned the settling down of this community specifically into the Jammu city which suggests a conspiracy to change the demography of Jammu region.

He noted that just a few



MLA Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa addressing a press conference on Wednesday.

families of Rohingyas have grown into thousands in these years. Many of them, now born in Jammu, have gained admissions into the schools. The mushrooming in their population and gaining access to the vital services raises many concerns in the local populace like posing a security threat and demographic change in Jammu.

We protested against this menace at every forum, on the roads and through the 'Jammu Bachao Andolan' movement. Many of Bangladeshis and Rohingyas were arrested but still multiplying, which suggests that they should be deported from India, back to their original habitat. He cautioned

against those persons, who provide safe heavens for these Bangladeshis and Rohingyas on their plots. He pointed out that some persons have even settled these Rohingyas in the 'Jhuggis' raised on the State Lands and collecting rent from these illegal settlers. He called for the cutting of electricity and water supplies from these illegal settlements. The persons giving shelter to these persons should be identified and dealt with by the iron hands.

Calling this as vicious anarchy, he asked the Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, and SDM South, to identify these plots, their

owners, verify their revenue records for their ownership, check for their rent records, and make these persons pay for crimes.

"During 'Jammu Bachao Andolan' movement, we found Aadhar Cards and Ration Cards in these settlements, which were submitted to the Administration at that point of time", he said.

He accused the administration of negligence, stressing that Bangladeshis and Rohingyas are found involved in the Drugs, Thefts and Sex Trafficking in the region.

He pointed that these can be found working with the Garbage collection Autos being used by JMC in

Trikuta Nagar, Channi Himmat, areas touching Sainik Colony, Channi Rama, Gandhi Nagar, and others areas of the city. He accused them of doing Reiki of these areas and then doing thefts in the houses identified.

He called for the increase of manpower in the local Police Posts to check these untoward incidents in the region.

"I shared this security threat with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who expressed concern and assured measures", said Randhawa adding that they are posing a threat to our children. He even shared the people's suspicion of stealing and eating their pets by these Rohingyas and Bangladeshis.

He called for strict and swift action on the grave issue by the LG, CM, Civil Administration and the Police Administration. He also called for cooperation from the local people by not employing these Rohingyas and Bangladeshis in their homes and commercial establishments.

Welfare schemes of Modi govt reflect Ambedkar's vision: Balbir

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JAMMU: The ideals of social justice, equality, and empowerment advocated by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar are still evident in the policies and welfare schemes of the Modi government. This vision of inclusive governance is driven by the aim of empowering every section of society, especially marginalized communities. Balbir Ram Rattan, BJP spokesperson for Jammu and Kashmir and former Vice Chairman of the SC, ST, BC Development Corporation, made these remarks during a conversation with senior leaders of the party's Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) morcha.

He said that such initiatives by the government are a sincere effort to bring Dr. Ambedkar's ideals into practice. Balbir said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi often reiterates that the true tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar lies not just in ceremonial remembrance, but in implementing his vision. He stated that under



J&K BJP spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan chairing a meeting.

PM Modi's leadership, many welfare schemes have been launched with the aim of holistic development of marginalized communities. Initiatives like Stand-Up India and the Mudra Yojana have empowered entrepreneurs from Scheduled Castes, Tribes, and Backward Classes by providing them with financial assistance, guidance, and easy access to loans. These schemes have helped people start their own businesses, make free from poverty, and become self-reliant.

The Modi government has taken significant steps to honour Ambedkar's legacy through the development of the Panchteerth - five key sites associated with his life.

These sites have been preserved and promoted to instill a sense of pride and awareness among youth and the general public regarding his contributions.

Balbir said that Prime Minister Modi's governance model, inspired by the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" (Together with all, Development for all, Trust of all, Effort by all), is aimed at bridging socio-economic gaps and building a more just and equitable society, in line with Dr. Ambedkar's vision.

He shared these views with Sunil Prajapati, Vijay Anand Gill, Gulshan Bhagat, Surinder Bhagat, Hans Raj Loria, and Adarsh Jethiyar.

Yudhvir conducts surprise visit to monitor Tube Well Projects, stresses timely completion for smooth Water Supply



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi during surprise inspection of ongoing tube well projects in Aithem.

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JAMMU: In a proactive move to address public concerns ahead of the summer season, senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, today conducted a surprise inspection of the ongoing tube well projects in Aithem, Khanna Shargal, Toote Di Khui, and Sandhi areas on the outskirts of Jammu city.

Accompanied by the Executive Engineer of the Jal Shakti Department Rashpal Singh, Onkar sharma, AEE PHE Rural Division Jammu, Vinod Raina AEE PHE Bishnah Gaurav Swaraj, AEE PHE Mechanical Rural Division and all concerned JEs, Sethi personally assessed the pace of work and sought a detailed briefing on the progress of the tube well

installations. The officials assured the MLA that all efforts were being made to complete the works within the stipulated timelines.

Expressing concern over the rising complaints of water scarcity in various areas, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the need for timely and efficient completion of all ongoing projects. "Summer is approaching fast, and people have already started facing water-related challenges. It is the duty of the department to ensure regular and uninterrupted water supply to every household," he stated. MLA Sethi directed the Executive Engineer to intensify efforts and maintain constant monitoring so that no area remains deprived of essential drinking water. He further urged the officials to

remain available on the ground and ensure swift redressal of grievances from the public.

Highlighting the commitment of the Central Government, Sethi said, "The Modi Government has sanctioned massive funds under the prestigious Jal Jeevan Mission, with the vision of providing 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal'-safe and adequate drinking water to every rural household. This initiative reflects the government's resolve to improve the quality of life for the people."

The senior BJP leader added that the public representatives and officials must work in synergy to ensure that the benefits of centrally-sponsored schemes reach the grassroots. He reiterated his commitment to personally monitor development works in his constituency and ensure that basic amenities like drinking water are made available to every citizen without delay.

Among those who were present included Shiv Kumar Sharma, Mandal President Bajalta, Bishan Singh General Secretary, Naseeb Singh Vice President, Sunny Sharma, Sardar Singh, Gaurav Singh, Khalid and others.

Gaurav meets LG Sinha, submits memorandum on strategic potential of rare earth minerals in Jammu Province

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JAMMU: In a significant step toward economic transformation and strategic self-reliance, BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta met the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha and submitted a comprehensive memorandum advocating for the systematic exploration and utilization of Rare Earth and Critical Minerals (RECMs) in the Jammu region.

During the meeting, Gupta emphasized the growing global significance of critical minerals, stating that they are now essential for national sovereignty, economic security, defense manufacturing, and technological supremacy, particularly in key sectors such as semiconductors, electronics, and renewable energy. Citing international examples, including former U.S. President Donald Trump's reference to Ukraine's rare earth reserves, Gupta highlighted the urgent need for India to bolster its own mineral security under the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission spearheaded by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. He under-



BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta meeting with Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha.

lined the immense geological potential of Jammu, identifying districts such as Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, and Udhampur as rich in critical minerals like Monazite, Xenotime, and others. He specifically referred to the Geological Survey of India's recent discovery of 5.9 million tonnes of lithium ore in the Salal-Haimana block of Reasi, describing it as a game-changer for India's clean energy and electric vehicle ambitions. Gupta also highlighted the presence of

tungsten in the Kaplas Granite Pluton near Bikindra Peak in Kathua, Galena (lead sulfide) in Udhampur's Sersandu-Kherikot area-mapped as early as 1920-and the valuable mica deposits in the Parmandal Sandstone, which have immense potential for sectors such as electronics, insulation, cosmetics, paints, and especially semiconductors.

In addition, Kishtwar's world-renowned sapphire reserves were discussed as a strategic asset with immense potential for high-value gemstone mining and export.

Gupta stressed that this unique natural resource should be scientifically explored and sustainably developed to maximize its economic and global branding potential.

Gupta pointed to the Ministry of Mines' recent reclassification of minerals like mica, quartz, feldspar, and barytes as "major minerals" and noted that the timing is ideal for Jammu to rise as a national leader in the critical minerals sector. "Jammu is poised to become the epicentre of Rare Earth and Critical Minerals in India," he asserted.

To realize this vision, Gupta proposed the formation of a High-Level Task Force under the UT Administration, to work in close coordination with national institutions such as GSI, MECL, CSIR, DRDO, ISRO, and IITs. He also called for a dedicated Jammu & Kashmir RECM Policy to attract investments, simplify regulatory processes, and offer business-friendly incentives.

Further, Gupta proposed setting up a Centre of Excellence for Critical Mineral Technology in Jammu to foster advanced research, skill development, and industrial innovation. He emphasized the importance

of an inclusive and environmentally responsible mining model that could create thousands of skilled and semi-skilled jobs, uplift local communities, and support entrepreneurship in mineral processing, logistics, and high-value manufacturing.

He also highlighted the strategic relevance of mineral control for India's technological sovereignty, particularly in defense production and semiconductor development. Concluding his presentation, Gupta stated that Jammu's untapped mineral wealth could play a pivotal role in shaping India's future as an economic and technological powerhouse.

He expressed full confidence in the visionary leadership of Hon'ble LG Shri Manoj Sinha Ji and assured his full cooperation in any consultative or collaborative efforts to bring this transformative vision to life. The Lieutenant Governor listened attentively to the suggestions and appreciated Gaurav Gupta's thorough research and forward-thinking approach. He assured that the administration would examine the proposal in detail and initiate appropriate steps in coordination with relevant stakeholders.

SPUS formed to conduct daily Tawi Aarti, urges conservation, completion of Riverfront Project

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JAMMU: In a bid to revive the spiritual and cultural heritage of the historic city of temples, the Surya Putri Upasana Samiti (SPUS) has been officially constituted with a resolute mission to conduct daily Aarti and Puja rituals at the sacred Surya Putri Tawi River.

This initiative fulfills a long-cherished dream of many religious and social organizations dedicated to the preservation of Jammu's spiritual legacy. Prominent figures leading the newly formed Samiti include Inderjeet Khajuria as Patron, Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma as Chairman, and Er Jeeva Nand Sharma as Convener. Together, they envision reinstating the Tawi River's status as the "Surya Putri" - daughter of the Sun, revered for generations as a symbol of divine grace and natural beauty.



Chairman SPUS Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma talking to reporters.

During a press conference, the Samiti extended heartfelt gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and key officers including JMC Commissioner Devyang Yadav (IAS), Director Tourism Dr. Vikas Gupta, and Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Vaishya for spearheading the Baisakhi celebrations at the Tawi riverfront, which began with a spiritually enriching Aarti of Surya Putri Tawi. The Shri Raghunath Bazar Market Association was

also lauded for its enthusiastic participation in the inaugural ceremony. Chief Patron Inderjeet Khajuria praised the commendable efforts of the Jammu Municipal Corporation and the Smart City Mission for the ongoing Tawi Riverfront Development and the proposed Artificial Lake Project. He described the Surya Putri Upasana Samiti as an umbrella body, bringing together diverse cultural, social, religious, and eco-

nomical organizations with the goal of reviving faith, boosting tourism, and fostering civic pride.

Chairman Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma reflected on the continuous efforts of their NGO, Tawi Andolan, which has been organizing weekly Aartis at the river since 2013-unbroken even during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. These Sunday evening rituals have become a spiritual magnet, drawing both dignitaries and devotees from across the region. Meanwhile, Convener Er Jeeva Nand Sharma raised pressing environmental concerns. He urged the administration to immediately plug all 18 drains and filthy Nallahs that continue to discharge untreated sewage into the sacred river. "Tawi is not only a river-it is a sacred entity for countless devotees across India. Its pollution is a grave

injustice to both spirituality and public health," he asserted.

He emphasized the need for effective sewage treatment and the restoration of the river to its pristine form, echoing the collective demand of environmentalists and faith-based organizations. The Samiti concluded the conference by reiterating their key demands including immediate plugging of polluted drains into the Tawi River, swift completion of the Artificial Lake project, and formal institutionalization of daily Aarti at a designated Aarti Ghat.

The Surya Putri Upasana Samiti pledged to continue its tireless mission to preserve, protect, and glorify the identity of Surya Putri Tawi, ensuring it regains its rightful place as the spiritual lifeline of Jammu-a city where rivers, temples, and faith have long walked hand in hand.

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal protests against attacks on Hindus in Bengal, demands President's Rule



Rashtriya Bajrang Dal activists burning effigy during a protest.

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JAMMU: The Rashtriya Bajrang Dal held a strong protest on Wednesday against the alleged rising attacks on Hindus in West Bengal, condemning the Bengal government and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. During the demonstration, effigies of Mamata Banerjee were burned, symbolizing public outrage over what the organization called the state's "complete failure to protect Hindu communities."

Speaking at the protest, Rakesh Bajrang, President of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, Jammu and Kashmir, claimed that in Murshidabad, more than 500 Hindu families have been forced to flee due to violent attacks. "Houses were burnt, Hindu families assaulted, temples vandalized, and shops looted-all while the government remained a silent spectator," he said.

Rakesh Bajrang drew parallels between the present situation in Bengal and the exo-

odus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, calling it "a planned conspiracy to drive Hindus out of the region."

He questioned those who dismissed the truth of The Kashmir Files, asking what they now have to say about the emerging "Bengal Files."

He further alleged that jihadist elements are systematically targeting Hindus across the country.

Referring to a recent incident in Nashik, Bajrang said that violence erupted over the tomb of Aurangzeb, leading to attacks on Hindu households.

He also condemned the recent attack on a police party in Bari Brahmana, Jammu, in which Inspector Pushpendra Singh and three other officers were seriously injured.

"These types of incidents are increasing rapidly, and political parties that stay silent or lend support to such violence are equally responsible," Bajrang said.

The Rashtriya Bajrang Dal demanded that the Central

Government immediately impose President's Rule in West Bengal, take strict action against rioters, and ensure the safety and security of Hindus in the state. He emphasized that Hindus, who have always upheld the Constitution and spoken for national unity, are now being persecuted in their own country.

"Hindus are being pushed to the edge," he warned. "If these attacks do not stop, the Hindu community will not remain silent-it will rise, and it will respond."

Bajrang concluded with a direct appeal to the Prime Minister and Home Minister, urging them to take firm and decisive action against the Mamata Banerjee government and restore peace and justice in West Bengal.

The protest saw the presence of numerous Rashtriya Bajrang Dal workers and supporters, who expressed solidarity with the cause and pledged to continue their campaign until their demands are met.

Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust reorganizes under Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: In a significant move to rejuvenate its mission of spiritual and cultural service, the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust has announced its reorganization.

Led by the Mahant Rohit Shastri - renowned Jyotishacharya, Sanskrit scholar, and State Awardee - the Trust now embraces a new structure that blends tradition.

The reorganization aims to

deepen the Trust's impact by enhancing transparency, efficiency, and public engagement. With an emphasis on promoting Vedic values, Sanskrit education, and community welfare, the Trust is set to embark on a renewed journey of service and cultural preservation.

The newly appointed team brings together esteemed individuals from diverse walks of life, united by a shared commitment to Dharma and society. Param

Pujya Acharya Mahamandaleshar 1008 Swami Kailashanand Giri Ji Maharaj (Head of Niranjani Akhara) has been named Patron, while Mahant Rohit Shastri continues as President.

Key roles are filled by Pawan Khajuria (Senior Vice President), Sunil Sharma (Vice President), Ankush Sharma (General Secretary), Rakesh Gandotra (Secretary), Uttam Chand Sharma and Ajay Sharma

(Treasurers), Prabodh Sharma (Advisor), Jagdev Singh Chib and Naresh Raina (Office Secretaries), Prof. Sharad Chandra Sharma (Spokesperson) and Abhiraj Sharma (Press Secretary).

The Trust's vision is supported by a strong panel of Trustees, including Sham Lal Sharma, R.K. Chhibber, Shakti Pathak, Anil Gupta, Deepak Gupta, Nigam Gupta, Vinay Jamwal, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, and Vinay

Agrawal.

The Trust reiterates its commitment to Sanskrit promotion, cultural preservation, and extending humanitarian efforts across the region. With a strategic approach and renewed enthusiasm, the Trust envisions setting new milestones in public service and spiritual upliftment. Supporters, donors, and devotees are invited to continue their blessings and cooperation in this noble mission.