

Congress holds protest against power & water crisis

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RAMBAN: Irked by unscheduled power cuts and shortage of drinking water, congress staged a protest in Bus-Stand Ramban.

The Congress has taken on the Jammu and Kashmir administration for what it called, the "unprecedented" power crisis in UT and urged the authorities to take immediate steps to improve the situation.

The protest was led by Working state President Youth Congress J&K & Former National President NSUI Fairoz Khan, Arun Singh Raju Ex District President Congress Ramban, Sandeep Singh Bhalwal NSUI State General Secretary, Khalid wani Corporator Ramban, Tariq hafiz, Pardeep Raju and others.

The protesters raised slogans in support of the demand for uninterrupted power and water supply. LG Govt Hai Hai, DC Ramban Hai Hai, BJP Govt. Hai Hai, we want uninterrupted electricity and water supply, UT Administration Hai Hai.

The protesters briefly



Congress workers staging protest at Ramban.

blocked the road to the bus stand demanding restoration of water supply and an end to unscheduled power cuts.

Fairoz Khan while addressing the protesters said "The present power situation is unprecedented. The J&K administration is able to meet only 50 per cent of the power demand of UT & the situation is worse in villages. Khan said that our district generates more than 900 MW of power, but we still face power cuts & where two hydel power houses are located and river Chenab is flowing. BJP made false promises of bringing good days. They are not providing us with a proper supply of water and electricity, therefore

we want this government to provide uninterrupted electricity and water to the public of Ramban. The BJP is just busy creating issues which they think will divert public attention, he said instead of policies they should focus on addressing the issues of the public. He said all administration is visible in social media or busy in video conferencing while sitting in AC rooms, which have uninterrupted power supply and even their residence have uninterrupted electricity supply, which they and their family members enjoy.

It is coming instead of celebrating festivals, the people are suffering from

scorching heat and no potable water. The students, patients are the worst hit and even business establishments are running in losses and creating more unemployment.

Khan said our leader Rahul Gandhi "On April 20, 2022, told the Modi government to stop running the bulldozer of hatred and start power plants in the country. Today the coal and electricity crisis has created havoc in the entire country. This crisis will destroy small industries, due to which unemployment will increase further. Small children cannot stand this scorching heat. The lives of patients admitted to hospitals are at stake. There will be financial loss by stopping rail and metro services." If this government would have listened to Rahul Gandhi the crisis would have been avoided, he questioned where are achedin. The BJP has failed the people of this country.

Arun Singh Raju said that "Over the past 20 days, we are faced with the worst-ever electricity and water crisis, requesting personal

intervention of the Lt Governor to provide relief to the public. He added we support our congress J&K demand which is fighting for withdrawal of water tax in rural areas, besides seeking amnesty for domestic power consumers and rectifying the "faulty" power billing system. He added that administration is issuing dikats only in social media, instead the DC Ramban should meet public to address their issues. We have raised the issue of acute water shortage with the concerned department time and again but no action is being taken which is very unfortunate, he said that the first priority of the govt. is to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply to the consumers.

He added that Ramban is already in the last when it comes to poverty, education and now also electricity and water crises too.

Congress leaders gave an ultimatum to the DC Ramban that if the electricity supply was not improved within the next 3-4 days, party workers will gherao DC Ramban office.

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BHOONI: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, Chairman inaugurated a day long medical checkup camp at NTPHC Sialag today. A large number of patients, especially females attended OPD and underwent the thorough medical checkup. Besides two Medical Officers, para medical staff was also available to provide the services to those who visited the camp.

In his address on the occasion Col Mahan Singh said that organizing such events in the remote and far flung areas is the priority as the people in these areas remained deprived of such facilities during seventy years rule of successive regimes post independence in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the doctors' team for providing succour to the people at their door steps by providing them proper medicare during the camp.

Asserting that BJP stands

BJP committed to provide best

healthcare to people: Col Mahan



Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua after inaugurating medical checkup camp.

committed to provide the best health care facilities to the people across the nation especially those living in the remote and far flung areas,

the DDC Chairman assured every kind of medical help to the people in such areas besides providing full support to the Doctors, Paramedics and organizations organizing such events for the welfare of people of different areas in the future too.

Prominent among those accompanying the DDC Chairman at the medical camp were Sarpanch of Sialag Seema Devi, Sarpanch Bihik Ralo Devi, Capt Harnam Singh and Ex Sarpanch Hans Raj.

Police organises flag march in Doda Town



SSP Doda, Abul Qayoom and others during the march.

effectively.

On this occasion, SSP Doda, Abul Qayoom briefed the Officers and Jawans about their field duties thoroughly besides necessary directions were also issued to the officers and Jawans about handling the various challenging situations during their legitimate duties.

Among other officers who were present in the event

includes, D. S Negi, Commandant 33 Bn CRPF, Master Popsy, Addl. SP Hqrs Doda, Raj Kumar, Addl. SP Ops Doda, Kasam Khan, 2 I/C 33 Bn CRPF, Tilak Raj Rana, Dy.CO IR-5th Bn Doda and Shoket Ali, Dy.SP DAR Doda.

The morale of the officers and Jawans was high and fully prepared to react to any situation on ground.

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KATHUA: A fare well party was hosted on the superannuation of Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania, Principal of GDCW Kathua & GDC Kathua

A fare well party was organized by Government College for women Kathua and Govt. Degree college (Boys) Kathua by the staff of colleges on occasion of Superannuation of Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania worthy Principal of the College. He is one of the renowned Principals of Jammu and Kashmir (U.T). He rendered 36 years of service out of which 27 years in College and 9 years in School Education.

He worked in various capacity as principal, Administrator, Coordinator IQAC, and exemplary teacher who always worked in the interest of Students and institutions. He remained supportive to all the staff members and guided

everybody time to time and wherever his services were required by the department he was always ready at the beck and call. During Covid 19, he set an example by his delivery at Lakhapur and worked with devotion and dedication besides this he excelled in the field of research and he authored many books, organized Conferences, Seminars and presented many Research papers in both National and International level. On this

occasion, The college Newsletter was also released by the Principal which covered the updates of the college activities with the help of college Editorial Board.

Prof Ashwani Khajuria vice Principal of the college Spoke and added the virtues of Dr. Pathania, he said that he worked with Pathania for 10 months but he learned many things of life from him which shall be helpful for him for future delivery. He wished him very happy and prosperous.

All the staff members whether teaching, non-teaching and daily wagers wished him from core of heart very happy, cheerful and healthy retired life. Dr Arun Dev Singh Staff Secretary of the College appreciated about the tremendous qualities which are being carried out by Dr M. S Pathania, he said that he has been into the contact of Sir since 1998 from whom he learned abundant tips of academics and administrative which will be rich treasure for him, he said Dr Pathania was an expert in the preparation of NAAC wherever he worked and helped all the institutions to get highest grade.

He further said that it is sad and bitter moment for both staff and him that we would lose such a dynamic principal who always remained supportive and compassionate to every person of the college but it is law of Nature everybody has to leave with the passage of time but he will ever be remembered for miraculous and exemplary services.

The staff members both teaching and non-teaching members were present on the occasion :Prof Ravinder Kour, Prof Pankaj Nandan, Dr Naresh Sharma, Dr Babita Jamwal, Prof Raj Kumari, Prof Barun Batti Prof Som Raj, Prof Ambika, Prof Shivani, Dr Poonam Meenu, Prof Romika, Prof Naresh, Prof Vijay, Prof Pallavi Dr Varchaswami, Dr Ajay, Prof Anu, Prof Mukesh, Mr Roshan Lal, Dr Surinder, Dr Vakil and Dr Anupam.

Fare-well accorded to superannuating Principals of GDCW Kathua & GDC Kathua



Faculty members presenting memento to Principal Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania at Kathua.

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JINDRAH: The Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah conducted workshop on art and craft using waste material in the college premises to promote Toyathon under the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.

Prof. Rajshree Dhar, Principal, GDC Jindrah presented introductory remarks and commemorate the workshop. Dilip Ray, resource

person from Rajasthan showcased his skill in front of the students to built small decoration pieces and toys for festive seasons using waste materials. Dr. Seema

compiled and reported the event. All the staff and students attended the event and keenly observed the preparation of decorative pieces and toys.

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