

Increasing unemployment a major challenge in J&K: Altaf Bukhari

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JAMMU: Expressing concern over increasing unemployment in J&K, Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Saturday said joblessness among the educated youth has become a major challenge.

Bukhari was addressing joining programmes at the Party office in Gandhi Nagar when he welcomed dozens of youth and the college students who joined the Party in presence of other senior leaders.

Parveen Mahajan along with Mohd Yaqoob and others joined Apni Party.

The joining programme was organized by Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta. Besides, the college student's joining programme was organized by Ravinder Koul, Archana Kaul, and Suhal Khajuria.

The students from different colleges including Prinkal Manik, Furkan Choudhary, Raja Rajput, Mohd Younis, Dawood Pathan, Sarthik Sharma, Harish Thapa, Shubham Kumar, Nitish, Adarsh Choudhary, Kushal Kaul, Shazib, Tayyub, Sukhvinder Sangral, Kamal Pangotra, Sidharth Pangotra, Karan Mahajan and others also joined Apni Party.



Apni Party President S.M.A. Bukhari welcoming newly joined members in party.

While welcoming them into the Party, he hoped that their joining would strengthen the Party at the grass root level.

Apni Party has emerged as hope among the hopeless youth of Jammu and Kashmir. The people in large numbers, especially youth, have come forward and joined Apni Party due to the Party's policies and agenda of equitable development of all regions and politics of speaking truth to the people.

"This policy has won the confidence of the people as they are fed-up with the traditional political parties and their emotional sloganising," he added.

Referring to the increasing unemployment, he said that "J&K has lakhs of post graduates who are still unemployed and the Govt has not been able to provide them jobs. It is time for the youth to elect a Govt which can address their growing issues of joblessness."

He said that "They should elect a Govt of entrepreneurs which would be able to provide enough job opportunities with the creation of entrepreneurs and these entrepreneurs would be able to generate employment opportunities within J&K."

He said that the Govt has also not been able to advertise all the vacant posts in various Govt Departments for their recruitment.

The unemployment has emerged as one of the major issues and the Govt must take a serious view over the issue," he said and added that "Apni Party is committed to the creation of job opportunities for the unemployed youth."

He further said that the Apni Party is committed to develop the health care infrastructure, road connectivity in remote areas and improve the education system in all the Govt's

educational institutions and ensure equitable development of all the regions.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, State General Secretary, Vikram Malhotra, Provincial President, Jammu, Manjit Singh, Additional General Secretary (organization), Arun Chibber, Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta, State SC Coordinator, Bodh Raj Bhagat, President ST Wing, Saleem Choudhary, President, Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, State OBC Coordinator, Madan Lal Chalotra, District President Kathua, Ex-MLA Prem Lal, District President Rural Jammu, Pushap Dev Uppal, District President Udhampur, Hans Raj Dogra, State Vice President Youth Wing, Raheeq Ahmed Khan, State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, State Coordinator Youth Wing, Sunny Kant Chib, Provincial President Jammu Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Apni Student Union, Amj Manhas, Provincial President Apni Trade Union, Raj Kumar, Provincial President OBC Wing, Sohan Singh Sony, Provincial Vice President Apni Trade Union, Sheikh Abdul Latief, Provincial Vice President, Jodhinder Singh, Provincial Vice President Apni Student Wing, Satish Rajput, Provincial Secretary Youth Wing, Suhal Khajuria, Provincial Secretary, Vishal Jotshi, District President Apni Trade Union, Anirudh Vasist, General Secretary District Urban, Sardesh Rana, District Secretary Urban, Ashraf Choudhary, District President Youth Wing, Shivam Choudhary, District President Women Wing, Sarjeet Kour, Senior Vice President Youth Wing, Sandeep Vaid, District Organising Secretary Arshana Koul, District Secretary Youth Wing, Ankush Dogra, Abinav Gupta, Pavneet Kour, Nisha Devi, Rupali Rani, Pardeep Bhatia, Ravinder Koul, Managat Ram and others.

MJR-47 hails Delimitation Commission's recommendation for DPs

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JAMMU: Movement for Justice for Refugees from PoJK of 1947 (MJR-47) has expressed gratitude towards the Delimitation Commission for providing justice to PoJK DPs in its final report. While addressing a press conference in Jammu on Saturday, J S Sudan Convener-MJR47 said that members of MJR-47 initially approached Delimitation Commission for allocation of at least 8-10 seats in favour of PoJK DPs, but Commission refused to entertain the request quoting Section-14 of J&K Reorganization Act, 2019. He further said that the organization contested viewpoint of Commission through letters/memorandums and personal audience and conveyed that representation to PoJK DPs was not granted till date by misinterpretation of provisions of Act with the notion that 24 seats kept vacant are to be deleted from total seats of J&K while Section 14(4)(a) of J&K



MJR-47 members addressing a press conference.

Reorganisation Act, 2019 clearly says that 24 vacant seats are not to be taken into consideration while counting a total number of assembly seats. "It was also impressed that an assembly seat for Mendhar in Poonch District was defroze which shows that Govt can allocate seats by de-freezing vacant seats.

We feel that Delimitation Commission though failed to give us full justice by not interpreting the provision of Section-13, 14 and 60 of the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019 but we are highly grateful to the

Commission for appreciating contentions of our organization and making present recommendations," said Singh, adding that the organization is pursuing the issue with PM Office as well as Home Ministry for allocation of sufficient seats in J&K Assembly and at least one seat in Parliament to provide full justice to PoJK DPs.

Others present on the occasion included Suchwant Singh, Chief Spokesperson MJR47, Charan Singh Khalsa, Adv Surinder Singh, Jathedar Mohinder Singh and Rajinder Singh.

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JAMMU: The Delimitation Commission has, for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir, applied all the parameters mandated by law in a judicious manner to carve out the constituencies which will provide populations living in diverse geographical areas of the Union Territory an equitable opportunity to exercise of their democratic rights.

Y.V. Sharma, BJP Spokesperson accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra Media Incharge stated this in a press conference held at Jammu today.

Sharma said that it was a clear break from all the past exercises, which were carried out in the aftermath of the bad precedent that was set just after Independence when, in a completely autocratic manner, only 30 seats were arbitrarily allocated to Jammu and 43 to Kashmir after throwing all norms to the winds.

Sharma emphasized that had this Delimitation Commission been constituted

initially to start with in 1957, when the elections of the state were held for the first time, taking the J&K as a single unit and dividing the constituencies honestly, transparently and judiciously, he said that he is very sure that the terrorism would not have grown in the J&K state and the migration of the community would not have happened.

He asserted that the subsequent exercises carried out under the provisions of the Constitution of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, and the Jammu and Kashmir Representation of People Act



BJP J&K Spokesperson, Y.V. Sharma talking to reporters.

1957, not only perpetuated the discrimination but also indulged in large scale gerrymandering thus further disempowering the people of Jammu and other sections.

The current Delimitation exercise which has been undertaken in terms of the Delimitation Act 2002 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 passed by the Parliament, sets right to a great extent, such aberrations and misdoings of the past. Sharma pointed out that it is also for the first time that 9 constituencies have been reserved for Scheduled

Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir, of which 3 are in Kashmir province.

This has given a fair opportunity to a very vital section of the population, who were completely ignored and discriminated against for the past seven decades, to now exercise their democratic rights for adequate representation.

This, he said, is a direct result of fulfilment of Article 370 and application of laws applicable to the entire country, to Jammu and Kashmir as well.

He said that unbiased application of the laws, which were not applicable to Jammu and Kashmir prior to August 2019, has also provided the population living in the hilly and remote areas of the Union Territory an opportunity to avail their democratic rights in a more convenient and representative manner by giving due weightage to physical features, existing boundaries of the administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience, etc., a case in point being Gurez which

has been carved out by the Commission as a constituency having a population of 37,992 in

persons, in view of the extreme hardships faced by the population of this remote area which remains cut off for months in winters.

He said that it was a measure of the non-partisan approach of the Commission that it also associated all the 5 members of Lok Sabha elected from Jammu and Kashmir in its work right from the beginning as Associate Members of the Commission.

It is also unprecedented in Jammu and Kashmir that before finalizing the delimitation exercise, the Commission held public sittings in Jammu and Srinagar to listen in details to all those persons who had filed objections to the draft report published for the information of the public. Such transparency was unheard of in the exercises carried out earlier; when those who are pointing fingers at the present exercise were at the helm of affairs.

Protest staged at Leh Airport against Prof Baidyanath Labh



Protest at Leh Airport.

LEH: Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA), Ladakh Gonpa Association and Students Associations on Saturday staged a protest near the Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport raising slogans like 'Go Back Baidyanath Labh' as Prof Baidyanath Labh was supposed to land Leh to join as the Vice Chancellor (VC) of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS).

President LBA Thupstan Chhewang alleged that Prof Baidyanath Labh as in-charge VC of CIBS has already taken several decisions such as introduction of different streams which completely goes against the purpose of establishment of this institute. He informed that CIBS was founded by late Kushok Bakula Rinpoche and former Prime Minister Pt. Nehru for the promotion of Buddhist Studies. Introduction of all kinds of subjects and streams in this Deemed-to-be-University will dilute the very spirit of this institute and it will be just like

another University, he added. An effigy of Prof Baidyanath Labh was also burned by Buddhist activists at the airport.

Prof Baidyanath Labh, however, did not land as he might have perhaps been already informed by sources about the protest that was planned to be staged on his arrival.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi sketched a roadmap for the new working order in the Waqf Board.

"Serving in Waqf means serving Allah and hence transparency, dedication & honesty need to govern our day to day working. We have to rebuild our shattered system and diversify

the use of assets and properties to enhance the revenues so that new initiatives are undertaken without any delay," said Dr Andrabi.

She warned all those who have encroached Waqf land and erected illegal structures on it. She said

that soon we will be initiating a demolition drive throughout J&K to restore the proprietorship of the Waqf land and assets after removing the illegal occupation of encroachers.

"The encroachers of Waqf land and assets will face Bulldozers soon. This

is a warning to all encroachers served through media that they should come to us and surrender their right of illegal occupation or otherwise they will have to face the wrath of Bulldozers soon," said Dr Darakhshan.

She set a target to the staff of enhancing the revenues of Waqf so that new projects are taken up.

Dr Darakhshan discussed measures to ensure transparency of the money donated by people at shrines and said that soon will have a fool-proof system wherein all the complaints of the people that fund-transparency is lacking are addressed completely.

"Soon we will shift to an online system of donations

and different online transaction facilities at all shrines will be made available for the people. We will built a Cancer Hospital in J&K soon," said Dr Andrabi.

Members of the Board Dr Ghulam Nabi Haleem & Syed Mohammad Hussain besides Chief Executive Officer of J&K Waqf Board Mufti Fareed, all Administrators of Waqf in Kashmir valley & the staff of Waqf from Srinagar

District were also present. Zubair Ahmad, presented the detailed report of the present working system in Waqf on which detailed deliberations took place.

Waqf Board Members Dr Haleem and Syed Mohammad Hussain spoke on the occasion and requested the staff and the management to be prepared for creating a new working system in Waqf in J&K based on the spirit of service and sacrifice.

Rajani Patil expresses dismay over delimitation report, discusses current political situation with leaders

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JAMMU: Srinagar: AICC Incharge Jammu & Kashmir Rajani Patil (MP) on Saturday held three-hourly discussions over the current political situation, besides organizational affairs and activities with senior leaders of Kashmir here in Srinagar. Patil also received feedback with regard to organizational affairs and activities in all the districts of the valley.

AICC Incharge Rajani Patil interacted with former Legislators, PCC Office bearers, District Presidents and other party functionaries covering all the districts of Kashmir while reviewing the current political situation in Kashmir. During the interaction with party leaders in which the delimitation report also came under discussion, Rajani Patil expressed dismay over the Delimitation Report, terming it as biased and politically motivated aiming to benefit

particular political Party. She was also briefed about the ground situation especially the large-scale resentment amongst the general public against the unexpected delimitation report.

On this occasion, Patil said people of Jammu and Kashmir have vehemently opposed the delimitation report as the Commission has not followed the basic norms thereby rendering great injustice to people of J&K in terms of the delimitation of the parliamentary and assembly constituencies.

Adding that delimitation report is not acceptable to people, Patil said the Commission has not taken care of topography, connectivity, population and other parameters of the areas before concluding the final report.

AICC Incharge urged the Party leaders to further strengthen the Party at grass root and gear up for the upcoming challenges.

SUF lauds delimitation commission for recommending nomination of PoJK refugees in assembly



Chairman SUF J&K, Sudershan Singh Wazir talking to reporters.

in a press conference, Wazir also demanded the implementation of recommendations made by Parliamentary committee in

letter & spirit for permanent resolution of all issues of PoJK refugees.

A number of representatives of various other Sikh organizations also appreciated recommendation of delimitation commission for nominating two Kashmiri migrants. Darbinder Singh, President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K said that it is a revolutionary recommendation which will open a new doors of opportunities for PoJK refugees, which has suffered for last more than 75 years at the hands of various political parties.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Mohinder Singh (Chief Organizer Bhai Khanaiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K), Surinder

Singh Kala (President Fruit and Vegetable Association), Mohinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ravinder Singh, Charanjeet Singh, Sewak Singh, Gajan Singh, Charan Singh Bali, Kuldeep Kour, Paramjit Singh, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Prof Yudhvir Singh, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Manmohan Singh, Jagmohan Singh, Dr Surinder Singh, Surinder Singh Dutt, Rasbir Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Kultar Singh and Tejpal Singh.