J&K Youth Congress holds protest against BJP MLA's remarks

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JAMMU: On the directions of AICC Secretary Krishna Allavaru, Incharge IYC and IYC National President Uday Bhanu Chib, the J&K Pradesh Youth Congress staged a protest in Jammu on Friday against BJP MLA, R.S Pathania, for his recent derogatory remarks targeting the Indian Air Force.

In a bold symbolic gesture, Youth Congress workers burned an effigy of Pathania, registering their



Indian Youth Congress leaders and workers during a protest at Jammu on Friday.

anger and outrage over what they called a "deeply

grave threat to the peaceful

atmosphere of Doda and

undermines the healthcare

system that has been

painstakingly established to

The FIR lodged against

Malik under BNS sections

356(2), 79, and 351(2) is a

step toward justice which

address the crimes like

defamation with intent to

harm the reputation of a per-

son through words, signs, or

visible representations, pun-

ishable with imprisonment or

fine, acts intended to outrage

the modesty of a woman, and

criminal intimidation by

threatening to cause harm to

a person's reputation, proper-

humiliate Dr. Chib, coupled

with his incitement of mobs,

unequivocally constitute crim-

inal intimidation. We further

demand that Section 351(2)

be extended to include Malik's

deliberate attempts to

obstruct government officials,

including doctors, from per-

forming their duties, as his

actions threaten the very foundation of public health-

The Government Medical

College and Hospital in Doda

is a monumental achievement

for the region, eliminating the

need for residents to travel to

Jammu for basic medical

care. Doctors, paramedical

staff, and students work in hostile and challenging condi-

tions to serve the people of

Doda. Yet, Malik's relentless

threats and mob-inciting tac-

tics are making the hospital

environment unsafe, pushing

postgraduate students to con-

sider migrating to other insti-

tutions and leaving staff and

doctors in constant fear for

their safety. His actions risk

rendering this vital institution

public health crisis in a region

that has struggled for decades

to secure quality healthcare,

The Jammu Doctors Forum

demanded that the National

Commission for Women

(NCW) take Suo moto cog-

nizance of this grave matter

and act swiftly to protect the

dignity and safety of women doctors like Dr. Madhu Chib,

who are being intimidated and

deplorable conduct. We also

call upon the authorities to

ensure exemplary punishment

for Malik, who has a history of

using foul language and mak-

ing false statements, as evi-

denced by the non-bailable

arrest warrant issued against him on March 17, 2025, by

the court of special excise

mobile magistrate, Jammu, in

a case filed by former minister

Ghulam Mohammad Saroori.
The Forum doctors urge the

people of Doda and Jammu

and Kashmir to stand against

Malik's divisive and dangerous

tactics, which threaten the

harmony and progress of the

region. The government must

recognize the sacrifices of doc-

tors and healthcare workers

who serve in far-flung areas

under immense pressure.

Malik's actions not only

endanger lives but also jeop-

ardize the safety of public

property and the well-being of

countless patients who rely on

The Jammu Doctors Forum

reiterates its commitment to

ensuring quality healthcare

for all and will not be cowed by

threats or intimidation. We

call for immediate and strin-

gent action against Mehraj

Malik to safeguard the health-

care system and restore the

confidence of doctors, staff,

and students in Doda.

the hospital's services.

Malik's

humiliated by

the forum added.

care in Doda

ty, or safety, they said.

Malik's threats to drag and

serve its people.

JDF condemns AAP MLA's threats; disruptive actions against doctors, healthcare services in Doda

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JAMMU: The Jammu Doctors Forum (JDF) on Friday vehemently condemned what they called reprehensible actions of Doda MLA and Jammu and Kashmir AAP chief, Mehraj Malik, for his brazen attempts to intimidate doctors, particularly women doctors, and destabilize the hard-earned healthcare infrastructure in Doda.

The JDF, under the leadership of President Dr. Dushyant Chowdhry, Vice President Dr. Vikas Padha, and General Secretary Dr. Varinder Sharma said that the actions of Mehraj Malik are an affront to the sanctity of medical services and a direct threat to the safety and dignity of healthcare professionals serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The JDA members said, "We express our profound gratitude to the district administration, particularly the Doda Police, for their swift and decisive action in foiling Malik's planned march to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Doda, which could have unleashed chaos, endangered lives, and caused irreparable damage to the hospital's infrastructure. The police's timely intervention prevented a catastrophe that could have resulted from

Malik's incitement of a mob". The doctors urged the district authorities to strengthen the existing FIR against Malik by adding Section 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which pertains to criminal intimidation by threatening public servants in the lawful discharge of their duties. This section, they said is critical to holding Malik accountable for obstructing government officials, including doctors, from performing their sacred duties.

The Jammu Doctors Forum expressed unwavering solidarity with Dr. Madhu Chib, an Associate Professor at the Government Medical College, Doda, who has been subjected to vile, gendered, and derogatory remarks by Malik.

"His use of abusive phrases such as "ghaseetunga" (will drag you) and "will strip you naked" on social media platforms is not only a direct assault on Dr. Chib's dignity but also a shameful attempt to outrage the modesty of a woman doctor serving in challenging conditions", the JDF stated.

The forum said, these are not mere words-they are malicious threats that endanger the safety, professional integrity, and mental wellbeing of a dedicated public servant. "Malik's taunt that this hospital doesn't belong to your father, is particularly deplorable, given Dr. Chib's personal loss of her father over 12 years ago, revealing his callous insensitivity and arrogance", the observed.

It added, Malik's unauthorized entry into the hospital's labour room, accompanied by associates and live social media feeds, is a grotesque violation of patient privacy and hospital sanctity. Such reckless actions endanger vulnerable patients, particularly women, and create an atmosphere of fear among doctors, paramedical staff, and post-

graduate students, it added.

The doctors said that his repeated use of derogatory, unparliamentary, and communal language, coupled with incitement of mobs, poses a

shameful and unpatriotic" attack on India's armed forces.

The protest was held under the leadership of Maan Singh Rathore, Indian Youth Congress Secretary Incharge for J&K, and led by JKPYC members. Following the protest, a FIR complaint was lodged by General Secretary JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney and other signatories against Pathania for his remarks.

"How can the BJP, which never misses a chance to take credit for military operations like Operation Sindoor, now stoop to targeting the same Air Force for political mileage?" said Maan Singh during the protest.

General Secretary JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney, added, "The Indian Air Force has always stood as a pillar of national security, especially in times of crisis. Targeting them for land disputes is not only baseless but dishonors their commitment to the nation."

He also accused the BJP Leader of tearing official documents in public and inciting unrest among locals, calling it a "theatrical stunt" aimed at inflaming public sentiment instead of pursuing legal resolution.

The J&K Youth Congress has demanded an official apology from the BJP and urged the party to clarify its stance-whether it truly supports the armed forces or seeks to exploit defense matters for vote-bank politics.

Youth Congress leaders

including Adv. Ranjoth State General Singh, Secretary Anirudh Sawhney, Divyash Verma, Нарру Randhawa, Swarnveer Singh, Divya Sharma, State Secretaries JaiSidh Bhalla, Dr. Suhaib, Akhil Anmol Kohli, Working President District Azhar Beigh Kisthwar, Assembly President Ravinder Singh, Akshay, Yashwant Pathania, Rohit Sodhi, Vikram Singh Wazir, Rahul Katal, and others were

Rotary Club Jammu Elite marks Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Arjan Dev Ji with community service at Gurudwara Sahib



Rotary Club Jammu Elite members serving sweet water during a programme.

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JAMMU: In a heartfelt display of community service and devotion, Rotary Club Jammu Elite organized a special seva initiative at Gurudwara Sahib Bala Pritam, Trikuta Nagar, to commemorate the Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Arjan Dev Ji.

Demonstrating their unwavering commitment to social welfare, members of the club actively participated in serving Langar meals to devotees. The event not only paid homage to the spiritual significance of the day but also reinforced the spirit of selfless service and

unity - core values of both Sikhism and Rotary.

The community outreach initiative aimed at strengthening ties with the local population, promoting interfaith harmony, and fostering a culture of compassion and service. Through their presence and efforts, the members engaged with residents and volunteers, building bridges of understanding and mutual respect.

Leading the initiative was Dr. Davinder Kaur, President of Rotary Club Jammu Elite, accompanied by an active team of dedicated members including Rtn Gurvinder Kaur, Advocate Jasmeet Kaur (Secretary-Elect), Prof Poonam, Dr. Gurjeet Gujral (Dietician), Dr. Neetu Raina, Gagandeep Kour, and Jyoti.

"This service initiative embodies the essence of Rotary - 'Service Above Self'. We are honored to contribute to the community and share this sacred occasion with our fellow citizens," said Dr. Davinder Kaur.

The event stood as a testament to the Rotary Club's ongoing efforts to serve with compassion, uphold social responsibility, and work hand-in-hand with local communities to bring about positive change.



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