

DCC Jammu Rural holds protest against incessant fuel price hike

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural on Monday protested against incessant fuel price hike across the country, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government to roll-back the prices.

Led by DCC Rural President Hari Singh Chib, the senior Congress leaders, youth Congress and other party activists assembled near Office of the SDM North Jammu and raised slogans against the BJP Government over the rising fuel prices across the country.

Talking to reporters here, Mula Ram lamented that petrol and diesel prices are being increased daily when the entire country is hit by COVID-19 pandemic, and people are in crisis due to the lockdown. He said that the Central Government is looting the people by hiking the excise duty on petrol and diesel.

Hari Singh Chib said that the anti-people policies of the BJP Government are responsible for the high prices of petrol, diesel



DCC members taking out protest rally.

and LPG despite crude oil consistently remaining down to less than 50 per cent for the last six years.

"International crude oil prices are the lowest in the last 15 years, yet petrol and diesel prices are skyrocketing, while the common people, the middle class, the farmers, the transporters and small and medium businesses are bearing the pain of high oil rates," Chib rued.

"Modi government has earned Rs 28 lakh crores in the last six years by increasing the excise duty on petrol and diesel alone," Chib emphasized. Youth Congress activists, led by J&K

President Uday Bhanu Chib, also joined the protest led by DCC Jammu Rural against the unregulated hike in the prices of petrol and diesel.

Uday Chib accused the government of picking pockets of the common man and also taking away their livelihood.

Terming the hike in petrol and diesel price 'historic', former Minister Ch Gharu Ram, Sr Congress leaders Shivdev Singh Manhas Ex MLA, MK Bhardwaj, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma and Ajaz Choudhary State Vice President J&K Youth Congress termed the steepest fuel price

hike will have cascading effects on other essential commodities affecting people already suffering from the exhaustive policies of the NDA Government.

Later, the senior Congress leaders submitted a memorandum through Pawan Kotwal, SDM Jammu North, addressed to the President of India for immediate roll back of hike in petrol and diesel prices from the Central Government.

Among others who joined the protest included Ashok Dubey, Ravinder Singh, Rattan Lal Sharma, Ram Pal, Vijay Shastri, Kamal Singh, Swarn Singh, Bansi Lal Gupta, Som Nath Sharma, Rana Partap Singh, Jung Bahadur, Sunny Jat, Baver Ali, Chemail Singh, Jagdish Raj Sharma, Ch Mohan Singh, Ajab Motton, Neeraj Choudhary, Prithvi Singh, Kaku Mehta, Tarun Vaid, Om Parkash, Dev Raj, Shahbaz Khan, Chandar Mohan Sharma, Gopi Sharma, Balbir Singh, Sat Pal Chib, Atul Manhas, Pritam Singh and Bal Krishan Sharma.

Open temples, other religious places for public: JPPF

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Province People's Forum (JPPF) demanded opening of all religious places immediately for the public, in a press conference while talking to media M S Katoch, the Working President of the Forum, said that deputations of peoples met the forum officials to take up this issue with the authorities to allow all religious places to function immediately.

He further added that Saints and Pujaris of many temples are annoyed on account of closures of places of worship for such a long time on one hand and on the other nobody from Govt. enquired about the welfare of the managerial staff of many religious places who were totally dependent on these places of worship, closure of temples has forced them to live in measurable conditions even many other vendors around places of worship are passing



JPPF President MS Katoch briefing media.

through many hardships therefore we the members of JPPF request Govt. to ensure opening of all religious places without any fail during second un-lockdown.

Katoch further added that religious places are the places where people go and pray to god for their well being and is matter of faith too, but now for more than 3 months many people could not visit and pray which is another matter of severe stress, opening of religious places will not only help many to generate their livelihood but will also

relieve many from mental stress.

Katoch requested the LG G C Murmu to look into the matter personally and allow all temples such as Mata Vaishno Devi, Mata Sukrala Devi, Shri Raghunath, Shivkhori, Maa Bawe Wali at the earliest so that we all could pray to the God for well being of masses of not only India but of global communities also.

Avinash Bhatia, Surender Veer, Pritam Sharma, Gurmit Singh, Resham Singh and Balwan Singh were also present.

Mayor starts development works



Mayor Chandar Mohan Gupta interacting with locals at Narwal.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chandar Mohan Gupta on Monday conducted a tour in the Narwal and its adjoining locality and started the renovation of parks situated at National Enclave Mohalla of Ward No 49 at the estimated cost of Rs 5 lakh.

Mayor was accompanied with Kamal Singh Councillor of Ward No 49, Ghulam Rasool Executive Engineer, Ajay Gupta Assistant Executive Engineer, Shabab Raja Junior Engineer Division No I during the visit.

Locals thanked the Mayor and Councillor for fulfilling

their demands.

Mayor alongwith Triprita Devi Councillor of Ward No 66, concerned Engineering Wing of Division-III, Tara Chand and also visited Lower Roop Nagar and surrounding areas and reviewed the ongoing renovation work of park in the locality which is being developed at the estimated cost of Rs 5 lakh.

Later, Mayor also visited various localities of Ward No 75 and listened to the various problems being faced by the residents. Mayor assured that all their issues will be resolved shortly by providing additional manpower as well as funds.

UDA seeks extension of JKPDD Amnesty Scheme

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: United Democratic Alliance (UDA) on Monday criticized the callous attitude of J&K Power Development Department for not extending JKPDD Amnesty Scheme for domestic electricity consumers of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. In a statement issued here, Rajiv Mahajan, Spokesperson of UDA, said that the Amnesty Scheme was announced by the Power Development Department (PDD) in 2020 to curb the power theft in the erstwhile J&K State.

"Unfortunately, COVID-19 outbreak has spread across the globe as well to the UT of J&K. The pandemic has caused mass disruptions to the nation's economy, its trade, industry and the lives of citizens. There is no industry or sector of the economy that has been left unaffected by this wave," he said. Mahajan asserted that people of all sections of the society having been economically hit due to the corona pandemic and the gov-

ernment should show compassion and provide special succour particularly to the financially distressed poor and marginalized sections of the society. "The labourers, farmers, small traders, self employed, taxi transport and auto operators, Rehri and Phari owners have been worst affected due to lengthy lockdown and no source of earnings during the last more than three months. With the poor sections having exhausted all their savings, they are finding it hard to make both ends meet while at the same time having to pay various kinds of cesses and tariffs," Mahajan said.

Mahajan said that it's not possible for the people to clear their payments due to COVID-19 pandemic. He mentioned that traders, contractors as well as suppliers who payments to the tune of crore of rupees are pending in various government departments. He said the government should first clear liabilities of traders, contractors as well as suppliers then it should

talk about the amnesty scheme. Mahajan appealed to the Lt Governor Girish Chandra Murmu to extend the Amnesty Scheme before June 30 till the COVID-19 pandemic end, adding that such a generous approach of the government would only go in line with the pious obligations of a truly people friendly government in a welfare state.

The signatories to the statement included Lt Gen (Retd.) Pradeep Singh Mehta, Principal Advisor, Munish Sahni, Convener, IG (Retd) Sudhir Dogra, General Secretary, Co-Convener Col. (Retd.) S.S Pathania, Krishan Manhas, Satish Ponshi, Vikrant Kapoor, Kulbir Singh Slathia, Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Gajan Singh Khajuria, Rajinder Gupta, Rajeev Luthra, DiG (Retd.) Manmohan Singh, Prem Sharma, Vivek Wazir, Rakesh Badyal, Pawan Gupta, Sanjay Jandyal, Varninder Singh Billawria, Yash Khajuria, Col. (Retd.) P.S Jamwal and Jawinder Singh (Kuku).

J&K Branch of ICAI organises plantation drive

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the onset of "CA Week" from June 28, 2020 and in continuation to its commitment for attaining social objectives, the J&K Branch of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) commenced a series of social activities.

The J&K Branch of ICAI in collaboration with Green International Outlook TAL (NGO) organized tree plantation drive yesterday within the campus of ICAI Bhawan at Canal Road Jammu and also planted trees at nearby surroundings.

Earlier, the members also carried out various fitness activities such as running, cycling, Yoga, etc. from their respective places in order to strengthen their immune system.

The participants of said



ICAI members during plantation drive in Jammu.

events were also felicitated with e-certificates.

Lalit Kumar Gupta, Chairman, J&K branch of ICAI, thanked the team of Green International Outlook (NGO) and members from CA fraternity who participated in the drive.

He informed that during CA week 2020, the J&K ICAI would also be holding other social drives such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Donation of essentials to fight back COVID-19 pan-

demie to under privileged people and also decided to spend a day with the inmates of Balgran-A Charitable Home for Destitute Children at Channi Rama, Jammu.

Green International Outlook was represented by Dr. Ikargarchet Singh and Dr. Kiran P Sagwekar.

CA Vinay Jamwal (Vice Chairman), CA Nakul Saraf (Secretary), CA Shalay Razdan (Past Chairman), along with number of Chartered Accountants & other team members of Green International outlook (NGO) participated in making the drive successful.

Youth in distress due to lack of employment opportunities: JKAP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP), senior leader and former minister Ajaz Ahmed Khan said that the youth are in distress due to lack of employment opportunities even as Jammu and Kashmir has potential to generate employment opportunities.

In a press statement, former minister and JKAP, senior leader, Ajaz Khan said "the youth are in distress due to lack of employment opportunities even as Jammu and Kashmir has potential to generate employment opportunities."

"Industrial and tourism sector needs to be revived for employment opportunities," said Khan.

Former Minister Dilwar Mir said that the JKAP will



JKAP leaders along with new entrants of party.

work for the development in Jammu and Kashmir without any bias.

Meanwhile, former minister Manjit Singh stressed on the need for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. JKAP, senior leaders Vikram Malhotra and Namrita Sharma also spoke on the issues in the party.

Besides, many youth have joined Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) in pres-

ence of senior party leaders strengthening the party's base in Jammu.

Ravi Kumar, Ravinder Kumar, Sahil Kalsi, Rahul Attri, Hiteswar Singh Jamwal, Ankit Gupta, Karan Kapoor, Varun Kapoor, Mohit Sharma, Babbar Khan, Suresh Kumar, Varun Kumar and others joined JKAP in presence of senior leaders at J&K Apni Party office in Jammu.

JU condoles demise of former faculty members

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: University of Jammu in its condolence message bereaved the passing away of Prof D K Gupta and Prof V.K Vaid Raizada.

"Prof. D. K. Gupta joined University of Jammu in 1966 and helped in setting up of the Mathematics Department in the University," Official Spokesperson JU, Dr Vinay Thuso said.

He contributed to all facets of the development of the young University including the Teachers Association (JUTA) of which he was the President twice, Vinay added.

Besides serving as Head, Department of Mathematics, he was appointed as Controller of Examinations in 1987 and was instrumental in streamlining the examination system. He superannuated from his service on 28th February 1994.

Prof V.K Vaid Raizada, was

an ace academician and founder of the Management programme of the University of Jammu.

He served University of Jammu for about a decade (1986-1996) in different capacities as Head, Department of Management Studies (presently The Business School), and Dean of Faculty of Management Studies and superannuated in July 1996.

While recalling their valuable contributions, Prof Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu said that with the demise of Prof. Gupta and Prof. Raizada, the University has lost great academicians and it will be difficult to fill the void created in the academic field in the years to come.

He, on behalf of the entire university fraternity, conveyed deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

KNIT students shine in class 12 results



Students of KNIT who excelled in exams.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Students of Kotwal National Institute of Teaching, Bharat Nagar, Talab Tillo Jammu had brought laurels to the school by securing positions and distinctions in the recently declared result of class 12th by JKBOSE.

In class 12th, the school secured 100% result with five position and 129 Distinctions besides 121 first division, 39 second division and one third division.

Rushali Sharma and Muskan Gupta secured second position with 492 (98.4 per cent) marks each in Science and Commerce stream respectively while Shruti Dogra got fourth posi-

tion with 488 (97.6 per cent) marks and Manmeet Kour and Chahat Sharma got seventh position with 485 (99 per cent) marks each in Commerce stream.

The Management of the school congratulated the staff members, students and parents on such excellent results in class 12th.

Principal of the school conveyed special thanks to his staff members for doing such a hard work with the students of the school and motivating them time to time to boost the morale of the students. The Principal once again congratulated all the students and their parents on such a good result of school.

Stephens College of Nursing shines in online quiz competition

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Stephens College of Nursing (SCoN), Nihalpur, Miran Sahib, here shined in National Level online Quiz competition which was conducted by Red Ribbon Club, University of Jammu in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society, here recently on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking on the theme 'Better knowledge with better care'. The participants who scored 70 per cent and above marks were awarded E-certificates.

The Nodal Officer, volunteers, Members of RRC, Administrator (Manoj Kotru), all the faculty members and maximum numbers of students participated in Quiz competition.

Chairman SCoN, Dr. Kamal Saini and Director SIPS, Satvinder Saini applauded and congratulated all the faculty members and students for this splendid achievement.

Administrator SCoN, Manoj Kotru and Principal, Muni Dhar also appreciated and motivated everyone to showcase their talent and participate in such programmes in future also.

The management extended gratitude to Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather (Project Director JKACS UT of J&K), Dr. Meghna Dhar (Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club DSW) and Professor Jasbir Singh (Dean, Student Welfare University of Jammu) for organizing such a erudite competition.

ABSMS to hold protest from July 1



ABSMS member briefing media.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Safai Mazdoor Sangh (ABSMS) opposed the new recruitment system as per by the Service Selection Board.

"We will hold a protest against this from July 1 to 4, 2020," Sangh members told reporters here on Monday.

"We want that all the daily wagers of whole J&K must be turned permanent and after that the time must be given to

new youth," they said.

They demanded regularization of all Safaikaramcharis who have covered 7 years, implementation of Minimum Wages policy as per other UTs, immediate clearance of all pending cases which comes under SRO 43, room for Safaikaramcharis in every municipal committee, clearance of pending arrears of 7th Pay commission to all the employees, etc.

COVID-19 sampling camp held at Ware House

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Traders Federation Ware House-Nehru Market with the help of the Health Department on Monday held the COVID-19 sampling camp at Ware House.

This was the third camp at ware house in last three months. This time, special camp was organized for the drivers and conductors of different states and districts, who came here for loading and unloading of essential commodities. Today, 27 samples were taken by the medical team.

According to Deepak Gupta, General Secretary of the Federation, administration assured them that the camp will continue for another



Doctor taking sample of a driver during the camp.

two-three days to cover the all drivers and conductors.

Gupta said that a large number of truck drivers and conductors from neighbouring states are also coming to the market daily.

Although these drivers and conductors are not allowed inside the Mandi and every

precaution is being taken but still the risk is very high, he added.

He thanked Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Verma and Deputy Commissioner Sushma Chouhan, who took immediate steps to take COVID-19 sampling in Mandi.

Navin reviews functioning of Agriculture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Depts

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Principal Secretary Agriculture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Departments, Navin Choudhary on Monday chaired a meeting to review functioning of the departments and implementation of different schemes sponsored by Central and UT governments for the benefit of farmers.

The meeting was attended by Directors of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry and other concerned of these departments.

While as Directors of Kashmir division and District officers participated in the meeting via video conferencing.

The meeting discussed various schemes of these departments and sought feedback from the field officers regarding their implementation in

Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, the Principal Secretary directed the concerned to work towards achieving set targets fixed by these departments.

He also directed the officers to remain connected and in constant touch with the farmers and fruit growers in order to provide relevant information regarding farming. He urged the functionaries to make all out efforts so that J&K would be self reliant in the agricultural sector. Meanwhile, the Principal Secretary also visited hi tech dairy farm at Mandal.

On the occasion, he interacted with the farmers engaged in dairy farming.

He also visited the horticulture nursery at Gari Purkhoo where he inspected seedlings of Mangoes, Guava, Litchie etc.