

## BJP observes Black Day, felicitates "Loktantra Senani"

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir observed "Black Day" on the day of imposition of Emergency by the then PM Indira Gandhi and felicitated the "Loktantra Senani" who suffered badly at the behest of then government at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Black days of Emergency were remembered by all those, who were arrested under Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) at BJP head office to denounce the Emergency imposed by Congress in 1975. Satish Sharma, All India General Secretary Loktantra Senani Sangh from Delhi was Chief Guest and Ramesh Arora former MLC was main speaker. Many other sufferers shared their experience of those days. Sat Paul Gupta RSS, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, former MLC Ashok Khajuria, former MLC Ramesh Arora, Suresh Sharma (RSS), Virpan Kumar, Chander Mohan Sharma, Shaminder Sharma,



BJP J&K unit felicitating Loktantra Senani at party headquarter, Jammu.

Surinder Manhas, Surinder Gupta, Romesh Gupta, Sudharshan Gupta, Ram Mohan, Sat Paul Singh, Salish Sethi, Anand, Ashok Gupta and many others were felicitated on the occasion.

All person i.e. Loktantra Senani were honoured by MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, BJP General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and other dignitaries.

While addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said that by giving respect to all who fought to restore democracy is a good decision and the state government should also follow the path to honour

the Loktantra Senani as it has been done in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan etc.

Ramesh Arora former MLC said that a Nation remembers days when press censorship was imposed and Nasbandi was done by force.

Article 352 (i) of the constitution was misused, courts were stopped from entertaining cases. Electric connection of all print media was disconnected to stop them from printing in the state of J&K and other parts of the country more than 2000 people courted arrest 150 persons were detained under MISA.

Shaminder Sharma said that society should respect those who struggled for democracy and if ever a

Nation forgets their contribution, that Nation is bound to suffer. He expressed thanks to BJP for holding a memorable programme on the very important day in the Democracy of India.

Programme was organized in the guidance of Programme Incharge Adv. Ramesh Arora. Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma, BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra and Sat Paul Singh assisted in the programme management. A 2-minute silence was observed for those Loktantra Senani, who left the world and were detained under MISA.

"Government should consider the demands of Loktantra Senani" resolution was also adopted in the programme.

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Salaries of preachers, Granthis, Ragies etc will be given reasonable hike.

He also decided to launch a campaign for implementation and promotion of Punjabi language at all levels among Sikh community and other Punjabi loving people of J&K.

He said, as the member of Sri Guru Ramdas Lengar

## Plus Two Lecturers' Forum appeals Principal Secretary to resolve demands

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JAMMU: The virtual meeting of All J and K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of R. S Slatia and President Pardeep Singh Rakwal. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by General Secretary, Ghar Singh Saini.

Discussions on various core issues were held in which different district presidents and members of Central Executive Body actively participated. During this meeting the under mentioned demands were highlighted. Grant of ACP, transfer policy in favour of SRO 202 employees, completion of renovation/construction work in schools during vacations, early declaration of Board results of Class X and XII, soft corner for the problems of female staff in

their transfer policy, specially those on the verge of retirement,

Extra incentives to M.Phil/Phd lecturerws, early regularization of pending subjects like zoology, filling of vacant posts, adjustment of surplus lecturers, payment of charge allowance to i/e lecturers and Principals and repatriation of Principals and lecturers posted in hard /very hard zones.

Prominent among those present in the meeting include Principal Vinod Bhat, Kiran Devi HOD, Principal Paramjeet Singh, Principal Jyoti Prakash, Principal Savita Sharma, Dr.Sushma(Vice chairman), Ashok Sharma(Vice president male), Renu Langae (Vice President Female), Kamal Kishore (Chief Organiser), Surinder

Mandhyal (District President Kathua), Ashok Katal(District President Samba), Parveen Akhtar (District President Female Wing), Sohan Singh (District President Jammu), Anwar ul Sadat Shah (District President Rajouri), Jagjeet Singh (District President Poonch), Pradeep Koul(District President Kishtwar), Yaseer Umer(District President D o d a ), K h a t e e b Ahmed(District President Ramtan), Ashok Sharma (District President Udhampur), Subash Kumar(District President Reasi), Zulfiqar Ali Mir, Shahid Latif, Surinder Singh Billowra, Mohd Amin Shah, Sucheta Sharma, Bashir Sahil, Jyoti Malhotra, Rajesh Sharma, Romal Singh, Arvind Gupta and Sunita Kumari Bhagat.

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## Dr Jitendra leaves for Portugal to represent India at UN Conference



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with media in New Delhi.

Minister Narendra Modi, India would be providing science and innovation-based solutions for the implementation of Goal 14 through partnerships and environmentally friendly solutions. He said, India has well established collaboration and partnerships with UN Agencies and Research Institutions for bridging the methodology and data gaps on SDG indicators and working towards UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 2021-2030, for clean, healthy, productive, predictive, safe and accessible ocean.

Dr Singh said, with the participation of civil society and

other relevant stakeholders, the participant nations will reaffirm our strong commitment to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources. He added that greater ambition is required at all levels to address the dire state of the ocean. As leaders and representatives of our Governments, we are determined to act decisively and urgently to improve the health, productivity, sustainable use and resilience of the ocean and its ecosystems. Dr Jitendra informed that India has taken up several initiatives, programmes and policy interventions through different Ministries and

Departments to protect the marine and coastal ecosystems, mangroves and coral reefs. There are 10 targets in Goal 14 to measure the health and services of water related ecosystems with emphasis on social, economic and environmental conservation. A total of 11 indicators have been identified at national level to measure

and monitor the progress of these targets and data is collected on a regular basis for 9 indicators by monitoring the health/condition of coastal Waters and marine ecosystems. At the end of deliberations, the Conference will adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and inter-governmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 and a report containing the co-chairs' summaries of the interactive dialogues.

The leaders will also reaffirm the declaration entitled "Our ocean, our future: call for action", adopted by the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, held from 5 to 9 June 2017.

## Migrant KP employees continue to protest for their relocation outside of Valley

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JAMMU: Hundreds of migrant Kashmiri pandit employees on Saturday staged another demonstration here urging Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh-led administration to accept their demand to relocate them outside of Valley.

The protesters assembled under the banner of 'All Migrant Employees Association Kashmir' outside the Jammu Press Club and said that they reject the government's proposal to relocate pandits in safe zones within the valley. Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri

Pandits are working in different departments in the Valley after they were selected under the Prime Minister's employment package announced in 2008. However, several of them

have returned to Jammu following the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat, who was shot dead inside his office in Budgam district of Central Kashmir on May 12.

The Kashmiri pandit employees have been on protest for the past over 40 days over their legitimate demand of relocation due to the most horrifying and life threatening conditions in Kashmir; one of the protesters, A K Bhat, told reporters. He asked the government to accept the demand of the protesters without any further delay.

The Pandit employees are only meant to serve in Kashmir is a wrong notion created by certain people in the administration. There are other districts in Jammu where there is

also a need and they can work far better there in the interest of the society, he said.

Bhat saluted the "peaceful"

way of protest and said, "We will not budge till our genuine demand of relocation is accepted." Shushant, another pandit employee, said that there was no assurance from the government till date. "We have a lot of expectations from this government and are optimistic that it will accept our demand sooner than later," he said.

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