

Alarming rise in selective terror killings take Kashmir back to 1990 situation: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Condemning the gruesome and horrendous selective killing of the banker Vijay Kumar of Rajasthan in Kulgam, Senior National Conference leader and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Thursday expressed concern over the Valley apparently reverting back to the era of nineties.



The scenario has to be reversed as terrorism has no place in a civilised society, he added.

Sadhotra conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family, prayed for peace to the noble soul and strength to the bereaved nears and dears. He expressed solidarity with the bereaved family at this hour of their grief.

The subsequent IED blast in Shopian later in the afternoon only testifies the gravity of the situation, raising doubts over tackling the security situation, Sadhotra said in a statement.

Start-Ups grew from 300 to 70,000 in 8 years: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, addressing "Start-up India-2022 Expo & Conclave" organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce, at New Delhi on Thursday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Thursday that Startups in India grew from 300 to 70,000 in 8 years, which is more than 200 times increase from 2014 to 2020.

This, he said, had been possible because of the impetus given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which began with his call for "StartUp India StandUp India" from the ramparts of Red Fort on Independence day.

Speaking as chief guest at the "Start-up India-2022 Expo & Conclave" organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce, the Minister said, the StartUp ecosystem will determine India's future economy and will act as a key pillar for the world economy as well.

He underlined the need for sustaining the StartUp movement and urged the industry to become equal stakeholder in the rapidly rising sector.

The Minister also laid stress on integration of StartUp, research, academia and industry.

Dr Jitendra added that after a whopping 44 unicorns in 2021, the milestone of 100 unicorns was achieved a few days ago with a valuation Rs

25 lakh crore. The Minister reminded the audience that India's unicorns have a faster average growth rate than the likes of the US, UK, Germany and others.

Dr Jitendra advised the budding start-up entrepreneurs to look beyond the IT, Computer and Communications sectors to the most unexplored and the richest Agriculture and Dairy sectors, which are awaiting a huge Tech revolution.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, 'Kisan Drones' should be adopted in a big way for promoting crop assessment, digitisation of land records, spraying of insecticides, and nutrients and pointed out that countries like Israel, China and the US have transformed several agriculture practices in their country with the use of technology.

Similarly, Dr Jitendra Singh lamented that Dairy sector in India needs more and more Amul type of success stories and called for innovative Start-ups to take a lead and make India as the largest exporter of milk products.

In conclusion, Dr Jitendra Singh promised complete financial, technical support from the Science and

Saini elevated as GM, SBI

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JAMMU: B.L Saini, son of the soil, belonging to Jammu has been elevated as General Manager (GM) in the State Bank of India (SBI), the largest bank of India.



B. L Saini joined State Bank of India as a Probationary Officer in 1995.

Right from the beginning, he has shown an unparalleled willingness for challenges and trouble shooting.

Not long after joining the bank, he opted for posting in the most difficult terrain of Leh-Ladakh but this indomitable spirit was willing to serve the poorest of the poor, located at the remotest areas.

He derived his satisfaction in serving the mankind by being a source of their financial liberation of the people living in far flung areas by visiting them personally to sanction credit facilities to them.

After his early venture in

the hills, he headed many different branches in Jammu and Kashmir effectively, maintaining the delicate balance between staff and customers.

Saini has in his credit working in various capacities in various parts of India including Jammu and Kashmir, Leh Ladakh, Mumbai and Uttarakhand.

He has been a successful Branch head, unbeaten Regional Head and revered State Head of Uttarakhand State. Presently he is Zonal Head of NCR-Delhi and western part of UP.

Saini exhibits exceptional skills in problem solving, turning every possibility to a well caught opportunity, with just correct proportion of enthusiasm and insight.

Presently, he is the only officer from Jammu & Kashmir and Leh-Ladakh, to have attained the prestigious and coveted post of a General Manager in the largest bank of India.

DB directs RG to reframe seniority lists of Judicial Officers

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JAMMU: Division Bench (DB) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court at Jammu Wing on Thursday directed Registrar General to re-frame the seniority list in regard to the selection process for the post of Munsiffs, pertaining to notification dated December 4, 2001, strictly in accordance with merit obtained by the selected candidates in the examination conducted by the Public Service Commission.

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While disposing of the petition, Division Bench observed that such of the candidates, including the petitioners, who on account of the impugned gradation list were not promoted on time and, therefore, could not gain the requisite experience for appearing in the limited competitive examination in terms of the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) Recruitment Rules, 1967, which envisages that the candidates would be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit as disclosed by the aggregate marks including those obtained in viva-voce and that such of the candidates who were found by the Commission to be qualified in the examination would be recommended for appointment upto the number of unreserved vacancies decided to be filled on the result of the examination.

This landmark judgment passed in a petition filed by Arvind Sharma and others and Shabir Ahmed Malik and others in which according to the petitioners the J&K Public Service Commission initiated the process for

recruitment against 50 vacancies of Munsiffs, as requisitioned by the High Court, by utilizing the roster point from 81 onwards on a 100 point roster. A notification dated December 4, 2001 was issued in this regard. Examinations were conducted and a select list was prepared in terms of Rule 13(2) of the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) Recruitment Rules, 1967, which envisages that the candidates would be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit as disclosed by the aggregate marks including those obtained in viva-voce and that such of the candidates who were found by the Commission to be qualified in the examination would be recommended for appointment upto the number of unreserved vacancies decided to be filled on the result of the examination.

The Public Service Commission it is stated, vide communication dated May 9, 2003, based on the overall performance of the candidates in the written examination, viva-voce and the medical examination recommended the names of the candidates including the petitioners for appointment as Munsiffs.

Pursuant to the recommendations by the Public Service Commission, appointments of the selected officers were made vide Government Order dated August 6, 2003 in terms of Rule 42 of the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) Recruitment Rules, 1967.

The ease set-up by the petitioners is that respondent No. 2 did not prepare, circulate or publish any seniority list, which would reflect their seniority position qua others, who had been appointed in

the said selection process. It is stated that a request for framing such a seniority list fell on deaf ears and finally in the year 2011, when respondent No. 2 started the process for effecting promotions of 2003 batch to the next grade of Sub-Judge, it was learnt that there was a gradation/seniority list dated June 1, 2010, which was being made the basis for effecting promotions, which was not as per merit but as per roster for direct recruitment under Rule 5 of the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Rules of 2005.

Promotions made on the basis of the said gradation list in regard to respondent Nos. 3 & 4, to the post of Sub-Judge, it was claimed violated the seniority position of the petitioners relevant to their merit position obtained in the examination conducted by the Public Service Commission, JNF.

The petitioners would argue that the concept of reservation and fixation of roster points in terms of Reservation Rules of 2005 was distinct and that the same could not have been used for determining the inter-se seniority of the candidates.

Reliance in this regard was placed upon Rule 31 of the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005, which is as Seniority:- As hitherto, the rosters prescribed for direct recruitment shall only be an aid to determine the entitlement of different categories with regard to the quota reserved for them and these are not for determination of seniority: Provided that the inter-se seniority of the category candidates viz-a-vis general category candidates on their appointment by direct recruitment shall be determined strictly in accordance with the order of the merit in the Select List prepared by the Selection Authority in accordance with rule 7 of these rules and rule 24(b) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Rahiyan, Khangwala, BSF, Kullian, Badyal, Kadyal, Simbal, Simbal Morth, Makhanpur, Tali Morth, Darsopur, Suhagpur, Nandpur, KotliJabowal, Part of Arnia, Allah, BSF, Nandpur, Greater Kailash, Birpur Complex, JalloChak, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 03 from 7 am to 11 am.

Cong reiterates demand for restoration of statehood to J&K

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JAMMU: The two-day Nav Sankalp Shivar' of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) concluded at Patnitop near here, with the party reiterating its demand for restoration of statehood with constitutional safeguards for protection of land and jobs to the people.

The party also rejected the delimitation commission report and said the report in the present form amounts to strategically rigging the next assembly elections.

The issues were raised as the party passed a number of resolutions during the marathon meeting at Patnitop in Udhampur district, which was attended by top brass of the party from all parts of Jammu and Kashmir, a party spokesperson said.

He said the Nav Sankalp Shivar', which was also attended by AICC incharge of J&K Rajni Patil, held threadbare discussions on various issues including the current political and security situation.

Organizational affairs, membership drive and organizational elections and issues of women

and youth, social justice, public welfare and other matters of public importance were also discussed in detail, the spokesman said.

Passing various resolutions, the spokesman said the party endorsed in letter and spirit of Udaipur Congress Shiver declarations and reiterates its demand for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir with constitutional safeguards for the protection of land and jobs to the people.

The party also rejected the delimitation commission report and said the report in the present form amounts to strategically rigging the next assembly elections.

The Party seeks early restoration of democracy in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

The Party also expressed its concern over the large-scale conversion of agricultural land to the commercial and non-agriculture purposes and seeks to protect the agricultural land from wanton conversions.

To strengthen the organization, it was resolved that as per decision of the Udaipur declaration Mandal Committees shall be defined and constituted

at each assembly segment level, the spokesman said.

He said it was also resolved that Congress shall reach out to coordinate its efforts with other like-minded forces, groups and NGOs to fight against the politics of hate, division and diversion of the BJP in-order to maintain atmosphere of peace and harmony in the society.

The party resolved that Congress shall work to protect the legal rights of the landless, small and marginal farmers in bonafide use and occupation of the lands for decades and seeks framing of a fair policy based on justice and equity in this regard.

The Congress party seeks proper implementation of forest rights act for Triabli and other Forest dwellers in Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesman said.

He said the party shall work for due constitutional and legal rights to the Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes, Other

and Backward Classes, Paharis and other weaker sections.

The Congress shall struggle for resolving the unsettled issues and financial package and political empowerment of displaced people of 1947, 1965 and 1971, the spokesman said.

He said the disciplinary action committee shall be strengthened and empowered to maintain discipline in the Party at all levels and curb indiscipline in any manner.

It was resolved that a political affairs committee be constituted at JKPCC level to deal with all contentious issues from time to time, the spokesman said.

He said the adequate number of women and youth should be considered for party tickets with at least five year's organizational experience and shall be considered for organizational assignments as per Udaipur declaration including the former office bearers of youth congress and NSUI.

Dr. Vikas highlights cancer research in National Seminar at SKUAST-K



Dr. Vikas Sharma delivering a talk on cancer at 10th National Seminar

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SRINAGAR: Dr. Vikas Sharma highlighted the use of minor fruits in the management of cancer while delivering a talk at 10th National Seminar on Agriculture and More: Beyond 4.0, held recently at Main Campus Shalimar of SKUAST-Kashmir.

Dr. Vikas through power point presentation of his research paper entitled "Carissa carandas possesses in vitro anticancer efficacy against breast, colon and lung cancer cells" discussed

that systematic bioassays were performed on nine human cancer cell lines from nine different tissues such as breast, colon, cervical, liver, oral, ovarian, prostate and pancreatic to evaluate the anticancer potential of karonda of Jammu region and the results demonstrated that fruit part of karonda showed remarkable anticancer potential against breast, colon and lung cancer cells with growth inhibition range of more than 90%.

He informed that the pure molecule from the fruit part of karonda has already been isolated that showed significant results from medicinal viewpoint.

He stressed that intake of minor fruits decrease the risk of several cancers in humans and long-term consumption of diet rich in fruits and vegetables reduces the risk of chronic diseases especially cancer.

He recommended that karonda can be explored for the development of anti-cancer drugs to provide a great promise / service especially to patients with breast, colon and lung carcinoma.

Dr. Sharma stressed that people should encourage the consumption of karonda so as to avoid the risk of cancer.

Working as Asstt. Professor in the Division of Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Sciences, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Sharma has 14 years experience of research and teaching.

He has guided 12 Ph.D and MSc. students and got many National / International awards from various Govt. Organizations for his contributions in the field of natural products.

Shift Kashmiri Hindus to safety: Panun Kashmir, IkkJutt Jammu to Centre

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JAMMU: Panun Kashmir and IkkJutt Jammu on Thursday condemned the unabated killings of Hindus in Kashmir and demanded that they be immediately shifted to safety in Jammu," the statement said.

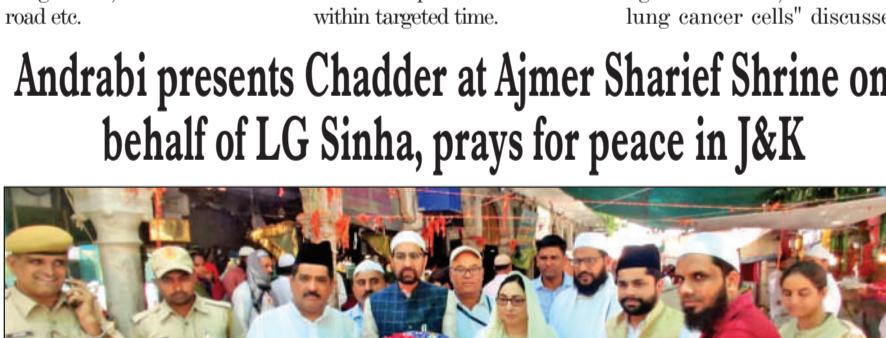
Panun Kashmir is an organisation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits while Ikkjutt Jammu advocates separate Jammu statehood.

The demand comes in the wake of a spate of killings of migrants and non-Muslim Kashmiris in the last 9 months of one more Hindu employee Vijay Kumar working in a Bank at Kulgam", it said.

They said that the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir is inevitable.

"Jammu has to be separated as a state and Kashmir divided further into two to create a safe domain for victims of genocide namely Panun Kashmir for reversal of Hindu genocide and permanent rehabilitation of Hindus," they said.

Andrabi presents Chadder at Ajmer Sharif Shrine on behalf of LG Sinha, prays for peace in J&K



Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi offering chadar at Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti at Ajmer.

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JAMMU: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board & Member Central Waqf Council of Ministry of Minority Affairs Dr Darakhshan Andrabi paid obeisance at Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti at Ajmer on Thursday.

Accompanied by CWC members Dr Andrabi presented the Chadder at the shrine of Garib Nawab on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha & prayed to God for peace & harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. Dr Andrabi spoke to media persons after her Hazari

and said that she prayed at the shrine for the end of bloodshed and hateful violence in the UT and the prosperity of the country on behalf of the LG of J&K Manoj Sinha.

Dr Andrabi reached Ajmer today on a four day visit heading the Ministry of Minority Affairs team on tour for inspection of Waqf properties & management in Rajasthan. CWC Members Qari Haroon & Haneef Ali accompanied DR Darakhshan.

"On behalf of the Lt Governor Sinha, I offered my respects at the shrine of Khwaja & prayed

for the peace & harmony in the land of Sufis & Rishis. We cannot see bloodshed and innocent killings by haters on a daily basis in Kashmir," said Dr Andrabi.

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