

# Involving civil society, opposition leaders imperative for peace to prevail in Kashmir: Charak

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JAMMU: Expressing concern over grim security situation in Kashmir in the wake of unabated targeted killings, Jammu-based Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) president G S Charak on Wednesday urged the government to involve civil society and mainstream leaders to restore peace and stop exodus of minorities and nationalist Muslims from the Valley.

He also denounced attempts by mischievous elements to harm communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir and said any miscreant, irrespective of religion, region, caste and colour, must be brought to book without any bias.

We are concerned over the situation which is slipping back to the 1990s with minority Hindus and Sikhs along with nationalist Muslims planning to migrate from the valley, Charak, a former minister, told reporters here after a core group meeting of his organisation.

Accusing the central gov-



DSS President, GS Charak addressing a press conference.

ernment of mishandling the situation, he said using police and other security agencies and propagating that everything is under control is not going to help improve the security situation in the valley.

The ruling party needs to review its policies, both within Jammu and Kashmir and at the international level, to scuttle nefarious designs of Pakistan which was successful in driving out minority Kashmiri Pandits in 1990 and is once again making efforts in this direction.

The gap between the people and the government is widen-

ing with each passing day which is not a good sign and a concern for all of us. The government needs to have a rethink on its policy towards J-K and involve civil society and mainstream politicians from all parties, Charak said.

Anyone supporting Pakistan should be taken to task but those leaders who believe in India and its democratic process should be taken into confidence and consulted for restoration of peace and normalcy, he said.

He said Dogra Sadar Sabha is over a century old organisation but its repeated requests for a meeting with

the owners/Principals of private schools of Udhampur to hold a protest against them as both the officials incorporated number of conditions after superseding the order issued on April 27, 2022 which were only needed at time of inspection for recognition/affiliation/extension of private schools and not for confirmation/authentication of result of private schools.

The members unanimously demanded holding an enquiry into the matter besides replacing Principal Pawan Kumar Singh and his clerk Pawan Kumar from present place of posting. Kamal Gupta, President of association demanded immediate transfer of both the officials from their home town to other districts for saving private schools from harassment and exploitation.

Other members of delegation included Rameshwar Mengi (Vice President), Ajay Gupta (General Secretary), Sanjeev Luthra (Member Central Executive body) and Deepak Handa (District President).

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Director (Indoor/ Training), who presided over the function, said that the officer has the qualities of head and heart and he performed his

the Lieutenant Governor was not responded to.

We have played a key role whenever there was a crisis like situation in the past. We have written to the LG for a meeting but there was no response till date, which is very surprising, he said.

Appealing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving key posts to local bureaucrats, he said the officers from outside do not know the ground realities and are causing more harm than any good.

Earlier, Charak said the core group of the Sabha condemned Pakistan and its intelligence agencies for its continued support to terrorism in J-K.

The government should take effective punitive measures against Pakistan who

sponsors, supports and provides arms for killings of the innocent population of Kashmiri Hindu, Muslim and Sikhs, besides other non

Kashmiri Indians who are engaged in providing various services to the common citizen there, he said.

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JAMMU: A delegation of executive members of JKPSA central body led by its Chairman Kamal Gupta called on the Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma to discuss about the turmoil created by a Principal, Pawan Kumar Singh during verification/ checking of results of private schools in zone Udhampur, Jib etc.

While speaking during the meeting, the members expressed dismay over act of the CEO Udhampur who deliberated his powers for verification/ checking to an official, who is known for his irresponsible and high-headed behavior. They also briefed the officer that corrupt/ malafide intention of Pawan Kumar Singh and his clerk Pawan Kumar had compelled

## Dr Mitali starts drive to plant 75 trees in herbal park



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta along with Dr Mitali Gupta and others during plantation drive.

achieve the target of 'Clean Jammu Green Jammu'. He urged the people of civil society to make Jammu plastic free, and keep it clean and green so that we can achieve the target of Swachh Bharat.

Earlier, Dr. Mitali Gupta recalled the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's drive 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' and said that lets pledge to plant 75 trees to make it possible. Later, the Mayor distributed 20 plants among the prominent people of civil society.

**Congress criticizes Govt's failure to tackle power crisis during peak summer**

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JAMMU: Congress on Wednesday strongly criticised the UT administration and Central Government for the failure to regular power supply during the peak hot period of summer season, as a result people suffer a lot especially the common man, the ailing, aged and children. The UT administration and centre government have failed to meet the requirement of power forcing poor people to cry in the scorching heat. A vast majority of people can't afford investors and as the power goes off, they have no other option but pray to God. The aged, ailing and children are worst hit in the situation.

The JKPPCC urged the government to take urgent measures to improve the power scenario especially in Jammu region.

Meanwhile, Dogra Brahman Pradhinidhi Sabha (DBPS), Parade condole the demise of Rajesh Gupta, Ex-MLA.

Earlier, the welcome address was given by the president Barat Vikas Parishad Trikuta branch Rahul Kohli.

Other prominent persons who addressed the gathering include National President Bharat Vikas Parishad Ashok Khajuria, Ex Corporator Ward No 53 and Patron Shubh Chander Verma and Veereta Kohli.

The program was presided over by the Ex- Principal Parade College, Prof. Vijaylaxmi.

**Sharnarthi Intellectual Forum, DBPS condole demise of Rajesh Gupta**

in the society which will never be recovered," the members added and observe two minutes in his memory besides praying to Almighty for his heavenly abode and granting strength to bereaved family for bearing this irreparable loss.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Inder Singh Soodan, Paramjit Singh, Nasib Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Prof K D Singh, Kuldip Singh Kukku, Paramjit Singh Shinghara, H S Sudan, Jagit Singh, Khazan Singh, Manjit Singh, Sudesh Sharma and Mela Ram.

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JAMMU: Congress questioned the UT administration for the failure to complete the recruitment of class IV posts even after two years of initial advertisement and expressed surprise that if this is the "fast track recruitment".

The party has also taken note of the allegations of

bunglings in PSI selections and demanded enquiry and immediate clarity about the stand of the administration.

The party has also taken strong exception to the high headed and arrogant attitude of service selection Board official who not only snubbed but also threatened an aspirant for the class IV post, for his only fault of making a query regarding the status of selections.

The audio leak shows an ugly face of the officer and brings bad name to the administration, so stern action

should follow. JKPCC Chief

spokesperson Ravinder

Sharma has expressed full

support on behalf of the party

to the agitating class IVth

aspirants, who were declared

selected but the list was with-

drawn by board itself in a couple

of days, citing technical

glitch and assured the list

again shortly. Out of 8575

class IVth posts advertised in

June 2020, over 3400 posts

could not filled up so far while

others are serving for last

more than seven months.

The once selected aspirants

are now running from pillar to

post but when they approach the board officials, they receive

humiliation, embarrassment

and threats as is evident from

the audio leak of a conversa-

tion. The Chief Secretary

should immediately take cogni-

zance of the incident and

hold enquiry into the conduct of

the officer, who doesn't seem

to be fit for postings of public

dealings. Other such arrogant

officers in administration

should be identified who still

beware worst than british offi-

cers, used to do with Indians.

Such officers should be given

proper orientation for public

dealings and monitored closely

otherwise it is loss of image of

LG administration .

He termed certain reports

of alleged bunglings in the

PSI selections , as quite dis-

turbing and selection authori-

ty must clarify the position

immediately, he added.

## Billawaria reviews ongoing works under Public Outreach Programme at Udhampur



Senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria along with others releasing a brochure.

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UDHAMPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and Coordinator of Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan Programme, District Udhampur, Baldev Singh Billawaria held a meeting to review the ongoing works on under a Public Outreach Programme of 75 hours on the completion of eight years of Modi Government at BJP district office, Udhampur.

The meeting was organised

under the presidentship of BJP district president Udhampur, Purna Chand, while DDC members, councilors of Udhampur Municipality, BJP District Office bearers, BJP Mahila Morcha President, Kisan Morcha President, Mandal President and senior

workers were present.

Billawaria urged the workers that no area of Udhampur district should be deprived of the report card of achievements of the Modi government and welfare schemes. He also called upon the workers to ensure the participation of a large number of people to make the rally successful to be held on 12th June in Udhampur district.

He said that the Modi government has done unprecedented work in 8 years, which is the responsibility of every BJP worker to reach door to door.

Billawaria apprised about the development works done by the Narendra Modi government for the interest of farmers in the last 8 years. He said that many schemes are being run by the Modi government for the bene-

fit of farmers, as well as farmers are being motivated for scientific farming to double the income of the farmers. He said that the Modi government is adopting a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorist incidents and their support system, the graph of Pakistan sponsored terrorism has come down in the last eight years. He said that the infiltration of terrorists on the Indo-Pak border was stopped due to the strategy of the strong policies of Modi government and the promptness of the security forces.

He said that the army in Jammu and Kashmir were given complete free hand by the Modi government to act against terrorism, incidents of stone pelting in the Kashmir Valley were completely stopped.

MD NHIDCL calls on LG Mathur, provides updates on ongoing projects in Ladakh

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LEH: Managing Director (MD), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Chanchal Singh, called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, in New Delhi.

MD NHIDCL Chanchal provided updates on the ongoing projects in Ladakh and shared the monthly progress report (MPR).

MD NHIDCL Chanchal requested for intervention in expediting land acquisition issues for the smooth progress of the Kargil-Zanskar Road project. He apprised about various issues related to projects, viz. utility safety, clearance of previous liabilities for Zanskar Road, clause for the corporate guarantee in the current agreement, etc.

LG Mathur appreciated NHIDCL for their efforts in various ongoing projects in Ladakh. He requested to expedite work on projects in other areas in Ladakh such as Urban Local Bodies, School Education, Hospitality & Protocol, etc.

## Jammu Bar urges Govt to fulfill demands of health employees

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JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu held a meeting under the Chairmanship of its president Senior Advocate M.K Bhardwaj to discuss the communication sent by J&K Medical Employees Federation, Jammu to the Bar Association and requested the Association to support their long pending demands.

Among others Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Admn.), Summati Gupta, DySP, Asstt. Director (Q), Tahir Hussain, Asstt. Director (Indoor), Vishal Manhas, Administrative Officer, Sukhvin Singh, Asstt. Director (Admn.), NGOs and other staff of the Academy were present at the occasion.

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Director (Indoor/ Training), who presided over the function, said that the officer has the qualities of head and heart and he performed his

official duties in an excellent manner. He wished the outgoing officer a bright service career ahead.

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In the above mentioned communication it is stated that Govt. has constantly delayed, denied and avoided their genuine demands, because of which their families have been struggling for their livelihood and they have been socially disturbed.

The meeting was participated by all the office bear-

ers namely Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Adv. Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra, Adv. General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Adv. Joint Secretary, S. Amandeep Singh, Adv. Treasurer and Mr. Rohit Sharma, YLA President, S. Gagandeep Singh (Lucky) Vice President, Yaseer Farooq Khan YLA Gen Secretary, Karanjeet Singh Johal, YLA Joint Secretary, Naresh Kumar, YLA Treasurer many other members of the Bar Association.

Bhardwaj further urged upon the Lt Governor UT of J&K to personally look into the matter of the poor who are serving in the Department for the last many years and entitled for salary every month.

Bhardwaj further urged upon the UT Administration to disburse the back wages and other benefits in favor of employees who are rendering essential services to the public