

Five years under direct central rule, still no clarity on Assembly polls: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Tuesday accused BJP of depriving the people of Jammu and Kashmir of the elected government for the last five years.

He said the EC is under the Constitutional obligation to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir as last time elections were conducted in J&K was in the year 2014 and since then no assembly polls were held here. This was stated by former Minister while interact-

ing with aggrieved people at Bhour Camp in RS Pura Jammu South Constituency on Tuesday.

He said people of J&K want to know what wrong Jammu Kashmir have done that people have been deprived of having their own elected government. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Refugee Cell Congress Chairman Amrit Bali, Pawan Bhagat, Gopal Sharma, Ramesh Raina, Arvind Sharma, Kasturi Lal, Jitender Singh, Sandeep

Sharma Sheru, Bitta, Raja Narad, Beant Singh, Simran Singh, Jai Ram Sharma, Vinod Sharma besides others.

He said that the time has come for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and it is undemocratic to deprive the people of an elected government for a long time.

He said Congress believes in democratic values and will ensure that various pro-people initiatives are launched to benefit the weaker sections of people in our society if elected to power.

LIC announces relaxations for victims of Biparjoy Cyclone

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Siddhartha Mohanty, Chairperson, LIC, announced concessions to mitigate the hardships of the claimants of LIC Policies and also of Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana affected by the Biparjoy cyclone.

Thanks to pre-emptive actions taken, the loss of lives has been minimal, however we are reaching out to the affected people to provide assistance. Nodal officers have been nominated at Divisional level to liaison with Chief/Secretary/Officer concerned of the State Government in this regard. We have also created a portal link <http://10.240.3.226/esTicket/scp/login.php> for Online submission of Claims arising due to Biparjoy Cyclone.

AJKPC demands delimitation before holding of panchayat polls

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference on Tuesday raised the demand for holding of delimitation in all blocks before the fresh grassroot level elections in the Union Territory. The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), a body representing panches and sarpanches, also urged the Centre and the Union territory administration to immediately fill the vacancy of State Election Commission which is lying vacant after the completion of the term of K K Sharma.

Prof. Pragati Kumar assumes charge as Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dr. Pragati Kumar today assumed the charge of Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU).

Prof. Pragati Kumar has wide professional and research experience of over 32 years and has been a member of the academic bodies of various

prestigious institutions of the country. He has to his credit more than 55 publications in various International/National Journals, books and conferences of repute.

Prof. Kumar has also served as Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Delhi Technological University. His vast experience in teaching and research is expected to help SMVDU in achieving success in all fields.

After assuming charge, Prof. Kumar was accorded warm welcome by all Deans, Registrar, Finance Officer and other senior functionaries of the University.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that power supply to Salehar, Khour, Biaspur, Makhampur, Rathana, Jinder Melli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 23 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Baggan, Malad, Marhoon, Dhar Dugnoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 23 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Ramsao, Nachlana, Ukhral, Pogal, Paristan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 21 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Mandir, Kuntwara and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 24 from 6 am to 10 am.

Dr Karan Singh adds sheen to crowns of Mata Kheer Bhawani by gold plating

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Dr Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust on Tuesday adorned the existing silver crowns (Mukut) of Mata Kheer Bhawani with gold plating at Tullamulla Ganderbal, at his own expense.

The ceremony was attended by Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust, Brig. (Retd) R.S. Langleh, President of the Trust and devotees in the temple premises. Group of Ukrainian and Russian

tourists were also present on the occasion.

Dr Karan Singh adorned the gold-plated crowns in a solemn ceremony, offering prayers to Mata Kheer Bhawani for blessings of peace and prosperity in the Union Territory. He extended greetings to all Pujaris, devotees and prayed for divine blessings. He expressed delight that this contribution would help preserve the temple's heritage and maintain its esteemed supremacy in the hearts and minds of its devotees.



Dr Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of JKDT and others at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple.

Impressive Jagannath Rath Yatra taken out



Bhagwan Jagannath Rath Yatra talking out in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bhagwan Jagannath Rath Yatra Sewa Sansthan Trust on Tuesday took out impressive 11th Jagannath Rath Yatra from MA Stadium Jammu.

The Jagannath Rath Yatra started from MA Stadium

and after passing through Canal Road, Akhnoor Road, Bakshi Nagar, Baby Caterer, Rehari, Rajpura, Kali Mata Mandi, Best Price, BSF Paloura Main Gate and reached at Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo.

The devotees participating

in the rath yatra were dancing to the tune of drum beats and were singing bhajans in the praise of Lord Jagannath enroute. Besides Jammu, the devotees from Orissa and other parts of the country also participated in this historical Rath yatra.

he devotees were taking the Sawari of Lord Jagannath on a specially decorated rath on their shoulders and people enroute had come in large numbers on roads to pay obeisance to lord. The devotees displaying religious flags were cleaning the road from where the yatra proceeded. The authorities had also made elaborate arrangements and the traffic was diverted to other routes for smooth conduct of yatra. The authorities had also made adequate security arrangements to avert any untoward incident during the yatra.

CAPF Warriors Welfare Association urges Govt to redress demands on priority

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Retired Central Armed Police Forces Warriors Welfare Association Jammu and Kashmir urged the central government to stop discrimination against them and redress their issues on priority.

Addressing a press conference at Press Club here on Tuesday, J&K President of the Association, Ram Lal Dogra AC (Retd) in presence of Chief Patron, R.K. Sharma IG (retd) said that association is moving on right path for redressing of their demands and Central Government already redressed many demands.

Ram Lal Dogra for the redressing of pending demands, the association will work with more force and sought the support of all the people to pressurize the gov-



J&K President of the Association, Ram Lal Dogra talking to reporters.

ernment to fulfill their pending demands on priority.

He threatened the Central Government if it fails to implement the Old Pension Scheme in their favour; the association members will Gharao Parliament in New Delhi.

He asked the government to redress all their demands at the earliest and added that they extended their full support to the retired paramilitary force personnel sit-

ting at Jantar Mantar for redressing of demands.

He said it is shameful for the government that the paramilitary force personnel, who served their life for the sovereignty of the country, are sitting on Jantar Mantar for redressal of their demands.

Others present on the occasion include DC (Retd) Arjun Singh, AC (Retd) Baldev Raj, AC (Retd) Tulsidas, AC (Retd) Bashi

KPs resent for being refugees in own country from last 33 years: KPC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: on International World Refugee Day, Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) strongly resented for being KPs as refugee in their own country from the last 33 years and also condemned UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and other over ignoring the grave human right violations committed over victim KP community by terrorists, separatists, fundamentalists of Kashmir valley as well as by the successive Govts of erstwhile JK state and Center from the last thirty three years.

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President KPC said their basic fundamental rights, Constitutional and other rights are not properly and fully protected when Indian Constitution as well as the Supreme Court of India says that such victims displaced people (refugees) to live with dignity and honour; under Article 21 of Indian Constitution. He appealed to UNHCR and others for appropriate action, justice to be given to them and also voice is raised through out world against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Kashmir and its dreaded consequences.

Also declare victims displaced Kashmiri Pandits as "refugees" under interna-

Ram, AC (Retd) Yashpal, Inspector (Retd) Thoru Ram, Inspector (Retd) Chaggar Singh, Inspector (Retd) Som Nath Sharma, Inspector (Retd) Ram Prakash, SI (Retd) Mohd Majeed, SI (Retd) Faqir Singh, Ajit Singh Langleh, Rattan Lal Bodhray, Swarandev Singh and others.

They demanded that great difference in the wages/salaries of the Military and Para Military Forces be removed, separate Paramilitary from Central Civil Service Rule, give special pay to the Para-military force men like Army, stop new pension scheme and implement the old one, implement one rank one pension scheme and give them all Canteen benefits like defence personnel.

Jewellery shops to remain closed from today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sarafa Association Jammu Province (SAJP), Swarnkar Sangh Jammu Province, and Ad-Hoc Committee Swarnkar Sangh Jammu City have announced the annual summer vacations for all the Jewellery establishments of Jammu Province from June 21 to 25, 2023.

A meeting of the Sarafa Association Jammu Province (SAJP) was held today in which Raman Suri, President SAJP, apprised the attendees that after discussions with the President of Swarnkar Sangh Jammu Province Raj Kumar Babbar, General Secretary Ram Kapoor, Chairman of the

Ad-Hoc Committee Swarnkar Sangh Jammu City Kulbhushan Anand and General Secretary Amit Luthra, the dates for summer vacations have been decided.

The SAJP attendees included Sr. Vice-President Rakesh Mahajan, Vice-President Deepak Jain, General Secretary Vijay Kumar Verma, Secretary Sumit Handa, Treasurer Surinder Kumar Jain along with Advisors and Executive members Ajay Talla, Vijay Saraf, Darshan Lal Dhalla, Sanjay Jain, Rajesh Sawhney, Aman Jain, Jugal Kishore Babbar, Ankur Suri, Rajeev Jain, and Vishal Jain.

Debate competition on 'Drug Abuse Awareness' organised at PSPS GCW Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan club of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu on Tuesday organised a Debate Competition On Drug Abuse Awareness. The event aimed to make the students aware and about the pressing issue of drug abuse. With a strong emphasis on fostering awareness and prevention, this event served as a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and critical thinking skills.

Addressing the alarming rise of drug abuse cases in our society, the competition witnessed passionate discussions and

thought-provoking arguments. Participants delved into topics such as the root causes of drug abuse and their impact on the society. The speakers emphasized the collective responsibility of society to address drug abuse effectively and highlighted the importance of comprehensive prevention programs.

The panel of esteemed judges, consisting of Prof Mamta Gupta (HOD & DEAN COMMERCE), Prof. Rajni Dogra (HOD Economics) and Prof. Anupama Sharma (PO NSS UNIT 2) meticulously evaluated the performances of each team. Their expertise and impartiality ensured a fair evaluation process. The top-per-

forming teams were awarded prizes, recognizing their exceptional debating skills and the effectiveness of their arguments. Prof. Minu Mahajan revered principal of the college extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the participants who contributed to the success of the event. Their dedication and commitment to addressing drug abuse and creating awareness will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our society.

The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Rashmi Kumari, Convener of NMBA committee and other organising members were Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Prof. Swarn Singh, Prof. Kusum and Prof.Sunita.

ESC delegation calls on Lt Governor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Representatives of Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC), the apex body of the Indian ICT exporters, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Tuesday.

The delegation headed by Its Chairman Sandeep Narula discussed with the Lt Governor the promotion of ICT sector in J&K UT. They also briefed the Lt Governor on the initiatives taken by ESC for building a strong start-up culture, and supporting the govern-

ment in capacity building.

Later, Sheikh Muzaffar, President, Jammu Kashmir Nationalist People's Front (JKNPF) apprised the Lt Governor on various issues of public importance, promotion of Sufi studies and development of Kulgam and Anantnag. He was accompanied by Syed Abdul Lateef Bukhari, Mirwaiz Central Kashmir and Dr Ghulam Mohammed, Islamic preacher and Scholar. A delegation of Harmonies Choir of J&K led by Saurabh Zadoo, J&K Choir's founder also called on the Lt Governor.

Hero MotoCorp introduces new Passion+

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Tawi Automobiles, dealer of Hero MotoCorp in Jammu, on Tuesday launched New Passion Plus in their showroom in presence of the Chief Guest, Vikram Randhawa, Ex MLC and Guest of Honour, Parshottam Dadhichi, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha.

Passion+ is a perfect combination of style, comfort and convenience making it an ideal choice for daily commute.

Building on the strong legacy of iconic brand Passion, the new motorcycle gets fresh touch to its youthful design while enhancing the utility and comfort factor for riders.

The new Passion+ comes with a highly reliable & Fuel-efficient 100cc BS-VI and OBD-2 phase A compliant engine that produces a power output of 5.9 kW @ 8000 rpm and torque of 8.05 NM @



Chief Guest, Vikram Randhawa, Ex MLC and Guest of Honour, Parshottam Dadhichi, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha and others during launch of new Passion plus.

6000 rpm. Delivering the brand promise of performance and comfort, the motorcycle comes with the patented i3S technology for better fuel efficiency.

The three-color schemes - Sports Red with Black, Black with Nexus Blue and Black with Heavy Grey - suit every personality. Randhawa lauded the

efforts of Ashish Gupta, Managing Partner Tawi Automobiles in bringing freshness in the two wheeler sector with his working style.

He also praised Hero Motocorp for always bringing new variants of bikes.

Present on the occasion were other promoters B.R. Jandyal, Mohit Jandyal and Swati Dadheechi.

NOTICE

All are informed through this notice that I, Akhil Sadotra, applied for correcting of my DOB in my Driving license from 08.07.1983 to 18.07.1983. In case anybody has any objection, the same may be brought to the notice of RTO Jammu within 07 days of the Publication of this notice.