

Foul language against PM: Mayor expels Councillor for a day from proceedings of General House Meeting



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma speaking at General House Meeting of JMC on Saturday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Mayor Rajinder Sharma and General Secretary All India Council has expelled Independent Councillor, Prof. Yudhvir Singh from the proceedings of General House Meeting of JMC for one day today after the Prof Singh uttered some objectionable words for PM Modi. "He used foul language for the leader who saved

crores of Indians and other round the world during COVID-19 pandemic, he talked against the man who provided food at door steps of poor Indians during pandemic and put Rs. 300 in their bank accounts, he talked against one who was State Guest at UN and took the nation to great heights," the Mayor said adding that speaking against such a great personality means speaking against humanity and such erring person should never be pardoned.

After this the Mayor instructed the Councillor Prof. Yudhvir Singh to remain away from the proceedings of the House for a day.

He said that the GHM was to discuss and pass building by laws which will end 'Inspector Raaj' to benefit the public at large but the opposition did not wanted this and created unwanted disturbance.

Earlier, a general house meeting of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) witnessed noisy scenes as some opposition members objected to the dropping of a few "public interest" resolutions.

Amit Shah's J&K visit



Dr Jitendra launches India's first Corona variant Omicron Booster Vaccine



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh formally launching GEMCOVAC® -OM, first of its kind Booster vaccine at New Delhi on Saturday. Also seen are Member NITI Aayog Dr Vinod Paul, Secretary Biotechnology Dr Rajesh Gokhale, CEO Gennova Sanjay Singh and CEO Emcure Satish Mehta.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday launched the GEMCOVAC® -OM, India's first Omicron-specific mRNA-based Booster vaccine.

India's first mRNA vaccine has been developed using the indigenous platform technology by Gennova, with funding support from Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

A few days ago this vaccine got the nod from the office of the Drug Control General of India (DCGI) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

"I take great pride in DBT fulfilling its mission yet again - enabling technology-driven entrepreneurship through creating this indigenous mRNA-platform technology. We have always supported technology-driven innovation towards the creation of a 'future-ready' technology platform in line with the Prime Minister's vision of Aatmanirbharta," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

GEMCOVAC® -OM is the fifth vaccine developed with support from Mission COVID Suraksha implemented by DBT and BIRAC under Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package of Govt. of India for accelerated development of Indian COVID-19 vaccines.

"Within a year of implementation, the Mission Covid Suraksha demonstrated major achievements, such as (i) Development of the World's first DNA Vaccine for COVID-19, and (ii) Supporting the development of the nation's first mRNA Vaccine and intranasal vaccine candidates and a subunit vaccine against COVID-19," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

The Minister said this 'future-ready' technology platform can be used to make other vaccines in a relatively short developmental timeline.

"Steady investments made by the Government of India has created a strong entrepreneurship as well as Startup ecosystem which had actually facilitated our response against the mitigation of the

COVID-19 pandemic. I congratulate DBT and BIRAC for fulfilling its mission yet again by enabling technology-driven entrepreneurship through creating this indigenous mRNA-platform technology," he said.

GEMCOVAC® -OM is a thermostable vaccine and does not require ultra-cold chain infrastructure used for other approved mRNA-based vaccines.

"This innovation makes it easy for last mile deployment in our country. The existing supply chain infrastructure is sufficient to deploy this vaccine," said Dr Jitendra Singh, adding, "Its unique feature is that this vaccine can be administered without a needle injection."

The GEMCOVAC® -OM vaccine is delivered intradermally using a needle-free injection device system and in study participants it generated significantly higher immune responses. The clinical outcome demonstrates the need for variant-specific vaccines for desired immune response.

Big relief to Kidney patients at SSH Rana handover 1000 Ltr RO plant for dialysis to SSH under CSR

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday lauded societal response in supplementing the governmental efforts to ensure various services to people, especially in key health sector.

"The motivation to help and support has strengthened manifold ever since 'health for all' getting impetus and focus under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspirational leadership," Devender Rana said while handing over 1000 Ltr Capacity LPH Water Purification Plant for dialysis of patients under Corporate Social Responsibility to Principal Government Medical College, Jammu at Super-Specialty Hospital (SSH) provided by OSMOTECH (RO manufacturing company) through their local



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana handing over 1000 Ltr Capacity LPH Water Purification Plant for dialysis to Principal GMC Jammu at SSH.

partner Dinesh Gupta, Managing Director Globus Healthcare here this morning.

Principal Government Medical College Jammu Dr. Shashi Sudan, Deputy Superintendent SSH Hospital, Dr Manoj Chalotra and Ashwani Khajuria, Administrator GMC, Jammu were present on the occasion.

Devender Rana said the gesture will go a long way

the recent years with the Prime Minister introducing Ayushman Scheme as part of his mission to lead the nation to yet another milestone of ensuring health for all. As regards Jammu and Kashmir, the scheme applies to the entire population without economic status. This speaks of the BJP's concern for the common people, he said.

To questions by media persons, Rana dwelt in detail how India converted the grim pandemic situation into an opportunity to raise health infrastructure across the country. The resolute leadership of the Prime Minister inspired scientists to develop indigenous vaccines which insulated the compatriots against the disease and came as Sanjeevani for the desperate people the world over.

This reflected India's glorious philosophy of Vasudeva Kutumbakam that is manifesting in global admiration for this spiritual land, he added.

On perpetual India bashing campaign by 'misguided' opposition politicians, Devender Rana said one can only take pity on them and their sense of proportion. On the one hand Yashasvi Modi is building a powerful image for his country across continents and on the other hand handful of power hungry Indian elite work overtime to bring bad name for the nation, he lamented, saying they are destined to fail.

Prominent BJP leaders who were present on the occasion included Zorawar Singh, Som Nath Khajuria, Rajesh Bakshi, Sanjay Gupta, Ajay Gupta and others.

Bhalla demands holding of assembly elections in J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: J&K Pradesh Congress Committee Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday said that Congress represents the urges and aspirations of people and it will continue to serve them as an instrument of service and safeguard people's rights.

He made these comments at Bishnah where Retd XEN Surinder Devgoda along with several workers joined



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing gathering.

Congress in massive rally at Bishnah and expressed confidence in the pro people policies and programmes of Congress. He welcomed the new entrants hoping that their joining will inspire others to join Congress given its pro people policies, transparent and principle-based politics.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Jammu District Rural President Hari Singh Chib, Sewa Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Secy JKPCC Satish Sharma,

Congress Refugee Cell Chairman Anrit Bali, NSUI President Ajay Lakhotra, Distt Vice President Ajib Singh Mottan, Vice President INTUC Shashi Sayal Sarpanchs Deepu Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Rinku Langeh, Karan Singh, Naib Sarpanchs Gurnam Singh, Pawan Kumar, Raman Kumar, Latish Sharma, Satish Sharma besides others. They vowed to work for further

strengthening Congress.

Bhalla expressed confidence that the new entrants will utilize Congress platform to serve people to the best of their ability, besides strengthening Congress party further in their respective areas, as that, it is the Congress Party alone which represents urges and aspirations of the people in true sense.

"Congress Party is strong enough, it cannot be cowed

down by the falsehood and malicious propaganda of BJP," Bhalla added and urged the Party workers to remain steadfast to serve people and highlight their issues for their resolution.

Bhalla dismissed Shah's J&K visit as "cosmetic" and said he is the one that "refused to acknowledge the ground realities".

Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir residents want the

restoration of their "honour and dignity", Bhalla on Saturday demanded holding the much-delayed assembly elections in the Union Territory for the "empowerment of the people".

Rtd XEN Surinder Devgoda who joined Congress today expressed confidence that only Congress can address issues of J&K people and hit out at Centre for failing people of J&K on all fronts.

Indians had given to their self a Constitution on 26 Nov 1949 with President therein to protect it

Are amendments made to Art-74 during Emergency (1976) & after Emergency (1978/79) not fair to Art-60 Contents of 42nd & 44th Constitutional amendments w.r.t. Art-74 need review w.r.t spirits laid in Art-60

■ **DAYA SAGAR**

The Constitution of India has the distinction of being the first very detailed and voluminous written document adopted by people of a country comprising of very very heterogeneous mass of religions / traditions / geographical identities / economic diversities but well woven with threads of cultural & traditions of times immemorial who had remained under 'foreign rule' and were desirous of giving to their self a democratic parliamentary democracy which could be well read from the Preamble of the first edition of The Constitution of India itself and the Directive Principles of Constitution of India (Article-36 to Art-51) and the fundamental rights granted to Citizens of India (Article -11 to Art-35). No doubt Fundamental rights have been put under the constitutionally enforceable provisions but the Preamble & Directive Principles are not directly enforceable in legal terms still the 'two' are surely the basic principles expressing the 'heart spirits' of Constitution of

India (Art-37 : Application of the principles contained in this Part. The provisions contained in this Part shall not be enforceable by any court, but the principles therein laid down are nevertheless fundamental in the governance of the country and it shall be the duty of the State to apply these principles in making laws).

All these years Constitution of India has been subjected to 105 Constitution Amendment Acts made under Art-368 of Constitution of India. Even Art-368 has been amended twice. First vide 24th Amendment Act of 1971 (adding words constituent power and second vide 42nd Amendment Act of 1976 where under Clause - 4 { "No amendment of this Constitution (including the provisions of Part III) made or purporting to have been made under this article whether before or after the commencement of Section 55 of the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976) shall be called in question in any court on any ground } and Clause -5 ("For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that there

shall be no limitation whatever on the constituent power of Parliament to amend by way of addition, variation or repeal the provisions of this Constitution under this article") were added but Supreme Court of India had held the Clause-4 as in valid {42nd Amendment Act, 1976. Clause -4 has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court in Minerva Mills Ltd. and Others Vs. Union of India and Others (1980) 2 S.C.C. 59}. So it is also worth taking note that in the Indian Parliamentary system the Constitution of India does not give the Parliament unbridled power through Article 368 to amend the Constitution.

In the Indian Constitution the President of India is head of the State (Union) and 'part' of Parliament along with the two houses of elected members (Sabha & Rajay Sabha) and Supreme Commander of the forces. President of India though was incorporated as an 'elected office' but he/she is elected peoples representative through



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indirect method of election i.e. voted by the members of Lok Sabha (elected by citizens of India directly), voted by the members

Rajay Sabha (elected indirectly by citizens of India through their members in legislative Assemblies of States (elected by citizens directly) and the members of Legislative Assemblies of the States (elected by the citizens by direct election) The executive head of the Government is designated as Prime Minister who has to be leader of the party / group that enjoyed the confidence of simple majority of total members in Lok Sabha and is appointed by the President.

The Oath that has to be taken by every President of India and every person acting as President or discharging the functions of the President before entering the Office of President of India is particularly mentioned as an Article of Constitution of India (Art-60 < - "I, A.B., do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully execute the office solemnly affirm of President (or

discharge the functions of the President) of India and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of India." >) where as the oath that PRIME MINISTER has to take is mentioned in Schedule-III [as related to Articles 75(4), 99, 124(6), 148(2), 164(3), 188 and 219* Forms of Oaths or Affirmations] which mentions the text of oaths for Minister/Prime Minister/ Chief Justice ("...that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws")/ Justice of SC /Comptroller Auditor General/ Minister for State / Judge of High Court / MP/ MLA / others. Framers of constitution had laid basic spirits for democratic republic of India , that is Bharat, in the Directive Principles of State Policy as well as the objectives set out in the Preamble to the Constitution and President of India Democratic Republic had been spirited the task of preserving, protecting & defending The Constitution.

Similarly(A) Art- 53 says (1) The executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President and shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with this Constitution.(B) Article -79 Constitution of Parliament.<There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two Houses to be known respectively as the Council of States and the House of the People>;(C) Art-77 of Constitution (Conduct of business of the Government of India) All executive action of the Government of India shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the President...) and the like provisions) too well reflect what STATUS the 1st Citizen of India (PRESIDENT) and duties had been provided in The Constitution of India who had to preserve, protect & defend the Constitution of India.

To be continued (The author is a Sr Journalist & analyst of J&K Affairs. dayasagr45@yahoo.com).