

Modi govt ensured justice for every section in 11 Years: Balbir

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson and former Vice Chairman Balbir Ram Rattan stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a governance system has been established in the country over the past 11 years that has provided justice, equality, and respect to every section of society. He said that this tenure of the Narendra Modi government is a true embodiment of the spirit of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

He was speaking during a discussion with prominent members of the Scheduled Caste community on the commendable achievements



BJP spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan interacting with members of Scheduled Caste community.

of the Modi government over the past 11 years.

Balbir said that the Modi government has taken concrete steps to bring the poor, dalits, backward classes, tribals, women, and minorities into the main-

stream of society. Whether it is the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Ujjwala Yojana, or Ayushman Bharat, all these schemes have been designed keeping in mind the person standing

at the lowest rung of society.

He added that the Modi government has not confined social justice to mere slogans, but has implemented it effectively on the ground. Making the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act more effective and granting 10% reservation to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) are some of the historic steps taken in this direction.

Balbir further stated that even in a sensitive region like Jammu and Kashmir, the Modi government has ensured justice to the long-neglected sections. Displaced persons, refugees, the Gorkha community, the Valmiki com-

munity, and other backward classes have now received the rights they had been denied for decades.

He emphasized that India is now moving towards self-reliance, and the credit for this goes to the transparent, accountable, and justice-driven governance provided by the Modi government in the past 11 years. He said that the citizens of the country want justice and development, and they are standing firmly with the Modi government to achieve it.

Balbir was sharing all this with G.R. Bhagat (Retired DC), Hans Raj Loria (Retired Senior Auditor), Engineer Narinder Pal Mangotra, and S.K. Rana.

Crime Branch creates awareness among masses regarding New Criminal Laws



SSP Crime Jammu Benam Tosh with others at a programme.

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JAMMU: The Crime Branch created awareness among masses regarding New Criminal Laws, viz. Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 and Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 and as part of the programme, Senior

Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu Benam Tosh delivered lecture on NCL in mega 'Chhij Mela' at Kotha Sainia Bishnah, Jammu.

A large number of people drawn from all walks of life including women, senior citizens, children and social activists gathered together at

'Chhij Mela' site were sensitized about the important provisions of new criminal laws which have bearing on the lives of the common people, especially those provisions which are essential for the maintenance of the order in the society in general and beneficial for women, senior citizens & students in particular.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included noted social activist Jatinder Singh Saini, Captain Tarsem Lal, Sub Divisional Officer Agri. (Retd.) Kuldeep Saini, Subedar Balwant Raj, Subedar Sardari Singh, Social activists Chanchala Devi, Bhajan Kanta, Sushma Devi and Darshana Devi.

Bhalla questions silence of BJP MLAs over delay in statehood



Working President JKPCC Raman Bhalla leading Jai Hand Yatra at Damsal.

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DANSAL: Working President JKPCC Raman Bhalla along with Sr. leader and former Minister Mula Ram and Incharge DCC Jammu Rural Th. Hari Singh Chib led a Jai Hand Yatra at Damsal on Monday.

The Block Congress Committee led by Th. Romal Singh in coordination of DCC Rural organized the Jai Hand Sabha followed by Jai Hind Yatra, as part of nationwide campaign of the party in the honour of armed forces of the country for their bravery and valour.

Addressing the gathering, Bhalla lashed out at the Centre Govt. over the delay in restoring state after repeated commit-

ments and public announcements. This is clear betrayal of the faith of the people after getting mandate on the promise. He questioned the silence of BJP MLAs over the demand of the people of all parts of J&K. It is the question of rights, dignity and status as well as future of our youth.

He said that the right to land, jobs and our natural resources should be protected otherwise future of our general s is dark.

He said that BJP is more concerned about their votes from any quarter rather than identity, culture and atmosphere of peaceful co-existence in Jammu.

Mula Ram also hit out at BJP for running proxy Govt. even after elected Govt. in place

for over 9 months, in J&K. The unemployed youth are suffering & being driven towards drugs ruining our future generations. He also expressed concern over rising prices, power and water shortages in the region despite high power and water tariff.

Th. Hari Singh Chib lauded the Block Congress workers for the success of the rally in the honour of forces. He paid rich tributes to all those martyred from Pehalgam to those in the Indo- Pak conflict recently but questioned BJP Govt. for not granting them martyr status to the victims.

He said Congress always stood with our brave forces and brave people on borders. He referred to the local demands of the workers and people and assured them to take up with party high command.

Th. Romal Singh (Block President Dandal), Ex-Sebedar Devi Dass, Ex-Srapanches and Panches Janak Singh, Madan Mohan Dubey, Balwant Singh, Vijay Kumar, Prakash Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Farced Baigh, Mohan Lal Sharma, Shamsher Singh and others.

IIIM organizes first half yearly TOLIC Meeting

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JAMMU: The first half-yearly meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Jammu for the financial year 2025-26 held on Monday at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM and Chairman, TOLIC, Jammu chaired the meeting in which 90 representatives from various Central Govt. Offices/Members of TOLIC, Jammu were present.

The main objective of the meeting was to review the Hindi related work of the last two quarters of the member institutions and to collect their other important information for uploading it on the official TOLIC portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dr. Zabeer expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the participants and assured that their valuable suggestions would be implemented.

Dr. Ahmed, also announced that workshops, kavi sammelans and other events would be organized in future to promote Hindi.



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM speaking at TOLIC meeting.

He also highlighted the remarkable progress made in the promotion of Hindi on digital platforms like Youtube, Twitter, Facebook and Whatsapp and said that Hindi speakers have now become the fourth largest linguistic community in the world-a result of collective efforts. He further mentioned that with the govt. support the Hindi language has not only made stride in the digital world but also adoption in business like Amazon, Flipkarts and others e-commerce portals, deeply embedded in the cultural significance and bridging the linguistic diversity.

In the open discussion session that followed, under the guidance of the

Chairman, all the participants unanimously decided that TOLIC, Jammu should have a unique logo to establish its identity. Agreeing to this, it was decided to form a sub-committee and hold a competition for the design of the logo, in which the best logo selected, will be formally awarded.

A total of 17 member offices were awarded certificates and mementos on the basis of commendable performance in the previous six months. Several emi-

nent speakers addressed the event, including P. Pallanivel, Deputy Director General, National Statistical Office (Regional Office), Jammu, who highlighted the technical power of Hindi in government departments; P.K. Rathi, Indian Audit & Accounts Service, Deputy Accountant General, who highlighted the need for promotion of Hindi; and Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Regional Office Jammu, who said that

"Official Language Hindi binds the entire country together - we should start the change from ourselves."

Earlier, Sanjay Sharma, Member-Secretary, TOLIC, Jammu commenced the meeting with a review of various Central Government offices located in Jammu region.

The review was done on the basis of quarterly progress reports submitted by member institutions during the period October-December, 2024 and January-March, 2025. Later, the participants discussed the topics of progressive use of Hindi in their respective offices and making necessary improvements in the implementation strategies.

Rajni Kumari, Section Officer, CSIR-IIIM conducted the proceedings of the meeting while Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer, presented the formal vote of thanks.

Sham Lal, Mohan Bhagat hold Public Darbar



MLAs, Sham Lal Sharma and Mohan Lal Bhagat listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP vice-president and MLA, and Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA listened to the mass grievances in a public darbar held at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

More than 20 deputations from diverse areas including Doda, Jowgan (Chhamb), Raipur Jhathe, Kot Mehra Khar, Ploura, Sarwal Chak, Sarwal, Karan Nagar, Upper Thather Bantalab, Ambphalla, Patoli Brahmana, Dhok Ploura, Akhnoor, and surrounding

regions visited the party headquarters to put forward their grievances.

The deputations raised a range of issues including the need for repair and construction of lanes and drains, scarcity of drinking water, electric poles and wires, installation of street lights, resolution of traffic issue in Ploura, revenue disputes, inflated electricity bills, leakage in water supply lines, poor quality road premix at Sarwal Chowk, and the need for issuance of new ration cards. Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma reiterated BJP's

commitment to being accessible to the common man and acting as a bridge between the administration and the people. He said, "BJP is a people-centric party, and we are continuously striving to bring governance to the doorstep of every citizen. Every grievance that has been raised here today will be taken up with the concerned departments for speedy redressal."

Mohan Lal Bhagat, while addressing the gathering, emphasized the importance of such public outreach events. He stated, "These darbars help us understand the real issues on the ground. We assure every deputa-tion that their problems will not go unheard. We are committed to raising these matters at the appropriate forums and following them up till resolution."

The proceedings of the grievance redressal camp were smoothly conducted by BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Incharge, Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal.

BJP J&K pays tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on Balidan Diwas across J&K

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir paid heartfelt tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on his Balidan Diwas through a series of programmes organized at the organizational district level across Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, accompanied by Vice-President & MLA Yudhvir Sethi, Secretary Ayodhya Gupta, District Prabhari Rajiv Charak, District President Adv Rajesh Gupta, Spokesperson Rajni Sethi, Munish Khajuria, Parmod Kapahi, and others paid tributes on the portrait of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee in a programme organized by BJP District Jammu at Trikuta Yatri Bhawan, Ambphalla, Jammu. Programme proceedings were conducted by Ravikant Sharma and note of thanks was delivered by Ramesh Gupta. In another programme, J&K BJP



BJP leaders paying tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee at Jammu on Monday.

President Sat Sharma, accompanied by Vice-Presidents Aseem Gupta, & Anuradha Singh Charak, headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Secretary & District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, District President Naresh Singh, Rekha Mahajan and others paid tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee in a programme organized by BJP District Jammu South at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. BJP General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, accompanied by headquarter

Incharge Priya Sethi, Office Secretary Tlak Raj Gupta, Vinay Gupta and others offered their tributes to the great patriot at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat Sharma, while paying tributes said that Dr. Mookherjee laid down his life while strongly opposing the permit system that restricted free entry and exit to Jammu and Kashmir, an anomaly not found in any other Indian state. He emphasized that it was because of Dr. Mookherjee's

supreme sacrifice that J&K today stands fully integrated with the rest of India. "He never compromised on principles and questioned the provision of separate symbols and laws for Jammu and Kashmir. His sacrifice is a cornerstone in India's journey toward true unity," Sat Sharma said.

Ashok Koul described Dr. Mookherjee as the ideological architect whose vision continues to guide the BJP. "The foundations of our party are rooted in the ideas of Dr. Mookherjee and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. Leaders like him lived not for personal gain but for a greater cause, for the welfare of all and the vision of a strong, unified nation," he said.

Yudhvir Sethi highlighted that Dr. Mookherjee's life is an embodiment of unwavering courage and selfless nationalism. "Such individu-

als are rare, and his legacy will continue to inspire not just the BJP cadre but generations of Indians."

Priya Sethi recalled Dr. Mookherjee's martyrdom for the full constitutional integration of Jammu and Kashmir. "He firmly opposed having two constitutions, two flags, and two sets of laws in one nation. His protest and ultimate sacrifice are etched in the foundation of a unified Bharat," she added.

Adv. Rajesh Gupta said that Dr. Mookherjee foresaw the dangers of separatism and his martyrdom motivates every activist of BJP to uphold the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India.

Naresh Singh Jasrotia stressed that today, J&K owes its full constitutional and political integration with India to the fearless stand and ultimate sacrifice of Dr. Mookherjee.

Removal of encroachment from Narsingh Ji Maharaj Temple Land in Bani demanded

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JAMMU: Pranav Sharma, State General Secretary of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, Jammu and Kashmir, strongly raised the issue of illegal encroachment on the land of Narsingh Ji Maharaj Temple in Bani, during a press conference held today. He demanded immediate removal of the encroachment and strict legal action against those involved, including the temple's current mohtam mandir.

Sharma revealed that as per the findings of a commission constituted by the SDM, it has already been officially established that the temple land is under illegal encroachment. The order clearly identifies Lekh Raj Padha, son of Devan Chand, resident of Bani, who is currently holding the position of mohtam mandir (temple caretaker), as being in con-vivance with the encroachers, thus failing in his duty to protect temple property.



Pranav Sharma, State General Secretary of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, Jammu and Kashmir talking to reporters.

The SDM's order further noted that the temple is a public property and that the mohtam mandir is merely a trustee, responsible for safeguarding the temple and its land. It also recommended that due to gross negligence and suspected complicity, action be taken against Lekh Raj Padha and a new temple management committee be formed, comprising government officials. Accordingly, such a committee was also constituted.

Following these developments, the Deputy Commissioner of Kathua visited the site and assured the public that no further encroachments would be permitted. Additionally, structures already built on temple land were to be charged rent based on assessments by the PWD and Revenue Departments. A formal rent order was prepared and submitted for approval and implementation. However, Sharma alleged

that certain vested political interests have interfered in the matter, leading to a delay in implementation of the rent order. "Due to political pressure, the rent order remains in abeyance, and no rent is being collected from the encroachers, allowing them to continue illegal occupation of temple property," he said.

He also accused Lekh Raj Padha of resuming the illegal sale and encroachment of temple land, taking advantage of the situation. "I have personally faced multiple attacks by goons, allegedly sent by Lekh Raj and his family. FIRs have been registered, and I have requested security cover for myself and my family, as I continue to fight this case," Sharma stated. He warned that if any harm comes to him or his family in the future, the responsibility will lie with Lekh Raj Padha, his associates, and the local administration, which has failed to

take timely action despite repeated complaints.

The Rashtriya Bajrang Dal and International Hindu Parishad have demanded immediate eviction of encroachers from Narsingh Ji Maharaj Temple land, criminal proceedings against Lekh Raj Padha and his associates for illegal activities and breach of trust, implementation of the rent order prepared by the Revenue and PWD departments without further delay, government protection for whistleblowers and complainants in the matter and a transparent and accountable temple management committee to ensure the sanctity of temple property is preserved.

Sharma appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Government to intervene and protect the rights and heritage of the Hindu community, ensuring justice in this sensitive matter.