

DCC Rural, Urban delegation meets Delimitation Commission; seeks 5 more Assembly seats for Jammu

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JAMMU: A delegation of District Jammu Rural and Urban Congress Party led by Hari Singh Chib, President District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural, met the Delimitation Commission and submitted a memorandum of demands to the Commission here today seeking five more Assembly seats for Jammu.

The delegation comprised of Dr Ramakant Khajuria, Sr. Vice President DCC Jammu Urban; Ravinder Singh, Sr. Vice President District Congress Committee Jammu Rural and Rajinder Kumar, Vice President DCC Jammu Rural. The delegation requested the Commission members to make provision for reservation in favour of women candidates for contesting Assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir besides reservation for OBC population, reservation for Displaced Persons of 1947, 1965 and 1971 including West Pakistan



District Jammu Rural and Urban Congress Party delegation led by Hari Singh Chib, after meeting the Delimitation Commission.

refugees; reservation for Sikh community and reservation for ST population. Moreover the delegation also sought increase in reservation quota for SC population as per increased strength of 90 and rotation of reserved constituencies to unreserved as the rotation of reserved Assembly seats has not been done since 1996.

The DCC Jammu Rural President, Hari Singh Chib apprised the Commission members that the population of Jammu is more than 20

lakhs due to the fact that the people of Kashmir Valley have also constructed their residential houses in various parts of Jammu city besides a large number of people coming from other states are also residing in Jammu district for the last so many years.

He emphasized that in view of the aforementioned facts, there is a dire need to enhance the number of Assembly seats at least by five more seats. He said that at present Jammu has 11 Assembly constituencies and it must be increased to

upto 16 Assembly constituencies by adding five more seats. He asserted that by accepting the demands and suggestions put forth by the delegation the SC community and Scheduled Tribes of the region would get adequate and judicious representation in the legislature as per their present strength in Jammu.

Hari Singh conveyed to the Commission in unambiguous terms that the reservation for Assembly seats should be based on a settled criterion that should be followed in a transparent manner to ensure that people repose faith, trust and confidence in the institution of Delimitation Commission.

Moreover, the Congress delegation appealed to the Delimitation Commission members to consider the genuine demands of different sections of society as highlighted by them during their respective meetings with the Commission.

DSS demands delimitation on basis of 2021 census

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JAMMU: Terming census of 2011 as fudged, the Dogra Sadar Sabha said that it cannot be relied upon for a fair and just Delimitation of constituencies in J&K. While addressing a press conference here on Friday, Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha, said that the Commission has been requested to hold delimitation on basis of 2021 census, which is presently underway.

Dwelling upon the memorandum submitted by DSS, Charak said that the Commission was appraised that discrimination against Jammu Province started just after accession of J&K in 1947, as census of 1941 was thrown to the winds and 30 seats were arbitrarily allotted to Jammu against 43 seats carved out for Kashmir. He said that under successive Kashmir centric Governments the



Former Minister and President DSS, Gulchain Singh Charak addressing a press conference.

census continued to be manipulated and delimitation commissions constituted from time to time by the State Governments were pressurized to perpetuate the unfair disadvantage to Jammu as a result of which Jammu still has only 37 seats, while Kashmir has 46.

Charak pointed out that during the State Assembly Elections in 2002, the total voters in Jammu province were 31,06,280 while in Kashmir province the total voters were 28,84,852, i.e., Jammu had 2,21,428 or

7.67 per cent more voters but, in same year the State Assembly amended Section 47 (3) of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and froze the number of seats in the State

Natrang's National Theatre Talk Show 'Do theatre to develop overall personality', advises Ranhang Choudhury

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JAMMU: Natrang's National Theatre Talk Show, 'Young Voices of Theatre' featured enthusiastic theatre director and playwright from Assam, Ranhang Choudhury today who shared his inspirational thoughts with the global audience at the Facebook page of Natrang Jammu.

Young theatre director and playwright from Assam, Ranhang Choudhury, a science graduate of Guwahati University is associated with drama and mime from his early childhood.

His tremendous creations 'Nokiyampo', 'Antaheen Ek Jatra', 'Mukobdhir: Fate in fallacy', 'Prof. Kelfa's Factory', 'Comfort Women: An Untold History' and lastly 'Tritiy' etc. are examples of his best research work.

He has received formal training in theatre from leading playwright and theatre director Baharul Islam and Bhagirathi.

In an interesting conversation with Natrang's senior artist Neeraj Kant, Ranhang narrated his journey of theatre. Inspired by the mobile theatre of Assam, Ranhang believes that before going in front of the audience, one must be well prepared and well trained.

Having a great reverence for

Legislative Assembly till after census to be conducted in 2031. He disclosed that Delimitation Commission was further appraised that while the average growth of population in Jammu province was 31 per cent between 1971 to 2001, its growth rate has been shown to have suddenly dipped to 21 per cent between 2001 to 2011 (as per the 2011 census) though, during this period a substantial population migrated from Kashmir to Jammu on account of escalating terrorist activities in the Valley.



folk arts, he opines that folk elements may be used in performances but one shall never tamper the texture of the folk elements. Being a combination of a director and a playwright, Ranhang writes performance-based plays and dedicates the space for sets and props according to his own comfort and the need of the play. So, he believes that it's nice to be a playwright and director both.

In his unique concept of theatre for tourism, he used to perform at the tourists destinations, involving local folk artists and using folk elements and making people aware about the theatrical traditions of the region. He regularly works with children by arranging theatre workshops and developing awareness among the children and their parents. He believes in performing plays with a message and unique substance which helps in audience building. In a message to the youth and new aspirants, he suggests to do whatever they want to be but don't do theatre for the sake of becoming a film or TV actor; rather do it to develop your overall personality and above all for becoming a good human being.

'Naked electric wires inviting fatal accident'

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JAMMU: Playing Power Development Department for apathetic attitude towards grievances of people, the residents of Sector No 1, Rajinder Nagar, Bantalab, Jammu staged a protest against the Department on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, the locals alleged that burnt and naked electric wires hanging from 250 KVA transformer, which is installed on a damaged RCC Pole, in park of Sector No 1, Rajinder Nagar, Bantalab are very dangerous for locals and passers-by and are giving an invitation to some fatal accident or mishap.

Giving details, they further said that these wires frequently catch fire and keep on burning during wind-storms, causing hardships for people. "Despite repeated requested and reminders, the matter has not been taken seriously by PDD employees. The transformer, which should be properly protected, has been left open with easy access to children, stray animals or others," they added.

Expressing apprehension of some mishap or causality due to hanging wires, the residents urged the concerned authorities to initiate necessary steps for removing or changing the same at the earliest, as being a park, they area is visited by a number of children and passers-by. They appealed to the Chief Engineer PDD Jammu to issue necessary instructions to the concerned for resolving the issue at the earliest. Prominent among those present in the protest included Jugal Kishore Gupta, Arjun Mahotra, Akash Pandita and Sunil Tickoo.



SAI holds refresher course for coaches

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JAMMU: Sports Authority of India (SAI) has planned a three-week specialised refresher course under coach education programme in an online mode.

The course shall be held from August 17 to September six for coaches working in SAI and different State/UTs by paying a fee of Rs 7000. The SAI has fixed August two as late date for submission of applications.

As per a circular, the refresher course shall be held in the disciplines of Archery (Kolkota), Badminton (Bangalore), Canoeing and Kayaking (Trivandrum), Kabaddi (Bangalore), Taekwondo (Bangalore), Volleyball (Bangalore), Wushu (Patiala) and Yoga (Patiala).

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: To carry out various upgradation/repair works, the power supply to Transport Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 10 and 14 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Similarly, the power supply to Gangval and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 10 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Likewise, the power supply to Kandi, Mandirgala and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 10 and 11 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Abtal, Sadoh, Kaink, Raiyan, Khanwal and Panchtilla shall remain affected on July 10 and 12 from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Similarly, the power supply

to Chack Fullan, Lower Jagatpur and Raiyani shall remain affected on July 10 and 12 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Likewise, the power supply to DC Mohalla, Khalki Mandi, Upper Mandi, Shivalik Bal Niketan High School and Jatt Mohalla shall remain affected on July 12 and 13 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Kalibari, Janglote Morh, Shiva Nagar, Patel Nagar, Hatlimorh and PHE installations shall remain affected on July 14 and 152 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Similarly, the power supply to Sawan Chack, Shastri Nagar, Nag Nagar and Old Bus Stand shall remain affected on July 12 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Delimitation right exercise at right time, those boycotting enemies of people: Raman

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri on Friday said that the decision to go in for delimitation in Jammu and Kashmir by the Union Government before holding assembly elections is a right exercise started at a right time. However, those boycotting the visit of Delimitation Commission are enemies of the masses and don't want to apprise the visiting delegation about right positions vis-à-vis the constituencies.

Raman said that this is a highly democratic process started by the Union Government which will enable the people of Jammu and Kashmir to have a true

representation in the Legislative Assembly and those political parties, which are putting forth their proposals or advices, are doing a great job to ensure that each and every section of the society gets due representation in the House when elections are held here.

Barring PDP representatives, members of all political parties agreed to meet the J&K Delimitation Commission led by Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai.

This colossal exercise, he added, will enable Jammu and Kashmir assembly to have true representatives from across the length and breadth of the UT, after it goes to polls at the right time.

Chalotra seeks 27 pc reservation for OBC community in J&K

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JAMMU: Apni Party State Coordinator OBC Madan Lal Chalotra on Friday urged Govt. to grant 27% reservation to the OBC Community and political reservation in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement to the press, a meeting was organised by Apni Party's OBC leader Amardeep Loria and the meeting was presided over by the State Coordinator OBC JKAP, Madan Lal Chalotra and State Coordinator SC JKAP Bodh Raj Bhagat at Hajuribagh in Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Chalotra said that "The OBC community is socially and educationally backward and there is a need to work for their upliftment." Chalotra



Apni Party State Coordinator OBC Madan Lal Chalotra during a joining programme.

further said that "There is no political reservation to the community which has been disempowered because of poverty and ignorance from the last seven decades."

He demanded for the reservation of seats in Panchayat, local bodies, Assembly and Parliament Elections.

Chalotra appealed to Lt

Governor Manoj Sinha to remove "creamy layer" bar from OBC community while terming it as unconstitutional.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting include Rakesh Verma, Jagdish Raj Verma, Kali Dass (Ex Naib Sarpanch), Vijay Magotra, Prem Sagar, Kala Ram and others.

Former Sikh legislatures submit memo to Delimitation Commission

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JAMMU: The former Sikh Legislatures including Harbans Singh, Manjit Singh, Arvinder Singh, Tarlochan Singh Wazir, Charanjeet Singh Khalsa, accompanied by DDC Chairman T S Tony have jointly submitted a memorandum of demands to Chairman Delimitation Commission, demanding 5 assembly seats for the community.

They said that politically disempowered Sikh community, mostly displaced persons from Poonch, Mirpur, Kotli, Rawlakote, Muzaffrabad and Chhamb

remained deprived of their fundamental and democratic rights as well as Minority Commission Act. "Due to un-planned, abrupt and discriminative rehabilitation the Sikh Community got settled in a scattered manner and could not elect its representatives to raise their voice and remained deprived of their fundamental rights," they added.

The former legislatures demanded reservation of three seats in Jammu province and two seats in Kashmir province for Sikh community in present delimitation.

AFI changes venue for Jr Athletics C'ship

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JAMMU: Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has changed the venue for proposed 19th National Federation Cup Junior (Under-20) Athletics Championship at War Hero Stadium, Sangrur in Punjab from July 31 to August two.

Earlier, the competition was scheduled to be held at Patiala in Punjab from the same date. A letter issued by secretary AFI, Ravinder Choudhary.

Toppers of HSS Katra felicitated



Meritious students of GHSS Katra being felicitated in a function at Katra.

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KATRA: The meritorious 12th standard students of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Katra in district Reasi felicitated for excelling in the recently declared results by the J&K State Board of School Education.

These girl students were honoured in a simple function by social and political activist, Shiv Kumar Sharma at his residence on the Panthal Road.

The DFO Reasi, Jyotsana Sarkar was the

chief guest while retired Principal, Braham Sarup was guest of honour. Earlier, the visiting officer welcomed by Vipin Kumari with 'Mata Ki Chunari'.

Young meritorious students were congratulated and guided by the female IFS officer by sharing her experiences. She emphasized and advised the meritorious girls to continue with their efforts to achieve the ultimate goal of the life.

Shiv Kumar Sharma also welcomed and appreciated the parents of meritorious

students and advised them to continue with their hard work to achieve the desired results.

The proceedings of the programme conducted by Lecturer HSS Katra, Arun Kumar Jambal.

Those meritorious students felicitated were Shatakshi Sharma (5th position, Arts), Shurti Sharma (10th position, Science), Arushi Sharma (10th position, Science), Shivani Langeh, Khushi Sharma, Palak Sharma and Komal (All distinction Holder.)