

Youth Congress holds protest, seeks NIA probe into LeT terrorist's 'links with BJP'

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress on Monday staged strong protest against BJP for its link with terrorist Talib Hussain, seeking through probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Led by National General Secretary Indian Youth Congress, Jagdev Gaga and Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&KPYC, the party activists assembled near Mini Market Trikuta Nagar and raised slogans against BJP for having link with terrorist Talib Hussain.

Talking to reporters, Jagdev Gaga said Congress has never been in the favour of doing politics on the issue of terrorism, however, present circumstances in the wake of repeated terrorists activities and their link-up with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have necessitated the need to raise questions.

Gaga said that Talib Hussain was an active member of BJP's IT cell needs



JKPYC activists raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

no proof but it is a matter of concern and a big security lapse.

"Talib Hussain's pictures with Raina and even with the Union Home Minister speak volumes about his association with the BJP which facilitated his induction into the party and also to a top post in the IT and media cell," he said and questioned the failure of the intelligence agencies in detecting the presence of a terrorist in the BJP'.

Jagdev Gaga said the BJP cannot absolve itself of the responsibility. "Right from Jammu and Kashmir to

Udaipur, the presence of such elements in BJP is a matter of great concern. There is a need to identify BJP's pseudo-nationalist agenda which is making our country hollow," he said.

Uday Chib sought a high-level enquiry into Talib Hussain connections with BJP senior functionaries. "The terrorists are penetrating the cadres of the BJP and party, which calls themselves nationalists, should tell people what are these terrorists doing in the BJP," he said.

"Whether it is the protests against the Agnipath

scheme when youths were on the streets or when people were troubled by inflation, such incidents take place to divert masses' attention. People need to identify BJP's pseudo-nationalist agenda, which is hollowing out the country in the garb of nationalism."

Uday said that such incidents occur whenever elections are near and the circumstances do not favour the party. He questioned BJP whether it has any link with such incidents so as to divert the masses' attention from its shortcomings. He said that BJP is only con-

cerned with its vote bank and is not concerned with the life of either Hindus or Muslims.

Among those who joined the party include Ricky Dalotra Vice President JKPYC, Jatinder Chib Block President Congress, Sahil Singh Langeh, Divyansh Jamwal Gen Secretary JKPYC, Latish Sharma, Anirudh Sawhney, Amit Seyal Secretary JKPYC, Manav Choudhary Spokesperson JKPYC, Happy Randhawa DYC President Jammu, Ajay Slalia DYC President, Gagan Panch, Aju Manhas VP DYC, Gourav GS DYC, Goutam, Sunny Jatt, Karan Kumar AYC President, Janu, Surinder Kumar, Vishal Sambyal, Gopal Sharma, Atul Manhas, Jhoney Randhawa, Vinay Baru, Tarun Vaid, Abhishek Kundan, Arun, Karan, Prabh, Sarvjeet, Arshi, Rajeev Kashav, Balwinder Singh, Atul Sharma, Kaka Kalsi, Balram Langeh, Rajat Kalsi, Muna Balkotra, Naresh Sharma and many others.

Jammu-based reserved category employees' protest enters day 40



Jammu-based reserved category employees raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: 40 days have been passed to the peaceful protest staged by all Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir at Ambedkar Chowk Jammu, continuously demanding their 3-point genuine demands including formation of a comprehensive time bound transfer policy, utilization of services of employees in their respective district and not to pressurize the Jammu based employees to resume their duties in prevailing situation in Kashmir Valley.

While briefing the Media, Anjana Bala, Secretary of

the Association talked about the assurance given by Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha.

She also told that till the time written orders to the effect does not come from the administration, the protest will continue.

One of the members of the Advisory Committee of Association, Vipin Kumar upon asking by the media-person about betterment of the current situation in Kashmir and joining back of the duties by the employees etc.

He clearly made it clear that a comprehensive Transfer Policy to be made fixing a time period of 5 years in the same pattern as

it used to be in Ladakh, whereby any of the non-local employees after serving in Ladakh Region for 5 years, were send back to their home districts.

At last, President of the Association Romesh Chand briefed Media that it is a matter of thousands of employees who firmly believe in the assurance of Lt. Governor given to a 5-Members delegation and eagerly waiting to see assurance become and eventually be seen as a notification. Core Committee members made it clear that the peaceful protest will continue till all our genuine demands are redressed.

Dr Nirmal Singh, others listen to public grievances



Former Dy. Chief Minister, Dr. Nirmal Singh and other BJP leaders listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister accompanied by Anuradha Charak, BJP Vice-President, Secretary Arvind Gupta (Coordinator, Public Grievances Redressal Committee) and Spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Numerous individuals and deputations visited the

BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

Besides various personal and developmental issues, other main issues presented related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains etc, a deputation demanded that Shrine Board be constituted for "Bawe Wali Mata

Mandir". A deputation of 259 PHE workers demanded that they be included in NTC portal. A deputation of various casual workers chiefly from PDD department requested for including them in the SRO.

Dr. Nirmal Singh listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others.

Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues. Dr. Nirmal Singh, speaking on the occasion said that these Public Grievances Redressal camps are proving beneficial for the common masses. He said the whole exercise has connected the people with the administration and laid stress on the dedication of BJP leaders in attending to their issues.

JK YNC organises Langar in memory of Rohit Kerni

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JAMMU: To mark the second death anniversary of late NC leader Rohit Kerni, Youth National Conference workers on Monday organized a Langar at Talab Tillo area of Jammu city. The Langar was organized by Sahil Kerni, Youth NC worker and brother of Rohit Kerni on his second death anniversary. Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Kerni threw light on the contribution of Rohit Kerni in highlighting the issues concern youth. He described Rohit Kerni as a party worker par excellence who devoted all his life in service of the people of the State. He said that Rohit Kerni worked tirelessly for the welfare and wellbeing of youth and down trodden segments of society and contributed a lot towards the empowerment of weaker sections. He said best tribute to him will be to strengthen the party at grass root level and make it a vibrant force. Sahil Kerni asked the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to come forward and strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

NC pays tributes to 'Madr-e-Meharban' on 22nd death anniversary

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JAMMU: Floral tributes marked the observance of 22nd death anniversary of 'Madr-e-Meharban' Begum Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here on Monday.

Addressing the gathering Provincial President Jammu Province, Rattan Lal Gupta highlighted the achievements of Madr-e-Meharban during her lifetime as member of Parliament and social worker. He said Madr-e-Meharban worked relentlessly towards female literacy and politico-economic empowerment of the people, especially women and down-trodden segments of society, irrespective of caste, creed, colour and religion.

History stands testimony to the glorious role played by Begum Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah to strengthen the bonds of amity and brotherhood between communities and regions, Gupta said,



JKNC members paying tributes to 'Madr-e-Meharban' Begum Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah at Jammu.

adding that a befitting tribute to Madr-e-Meharban would be to carve out a huge role for women in decision making and to bring them in the forefront to lead various disciplines.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu Province, Brij Mohan Sharma Vice President, Dr. Bashir Ahmed Veeri Ex-MLA, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli P.P OBC Cell, Vijay Laxmi Dutta, Pardeep Bali, Swarn Latta Ex-MLA also paid tributes to Madr-e-Meharban, saying her role in socio-political empower-

ment of people in general and female literacy in particular will continue to work for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

While paying tributes to Madr-e-Meharban Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu said that her contributions during the political struggle of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly after the arrest of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah has been immense. Her role shall be remembered for the years to come.

Real tributes to her shall be to continue the pro-

grammes which she left for the present generation, she added. The programme was organized and chaired by Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu Province in which large number of women workers participated.

The Districts of Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Baderwah, Rajouri, Surankote and other Districts headquarter have also paid tributes to Madr-e-Meharban.

Those who were present on this occasion included: Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Nar Singh P.P Labor Wing, Daljeet Sharma, Shamim Begum DDC, Th. Yashu Vardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Rashida Begum, Jatin Bhat, Farooq Mughal, Mohinder Kumar Rana, Rama Sambyal, Neena Devi, Ashu Rajput, Chanchla Devi, Sakuta Devi, Suman Devi, Som Raj Taroch and Nitish Gowsami.

Harbah festival celebrated at Sidh Lakshmi Peeth Mandir Durga Nagar

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JAMMU: The Annual Festival of famous "Harbah" was celebrated with full religious fervour and gaiety.

A Maha Yagya was performed on Ashard Shukla Paksha Duadashi by Teerath Raj Nagbal Sidh Lakshmi Peeth Lokbhawan Trust at its camp office, Durga Nagar Jammu where a large number of devotees participated and paid their obeisance to Mata Sidh Lakshmi & Mahakal Bhairav. The whole surrounding of Mata Darbar & Maha Bhairav was decorated with various types of lights, flowers, garlands etc. It is pertinent to mention here that every year trust celebrates this festival at its Headquarter Teerath Raj Nagbal Sidh Lakshmi Peeth, Village Lok Bhawan District Anantnag (Kashmir) but due to the prevailing situation in Kashmir it was decided by the trust to perform this year at its camp office, Sec 2, Durga Nagar, Jammu. A grand show of Bajan Kirtan was also performed by devotees and the moments were thrilled by the golden voice of different artists. While offering Puran Ahuti in the Yagya, everyone prayed for peace across Country & betterment of our community. Swami Kumar (Geeta Satsang Ashram) Muthi highlighted the significance of the day. Swami ji also hoisted the Flag. At the end Incharge member (SEVAK) of the trust thanked all the participants and the members/Volunteers of the trust for their whole hearted support in organizing the Celebration of Harbah Festival with a grand success which was not possible without their support.

The Pooja Archana was also performed at Teerathraj Nagbal Sidh Lakshmi Peeth, Lok Bhawan, Kashmir.

Batwal Community honours Sarpanch Amarjeet Kour



Batwal Community members honouring Sarpanch Prahlad Pur Panchayat, Amarjeet Kour.

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JAMMU: The Batwal Community honoured the sarpanch of Village Prahlad Pur Panchayat Amarjeet Kour for doing excellent work in her panchayat. Speaking on the occasion, R.L. Kaith mentioned to the gathering that the sarpanch and gram panchayat are responsible for the overall development of village and play

a key role in providing basic services vital for the health and well-being of rural people, like, drinking water and sanitation. The community members appreciated the work done by her and asked other sarpanches to emulate the model in their respective villages as well.

Amarjeet Kour devotes all her time to solve the problems being faced by village residents.

Besides, she also carries other developmental works, said Mr Tilak Raj Bassa of her panchayat. Sarpanch is Gold Medalist in M.Sc Chemistry.

Among those who attended the honour ceremony were Messrs Bansi Lal Choudhary, Sonu Singh, Panch Joginder Lal Sargotra, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria and Major Ram.

DGP sanctions meritorious scholarship in favour of 113 police wards

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SRINAGAR: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of serving Police personnel who have excelled in the annual examinations of class 12th during the academic session 2021-2022, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 7.15 lakh in favour of 113 wards of serving police personnel.

Vide PHQ order the DGP has sanctioned Rs 7200 each in favour of 31 students who have secured

more than 9000 marks while Rs 6000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 82 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual Examination of class 12th during the academic session of 2021-22.

The scholarship has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

Police Headquarters has been sanctioning scholarships, rewards, for wards of martyred and serving/retired Police personnel under different schemes to boost their morale.

JTC/ SKFJK continues protest on 619th day

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JAMMU: The ongoing sit-in protest of Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC)/ Soan Kashmir Front J&K (SKFJK) continued for 619th day on Monday, with participation of a number of Kashmiri migrants, who raised slogans in support of their long pending demands. While speaking during the occasion, Shadi Lal Pandita, President JTC/ SKFJK, said that the protest will continue till all the demands are fulfilled. Pandita said that due to rising inflation, the relief holders are finding it hard to meet daily expenses with the relief amount, due to which they are drowning in debts. Pandita fur-

ther said that migrant KPs are protesting from last more than 600 days, demanding enhancement in monthly cash relief from Rs 13,000 to Rs 25,000 per month but it is really a matter of grave concern that the Government is least considerate towards our sufferings, forcing the exiled community to hold a sit-in protest. The protestors also urged Government to announce a new package of 20,000 jobs for migrant Kashmiri Pandit unemployed youth besides providing at least one job in that family, where none is working yet. The protestors also demanded compensation for property loss of 32 years, pending ex-gratia relief

of gutted houses, compensation for over-aged youth, removal of illegal occupation from land, properties and religious places in Valley, setting-up 3 townships in Anantnag, Srinagar and Baramulla, granting political reservation to migrant Kashmiri Pandits along with minority status.

Others present on the occasion included Kashi Nath Bhat, Ravinder Koul, Rakesh Ambardar, Kamal Pandita, Inder Labroo, Mohan Krishan Tickoo, Vijay Bakshi, Sunil Suri, Ramesh Kumar Bhat, Satish Pandita, Pintu, Charanjeet Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Ramesh Suri and G M Khan.