

Jammu-based Reserved Category Employees' protest enters day 43

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A peaceful protest of All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir was continued for consecutive 43rd day, on Wednesday at Ambedkar Chowk / Park, Jammu.

The protesting employees of different departments rendering their services in Kashmir Division of UT of Jammu and Kashmir are on continuous peaceful protest since 1st of June, 2022, raising various slogans and demanding redressal of their genuine demands and issues in the wake of recent selective and target killings of non-local employees including that of Rajni Bala who was serving as a Teacher at Government High School, Gopalpora, District Kulgam in Kashmir Division.

After the recent spate of killings, government employees belonging to the Jammu based reserved category employees staged protests and demands included framing of a concrete Inter-district / Inter-division Transfer



All Jammu-based Reserved Category Employees raising slogans during a protest.

Policy and implementation of the same in time bound manner after fixing a tenure of services in Kashmir Valley. They also refused to join their duties in Kashmir and urged the government for Utilization of services of employees posted in various districts of Kashmir division in their respective home districts and not to pressurize the Jammu based employees to resume their duties or in any manner whatsoever it may be in these prevailing circumstances till the ground situation becomes conducive in the Valley.

After the exodus of 1990's, the 1st Batch of Jammu based reserved category employees was appointed in

Kashmir Division way back in the year 2006. Since then the reserved category employees have started serving at various departments in different districts of Kashmir Division. They are neither appointed under return and rehabilitation policy nor bound by way of any Undertaking / Affidavit / Bond for the claim of transfer.

The Jammu based employees are staying in the rental accommodation mostly in far flung and remote areas of Kashmir valley as of now for the sake of livelihood, keeping aside the social as well as family obligations towards their families as a son / daughter, a parent and

spouse.

The protesting employees urged the Hon'ble Lt Governor to issue necessary orders as has been discussed and assured by the Hon'ble Lt Governor during the earlier meeting held on 27.06.2022 at Governor House Jammu regarding our 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.

The protesting employees collectively pledged to work

with integrity and sincerity for the progress of Association and would remain united till their genuine demands are fulfilled by the Govt.

A large gathering of employees along with their siblings was witnessed. While addressing the protestors. In support of protesting employees, a school going child addressed the gathering and urged the administration to transfer our parents back to their home districts as the present situation is not conducive for their parents and siblings to survive in Kashmir.

Ramesh Chand prominent member of Core Committee, All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir thanked the speakers particularly the school going Children for their continuous support and advised all the employees to keep patience to bear this hardship and maintain the unity to strengthen the ongoing protest and take this cause to its logical conclusion.

GDC Paloura, SDRF organise awareness camp on 'Basic Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Training'



A resource person speaking during an awareness camp.

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JAMMU: Govt. Degree College Paloura (Mishriwala) Jammu in collaboration with State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Jammu organised one day Awareness Camp on "Basic Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training" under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mohatsav.

The programme started with welcome address by Mr. Vijay Kumar Rukwal, HOD Political Science, ANO, NCC, Boys Wing. Dr. Ashu Vashisht,

Principal of the college while speaking on the occasion highlighted the relevance of basic training of disaster management in day to day life and impressed that such programmes improve awareness and develop capacity to mitigate the effect of natural disasters. SDRF personnel ASI Vikas Sharma, Sgts. Kuldeep Singh and Sgts. Aman Singh, resource persons on the occasion, sensitised the students about various disasters like earthquake, fire accidents, road accidents, building collapse etc. and also stated that many lives in India and most of these deaths are related to delayed

disaster response due to ignorance. They demonstrated various disaster management skills like CPR, blood control, first aid, choking, fire rescue that may act as a boon during disasters. The programme was attended by more than 100 students and staff members. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shivani Sharma, HOD Education. The programme was organised by College Disaster management Cell (CDMC) in collaboration with department of Environmental Sciences and coordinated by Dr. Pinki Manhas Convener CDMC of the college.

SKJVST nominates Director on Board of J&K Bank R K Chhibber as Trustee

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shri Kailash Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust (SKJVST) on Wednesday nominated Former CMD and currently director on board of J&K Bank Rajesh Kumar Chhibber as member Trustee.

In a statement issued to media, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the trust, said that this decision has been taken while deliberating at length the plan for expansion of the Trust activities in the coming time. Detailing about the aims and objectives, he said that the trust has been established with the aim to promote Sanskrit language.

Mahant Rohit Shastri urged the UT Administration led by LG Manoj Sinha to fulfill the aforesaid demands, the Trust president asserted that this would boost the morale of those involved in promotion of Sanskrit but would also make it possible



to restore the extincting Sanskrit Dharma-philosophy in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Meanwhile R K Chhibber thanked Mahant Rohit Shastri and other Trust members for nominating him to such a significant position in the trust. He assured them that they he will make every effort towards the upliftment of the Trust, further said that they will leave no stone unturned in working to restore the pastime glory of Sanskrit across J&K as it existed in the ancient times.

This decision has unanimously taken by one voice by Mahant Rohit Shastri with Trust Vice President Advocate Pawan Khajuria, Trust General secretary Parnodh Sharma, Trust secretary Rakesh Gandotra, Trust chashier Pandit Dev Dutt Shastri, Trust Advisor Ankush Sham Sharma and Trust Spokesperson Cheatan Wanchoo, after a prolong meeting.

Congress intensifies 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) intensified its significant 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign at Thathar Bantalab on Wednesday.

The campaign was launched under the leadership of Jagdev Gaga, National General Secretary Indian Youth Congress. It is pertinent to mention here that this campaign is aimed to strengthen the Congress Party at the grass roots level across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

National General Secretary Indian Youth Congress, Jagdev Gaga while addressing a mammoth gathering at the function organized in connection with the launching of this 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign, stressed upon the Youth Congress workers and activists to motivate the youth at booth level to join the Congress party. He said that Congress played a decisive role in India's freedom struggle and thereafter during its rule in the country.

Jagdev Gaga said that today there is a dire need to make the youth aware about



Congress leader addressing a public gathering in Jammu.

the achievements made during the Congress rule and at the same time making them understand how the wrong policies of the BJP Govt at the Centre that have brought endless miseries to them. He said that youth wing is the backbone of Congress party and therefore Youth Congress workers have to rise to the occasion to reach out to the common people right upto the grass roots level and address their concerns and issues.

Uday Bhanu Chib, President Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC), while addressing the gathering strongly, castigated the BJP led Union Government for creating a communal divide across the nation thus throwing national integration to

smithereens. He said that BJP seems to be following the 'Bharat Tdo' policy and therefore it is duty of every Youth Congress activist to perform a vital role to thwart anti people tirade of BJP by leaving no stone unturned in making 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign. He said that people are already facing the brunt of the BJP Govt's mis-governance with sky rocketing prices of essential commodities besides the unprecedented inflation and they want a change of governance at the Centre to heave a sigh of relief. He appealed to the people to teach the BJP a lesson in the next Assembly elections by decimating it to a big zero. Navneet Kour, Indian Youth Congress Secretary while speaking on the occasion said that the

BJP Govt's proxy administration in Jammu and Kashmir has failed on all fronts which is evidenced by the fact that unemployment is on the rise, target killings have become a common strategy adopted by the terrorists with no chances of peace visible on ground, drugs finding the way easily to youth of this Union Territory. She said that BJP believes in 'Junilas' and befools the people by making promises never to be fulfilled. She asserted that Congress is the only panacea for the welfare of common people.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Aju Manhas and Baber Ali Vice Presidents District Youth Congress Jammu Rural and Sunny Jatt AYC President.

Bhagawan Gopinath Trust celebrates 'Guru Purnima'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bhagawan Gopinathji Trust on Wednesday organized yet another important festival, 'Guru Purnima', a day of great spiritual significance, at Bhagawaan Gopinathji

for the Guru. There was an Ananda and bliss all around charging one and all spiritually. Guru-Purnima was also observed at the Ashrams at Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir; Greater Kailash-I, Pampoh Enclave, New Delhi,



Devotees during Guru Purnima celebration.

Ashram, Udaivala, Bohri, Jammu. A Pushp Archana Homa was held at the feet of Bhagawaanji in the Ashram m. There was as usual an active participation of the devotees in the programme. Devotees thronged the Ashram premises early in the morning and the congregation had an ecstatic experience of devotion

Hastal Village, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, S.No. 14/5, Nande Balewadi Road, Nande, Pune, Maharashtra, Hosahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru and at Satsang Mandals at Charkop Village Naka, Kandivilli, Mumbai, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Hyderabad, Chandigarh and its other places across the country.

KPC observes 13 July as Black Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) on Wednesday observed July 13, 2022 as "Black Day" by wearing black badges and head gears as a mark of protest against the atrocities and Human Right Violations of Kashmiri Pandit Community.

While observing this day as Black day Kundan Kashmiri, President KPC stated that July, 13, 1931, exodus and martyrs days of the community are unforgettable days of the past which have left indelible imprint on the minds of the people of Kashmiri Pandit Community and created a big wound which will never heal till we achieve our goal. These were days of turbulences when the wall of trust between Kashmiri Muslims and Kashmiri Pandits fell down all of the sudden and

turned into rubble. There was complete collapse of brotherhood and whole Kashmir witnessed a frenzy temperamental change leading towards madness, insanity culminating in unexpected behavioral change in their mind set. He said that victim KP community will continue its struggle till the survival of the community is assured with honorable and dignified life, their rights restored and allow them to live in safe and free atmosphere. While further highlighting the step-motherly behavior of the JK union territory and central government's towards KP community stated that we are living in a shame democracy and political masters have failed to protect the nationalist forces, in particular minorities (KP's) in the valley. Central Govt. has stooped to these forces who are respon-

sible for the death and destruction of Pandits, so, the managers running the national policy have failed us. KPC leaders also pledged that they will continue to protest and demonstrate their anguish till they are properly heard and justice delivered and achieve their goal of one place settlement in Valley (Separate Kashiya Bhoimi)

Kundan Kashmiri, thanked all those who observed July 13, today a "Black Day" as a mark of protest against violation of Right and committing atrocities on KP Community time to time.

Other KPC leaders and activities who organised and observed the black day were IHL Saraf, Sushel ji Bhat, MK Raina Tej Pandita, R.L.Raina, SLZuthsi, Surinder Bhat and others.

SKUAST-J hosts talk at lawn meeting, VC hails scientists for producing 21 varieties of different crops

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JAMMU: Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu has appreciated the university scientists for their tireless efforts in bringing 21 varieties of crops for the farmers of Jammu Division that will help them in a long way in increasing their farm productivity. He was speaking during 'Talk at Lawn' meeting jointly organised by the Division of Agricultural Extension Education and Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry to take stock of teaching, research and extension activities being conducted by them. The objective of the programme was to discuss the problems, needs and priorities of the University staff and research scholars and their just solutions on the spot.



VC SKUAST-J Prof. JP Sharma speaking during a meeting.

For the promotion of natural farming, Prof. Sharma stressed upon the scientists to identify the areas which are accidently under organic agriculture and where the farmers are using less quantity of fertilizers and

pesticides as natural farming has ample scope in Jammu region. Prof. Sharma advised the Heads to arrange visits of

PG scholars of their Divisions from time to time to reputed national institutes like IARI, New Delhi, NDRI Karnal, and IVRI Bareilly for learning innovative techniques in research.

Prof. Sharma suggested the scientists select and decide research work of their PG scholars that is based on the needs, interests and problems of the farmers so that the findings of the research can be meaningful and useful to the farmers. For bringing precision in research of PG scholars, he suggested applying correct research methodology as it gives research legitimacy and provides scientifically sound findings. During the programme, Dr. Rakesh Nanda, Director Education & Head, Division of

Agricultural Extension Education and Dr. Vikas Sharma, Head, Division of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry presented the outline of the current academic and research initiatives and future plans of their Division.

Dr. S.K. Gupta, Registrar, Dr. Pardeep Wali, Director Research; Shri Madan Lal, Comptroller, Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Director Planning & Monitoring; Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Controller of Examinations, Dr. A.K. Mondal, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Er. Iqbal Singh Sudan, Estate Officer, scientists, ministerial staff and students attended the programme. Dr. Sushmita Dadhich conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Guru Purnima: Dy Mayor visits Baba Baloo Dev Sathan, pays obeisance

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JAMMU: To mark the occasion of Guru Purnima Sr Leader Bjp Dy Mayor adv Purnima Sharma along with Mahant Rajesh Bittu Gi Visit Jagti Nagotra Jammu and paid obeisance to Baba Baloo Dev Sathan, Guru Sukhdev Ji Maharaj .

On the occasion Adv. Purnima Sharma thanked Baba Baloo Dev for his blessings on her and prays for everyone and feel blessed to get chance to come here. She further added that in every years hits everyone badly and only the prayers have served us and after a long gap and we get lucky we can come here a celebrate this together for that we should be thankful to lord.

I am thankful to everyone



Dy Mayor, Purnima Sharma speaking during a programme.

present here, and I believe that together we can achieve every difficulty situation and tackle that. Mahant Rajesh Bittu Gi who also thanked Baba Baloo Dev Sathan and Guru Sukhdev Ji Maharaj for his blessings and support and prayed for every-

one's safety.

The other person who were present at the event was Ricky, Naryan Dutt, Jagdish Singh Janwal, Tarsem Kumar Sharma, Adv Vinay Sharma, Surinder Baru, Vijay Sharma and Er Rakesh Sharma.

July 8 incident at Amarnath cave shrine an administrative failure, probe must: Dr Gagan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr Gagan Bhagat, Deputy Chief Spokesperson of J&K National Conference & Former MLA, in a press statement issued on Wednesday, has strongly condemned July 8 incident held at Amarnath cave shrine which left 16 people dead & several others missing. He lambasted at LG Government for not ordering a probe besides trying to cover-up the same. "Cloudburst was not the reason. We call it a cloudburst when there is continuous rain of 100mm in an hour, but on 8th July, it rained heavily for 75mm in three hours which started at 5:30 PM. The IMD has issued warning well in advance & instead of taking a call, the people at

the helm of affairs permitted raising 25 tents & 3 community kitchens at flood basin. This is a criminal act, as when you already knew that there would be heavy rains & the most dangerous place was a flood basin, but just to show numbers that pilgrims are rushing towards Amarnath Yatra in a 'New Peaceful Jammu & Kashmir made by BJP Government, the warning was ignored," he said.

The further said that on July 28, 2021, Yatra was cancelled, but security forces have erected tents at same river basin, and that time all were rescued. This time, knowing very well that the area is prone to landslides & if it rains there could be a tragedy, why the exercise was repeated. Dr.

Gagan Bhagat further said that LG Government should not just do a formality and doing same as it was in case of December 31 stampede at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, where several pilgrims died, an inquiry was ordered, and Manoj Sinha has assured that the responsibility will be fixed within a week. "Till today nothing was done, the same officers continued and even the CEO Shrine Board was promoted. This shows that BJP is only interested in numbers, so that they prove to everyone that historical blunder of August 5, 2019 was a right decision. Lives of people don't matter for BJP and it can go to any extent for its benefit," he added. Quoting call of

Shankarcharya Goverdhanpuri Peethaadishwar Adoksajanand Dev Maharaj who said that we should not make pilgrimage a matter of tourism, Bhagat said, "The words are wise and came from one of the most respected person of the Santana Dharma. In 1996 a commission headed by Satish Sengupta has recommended that Yatra should be of one month & not more than 1 lakh pilgrims be allowed to visit holy cave, but till date recommendation has not been followed by the Government," he said, urging administration to take a decision and constitute a high-level probe committee under leadership of a retired Justice of High Court, if it really cares for lives of innocent pilgrims.