

Separate Jammu State the only lasting solution: Ankur

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JAMMU: The IkkJutt Jammu Party (IJP) on Sunday held massive demonstration in Jammu and at other places in the province, including Udhampur, Doda-Bhadravah, Ramban, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar, Reasi, Poonch-Rajouri in support of its demand seeking separation of Jammu province from Kashmir and said that the only rational, national and constitutional solution to the 75-year-old Jammu's political problem is Full State status for the province.

Addressing the party workers at Press Club Jammu, IJP President Advocate Ankur Sharma said that the otherwise historic reforms of August 5, 2019 have miserably failed to produce the desired results and the people of Jammu continue to groan under the yoke of Kashmiri Muslim-centric, oppressive and highly discriminatory administration.

The IJP only wants Statehood for Jammu. "Statehood for Jammu is our motto, our battle-cry, our watchword, the gospel of Jammu's political redemption," said Sharma, adding that the IJP, unlike jihadists in Kashmir, seeks development, progress and empowerment of the people



IJP President Advocate Ankur Sharma and other activists being detained by police during a protest at Jammu.

of Jammu province within India and a status the people of rest of the Indian states enjoy in the polity.

"Separate Jammu state is the only panacea available to meet the national requirement, empower the people of the province to manage their own affairs themselves, defeat the enemies working day and night to change Jammu's demography and create Kashmir-like situation in this strategic region," asserted the IJP president. "The people of Jammu province will rise in revolt sooner than later if the powers-that-be in New Delhi continued to treat Jammu as Kashmir's colony in its desperate bid to appease, please and pamper the Jihadists in Kashmir," he warned.

Justifying the demand for Separate Jammu State, Ankur Sharma said that the manner in which jihadi

leadership in Kashmir has been identifying itself with Taliban, Pakistan and China; the manner in which the terrorists targeting and brutally murdering innocent peaceful Hindus and Sikhs in Kashmir, including the poor Hindu labourers from Bihar and other places; the manner in which the authorities have been treating the votaries of "Islamic rule and Sharia, Afghanistan-type"; and the manner in which the people of Jammu province are being ill-treated and excluded from all walks of life, including the vital service sector; even after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A have once again established that Jammu and Kashmir Valley just can't be maintained as a single political unit.

"To maintain Jammu and Kashmir Valley as a single political unit will be only to

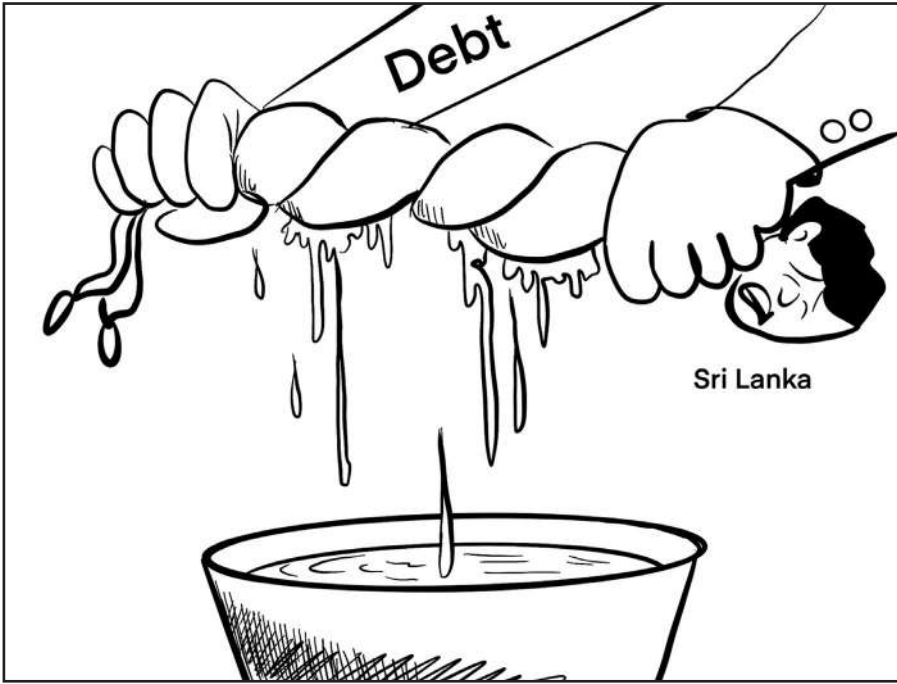
help the protagonists of Sharia law/Nizam-e-Mustafa, convert Jammu like Kashmir, cause Hindu-Sikh migration from Jammu and achieve the age-old objective: separation of J&K from India and its merger with Pakistan," said IJP President. He added that "separation of Jammu from Kashmir and empowering the people of the Jammu province to control fully and run Home, Revenue, Finance, Law and General Administration Departments alone could avert the impending disaster in Jammu province and help the nation in this sensitive border region". Further he remarked: "If the national interest is to be protected and promoted further in the region, another Hindu exodus to be prevented and Jihadis to be comprehensively defeated, the people of Jammu have to exercise the powers of the state and control these Departments alone and there is no alternative to it". "New Delhi has to accept the reality and treat Jammu province like it treated Ladakh on August 5, 2019," he said.

Ankur Sharma also tore into the votaries of early elections based on the 2011 census delimitation and grant of full state status to the UT of J&K, saying

those putting forth these atrocious demands are the worst enemies of the people of Jammu province and they are only dancing to the tunes of the protagonists of Islamic rule in J&K. "Delimitation based on the 2011 fudged census figure, grant of statehood status to the J&K UT and early elections in J&K would mean more rivets in the chain of Jammu's slavery," asserted the IJP president, adding that "the early elections in J&K will be an elixir to the life of jihadis in Kashmir and will be a deadly poison for the already suffering and under grave threat people of Jammu province". IJP opposed them in the past and it will continue to do so, he said.

Ankur Sharma appealed to the people of Jammu province to see through all the evil game plans and strengthen the hands of IkkJutt Jammu Party in the national interest and in their own interest. Any failure on their part to see the writing on the wall will be only to witness a situation the minorities are witnessing in Kashmir, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, he warned.

He declared that the Jammu Statehood movement will be taken to its logical conclusion at whatever cost.



Youngsters' worst victim of BJP's discriminatory policies: Allavaru

Intensifies 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The ruling government at the Centre has lost the confidence and mandate of the people as well as youth of Jammu and Kashmir. Today the youngsters of Jammu and Kashmir were the worst victim of discriminatory policies of the government. They were feeling let down and betrayed. The arrogance of power and lack of governance has distanced the BJP from its core agenda and people of Jammu and Kashmir have realised the mistake of bringing them to power.

This was stated by Krishna Allavaru, National In-charge of Indian Youth Congress and AICC Jt-Secretary, after launching a 'Youth Jodo Booth Jodo' campaign at Srinagar. Jagdev Gaga, National General Secretary Indian Youth Congress, Navneet Kour, Indian Youth Congress Secretary and Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&K Youth Congress also accompanied the National IYC President.

IYC Joint Secretary Manpreet Singh Mani who organised the whole event, in his address, castigated the BJP government, saying that the common man is going through the worst sufferings under the current dispensation, which has sold its soul to few businessmen, ignoring the agonies of the countrymen. He said that the country is presently going through a state of crisis.

"The graph of the inflation is on a constant rise, the fuel prices have touched the sky and unemployment is at peak in the country in which Jammu and Kashmir is



National Incharge of IYC, Krishna Allavaru addressing gathering at Srinagar.

among the top of the country. The victims of these three issues are the common men, the countrymen who are the true sons of the soil," he added.

Mani asserted that there is dire need to connect the youth at the booth level as only youth can bring the change in the politics of J&K. He exhorted upon the party cadre that efforts would be made to get the maximum youth associated with the party. The Congress is keen to reach out to its grassroots workers and activate them for the poll due later this year, he added.

Expressing dismay over the functioning of the proxy government of BJP in Jammu and Kashmir, Jagdev Gaga, National General Secretary Indian Youth Congress referred to nepotism and favoritism in the process of selection to various posts and said the scenario is dismal. Apparently referring to alleged backdoor appoint-

ments, he said the confidence of meritorious youth have shattered, which calls for course-correction.

Jagdev Gaga said that youth is the backbone of the country and therefore Youth Congress workers have to rise to the occasion to reach out to the youth right upto the grassroots level and address their concerns and issues.

Uday Chib, in his address, said that today there is a dire need to make the youth aware about the achievements made during the Congress rule and at the same time making them understand how the wrong policies of the BJP Government at the Centre have brought endless miseries to them. He assured the national leadership that he would leave no stone unturned in connecting the youth with the Party in coming time and would make all possible efforts in highlighting the anti-youth policies of the BJP led government at the Centre.

MD AMUL calls on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR: Dr. Rupinder Singh Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd, AMUL on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan.

Dr Sodhi, accompanied by Gaurav Sharma, CEO, JKMPCL discussed with the Lt Governor about the growth potential of milk production in J&K.

He said that the implementation of Integrated Dairy Development Scheme has resulted in registering a three-time increase in the milk pro-



MD, GCMF Ltd, AMUL, Dr. Rupinder Singh Sodhi calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

urement of JKMPCL in three years and five times in the last four years.

While briefing about the achievements made by Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers Cooperative Limited, Dr Sodhi

informed that JKMPCL is eying to achieve Rs 325 cr worth turnover this year.

He apprised the Lt Governor on the efforts being made for increasing the milk production capacity in J&K and also shared

the need for identifying a suitable land for developing the new dairy plant.

It was informed that JKMPCL has paid Rs 350 cr in the last 1.5 to 2 years for milk procurement to small & marginal farmers,

providing them better livelihood especially during covid times, besides paying highest rate in the country for milk procurement to farmers.

The Lt Governor observed that the dairy sector has a huge potential in UT to generate employment and it can immensely contribute in the socio-economic transformation of the farming community and those associated with the sector.

The Lt Governor reiterated of the government's commitment for promoting milk production and increasing capacity of value addition in Jammu and Kashmir.

Varuna Anand felicitated with Global Women Inspiration Award 2022

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JAMMU: Varuna Anand, Sole Proprietor of The Splendor of Kashmir, was facilitated with the Global Women Inspiration Award 2022 (GWIA), at a glittering ceremony at Radisson Hotel, Chandigarh, Zirakpur.

The chief Guest of the award ceremony was K. Pushpaleela, ex Minister and MLA from Andhra Pradesh. Global Women Inspiration Awards 2022 is an initiative by 'I CAN



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Foundation' that perceives and acknowledges invincible potential of Women change makers. GWIA celebrates the zeal, fortitude and continuing commitment to excellence of outstanding Women. The 2022 awards were awarded to Women, from various domains across India, who are inspirational with their grit and zeal to shine in their spheres of work and have believed in themselves with the never to give in attitude no matter what

adversities they faced.

The theme of the conference this years was "Women guiding the way into the 21st century". These Awards aim to inspire female achievers in the present and into the future.

These awards were given on a belief that an Empowered Women is powerful beyond measures, beautiful beyond description and capable of architecting the world into a better place whilst inspiring several more.

LG Mathur calls on Union Communications Minister, raises connectivity issues in Ladakh

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, met the Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav, in New Delhi on Sunday.



Lt Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur calling on Union Communications Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav.

LG Mathur pressed on the need for saturation coverage with 4G connectivity for the entire population of Ladakh. He also raised several issues related to telecommunication connectivity in Ladakh, including providing optic fibre cable (OFC) to all the Gram Panchayats under Bharat Net Phase-II on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, providing 4G mobile services to remote and uncovered areas of Ladakh and upgradation of 2G towers to 4G in a time-bound manner, creating redundancy and reliability in BSNL network by getting PGCL fibre on board for Leh from Srinagar, allowing intra-licensed service area roaming service for tourists in Ladakh; WiFi access points at all the DSPT sites and also sites under Bharat Net Phase II allotted to BBNL/TCIL, intervention in initiating the Annual Maintenance Contract for sites allocated to BBNL/TCIL, etc.

LG Mathur shared that the existing optic fibre cable (OFC) of Vindhya Telelinks Limited has the capacity to connect 80-90% of villages in Ladakh with an investment of approximately Rs 20-30 crores. He requested for increasing the bandwidth of VSAT connectivity of BSNL and BBNL from the existing speed of 2 MBPS.

LG Mathur thanked the Minister for agreeing to refer to TRAI for increasing the intra-cellular coverage in Ladakh and requested to expedite it and make it mandatory for service providers for the convenience of locals and tourists.

Shri Machail Mata Yatra DC takes stock of security, medical care provisions

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Ashok Sharma on Sunday held an interactive meeting with PRIs and civil society members here at Paddar and briefed them about the arrangements put in place for the smooth and hassle free conduct of Annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2022.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Sham Lal; ACD Atul Dutt Sharma; SDM Paddar; Dr Rishi Sharma; Tehsildar Paddar; Rohit Kumar; BDO Paddar Ravi Kumar; Xen PHE, Ajay Talwar; BMO Paddar; Dr Anil Sharma besides concerned district and sectoral officers remained present in the meeting.

During the interactive meeting, the DC briefed in detail the arrangements put in place by the district Administration to facilitate Yatries, besides sought valuable suggestions of PRIs and Prominent persons for the smooth conduct of the annual yatra and all the suggestions were noted down.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that Health Emergency and security centres are being established at designated points along with langars en-route the Shrine to provide all requisite facilities to the Yatrias at one stop.

He further informed that comprehensive and fool proof plans have been formulated for security arrangements, establishment of additional toilets, temporary shelter Sheds en-route the shrine, uninterrupted Drinking water



DC Kishtwar Ashok Sharma interacting with civil society members.

and power Supply, issuance of langar permissions, provision of sanitation, Traffic and parking management, notification of Bus fare, installation of complaint Boxes, Helicopter facility to make the Yatra of pilgrims safe and smooth.

Hoardings and signages are being installed at designated places with information about the Medicare facility, ATM, Langer etc for the Yatrias besides explaining about Dos and Don'ts to be observed during the pilgrimage, he briefed during the meeting.

Discussion about registration process of Yatrias, execution of development works started for the smooth conduct of Yatra was also held during the meeting.

Regarding the construction of Bailey

Bridge at Kundhail, the DC informed that the restoration work was going on a war footing and the bridge would be completed well before the start of Yatra.

He urged the local civil society members, departmental heads and PRIs to work in tandem to make this Yatra a grand success. Later, the DC inspected patient care facilities at PHC Atholi. He inquired from BMO Paddar about the stock and supply of essential medicines and other Medicare arrangements like Ambulance facility in the sub Division especially for ensuring Yatra. He also inspected the ongoing construction work of newly constructed PHC Atholi.

Meanwhile, he directed all local administration to brace up and fine tune the arrangements for the smooth and successful conduct of Yatra.

Wildlife Deptt celebrates Vanmahotsav-2022

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JAMMU: Department of Wildlife Protection on Sunday organized a tree plantation programme to mark the celebration of Vanmahotsav here at Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary.

The programme was organised to commemorate 75th year of Independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Utsav" with the involvement of students, men, women and PRIs. The department planted 75 Wild fruit plants in the sanctuary.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu and Kashmir said that the Department of Wildlife Protection was focusing on planting fruit and fodder plants inside the Wildlife Protected areas. "The initiative is aimed to control human-wildlife conflict by way of enriching the wildlife habitats" he added.

Ravi Kesar, former PCCF & HoFF applauded the efforts of the Department of Wildlife Protection for involving the stakeholders in its programmes. He gave several suggestions for making the drive more vigorous.

Roshan Jaggi, PCCF Social Forestry assured support for providing quality planting material for the enrichment of wildlife habitats. He mentioned about necessity of taking up of plantation work in a time bound manner.

Sarvesh Rai, Chief Executive Officer CAMPA highlighted the need for preparation of site-specific plants for the conservation, protection and development activities. He emphasized on involvement of youth and students in the greening initiatives.

B.M Sharma, Additional PCCF Jammu, stressed upon effective protection measures for success of plantation work. He said that territorial forest divisions shall be forthcoming in providing assistance to the Department of Wildlife Protection in handling human-wildlife conflict.

The programme was attended by students, women from various walks of life, officers and staff from various wings of forest department. The programme was organized by Anil Atri, Wildlife Warden, Jammu and his team led by Roshan Lal, Range officer.