

# MJR-47 seeks adequate political empowerment for PoJK DPs

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JAMMU: Right from constitution of Delimitation Commission, the MJR-47 is pursuing the issue for allocation of assembly seats kept reserved for PoJK residents to DPs of 1947 for ensuring their political empowerment but as per Commission, there is no such provision in law. It was stated by J S Sudan, Convener, MJR47, Jammu while speaking during a meeting held on Wednesday. Giving further details, Sudan said, "We contested their contention by quoting the clause 14(3) and 14(4) of JK Reorganization Act 2019, governing the issue, clearly defining elected strength of assembly which had been reduced unjustifiable by deducting seats kept reserved for PoJK voters. We presented our case before Commission in July 2021 at Jammu and again in April 2022, an open discussion was

## Result of CS Foundation Progromme Exams, CSEET 2022 declared

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JAMMU: The result of Company Secretary Foundation Programme Examination, June, 2022 Session held on June 15 and 16, 2022 and Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) held on July 9 and 11, 2022 has been declared on Wednesday. The results have been made available on the website of the Institute www.icsi.edu and the candidates may download their e-Result-cum-Marks statement. In the above CS Foundation Programme Examination, 40.48 per cent and CSEET, 68.1 per cent of candidates have been declared successful. The next Examination for Company Secretary Foundation Programme, December, 2022 will be held on December 27 and 28, 2022 which online examination form together with examination fee will be submitted from August 26, 2022 onwards and CS Executive Entrance Test will be held on November 12, 2022 and candidates desirous of appearing in the aforesaid CSEET may register upto October 15, 2022.

## Vilakshan condemns imposition of GST on essential food items

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JAMMU: Vilakshan Singh, State President of J&K National Panthers Party has strongly condemned the decision of GST Council taken in its 47th meeting whereby the GST Council has decided to impose tax on items of daily consumption such as rice, wheat, flour, curd etc. Singh said that the people are already finding it hard to make their both ends meet, and the decisions of the BJP government is making the survival of poor even a more daunting task. Singh said that the BJP government is working for the upliftment of the certain corporate houses and has no concern for the poor and downtrodden. He said that BJP government drastically reduced the Coporate Tax to give benefit to corporate sector but the poor people who have voted BJP to power are of least concern for BJP. Levying GST on flour, rice , wheat etc is a clear indication of the fact that poor do not matter to BJP government at all. He said GST is exempt even on the above said items if purchased in quantities more than 25kg/25 litres.

But the most of the poor in India cannot afford to buy these items in large quantities. They purchase such items on daily basis. Singh said that GST on the above said essential items has been imposed in such a manner that those who have means to purchase in large quantities won't have to pay GST whereas those, who are poor and do not have means to purchase the above said items in large quantities, have been penalised for being poor by making them to pay GST on such items essential for human existence.

held in Jammu, thereby convincing the Commission to open the law book and look through the articles, after which Chairperson assured us to have a fresh look into the matter. Finally, in its report, the commission recommended 'some' assembly seats for PoJK DPs without specifying exact number."

Sudan further said that ball is now in the court of Government of India and on behalf of all DPs, MJR-47 requests present Government to do justice with DPs by allocating at least 8-10 seats, in proportion to the population of people displaced from PoJK. "DPs were the saviours of J&K and had sacrificed more than 40,000 lives fighting raiders and faced the genocide to thwart the battle to capture J&K. Despite their sacrifices, DPs of 1947 remained deprived of their political rights as guaranteed by the Constitution resulting

in their sufferings during all these years. MJR failed to understand that when valley migrants have their marked constituency segments, then what is the justification to award them two extra assembly seats, and if it is fine, then why not to give specific number of seats to DPs in proportion of their strength to mitigate their grievances," he added.

Urging Government to allocate assembly seats to DPs, in proportion to their population, MJR-47 sought reserving at least 10 assembly seats for DPs of 1947 from PoJK, thereby providing them adequate political reservation, as guaranteed by the Constitution.

Others who were present during the meeting included Suchwant Singh, Padam Dev Raina, K L Sudan, Vinod Sharma, Jaswant Singh, Harjit Singh, Madan Sharma and Vinod Kumar.

## Mahajan Sabha fully engaged in serving Amarnath pilgrims

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JAMMU: The Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha is fully engaged, these days, in providing Langer facility to the Yatris coming daily in Mahajan Bhawan at Shalamar Road Jammu.

All the pilgrims get breakfast in the morning followed by lunch Prashad throughout the day till they get Yatra cards from the Government Registering Agency established in the main Hall of the Sabha and thereafter proceed to Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas (Base Camp) for onward journey to holy cave of Shri Amarnath.

Today's Langer was sponsored by Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation along with his family members Kamla Gupta, wife and son.

Romesh Chander Gupta President of the Sabha, Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President and Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary were also present.

C.P Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan have been looking after the Press related matters and protocol arrangements in the campus. Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are the Incharge of the Langer.

Surinder Gupta and Subash Gupta have been assigned important duty of General Supervision over the day's activities. Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta maintains financial account of the day.

The members of the team who performed duty at the Langer counter include Vijay Gupta, Satish Gupta, Dasrshan Gupta, Romesh Gupta (Bartan Wale), Rajneesh Gupta (Pink), Suresh Gupta , Rajan Gupta , Rajesh Gupta. & Balraj Gupta.

More than 1100 Yatris came today at Mahajan Bhawan. The Langer concluded at 5 P.M. with a word of thanks from the President , to all the members of the team who jointly made the today's Langer very successful.

# Govt imparting quality education, rejuvenating school infra: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that the BJP Government at the Centre is doing everything possible to impart quality education and rejuvenate school infrastructure to transform lives by making the generation next nation builder and creating meaningful citizens.

The BJP stalwart leader was speaking after inaugurating the construction work of Government High School Cantonment Board Ward No.5 Raipur Satwari. The former MLA Gandhi Nagar constituency was accompanied by BJP District President Vinay Kumar Gupta, Vice Chairman and Satwari Mandal President. Bharat Bhushan and District Secretary Narendra Gupta (Koki) and other party activists besides locals were also present in the occasion.

The former Deputy Chief



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta inaugurating development work.

Minister said that the successive governments in the past have neglected educational infrastructure as can be seen and gauged by merely visiting any of the government schools but soon after the BJP government's dynamic decision of making Article 370 null and void, things have started changing and today under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi the school edifice in government sector is shining with stakeholders becoming accountable and corruption becoming the matter of the past.

After the launch of construc-

tion of the aforesaid school, Kavinder also started lane and drain work at Ward No 6 in Jammu Cantonment worth Rs 10 lakh. He said that BJP Government at the Centre is doing a commendable job in Jammu and Kashmir as far as raising the public infra is concerned but is it imperative that soon after the Assembly elections, there should be BJP Government in J&K as well so that the double engine government can provide the much needed succor to the people suffering since last over 70 years for the want of even basic amenities.

# GST on essential commodities ‘ill-thought-out & arbitrary’: Dr Gagan

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JAMMU: Dr. Gagan Bhagat, Dy. Chief Spokesperson of J&K National Conference & former MLA, in an press statement issued to the Media on Wednesday lambasted at the BJP Union Government and demanded immediate rollback of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on milk, rice, wheat, pulses, curd, buttermilk and Cheese by the GST Council to hike tax rates which came into effect from Monday.

"On one hand the middle and poor class of this country is struggling with back-breaking inflation and on the other, the BJP Union Government under Modi has imposed GST on essential commodities, making them far more expensive," he said adding that even non-branded items such as wheat flour and rice above 25 kg will attract a 5 percent GST if they are pre-packaged and

labelled.

Unbranded versions of grains and pulses which are sold in small quantities through retail shops are set to become dearer as the ceiling of above 25 kg was dropped when the notification amending the GST provisions were issued on July 13, Gagan said.

Ironically the tax to be charged for rice is going to be higher than the tax charged for unpacked Chicken, he added.

Earlier only products like branded rice were slapped with tax.

When the GST was introduced in the country five years ago, essential items such as rice, wheat, pulses, egg, meat, chicken and fish were excluded from the GST regime, he said.

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference demanded the immediate withdrawal of the GST imposed on the food items.

He described the move as

"ill-thought-out and arbitrary. All the decisions of the BJP Union Government are intended to harass the poor and middle classes in order to enrich two business houses, which became rich day by day.

He added that people were already suffering from the effects of inflation and unemployment and this move will render people helpless and the country will still worsen in already worsened World Hunger Index (WHI).

He described the present Union Government as the most in-efficient and has failed on all fronts, the degradation of Indian Rupee against the dollar which was vocally criticized by the PM himself before 2014, now the same person when becomes PM and the condition of the same Rupee is at historical low, the PM does not utter even a word, despite concerns raised by all the

experts of Economics including former RBI Governor and almost every opposition leader.

This is the sad state of affairs of the country that BJP & Modi came to power on the issues of Inflation, Unemployment and corruption and when the people gave its huge mandate to resolve these issues the same person & party doubled those issues.

These core issues are diverted by spreading Hate Speeches through Hate mongers, whom the BJP described as "Fringe Elements", Dr. Bhagat said and appealed to the people of J&K to answer all these issues including the Unconstitutional 370 Abrogation in the coming assembly elections by voting against the BJP, so that a strong message is sent to the Union BJP Government which has created chaos by downgrading the State of Jammu & Kashmir to UT.

## JMC seizes 10 Kg single-use plastic, imposes Rs 21,000 fine

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JAMMU: As per the directions of the Commissioner JMC, the team of Health Section JMC along with Sanitation Officers, Asstt. Sanitation Officers, Sanitary Inspectors, Sanitary Supervisors on Wednesday conducted an intensive drive for checking the illegal use of 'Single use plastic/polythene' in all the three zones randomly and has seized 10 Kg single use plastic / polythene and imposed fine to the tune of Rs. 21,000.

Further, the Health Officer JMC appealed to the general public to extend their cooperation in curbing the illegal use of single use plastic/polythene.

# President DT takes up Shree Raghunath Pathshala students' TC issue with DSE



President JKDT Advocate Ajay Gandotra led delegation calling on DSEJ, Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma.

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JAMMU: Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust along with Principal and Vice President of Shree Raghunath Pathshala Jammu and parents of the students called on the Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma at Directorate of School Education and discussed multiple problems being faced by the Pathshala students in obtaining the Transfer Certificates. During the meet-

ing with the Director, Ajay Gandotra brought to his notice that there is a legal hitch in issuing transfer certificates (TCs) to those students of Shree Raghunath Pathshala Jammu because the duly filed plea along with the requisite documents for the registration of the Pathshala beyond the year 2014 continues to be pending with the Directorate of School Education Jammu.

As such the office of Shree Raghunath Pathshala is unable to issue Transfer

Certificates to the parents of the concerned students admitted in other schools after leaving the Pathshala and in such circumstances the future studies and career of all such students is at stake.

Gandotra requested the Director School Education to take a humanitarian decision on this vital issue in the interest of the affected students. It is pertinent to mention here that Shree Raghunath Pathshala Jammu is situated in the premises of Shree Raghunathji Temple Jammu.

The Director School Education gave a patient hearing to the facts and figures narrated by the Dharmarth Trust President, Principal and parents and assured them that this very sensitive issue of the students brought to his notice by them shall be addressed in the right earnest within a week.



Delegation of SSSS J&K of Machail Yatra Management honouring Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar.

concerns of the trust employees. The issues highlighted include non-payment of salaries to the Trust employees and School staff from 2019 till date; With Yatra scheduled to commence on 25/07/2022, works on road connectivity, bathrooms, bridges, etc. along the route still incomplete and under process thus making it impossible for the Langer Committee to set up Langars for the visit-

ing devotees during the Yatra period; and last but not the least ensuring uninterrupted power supply during Yatra period especially at Machail Bhawan. The Sarv Shakti Sewak Sanstha delegation members also detailed the Divisional Commissioner about the Yatra schedule and events. They informed him that Vishal Jagaran shall be held at Gulabgarh on 24-07-2022,

Charri Mubarak will be reaching Machail Bhawan on 22-08-2022 and Havan Poojan will be performed at Machail Bhawan on 25-07-2022. The delegation members requested the Divisional Commissioner to ensure his presence at all the aforesaid functions related to this holy Yatra.

The Divisional Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the delegation members and after going through the contents of their submitted memorandum assured to make the requisite arrangements for the significant Yatra besides taking measures to resolve the other highlighted issues. He thanked them for the invitation extended to him and consented to be present in the functions subject to other official urgencies.



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh decorating ADGP rank to Vijay Kumar and Alok Kumar.

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SRINAGAR: In a piping ceremony held at Police Headquarters here on Wednesday, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh decorated ADGP rank to Vijay

Kumar and Alok Kumar who have been recently promoted to the present rank.

The DGP and all other senior officers congratulated the officers and their families and wished them good luck for the future.

Spl. DGs R.R Swain, A. K. Choudhary, Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K, H. K. Lohia, ADGP S. J. M. Gillani, Dr. S. D. Singh Jamwal, M. K. Sinha and Danesh Rana were present on the occasion.