

# Protest for state holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary continues

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JAMMU: Up in arms against the authoritarian attitude of the J&K Union Territory administration towards the people agitating for their genuine and just demands, the Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade (MGSB) along with leadership of Yuva Rajput Sabha on Friday staged protest in favour of their demand seeking State Holiday on Sept 23rd - the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State.

The activists of MGSB, YRS alongwith general public stated protest at Talab Tillo and raised slogans against the administration for not conceding their genuine demand.

Terming the move of district administration to impose restrictions on all four Tawi bridges of Jammu City as 'Dictatorial', Anil



Protesters raising slogans during a rally.

Singh Rakwal working president MGSB said that LG administration is choking the voice of Dogras.

'Declaration of Holiday on Sept 23rd' is the collective demand of the entire Jammu region but the administration has been playing with the sentiments of the people by deliberately being ignorant on this issue and putting undue restrictions on people agitating for the demand, said Rakwal. He further said that it was

beyond understanding how peaceful public assembly and protests can harm the peace of Jammu City. "Members of Yuva Rajput Sabha held a peaceful demonstration to raise their demand but instead of listening to them, Government and LG administration has followed the lines of imposing an emergency and dictatorship by restricting assembly which is denial of the basic right of raising voice against injustice," the MGSB working

president said.

"The demands of the Yuva Rajput Sabha, Daily Wagers, FAA, BSF/CISF, and others are genuine and people generally feel that their demands must be accepted. Instead of considering their demands, the authorities are imposing the restriction on their assembly under CrPC 144 in Jammu City which is highly condemnable and undemocratic," he said.

He urged the LG administration not to test the patience of Dogras and issue an order declaring State Holiday on Sept 23rd with no further delay and accept all the genuine demands of the Daily Wagers, FAA, BSF/CISF aspirants.

Meanwhile, the MGSB working president announced full support to Bar Association of Jammu for their demands and Band Call on August 29th 2022.

## Vikramaditya writes to LG seeking holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday

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JAMMU: Former MLC and scion of erstwhile Royal Dogra family, Vikramaditya Singh urged the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to announce a public holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, which falls on September 23. In a letter to the Lt Governor of J&K, the former MLC said "As you are well aware, there has been a growing demand amongst the public, largely in Jammu, for honouring Maharaja Hari Singh by declaring his birth anniversary, September 23rd, as a public holiday. Amongst other organizations such as the Bar Association and the Chamber of Commerce, who have lent their support on this issue, the Yuva Rajput Sabha has been actively involved in public demonstrations over the past few years."

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## BJP Senior Citizen Cell nominates Jammu North District unit

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JAMMU: BJP Senior Citizen Cell State Convenor JD Singh in consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, All Cell In-charge Rakesh Mahajan, All Cell Co-In-charge Ved Sharma have nominated members for Jammu North District Team.

Kulbhushan Sharma has been nominated as Convenor of Jammu North District Team and Sukh Dev Sharma, Rajinder Singh Pathania and Shadi Lai Thusoo have been nominated as Co-Convenors.

Amil Kumar Mehta, S.R Shukla, Chander Mohan Sharma, Ashok K. Sharma and M.L. Dogra have been nominated as State Executive Committee Members.

M.L. Kaw, B.L. Raina, B.S. Kalhotra, Bawant Singh, Sushil Kumar Bholu, Kavi Raj Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Som Dutt Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Raja Jaswant Singh Jamwal and R. L. Bhat have been nominated as District Executive Members.

Others present include Sukhdev Sharma, Bawant Singh, Rajinder Singh Pathania, Shashi Sharma and Shadi Lal Thusoo.

Pertinent to mention here that Vikramaditya was responsible for the resolution passed in the Legislative Council in 2017 for declaration of holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, which falls on September 23 and also resigned from his post of MLC subsequently. He has also written to Rajnath Singh, the then Home Minister of India through his letter dated 15th July, 2018.

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