

# 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 - ruler 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.

## SOS International extends support to Jammu Bandh on Aug 29

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JAMMU: SOS International - an Organization for PoJK Displaced Persons, has extended support to the Bar Association's call for Jammu Bandh on August 29.

Chairman of the SOS International, Rajiv Chuni said that the PoJK Displaced Persons in general and SOS International in particular extend their active support to the Bar Association Jammu in protest against non-serious attitude of the Government towards their genuine demands.

Rajiv Chuni also appealed the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to look into the genuine demand and issue necessary instructions for construction of a multi-storied building at the court complex Janipur for housing all the judicial works.

## CWS JU organizes Gender Sensitization Workshop for Institute of Human Genetics scholars



JU faculty and students after the workshop.

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JAMMU: The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), in collaboration with Institute of Human Genetics, University of Jammu (JU) organized 5th workshop under ongoing series for the students and scholars of the Human Genetics on Friday.

Dr. Savita Nayyar, Faculty, Department of Law, JU was the resource person. The workshop began with the welcome address by Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director CWS who explained that through such workshops we are trying to inculcate the gender sensitivity among the students as they are

the ambassadors of change in the society. Dr. Savita Nayyar spoke about the relevance of Gender sensitization workshop especially for students and scholars. She also gave insights on the concept of masculinity and femininity and how gender is a social and cultural construct. She also explained about the ideology of Patriarchy and how due to patriarchal notions women as well as men are suffering in one or the other way.

Further, she emphasized that how patriarchy as an ideology is used as a mechanism to justify the practice of various forms of violence and sexual harassment

of women. While interacting with the participants she said that there is a dire need for gender equality which can only be achieved by inculcating gender neutral thinking within the family, educational institutions and society at large. Dr. Parvinder Kumar, faculty, Institute of Human Genetics in his address, emphasized on the importance of such workshops.

The workshop was conducted and coordinated by Dr. Saranjit Kaur; and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Kunzang Angmo both Faculty, CWS. The office staff of the Institute of Human Genetics looked after the digital modalities of the workshop.

## KPC welcomes HC's decision to revisit Nadimarg massacre

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) President, Kundan Kashmiri, thanked JK High Court for its decision of revisiting the massacre cases of 23 innocent Kashmiri Pandits held at Nadimarg, Shopian in 2003.

He stated that J&K Government, especially DGP, Judiciary and others should also take up other massacres cases which took place at Wandhama, Ganderbal in 1998, during regime of Farooq Abdullah, Sangrampur (Badgam) massacre of 1997, as we as other individual and selective killings of other innocent Kashmiri Pandits like Tika Lal Taploo, Prem Nath Bhat, Dr Raj Nath, Tej Krishen Razdan, Moti Lal Bhan, Jirja, Sala, Rahul Bhat and Sunil Bhat. KPC leadership demanded immediate judicial and SIT probe in respect all issues responsible for community's genocide and regressive punishment to the people for the same. It also demanded setting-up of a panel to recover damages and grant of compensation to losses of KPs land and property. Others present on the occasion included Tej Pandita, Dr H L Saraf, M K Raina, S L Zutshi, R L Raina and Rajender Dhar.

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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."

"In January 2022, due to timely intervention of your good offices, the long public agitation and dharna was withdrawn. A memorandum was submitted to you by the Yuva Rajput Sabha and you forwarded the same to a committee. This was done with the assurance that the said committee would submit

its findings within the stipulated 30 days," he said.

"I have said this on several occasions in the past that this is a sensitive and sentimental issue, close to the hearts of the public cutting across party, caste, community or religious lines. With 23rd September approaching fast and no decision on part of the Government, the public, especially the youth are getting anxious and are persisting with their demand. I would like to urge you to kindly grant this public holiday to honor the memory of an extra ordinary man that Maharaja Hari Singh was. Thereby bringing about a peaceful resolution to the ongoing agitation," Vikramaditya Singh said.

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.

## 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 Raksh 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.

Anil 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, Balwant Singh, Sushil Kumar Bhola, Kavi Raj Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Som Dutt Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Raja Jaswant Singh Jammal and R. L. Bhat have been nominated as District Executive Members.

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

## Director Horticulture (P&M) reviews working of department



Director, Vikas Sharma chairing a meeting at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Immediately after assuming charge as Director, Vikas Sharma chaired a meeting of officers and officials on Friday. All officers of the department from Jammu as well as Kashmir Division attended the meeting. Joint Director, Deputy Directors & Executive Engineers of the department deliberated upon functioning of department and other issues pertaining to department were discussed. The director took a review of ongoing works of all Mandis across UT of J&K and gave directions for early execution of the works. The Deputy Directors from Kashmir and Jammu accustomed Director with all the promotional activities taken up by the department. Progress on Agriculture Infrastructural Fund, One District One Product and other schemes related to National

Horticulture Board and NABARD were also discussed. Main emphasis was on implementation of e-NAM wherein 9 more Mandis were added to facilitate the traders and farmers for selling their produce online. Officers from Smart City Project Ltd Jammu also attended the meeting and gave a detailed view of ongoing works in Fruit & Vegetable Market, Narwal, Jammu. Director Horticulture (P&M) Vikas Sharma emphasized on taking the department to new heights for overall welfare of employees besides benefiting farmers, traders & other stakeholders.

## Jamkash Vehicleades launches All New Alto K10



Dignitaries launching All New Alto K10 at Jamkash Vehicleades Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The All-New Alto K10 is unveiled at Jamkash Vehicleades Jammu by Ms Geeta Bhardwaj Senior Divisional Manager, New India Assurance Company Ltd Divisional Office No 2, Jammu. Amidst large gathering of patrons, customers, Col Pritam Chand (Retd), CEO &

ED and Team Jamkash Vehicleades, All New Alto K10, a true symbol of pride, trust and reliability was launched at Jamkash Vehicleades, Channi Himmat. The All-New Alto K10 is now available with fresh new exteriors, spacious interiors, enhanced performance and a host of comfort, safety, con-

venience and connectivity features. Launched with the tagline '■IndiaKiChalPadi, the All-New Alto K10 is all set to take-off once again in style, after having put millions of customers behind the wheel in its unparalleled 22-year journey. The All-New Alto K10 is an active enabler of a better life for today's customers wanting to feel confident, satisfied and comfortable.

The All-New Alto K10 has been conceptualized, designed and developed in India using Suzuki's Platform, Power train and Technology. Priced between Rs 3.99 lakh and Rs 5.83 lakh (ex showroom) there are 6 different variants of Alto K10 to choose from.

## Sharnarathi intellectual Forum condemns forcible conversion of Sikh girl in Pak

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To condemn recent forcible conversion of a Sikh girl and her forcible marriage in Pakistan, All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnarathi intellectual Forum held a meeting of its core committee members under leadership of its President Adv Amrik Singh, joined by Surjit Singh, General Secretary.

The members, in one voice, condemned the incident which is completely illegal. "Atrocities over minorities in Pakistan are increasing. This was not a single case as many other innocent non-Muslims girls were made target of atrocities," they added. The Forum urged External Affairs Minister to strongly take up this sensitive issue with Pakistan Govt and especially to International Court of law because it is a matter of grave concern for other non-Muslim communities residing in Pakistan.

The Forum also appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to personally intervene in the matter for welfare of minorities. The Forum elaborated that the foundation of the Pakistan was based on fundamentalism and radicalism and there is no any sign of secularism.

Others present in the meeting included Kuldeep Singh, Inder Singh Sudan, Sucha Singh, Paramjit Singh, Nasib Singh, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Paramjit Singh Shingari, H S Sudan, Manjit Singh, Avtar Singh, Prof K D Singh, Khazan Singh, Jagjit Singh, Sudesh Sharma and Mela Ram Bhagat.

## PIL regarding widening & completion of Circular Road Project DB directs Comm Secy PWD, Div Com Kashmir to file affidavits indicating progress of works

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation regarding widening and completion of the Circular Road Project from Dalgate to Hazratbal in Srinagar, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, directed the Commissioner Secretary to Government PWD (R&B), Department and the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir to file their personal affidavits clearly indicating the progress made in the completion of the project aforesaid.

When the PIL came-up for hearing, DB observed that it appears from the order sheet that previously the development work could not be completed on account of pendency

of two cases Iram Shehri & Others vs Waheeda Akhter & Others and another titled Mushtaq Ahmad Kachroo & Anr vs State of JK & Ors, and accordingly, directions were issued to the Principal District Judge to get the aforesaid suits decided expeditiously, but, we are informed that till date the suits have not been proceeded ahead and continues to remain pending.

DB while taking into consideration the status report filed by the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Department, Kashmir observed that though substantial steps have been taken for widening of the road from Dalgate to Zakura, Srinagar, but certain impediments are there, such as difficulty in the acquisition regarding certain structures. DB directed Collector Land Acquisition

was permitted to take prompt steps to ensure completion of the project. DB also directed Finance Department to examine the difficulties being faced in the acquisition process for want of adequate funds.

DB Commissioner/Secretary to PWD (R&B), Department and the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir to file their personal affidavits clearly indicating the progress made in the completion of the project aforesaid.

DB further directed Principal District Judge, Srinagar to submit his explanation why the above two cases have not yet been decided despite specific direction of this court vide order dated 23.12.2019 to ensure that the said cases are positively decided within a period of one year.

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS, KASHMIR

**Sub:- Appointment of candidates as Depot Assistant in Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department Kashmir under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants and Non-Migrants Kashmiri Pandits - operation of waiting list thereof.**

#### NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Administrative Department, FCS&CA Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu vide letter No. FCS&CA/Estt/69/2019 dated 15.10.2021 forwarded select list of candidates (received from Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Civil Secretariat, Jammu vide No. DMRRR-MR/154/2021 dated 14.10.2021 / J&K Service Selection Board vide No. SSB/Secy/Sel/2021/7046-53 dated 14.10.2021) for three hundred (300) posts of Depot Assistants carrying substantive pay level of Rs. 14800-47100 (SL-1) in Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, District Cadre Kashmir;

Whereas, mis office vide notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK/ Adm/B-X-25/EC3 dated 15.10.2021 informed all the concerned candidates to submit their verification rolls in triplicate in the offices of Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Kashmir / Jammu for verification of their character and antecedents which also got published in local dailies of Jammu and Kashmir viz The Daily Aftab Srinagar on 16.10.2021, Kashmir Images on 16.10.2021 and Daily Excelsior Jammu on 16.10.2021;

Whereas, after receipt of provisional /final security clearance from Criminal Investigation Department J&K, formal appointment orders in respect of said candidates stands issued;

Whereas, in view of non-joining of seventeen (17) appointed candidates vwithin the stipulated time period of twenty-one (21) days and non submission of verification rolls by thirty-seven (37) candidates in the offices of Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Kashmir / Jammu, this office vide notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 17.03.2022 notified names of fifty-two (52) candidates in the waiting list and directed / informed them to submit their verification rolls in triplicate in the offices of Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Kashmir / Jammu for verification of their character and antecedents within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice in leading newspapers of Jammu and Kashmir;

Whereas, among the fifty-two (52) notified candidates, only thirty-seven (37) candidates submitted their verification rolls within the stipulated time period, while as the rest of the fifteen (15) candidates failed to submit their verification rolls within the stipulated time period;

Whereas, the Notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/ PMP dated 17.03.2022 was given wide publicity through print and electronic media (departmental website);

Whereas, among the fifteen (15) candidates who failed to submit their verification rolls within the stipulated time period, two candidates namely Miss Gurpreet Kour D/O Santokh Singh and Mr. Amit Singh S/O Arjun Singh approached this office / Administrative Department FCS&CA Civil Secretariat J&K with the request that they were not aware / came to know about submission of verification rolls in view of non-publication of Notification No DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 17.03.2022 in local dailies of Jammu Division;

Whereas, Miss Gurpreet Kour approached the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar Bench through No. OA 573 of 2022 lilled Gurpreet Kour V/s Union Territory of J&K and the Hon'ble CAT vide decision dated 27.06.2022 among other things has directed to keep one post unfilled till final decision is taken on lthe representation of the applicant;

Whereas, the Notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/ PMP dated 17.03.2022 was forwarded to Director Information J&K through official e-mail on 17.03.2022;

Whereas, in view of the representations of Miss Gurpreet Kour & Mr. Amit Singh, this office vide letter No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 16.07.2022 askcd Joint Director Information Department Jammu to inlimate as to whether the Notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK7Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 17.03.2022 has been published in local dailies of Jammu or otherwise;

Whereas, the Joint Director Information Jammu vide letter No. INF/J-596/2022 dated 20.08.2022 intimated that the Notification No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 17.03.2022 has not been received by her office for publication in newspapers of Jammu Division, despite of the fact that the information / notification stands taken up with Director Information through official e-mail;

Now, therefore, in view of above, the Notification issued under endorsement No. DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP dated 17.03.2022 is hereby extended by seven (07) days. The concerned candidates who nave failed to submit their verification rolls earlier in response to the said notification are hereby directed / informed to submit their verification rolls in this Directorate within a period of seven (07) days from the date of publication of instant notification in leading newspapers of Jammu and Kashmir, failing which it will be presumed that they are not interested to join this department and further necessary action will folow with-out any further notification.

No.: - DFCS&CAK/Adm/B-X-25/PMP

Dated:- 26-08-2022

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Sd/-  
Director  
Food, Civil Supplies & CA Deptt.,  
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