

International Law and State Sovereignty at Risk: Charak Highlights Venezuela, Bangladesh, Pakistan Issues

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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : Sushil Singh Charak, Chief Functionary, Nations Development Association, Former Secretary, International Human Rights Organisation Jammu and Kashmir, India has expressed deep concern over long standing developments and current global situations affecting state sovereignty, human rights, and the credibility of international law.

Charak has underscored that, for decades, the international community has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including respect for state sovereignty, political independence, non intervention, peaceful settlement of disputes, and the protection of human rights. He emphasized that these principles are fundamental to the international legal order and binding on all member states, irrespective of their power or influence.

Sushil Singh Charak has noted that recent international media reports highlight the alleged capture of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife by U.S. military forces, followed by assertions of external administrative control and judicially mandated interim arrangements. According to AP News, Maduro was reportedly extracted and flown to the United States as part of a covert operation by U.S. forces. Venezuela's Maduro arrives in U.S. after stunning capture in U.S. operation (AP News) Charak pointed out that such actions raise serious questions regarding compliance with international commitments and legal norms, and stressed that international law requires governance, security, or transnational crime issues to be addressed through lawful, multilateral, and judicial mechanisms, not unilateral military interventions. The Guardian has also reported widespread international concern over the legality of the strikes and foreign intervention.

Charak has further observed that global responses appear to be selective and inconsistent. He highlighted that ongoing atrocities and communal violence against religious minorities in Bangladesh have been documented by multiple human rights groups and media outlets, particularly incidents affecting Hindu and other minority communities throughout 2025. 2025 Bangladesh anti Hindu violence (Wikipedia/compiled reports) Charak stated that these serious incidents have not received proportional international attention or coordinated pressure from global institutions charged with protecting universal human rights.

Charak has also referred to reports raising concerns about security challenges and extremist violence in Pakistan, urging that such issues similarly demand objective global scrutiny and commitment to consistent human rights standards. While some Indian parliamentary discussions have referenced cross border terrorism concerns related to Pakistan, the broader international response to extremist actions and minority protection has been uneven.

Sushil Singh Charak has emphasized that selective enforcement of international focus and action raises grave concerns about fairness, impartiality, and credibility in global governance. He added that powerful nations, particularly the United States, are often perceived as influencing international responses according to strategic interests rather than impartial justice - a perception that risks undermining the legitimacy of multilateral institutions and the rules based international order.

Charak has strongly stressed that these inconsistencies highlight the urgent need for the international community to uphold its legal and moral obligations without double standards or bias. He emphasized that national laws must operate in harmony with international law, and that sovereignty, democracy, and human rights must be respected without favoritism or selective intervention. Charak warned that long standing international commitments lose their meaning when applied unevenly, and that global stability and peace cannot be achieved through coercion or power driven strategies.

Charak reiterated that reaffirming commitment to the ideals of the United Nations is essential, and that domestic constitutional processes, international law, and genuine multilateral engagement must operate together. He added that sustainable peace, accountability, and stability can only be achieved when the rule of law prevails over the rule of force, and when international commitments are honored both in letter and in spirit.

BJP chalks organizational roadmap for inclusive growth in Akhnoor and Samba districts



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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : As part of its ongoing efforts to reinforce party organization at the grassroots level, the Jammu & Kashmir BJP convened an organizational review meeting of party functionaries from Akhnoor and Samba organizational districts.

The meeting was jointly addressed by J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma CA, BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, and Lok Sabha MP Jugal Kishore Sharma. Senior leaders, elected representatives, and prominent party office-bearers from both Akhnoor and Samba districts were present. The meeting was also attended by J&K BJP General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Baldev Singh Billawaria.

While addressing party leaders, Sat Sharma CA reiterated the BJP's unwavering resolve to promote balanced development, lasting peace, and economic progress in both urban and rural regions, guided by the transformative leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He urged the cadre to consolidate the party's organizational framework at the booth and mandal levels and ensure that the welfare initiatives and developmental milestones of the Modi government reach every family. He highlighted that active involvement of grassroots workers along with respected figures from local communities would further strengthen BJP's bond with the people.

Ashok Koul undertook a detailed assessment of party activities conducted in recent months and reviewed upcoming programmes in Akhnoor and Samba. He emphasized the importance of organizational discipline, effective coordination among party wings, and punctual implementation of assigned responsibilities. He also examined prevailing socio-political conditions in both districts and instructed leaders to formulate area-specific strategies to address local challenges.

Jugal Kishore Sharma affirmed that the BJP continues to take-up the issues related to infrastructure development, public security, education, employment opportunities, and overall regional growth. He called upon party leaders to intensify public engagement initiatives so that citizens' concerns are meaningfully reflected in governance, while also countering misinformation and the deceptive narratives propagated by opposition parties.

JKTA hold mega convention at Jammu

Teachers can play a pivotal role in shaping Society: JKTA outlined an agenda for the new year

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SRINAGAR, JAN. 04 : The Jammu Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA) organized a mega convention at Government College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu to deliberate upon the evolving role of teachers and the challenges confronting the teaching fraternity. The convention was held on the theme of the "role of teachers in grooming the complete development of students and addressing the academic, administrative, and infrastructural challenges faced by teachers in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir." The Association reiterated that education must go beyond classroom instruction and examinations and must consciously focus on character building, environmental awareness, management education, teacher education, and the promotion and preservation of indigenous languages like Dogri, Baderwahi, Padi, Rambani, Bhalesi, Pogali,



Sarazi, Khashali, Rudhari besides cross cultures of Jammu province. JKTA leaders stressed that these core concepts would enrich the learning experience of students and contribute significantly to their intellectual, moral, cultural, and social development throughout Jammu and Kashmir, while reinforcing the teacher's pivotal role in shaping society and nurturing responsible and enlightened citizens.

The convention witnessed participation from District Presidents of all districts of the Jammu Province along with provincial and executive body members of the Association

tricts, and relieving teachers from non-teaching and non-academic assignments so that they may focus fully on teaching and student development.

Alongside academic discourse, the Association strongly highlighted several genuine and long-pending service-related issues affecting teachers and urged the concerned authorities for their early and just resolution, including the timely conduct of DPC for promotion of teachers to the post of Masters, one-time exemption of post-facto, non conduct of the Brig course, issues relating to OPS, immediate release of the pending ATD lists for Jammu and Udhampur dis-

The Association asserted that resolution of these issues is essential for improving teacher morale, strengthening institutional efficiency, and ensuring quality education delivery. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Poonam Thakur, Provincial President Women Wing JKTA, while the welcome address was presented by Mr. Akhter Abbas Naik, Senior Vice President JKTA. The convention was addressed and

attended by senior leaders and representatives including

Akhter Abbas Naik, UT Senior Vice President; Juginder Dingra, UT Vice President; Ishaq Rashid, UT Secretary; Sadaket Malik, UT Media Spokesperson;

Tirath Singh Balwal, Provincial Vice President, UT Provincial President; Pawan Verma, Provincial President Female Wing; Farooq Runyal, District President Ramban; Sudesh Kumar, District President Udhampur; Madhu Samyal, District President Jammu; Dhruv Singh, District President Samba; Sunil Bhardwaj, District President Kathua; Sajad Malik, District President Reasi; Mohinder Singh, District President Kishtwar; Ishaq Khayal, District President Poonch; and Dr. Vidhu Bhushan, District President Rajouri. The seminar was held under the leadership of Mr. Bhupinder Singh, President JKTA (JK-UT), The con-

vention was attended by Dr Kashif of Lecturers Forum too. The speakers emphasized sustained academic dialogue and constructive engagement with authorities for meaningful educational reforms.

Bhupinder Singh UT President JKTA in his presidential address discussed its strategic priorities and outlined an agenda for the new year quality education, teacher welfare, preservation of indigenous languages, and holistic development of students, and resolved to continue its efforts through dialogue, awareness, and democratic means in the larger interest of society. He said that JKTA is a platform which strengthens both duties and rights of the teaching fraternity of all levels. He added that the most important role which the teachers have to play for its stakeholders i.e. Students.

The JKTA asked the government to look after the perennial and non-perennial issues of the teachers too upto March 2026.

BJP OBC Morcha Raises Demand for Issuance of OBC Certificates to Kumhar, Barber, teli and dhobi castes in Urban Areas

Felicitates Newly Constituted Kathua District Team

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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : The Bharatiya Janata Party OBC Morcha organised a significant organisational and public outreach programme at Sant Gora Ji Bhawan, Kathua, highlighting long-pending issues of the OBC communities while strengthening the party's organisational structure at the district level.

During the programme, the BJP OBC Morcha strongly raised the demand for the issuance of caste certificates to four OBC communities-Kumhar, Dhobi, Teli, and Barber-in urban areas as well.

Prominent leaders present on the occasion included Jatinder Bharti (State Vice President, OBC Morcha), Vijay Saini (State Vice President, OBC Morcha), Sunny Sangotra (State General Secretary, OBC Morcha), Vinod Choudhary (State Publicity Secretary, OBC Morcha), Bodhi Raj (State Spokesperson, OBC Morcha), Ramesh Mehra (State Executive Member), Vinod Kumar (District President, OBC Morcha), Rajinder Kumar (District General Secretary, OBC Morcha), along with Mandal Presidents Rahul



Dev, Balwan Singh, Suman Bala, Ravi Andota, and Mohan Mehra, besides a large number of party workers and community representatives.

The State leadership of the BJP OBC Morcha felicitated the newly announced District Kathua OBC Morcha team, congratulating them and expressing confidence that the new team would work with dedication to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and effectively raise issues concerning OBC welfare.

Leaders pointed out that members of these communities are presently being granted caste certificates only in rural areas, whereas eligible applicants residing in urban areas have been deprived of this constitutional right for the past several years due to administrative

neglect.

In his address, Jatinder Bharti emphasized that this discriminatory practice has caused serious hardships to the youth of these communities, depriving them of benefits related to education, employment, and welfare schemes. The Morcha demanded immediate corrective action from the administration to ensure equal treatment of OBC communities irrespective of rural or urban residence and called for a uniform, transparent policy for issuance of OBC welfare.

Addressing the gathering, senior leaders reiterated the BJP's commitment to social justice, inclusive development, and safeguarding the rights of backward communities. They assured that the BJP OBC Morcha would continue to raise people-cent-

ric issues at every appropriate platform until justice is delivered.

Braham Jyot Satti, State President, BJP OBC Morcha, congratulated the newly announced District Kathua OBC Morcha team and expressed full confidence in their ability to work tirelessly for the welfare of OBC communities. He said that the new team reflects the party's commitment to strengthening organisational structure at the grassroots level and assured them of full support and guidance from the State OBC Morcha.

Braham Jyot Satti strongly backed the demand raised by the OBC Morcha regarding issuance of caste certificates to Kumhar, Dhobi, Teli, and Barber communities in urban areas. He termed the denial of caste certificates in urban regions as unjust and discriminatory, stating that OBC citizens cannot be treated differently based on their place of residence. He assured that the BJP OBC Morcha would take up the matter with higher administrative authorities at the earliest and pursue it vigorously until a concrete resolution is achieved, ensuring justice and equal rights for all eligible OBC families.

SKUAST-Jammu Faculty Bag Top Awards, Commissioned as Flying Officers in NCC Air Wing



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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : Under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. N. Tripathi and the inspiring mentorship of the Dean Students' Welfare, Dr. Sudhakar Diwedi, two faculty members of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) have achieved a historic milestone, bringing immense pride to the University and the Union Territory.

Dr. Sabahat Gazal and Dr. Susheel Sharma, faculty members of SKUAST-Jammu, successfully completed the Pre-Commissioning Course for Senior Division (Air Wing) at Air Force Station Tambaram, Chennai, held from 27 October 2025 to 27 December 2025, and have been commissioned as Flying Officers (Associate NCC Officers, ANOs) in the NCC Air Wing.

Demonstrating exceptional academic brilliance, leadership qualities, and overall excellence throughout the rigorous training, Dr. Sabahat Gazal was adjudged "Best in Academics", while Dr. Susheel Sharma was awarded "Best in Overall Merit" among all officer cadets attending the course.

Their outstanding performance has brought laurels to SKUAST-Jammu as well as the 01 J&K Air Squadron NCC, Udhampur. Significantly, they constitute the first senior batch of Associate NCC Officers from Jammu and Kashmir to be commissioned in the NCC (Air Wing), marking a landmark achievement in the region's Air Wing NCC history.

The accomplishment reflects the University's continued commitment to excellence, leadership development, and nation-building through active participation in the National Cadet Corps.

Savitribai Phule Jayanti Celebrated at Nanak Nagar, Jammu Under the Banner of OBC Department J&K PCC

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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : At Nanak Nagar, Jammu, the birth anniversary of Mata Savitribai Phule, the great social reformer, pioneer of women's education, and a powerful voice against social injustice, was observed with dignity and deep commitment to her ideals. The programme was organized under the banner of the OBC Department, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) and was held under the chairmanship of Shri Madan Lal Chalotra, Chairman, OBC Department, J&K PCC. The event was coordinated by Shri Amit Mehra, State Coordinator, OBC Department, J&K PCC.

The programme was attended by Shri Prem Sagar, Joint Coordinator, OBC Department, J&K, Smt. Babli Madam, Chairperson, OBC Department, District Jammu, Ms. Kajal Mehra, General Secretary, OBC Department, District Jammu, along with Smt. Ritu Kaur, Smt. Sunita Devi, Jasbir Kaur, Saranjeet Kaur, and several other women activists, social workers, and local residents. Floral trib-



utes were paid to the portrait of Mata Savitribai Phule, marking the occasion with respect and reverence.

While addressing the gathering, speakers highlighted that Savitribai Phule was not merely the first woman teacher of India, but a revolutionary who challenged the deeply rooted social evils of her time. At a time when women and marginalized communities were denied access to education, she courageously opened the doors of learning and equality. Her life was dedicated to fighting caste discrimination, gender inequality, and social oppression through education and awareness.

The women participants expressed a strong resolve to carry forward the legacy of Savitribai Phule by promoting education, social justice, equality, and empowerment at the grassroots level. The programme concluded with a shared commitment to build a society based on equality, inclusion, and justice, reflecting the enduring relevance of Savitribai Phule's vision in today's times.

Super Model Club Events unveils Grand Calendar 2026 Yudhvir emphasized the importance of promoting Dogra culture through modern platforms

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JAMMU, JAN. 04 : Super Model Club Events on Sunday announced the grand launch of its much-anticipated Calendar 2026, celebrating culture, creativity, fashion, and the rich heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, with a special focus on promoting Dogra identity.

The launch ceremony emerged as a vibrant platform showcasing regional pride and artistic excellence, reinforcing the growing role of creative initiatives in preserving local traditions.

The event was graced by prominent Guests of Honour including Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East; Priya Sethi, Former minister & Vice President BJP Jammu & Kashmir; Anu Bali, former Councillor; Vikas Gupta, Director Tourism; and Vanita Thakur, Chairperson NIFD.

Their presence added dignity to the occasion and highlighted institutional support for cultural and fashion-based initiatives rooted in regional ethos.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the importance of promoting Dogra culture through modern platforms.

Priya Sethi stated that initiatives like Calendar 2026 play a crucial role in preserving traditional Dogra attire, art, and values while presenting them in a contemporary and appealing format for the younger generation.

"Dogra culture is our identity, and such creative efforts help carry our heritage forward with pride. Fashion, when blended with tradition, becomes a powerful medium of cultural expression," she said, while lauding Super Model Club Events for consistently highlighting local talent and traditions.

Priya Sethi also congratulated Bhanu Pratap Singh, Managing Director of Super Model Club Events, and his team for their dedication, professionalism, and contribution to the project.

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