

## DPAP to hold protest rally against price hike, reduction of ration, imposition of property tax

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Wednesday held a meeting at its Srinagar headquarters wherein price rise, stopping of free ration distribution to poor, reduction of monthly ration quota to consumers and imposition of property tax were discussed.

The meeting was chaired by DPAP Deputy Chairman G.M. Saroori.

During the meeting, it was observed that people are suffering due to price hikes in essential commodities.

The meeting observed that the stoppage of free ration to the poor would lead to starvation of people while the reduction in monthly quota of ration to consumers in rice-consumed J&K is unacceptable.

The meeting further observed that on one hand authorities have failed to control the prices of essential commodities while on the other hand the government is hiking the prices of gas refills and electricity.

It was also observed that

imposition of property tax in J&K is unacceptable given the fact people in the past few years have suffered losses due to COVID-19 lockdown.

It was unanimously concluded that DPAP will hold a protest rally on Thursday (June 8) to protest against all these matters.

The DPAP protest rally would commence from DPAP Sonwar headquarters and would culminate at the Divisional Commissioner's office.

Among others who participated in the meeting include Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Provisional President Muhammad Amin Bhat, Deputy Provisional President Muhammad Altaf Dar, General Secretary Khalid Tufail, Zonal President Peer Bilal, General Secretary Saifuddin Shabnum, District President Srinagar Aamir Sultan, District President Budgam, Ghulam Nabi Parwana, District President Baramulla Shuib Lone, District President Shopian Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday.

## ABVP holds protest against disengagement of academic arrangement facility



**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) GGM Science College Jammu held protest against the Higher Education Department for the Disengagement of Academic Arrangement Faculty. ABVP lambasts the Higher Education Department as they have made mockery of the existing miseries of the students. As per the contract, the tenure of the appointed Academic Arrangement Teachers has been expired w.e.f. 31st May, 2023. Due to this, students are facing vital problems as their syllabus is not yet completed.

It is pertinent to mention that the session is already going late as per the schedule set by the Cluster University of Jammu and further disengagement of Academic Arrangement Teachers by Higher Education Department has created total chaos owing to shortage of teachers. In order to tackle

this issue, ABVP demands immediate extension of the Tenure of Academic Arrangement Teachers without any further delay so that the syllabus of students may be completed who are already late.

ABVP always Demands for permanent appointment of faculty soon but till then the system of contractual must be followed as the students are suffering Further ABVP questions the intentions of Department of Higher Education about their approach as why Academic Arrangement Teachers are disengaged when they knew that there is huge shortage of permanent Professors in Colleges and this session has been already delayed?. While talking to media person, AVBP GGM Science College President Harish Sharma and Secretary Varun Manhas told media that ABVP will always stand with students when ever they need any help regarding any issue related to them.

## NSUI announces new tear for JU team



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**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** NSUI state president Ajay Lakhotra announced the NSUI Jammu University team with the approval of National General Secretary Ankush Bhatnagar, the incharge of Jammu & Kashmir. The team includes Jatin Dogra as President, NSUI JU Unit. Following, Salik Ali Shah, Sharuv Sharma, and Khushi Chib as the unit's Vice Presidents, Salma Sarwar Khan, Sakshi Hansa, and Prabhdeep Singh as General Secretaries, Rashid Malik and Kiranjyot Kour as Secretaries, Mobeen Talib and Aditya Sharma as Joint Secretaries, Sneha Kundal as Spokesperson, and Tazeem Farooq or Tehmura Mirza as Social Media Incharge or Co-Incharge.

While addressing media media State President Ajay Lakhotra congratulates the new office bearers of NSUI and also gave appointment letters to the students. The State President also said that students should keep NSUI strong and that NSUI will

start a large-scale membership drive in the coming days at the university, so everyone should support it and become a part of the NSUI family to raise the voice of students.

While speaking to media newly appointed University President JATIN DOGRA firstly thanked the National President Neeraj Kundan ji, Senior Leader Vikas Badoria, and State President Ajay ji. He told students that he will always follow the path of public service.

He also told the students that NSUI JU will always stand with them, whether they are our sisters or brothers, and NSUI will always support them. Every day, many students face difficulties in university, and as the President of the largest student organization, he requests all students to become a part of the NSUI family and lead the nation along with the students. Jatin Dogra also said that he and his team are there for everyone, and if anyone ever faces any issues, he will always be there to help them.

**Paytm Foundation distributes laptops in govt schools for girls in Jammu; aims to empower students with digital tools and resources**

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** One97 Communications Limited (OCL) that owns the brand Paytm, India's leading payments and financial services company and the pioneer of QR and mobile payments, announced that its CSR arm, Paytm Foundation has donated 100 laptops to girls' government schools under the Directorate of School

## BJP remembers former MLA Rajesh Gupta on 1st death anniversary



**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** On first Death anniversary of former MLA Rajesh Gupta, Jammu and Kashmir BJP organized a program at party headquarters, wherein, BJP leaders remembered this leader, paid tributes and spoke on his socio-political career.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina said that Rajesh Gupta was a dedicated worker of the party, RSS activist, who served in various capacities in Jammu District before being elected MLA from East constituency. His role as Chief Whip was extraordinary. He was always at the back and call of the needy people.

BJP Ex President and Ex MLA Ashok Khajuria, described Rajesh Gupta as a leader of masses for whom serving the society was a mission. Rajesh Gupta had earned the distinction of being one of the most popular political leaders of

Jammu. General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul said that Rajesh Gupta was a good manager of political activities and had developed very cordial relations with every community of Jammu East constituency as he paid equal attention to one and all in matters of development. He specifically said that he was elected District President for 3 consecutive terms due to his popularity. General Secretary Vibodh Gupta said that Rajesh Gupta suffered major losses economically as his business was hit due to devoting less time to run the business smoothly.

General Secretary Dr. Devender Kumar Manyal shared experience of his working with Rajesh Gupta, while he was chief whip and said that every MLA of BJP was given equal opportunity to raise people's voice in the Assembly. Priya Sethi said that he was a very dedicated activist of the party and

remembered him for his great organizing skills as former Councillor and former Chief Whip. She said that his loss has caused a vacuum.

Former MLC Vikram Randhawa, district President Parmod Kapahi, Dy. Mayor Baldev Billawaria, social leader Ajay Bharti, former Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma, District Seh-Prabhari Vinay Gupta, president Ware House Association Deepak Gupta also spoke on the occasion remembering the deeds of former MLA.

Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, Secretary Arvind Gupta, Former MLAs Ashwani Sharma & Kuldeep Raj, Subhash Gupta, Arun Parbhat Singh, Ayodhya Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prem Gupta, Sunil Prajapati, Parveen Arora, Sangeeta Anand, Neeraj Anand, Rajesh Gupta, Kuldeep Kandhari, Atul Bakshi, Keshav Chopra, Parveen Keri, Somnath Khajuria, Karan Singh, Ishant Mahajan, Rakesh Khanna, Vidya Devi, Anil Dutta, Manav Mahajan, Jeet Angral, Neha Mahajan, Reema Padma, Anuradha Sharma, Prema Nanda, Anil Jandyal, Vikram Bhasin, Surinder Anand, Subhash Anand, Balkrishan, and other senior BJP leaders also paid tributes to the noble soul on the occasion.

## BJP Kashmir Displaced holds beneficiary Sammelan at Jagti

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**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** Bharatiya Janata Party Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) organized a Beneficiary Sammelan under the leadership of its President Chand Ji Bhat, in Tika Lal Taploo Mandal, Jagti.

The programme was organized in conjunction with various events and programmes under Jan Maha Sampark Abhiyaan of BJP at PAN India level. Munish Sharma, senior BJP leader & Prabhari District Kathua, Girdhari Lal Raina, former MLC, J&K BJP Spokesperson & Prabhari KDD, Hira Lal Bhat (Seh-Prabhari KDD) were the prominent leaders on the occasion, while Pt. Tota Ram Terali, a veteran party worker of Jana Sangha times, presided over the function.

Programme began with the recitation of the National Song, "Vande Matram" followed by a song hailing 9 years of Modi government, sung by Smt Shama, KDD Mahila Morcha activist.

A large number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefits of various welfare schemes of Modi government like Ayushman Bharat health insurance, Jan Aushadhalaya, PM Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana



**Photo by Surinder**

Yojana (PMVVY) & other schemes were honored by Munish Sharma and other BJP leaders.

Girdhari Lal Raina brought the historical perspective of ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Hindus in Kashmir into the focus and said that the population of Hindus in Kashmir in 1931 was 15%, which was reduced to 8% in 1947. Thereafter the ill conceived and anti Hindu policies adopted by the Congress, NC, and their likes resulted in complete ethnic cleansing of Hindus in Kashmir and now there is less than 1% Hindu population in Kashmir. However, under the Modi government, historical decisions of scrapping of Article 370 & 35A were taken and now a ray of hope has awakened that Kashmiri Hindus will again retrieve back their homes, hearths, temples & shrines in Kashmir.

Munish Sharma thoroughly discussed the public welfare policies of Modi government starting from Jan Dhan accounts, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Aushman Bharat scheme, Jan Aushadhalaya, Ujjwala gas Yojna, Beti bachao, beti padhao, Surakshit Matritu, Matri Vandana scheme, Kissan Nidhi, Start-ups, Sukanya yojna, hike in old age & destitute pension and other welfare schemes. He said that the matter of some welfare schemes, which are not being implemented in favour of the displaced community, shall be taken up with the authorities.

Chand Jee Bhat, in his speech, described the welfare initiatives taken by Modi government to ameliorate sufferings of Kashmiri displaced community and reminded the tortures, trauma and atrocities inflicted on the Kashmiri displaced Hindu community during the rule of Congress & other parties before 2014.

## Manjit condemns authorities for failure to implement water supply schemes in Kandi belt

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has condemned the lackadaisical attitude of the administration in providing basic facilities to the people in Kandi villages of district Samba.

The Former Minister was addressing a meeting at village Nagrota falling in Block Parmandal in Samba District where people informed him about the difficulties faced by them due to improper drinking water and unscheduled electricity cuts.

The meeting was also attended by Apni Party District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, District Youth President Samba, Mangat Ram, and others.

In his address, Manjit Singh said that the civil administration gets funds in crores from the Central Govt to supply drinking water in



every house across Jammu and Kashmir.

"I am amazed at the inability of the authorities to ensure clean drinking tap water to the people. The people in many Kandi areas suffer because of no water supply. Even if the taps are laid, the supply of drinking water is improper and irregular," he said.

He further stated that the huge population in Kandi belt suffers because of poor planning and implementation of water supply schemes in many areas including

Parmandal block.

"The unscheduled power cuts during the soaring temperature has also affected normal life as well as affected the supply of drinking water," he said.

He demanded that the water supply schemes should be implemented on the ground to benefit the Kandi area as well.

"The pick and choose policy should not be adopted by the authorities," he added.

He also referred to developmental issues and poor road connectivity.

## Cong leader alleges anti-poor, anti-farmer policies of BJP

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** Gurmeet Singh Distt. General Secretary senior Leader Congress & President Beopar Mandal appealed to the people of J&K to reject the pro rich and anti Youth, Anti farmers, Anti corona warriors health workers and Anti poor of BJP for peace and prosperity in the region. Addressing largely attended meeting of Block, Ward and Mohalla President Congress Committee said the enthusiasm amongst people reflects the anti BJP mood of the people who are fed up with the hollow slogan and lack of development in the areas.

Gurmeet Singh cornered BJP government over various issues. He slammed the BJP government for using public money for polishing their own image through massive advertisement. The fact is that the BJP government has failed to deliver to the people on all fronts and would be wiped out of J&K whenever assembly elections take place here. He said BJP had assured to protect the land and jobs of the local Youth but has betrayed the huge mandate and opened up sale of land and jobs to outsiders while in neighbouring Himachal Pradesh, no outsiders can purchase land. He said Congress will create awareness among the general public about the failures of the government and the drawbacks of not having the



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status of being a state. He said that Jammu has witnessed huge setbacks due to the revocation of statehood by the BJP Government including the seizing of jobs, land, and the suppression of political and civil rights. The economy has also suffered immensely due to the government's irrational policies and decisions. Therefore it is high time that the Centre keeps its promise of giving back statehood so that people can exercise their political rights by choosing a democratic government. The Centre should accept the demand for restoration of statehood to J-K in the interest of the Constitution and democracy, he stated.

Launching a scathing attack on the government, Gurmeet Singh further added that without a dedicated government elected by the people Jammu and its people are being neglected and overlooked. From national issues like skyrocketing fuel and food prices and the pandemic that went out of control, to regional issues specific to Jammu including economic exploitation in the name of toll plazas, taxes and ending of Darbar move, the people have had to deal with a lot. There is zero focus on development, the Infrastructure is dying out, and people are being denied basic civic amenities like power and water.

So, there is an urgent need for decentralisation of power so that a leadership that is more privy to the issues of the region can address them

and resolve them. He added that the Congress party will keep fighting for statehood and for the best interests of people of J&K until it is done.

Gurmeet Singh further observed that the so-called Naya Kashmir of BJP, besides being low on the democratic mooring is also opposite to the original idea of Naya Kashmir. The downpour of fresh investments, job extravaganzas, and infrastructure amplification is nowhere visible on the ground. Far from delivering on much-touted development promises, the people of J&K are continuously being denied their rights, having a popular government in place is one of them, he added. The ruling BJP's record in J&K reveals a mounting set of failures on every front ranging from employment generation, investment, infrastructure augmentation. The situation of artisans, hoteliers, marginal traders, and agriculturalists is also very disappointing; the entire lot is at the brink of starvation, he said.

The Following Prominent members were presents President Ward No. 3, Hardavinder Singh, Manohar Joshi, Subash Arora, Javed Iqbal, Suman Gupta, Ranjit Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Jyoti Devi, Asha Kumari, Pooja Devi, Asha Rani, Roshni Devilmran Jaan, Sahil Mahajan, Vijay Sharma, Sandeep Arora, Yash Sharma, Amarpreet Singh, Apu Singh, and beside others.

## Delegation of JKGEJAF calls on MD Housing

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 07:** A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Government Employees Joint Action Forum led by senior leaders Subhash Verma, Sushil Sudan and Suresh Sharma met worthy MD Housing Shabir Ahmad Keen, JKAS in his office chamber and held detailed discussion on demands of employees /Govt Service Assistants.

The leaders brought to the notice of MD various issues viz gratuity act and it's payment to all, pension benefits, rational transfer policy, holding of DPC. The MD gave patient hearing and assured that all welfare measures are being taken by him, including strengthening of assets of board by taking up of Dream Shopping, multistorey buildings and parking at very high magnitude at available board land at Golmarket Gandhi Nagar.

He said the board infrastructure is being widened not only to meet social obligations but to generate good revenue to make it sustainable and meet further welfare measures of the employees.

He also informed the delegation that the govt has decided to construct employees residential colony both at Jammu and Kashmir very shortly. The leaders thanked MD for the patient hearing and appreciated LG administration for appointing an honest, dynamic and dedicated officer as board MD this will go in a long way in improving the safeguarding govt property. Others who attended.

The delegation are Rajesh Jamwal, Suraj Parkash Sapolia, Ram Lubaya, Vijant Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar.

## BJP's Media Meet in Baramulla showcases remarkable achievements under PM Modi's Leadership

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**BARAMULLA, JUNE 07:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a media meet in Baramulla, spearheaded by social media Prabhari & BJP Spokesperson Abhijeet Jasrotia.

The objective of organizing this media meet was to highlight the splendid work of the Narendra Modi government during the past 9 months and reach the masses through different modes of communication.

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, and Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board, along with former MLC Surinder Ambardar, District President Baramulla GM Sofi and spokesperson GM Mir with other party leaders.

With over 70 media professionals from Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora and Budgam actively participating, the media meet provided a platform to address challenges and grievances.

During the meet, Media persons passionately expressed their demands, including the establishment of a press club in North Kashmir, implementation of a comprehensive Media Policy, and insurance coverage for media personnel. In a testament to their commitment, MP Ghulam Ali Khatana atten-

tively acknowledged each grievance and assured prompt redressal, resonating with the aspirations of the local communities.

Khatana, while interacting, highlighted the important achievements of Narendra Modi government that have led to the improvement of socio-economic status of the needy. He talked of improved connectivity of Kashmir with the rest of India, specifically praising the widening of National Highways linking Kashmir to Jammu and Ladakh. He emphasized the ongoing construction of fully advanced and state-of-the-art tunnels along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway and the Srinagar-Ladakh National Highway. These tunnels will not only reduce travel time but also ensure all-weather road connectivity.

Khatana expressed confidence that Ladakh, once the Zojila tunnel is completed, will no longer face months of isolation during harsh winters and hailed Modi government for gifting "All Weather Connectivity" to the region.

Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his remarkable efforts towards inclusive development under the banner of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas." She highlighted the achievements in fields of road, rail and air connectivity, healthcare infrastructure,

education, socio-economic upliftment of women and welfare of the poor and down-trodden.

Andrabi also presented remarkable reformations in bringing transparency and accountability in the management of Waqf Board. She expressed hope that the Board will prove to be of great help to the people.

Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, in his address, underscored the remarkable achievements of the BJP under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted significant strides made in the medical, administration, and technical education sectors, exemplified by the establishment of prestigious institutions like AIIMS, IIT, and IIM. Jasrotia also emphasized the successful fall in terrorism and stone-pelting incidents in Kashmir, crediting the persistent efforts of the government.

Jasrotia further commended the Union Government for selecting Srinagar as the venue for the prestigious G20 event, displaying the city's potential and highlighting the government's commitment to transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a vibrant hub of global engagement. He also lauded the substantial improvements in the government service sector, emphasizing the culture of accountability instilled in government offices.