

BJP protests against compulsory Urdu for Naib Tehsildar Posts, terms it a continuation of Omar Abdullah's biased legacy



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JAMMU, JUNE 30 : Senior leaders and party cadre of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, held a strong protest demonstration at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chowk (Panama Chowk), Jammu, expressing deep resentment over the recent decision to make Urdu language compulsory for the newly advertised Naib Tehsildar posts. The protest saw widespread participation from six organizational districts of BJP, namely Jammu, Jammu South, Jammu North, Jammu Border, Akhnour, and Kashmir Displaced.

The BJP charged the government with regional and linguistic discrimination, warning that such moves were reminiscent of the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference (NC) government's biased and Kashmir-centric policies, which persistently ignored the interests of Jammu and its youth.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, DDC Chairperson Bharat Bhushan, and BJP Secretary

during its earlier tenures. We will not allow the repetition of that injustice." He stated that there are other regional languages too, and questioned their unconditional love for just one language.

Bharat Bhushan asserted that the government must immediately reconsider this decision. It is unacceptable that the majority of youth of Jammu & Kashmir is being forcibly deprived of the government job due to the Urdu language. This is direct discrimination with youth.

Arvind Gupta added, "This is a violation of the principles of equity and meritocracy. Recruitment should be based on competence, not language-based exclusion. The BJP stands with the youth of Jammu and will not tolerate such targeted discrimination."

Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat said that the language condition is unfair and unconstitutional. The majority of youth are being deliberately kept out of the competition through such conditions. We demand an immediate rollback.

Ch. Vikram Randhawa warned the administration, saying, "The J&K government is playing with fire by ignoring the sentiments of Jammu's youth."

We will not sit quiet if this policy is not scrapped. Our fight will intensify across every district."

Following the protest, BJP leaders submitted a detailed memorandum to the Divisional Commissioner, demanding immediate withdrawal of the Urdu language criterion for Naib Tehsildar posts, ensuring equitable job opportunities, and respecting the linguistic diversity of the Union Territory.

The protest was coordinated by Adv. Rajesh Gupta.

& MLA Arvind Gupta, MLAs Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Surinder Bhagat, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, and Mohan Lal Bhagat, DDC Vice-Chairperson Suraj Singh, DDC Suresh Sharma, Dharminder Kumar, former Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma, Secretary Venu Khanna, Anju Dogra, Ayodhya Gupta, Prabhat Singh Jamwal, Rakesh Mahajan, Adv. Purnima Sharma, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Prabhat, Ved Sharma, Prem Gupta, Bawa Sharma, District Presidents, Nand Kishore, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Rinku Choudhary, Kuldeep Sharma, Rajeev Pandita and other senior leaders and party cadre participated in the strong protest organized.

Kavinder Gupta denounced the move, stating, "This is a calculated attempt to deprive the youth of Jammu of equal opportunity. Making Urdu mandatory reflects the same divisive policies which Omar Abdullah's government propagated

AESL Felicitates NEET UG 2025 Toppers from Jammu at Champions of Aakash Event, Symbolizing the 'Problem Solver' Spirit

Gives Cash Prizes to Meritorious Students for outstanding results

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JAMMU, JUNE 30 :

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, has once again exhibited its academic excellence by empowering students to rise above challenges and emerge as true problem solvers. Despite the increased difficulty level and changes in the NEET UG 2025 examination pattern and format, AESL students across the country showcased yet again stellar performances, guided by the institute's focused problem-solving approach.

Aakashians have bagged 5 ranks in Top 10 of NEET UG 2025 namely AIR 2, 3, 5, 9 and 10. There are 35 rankers from Aakash in Top 100 and 11 Aakashians have become State Toppers in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Daman and Diu.

Says Mr Deepak Mehrotra, MD and CEO of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), "At Aakash, we teach our problem solvers how to adapt to new situations. That's why we have so many rankers this year too. NEET 2025 format was not just different, it was



tough too. But be it new formats or new challenges, Aakashians have proven yet again, that when you learn the skill of problem solving you can ace any test."

13 Aakashians from Jammu became top scorers including Hariyansh Rai Sudan (AIR 930) has emerged as the Jammu region topper in NEET UG 2025. Other outstanding achievers are Rahul Singh (AIR 1542), Riddhiman Sharma (AIR 2103), Arnav Baghotia (AIR 2934), and Arnav Jandial (AIR 3990) have secured top All India Ranks amongst others in NEET UG 2025.

In JEE Advanced 2025, from the North Region, Angad Singh (AIR 3070), Kanwar Harshvardhan Singh Rana (AIR7479), Yatharth Kanethia (AIR 8744) have secured top All India Ranks.

All the students were today felicitated and honoured by AESL at the Champions of Aakash event organized here for

their outstanding result and for representing the spirit of a true problem solver, someone who stayed focused and overcame every hurdle with preparation and clarity. Their achievement not only brings pride to their city and state but also stands as an affirmation to the impact of right strategy, mentorship and perseverance.

Addressing the event, Dr. Surender Chauhan, Regional Director, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), said, "Our student's success is a moment of immense pride for all of us at AESL. At Aakash, we believe in enabling every student to become a problem solver, someone who remains calm, focused, and solution-oriented even in the face of new challenges, such as this year's exam changes. Our consistent results year after year reflect our strong academic foundation, personalized mentorship, and our com-

mitment to shaping future-ready learners. We congratulate all the students and our achievers who have made us proud."

The toppers shared valuable insights on how students can prepare for exams like NEET in a better way. They also shared tips on time and stress management.

Students got a first-hand opportunity to listen and get inspired by the impeccable academic track record of Hariyansh Rai Sudan, Rahul Singh, Riddhiman Sharma, Arnav Baghotia and Arnav Jandial; How to manage time effectively; How to overcome challenges faced during preparation journey; Ways to keep up the motivation levels and

Ways in which Aakash can help students achieve their career goals. The interactive session answered the queries of students and parents and helped students in clarifying their doubts. NEET is conducted annually by National Testing Agency as a qualifying test for students who wish to pursue undergraduate medical (MBBS), dental (BDS) and AYUSH (BAMS, BUMS, BHMS, etc.) courses in government and private institutions in India and also, for those intending to pursue primary medical qualification abroad.

Indian Army Organised A Lecture On 'Achi Sehat Ke Gharelu Nuske' To Promote Good Health Practices at Rajouri

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JAMMU, JUNE 30 : In alignment with the Indian Army's core objective of maintaining cordial relations with local citizens and fostering community welfare, the Indian Army organised an informative and interactive lecture titled 'Achi Sehat Ke Gharelu Nuske' in the remote areas of Pattian, Chharung, Chamrer, and surrounding villages. The primary focus of the event was to spread awareness among the local populace, especially the younger generation, regarding age-old home remedies for maintaining good health and well-being. The lecture placed special emphasis on the importance of physical fitness as an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Attended by 83 locals, the session served as an educational platform to promote best practices for boosting both physical and mental well-being. The initiative also included interactive sessions where Indian Army representatives engaged directly with youth and community members, explaining natural ways to remain healthy using locally available resources. Refreshments were served to all attendees, making the gathering both informative and hospitable. This outreach was widely appreciated by the Awam, highlighting the Indian Army's compassionate approach and deep-rooted commitment towards the welfare of people residing in remote and difficult-to-access regions. It further reinforced the trust and emotional bond between the Indian Army and Awam, bridging the gap where civil administration faces limitations.

Suryaputri Tawi Aarti to Commence from July 1



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JAMMU, JUNE 30 : Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, today announced that the much-awaited Suryaputri Tawi Aarti will commence from July 1, 2025, and will be held daily at 7:00 PM on the banks of River Tawi. The announcement was made during a press conference jointly addressed with Director, Information and Public Relations, Mr. Nitish Rajora.

The spiritual event, being organized collaboratively by Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu Smart City Limited, Department of Tourism, Shri Raghunathji Corridor Development Council, and the Department of Information and Public Relations, aims to revive and

showcase the cultural and spiritual heritage of Jammu.

Dr. Yadav informed that the inaugural Aarti on July 1 will be graced by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, as the Chief Guest.

The Commissioner said that special arrangements have been put in place to facilitate the participation of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims staying at Bhagwati Nagar.

He informed that dedicated bus services will be operational to transport the pilgrims to the Aarti site, offering them a chance to connect with the spiritual essence and historical significance of the Tawi River.

Regarding ongoing Yatra preparations, the Commissioner said that

JMC, in coordination with District Administration, has mobilized teams to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage, covering sanitation, water supply, public conveniences, and street lighting. Additionally, a dedicated helpline is being launched in partnership with the Directorate of Information and Public Relations to assist pilgrims and the general public.

As part of the Clean Jammu, Green Jammu campaign, pilgrims halting in Jammu will be encouraged to take part in plantation drives, contributing to environmental sustainability. "We want every pilgrim to take back not just blessings, but also a green memory of Jammu," Dr. Yadav remarked.

Dr. Yadav also appealed to local citizens to actively participate in the Tawi Aarti and make it a people-led cultural movement that elevates Jammu's standing on the national spiritual tourism map.

Among others, Joint Commissioner (Revenue & Enforcement), Ms. Subah Mehta, along with other senior officers of JMC were present during the press Conference.

JKHCBAJ unveils Portrait of Maharaja Hari Singh ji, inaugurated upgraded bar hall for lawyers

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JAMMU, JUNE 30 : In an impressive function held at High Court Complex, Jammu, office bearers of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu inaugurated and dedicated upgraded Justice Vinod Kumar Gupta Memorial Bar Hall to lawyers.

A portrait of Maharaja Shri Hari Singh ji Bahadur was also installed in the Bar hall, which was also unveiled by K. Nirmal Kotwal, President of JKHCBAJ alongwith Vice President Baldev Singh, General Secretary Pardeep Majotra, Joint Secretary Anshu Mahajan and Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal.

The event was attended by battery of lawyers, including the seniors and young members of the bar.

Speaking on the occasion, Adv. BS Manhas, Adv. AK Sawhney, Sr. Adv. Aslam Goni, Sr. Adv. UK Jalali, Sr. Adv. DC Raina, Adv. VB Gupta, Sr. Adv. Sunil Sethi and Sr. Adv. KS Johal emphasised on the role of Maharaja ji in establishment of court and his commitment to justice. Maharaja Hari Singh ji was the founder of High Court of Judicature for Jammu & Kashmir, which was established on 26th of March, 1928.



All the advocates collectively appreciated the team of bar association for tirelessly working for the betterment and upliftment of legal fraternity.

Speaking on the occasion, President K. Nirmal Kotwal ensured his commitment to work for legal fraternity. He said that Maharaja was a man of vision, principle, and was committed to justice. He once famously declared, 'Justice is my religion', and indeed he meant it. Under his rule, the judicial system of Jammu and Kashmir saw significant

reforms. He worked to modernize the legal structure, ensuring that it was more accessible, fair, and efficient. He emphasized meritocracy in the bureaucracy and judiciary, striving to remove nepotism and favoritism from state institutions. The Maharaja also initiated efforts to codify laws, bring consistency to judicial processes, and reduce the arbitrary powers of feudal lords. Office bearers of the association thanked the members of the bar for their presence and ensured to keep working for them.

JKTF Submits 17-Point Memorandum to DSEJ, Seeks Swift Resolution of Teachers' Grievances



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JAMMU, JUNE 30 :

A high level delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum, affiliated with the All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF) led by State President Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh, met Dr. Naseem Javed Chowdhary, Director School Education Jammu and submitted a comprehensive 17-point memorandum highlighting long-pending and systemic concerns of the teaching fraternity. The key demands included the expeditious issuance of pending DPCs, a transparent and structured Annual Transfer Drive (ATD), confirmation of Incharge officers, rational deployment of teaching staff, and resumption of

mutual transfers for ReT teachers. Other significant issues raised were the regularization of left-out ReTs and contingent workers, timely promotions, release of retirement dues and GP Fund bills, creation of Head Teacher/Master posts in Middle and Upper Primary Schools, enhancement of honorariums for AAYAs and Cook-Cum-Helpers, and implementation of an e-filing grievance redressal system.

Dr. Chowdhary responded positively, acknowledging the legitimacy of the issues and assuring timely action.

Speaking to the media, JKTF President Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh expressed hope and admiration: "We are confident that under the unparalleled

leadership of Dr. Naseem Javed Chowdhary, the Directorate will take prompt and pragmatic steps to address the genuine concerns of teachers. His visionary approach has rekindled optimism within the teaching community."

The delegation also called on Gurdev Kumar Saraji, newly appointed Joint Director School Education Jammu, to extend congratulations and advocate for sustained administrative focus on teacher-related matters.

Key members of the delegation included Mehmood ul Rayaz Bhat UT Vice President, Jalil Ahmed Sheikh UT Press Secretary, Lokesh Sharma Chief Convenor, Sardar Ranjeet Singh UT Addl. Spokesperson, along with district presidents Gulshan Sharma Rajouri, Bhupinder Singh Kathua, Imtiyaz ul haq Kishwar, Mohd Amin Doda, Rail Singh Reasi, Ali Akbar Jammu, Narinder Singh, Mohd Javid iqbal Sheikh, Zafarullah and other senior leaders.

Dimple holds protest, demands ban on sale of liquor

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JAMMU, JUNE 30 :

Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood leads a strong protest on Janipur High Court Road against the rising drug peddlers, druggists, chita sale and against the Jammu Kashmir to ban the sale of liquor in the Jammu city of temples.

Addressing the protestors, Sunil Dimple alleged BJP 28 MLAs are not raising any voice to ban the sale liquor in Jammu city of temples, the druggists and drug peddlers number is increasing every day and increasing drugs peddlers, are openly selling drugs in Jammu city with hands in gloves with govt authorities police administration. He alleged the Jammu Kashmir Govt Excise Department has opened three hundred 300 wine shops.

This has increased the druggists, drinkers liquor consumption numbers and our youth is going towards drugs and liquor addiction. He also demanded LG

Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar, provide free 200 units electricity, 12 LPG cylinders, double ration to all Jammu Kashmir population.

Dimple threatened to intensify the agitation if the government, police takes no actions against the druggists, drug peddlers and to ban the sale of liquor in Jammu Kashmir.

We will start Jammu Kashmir wide agitation. He demanded the restoration of J&K state. He criticized Home Minister Amit Shah non commitment on the timeline to restore J&K state. He demanded CM Omar call an assembly session and debate in assembly on the reasons for delay in the restoration of the J&K state and articles 370, 35-A. Why delay in the restoration of J&K state?

The other leaders are Mohinder Lichi, Sudesh Kumar, Tarsem Lal, Billo, Shaheen Sidu, S. Happy Singh, Akbar Khan, Shafi Khan Nazier Ahmad many others.

Bimla stresses women's active participation in upcoming Panchayat & Local Bodies Polls

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JAMMU, JUNE 30 :

Mrs Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women Wing underscored the crucial role of women in the upcoming Panchayat and Local Bodies elections in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing their active participation in governance and decision-making.

She was addressing a well-attended meeting in Vijaypur Assembly constituency, District Samba where she highlighted the need for greater political representation of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

After listening to the various public grievances patiently i.e. Widow Pension, Old age Pension. Mrs Bimla Luthra assured the attendees that their concerns would be addressed on priority, and necessary steps would be taken to resolve the issues raised. She assured all of them that these genuine demands of the people personally discussed with concern cabinet ministers



at top priority basis, she said.

Expressing her deep concern, Bimla Luthra stated that although women constitute nearly 50% of the voting populace in Jammu and Kashmir, their representation in governance continues to be neglected. She strongly criticized the previous government, accusing it of failing to deliver on promises made for the welfare of women. She lamented the lack of employment opportunities, healthcare facilities, and women-centric policies, which have left the female populace struggling with unaddressed issues.

Bimla Luthra praised the present government led by Omar Abdullah for continuing this legacy by rolling out schemes aimed specifically at enhancing the economic, social, and political participation of women across Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present in the meeting included Rajni Devi working President Women Wing Jammu, Joginder Kaur District Vice President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Sapna Gill Block President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Baljeet Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Madhu, Lalita and others.