

My Life is Dedicated for the welfare of People: Saroori



TT CORRESPONDENT SINTHAN, (KISHTWAR), JULY 12 : In a major political event, former minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori returned to his hometown Inderwal in Kishtwar for the first time since rejoining the Congress party. A massive reception was held in Sinthan, where thousands of supporters gathered to welcome the veteran leader. His return is being seen as a turning point for the Congress in the Chenab Valley region, once a stronghold under leaders like Saroori, Abdul Majid Wani, Mohammad Sharief Naiz, Vikar Rasool Wani and Ashok Kumar.

The Congress party organized a grand and emotionally charged public gathering at Sinthan to celebrate the return of senior leader and former minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori. This marked his first visit to Inderwal, Kishtwar since rejoining the Congress, and thousands of enthusiastic supporters turned out to greet him with fervor and pride. In his passionate address, Saroori expressed deep gratitude to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, UPA

Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, LOP Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, General Secretary AICC Organisation, K. C Venugopal, General Secretary AICC Incharge J&K, Dr Sayeed Naseer Hussain, CLP Leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir, President J&K Congress, Tariq Hameed Karra and others for facilitating his return. He reaffirmed his loyalty to the Congress, calling it India's only truly secular party capable of tackling poverty, inequality, and other national challenges.

Reflecting on his political journey, Saroori reminded the public that he was elected MLA three times with overwhelming support and remained active in public service even during the past decade when he held no official position. "My life is dedicated for the welfare of the people," he said and added whether I am an MLA or not, I have always remained in public service. My doors are open to all."

He launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing it of dividing communities and eroding the distinct identity of Jammu and Kashmir. Saroori strongly

ly condemned the abrogation of Article 370 and the revocation of J&K's statehood, reiterating the widespread demand for the restoration of full statehood.

Addressing local concerns, Saroori criticized the government for the long-pending construction of the vital Singhpora Tunnel and raised issues regarding unpaid dues under schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission and MNREGA. He accused the current administration of neglecting the interests of ordinary citizens. Looking ahead, Saroori urged Congress workers to stay united and work diligently to regain the party's influence in the region. He set an ambitious goal of winning all three Assembly constituencies in Kishtwar in the upcoming elections and encouraged cadres to prepare for a grand reception for senior Congress leaders expected to visit Chenab Valley in the near future.

Prominent figures present at the grand reception included Irshad Ahmed Sheikh, Piyaray Lal Shan, Firdous Ahmed Mingnoo, Anas Munshi, Ravi Kumar, Noor Hussain, Atta Mohammad, Asif Malik, Akhtar Hussain Butt, Tariq Malik, Sajjad Ahmed, Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, Chowdhary Manzoor Bunal, Bashir Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, along with thousands of Congress supporters from across the region.

The event not only marked Saroori's symbolic political comeback but also sparked fresh momentum for a revitalized Congress campaign in Jammu and Kashmir's Chenab belt.

M LA Jasrotia reviews status of agricultural schemes in Jasrota constituency

Underscores need for timely execution, optimal fund utilization and enhanced inter-departmental coordination to ensure benefits of these schemes reach grassroots level

TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 12 :

MLA Jasrota today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at District Agriculture office, Kathua. The meeting was convened to review the progress on fund utilization under CAPEX, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and NABARD for the financial year 2025-26 besides assessing the status of issuance of fertilizer and pesticide licenses across the Union Territory. The meeting was attended by department employees and officers of District Kathua. The Chief Agriculture Officer District Kathua presented detailed updates on scheme implementation, challenges encountered and strategic measures to expedite the pending activities. Jasrota underscored the need for timely execution, optimal fund utilization and enhanced inter-departmental coordination to ensure the benefits of these schemes reach the grassroots level.

Jasrota reviewed the advancements made under HADP, which has been instrumental in promoting



sustainable agricultural practices and improving the farmers livelihoods. He observed that special attention should be given to ensure the expenditure under HADP, CSSs and CAPEX projects align with the overall goal of infrastructure development in the sector in Jasrota constituency. He also had detailed discussion on CSS projects-Krishonnati Yojana, focusing on key flagship schemes like PMKSY, PDMC, SMAM, RAD, RKVY, PKVY, ATMA, NFSM and others aimed at boosting the rural prosperity. Jasrota speaking on the occasion suggested establishing a Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship in Precision Vegetable and Floriculture Farming in Kathua district, accelerating bee hive insurance coverage, prioritizing completion of Kathua District unit tracking through the KSOT App and

developing a comprehensive calendar for national and international exposure visits for the farmers of Kathua District. Jasrota also emphasized for resolving the fertilizer and pesticide licensing issues, particularly those faced by krishidudiyamis, strengthening district-level enforcement wings, ensuring GPS-based tracking of fertilizer movement and intensifying regular monitoring of pesticide manufacturers and retailers. The meeting concluded with formulation of a time-bound action plan focused on fast-tracking project implementation and strengthening the agricultural ecosystem in Jasrota constituency. Jasrota emphasized the need to create awareness among farmers about the various schemes available to them, ensuring they can benefit from these initiatives. The meeting discussed the schemes currently running in the Jasrota constituency, including those that have been completed and those that are still underway.

The MLA instructed the department officials to ensure that farmers are well-informed about the various schemes and their benefits, improve the implementation process to ensure that the schemes are effectively reaching the farmers besides regularly monitoring the progress of the schemes and address any challenges or issues that arise. The meeting underscored the importance of prioritizing farmer welfare and ensuring that they have access to the resources and support they need to thrive. By creating awareness about the available schemes and streamlining their implementation, the government aims to empower farmers and enhance their livelihoods, added Jasrota.

Rajiv Jasrota's commitment to the welfare of farmers and the agricultural sector was evident in the meeting. His efforts to review and improve the implementation of agricultural schemes will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of farmers in the Jasrota constituency and beyond.

Cluster University of Jammu to Organize New Placement Drive

TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 12 :

Continuing with the initiative and the university's proactive approach in connecting its graduates with reputed institutions and fostering their professional development, the Cluster University of Jammu is pleased to announce yet another significant placement drive, reaffirming its commitment to enhancing career opportunities for its students. The drive is scheduled to be held on July 14 and 15, 2025 at the School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, under the supervision of Prof. D. S. Manhas, Director of Placement, and under the esteemed guidance of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar. This placement initiative is being organized in collaboration with NIMS University / NIMS Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Sharing further details, Prof. Manhas stated that the placement drive aims to recruit candidates for the post of Admission Counsellors (Female), with 300 vacancies available. Candidates with a minimum qualification of graduation and basic knowledge of MS Office and computer applications are eligible to participate. Interested candidates are encouraged to attend the placement drive to explore this valuable employment opportunity.

The Cluster University of Jammu remains steadfast in its mission to bridge the gap between academia and industry, equipping students not only with academic knowledge but also with practical pathways for career growth.

Congress always struggled for the rights of Kissan Akash slams BJP for failing to fulfill aspirations of J&K people during 11 yrs of Governance



TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 12 :

An impressive function was held to facilitate the newly appointed Chairman PCC Kissan Cell Shri Bharat Priya at Congress HQ Shaheedi Chowk Jammu, today.

PCC Chief Shri Tariq Hameed Karra, Raman Bhalla-Working President, Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, Thakur Balbir Singh, Ved Mahajan, Dina Nath Bhagat, T.S. Tony, Neeraj Gupta, Sanjeev Panda, Pankaj Dogra, Parvez Wani, Sheikh Mujeeb, Adv Asif Naqib, Vinod Khajuria, Bupinder Singh Jamwal, facilitated the newly chairman and he was profusely garlanded during the function.

PCC President recall the slogan of former Prime Minister Late Shri Lal Bhadur Shastri 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' in the year 1965

and said that the conditions of 'Javans' and 'Kisans' in the country is visible to everyone and said that the consistent and spirited fight of the farmers against the flawed decisions and laws of the Modi government promoted significant challenge to the Government.

He also recalled the farmers struggle in the country, in which 700 farmers died and said that it was the victory under the dynamic and able leadership of Shri Rahul Gandhi over the Modi government when the Congress party extensively organized programmes in the country for the welfare of the famer Community.

He congratulated Shri Bharat Priya on his nomination as chairman of Congress Kissan Cell and asked him that he should start contacting Kissan throughout the

state and take up the problems with the government, advisors and other concerned for redressal of their genuine demands.

Raman Bhalla also asked him to bring the burning problems of Kisan's of the Jammu and Kashmir to the notice of Congress leaders to seek and mitigate the day today problems and accordingly take up with the government for redressal.

He also stress on him that Kissan awareness meetings at district/ block level should be held to strengthen the congress party, which always struggled for the rights of kisans on top priority.

Bharat Priya suggested that the Kisans, being back bone of our country are facing problems to get agricultural loan, Kisan Bima Yojna and Kisan Credit Card facility.

He demanded and urged government to form Advisory Board of Kisans, the electricity bill should be zero to the kisans, the Neno Urea should be stopped at the earliest without any delay.

Bharat Priya Chairman presented the vote of thanks to all Senior Congress leaders and other Kissan Leaders for participation in the meeting present in the function

Says BJP MLA miserably failed to initiate Salmay Bridge, people suffering

TT CORRESPONDENT UDHAMPUR, JULY 12 :

Akash Verma, Additional Spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC), today launched a scathing attack on the BJP leadership, accusing it of failing to meet the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir during its 11 years of rule at the Centre.

Addressing media persons here, Verma expressed deep concern over the lack of basic amenities in the Udhampur district despite the fact that the people had elected four BJP MLAs from the region. "Rather than delivering on development and public welfare, these BJP legislators have resorted to baseless criticism of the present NC Government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah," Verma said.

Targeting the BJP MLA from Chenani constituency, Akash challenged him to present his own performance report. "Instead of indulging in hollow rhetoric against the NC Government, the MLA should explain why basic projects like the Salmay bridge have remained stuck. Why hasn't the tender process been completed in the last two years despite his position as an elected represen-



tative?" he asked.

Akash Verma highlighted that in just nine months of governance, the NC Government has fulfilled several key promises from its election manifesto. "From providing 200 free power units to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, increasing marriage assistance from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, offering free bus travel to women, to doubling the ration quota for AAY beneficiaries-these are concrete steps towards social justice and empowerment," he said.

The NC leader further underlined that while the BJP-led Centre failed to create two crore jobs annually as promised, the Omar Abdullah-led Government has initiated major recruitment drives to fill vacan-

cies across various departments. "Most recently, the CM launched the 'Mission Yuva' scheme, under which 1.5 lakh enterprises will be established, generating employment opportunities for around 4.5 lakh youth across J&K," he added.

He questioned the logic behind BJP's criticism of the NC Government's performance in just nine months, asking, "If the BJP couldn't fulfill the aspirations of J&K in 11 long years, what right do they have to point fingers at the NC which is already delivering results in such a short span?"

Akash Verma urged the people of Udhampur to judge leaders based on their work, not their words, and to support a government that believes in action, not blame games.

Bharat Petroleum Organizes Drawing Competition at Bilaliya Educational Institute Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



TT CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 12 :

In a vibrant initiative aimed at promoting environmental awareness among young students, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), organized a drawing competition under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Bilaliya Educational Institute (BEI), Lal Bazar, Srinagar.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 70 students, including both boys and girls, who showcased their creativity on themes like pollution control, waste management, and environment conservation. The drawings conveyed powerful messages such as "Don't Cut Trees," "Go Green," "Stop Pollution," and "Don't Waste Water."

The top five boys and five girls were felicitated with certificates, awards and gift items for their outstanding artwork and strong environmental messages. Manzoor Ahmad Wangnoo, Chairman of NLCO and known as green ambassador of Kashmir, expressed deep appreciation for the initiative "This generation must become green ambassadors of Kashmir. The temperature rising to 39°C is a warning.

Environmental activism is not about WhatsApp debates-it's about restoring springs, protecting our trees, and changing habits starting at home.

BEI is doing commendable work in this direction." Social activist Tauseef Bhat, who interacted with the students,

stressed grassroots action "Climate change begins at home. The kind of passion and awareness these students have shown through their drawings proves that hope lies in our younger generation. This awareness must translate into daily action."

Abrar Baba, representative from Bharat Petroleum, shared the vision behind the initiative "BPCL is proud to contribute towards Swachh Bharat through awareness drives like this. We believe education and engagement with school children is the most effective way to build a sustainable future. We're thankful to BEI for their wonderful support."

Other dignitaries present at the event included Irfana Zargar, popularly known as the "Pad Woman of Kashmir," social activist Peer Mehak and Mr. Owaise, who served as the Volunteer in charge.

Several students shared their thoughts during the event "I showed how trees are being cut and how it leads to climate crisis. My message is simple save nature, save our future," said a student who won first prize among boys.

Final Day of In-House Teachers' Training at MVM Jammu Concludes with Emphasis on Joyful Learning in class room and Empowerment

TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 12 :

The third and final day of the In-House Teachers' Training Programme at Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Jammu was held on 12th July 2025, focusing on the theme: "Importance of Joyful Learning in Schools."

The day began on a spiritually uplifting note with Guru Pooja, Group Meditation, and collective chanting of the Shree Hanuman Chalisa under the banner of Maharishi Janjagan Abhiyan (MAJA).

The chief guest of the day was Ms. Harvinder Kour (JKAS), Secretary, Academy of Arts, Culture & Language, Government of Jammu & Kashmir. In her address, she threw light on women empowerment, emphasizing the importance of education, cultural values, and leadership among women in the teaching fraternity.

The guest of honour, Ms. Shagun Manchanda, District Mission Coordinator, Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department (J&K), delivered a meaningful and thought-provoking message on the "Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao" campaign,

underlining the critical role teachers play in nurturing and protecting the girl child through education and awareness.

The keynote speaker for the day was Ms. Shashi Rattan, a renowned educator and motivational speaker with over 45 years of experience in the field of education.

Her enriching session on joyful learning captivated the audience, where she stressed that classrooms should be vibrant with joy, curiosity, and creativity. She urged teachers to become mentors who foster emotional well-being, student engagement, and lifelong learning.

Dr. Vishnu Govind Verma, Principal of MVM Jammu, in his concluding remarks, highlighted the importance of teacher empowerment as a catalyst for the holistic development of students. He encouraged teachers to be lifelong learners and to integrate spiritual values with academic excellence in their teaching practices.

The session ended with Group Transcendental Meditation, leaving all participants refreshed, centered, and inspired to bring meaningful change into their classrooms.

A Groundbreaking Solo Performance in Dogri Theatre; Rangyug Stages Chanchlo

Jammu witnesses a historic, emotionally powerful theatrical experience

TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 12 :

For the first time in the history of Dogri theatre, the stage at Jammu came alive with a path-breaking 90-minute solo performance that left the audience spellbound. Chanchlo, presented by Rangyug - Theatre for Self-Realization and Social Change, marks a new and bold experiment in Dogri theatre - one that showcases the strength of solo storytelling, regional language and powerful acting.

The production was designed and directed by veteran theatre personality Deepak Kumar, and was sponsored by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

Originally written in Hindi by acclaimed playwright and director Nadira Zaher Babbar as Sakubai, the play has been beautifully adapted into Dogri by RJ Juhie Mohan, who also performed the entire play single-handedly on stage. The result was nothing short of extraordinary.

The performance was witnessed by an impressive gathering of dignitaries and cultural stalwarts, including



Padma Shri Dr. Lalit Mangotra; Suresh Kumar Sharma, Retd. Sessions Judge & Member, SMVDSB; Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAAL; Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Special Secretary, J&K Government; Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary of Kala Kendra. The performance also drew eminent personalities from the fields of theatre, literature, media, academia, and a large number of art lovers and theatre enthusiasts from across the region. Set in urban Jammu, Chanchlo tells the story of a domestic worker who migrates from a remote village in search of work. Her life unfolds on stage with humor, pain, reflection and irony - touching on themes of migration, exploitation, resilience, and the unspoken dignity of labor. While the story is personal, it resonates with the lived experi-

ences of thousands of working-class women from the unorganized sector across the region.

What made the evening historic was not just the content, but the format - a solo actress carrying the weight of the entire narrative for 90 uninterrupted minutes, holding the audience's attention so tightly that no one left their seat. The packed hall bore witness to the power of voice, gesture and raw emotion, proving once again that theatre, when honest and fearless can transform hearts and minds. Speaking about the performance, Deepak Kumar said, "This production is a milestone for Dogri theatre. Theatre is the actor's medium, and Chanchlo proves how one performer, with deep sincerity and craft, can make the audience travel through an entire world."