

# DFSS takes out protest rally against celebration of Martyrs day by Kashmiri leaders



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**JAMMU, JULY 14** : 13th day of July, 1931, was actually a well thought of communal event, which occurred in Srinagar, Kashmir, when lot of people were murdered and put to a worst type of communal fury and wrath. When the people involved in such riots, who are called as martyrs as per official language, were asked and admonished by the police not to resort to rioting, arson, murder and looting and such rioters upon refusing to maintain order and peace, some of them had to face severe police action, when the police acted firmly upon them, to check their attempts of loot, arson and murder. In this process some of these rioters got killed as well, which normally occurs when such carnages are taken recourse to by any unruly mob. The dead rioters were hailed as martyrs by their co-conspirators and supporters.

The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a rally in Jammu city against the propaganda run by Kashmir based leadership demanding 13 July as Martyrs

day. Gupta slammed chief minister Omar Abdullah over his statement in which the later equated July 13, 1931 happening with Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

He further stated that what transpired in Srinagar on July 13, 1931, was not a peaceful protest but a violent communal attack, incited by communal and politically motivated conspiracy against Maharaja. The unrest began following inflammatory speeches by Abdul Qadeer, a domestic servant of a British officer, who sought to provoke religious passions. After his arrest, a frenzied crowd gathered outside the Srinagar jail, defied repeated warnings, and attempted to storm the premises. The resulting police firing led to the death of 13 individuals.

"However, the violence did not end there. The aftermath witnessed widespread communal targeting. Hindu and Sikh households, businesses, temples, and gurdwaras in Srinagar and even regions like Rajouri, Mirpur, and Muzaffarabad were attacked, looted, and destroyed. This cannot and should not be glorified as

a freedom struggle. It was a dark chapter of communal violence, not a nationalist movement.

The events of 1931, as clearly recorded in the Barjor Dalal Committee Report and books like The Burning of Kashmir by J.S. Raghavan, were marked by lawlessness, rioting, and the targeting of innocent civilians. Unlike the peaceful victims of Jallianwala Bagh who stood against colonial oppression, the 1931 mob turned against fellow citizens and a native administration.

Let us be clear the victims of Jallianwala Bagh were national heroes who fought against foreign tyranny. The violent rioters of 1931 were used as pawns by vested interests seeking to destabilize communal harmony and undermine the native Dogra rule. The two events are fundamentally different in intent, character, and consequence.

For decades, history in Jammu & Kashmir has been manipulated for political ends. But with the abrogation of Article 370, a new era of truth and transparency has begun. It is now our duty to reclaim our real history and educate our youth with facts, not fiction. At last he warned that to compare the sacred martyrdom of Jallianwala Bagh with the communal violence of July 13, 1931, is not only a historical blunder, it is a disservice to the nation. He urged the people of Jammu & Kashmir to reject this distortion and stand united in defending our shared national legacy built on truth, sacrifice, and unity.

The workers who were present at the time of rally were Abhishek, Raju, Ganesh, Kalu, Prem, Naresh, Ashish, Bantu and various others were present.

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**JAMMU, JULY 14** :

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) today organised an interactive awareness session with the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, at the Industrial Growth Centre (IGC), Lassipora. The programme witnessed active participation from several unit holders based in the Lassipora industrial estate and was aimed at promoting direct engagement between the Income Tax Department and the business community.

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Vikram Sahay, appreciated the initiative taken by KCCI and described the session as a step towards building mutual trust and confidence between the Department and taxpayers. He emphasised that the issuance of notices by the Department should not be seen as punitive but rather as a mechanism to seek information. He reassured participants that there was no need to panic upon receiving such notices, as the Department is committed to supporting honest taxpayers. Sahay was accompanied by key officers of the Income Tax Department, including Dr. Ruveda Salam, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Srinagar; Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ganie, Deputy



Commissioner of Income Tax, Circle Srinagar; and Mr. Abhineet Jhorar, Income Tax Officer. He cautioned that non-response to income tax notices often leads to complications, including the raising of avoidable tax demands and, in some cases, freezing of accounts as happened in a few cases last year. He urged the business community to ensure that all claims and deductions are genuine and properly documented. He also advised that tax consultants should be well-informed and not encourage filing of inaccurate or exaggerated claims, which has been observed even among government employees.

Reiterating the Department's commitment to transparency, Sahay encouraged taxpayers to directly approach the Department for any clarification. "We are part of the same society. You are always welcome to visit our offices for any assistance," he said. The Chief Commissioner also advised businesses to regularly update their mobile num-

bers and email addresses with the Department in order to receive timely alerts and messages. He reminded participants of the importance of advance tax payments-scheduled on 15 June, 15 September, 15 December, and 15 March-which he said are vital for the country's financial system. During the discussion, participants raised the issue of South Kashmir's jurisdiction being attached to the Udhampur Income Tax Office, which has caused inconvenience, particularly to growers. In response, Mr. Sahay informed that suggestions for the creation of additional Income Tax wards have already been submitted and assured that instructions would be given to the Udhampur office to organise a facilitation camp at Lassipora to ease compliance. KCCI President, Javid Ahmad Tenga, in his opening remarks, welcomed the Chief Commissioner and emphasised the importance of taking such initiatives to the industrial districts. He stated that this session marks

the beginning of a broader collaborative effort between KCCI and the Income Tax Department to raise awareness at the grassroots level.

The KCCI was represented at the session by Senior Vice President Ashiq Hussain Shangloo and Secretary General Faiz Ahmad Bakshi, who also interacted with the participants and reinforced the Chamber's commitment to supporting members in understanding and fulfilling their tax responsibilities.

Mukhtar Ahmad Khan, President, Industrial Growth Centre, Lassipora, Presented the welcome address & felicitated the Chief Guest Chief Income Tax Commissioner.

Participants were reminded that while the last date for filing income tax returns has been extended to 30 September, the deadline for submission of income tax statements remains 31 July.

The session concluded with a shared understanding on the importance of continued awareness efforts-particularly on issues such as TDS compliance, documentation, and filing procedures-to strengthen the relationship between the Department and the business community in the region. It was agreed to organise more interactive sessions at major business areas.

## Modi, Shah above law? Gupta questions delay in Statehood restoration

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**JAMMU, JULY 14** : Senior National Conference (NC) leader Rajesh Gupta today strongly condemned the continued harassment of opposition leaders and the people of Jammu and Kashmir by the Modi-Shah-led central government. He accused the BJP of playing a dangerous political game aimed at suppressing democratic voices in the region.

"It is now absolutely clear that the Modi-Shah duo has adopted a fixed and hostile stance towards Jammu and Kashmir. Their actions reflect not governance, but a systematic plan to stifle dissent and punish the National Conference for speaking up for the people," said Gupta in a scathing statement.

He said the BJP government had promised to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood on the floor of Parliament and even gave a sworn affidavit to the Supreme Court. "But today, the Prime Minister and Home Minister behave as if they are above the Constitution. Even the Supreme Court seems reluctant to hold them accountable," he remarked.

Gupta also criticized the recent moves by the administration under Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, calling them "part of a new modus operandi to harass the opposition." He said the imposition of restrictions in Srinagar and the arbitrary house arrests of senior NC and other opposition leaders show that the BJP fears the democratic will of the people.

"This is not democracy. This is political vendetta. They are sucking the blood of the people like Dracula using state machinery to silence every voice that challenges their narrative," he said. Gupta warned the central leadership that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will not be silenced forever.

## Harwant Kour appointed Chairperson OBC Deptt of JKPCC



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**JAMMU, JULY 14** : Under the visionary leadership of Rahul Gandhi and the committed efforts of Madan Lal Chaltora, Chairman of the OBC Department, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee, a historic step has been taken to ensure the rightful representation of women from the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the political landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. On 13th July 2025, the Women Wing of the OBC Department for District Jammu Urban was officially constituted, and a large number of dynamic OBC women were nominated to serve at various levels of responsibility. At the forefront of this initiative is Harwant Kour (Babli Ji), who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Women Wing. Her leadership symbolizes the rising voice of OBC women determined to fight for their rights and bring about meaningful change at the grassroots level. This landmark decision of inclusive representa-

tion sends a strong message against the ongoing crisis of Chitta (synthetic drugs), which is severely affecting the youth of Jammu. These newly appointed women leaders, under the leadership of Harwant Kour (Babli Ji), have vowed to fight the drug menace and safeguard future generations from falling into addiction. They represent a force of change and are committed to taking this battle to every street, school, and household. Their activism is not just about social service-it's a resistance against the administrative silence and failure under the BJP regime, which has ignored the rise of drug abuse, unemployment, and social alienation in the region. The representation of 27 dedicated women in this wing is a direct response to the BJP's myth-making that backward communities, especially OBC women, lack leadership and political relevance. With this appointment, the Congress Party is not just empowering women-it is rewriting narratives. These women will now have

a seat at the table, ensuring that OBC concerns are addressed in policymaking, welfare schemes, and governance. This is political empowerment in its true sense-grassroots, inclusive, and determined. Chairman Madan Lal Chaltora, known for his relentless advocacy for backward classes, has once again shown the courage to lead from the front. By organizing and mobilizing women leadership under the mission of Rahul Gandhi, he is ensuring that Congress remains the party of social justice. His commitment to ground-level leadership, community involvement, and strategic political empowerment is reflected in the strength and diversity of this new wing. He has raised a collective voice that demands visibility, action, and accountability-whether it be in education, healthcare, employment, or law enforcement. This powerful step will pave the way for broader representation of OBC women in every sector-be it political forums, administrative bodies, or civic institutions. The Women Wing under Harwant Kour (Babli Ji)'s leadership is poised to challenge the inertia, inspire action, and most importantly, protect the rights and dignity of the OBC community. This is not just an organizational change-it's a movement of justice, voice, and empowerment.

## JMC Commissioner conducts surprise inspection to check cleanliness across Jammu during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

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**JAMMU, JULY 14** : To ensure cleanliness and better civic amenities in the city, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, today conducted an extensive tour of various locations and paid surprise inspection especially at lodgements centres established for yatris of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra of at various wards of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Recognizing the heavy footfall of devotees during the Yatra, the Commissioner visited several important sites, including Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas, Vikram Chowk, Jewel, Kacchi Chowki, Parade Area, Karan Nagar, Amphalla, Rehari, and Narwal.

These places witness high activity during the pilgrimage and require special attention to maintain hygiene and sanitation standards.

During the inspection, Dr. Yadav took stock of the sanitation work on the ground. He interacted with the staff and officials deployed at various locations, and personally checked the condition of streets, public areas, and waste management facilities. He also reviewed the attendance of sanitation workers across different wards and expressed displeasure over the absence of some staff members. He directed the Health Officer



to take strict disciplinary action against the absentee employees to ensure that no lapses occur in maintaining cleanliness.

The Commissioner also examined the deployment of resources, such as vehicles, waste collection points, and treatment facilities, and instructed the teams to remain vigilant and responsive, especially at sensitive and crowded spots. He emphasized that maintaining a clean, hygienic, and welcoming environment for pilgrims and residents is a top priority for the Jammu Municipal Corporation during this important spiritual event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Yadav reiterated the Corporation's commitment to keeping Jammu clean and urged the public to also cooperate by properly disposing of waste and avoiding littering. He assured that

the Jammu Municipal Corporation would continue its rigorous efforts to maintain sanitation across the city throughout the Yatra period. This proactive approach by the JMC leadership is part of a larger mission to project Jammu as a clean, organized, and hospitable city, in line with the spirit of the Clean Jammu, Green Jammu campaign and the expectations of thousands of pilgrims visiting the city each day.

Among others, Joint Commissioner, Health & Sanitation, Abdul Star, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Chief Transport Officer Zone I, Talat Mahmood Khan, Chief Transport Officer Zone II, S. Dharamveer Singh, and other officers from the Health and Sanitation wings accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

## CUJ Awarded 'A' Grade for the Third Consecutive Time in NPTEL SWAYAM Certification



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**JAMMU, JULY 14** : The Central University of Jammu has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence, with its SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter being awarded an 'A' Grade for the third consecutive time in the recently declared results of the NPTEL SWAYAM January-July 2025 session.

This consistent recognition reflects the University's outstanding performance in online learning initiatives. In this session alone, 28 students were awarded Gold Medals, 237 students received Silver Medals, and

335 students earned Elite Certifications. Furthermore, 8 students ranked in the top 1%, 3 students in the top 2%, and 21 students in the top 5% at the national level-an impressive feat highlighting the dedication and excellence of CU Jammu's learners. The National Program on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is a flagship initiative by the IITs and IISc, funded by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, offering self-study online certification courses in engineering, science, and humanities through the SWAYAM platform.

Congratulating the students and faculty, Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain remarked, "This achievement is a reflection of our continued efforts to empower students with the best learning resources beyond the classroom. Securing an 'A' grade for the third time and ranking among the top 100 institutions in India is indeed a proud moment for the university." He also appreciated the contributions of Prof. J. N. Baliya, SPOC, SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter, for his committed efforts in coordinating and promoting this initiative.

Prof. Baliya, sharing the achievement, stated that the SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter at Central University of Jammu, established in 2017, has been consistently facilitating the enrollment and successful completion of NPTEL courses.

## Hakeem Yaseen slams NC for disrespecting Martyrs' Day

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**JAMMU, JULY 14** :

PDF President and former Minister Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen on Monday criticized the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) for offering tributes at Mazaar-e-Shohada on July 14 instead of the historically significant July 13, calling the move a disrespect to the martyrs and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that July 13 has its own place in history and shifting the observance to another day reduces its importance.

"Even common citizens can visit and offer prayers at any time, but political leadership has a responsibility to uphold the sanctity of dates that carry deep historical meaning," Yaseen said. Taking a direct swipe at the JKNC leadership, he said, if your government was truly serious about honouring the martyrs, you wouldn't have been in Delhi, and your Deputy CM wouldn't have

been in Jammu on July 13. You were well aware of the restrictions, yet you chose to ignore the day and visit the Mazaar a day later.

He added that people witnessed Chief Minister Omar Abdullah jumping at Mazaar-e-Shohada, which he termed inappropriate and symbolic of the casual approach of the party towards such solemn occasions. By doing it, on July 14, you have not only disrespected the martyrs but also the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who gave you a majority mandate in the past. Such actions show how NC has always used traditions for political gain, Yaseen remarked.

He warned that manipulating historical sentiments for optics is unacceptable and hurts the collective memory of Kashmiris. Real tribute is not in slogans or late gestures but in standing by the people, preserving their dignity, and protecting democratic rights, he said.

## Tony, Gurdwara Rani Talab Management initiate plantation drive

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**JAMMU, JULY 14** :

Senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Sardar Taranjit Singh Tony today joined hands with the management of Gurdwara Rani Talab, Digiana, to launch a plantation drive within the Gurdwara premises. The initiative was undertaken in collaboration with NGO Oxygen Footprints, which has been actively promoting environmental consciousness since its inception post-COVID.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of civil society and Gurdwara management. Among those present were Harbaksh Singh Kala, President of the Gurdwara, and Babbu Singh. The plantation drive is aimed at promoting green cover and raising awareness about environ-



mental degradation. Hameak Singh, a retired Air Force officer and President of NGO Oxygen Footprints, highlighted that the organization came into existence in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, recognizing the importance of clean air and green surroundings. "Since then, we have planted nearly 15,000 saplings across various regions, and our mission continues with renewed vigor," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Sardar Taranjit Singh Tony expressed concern over the extensive felling of trees due to road widen-

ing and infrastructure projects across National Highways and internal routes. "Unfortunately, the agencies responsible for such developments have failed to fulfill their obligation of compensatory afforestation. All such contractors must be penalized for violating environmental norms and disrespecting Mother Earth," he asserted.

Tony lauded the efforts of NGO Oxygen Footprints for its relentless commitment to environmental conservation, especially in the post-COVID era.