

Kashmiri Pandit Migrants extend support to NC Candidates in Lok Sabha Polls

Terrorism on rise in Jammu region under BJP regime: Sadhotra, Rattan



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JAMMU, MAY 06: The JKNC Core Committee of Kashmiri Pandit Migrants from Camps in Jagti, Muthi, Nagrota, Buta Nagar, along with non-camp residents in Jammu, today affirmed their unwavering support to the National Conference candidates contesting for the Lok Sabha Polls in Jammu and Kashmir. This significant endorsement underscores the solidarity of the Kashmiri Pandit community in shaping the region's political landscape.

In this context, Core Committee leaders of Kashmiri Pandit Migrants met with Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary, JKNC, and former minister and Rattan Lal Gupta Advocate, Provincial President JKNC Jammu, at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu to address the various challenges confronting the migrant community.

The KP migrant leaders highlighted the pressing issues faced by the Kashmiri migrant community residing in Jagti, Purkhoo, Muthi, Buta Nagar, Nagrota, camps, and non-camp migrants settled across Jammu region, particularly emphasizing the absence of basic amenities.

They underscored the substantial contributions made by the National Conference, including the provision of PM employment package for overaged youth of migrants, increased cash assistance and construction of residential accommodation in different camps during their tenure, etc. they asserted

that the present dispensation has given only hollow slogans and did nothing for their welfare.

Expressing their resolve to support only such political party which has a proven track record of serving the common masses as well as the Kashmiri Pandit migrant community, the leaders announced their full support to Omar Abdullah from Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Aga Syed Rahullah from Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and Mian Altaf Ahmed from Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra emphasized that the National Conference has consistently advocated for the rights and welfare of Kashmiri migrants in the Parliament. Under the NC regime, an Apex Body was established to effectively address and resolve their issues, reflecting the party's commitment to addressing the concerns of the displaced community.

The former minister asked the Govt at the Centre to reveal what steps have been taken by it for welfare of Migrants community in last ten years of its rule. He said that it is really unfortunate that despite increased cost of living amid sky rocketing prices and peak inflation the cash assistance being paid to the Kashmiri Migrants has not been enhanced for the past so many years. He said that the National Conference will

remain steadfast in their dedication to advocating for justice, dignity, and equality for all Kashmiri migrants, and

will continue to work tirelessly towards the realization of these principles.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his address, has asserted that National Conference has always stood for the cause of Kashmiri Migrants and shall continue the same for all times to come. He said that the BJP Govt had made promises to rehabilitate the KP migrants in the Valley but these proved to be a cruel joke as no steps were taken in this direction since 2014.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu, strongly criticized the hollow claims of the BJP Government regarding peace in the Union Territory, highlighting the ongoing presence of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed profound sorrow over the martyrdom of an IAF warrior in the Surankote terror attack.

Gupta lamented that during the National Conference regime, both Rajouri and Poonch districts remained terrorism-free.

However, he noted with concern the recent rise in terrorism activities across the Jammu region, citing three terrorism incidents including killing of Govt official in Rajouri's Kunda Top near Shahdara Sharief on April 22, killing of Village Defence Guard Mohd Sharief in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur on April 28 and May 4 in Surankote in the last 15 days which seems to be a matter of serious concern.

The Provincial President appealed to the migrant community to strengthen the hands of Dr. Farooq Abdullah by supporting all three candidates of the National Conference from the Kashmir valley comprising Omar Abdullah from Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency; Aga Syed Rahullah from Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and Mian Altaf Ahmed from Anantnag - Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency, in the Lok Sabha polls in Kashmir.

Among those who were present include: Jatin Bhat, Ashok Koul, Kaka Ji Bhan, Sumita Bhan, Ravinder Raina, Rattan Lal, Veer Ji Bhat, Varinder Pandita, Saniya Bhan and others.

Top National Leadership of Ruling Party Befooling SCSTOBCs with False Slogans & Claims; shall be taught a lesson-JKRCEA

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JAMMU, MAY 06:

During a largely attended press conference, JKRCEA, as a frontal organization of SC/ST/OBC communities has scathingly attacked the ruling BJP and its national leadership for befooling SC/ST/OBCs masses across the Nation and particularly in JK UT by false claims of overall development of SCSTOBCs and extension of new constitutional guarantees to these communities.

Both the PM & HM of the country, day in and day out are falsely claiming that during last 10 years, lot have been extended for overall development of SC/ST/OBCs in country and JKUT in particular and especially after abrogation of article 370. This all is bunch of lies and JUMLAS. The JKRCEA leadership further said that they have been raising concerns about the plight of SC/ST/OBCs in J&K, especially post abrogation but without any heed by the LG's administration and the central leadership including both sitting MPs of the BJP from Jammu Division.

The leaders of JKRCEA castigated both UT/State and central government for not only befooling SCSTOBCs of J&K with wrong slogans and unconstitutional and anti SC/ST/OBCs schemes but very calculatedly killing already given guarantees meant for the welfare of SC/ST/OBCs, in spite of getting huge number of votes of these communities in 2014, and 2019 parliamentary elections, as well as, ULB and Panchayate elections. SC/ST/OBCs voters were used like paper napkins and BJP used SCST political leaders in their party to spread nefarious designs of befooling SCSTOBCs through these



pimped leaders who like parrots

sing the songs written by the governing political bosses.

The PM's Slogan of "Dhara 370 Kaa Khatama Jammu Kashmir Maine Ek Naya Lihhas Likhyaega" has a turned out to be a false slogan at least for SC/ST/OBC but SC/ST political stooges justify it wrongly. JKUT is slowly and steadily is getting turned into Bihar/UP like situations on socio-religious and even political fronts. Atrocities on SCs have increased several folds after 370 abrogation's. The caste based verbal sloganeering have increased not only against commoner but elected panchayate members and BDC members too. Incidents of open abuses and threatening to SC DC, ADC and DIO of Rajouri District were seen in the previous years. LG sahib has ample time to meet even one-man delegations repeatedly, sometimes within one month itself even on minor/trivial but he do not have time to meet real representatives of SC/ST/OBCs. The officials in LGs secretariat on one or the other pretext refuses time with LG sahib for delegations of SCSTOBCs. Once he met delegation 03 years back and threw false promises only. Baseless schemes like the announcement of 10% Reservation for Agniveer in JKUT and immediate implementation of EWS, Pahari and others such anti constitution reservations in JKUT were implemented

without any ifs & buts.

JKRCEA leaders also condemned left and right allotment of State land to big corporate from outside J&K at the cost of locals.

Prof. G.L. Thapa (Working President); in his address said that 09 years of the struggle of SCSTOBCs in J&K have seen no results due to biased mind set of the governing system of J&K wherein; genuine demands of SC/ST/OBCs like restoration of reservation in promotions, implementation of Mandal commission report, on ground implementation of SC/ST Atrocities and Forest Rights Act, free land to Balmiki Community, filling of Backlog vacancies of SC/ST, SC Component Plan effective utilization etc have been vehemently ignored. In reality, the problems have been compounded by adding more to the vows of SC/ST/OBCs in JKUT by targeting direct recruitment quota also and redefining roster afresh and finishing backlog vacancies for SC/STs with one stroke of pen. Atrocities on these communities in the hands of J&K Bureaucracy, recruitment agencies including Public Service Commission and even the politicians have increased several folds. He further said that no heed was paid to their representations to "Delimitation Commission" and "Backward Classes Commission" headed by an upper caste retired judge who did lot of damage to

SC/ST/OBCs and acted as a dictator, sometimes even ignoring valid opinion of co-members.

Mohinder Bhagat, (Working General Secretary) while further elaborating on the plights of SC/ST/OBCs of J&K said that none of the promises made by BJP with SC/ST/OBCs have been fulfilled in last more than 09 years of the struggle of SC/ST/OBCs in J&K. He said that issue of Reservation in Promotions remained unsolved and rather sabotaged under the nose of LG in spite of all legal and constitutional backings. SC/ST Atrocities Act remained unimplemented on ground. Mandal Commission report remained unimplemented in spite of false promises, ST status of Gujjar/Bakarwals stands diluted in J&K, no whereabouts of SC Component Plans, many successful attempts to snatch state lands from SC/OBCs after abrogation of article 370 have been made, slow and less disbursement of SC/ST Scholarships, Lollypop to Balmiki communities and so on are few glaring rights of SCSTOBCs which are being killed in a very calculative manner by BJP backed present ruling dispensation with close coordination of anti-reserved categories bureaucracy of J&K. Sham Bassan, (President Dalit Chetna Manch) said that slogans of PM Modi like "Modi Hai Toh Mumkin Hai", "Sab Kaa Saath Sab Kaa Vikas", "Maine Kisi Paar Bhi Zulam Nahin Honye Dunga" have miserably failed in JKUT and whatever He and HM is claiming in their rallies and coming in media is all false. He said that attitude of LG and his machinery after the death of Rajni Bala teacher in militant attack was indifferent.

Kesri concerned over rising chain snatching incidents

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JAMMU, MAY 06: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today expressed serious concern over rising cases chain snatching in Jammu and appealed to the Police and other controlling agencies to take strict action against those involved in such crimes. Addressing a press conference here today, Kesri said that on every other day, we hear about crimes like snatching, thefts etc.

"The administration needs to ponder over it seriously so that Jammu which is known as City of Temples can be kept free from all these crimes," Kesri said, adding, if adequate steps are not taken timely, the day is not far when it will become difficult for people to move around Jammu city.

He said thefts and drug smuggling were already common in Jammu city and now due to chain snatching cases, women fear to move alone while wearing costly jewellery and now gangsters have started ruling the roost here. The street are not equipped with street lights which causes darkness and hence makes it easier for the culprits to commit this crime. Kesri further said that there is a suspected gang which has been identified by various victims of chain snatching.

They have also complained about them to the local police, but no prominent action has been taken yet.

This has encouraged the gang and such incidents have become a normal thing to take place.

Punjabi kavi darbar organised by JKAACL



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JAMMU, MAY 06: A literary event- Punjabi Kavi Darbar was organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL) in collaboration with GCW, Gandhinagar, Jammu and Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R S Pura at the Seminar Hall of GCW, Gandhinagar. Senior satire writer Dr. Monojit was the chief guest on this occasion whereas S. Ajeet Singh Mastana, a noted Punjabi Ghazal poet from Kashmir presided over the programme. Prof. Dr. S P Saraswat, Prof. Dr. M K Mussa, S. Popinder Singh Paras, Editor Sheeraza Punjabi, JKAACL, S. Harjit Singh Uppal, President, Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R S Pura and Dr. Anuradha Sharma, HoD, Punjabi, GCW, Gandhinagar shared the dais. The programme was attended by intellectuals, poets, Dr. Bindu Chib, HoD Hindi and students of the College.

Welcoming the guests and the poets present in the programme, Dr. Prof. S P Saraswat said that it's an appreciable step by JKAACL to organize such a literary event at Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu. He said that Punjabi culture is vast and rich in values, which is quite appreciable. A number of prominent, well known and young poets presented their poetry in different genres of literary art. The poets who presented their creations in the form of poetry included: Harjit Singh Uppal, Ajit Singh Mastana, Jang S. Verman, Dr. Baljit Singh Raina, Davinder Singh Vishvanagrik, Bhupinder Singh Bhargav, Suraj Singh Suraj, Harbhajan Singh Upshak, Bachan Bharti, Balkar Singh, Balwinder Singh Jammu, Suraj Prakash, Manjit Singh Kamra, Saran star, Balwinder Singh Deep, Shamsher Singh Chohalvi, J P

Singh Azad and Dr. Rajvir Singh.

In his introductory discourse, S. Popinder Singh said that the Academy is organizing literary events of all the languages of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, and accessing to the youth through different modes of liking. He said that the Academy is also providing all facilities for the promotion of Punjabi language in the far flung areas of the valley and Jammu region.

In his presidential address S. Ajeet Singh Mastana appreciated the efforts of the Cultural Academy and other organizers to promote regional languages including Punjabi. He emphasized on the need to preserve and promote the art, culture and languages of different societies of the region. While speaking on this occasion Dr. Monojit appreciated the poetry presented by the participating poets. He complimented the organizers for organizing this literary programme at GCW, Gandhinagar, Jammu.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anuradha Sharma and the vote of was extended by S. Harjit Singh Uppal, President, PSS, R S Pura.

Members of Numberdars & Chowkidars' Association of Jammu region hold meeting, urges govt. to solve their problems

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JAMMU, MAY 06: A meeting of Numberdars/Chowkidars wing of Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K was held under the chairmanship of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, President DSS today at Sabha Bhawan Dogra Hall, Jammu. A large number of Numberdars / Chowkidars representing different Tehsils & Districts participated in this meeting to discuss the burning issues faced by these grass root institutions. The main issues which came under discussion were low remuneration, deficiencies in uniform of Chowkidars, office accommodation at district and tehsil headquarters, identity cards, their representation in District and Block Development Boards etc. But the most deplorable issue that came under the discussion was summarily dismissal of hundreds of Numberdars/Chowkidars by the govt. without assigning any reasons which is a blot on the entire career of their service. They were quite disgusted on account of this indeleble mark on their service career as well as they have to face it during their entire lifetime while in the society. Moreover, they were branded as land grabbers also.

The prominent among those who spoke on the occasion were Capt. Sardar Singh president of



the Association, Raj Kumar of Hiranagar, Balwant Singh and Channkar Singh representing the Reasi and Katraand O.P Sangra of Kootah.

Charak, while addressing the meeting, said that all these issues have been brought to the notice of the govt. at different levels such as Chief Secretary, Div. Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners.

He said that the Dogra Sadar Sabha has also taken up all these burning issues faced by them with the administration. He further said that it was DSS that was instrumental in enhancing the remunerations of these village level workers and reiterated the resolve of the Sabha to strive for the mitigation of their problems and further strengthening these important these grassroot institutions.

In the end, a committee of the following Numberdars/Chowkidars was constituted to take up their problems at proper forum with Capt. Sardar Singh of Nud as convenor, Raj Kumar of Hiranagar as Gen. Secretary.

The other members included Balwant Singh, Channkar Singh of Reasi, Baldev Raj and Darshan Singh of district Jammu, O.P Sangra of Kathua district, Mashooq Khan of Poonch district etc. They were also authorized to nominate more members on this Committee representing different Tehsils of Jammu region. Among those who expressed their views in the meeting were Brij Lal, Surinder Singh, Rakesh Singh, Bhuvan Sharma, Puranchand, Jagdev Raj, Tahal Singh, Ram Chand, Swarn Lal, Karan Singh and others.

Grow-Trees Delegation from Mumbai Reviews Survival of Saplings Planted under "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Campaign at SMVDU Campus



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JAMMU, MAY 06: A Delegation from Grow-Trees, hailing from the city of Mumbai and led by Mr. Ronak Jariwala, Head of Projects & Finance, Grow-Trees, made a notable visit to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) campus to monitor the progress of 300 saplings previously planted by their team under the campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh".

The "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign was led by their Director, Mr. Deeraj from the Grow Green Katra project, (J&K Eco Watch), showed real progress in making the campus greener. The visit served as a testament to the enduring collabora-

tion between the two entities in fostering environmental sustainability and green initiatives. Upon arrival, the Delegation was warmly welcomed by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator, and Dr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor at SMVDU, who provided insights into the university's steadfast commitment to environmental conservation and afforestation efforts. During the inspection, the Grow-Trees team expressed admiration for the remarkable growth observed among the 300 saplings, indicating a robust survival rate. Mr. Ronak Jariwala, accompanied by the team's auditor, lauded the collaborative efforts of

SMVDU and Grow-Trees in nurturing a thriving green ecosystem within the campus premises. Dr. Rajiv Kumar and Dr. Varun Dutta further briefed the delegation on the comprehensive sustainability initiatives undertaken by SMVDU, emphasizing the importance of such endeavors in fostering ecological balance and environmental stewardship. The visit underscored the fruitful partnership between Grow-Trees and SMVDU, highlighting the shared commitment towards nurturing a greener and more sustainable future. As the evaluation concluded, both parties reiterated their dedication to furthering collaborative efforts in promoting environmental conservation and biodiversity preservation. The visit not only served as a platform for mutual appreciation but also reinforced the resolve to continue working together towards creating a healthier and more vibrant environment for generations to come.

Conduct Audit of Infrastructure in Govt. Schools of J&K: BADC

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POONCH, MAY 06:

All Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK-BADC), a registered organization working for the well-being of Border dwellers and tribals of J & K, has demanded a third-party audit of infrastructure in government schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

The organization in its demands has stated that the infrastructure in J&K government schools is in very poor condition since long but unfortunately the concerned officers of the education department are not paying any heed to the repeated demands of the students and their parents.

BADC has called for social audit of buildings and other infrastructure of the government schools including their classrooms, staff rooms, libraries, laboratories, washrooms, drinking water facilities, playgrounds, availability of seating arrangements, and electrical equipment like light systems and fans, etc. Dr. Shazad Ahmed,

Chairman of the BADC and former Vice-Chancellor, while justifying the demand for social audit of government school buildings and other infrastructure, said that though the condition of government schools across J & K is not praiseworthy but the condition of Government schools in Border and remote areas is even worst.

Dr. Shazad informed that during his interaction with the border residents, students, and teachers, every-one complained of poor infrastructure and had demanded *up gradation* there. The BADC Chairman has requested the secretary education department to hold thorough audit of schools and issue necessary instructions for *up gradation* in a phased manner keeping in view the availability of resources.

He also suggested the education department to approach companies and corporates to build the infrastructure of educational institutions under CRS, Corporate Social Responsibility.

SMVDU Student visited Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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JAMMU, MAY 06:

Students from the School of Mathematics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) visited Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), Dharamshala during their Educational Tour during 01-03 May 2024. Students interacted with the faculty and students of CUHP about various facets of their teaching and learning. Professor Rakesh Kumar, Head, Srinivasa Ramanujan Department of Mathematics, CUHP delivered a lecture on innovative learning and various presentation skills.

The tour was aimed to provide an opportunity to understand the educational, cultural, and environmental landscapes of the region. From a broader perspective, this tour allowed the students to learn more about new situations in an informal environment.

Students got the opportunity to observe many things



that are not available during the classroom teaching, including learning environment at other national level institution, varying socio-metric levels, impact of infrastructural developments on environment, etc.

The experience of the tour enhanced their learning, compassion for the people, and inspired them to work towards sustainable development of society. Dr. Kuldip Raj, Head, School of Mathematics (SOM), Dr. Surender Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma and Dr. Nitin Bisht accompanied the students during the edu-

ational tour. Dr. Surender Singh, A. P. SOM was the Faculty Coordinator, and Mr. Saksham Kudyar, Mr. Dhruv were the student coordinators of the tour. Dr. Kuldip Raj, Head, SOM thanked Professor (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU for providing the necessary approval and support to arrange this educational tour.

Dr. Raj also thanked CUHP administration and Professor Rakesh Kumar, CUHP for the necessary arrangement of the visit to CUHP.