

Govt should withdraw new farm laws: Manjit Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Jan 10: Former Minister and provincial president, Apni Party, Manjit Singh today said that the farmers have opposed new farm bills apprehending that they will lose their rights.

"The Mandi system is being controlled at the local level and the farmers have more trust in them. The new farm bills have snatched their rights and there is growing insecurity among the farmers," said Manjit Singh.

The former Minister said that the poor farmers were waiting for some relief from the Government, but the new farm bills which were implemented without consulting them has put farmers in problem and posed threat to their survival.

He said that the Government should reconsider the decision and roll-back the new farm bills.

Manjit was speaking at a programme organized here at Vijaypur where two prominent leaders who contested in recently concluded District

Confederation holds virtual meeting, highlights discrimination

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: A virtual meeting was organised by Zulfiqar Ali of Rajouri under the leadership of R K Kalsotra, State president All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations and patron NSYF.

The Educated SC, ST and OBC unemployed youth from all over the Rajouri district took part in the meeting. R K Kalsotra talked about the next step in so far as backlog issue is concerned. He stressed on collective efforts in bringing the issue to right forum and assured the participants that the Confederation will leave no stone unturned to get justice.

Kalsotra further said Confederation always raised genuine issues of the masses and struggled for that also. "If educated youth give wholeheartedly support we will get backlog quota in J&K which is almost 1.04 lacs", he added.

The guest speaker, Dr Ramesh Kaith pointed out the need that struggle should continue till the deprived section gets justice which has been denied. He stressed the

Comprehensive plan soon for overall development of Panchari-Moungri: Jasvir

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Regretting that successive regimes have neglected Panchari-Moungri belt of Udhampur district, newly elected member of the District Development Council (DDC) Jasvir Singh today said that a comprehensive plan for overall development of this belt would be formed very soon.

Addressing his maiden press conference after his election as younger DDC member of the Union Territory, Jasvir Singh said inhabitants of Panchari-Moungri belt have reposed faith in him by rejecting powerful and resourceful candidates of the main stream parties. "Panchari-Moungri, Jasvir Singh, addressing a press conference at Jammu.



Flanked by Team Jammu chairman Zorawar Singh, DDC member from stream parties, Panchari-Moungri, Jasvir Singh, addressing a press conference at Jammu.

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Pointing towards the health sector in this belt, Jasvir Singh demanded up-gradation of the existing health institutes besides deputing doctors and para medical staff. He also demanded opening of new dispensaries in the far-flung areas. He also demanded construction of roads to all untouched areas and a comprehensive policy to maintain the existing road.

Observing that his region has huge tourism potential, Jasvir Singh, who is also young volunteer of Team Jammu, demanded that Panchari-Moungri should be developed as a tourist destination.

New scheme will bolster industrial activity in J&K: CII

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) today said that the new industrial scheme for J&K will bolster industrial activity in the Union Territory.

"CII believes that the incentives provided in the scheme such as the capital investment incentive, capital interest subvention, working capital interest incentives, and the Goods and Services Tax linked incentives will not only attract new industry but will also provide a boost to the existing industry of the UT of J&K," said Farooq Amin, chairman of CII.

Furthermore, CII expects that the scheme will lead to a lot of job creation, which will help achieve the targeted 4.5 lakh jobs within the UT,

Industrial package meaningless without peace initiative: Masoodi

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 10: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) Member of Parliament from Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, Justice (ret'd) Hasnain Masoodi today said the new industrial policy would not fetch any result without taking into cognizance political aspirations of people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

In a statement here, he emphasised that the recently announced Rs 28,400 crore industrial scheme would not fetch any results in absence of an aggressive peace initiative to address the political aspirations of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Masoodi has reminded the Government that earlier such announcements - Rs 6165 crore package announced by late Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee in 2002 and Rs. 80,000 crore package announced by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in 2015, have not changed anything on ground.

"The alienation, despite such announcements, has been ever increasing and that the unconstitutional measures of 5th August 2019, nothing less than a misadventure, have further widened the gulf. Hundreds of lives have been lost in about a hundred encounters, quite a few in urban areas of Srinagar and Jammu. Government does not even, one and a half years after assault on

the special status of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, muster courage to restore the internet at the speed available in other parts of the country exposing millions of students and businessmen to immense loss and inconvenience, he added.

He said the preventive detention law, an anathema to Constitution, continues to be invoked with impunity and young and old detained hundreds of miles away from their homes.

In such a scenario, he said the Industrial Development Scheme, in absence of a result oriented peace initiative, is like changing the bed linen of a hospital bed instead of providing medical care to cure the patient.

He said the trade bodies must realise that peace and development go hand in hand and peace would not be possible without political aspirations respected and addressed. It is to be realised that there can be no "islands of prosperity" in a "sea of pain and agony", he added.

Masoodi has asked the Government of India to undo the 5th August 2019 decisions, restore autonomy provided under Delhi Agreement 1952, initiate dialogue with all the stakeholders for lasting peace and open the historical and traditional routes between all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate trade, travel and people people contact in an important region of South Asia.

Speedy implementation of FRA will prevent eviction of tribals: Rahi

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Speedy implementation of Forest Right Act will prevent the potential eviction of a few lakh tribal Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gaddis and Sippis,

most of whom are forest dwellers and members of scheduled tribes, from their ancestral land located in the forests of Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated today by noted tribal researcher Dr Javaid Rahi while addressing a series of awareness programmes about implementation of Forest Right Act (FRA) 2006 in Bajalta, Sara and Sidhra area of Jammu.

In his address, he said, "I have seen a new light and ray of hope in the eyes of nomadic tribes who were facing eviction despite being tribe as the Forest Right Act 2006 was not extended to J&K till 5th of August 2019 - when Parliament of India it to J&K.

He said till 2019, in view of evocations, thousands of Gujjars, Bakerwals and Gaddis had loosed access to their habitat, livelihoods and spiritual culture which is strange. Some of them are now working as unskilled labourers.

While replying a query, he stated that those who are migratory tribes and groups should apply under both individual rights and community rights on routes, pastures, dhoks

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Tribal elders who were present include Freed Ahmed Podh, Haji Mirza Bokda, Jamat Ali Chowdhary, Mushtaq Inqilabi, Mehmoond Riaz, Shams Din, Sarpanch Amjad Hussain, Manzoor Ahmed Chouhan, Amran Rashid and others.

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AJKPC seeks strict action in attack on Sarpanch Gandali

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JAMMU, Jan 10: The general secretary of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) today demanded the Government to take strict action against those who attacked Sarpanch of Gandali Panchayat

and left him seriously injured. Devraj Sharma and Harjinder Singh were also present in the press conference.

Darshan Singh said that a complaint has also been lodged in this connection at concerned police station against accused Bunty and some of his associates. Panchayat representatives said that if a Sarpanch is not safe then how will the general public be safe?

They demanded the Government to provide security to the sarpanchs and strict punishment to the assailants of sarpanchs.

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GDC Bishnah organizes lecture on 'Career after Graduation'

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JAMMU, Jan 10: An online lecture on the topic "Careers after Graduation" was organized by the Career Counselling Cell of Government Degree College, Bishnah under Monodarpan initiative of Government of India.

Ambica Kumari, Assistant Professor in Psychology, P G College for Women, Gandhinagar, and Nodal Officer, Career Counselling Cell, HED, J&K, was the key speaker of the session.

In her elaborated presentation, she explained about different courses as well as career aspects available after graduation. She shared her knowledge

and experience regarding success with the participants and encouraged them to explore new career options in the job market. This online lecture was attended by more than 90 participants, followed by an interactive session where all the queries of the students were addressed.

The online lecture was conducted under the supervision of Principal GDC Bishnah, Dr Anuradha Pandoh. Dr. Asha Singh, Coordinator, Career Counselling Cell of the College, coordinated the event. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Sheetu Raina, Assistant Professor in Zoology.

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Jat Sabha convention at LoC village Provide all facilities to people living on border: Choudhary

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NEWSHERA, Jan 10: Former Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) and general secretary of the Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) on Sunday urged the authorities to provide all facilities to the students living on the border

Choudhary regretted that on the one hand border residents have been denied basic amenities like health and education, on the other they are uncertain about their own security due to continued shelling. He further pointed out that the promise of constructing bunkers is yet to be fulfilled.

Exhorting members of the Jat Biradari of Nowshera to launch a war against social evils like drug addiction, Choudhary sought support of every section of the society to eradicate this menace which is dangerously consuming the lives of the younger generation. He called upon elderly members of the Biradari to shoulder the responsibility to eradicate social evils from the society. He also called upon the Jat Biradari to ensure social harmony and brotherhood with other communities so as to ensure development and progress in the society.

During the day-long convention, president of the Sabha Capt Moti Ram nominated Capt Bhola Ram as chairman of J&K Jat Sabha and Suresh Choudhary (retired Principal) as general secretary of Nowshera unit of the Sabha. Ravinder Chouhan was appointed as youth wing president of the Jat Sabha Nowshera. During function Jat Biradari members who excelled in different fields, were also felicitated by the community.

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DCC leader Manohar Lal addressing public meeting at Dinga Amb in Kathua on Sunday.

Farmers' protest result of BJP's politics of 'lies & deceit': Ex-MLA

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 10: Former MLA Billawar and president DCC Kathua, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma today alleged that farmers' protest is the result of BJP's politics of 'lies and deceit'.

Addressing public meeting in Dinga Amb area of Billawar Assembly today Manohar criticized NDA Govt at Centre for its adamant anti-farmer, anti-people attitude and said present farmers protest in the country is result of BJP's politics of 'Jhooth & Fareb'.

He said farmers are representing 130 crores people of the country and he feels immense pain when these farmers are outraged by terming them as anti-nationals by BJP leaders. He also slammed remarks made by the BJP leaders on farmers' protest, calling it "most unfortunate and condemnable. The government must find an amicable solution and address the grievances of farmers sympathetically instead of blaming them as gangs of anti-national elements.

He said farmers are protesting in a peaceful manner. Their protest is for their most genuine concerns, which the government

is ignoring. "The farmers are fighting for their legitimate rights and their protests are getting support from every section of society. The farm laws that are not in the interest of the farming community must be taken back but Prime Minister Modi has time to meet industrialists, but not farmers," he regretted.

"The entire country depends on the farmers. It is time that this Government should embrace them as well. People have lost faith in the BJP. Around 70 farmers have sacrificed their lives for abolishment of these draconian farm laws by BJP government," he maintained.

He said for the first time in history of the country that instead of celebrating, farmers were forced to hit the streets on "KisanDivas". He said BJP cannot suppress the voice of the farmers.

Senior members D S Bindu, BDC Chairman Brijeshwar Indu, Sarpanch Kulbushan Singh, Dalvir Sethi, Sarpanch Thakur Rajinder Singh, Sushma Choudhary, Kundan Lal Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma and others were also present.

JKRCEA seeks LG's intervention in settling promotion issue

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Jammu Kashmir Reserved Categories Employment Alliance (JKRCEA) today sought the intervention of Lt Governor appealing him to direct authorities to either apply roster while affecting OPG/DPC promotions or stop all promotions till final disposal and decision in this regard.

The demand was made at a joint press conference by the representatives of JKRCEA here. They said initially the 'status quo' and 'stay' of Apex Court's order were deliberately misinterpreted by the officers. Subsequently, Presidential order extending 77th Constitutional amendment to JK UT dated 01-03-2019 was not given any heed by the bureaucracy. Finally abrogation of Article 370 and protection of Reservation Act of 2004 in Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act was also ignored by the officers.

Prof. GL Thapa working president of JKRCEA said that the JKUT officers have created total confusion in the matter of reservation in promotions. They never took the matter seriously and rather played with the career of SC and ST employees. The delay in implementation of Supreme Court directives of Stay Order, Presidential Order provisions of J&K Reorganization Act have

caused irreparable damage to the SC and ST employees and this depicts their caste based mind set of the upper caste officers lobby. He further said that the harassment against employees of SC and ST communities is also seen while transferring them repeatedly in remote areas making service conditions more and more hostile for them.

He said before abrogation of Article 370, these communities were a little bit protected under the shadow of being Muslim majority State but after that these communities suffered more harassment.

Sham Lal Basson, Member presidium of JKRCEA said the employees of SC and ST communities in JK are feeling betrayed. All the administrative secretaries are affecting both OPG and DPCs promotions of different cadres without giving benefit of reservation in promotions which is a Constitutional provision. There are instances when junior upper caste employees in the promotional cadre are being promoted over and above SC and ST employees who are senior to them by three to five years. The Constitutional provisions after abrogation of Article 370 are being floated without any check and balances. The LG who is Constitutional head must see to it and direct the officialdom for remedies, he added.

Youth Cong lambasts Govt over age bar for JKAS exam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: J&K Pradesh Youth Congress castigates BJP led government for "playing with the future of youth of Jammu and Kashmir" over the age bar in newly advertised JKAS posts.

Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib criticised the BJP government for "deceiving and playing" with the future of

the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. This government has resolved to rob everything away from the people of our region.

JKPSC advertises such posts after an interval of years together. The reduction in the age bar at such circumstances makes no sense at all. These posts are not advertised regularly like UPSC, he added.

He said primarily the rise of unemployment and now the age bar for the Civil Service candidates have irked the educated youth since they have been pushed to official apathy.

JKPSC spokesperson said that the government should immediately re-advertise the posts with adequate age relaxation as was given to the educated youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

He threatened that if the UT Govt will not resolve the issue pertaining to the career of tens of thousands of educated youth of J&