

Fear of people’s backlash forced BJP to dispatch battery of Central leaders: Patil

*** DDC elections no substitute to Assembly polls: Mir**
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BISHNAH/ KATHUA, Dec 9: Congress has asked BJP if people are happy with the performance of its Government and State leaders, why it needs the help of the battery of national leaders and other star campaigners including film celebrities



AICC leader Rajni Patil, PCC chief GA Mir & others at election rally in Bishnah.

ties to go to every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir to seek votes for the party in these local elections to the Panchayats and District Development Councils.

Senior AICC leader and incharge J&K affairs, Rajni Patil, who arrived here today on a day’s visit, questioned this to BJP in a workers’ meeting at Bishnah today afternoon. She said that fear of losing these



Principal Secretary Navin Choudhary during launch of GI tagged Saffron in Dubai.

Navin launches GI tagged Saffron from Kashmir in UAE

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DUBAI, Dec 9: In a function, the geographical indication (GI) tagged Saffron from Kashmir was launched in Al Maya Super Market, Dubai, UAE, by Principal Secretary Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, J&K, Navin K. Choudhary, in presence of Director Horticulture Kashmir and other dignitaries and delegates from Kashmir.

A geographical indication (GI) tag is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. Saffron from Kashmir stall will remain available in Al Maya Super Market, which is headed by Group Director Kamal Vachani, AL Maya Dubai, UAE.

Pertinent to mention that a delegation of farmers, growers, businessmen and government officials from Jammu and Kashmir led by Navin Chaudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, J&K is participating in UAE-India Food Security Summit, 2020 with an aim to promote horticulture produce of Union Territory in the international market and tap the Gulf market.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director Horticulture Kashmir alongwith Syed Jahangir Hashmi, Additional Secretary, Horticulture, K. K. Sharma of Agriculture Department, from J&K Government are also accompanying Principal Secretary.

During the meeting with Consulate General of India, Dr. Aman Puri, he said India is on radar for import of best quality fruits and food products and formulation of trade agreements with UAE. India has large cultivated land, which is a major driver for growth and makes India Self-reliance and focus needs to be given on hydroponics farming too.

The summit brings several key stakeholders from both the countries on one platform to share their experiences, deliberations on solutions and explore ways to further increase the collaboration in the food security.

Delegates comprising prominent businessmen, investors and representatives of the public sector organizations, business entrepreneurs from J&K- Farooq Amin, Owais Altaf Bukhari, Umer Tramboos,

elections lurks in the heart’s of BJP High Command forcing it to despatch several Central Ministers and film celebrities to campaign for party’.

She said common people are highly annoyed with the multiple failures of the BJP and it’s arbitrary actions in Jammu and Kashmir. Each and every section

would never divide the people on religion, religion or caste basis for electoral benefits, but BJP leaves no opportunity to exploit the emotions of people for vote banks politics.

Addressing the meeting, JKPC chief GA Mir said that the BJP has indulged in politics of divide and deceit for political interests and running away from holding early Assembly elections even more than two and half years of Governor rule.

Post August 5, last year, the historical State has been reduced to a UT which is no better than a municipal corporation for which the people want to know the reasons behind punishing the people especially of Jammu region, who gave huge mandate to BJP and brought BJP to power in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that it’s good that elections to the DDCs of Panchayat Raj system is being held, all of a sudden but these bodies can’t be substitute for the Assembly, even though powerless in the existing status, until full statehood with all rights.

Mir asked BJP as to how long people of Jammu and Kashmir shall be kept deprived of their elected Government and when the full statehood with all rights shall be restored to the people. It’s the right of the people and they shall not wait too long for securing their rights to statehood and an elected Government.

AICC secretary Sudhir Sharma, former minister and vice president Raman Bhalla, chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, general secretary Manmohan Singh, State secretaries Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina and DDC candidate Manohar Lal Moton were prominent those attended. Similar rally was held for party candidate Veena Devi in Kathua.

of the society especially the Youth and farmers are feeling cheated by the BJP for its false promises and Anti farmers and Anti poor policies and programmes.

Patil said that the people now understand the diversionary tactics of BJP especially during elections and finding escape routes to seek votes on it’s promises and delivery on ground. The Congress Party

Shahjahan, Sanjay Puri, Kulbhushan Khajuria, Shahid Kamili, Mushtaq Chaya, Mir Khurram, Ehsaan Javid, Maajid Waffai, Shahjahan, Manan Tramboos, Izhaz Javed also attended the event and held four to five roundtable discussions with businessmen/investors tycoons of UAE for exploring opportunities of business, investment and trade agreements with J&K, which are likely to be expected.

Principal Secretary told during round table conference that Kashmiri bakery is one of the best in quality in world besides apple, cherry, walnut, basmati rice and saffron. The delegation has completed a "fruitful" meeting with the Dubai Chamber of Commerce.

Al Maya Group, UAE agreed to visit Kashmir in the month of June 2021 to see more trade agreements. The UAE and India aim to increase the volume of trade in food products mani folds in the next five years.

The summit also saw discussions and presentations on Food Processing equipment’s & technology, Dairy Product Development and infrastructure including development of logistics and integrated cold chains, infrastructure development for fishing harbours, floriculture with multi-national companies of UAE.

Two absconders held after 7 years

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JAMMU, Dec 9: Two persons, facing charges of duping dozens of unemployed youths on the pretext of securing jobs for them abroad, were arrested here after a long hunt of seven years, by Crime Branch Jammu.

"Kailashpati and Mukesh, both sons of Hukum Chand and residents of Maslaie Dhandal village of Kishtwar, were nabbed in a meticulously planned operation by a special team which had developed specific inputs regarding their whereabouts, said a Crime Branch official.

He said a case was registered in the Jammu Crime Branch against the duo in 2013 for allegedly luring unemployed youths from remote hilly villages on the pretext of arranging jobs for them abroad and then duping them of Rs 21.50 lakh.

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Dr Jitendra Singh asked, why the Congress candidates are reluctant to put up the photographs of Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi on their campaign posters and why the National Conference candidates are not putting up pictures of

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Lambasting those who criticise BJP candidates for mentioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's schemes and welfare programmes in local body election campaign, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the benefit of these welfare schemes has reached even to the last village and last Panchayat, and every citizen is acknowledging the vision and concern of Prime Minister Modi. He said, the free gas cylinders distributed under Ujjwala Yojana have reached even to the family members of the Congress candidates and under Prime Minister Avas Yojana (PMAY) new houses have been constructed even for

those families who had voted for National Conference for last six decades but received these benefits only in the last six years.

Taking a dig at those who say that no development work has been done, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, nearby Keedian-Ghandiyal bridge constructed at a cost of Rs.150 crore is being freely used by the Congress, National Conference and other opposition leaders as well and if they are unable to see the bridge, then why don't they drive through the Khads and Kucha roads as they were doing before the construction of this bridge? He said, those who have to vote for us can see the change and the development and those who say that nothing has happened are only deceiving themselves.

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Infringement of fundamental, human rights in vogue in Kashmir: Farooq

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SRINAGAR, Dec 9: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah today said the unilateral and unconstitutional abrogation of J&K's special status has coincided with a steep rise in the infringement of fundamental and human rights in J&K.

The honour of the people has been compromised and downgraded on every account since the spiteful measures of August 5 were undertaken by the ruling BJP at center by giving a ditch to all established constitutional norms and parliamentary propriety, Party President said in his message on the international human rights day.

The months that followed the August 5 2019 measures saw a steep rise in the human rights violations of people in face of disallowing people to pray, blocking communication channels, snatching exclusive jobs rights of local youth.

"BJP climbed the political

2 decades on, building of local health centre lying unused

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Dec 9: The locals of Wanganpora area of Eidgah in Srinagar today demanded operationalizing a Health Centre building lying unutilized for the last 2 decades for the betterment of the residents of the area without any further delay.

They said that the construction of the building was initiated more than 20 years ago and was completed just a few years ago and despite being complete, the building has not been made functional for the purpose it was constructed.

It is to be mentioned here that the building has been constructed at the cost of around Rs 80 lakh and more funds were later utilized for the repairs of the building post floods in 2014.

"Despite spending the amount, the building has not been made functional and has not been handed over the Health Department for the betterment of the people living in the area," Irfan Ahmad Bhat, a local said.

The locals said that while there is a building available, a health centre is functioning one kilometre away in a rented building. "They are wasting their resources; they have a building, but they have left it unattended-it could serve a great purpose," he said.

Bail denied to accused booked under ULA Prevention Act

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JAMMU, Dec 9: Special Judge (Designated Court under NIA) Anantnag Khalil Ahmad Choudhary has denied bail to a person booked under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The accused namely Waseem Ahmed Wani, son of Mohammad Akram Wani of Zainpora was arrested by Shopian Police on the ground that he was involved in heinous offence against the sovereignty and integrity of the country. Moreover, he was threat to the social fabric and law and order in the area.

After hearing the counsel for the accused and Public Prosecutor, the court observed, "there are reasonable grounds to believe that the allegations against the accused are prima-facie credible and plausible", adding "the investigating agency

ladder nationally by employing a narrative that Articles 370 and 35-A were impeding the job prospects of the youth. Far from providing jobs to the youth, the incumbent ruling dispensation at center which is in direct control of J&K's affairs showed door to thousands of employed youth. 17 months have passed since, the much touted promise of ruling BJP on the creation of Job extravaganza is yet to see light of the day," he said.

The Government grinding of fundamental rights of the people of J&K didn't stop there; the right to freedom of religion has also been in jeopardy since. "I wasn't allowed to take part in congregational prayers at Hazratbal following Eid-e-Milad observance," he said.

"Putting restrictions on mainstream political leaders has sadly become the order of the day. Mehbooba Mufti has been locked up inside her home once again. Such blatant violations of freedom to move, assemble and speak is a badge that the incumbent Government wears proudly," he said.

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