

# JKPCC launches statewide ‘Har Ghar Dastak, Ghar Ghar Dastak’ campaign from Belicharana

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The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) today launched a statewide mass contact campaign titled “Har Ghar Dastak, Ghar Ghar Dastak” from Ward No. 6, Belicharana, Jammu, with the objective of mobilising public opinion for the immediate restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and drawing attention to the burning socio-economic and democratic issues confronting the people of the Union Territory. The programme was organised by Congress Sewa Dal J&KUT President Vijay Sharma Babbi and witnessed the participation of senior party leaders, grassroots workers and a large number of local residents. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Manmohan Singh, Amrit Bali, Satish Sharma, Dwarka Choudhary, Pawan Bhagat, Dara Singh, Zahoor Tantray, Shahzad Qazi, Abbas Rather, Wali Khan, Javed Bhatt, Advocate Aleem Sheikh, Bashir Khan.

Addressing the gathering, JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra said that the Congress party has taken upon itself the responsibility of reaching out to every household to expose the failures of the present governance framework in J&KUT and to stand firmly with the people in their legitimate struggle for democratic rights. He said that the continued denial of statehood has resulted in administrative centralisation, erosion of accountability, weakening of democratic institutions and growing alienation among the people. “Statehood is not a concession or charity—it is a constitutional right. The repeated assurances given by the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister on the floor of Parliament must now be honoured without further



delay,” Karra asserted. Karra made a strong and unequivocal appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to fulfil the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir at the time of reorganisation, including the restoration of full statehood and respect for democratic aspirations. He said that repeated postponement of these commitments has deepened mistrust and uncertainty. “The people of Jammu and Kashmir have waited patiently. Any further delay will only widen the democratic deficit and erode faith in constitutional governance,” he warned.

Raising serious concerns over the security and dignity of Kashmiris outside the Union Territory, Karra urged the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to take firm and visible steps to ensure the safety of students, traders, workers and professionals from Kashmir across the country. He said that incidents of harassment, profiling and intimidation of Kashmiris, especially during times of tension, are unacceptable in a democratic and pluralistic nation. Kashmiri is an equal citizen of India. The Union Government must ensure that no Kashmiri lives in fear anywhere in the country,” he said.

The JKPCC President also strongly criticised the prevailing socio-economic situation in J&KUT, stating that unemployment, rising prices, shrinking job op-

portunities, prolonged recruitment delays and uncertainty among educated youth have reached alarming proportions. He expressed grave concern over the systematic weakening of MGNREGA, pointing out that delayed payments, reduced workdays and fund shortages have severely impacted rural livelihoods, pushing poor labourers and marginal families into distress. He reiterated that the ongoing “MGNREGA Bachao Sangram” will be intensified across Jammu and Kashmir to safeguard the rights of rural workers and ensure guaranteed employment as mandated by law.

Highlighting other pressing issues, Karra said that farmers, daily wagers, casual labourers, Anganwadi and ASHA workers, small traders, pensioners and government employees are facing neglect and policy paralysis. He also flagged the deteriorating condition of health infrastructure, challenges in the education sector, frequent power outages, drinking water scarcity, growing crime rates and the alarming spread of drug abuse among youth. He urged the Omar Abdullah-led government to move beyond political symbolism and address public issues with urgency, sensitivity and sincerity. “Governance must be people-centric and rooted in ground realities, not limited to announcements and optics,” he stressed.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, the JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, while formally launching the “Har Ghar Dastak, Ghar Ghar Dastak” campaign, said that the initiative is aimed at establishing direct, meaningful and sustained contact with citizens in every ward and village of Jammu and Kashmir. He said party workers will go door-to-door to listen to people’s grievances, document their concerns, spread awareness about the Congress party’s stand on statehood restoration, and mobilise public opinion for the democratic assertion of rights. “This campaign is about dialogue, trust and truth. It is about giving voice to the unheard and hope to the disillusioned,” he said.

The Working President further stated that the Congress party will continue its simultaneous mass movements, including the “MGNREGA Bachao Sangram,” to defend employment guarantees and social security for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society. He warned that dilution of welfare schemes has widened economic distress and social inequality, and cautioned that such policies would have serious long-term consequences if not reversed immediately.

Bhalla also appealed to the Omar Abdullah-led government to take concrete and time-bound measures to tackle unemployment, inflation, rural distress and civic deficiencies instead of indulging in political rhetoric.

Sanjita Dogra emphasized that the teachings of Sant Guru Ravidass Ji hold even greater relevance in contemporary times and stressed the urgent need to connect the younger generation with his ideals of equality, harmony and human dignity.

Baldev Singh Billawaria underlined the importance of dedicated public service and the effective use of technology to serve society, urging party cadre to work relentlessly for the welfare of the people.

Gopal Mahajan inspired the gathering by reiterating Sant Guru Ravidass Ji’s powerful message of love, unity and service, calling upon everyone to strive for both spiritual upliftment and social harmony.

Dharminder Kumar, while delivering the presidential address, emphasized that Sant Guru Ravidass Ji was not merely a spiritual saint but a visionary social reformer who laid the foundation for an egalitarian and discrimination-free society centuries ago.

It was stated that Guru Ravidass Ji’s philosophy of Begampura envisioned a society without fear, hunger, caste barriers or social injustice, an idea that continues to inspire the BJP’s commitment to Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. Stress was laid on the fact that service to humanity is the highest form of devotion, quoting the profound teaching, “Manav samaj ki seva hi Prabhu ki seva hai” (Service to humanity is the true service to God).

# MLA Akhboor kickstarts work of Panchayat Ghar

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MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal today kickstarted the slab work of a Panchayat Ghar at Panchayat Jadh in Jourian block. The building is being constructed at an estimated cost of ₹25 lakh and was a long-pending demand of the villagers.

Once completed, the Panchayat Ghar will serve as a hub for local governance, official meetings, implementation of development schemes and delivery of public services at the grassroots level. A large number of residents and local representatives attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Mohan Lal reiterated his commitment to transforming Akhnoor into an ideal constituency through balanced and inclusive development. He emphasized that strengthening basic infrastructure in rural areas is essential to ensure that government schemes reach people effectively.

The MLA described the Union Budget as a progressive and people-oriented budget aimed at building a “Viksit Bharat” (Developed India).

He said the budget



places special focus on the middle class, rural infrastructure, employment generation and expansion of basic amenities. He added that such measures would benefit border and rural regions like Akhnoor by accelerating growth and improving quality of life. He further stressed the importance of quality execution of development works and technical monitoring so that durable assets are created on the ground and public funds are used effectively. He assured the gathering that issues projected by locals would be addressed on priority.

DDC Member Bhushan Bral, while addressing the

gathering, highlighted the importance of Panchayati Raj institutions in strengthening democracy at the grassroots.

Jourian Mandal BJP President Neeraj Shastri also spoke on the occasion and said that the construction of the Panchayat Ghar would fulfill a long-standing need of the area. He noted that such infrastructure will help in better planning and monitoring of local development works. He urged villagers to remain engaged with developmental programmes and extend cooperation in ensuring transparency and progress.

During the interaction,

residents raised concerns related to drinking water supply, repair of lanes and other civic amenities. The issues were taken note of, and assurances were given for necessary follow-up.

Among those present were former Sarpanch Desraj, Varinder Kumar, Dimple Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Sham Shastri, Sarup Singh, Mangal Dass, Vikram Singh, Suresh, Parveen Kumar, Rakesh Bhagat, Madan Verma, Rocky Gupta, Pritam, Karn Singh, Subhash Chander, BDO Sandeep Gupta, AE Naveed Thapa, Assistant Engineer Rishav, along with other prominent locals.

# BJP Mahila Morcha Holds Samvad Program on Union Budget at Bari Brahmana

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As part of the ongoing nationwide Mahila Samvad programmes being organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party to create awareness about the Union Budget and its women-centric initiatives, a Mahila Samvad programme was held today at Bari Brahmana.

The programme witnessed the presence of Chander Parkash Ganga, MLA, along with Asha Rani, District President, BJP; Urvashi Gupta, Morcha General Secretary, and Morcha Parliamentary Constituency Incharge; Prerna Nanda, State Vice President, BJP Mahila Morcha; Usha Rajput, State Secretary and Incharge Samba District, BJP Mahila Morcha; Sonia Thakur, State Secretary, BJP Mahila Morcha; DDC Member Shilpa Dubey; and Jai Ram Sharma, BJP State Executive Member.

The programme was organized by Indu Wazir,



District President, BJP Mahila Morcha.

Addressing the gathering, Chander Parkash Ganga highlighted the Union Government’s unwavering commitment towards women empowerment. He elaborated on key provisions of the Union Budget related to education, health, self-employment, skill development, and social security, stating that the budget reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of inclusive growth.

Asha Rani, District President, BJP, emphasized that Mahila Samvad programmes play a crucial role in connecting women with government policies. She urged women to take full advantage of welfare schemes and actively contribute to organizational and societal growth.

Urvashi Gupta, State General Secretary, BJP Mahila Morcha and Parliamentary Constituency Incharge, spoke in detail about women-centric initiatives in the Union Bud-

get. She stated that the budget aims at making women self-reliant and financially independent and encouraged women to become aware messengers of government schemes at the grassroots level.

Usha Rajput, State Secretary and Incharge Samba District, stressed the importance of spreading awareness about Central Government welfare schemes among women at the grassroots level and ensuring their effective implementation.

# Ravidass Jayanti Saptah culminates at BJP HQs



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The Scheduled Caste (SC) Morcha of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, paid heartfelt tributes to Sant Guru Ravidass Ji during a programme organized at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to mark the culmination of the week-long “Ravidass Jayanti Saptah” programmes.

J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma CA, Punjab BJP Vice-President and Incharge for Guru Ravidass Jayanti Programmes for Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Chandigarh and Karnataka, Rajesh Bagga, BJP Vice-President and DDC Chairperson Bharat Bhushan, BJP General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, and BJP SC Morcha President Dharminder Kumar addressed the programme, while paying tributes to the great saint.

While paying tributes, it

was stated by Sat Sharma that the teachings of Sant Guru Ravidass Ji continue to serve as a guiding light for humanity by promoting compassion, equality, and selfless service.

It was emphasized that the Begampura model envisioned by Guru Ravidass Ji has earned global recognition and that society must strive to adopt this vision of harmony and social justice. It was further highlighted that the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union Government have played a transformative role in promoting social equality and empowerment, in true alignment with the saint’s timeless message of love and unity. A call was made to work collectively towards a society where dignity, respect and opportunity are ensured for every citizen, irrespective of caste, creed or social status.

Rajesh Bagga, while paying tributes, strongly criticized the previous Congress governments for ruling the country for decades while dedicating major projects, institutions

and schemes solely in the names of one family. It was asserted that, in sharp contrast, the Modi Government has accorded genuine respect to India’s revered saints, including Sant Guru Ravidass Ji.

Reference was made to landmark decisions such as the renaming of Aadampur Airport in the name of Sant Guru Ravidass Ji and the conferment of the Padma Shri upon Mahant Niranjan Dass of Ballanwala Dera.

It was stated that, in line with the vision of Prime Minister Modi, the BJP organized week-long programmes to take the teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji to every household.

Bharat Bhushan shared key aspects of the life and philosophy of Sant Guru Ravidass Ji and narrated several incidents highlighting the saint’s spiritual influence. The impact of Guru Ravidass Ji on prominent historical figures, including Miran Bai, a noblewoman associated with the royal lineage of Rana Sanga, was also elaborated upon.

# Sat, Ganga inaugurate ‘Surya Farms’ Banquet Hall

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Jammu & Kashmir BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma CA, along with senior BJP leader and MLA Chander Prakash Ganga, inaugurated a newly constructed Banquet Hall, “Surya Farms,” at village Nagrota, Uterbehni in Vijaypur Assembly Constituency. The inauguration ceremony was held amid the presence of party leaders, local representatives, and prominent citizens, reflecting the enthusiasm of the local community.

Among those present on the occasion were J&K BJP Vice-President Rekha Mahajan, Rashpaul Verma, District President Asha Rani, BDC Chairperson Arshad Begum, Ajay Kumar, Indu Wazir, Sarpanches Joginder Pal, Anil Kumar, Gopal Chand, Sunita Rani, and other senior BJP leaders and workers. Arun Sharma, Secretary of J&K BJP and owner of the banquet hall, was also present along with his family members and close



associates. Addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma congratulated Arun Sharma for establishing a modern banquet facility in a rural area like Purmandal. He said that such initiatives are not only entrepreneurial ventures but also acts of social responsibility, as they cater to the long-standing needs of rural residents for organizing social, cultural, and family functions with dignity and convenience. “Facilities like banquet halls in rural belts reduce dependency on urban centres and contribute to local employment generation, thereby strengthening the rural economy,” Sat Sharma

stated. Sat Sharma also took the opportunity to brief the gathering about the Viksit Bharat (VB) GRAM G Bill and the Union Budget presented by the Modi-led government. He emphasized that the budget reflects a strong commitment towards inclusive development, rural infrastructure, women empowerment, youth employment, and welfare of farmers. He said that such visionary policies will accelerate development at the grassroots level and ensure that the benefits reach the last person in society.

Chander Prakash Ganga, in his address, congratulated Arun Sharma and his

family for the initiative and termed the banquet hall as a valuable addition for the people of Purmandal and adjoining areas. He highlighted that development in rural areas must go hand in hand with economic opportunities and community welfare.

Arun Sharma, while expressing gratitude, thanked the entire BJP leadership for their support and blessings. He assured that Surya Farms would serve as an asset for nearby villagers and would always be available for community-oriented activities along with providing quality services at affordable rates.