

# Karra, Bhalla lead massive rally in RS Pura, accuse Modi govt of playing politics over women reservation, statehood

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Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Tariq Hameed Karra on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the Centre during an impressive bike and car rally from Kullian to Rameshwar Dham, R S Pura, asserting that the recent developments surrounding the Women's Reservation Bill reflect what he termed as the "anti-women and anti-democratic mindset" of the Modi government & its biggest Legislative failure to date.

Addressing a large gathering, here today Karra said that despite tall claims of women empowerment, the failure to ensure the passage of delimitation bill is a moral defeat of PM Modi and HM Amit Shah and they have no right to rule & should step down on moral grounds.

When women reservation bill had already been unanimously passed in 2023, what was this move of Modi government, he questioned.

Non implementation of women's reservation, after its unanimous passage in Parliament in 2023, reflects a lack of political sincerity & will of Modi government.

The government tried to befool and camouflage the recent move under the garb of women reservation but utterly failed in their nefarious move to hold delimitation without census.

He stressed that the Congress remains committed to ensuring adequate representation to women in legis-



latures and decision-making bodies, as it already ensured 33 percent reservation to women in PRIs in the country.

Karra highlighted a range of pressing public issues affecting Jammu and Kashmir, including unemployment, inflation, weakening of democratic institutions, and what he described as the continued marginalization of local voices in governance. He said that people of J&K are grappling with economic distress, lack of job opportunities for youth, and inadequate attention to border and rural development. He further alleged that the Centre's policies have widened the gap between the government and the common people.

Taking the attack to the national level, Karra accused the Modi government of diverting attention from real issues by engaging in "headline politics" while ignoring the hardships faced by farmers, youth, and marginalized sections, refugees, border residents etc.

He said the Congress party envisions an inclusive

and participatory governance model, where policies are framed with consensus and aimed at equitable growth.

He reiterated that the party would continue to raise its voice both inside and outside Parliament against deniof statehood and policies aimed at weakening democracy and constitution.

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, while addressing the gathering, echoed similar concerns and said that the rally symbolizes the growing public dissatisfaction with the Centre's governance & dual control system in J&K. He emphasized that rising prices of essential commodities, unemployment, and neglect of border areas have severely impacted the daily lives of people in J&K. Bhalla also criticized the handling of key legislative matters, including the Women's Reservation issue, stating that it exposed contradictions in the government's commitment to women empowerment. He further said that Congress has always stood

for inclusive growth and empowerment of all sections, especially women and youth. He added that the party will intensify its outreach programmes across Jammu and Kashmir to mobilize public opinion against what he termed as "anti-people decisions" of the Centre. He urged party workers to strengthen grassroots connections and ensure that people's voices are effectively represented.

The rally was organised by former minister Ch Gharu Ram alongwith others. Former ministers Mula Ram, Abdul Majeed Wani, ex MP T S Bajwa, Ex legislators Ved Mahajan, Th Balbir Singh, Former minister Yash Pal Kundal, DCC President Neeraj Kundan, Th Hari Singh Chib, Ajajib moton, Ajay Lakhotra, Ch Dwarka Block Presidents Yash Pal and Gurmeet Singh, Iqbal Dar, Vijayant Pathania were prominent who attended.

Former Minister Mula Ram also addressed the gathering and raised concerns over what he termed as the erosion of democratic

institutions and growing disconnect between the government and the grassroots. He said that issues such as unemployment, price rise, and lack of welfare outreach continue to trouble the common people, while the Centre remains focused on political narratives rather than governance. He emphasized that Congress will continue to stand with the people and fight for restoration of democratic rights and economic stability.

Former Minister Abdul Majeed Wani criticized the Centre for what he described as neglect of remote and underdeveloped regions, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that lack of adequate infrastructure, health-care, and employment opportunities in rural and hilly areas has widened regional disparities.

Former Minister Ch Gharu Ram who organised the rally highlighted the problems of local population including farmers, refugees, ex-servicemen and border areas.

He also underlined the importance of genuine empowerment of women through effective legislation, stating that mere assurances without implementation fail to address real concerns.

Congress District Jammu Rural President Neeraj Kundan highlighted local issues affecting rural populations, including poor road connectivity, irrigation challenges, and inadequate basic amenities. He said that the rally reflects the growing public support for Congress and its policies aimed at inclusive development.

# DYSSO reviews progress of 100 Day anti-drug campaign in Doda



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The District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda Jaffar Haider Sheikh today chaired a meeting with over 320 Youth Services & Sports (YSS) officials to assess the progress and implementation of the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir campaign in the district.

The meeting was attended by Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs), Physical Educa-

tion Lecturers (PELs), Physical Education Masters (PEMs), Physical Education Teachers (PETs) and Rehbar-e-Khel (ReK) teachers.

The DYSSO highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts at all levels to ensure wider outreach and meaningful impact.

Stress was laid on strengthening awareness campaigns through innovative and well-planned activities, promoting sports and fitness as effective tools to combat substance abuse and en-

suring sustained community engagement at the grassroots level.

Meanwhile, a Nasha Mukta Abhiyan awareness event was organized in the Indoor Sports Hall. The officials and participants reaffirmed their commitment towards building a drug-free society.

The DYSSO urged all officials to continue working with dedication and proactive spirit to make the campaign more impactful and successful across the district.

# Power Shutdown by KPDCL

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Executive Engineer, Power Distribution Kashmir has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Bemina- Fatehkadal line and 33 kV Bemina- Barbarshah line will be observed due to which power supply to KK Moulla, Nowpora, Bohri Kadal, BB Shah, Badademb, Bishembarnagar Gousia Hospital, Naisadak, Barbarshah, Exchange, Basant Bagh, Car Parking, Maisuma Bazar and adjoining areas will be affected from 08 AM to 03 PM on 22, 27 & 30 April 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Beerwah- Arizal Tapline will be observed due

to which power supply to Arizal, Zanigam, Reyar, Doodhpathry and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 23 PM on 21 & 23 April 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Baghimehtab line will be observed due to which power supply to Baghimehtab, Kralpora, Mocha, Gopalpora, Kantabagh and adjoining areas from 10 AM to 04 PM on 20 & 23 April 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 132/33 kV Grid Sub Station Kangan will be observed due to which power supply to Gund, Gadrabal, Kullian, Gagangeer, Sonamarg, Fraw, Ganiwan and adjoining areas will be affected from 8:30 AM to 04 PM on 20 April 2026.

# DLSA conducts Special Lok Adalat at Bandipora

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As per the Calendar of Activities for April 2026, a Special Lok Adalat for Labour Disputes and Land Acquisition cases was organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Bandipora, in coordination with Tehsil Legal Services Committees, Bandipora, Sumbal, and Gurez, and in collaboration with the District Administration Bandipora.

The Lok Adalat was conducted under the supervision of Chairman DLSA Bandipora (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Jeema Bashir and under the guidance of Secretary DLSA Bandipora, Sheikh Babar Hussain.



Three benches were constituted to hear the cases, each consisting of a Presiding Officer and a Member.

The first bench was presided over by Jeema Bashir with Malik Mushtaq (Advocate) as Member. The second bench was headed by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Shabir Ahmad Wani. The third bench was presided over by Assistant Labour Commissioner, Rabiya Iqbal, with Abid Ahmad Naik (Labour Inspector) as Member.

A total of 29 cases were taken up during the Lok Adalat, out of which 6 cases were settled amicably on the spot.

The Special Lok Adalat provided a simple and effective platform for the speedy and amicable resolution of disputes.

# TVS Supply settles dispute with ZTE, withdraws insolvency plea in NCLAT

**NEW DELHI, APR 19:** TVS Supply Chain Solutions has settled its debt dispute with ZTE Telecom India and withdrawn its appeal in NCLAT against an order that rejected insolvency proceedings against the telecom gear manufacturer.

Earlier this week, TVS Supply Chain counsel informed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) about the settlement and requested withdrawal of the appeal.

A two-member NCLAT bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Member (Technical) Barun Mitra allowed the withdrawal for the plea.

"Counsel for the appellant (TVS) submits that the matter has been settled between the parties and he may be permitted to withdraw this appeal. Permission is granted," said NCLAT.

In October last year, a Chandigarh-based bench of the National Company

Law Tribunal (NCLT) had dismissed the insolvency plea filed by TVS Supply Chain after observing a pre-existing dispute between the parties.

NCLT in its order had said that the debt claimed by TVS Supply Chain was disputed and under reconciliation dating back to 2017.

TVS Supply Chain Solutions, earlier known as TVS Logistics Services, had moved NCLT claiming a default of Rs 4.27 crore from ZTE by filing a plea under Section 9 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code. The dispute is for the period June 2012 to February 2019.

ZTE, a telecom equipment supplier for companies like Reliance, Tata, Aircel, and BSNL, had entered into two Master Service Agreements (MSAs) with TVS Supply Chain.

As per MSAs, TVS Supply Chain raised invoices at a regular interval, which were payable within 30 days of

raising the invoice.

However, TVS Supply Chain alleged that ZTE has generally made either part payments against the invoices raised or delayed the payment on the pretext that the invoices were not satisfactory, and certain amounts have remained due and payable at all times since 2012.

Till September 2015, an amount of Rs 7.04 crore was outstanding for payment by ZTE for various projects.

However, ZTE had sent an audit query over the bills, and was contending discrepancies in earlier invoices. Later, some emails were exchanged between the parties.

Finally, on January 29, 2018, ZTE addressed a letter to TVS wherein it stated that there are purported discrepancies in invoices of TVS to the tune of Rs 5.60 crore.

However, ZTE had not shared any supporting documents.

# DAJ reviews agricultural activities in Mendhar

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Director Agriculture Jammu (DAJ) Anil Gupta today conducted an extensive tour of Sub-Division Mendhar in district Poonch to review the progress of ongoing agricultural development initiatives.

The Director was accompanied by Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Sanjay Anand; Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch Yograj Singh Salathia; SDAO Mendhar Sanjeev Gupta and other officers of the department.

At the outset, the Director chaired a comprehensive review meeting and assessed the physical and financial achievements under various agricultural schemes being implemented in the district. The Chief Agriculture Officer presented a detailed overview of ongoing developmental works and progress under different programmes in the district. The DAJ emphasized the importance of result-ori-



ented implementation, timely execution of schemes and strengthening last-mile delivery mechanisms. He urged the officers to adopt a proactive approach, maintain transparency and ensure that the benefits of government initiatives reach every eligible farmer.

During the field visit, the Director inspected a High-Tech Polyhouse established in the field of progressive woman farmer Hamida Begum at Village Bhatti Dhar. He interacted with the farmer and appreciated her efforts, highlighting the crucial and evolving role of

women in agriculture. He remarked that women farmers are emerging as key drivers of innovation and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

The Director also held an interaction with Member Legislative Assembly Haveli Ajaz Ahmed Jan and local farmers, where issues and challenges faced by the farming community were discussed in detail. He informed the farmers about various schemes of the Agriculture Department and encouraged them to avail maximum benefits. The Director inspected

the newly constructed AEO Office at Julass. He also inspected fertilizer Outlets to assess the availability, stock position and distribution of fertilizers, ensuring that adequate supplies are maintained during the cropping season.

Later, he inspected the newly constructed Mushroom Controlled Condition Cropping Unit and Pasteurised Compost Making Unit established under HADP in the public sector. He hoped that the modern facility is bound to boost diversification, enhance income opportunities for farmers and promote sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

During the tour, the Director also interacted with local farmers to gather first-hand feedback on the impact of departmental schemes.

He expressed satisfaction over the progress and reiterated the department's commitment to strengthening the agricultural economy and improving the livelihood of farmers in the region.

# Mahant Lucky Baba organizes 29th Annual Vishal Bhandara at Vaishno Mata Mandir



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The air was filled with devotion and divine energy as the 29th Annual Vishal Bhandara was grandly organized by Mahant Shri Lucky Baba at the sacred Vaishno Mata Mandir, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. The event commenced with a spiritual Langar on Sunday, beginning at 2:00 PM,

drawing thousands of devotees from across the region.

Continuing the divine fervour, a grand Jagran is scheduled for April 20, starting from 9:00 PM onwards, where Bhakti (devotion) will echo through the night in praise of Maa Vaishno Devi. The temple premises are being adorned to welcome an estimated gathering of over 4,000 devotees, all uniting in a celebration of faith, music, and

spiritual upliftment.

The event is set to be graced by several VIP guests, further adding to the occasion's significance.

Mahant Shri Lucky Baba, known for his deep spiritual insight and selfless service, expressed his heartfelt welcome to all devotees and spiritual seekers, inviting them to be part of this divine celebration. The management has made meticulous arrange-

ments to ensure the comfort and safety of all attendees. Media representatives are also warmly invited to cover the event and share the spirit of devotion with the wider community.

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