

Congress not join cabinet, till statehood restored: Karra

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JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra has put to rest speculations of Congress joining the Omar led cabinet in UT ,stating that Congress had taken a princnpled stand not to join the government till the statehood is restored and its stand is unchanged.

Taking to reporters after addressing a. Impressive joining programme here to-day by District Congress Committee Reasi, Karra said that Congress can't climb down from it's principled stand of restoration of statehood and other constitutional rights, taken away from people in order to join the government but quickly added that anytime BJP tries to disturb the stability of NC government, INC will always be there.

He said that Congress support to the NC government doesn't mean that it will remain silent on the issues of governance and fulfilling the ommittments to the people by the government.

On the issue of power hike,Congress has already opposed burdening the common man who is already suffering,rather he demanded that government should come out with a comprehensive amnesty



scheme for power to give relaxations to the common man.

A number of new members also joined the Congress family, expressing their faith in the ideology, policies and leadership of the Indian National Congress.

The programme was attended by Sh. Raman Bhalla, Working President JKPCC; Ch. Lal Singh, former Minister; Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Minister; Sh. Babu Jag Jivan Lal, former Minister; Sh. Rajesh Sadotra, General Secretary JKPCC; Sh. Rakesh Wazir, General Secretary JKPCC; Sh. Bhupinder Singh, former District President; Sh. Munshi Ram Salalia, Senior Congress Leader; Adv. Ayaz Hussain; Adv. Ajay Salalia, President DCC Reasi; Sh. Karandeep Singh, General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Con-

gress; Smt. Shobha Sharma, President Mahila Congress; Smt. Kaushalya Devi, Sh. Satya Parmar, Senior Congress Leaders,Shri Vijyant Pathania and Adv. Vijay Sharma, District Spokesperson, besides other leaders and workers.

Addressing the gathering, Sh. Raman Bhalla emphasised the need to further strengthen the Congress organisation at the grassroots level and called upon party workers to remain connected with the people and work for their welfare. He stressed the importance of unity, discipline and collective efforts in strengthening the organisation in Jammu & Kashmir.

Former MP Ch Lal Singh welcomed the new entrants especially the younger generation into party and said that people have realised the anti people and anti youth policies of BJP gov-

ernment. The Modi government us pro rich and the local population getting deprived of their local trades for livelihoods.

Former minister Jugal Kishore Sharma and other senior leaders also addressed the gathering.

Adv. Ajay Salalia, President DCC Reasi, welcomed the JKPCC President and all senior leaders and expressed gratitude to the party leadership and workers for making the programme successful. He said that DCC Reasi would continue to work with dedication towards strengthening the Congress organisation and addressing the issues of the people.

The programme concluded with a call to all Congress workers to remain united and actively work for the welfare of society and strengthening of the Congress .

'Chandi Maa Da Darbar Jana' echoes devotion, spiritual heritage of J&K: Sat

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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma, along with MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, released the devotional music album "Chandi Maa Da Darbar Jana", sung by renowned singer Makhan Singh Chahal, at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

They were accompanied by J&K BJP Media In-charge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Convenor of the Sanskriti, Art & Culture Cell Narinder Singh, and Cell Co-Convenor Sahil Mahajan, who organized the programme.

Sat Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, said that devotion is the eternal strength of our society and the spiritual soul of our cultural heritage. He said that Maa Chandi represents Shakti, courage, protection and righteousness, and devotional compositions dedicated to the Divine Mother have the power to awaken faith, inner strength and positive consciousness among people. He appreciated the entire team for



presenting the glory of Maa Chandi through music and said that such initiatives connect the younger generation with India's timeless spiritual traditions. He added that Jammu & Kashmir, blessed with a profound spiritual legacy, has a special responsibility to preserve and promote devotional art, music and traditions.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said that music rooted in devotion and spirituality has always played an important role in strengthening social and cultural values. He congratulated the singer and entire creative team, saying that the album dedicated to Maa Chandi carries a message of faith, positivity and spiritual awakening. He expressed hope that the song would receive appreciation

from devotees and music lovers alike.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that the album beautifully combines devotion with musical expression and reflects the deep spiritual traditions of Jammu & Kashmir. He congratulated Makhan Singh Chahal and the entire team for their creative initiative.

Narinder Singh said that promoting devotional and folk music is essential for preserving the region's cultural identity, adding that the Sanskriti, Art & Culture Cell will continue to encourage talented artists.

Sahil Mahajan, who organized the programme, said that the initiative was aimed at providing a platform to artists and promoting devotional music among the younger generation.

The lyrics of the song have been penned by Makhan Singh Chahal, while the music has been composed by Kumar Gourav and the video has been created by Rahul Dutta. Makhan Singh Chahal also performed the devotional song in his melodious voice, creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere. The video song was screened before the dignitaries.

Expressing gratitude, Makhan Singh Chahal thanked Sat Sharma, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and all the dignitaries for encouraging his musical endeavour. He said that "Chandi Maa Da Darbar Jana" is his humble offering at the feet of Maa Chandi and hoped that it would touch the hearts of devotees.

BJP Mahila Morcha Celebrates Raksha Bandhan with BSF Jawans at Kanachak Border

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On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the BJP Mahila Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, led by Pradesh President Advocate Neha Mahajan, celebrated the festival with the brave personnel of 44 Battalion BSF at BOP Beliazmat, Kanachak Border.

The programme was organised to honour and express gratitude to the brave BSF personnel guarding the nation's borders. Pradesh Mahila Morcha office bearers, along with members of Jammu North District Mahila Morcha, visited the border post and tied Rakhis to the BSF Jawans as a symbol of respect, affection and gratitude for their service to the nation.

MLA Surinder Bhagat, Marh Constituency, was also present on the occasion and joined the Raksha Bandhan celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Neha Mahajan said that Raksha Bandhan symbolises the sacred bond of love, protection and trust. She said that the BSF personnel stand firmly at the borders to safeguard the nation, often away from their families, so that people across the country can live and celebrate festivals in peace and security.

"By tying Rakhis to our brave Jawans today, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their courage, ded-



ication and unwavering commitment to the nation. Their sacrifice and service are an inspiration to every citizen," she said.

Advocate Neha Mahajan appreciated the BSF personnel for their exemplary dedication and said that the Mahila Morcha would continue to stand with the nation's security forces and their families.

The Mahila Morcha members also extended

their best wishes to the Jawans and prayed for their safety, good health and long life.

The programme was attended by Pradesh Mahila Morcha office bearers, Jammu North District Mahila Morcha members and other BJP workers.

The programme concluded with patriotic slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", "Vande Mataram" and "Jai Hind."

Market Inspection Conducted in Doda Ahead of Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami

DODA, AUGUST 27:

Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal, JKAS, the Legal Metrology Department conducted a market inspection in Doda town to ensure compliance with prescribed standards and safeguard consumer interests ahead of the upcoming Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami festivals.

The inspection was carried out under the supervision of Metrology Inspector Arun Kotwal, during which various shops and commercial establishments were inspected. The team checked weighing and measuring instruments to verify their accuracy and examined compliance with the provisions relating to weights and measures.

Packaged commodities were also checked for mandatory declarations, including Maximum Retail Price (MRP), net quantity, manufacturing and packing details, consumer care information and other prescribed particulars.



Traders were advised to ensure that all weighing and measuring equipment used for commercial transactions is duly verified and stamped by the competent authority.

Special emphasis was laid on preventing overcharging, use of defective or non-standard weighing instruments, short quantity and other unfair trade practices, particularly dur-

ing the festive season when consumer activity increases considerably.

The department urged traders to strictly adhere to the Legal Metrology rules and maintain transparency in their business dealings. Consumers were advised to remain vigilant, check the MRP and quantity of packaged products, insist on proper bills and receipts, and report any instance of overcharging or short measurement to the concerned authorities.

The department stated that such inspections would continue across the district to ensure fair trade practices, accurate measurements and protection of consumer rights during the festive period.

The inspection reflects the commitment of the District Administration Doda towards maintaining transparency in the market and ensuring that consumers are not subjected to unfair trade practices during Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami.

Sat asks party Minority & OBC Morchas to strengthen connect with masses

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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma chaired separate organizational meetings of the BJP Minority Morcha and OBC Morcha at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and called for an aggressive, sustained and grassroots-oriented approach to further strengthen the BJP's connect with these important sections of society.

BJP General Secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, along with Minority Morcha President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa and OBC Morcha President Brahmjyot Satti, participated in the respective meetings with their teams. Sat Sharma, while addressing the meetings, said that the BJP believes in taking every section of society forward on the



principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas." He said that the party's strength lies in its inclusive approach, which has transformed the political landscape by ensuring that development, welfare and opportunities reach people without discrimination.

"The BJP does not believe in vote-bank politics, it believes in empowerment politics. Our Minority and OBC Morchas must work as strong bridges between

the party and the people, ensuring that the benefits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's welfare and development-oriented governance reach every eligible beneficiary," Sat Sharma said. He directed the Morcha teams to intensify booth-level outreach, regularly interact with community members, identify their genuine concerns and take them up through the appropriate platforms. He stressed that organizational strength must be re-

flected at the grassroots and called upon the workers to remain active among the people throughout the year rather than limiting their activities to elections.

Baldev Singh Billawaria said that a strong BJP organization is built through continuous public contact and dedicated grassroots workers. He urged the Morchas to expand their teams and ensure effective coordination with Mandal and Booth-level units.

Gopal Mahajan said that

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The Built Theory, a new architectural office at Auqaf Market, Jammu, was inaugurated by BJP J&K President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma (CA) and MLA Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa at a ceremony attended by architects, professionals, and distinguished guests.

The office has been established by Architect, Ridhima Gupta, who has been a pioneer in several innovative commercial and architectural projects. Her professional work reflects a distinctive blend of creativity, functionality and contemporary design, coupled with keen understanding of the evolving requirements of modern spaces.

Sat Sharma appreciated the initiative and congratulated Architect Ridhima Gupta on the launch of her new venture. He expressed confidence that "The Built Theory" would emerge as another platform for the popular scheme of Modi, Beti Padhao and Beto Bachao". It is symbolic significance of the great motto being personified through innovative architectural ideas and contribute meaningfully towards creating modern, sustainable and aesthetically en-



riching spaces.

Vikram Randhawa also appreciated the architectural initiative, while adding all the possible interior and exterior building solutions under one roof.

CA Rajeev Gupta and Mahila Morcha General Secretary Poonam Gupta also congratulated the young and emerging architect.

Ridhima Gupta said that The Built Theory aims to provide innovative

and thoughtfully conceived architectural solutions that bring together aesthetic excellence, sustainability, functionality and contemporary design principles.

Family members and friends including Saksham Gupta, Sanjiv Gupta, Geeta Gupta, Aarushi Gupta, Rakesh Chopra, Seema Chopra, Aryan Chopra, and Prem Bhushan Gupta were also present on the occasion.