

Mirpur Div. Councillors' Convention demands immediate empowerment of Civic Bodies in AJK:



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MIRPUR (AJK): February 7: Demanding immediate due empowerment of the elected local bodies institutions in Azad Jammu Kashmir, in line with legal and constitutional norms and rules a mammoth Municipal convention of the civic bodies members from Mirpur division of Azad Jammu Kashmir hosted here Thursday demanded of AJK government to immediately approval of the proposed Act to the Local Government through consensus of the elected civic bodies members in the State.

Our Special Jammu Kashmir state Correspondent Altaf Hamid Rao reports from Mirpur that Mirpur District Council Chairman Raja Naveed Akhter and the City Mayor Ch. Usman Ali Khalid hosted the day long Convention attended by hundreds of the councillors of all cadre local govt institutions from entire Azad Jammu Kashmir.

Deputy Mayor of Mirpur AJK Ramzan Chughtai unveiled the objectives of holding of the Councillors Convention, first of the largest gathering of the councillors from entire AJK since the emergence of the local bodies elections through elections over an year ago.

“The budget of the Local Government Department should be distributed equally on a quarterly basis by PC-1 non-PC-1 local representatives, 50% according to the population, 50% equally. The rights of the people under the civic bodies rule of business shall have to be accredited to by the AJK government”. These views were expressed by the speakers while addressing the Convention.

Speakers including Sardar Javed Sharif, Chairman District Council Rawalkot, Chairman District Council Raja Naveed Akhtar Goga, Chairman Municipal Corporation Chaudhry Usman Ali Khalid, Chairman District Council Bagh Professor Asif, Chairman District Council Bhambar Chaudhry Yusuf, Chaudhry Ghafoor Javed Chairman District Council Kotli, Imtiaz Abbasi Chairman District Council Muzaffarabad, Ehtishamul Haq Malik, Anjam Zaman Mir Muzaffarabad, Raja State Deputy Mayor Kotli, Syed Afraz Gardizi Deputy Mayor Bagh, Iftikhar Azam Raja Chairman Union Council Khoi Ratta, Member District Council Abbaspur Sardar Faisal Naseem, Chaudhry Abid Iqbal, Raja Aftab Poona, Chaudhry Mehboob Kotli, Mohammad Safdar Mustafa, Sardar Umeer Naeem Vice. Chairman District Council Kotli, Amar Kabir Gursi, Chairman Mushtaq Nawaz, Yasir Shah

Islamgarh, Rashid Tahir Bagh, Farooq Zargar Member District Council Mirpur, Nambardar Khalid Hussain Member District Council, Raja Nadeem Advocate Sahansa, Sardar Shama, Chaudhry Jahanzeb Advocate Sahansa, Chaudhry Abdul Razzaq Councilor, Raja Zameer Khan Tharrchi Gulpur, Chaudhry Altaf Ibrahim Baldia Bhambar Opposition Leader, Chairman Tuqeer Najeib Member District Council Mirpur, Chairman Mazhar Iqbal Jatlan, Qamar Sultan Member District Council Mirpur, Adnan Shaukat Vice Chairman District Council Mirpur, Raja Nasir Latif, Chaudhry Abrar-ul-Haq Advocate, Member District Council Bhambar, Malik State Member District Council, Raja Hussam Jahangir, Raja Naveed, Javed Iqbal Member District Council, Babar Razzaq Palindri, Chaudhry Abid, Member District Council, Raja Irshad Member District Council, Raja Irshad, Raja Adil, Meeza Kausar, Javed Khalil Abbasi, Zulfiqar Azad, Sardar Abrar Hafeez Tarar Khul, Sardar Iftikhar Advocate, Syed Ali Raza, Muzaffarabad, Chaudhry Muhammad Saleem Muzaffarabad, Basharat Khan Mughal Muzaffarabad, Raja Amir Zafar Member of District Council Raja Bashir Khan, Khan Abdul Qadir Khan and others urged the AJK government to take immediate notice of the continual delay in empowerment of the civic institutions in the state.

Speakers declared that they will leave no stone unturned to remove every undue hurdle in the way of grassroots level empowerment of the civic institutions.

Speakers pointed out that it was decided jointly by the representatives and the committee established by the government of Azad Jammu Kashmir that the AJK cabinet committee's draft should be presented in the AJK Legislative Assembly for approval.

Speakers underlined that the civic bodies members registered protest within the prevalent law. "Thousands of the civic bodies members across AJK will not hesitate to make any sacrifice to secure the mandate of the people and their due rights through the forum of the elected local government bodies", speakers reiterated.

They expressed gratitude to the members of the Azad Jammu Kashmir Legislative Assembly for their consent for the Draft Act 2025 required to be approved by the State Legislature to pave the way for empowerment of the local bodies institutions in the state without further delay, they emphasized.