



Jehlum Post News[Srinagar] Feb 3, 2014|Noted political activist, social worker from Bandipur constituency, Ghulam Hassan Rather along with his hundreds of supporters Monday joined the People's Democratic Party (PDP). Rather was the National Conference's (NC) block president in Ajas area. The party president Mehbooba Mufti welcomed him into the party fold at her Gupkar residence Monday. The senior PDP leader and former finance minister, Tariq Hameed Karra was also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Mehbooba said the people have got disillusioned with the NC and the ruling coalition and the PDP is becoming a natural choice of well-meaning and sincere political workers, intellectuals, professionals, youth and the educated people. She said PDP will provide

them space, rights and respect so that they can contribute to the resolution of the Kashmir issue and good governance in the state. She said the present dispensation has failed miserably on all fronts over the last more than five years, and the people are suffering on multiple fronts because of its insensitivity and inefficiency. She said it is the absence of the government from the ground which has created a vacuum in the system and the people are feeling angry with its style of working as it has never bothered to reach out to the people sincerely to address their genuine grievances. She said it was a healthy trend that well-meaning and dedicated people like Mr Rather are joining the PDP in large numbers as it is the acceptance of the party's vision and policy among the masses. She said mis-governance and incompetence has been the hallmark of the present coalition which has virtually institutionalised the corruption in the state and reversed the gains made in the previous PDP-led government, with the result people have lost confidence in the system. She said PDP with the help of people will reform the governance system and will make it honest, transparent and accountable. She said the prevailing chaos in the system is all because of the mishandling of the situation by the ruling parties which have been resorting to rhetorics instead of relating with the people in real sense. Meanwhile, the senior PDP leader and MLA Bandipur, Nizamudin Bhat has expressed solidarity with the residents of Ashtangoo, who have been ignored in the recent expansion of the administrative units, despite our repeated demand, representation before the cabinet sub-committee. The residents were on protest today and have been assured by the DC Bandipur that their genuine

grievances will be redressed. The MLA said he will raise the issue in the upcoming session of the assembly.