

Wani takes stock of progress on Masjid Sharief Talab Khatikan

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: Minister for Roads & Buildings and Mechanical Engineering Abdul Majid Wani today visited Talab Khatikan and took stock of the pace of progress on the re-construction work on the historic Jamia Masjid.
 The 3-storied upcoming mosque is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore by the Auqaf Islamia, Jammu of its own resources.
 Set to be one of the unique architecture in this part of the country, the mosque would also have a 162 feet high minaret and parks to add splendour to its grandeur.
 With centrally air conditioned facility, the mosque, having the capacity of 12,000 to 15,000 Namazies, would also have elevator and inbuilt audio-system. The project was started in the mid of 2012 and would be completed within two years.
 The Minister directed the Auqaf Islamia to expedite the pace of construction work ensuring its timely completion. He said that the completion of this projects would add new look and prove fruitful

for promotion of business activities in the area.
 Mr. Wani also interacted with the locals and get first hand appraisal of their problems. He said that the demands including installation of high mast lights and rehabilitation of shopkeepers shifted from adjacent to the Mosque would be looked into and addressed on priority.
 Earlier, the Minister visited Eid Gah and took stock of the arrangements being prepared for offering Eid Namaz on the auspicious occasion of Eid.
 Mr. Wani also visited Shivalik Mandir Panj Bakhtar and directed the Joint Commissioner, JMC for early repair of defunct lights installed within the Mandir premises and install the grills at back side to restrict entry from backside in the Mandir premises.
 Among others, Director, Tourism Soujanya Sharma, Managing Director, JKPC, T R Bhagat, Chief Executive officer ERA, Chief Engineer, PDD, besides Administrator, Auqaf Islamia, Jammu, Special Officers, Auqaf Jammu and other senior officers of line departments accompanied the Minister.

Crime Branch books 3 for cheating on pretext of providing loan

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: In a case of cheating on the pretext of providing interest free loan to unemployed educated youth, Crime Branch Jammu has booked three persons from Haryana and New Delhi.
 A case under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 471, 120-B RPC has been registered against Prem Chand of Sirsa Haryana, Amit Kumar of Shanti Nagar Haryana and Anil Kumar of Tilak Nagar New Delhi for cheating and inducing the complainant to deposit Rs 2,42,450 in Bajaj Finance Company for providing loan at zero percent interest.
 As per the case, complainant Bachan Singh of Nowshera in Rajouri approached Crime Branch alleging that he was duped by Bajaj Finance Company, which had published an advertisement in a national Hindi daily claiming to provide

loan at zero percent interest to the unemployed youth without guarantee. After Bachan Singh contacted the said company through phone, he was asked by one Mukesh Kumar to submit couple of requisite documents and two passport sized photographs through e-mail for processing the loan. After some time, the complainant was asked to deposit Rs 2, 42,450 in different account numbers, which he did. However, later he came to know that some unidentified callers had duped him.
 On receipt of the complaint, Crime Branch initiated an inquiry and during the course of investigation, call details of the Bajaj Finance Company were collected as well as the account numbers in which the amount was deposited. These account numbers in State Bank of India were in the name of the accused, who were booked by the Crime Branch.

DAK for independent commission to probe drug scam

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Aug 3: Doctors Association Kashmir today accused the Government of failing to punish culprits involved in the spurious drug scam in the State despite Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has found 24 drugs substandard in the state after samples were taken from different parts of the State.
 Talking to reporters here, DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan said that those who have been charge sheeted in the scam should be punished and criminal cases be registered against them.
 "These persons have murdered the sacred relationship between the people and doctors due to their personal gains," Hassan said.
 Flanked by Kashmir Economic Alliance (KEA), Bar Association Kashmir and Civil Society members, Dr Hassan also

demanding that an independent commission be set up to probe the scam.
 He said that in 2010 supply of spurious drugs to the Government hospitals was the reason of the death of more than 500 infants.
 He said that out of 156 samples taken from different parts of J&K the report of 50 drugs came so far in which 24 drugs (50 percent) were declared as not of standard quality by the Government Analyst of Central Drugs Laboratory Kolkata and Regional Drug Testing Lab Chandigarh, the DAK president said.
 Dr Hassan threatened that they will launch an agitation after Eid if the accused people were not nailed.
 "We will organize awareness camps, seminars and visit door to door to make people aware about the 'killer drugs' in the society," DAK president said.

Sagar reviews Shab-i-Qadr, Eid arrangements

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR Aug 3: To ensure fool proof arrangements for ensuing Shab-i-Qadr and Eid-ul-Fitr, the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar convened a meeting of Divisional Administration here today, in which threadbare discussion was held to ensure availability of ration and other essentials.
 Mr. Sagar asked the Chief Engineer PHE to ensure adequate water supply to people during the auspicious day. He directed the Chief Engineer, Electric Maintenance Rural Electrification Kashmir to make arrangements for better power supply especially during the holy days of Shab-i-Qadr and Eid-ul-Fitr. He asked Chief Engineer Maintenance and Srinagar Municipal Corporation to work in close co-ordination while installing street lights in Srinagar city to ensure proper lighting system in city lanes and drains.
 Mr. Sagar while reviewing stock position of essentials was told that adequate stock of

essentials are available in CA & PD godowns. He directed the authorities of CA & PD to ensure supply of 3 kgs sugar instead of 2 kgs to the consumers in view of Eid-ul-Fitr.
 Minister also reviewed traffic arrangements and was told that Traffic Department has formulated a new traffic plan which would be put to use from August 6, 2013. He directed the Municipal authorities to ensure cleanliness in and around mosques and shrines especially Jamia Masjid Srinagar, Dargah Hazratbal, Ziyarat-i-Dastgeer Sahib, Khan-i-Khah-i-Moulla etc.
 He asked concerned officers of the Health Department to set up medical and first aid centres in the respective localities.
 Mr. Sagar asked Traffic Department to ensure availability of round the clock transport facilities for the devotees on Shab-i-Qadr and Eid-ul-Fitr.
 The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, concerned engineers and officers of Power, PHE, RTO, CAPD, SMS, Srinagar, Health, Traffic etc.



Minister of State for Planning, Ajay Sadhotra, felicitating Dr Neeraj Vohra, a renowned Acupressure doctor at Jammu on Saturday.

Dr Vohra conferred with Sanstha Award

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: The renowned Acupressure Doctor of Jammu was conferred with Sanstha Award for his selfless services in treating the number of chronic and bed ridden patients, by Nami Dogri Sanstha, in a function held at KL Saigal Hall, Abhinav Theatre Complex, here today.
 The award in the shape of a citation, a shawl and a memento, was presented to Dr Neeraj Vohra, a Gold Medalist, by Minister of State for Planning, Development, Labour and Employment, Ajay Sadhotra, during the function.
 Lauding the services of Dr

Neeraj, Sadhotra said that Dr Vohra is a skilled Acupressurist and had given relief to a number of chronic and bed-ridden patients including mentally retarded and paralysis affected persons, who even have lost hope of life. He hoped that he (Dr Vohra) will continue his mission to provide relief to such patients in future as well.
 Prof Savita Bakshi, additional Secretary, Cultural Academy Jammu, was the chief guest, Secretary general, Press Club of Jammu, Sohail Kazmi was special invitee while SS Anand Lehar, senior advocate, presided over the function.

Encounter specialist case transferred to Baderwah

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: Third Additional Sessions Judge Jammu, Sanjeev Gupta today transferred the much publicized case of encounter Specialist Sonu from Jammu to Baderwah as Law Department has issued fresh notification giving powers to all Principal Sessions Judges of J&K for trying the case under PSSA. The Court also directed the jail authorities to produce all the accused before the Principal Sessions Judge Baderwah on August 24, 2013.

In the case, the SIT has presented challan against Shiv Krishan Sharma, Sub Inspector (Encounter Specialist), Mohd Ayub, his PSO, Abdul Rashid alias Abdullah, son of Mohammad Iqbal Hargah of Tanta, Akhter Hussain, son of Showkat Ali Magray of Tanta, Mohammad Rafi, son of Mohammad Ibrahim of Patnazi,

Reasi donates Rs 5.65 lakh to Red Cross for Uttarakhand

Excelsior Correspondent
 REASI, Aug 3: Chairman District Red Cross Committee (Deputy Commissioner) Reasi, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary handed over Rs. 5.65 lakh for Uttarakhand relief, to Honorary General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Kashmir Roma Wani at Mini Secretariat Reasi.

Roma Wani emphasized the need for raising the corpus of Red Cross Volunteers at the village, block, tehsil and district levels to strengthen the Red Cross movement in the state and provide succor to the needy in the event of any unforeseen or emergent situation.
 Wani also reviewed the issues pertaining to functioning of IRCS in the district.

Lone inspects Jammu colleges

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: To take stock of the functioning of the colleges, Minister for Higher Education, Mohd Akbar Lone today paid visit to various Degree Colleges in Jammu city today.
 The Minister visited Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu where Principal, Satinder Singh apprised the Minister about the havoc caused by flash flood water that entered in the premises of the college damaging the lawns and other establishments including fountain in the front of the college.
 The Minister also inspected the tin parking shed which was damaged due to falling of an old tree. The minister directed the Municipal authorities who were present on the occasion to look in to the matter and asked them to find out way to stop the flash flood water.
 Later, the Minister interacted with the staff and Principal of the

college and enquired about the working of the college and problems being faced by them.
 Mr Lone also visited the Commerce College and Principal showed him the dilapidated condition of the building of the college. He also visited the newly renovated hall in the Commerce College.
 The Minister inspected Government Post Graduate College of Education, Canal road and went around various blocks of the college and interacted with the Principal about the functioning of the college.
 Later, Minister visited Government Degree College for Women Gandhi Nagar, and inspected the construction work of new bath room and toilet block.
 Later, the Minister convened an interaction session with the staff of the college and enquired from them about the functioning of the college besides their grievances.

Prosecution failure leads to acquittal of Harkat-ul-Ansar Cmdr, 2 others

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu, Kartar Singh has acquitted three persons namely Farooq Ahmed Sheikh, Tehsil Commander of Harkat-ul-Ansar, Gh Ahmed Mir and Mohd Ayub Haji of the charges of sending the youth to Pakistan for obtaining training as the independent witnesses didn't support the prosecution story and the statements of police personnel caused serious dent to it.
 According to the police case, on August 17, 2001 an information from reliable source was received regarding making of forged passport and getting visas on the same by the militants with the aid of Pakistan's ISI to facilitate the entry of youth to Pakistan with the purpose of obtaining training in the subversive activities in the camps organized by Pakistan.
 On this information, case under Sections 3 EAO, 13 Unlawful Activities Act, 121-A/124-A, 120-B RPC and 12 Passport Act was registered and during investigation it was found that accused persons sent young boys to Pakistan for getting training in subversive activities after making forged and fictitious passports.
 It was further found that the accused Farooq Sheikh was a Tehsil Commander of the militant organization, Harkat-ul-Ansar. The accused Gh Ahmed Mir, a Government employee under the planned conspiracy impersonated to be Ghulam Hussain Mir, forged signature and deceitfully obtained passport from postman Gh Mohd Shah. He also obtained money from the heads of the militant organizations after going to Pakistan and distributed the same for keeping the militancy alive in the State and Gh Ahmed Mir gave the same passport to Mohd Ayub who after going to Bangalore prepared forged stamps and removed the photograph of Gh Hasan Mir from the passport and affixed the

photo of Farooq Ahmed Sheikh. He also forged the signature of Gh Hassan Mir on the passport.
 After completion of investigation challan was presented in the Court against Farooq Ahmed Sheikh, Habib Ullah Malik, Gh.Ahmed Mir and Mohd Ayub Haji. However, vide order dated February 7, 2002 passed by the then Principal Sessions Judge Jammu, the accused Habib Ullah Malik was discharged, whereas the accused Farooq Ahmed Sheikh was charged with the commission of offence falling under Section 473 RPC and 8/56 FERA and the accused Gh Ahmed Mir was charged with the commission of offence punishable under Section 419/420 RPC, whereas the accused Mohd Ayub was charged with the commission of offence falling under Sections 466,473 and 201 RPC, to which they have pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried.
 After hearing both the sides, Principal Sessions Judge observed, "the only irresistible conclusion is that the prosecution has miserably failed to prove its case against the independent witnesses have not supported the prosecution story and the statements of police personnel have caused serious dent to it and did not connect them with the commission of the crime".
 "The prosecution case is bereft of any motive and the prosecution has failed to explain that the accused had any motive to forge the passport and for what purpose it was to be used. The passport holder namely Gh Hassan Mir was the most material witness in this case but he could not be traced by the investigating officer and as per his statement he is unable to say as to whether he is dead or alive", the court said.
 With these observations, Court acquitted the accused from the charges leveled against him.

PDP has scripted new chapter of peace, development in J&K: Beig

Excelsior Correspondent
 POONCH, Aug 3: Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior leader of People's Democratic Party (PDP), Muzaffar Hussain Beig today said that PDP has scripted a new chapter of peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir and changed political discourse of the State through its visionary and pro-peace policies.
 Addressing a function here today in connection with the foundation day celebrations of the party, Mr Beig said that PDP was formed in 1999 with the aim to restore and uphold the dignity and honour of every resident of Jammu and Kashmir. "There was a sense of fear and insecurity among the people when PDP was formed", he recalled and added that through its pro-peace agenda PDP had not only created a sense of security among the people but also restored dignity of the common masses by implementing peace and reconciliation policies.
 Mr Beig recalled that when PDP was formed situation was tense on the borders and inhabitants of border areas were bearing maximum brunt of the hostility.
 PDP facilitated dialogue between India and Pakistan and convinced both the countries to

take some concrete Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) to restore lasting peace in this region.
 "Biggest achievement of PDP was that it had convinced both India and Pakistan to take some bold Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) to establish lasting peace in this region", he said and pointed out that prevailing peace on the borders was result of the peace and reconciliatory policy of PDP. He especially mentioned the historic rally of the then Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee at Srinagar in which Vajpayee had extended hands of friendship towards Pakistan.
 Pointing towards rampant corruption in J&K, Mr Beig said that during the last nearly five years, Omar Abdullah led regime has done nothing to minimize miseries of the people. "Patronizing corruption, shielding those who are involved in scams, undermining autonomous institutions are the noticeable 'achievements' of the present regime", he added.
 Yashpal Sharma, (MLC), Basharat Bukhari, (MLA), Mohd Rashid Qureshi, Hamid Manhas, Shah Mohammad Tantray, Shamim Ganai, Shamim Dar, Shahzad Khan, Gurmeet Singh and others also spoke on the occasion.



Minister for Housing Raman Bhalla inaugurating Animation Live at Gole Market on Saturday.

Animation Live now in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 3: 'Animation Live' a pioneer institute and source for top-quality training in 2D-3D Animation & Multimedia Graphic design, Web development, has been opened at Gole Market, Jammu.
 Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture Raman Bhalla formally inaugurated the institute today in the presence of Mahant Manjit Singh and Ashish Singh, vice president AL, ATS Edutech.
 Tarundeep Singh, Director of the Institute specified that Animation has grown beyond cartoon films and reached other areas like Medical and Legal Applications, Architecture and Interior Design, Industrial and Automobile simulations. What also works in the favour of the growth of the animation industry is the anticipated phenomenal

growth of an allied industry - the gaming industry - that is expected to grow by about 36 per cent in the next four years, he added.
 Opportunities for students are abundant in the industry which is already running short of people with quality skills. A student interested in making a career in this industry can take up courses in animation or game development immediately after finishing Class 12. Hitender Singh, national head, Animation Live quoted "It is a creatively fulfilling industry. The students passing with Animation degrees have a bright chance to find professional jobs not only in India but also abroad in countries like USA, Canada and Australia. From short term courses in 2D, 3D, Graphic designing and Web designing to professional courses and degree programs Animation Live offers a vast array of fields in Animation Industry to choose from."

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