



Members of Civil Society at a seminar at Jammu on Sunday. -Excelsior/ Rakesh

## Roots of Kishtwar violence lie in 1931 Kashmir riots: Civil society

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JAMMU, Aug 25: A seminar on the topic Kishtwar-remniscent of Kashmir 1931 was organized by civil society of the State here today in which all speakers were unanimous that the Roots of Kishtwar violence lie in the communal violence of 1931 in Valley which was perpetrated against the then Maharaja of the State and minority Hindus in Kashmir forcing them to leave the Valley.

Almost all the Speakers including Ashwani Kumar Chrungeo, president PK, Dr Jitendra Singh a well known scholar and senior BJP leader, Prof R K Kaul an expert on the subject and MLAs Ashwani

### Performance of RMSA, SSA, MDMS reviewed DDC for strict action against delayed construction of schools

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REASI, Aug 25: Taking a serious note of delay in construction of schools under RMSA and SSA District Development Commissioner, Reasi, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, has issued directions for initiating action against all such Village Education Committees which failed to initiate construction of schools in past three years. Meanwhile PWD has been directed to expedite the tender process within two weeks and ensure that all 23 High Schools are completed in current financial year.

Presiding a review meeting attended by ADDC Bikram Singh Jamwal, Superintending Engineer PWD and PHE, Assistant Commissioner Development Joginder Rain, ExEn PHE Nissar Khan, ExEn Mahore Jagdish Chib, ExEn PWD K H Shah, AD CAPD Keval Krishan, CEO Tarsem Lal, All ZEOs and Engineers, the DDC expressed serious concern over huge pendency of construction of girls toilets and additional class rooms and directed the CEO to submit work wise details for withdrawing contracts from defaulting VECs and construction through Rural Development Department.

Kumar Sharma and Balwant Singh Mankotia were of the view that Kishtwar violence of August 9, 2013 was the part of the same conspiracy which was hatched in 1931 in Valley to force the Maharaja and minority Hindus to leave the Valley.

Even going a step ahead Ashwani Sharma, MLA Bishnah sees the Roots of Exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1989-90 and selective killings of minorities in Valley also as the part of the same conspiracy. Both Sharma and Mankotia were of the view that Resettlement Bill brought by the then Chief Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, which is

also called the Bill No 9 to settle the people back in J&K who had on their own preferred to migrate to Pakistan after partition was too a part of the same conspiracy.

They, while criticizing the policies of the NC led Government said that no efforts were made for grant of citizenship rights to West Pak refugees migrated to this part of J&K who are running from pillar to post for justice over last six decades.

The duo, asked the Union Government to awake from the deep slumber otherwise the unity and integrity of the nation will face a grave threat.

Dr Jitendra Singh, while speaking termed the present crisis in the State as a result of Nehruvian blunders, who was brain behind incorporating Article 370 in Indian Constitution and promising people of the State even after their accession with Indian Union that in due course of time they will be given the right of deciding their fate whether they want to remain as a part of India or not.

Maintaining that roots of present turmoil and violence in State lie in communal politics of NC, he challenged the grant of public Holiday on July 13.

Dr Singh said the whole exercise of engineering Kishtwar conspiracy was aimed at disbanding VDCs, he added.

Prof Kaul gave total background of history since 1931 communal violence in Kashmir Valley till 2013 violence in Kishtwar and said that if this dangerous trend is not stopped immediately the unity and integrity of India will face a grave threat.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Chrungeo said that Hindu minorities in Kashmir were similarly subjected to violence and mayhem on a large scale leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. Later on the same day was officially declared as Martyrs Day, adding insult to injury of the minority Hindus, he added.

A resolution was also passed on the occasion in which it was decided that a civil society for an on spot assessment of the situation would be formed.

Dineshwar Singh Jamwal, convener, J&K Civil Society conducted proceedings while Virender Raina its spokesperson presented vote of thanks.

## Former J&K CJ heads Indian chapter of SAARC Law

NEW DELHI, Aug 25:

Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court B A Khan has been elected president of India chapter of SAARC Law, an apex body which promotes cooperation among the legal fraternity of the eight-member regional grouping.

Others elected to SAARC Law India are two vice presidents — Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor of National Law School, Delhi and senior Supreme Court advocate Rakesh Munjal. Priya Hingorani was elected as secretary of the newly elected body which will have a two-year term.

Justice Khan succeeds former Supreme Court judge Umesh Banerjee who died recently.

South Asian Association For Regional Co-operation in Law, (SAARC Law), is an association of the legal communities of the SAARC countries comprising judges, lawyers, academi-

cians, law teachers, public officers and a host of other law-related persons.

"India chapter of SAARC Law has been holding conferences and seminar on burning legal issues. We have been promoting cooperation and exchange of ideas with various countries of the grouping," Khan said.

He said the India chapter of the organization has been having regular exchange of ideas with legal community of Pakistan and both sides have been drawing from each other's experiences.

All the SAARC countries have their own SAARC chapter. The apex body is currently headed by Bhutan Chief Justice Sonam Togyel. The India chapter of SAARC Law was formed in October 1991.

Till date, the SAARC Law International has held 12 conferences in different countries of the regional bloc. The next conference is scheduled to be held in Nepal next year. (PTI)

## Mohan Rakesh's Hindi Play 'Shayad' featured in Natrang Theatre

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JAMMU, Aug 25: Natrang staged a new Hindi Play 'Shayad' in its Sunday Theatre Series today. The play has been written by Mohan Rakesh, one of the most celebrated playwrights of Indian Theatre and



A scene from the play 'Shayad' directed by Neeraj Kant being staged at Natrang's Sunday Theatre Series.

was directed by Neeraj Kant. The studio theatre of Natrang appeared to be the most appropriate space for the performance of such sensitive plays where audiences had a very wonderful experience of watching intimate theatre.

'Shayad', is the most relevant title given by Mohan Rakesh to this play as it reflects uncertain-

ties and mirages of life. The play opens in a room of a middle-aged couple who were married seven years back but are living a very bland life. They have lost interest in each other rather in their own selves. They are not derived by any motivation to be happy from the core of their heart as everything seems to be very usual to them. Where wife is all busy in her daily chores, she finds no excitement in doing anything and ironically she sees no hope to be happy in future also. The husband also is engulfed in his own dilemma, he cribs for everything he does not have but could not see delight in what he has. They both live together but they live in two different worlds which are not in synchronization with each other. The play appeared to carry a very vast and universal problem of the modern world where people have forgotten how to live in the struggle of life and the beauty of the play is that it will become more and more relevant with the passing times.

Mohit Sharma and Subha Rajput both accomplished actors of Natrang performed their respective characters brilliantly. Upalsh Singh Kotwal operated the Lights and Ashwani Bali scored the Music. Sets were designed by Sushil Raina and Mohd. Yaseen. The show was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma. Sajra Qadir did the presentations.

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Gandhinagar-Shatri Nagar, Nai Basti and parts of Nanak Nagar it will culminate at the same place.

He said several religious, social and trade organizations of the area have accorded support for the commencement of this Shobha Yatra on the eve of Shri Krishan Janamashtmi. He said this event will be made annual affair from this year. The Management Trust Committee members including S C Rekhi (general secretary), who were also present at the conference appealed the general public to participate in this grand religious procession on this day in the city of temples.

Talking to the media-persons here today, Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and president of Shri Laxmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhinagar disclosed that for the first time grand Shobha Yatra will be taken out from this temple on August 27 (Tuesday). It will start at round 3 pm and after passing through various routes of

## Shobha Yatra from Laxmi Narayan Mandir tomorrow

Excelsior Correspondent

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## Govt committed to upgrade rural infrastructure: DyCM

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THATHRI, Aug 25: While reiterating resolve of the Government to upgrade rural infrastructure, Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand today said that focused attention is being paid to the development of remote and backward areas in the State.

While addressing a public meeting here today, the Dy Chief Minister said that work on the road map to address aspirations of the people living in far-flung areas has already showing results. He pointed out that with the active support of the Union Government mega projects have been launched for all around development for every nook and corner of the State besides ensuring equitable development of all the regions.

Tara Chand further said that peace was the only path through which the desired and multi-faceted growth and social development of the State can be achieved and under peaceful atmosphere, the Government can focus on



DyCM Tara Chand and MLA Inderwal G M Saroori during visit to Thathri on Sunday.

the developmental activities for the benefit and welfare of the people which is not possible if the peace deteriorates.

G M Saroori MLA Inderwal appreciated the people of Thathri and Doda for strengthening and upholding traditions of brotherhood and communal harmony among various sections of society. He impressed upon the people to stay united and defeat the nefarious designs of the anti-national people who are making efforts to destroy the har-

monious atmosphere in the State.

SSP Doda Arif Rishu, CEO Kishtwar Rajinder Kumar, CEO Doda and several other officers were present on the occasion. On these occasions locals put forth their demands which included making separate Education Zone for Kahra area of Doda, providing adequate staff in Government schools, clean drinking water improve facilities at Thathri hospital and its upgradation to 50 bedded as announced by Union Health Minister G N Azad.

Addressing locals at these places, Dr Kamaal assured them that protection works on Ujh Nallah, Baen Nallah, Tarna Nallah and Baag Nallah will be the priority so that such tragedies are averted in future.

He also assured people full compensation for damage to land, crops, property, livestock and public utility services like roads, bridges, culverts, PHE.

### Mustafa Kamaal visits flood hit villages

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JAMMU, Aug 25: National Conference additional general secretary Dr Mustafa Kamaal visited several areas of Hiranagar for assessing damage caused due to recent floods and heavy rains.

He visited Haripur Sainia, Salalpur, Chhaba Chak and Kote -Punnu habitations which are last villages on the J&K border with neighbouring Punjab and are situated on the bank of Ujh Nallah.

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At Kot Punnu, the NC leader assured upgradation of the Government High School, opening of a PHC and BPL survey for IAY type financial assistance for all those cases who live in Kucha houses of these habitations. Adequate deep hand pumps shall be recommended because shallow tube well water is unfit for consumption, he said and added that replacing of defunct electric sub-stations will be taken up with PDD.

Dr Kamaal was accompanied by Rattan Lal Gupta, ex-MLA Dyan Chand, Mohd Farooq Mughal (Political Advisor to Dr Mustafa Kamaal), Dharampal Kundal, Bharti Sharma, Davinder Singh Bindu, Tarseem Singh, Gopal Singh, Purshotam, Sham Lal Mehra and others.

Dr Kamaal assured the women folk of Bubiya village that their case for financial assistance for their Kachha houses will be taken up with priority with the Government.

The NC leaders appealed all to maintain communal harmony and peace at all costs and not play in the hands of divisive forces which were hell bent to create disharmony and disorder.

## Relief to flood affected people Adm to hold camps for expeditious disposal of cases

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 25: The District Administration Jammu is going to hold a series of camps on different dates for cluster of Panchayats for the expeditious disposal of ex-gratia relief announced by the State Government for the people affected due to recent heavy rains and flash floods.

The Deputy Commissioner Office has decided to adopt a special procedure for expeditious and transparent disposal. Accordingly, camps are being organized at cluster of panchayats on different dates and the same have been notified by the Deputy Commissioner Office.

Nearly 2 to 4 panchayats have been clubbed under one cluster and camp is being organized in Panchayat Ghar of centrally located panchayat.

Naib Tehsildar concerned has been designated as "Camp Officer" who will be assisted by the officers/officials of Rural Development Department/ Agriculture/ Animal /Sheep Husbandry Department. Sarpanchs, Panchs, Nambardars & Chowkidars.

The affected person has to approach the camp officer with photograph of damage and copy of their Bank Pass Book. Forms have been prescribed which will be available at the camp office and all the details of damages have to be filled in the said form. Form will be verified on spot in presence of various officers/officials and if required physical verification will be made same day.

All the forms of the concerned

### GRP cop held for theft, bike recovered

Excelsior Correspondent

MENDHAR, Aug 25 : A constable of GRP, posted in valley was arrested by local police on the charge of theft.

A police naka party in Mendhar, intercepted the GRP constable Khalil Ahmed, son of Mohd Sher, resident of Bera in Surankote during mid night. A stolen bike was recovered from his possession. A case FIR No. 88/13 was registered against him. The police said he was also wanted in another case of cheating and theft.

### Mechanical Engineers highlight demands

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 25: All J&K Mechanical Diploma Engineers Association held a meeting under the chairmanship of its advisor Darshan Gupta and discussed various demands.

While speaking, Darshan Gupta demanded restoration of selection list of 2004 Mechanical Diploma/ Degree Engineers at the earliest and release of 85 number of post of Mechanical Diploma Engineers.

Among others present were Jougul, Kewal, Rahul, Rakesh, Kuldeep Khajuria and Jagdev Singh.

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