



Minister for Forest, Mian Altaf addressing awareness camp at Pukharni Lam in Rajouri district on Monday.

Better Indo-Pak relations in favour of people: Altaf

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RAJOURI, June 17: Describing peace imperative for development, Minister for Forests, Ecology and Environment, Mian Altaf has said that better Indo-Pak relations are in favour of the both the countries and the people of the State, particularly living in border areas.

The Minister was addressing people after inaugurating one day awareness camp organized by J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kissans at Pukharni Lam on LoC in district Rajouri today.

Mian Altaf said that the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

is keen to see the friendly ties of both the countries more strong which has direct bearing on the situation of the State. He said good Indo-Pak relations will give peace in the State besides giving border people a chance to live a peaceful life. He said the people living in border areas were most affected in hostility between the two countries.

Describing agriculture as backbone of the economy of the State, the Minister said that Government has introduced several incentives aimed to increase production and improve the economy of the farmers of the State. He said

that Government has launched several schemes in agriculture sector and asked the farmers to come forward and take timely benefits.

He said hybrid seeds of different varieties are being provided to the farmers by the Agriculture Department besides financial incentives for purchasing of agriculture inputs including machinery.

Asking for adopting latest and innovative technologies introduced in the Agriculture Sector, the Minister said that sufficient subsidy is being provided by the Government for purchasing these equipments.

Later, the Minister reviewed the pace of developmental projects coming up in R&B, PHE, Power, Education and Health sectors at an officers meeting. He directed district administration to address the road, water and electricity problems of the people on priority.

Vice Chairman, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kissans, Radhay Sham Sharma, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, functionaries of the Board besides senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

Hundreds of BJP men court arrest

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JAMMU, June 17: As a part of the Party's country-wide "Jail Bharo Andolan" programme demanding resignation of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh being head of the Congress-led UPA Government in order to get rid of mis-governance and ram-

Choudhary MLAs, Dr Jitendra Singh, Amarnath Gupta, Sakina Bano, Ramesh Arora, Bali Bhagat, Kavinder Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Sukhdev Singh and others.

The BJP activists were packed in six police buses and taken to District Police Lines Gandhi Nagar and all of them were later released.



BJP activists being taken in a police vehicle to DPL Jammu on Monday.

ment corruption, hundreds of BJP activists led by State president of the Party Jugal Kishore Sharma courted arrest today at Dogra Chowk.

Earlier Party activists staged a dharna for three hours at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Chowk and tried to disrupt the movement of vehicular traffic by squatting on the road.

Prominent senior leaders who accompanied Jugal Kishore Sharma in courting arrest included MLA Jammu East, Ashok Khajuria, former president Shamsher Singh Manhas, Sukhmandan Kumar and Sham

Shouting slogans against the UPA Government and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh the BJP leaders demanded immediate resignation of Prime Minister as head of the scam tainted UPA.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while addressing the dharna, said that the Congress-led UPA at the Centre has created new records in corruption. Scam after scam has been the gift of Manmohan Singh-led Government having full control of Mrs Sonia Gandhi. He said the Government has lost the faith of the people and it has no morale right to continue, hence the Prime Minister should resign instead of sticking to the chair.

He said that in J&K after the Darbar move the problems of people in Jammu province have increased manifold. There is no ration, no water, no electricity for Jammuites. People are defooled on the name of development while in Kashmir every day foundation stones for new projects are being laid, which is yet another example of discrimination with Jammu.

Leader of Legislative Party & National Executive Member Ashok Khajuria said that it is not only the UPA but the NC-Congress coalition the State which has promoted corruption and attempts are being made to shield the corrupt Ministers and bureaucrats.

A committee comprising Assistant Director, CA&PD, Naib Tehsildar Sudhmahadev and Food Inspector was constituted to keep a strict vigil on rates and quality of eatables. To acquaint the people about state and centrally sponsored schemes, various departments would set up their exhibition stalls during mela days besides cultural programmes would also be organised. Tehsildar, Chenani would be the Mela Officer to supervise all arrangements.



Estates Department employees holding protest.

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JAMMU, June 17: The employees of Estates Department held a protest demonstration in front of the office of Deputy Director Estates, Jammu, here today.

The members of Co-ordination Committee of Estate Employees Association/ Union, Jammu province, under the leadership of Prem Singh Bawa and Yash Paul Sharma shouted slogans against the department for adopting delaying tactics while considering agreed upon demands of the employees.

The demands of the employees included re-organisation of Estates Department, regularization of daily wagers/daily rated workers, provision of two and a half day additional pay, implementation of time bound promotions orders, releasing arrears

w.e.f 2006, finalization of seniority list for holding of DPC etc.

Construction of building for housing of the office of the Deputy Director Estates, Jammu and construction of staff quarters, appointment of next to the kin of the deceased employees under SRO 43, are the other demands.

The employees warned the administration of Estate Department to consider their demands at the earliest, otherwise they will be compelled to intensify agitation.

Those who addressed the employees were Rash Pal Lal, Shamboo Singh, Rajinder Singh, Mohinder Paul, Rattan Paul, Rajesh Sharma, Subash Chander, Ravi Sharma, Jeet Raj, Mohd Ishfaq, Sagar Masih, Rajesh Gupta and Kuldeep Raj.



Members of PSSP interacting with media persons at Jammu on Monday.

PSSP to pay tributes to martyrs at Drass, Kargil on June 21, 22

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad (PSSP) today announced to pay tributes to martyrs at Drass and Kargil on June 21 and 22 respectively.

This was stated by Brigadier SS Saini, during a press conference here today.

He added a team of 47 members comprising of retired officers of Army, Navy and Air force today reached Jammu and paid tribute at Amar Jyoti Jawan stambh, Panama Chowk.

He said that the team will leave for the Srinagar tomorrow and pay the tribute there on June 19 and will further leave for Drass and Kargil sectors where it will pay tributes at martyrs points on June 21 and 22 respectively.

The team comprises of four members from the Jammu region which included Brigadier RS Jamwal and Colonel KN Raina, besides two JCO's and will be headed by Brigadier Govind Mishra of Uttar Pradesh.

"The victory of our troops in Kargil war is note worthy and unique because the battle was fought in a very treacherous high altitude mountainous terrain, with temperature a low as -48 Celsius and with difficulties

in effective use of the air power adding that it lasted for two months in which 527 brave Indian soldiers laid their life and 1363 were wounded", Brigadier Saini added.

"PSSP has been in the forefront for raising awareness on issues concerning national defense, border area management and social awareness and came into being for harnessing and meaningful involvement of vast pool of retirees and loyal soldiers towards a threefold objective—Nation Building, Social Welfare and Welfare of Ex-service man and their families", he informed.

Renewed ration cards issued

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JAMMU, June 17: The Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department has issued the renewed ration cards for Jammu district and the rationees can collect the same from their respective depots on payment of fee fixed for each category of Ration Cards.

The APL rationees would have to pay Rs 50, BPL Rs, 25 and those having AAY cards would get the renewed ration cards free of cost.

Arrangements finalized for Sudhmahadev Mela

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 17: The arrangements for smooth conduct of 3-day historical Sudhmahadev Mela, commencing on June 22, 2013 at Sudhmahadev in tehsil Chenani of district Udhampur, were finalized in a meeting of district officers held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Surat Singh at Sudhmahadev here today.

MLA, Chenani, Krishan Chander Bhagat, Tehsildar Chenani, Suman, District heads of various departments, Chairman of Dharmath Trust, Sudhmahadev and members of Local Mela Committee were also present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussion on various arrangements like drinking water and power supply, medicare, sanitation, security, transport, accommodation, check on rates of essentials and parking of vehicles etc. was held in the meeting.

Singh directed PHE to erect adequate number of public points

Panchayat Conference to launch campaign against NC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 17: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) today said that they would establish direct contact with Centre to avail benefits of schemes provided by Centre to the Panchayat members, and warned ruling National Conference (NC) for becoming main hurdle in the empowerment of the Panchayati Raj in the State.

"NC has become main hurdle for Panchs in the State and we will teach them a lesson in the upcoming 2014 Assembly elections. They will have to pay for deceiving us. We have started preparation for teaching NC a lesson that they will remember", said Shafiq



Panchayat members announcing their fight against National Conference.

Mir, chairman AJKPC. "We are a large chunk of voters. You will see the consequences at the time of elections. We will launch a door to door campaign to aware people about the deception of NC and will ask them to not vote for NC," he said.

Addressing a press conference here, Mir said that the package of Centre has nothing to do with the State and is the result of the efforts of Panchayat members. "We welcome the gesture from the Central Government. It is the result of the efforts of the Panchayat members and has nothing to do with the State Government which has always been a hurdle in the

empowerment of Panchayati raj institutions. There is now no fun of going before the State Government; we will establish direct contact with the Central Government. These funds have come from the Central Government so why we need to beg before the State Government," he added.

He, however, had apprehension over the interference of the State Government and urged the Centre to directly transfer the funds into the account of respective Panchayats.

"The Union Government should directly transfer the funds into the respective Panchayat's Constituency Development Fund

Accounts, so that the panchayats can independently use this fund in consultation with the Gram Sabha without any interference of bureaucrats. We have serious apprehensions over the State Government trying to interfere in the divulging of funds," Mir said.

Union Minister for Rural Development Jairam Ramesh during a function in Budgam area yesterday had announced that the Centre will provide Rs 420 crore to the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayats every year.

"Each of the 4,200 Panchayats in the State will get an amount of Rs 10 lakh as untied funds every year," Ramesh had said.



JU Vice-Chancellor Prof M P S Ishar along with his wife Lida Singh interacting with artists at National Art Camp.

National Art Camp concludes at JU

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JAMMU, June 17: National Art Camp, organized by the Department of Students Welfare in collaboration with the "Display Your Talent" Alumni Association, University of Jammu, concluded today with a valedictory function at Rinchin Bzangpo Art Gallery, Gen Zoravar Singh Auditorium.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohan Paul Singh Ishar, lauded the contribution of the artists who have created contemporary art collection for the JU which will enrich the treasure of collection of the University Gallery.

Prof N K Tripathi, Dean Students Welfare, JU delivered the welcome address while Digvijay Singh, Chairman, DYT presented the formal vote of thanks.

Prof M K Puri also spoke on the occasion. Harmeet Kour, Joint Secretary, SCC conducted the proceedings of the function.

It is pertinent to mention here that National Art Camp was held at Patnitop from June 12 to June 16 wherein ten senior and eminent artists of the country comprising of R B Bhaskaran, Chennai, Vinod Kumar and Sanjay Kumar Srivastav from Mumbai, M B Jena, Ordishi, Vijender Sharma, Delhi, Vidyasagar Upadhyay, Jaipur, Ravinder Salva, Delhi, Arshad Sualeh, Kashmir and Suman Gupta, Jammu participated.

The artists were also felicitated on the occasion. Among others, present on the occasion,



Minister for PWD Abdul Majid Wani addressing public meeting at Gundna on Monday.

Wani directs officers to hold public grievances meetings at every block

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, June 17: Continuing his extensive tour of earthquake hit far flung areas of district Doda, the Minister for PWD (R&B) and Mechanical Engineering Abdul Majid Wani today visited Dahara and Gundna villages and was given a rousing reception by the people who appreciated his efforts to reach out to common masses in the difficult times.

Accompanied by various district and sectoral officers, the Minister held public Durbars at remote Dharah and Gundna villages of district Doda. People presented various demands before him, which

included providing of free ration to earthquake victims on equal basis, arranging medical facilities in the region, repairment of roads, and water supply facilities.

While interacting with people, Wani was critical of the apathetic attitude of officials towards the poor masses. He said that most of the problems in these rural hinterlands exist because the officers do not pay any heed to local problems. He gave on spot instructions to PHE and Rural Development Departments to address the problems of people effectively.

On education and conditions of schools, the Minister said that those teachers and education authorities who are

playing with the future of students shall not be spared. He instructed the officials on spot to hold inquiry of poor condition of SSA school buildings and punish the guilty teachers and other persons involved. He retreated that such corrupt practices will not be tolerated.

He assured the people that all the left over habitations will be covered under PMGSY. Mr. Wani cautioned the people to stay away from the communal and divisive forces who are hell bent to disturb the peace and harmony in the region.

Mr wani also laid the foundation stone of model village Gundna for the development of rural infrastructure.



Parliamentary Standing Committee in a meeting with Chief Secretary Mohd Iqbal Khanday and other officers on Monday.

Parliamentary Standing Committee meets CS

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 17: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment headed by Hemanand Biswas today reviewed the status of implementation of various schemes for welfare, social justice and empowerment of disadvantaged and mar-

ginalized sections in Jammu and Kashmir at a high level meeting with Chief Secretary Mohammad Iqbal Khanday here.

An overview of various welfare programs being implemented in the State was presented by the concerned departmental heads. The Committee enquired about various schemes aimed at rehabilitation and social, educational and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities, women, SCs, OBCs, elderly, widows etc.

Army organizes training for BGSBU students

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, June 17: Counter Insurgency Force (Romeo) organised a training capsule for four students of Baba Gulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Rajouri at M/s Iec Gensets Limited, Kathua here today.

The students attending the training are of sixth semester and are pursuing electrical engineering course in the University.

This training is a follow up of the technical seminar conducted for the students of the University by Counter Insurgency Force (Romeo), in which 12 reputed companies participated.

Tata Motors inks MoU with NSDC

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JAMMU, June 17: Tata Motors inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), under Prime Minister's Udaan Scheme, through "Tata Motors Certified Works Manager" programme and become the first automobile company to enroll under this scheme.

The MoU was signed to explore training and employment opportunities for graduates, post-graduates, 3 year engineering diploma holders and professional degree holders of J&K through a collaborative action oriented agenda.

Recruiting fresh graduates from engineering colleges of J&K, Tata Motors Certified Works Manager Scheme will provide skilled youth with employment opportunities across Tata Authorised Service Stations (TASS). Trained by Tata Motors for 6 months at NITTR Bhopal / Amity Noida

and at Tata Motors' STC (Service Training Centres), these graduates are then placed at Tata Motors dealerships as Assistant Works Managers.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Garg, Global Head, Customer Care of Tata Motors said that the move to collaborate with NSDC under the Udaan scheme is to create employment opportunities for the educated youth of J&K by providing them skillful practical knowledge of vehicle operations and service. The scheme also enables them to plug in this skilled knowledgeable set of trained youth, into their vast and growing commercial vehicle network, helping us sustain our service levels", he added.

Dilip Chenoy, CEO and MD, NSDC said that they are delighted to work with Tata Motors in ensuring that the NSDC's aim of contributing significantly (about 30 per cent) to the overall target of skilling and upskilling 500 million people in India by 2022.

MES			
Headquarters 134 Works Engineers C/o 56 APO invites application from approved MES, CPWD and Railway contractors of appropriate class for the following works :-			
Name of work	Repairs to LT cable, panels, underground service cable at Sharifabad Garrison	Repairs to security lights, voltage stabilizer and Misc EM works at Sharifabad Garrison	Repairs to joinery tiling, plastering, roofing and brick work at Sharifabad Garrison
Estimated cost of work	₹ 10.00 lakhs	₹ 10.00 lakhs	₹ 10.00 lakhs
Completion period	06 (Six) Months	06 (Six) Months	06 (Six) Months
Amount of Earnest Money for Contractors not enlisted with MES	₹ 20,000.00	₹ 20,000.00	₹ 20,000.00
Cost of Tender	₹500.00 in the shape of DD/Bankers Cheque from any Scheduled Bank in favour of AGE (I) CIF (K), C/o 56 APO, Payable at Srinagar along with application.		
Last date of Receipt of Applications	29 Jun 2013	29 Jun 2013	29 Jun 2013
Eligibility Criteria :-	Class : 'E' Cat : b (i)	Class : 'E' Cat : b (i)	Class : 'E' Cat : a (i)
(a) For MES Enlisted	(i) Meeting enlistment criteria of MES with regard to having satisfactorily completed requisite value works, Annual turn over working capital, Fixed Assets etc.		
(b) For other Contractors	(ii) Affidavit for No Recovery outstanding in Govt Department.		
Date of issue of Tender or on after	01 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2013
Date of receipt of Tender	As stipulated in Tender documents		
Note :-			
(a) The contractor enlisted in one class below the 'eligibility criteria' given above may also apply. Accepting Officer may consider such applications in the event of inadequate response from eligible class contractors.			
(b) Application not accompanied by requisite value DD/Banker Cheque towards Cost of Tender shall not be considered for issue of tender.			
(c) Contractors not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including Affidavit for no recovery outstanding in Govt Department.			
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