

"Omar succeeds in laying strong infrastructural edifice" NC committed to nurture peace, sustaining development: Rana

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RAMBAN Sept 5: Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh



Provincial President NC, Devender Singh Rana addressing party workers meeting at Ramban on Thursday.

Rana on Thursday said that a strong edifice of infrastructural development has been laid during ongoing term of the Omar led Government across Jammu and Kashmir and declared that the momentum will be sustained and carried forward with a renewed vigour and a sense of commitment in the next spell beginning 2014.

"Restoration of peace; sense of security; transparent, responsive and accountable administration; employability apart from inclusive development have been the hall mark of the Government during the past over four and half years, which is being even acknowledged by the ardent critics, who were apprehensive about the turn-around in situation in the wake of most volatile situation of 2008", the Provincial President said while address-

ing district party workers monthly meeting held at Maitra, near here. Mr Rana lauded the stew-

ardship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for taking off his innings on a promising note and restoring peace, which was the biggest challenge keeping in view of the situation obtaining at that point of time and obstacles being created by those having vested interest in disturbed conditions.

"The teething problems were really challenging mainly because the frustrated elements, after having lost the hope to regaining power, indulging in disruption. He said the National Conference had a bigger agenda of steering the people out of the morass and creating a situation conducive for bridging the trust deficit between different sections of the people and two regions of the State in the wake of unprecedented agita-

Fortune Inn Riviera Jammu begins 'Thai Food Festival'

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JAMMU, Sept 5: Fortune Inn Riviera, member of ITC's hotel group is celebrating "Thai Food Festival" at "The Oriental Pavilion", the Chinese & Thai Specialty Restaurant at the 4th floor of the hotel. The food festival starts on September 6 and will be on till September 15, for dinner between 1930 to 2300 hrs.

cent view of the glittering Bahu Fort and Tawi River; and its ambience is further enhanced by the Live Kitchen."

"The 10-day long festival will be a treat of the glorious flavours of Thai with an extensive range of traditional mouth watering dishes from the vibrant Thailand. Thai cuisine is one of the most cherished cuisines worldwide. We wish to bring out the best of this cuisine during



Executive Chef P K Biswas and others posing for a photograph at the Oriental Pavilion Restaurant of Hotel Fortune Inn Riviera at Jammu.

General Manager, Rakesh Dogra said, "It has been our endeavor to introduce Jammuites to all the Oriental cuisines at our newly launched Oriental restaurant, 'The Oriental Pavilion'. As part of this we had organized a Chinese Food Festival in the same venue in July. Now we bring the Thai Food Festival. Thai cuisines offers exciting range of Vegetarian and Non vegetarian dishes, in starters, main course and desserts. We would be offering the most delectable delicacies of Thai cuisine at 'The Oriental Pavilion'. This restaurant offers an open to sky view of the City, dim lights, magnifi-

the festival to give Jammu the real taste of Thailand. As space in this restaurant is limited, please make a reservation in advance" said Abhishek Verma, the Food & Beverage Manager.

Executive Chef P K Biswas said, "complemented by fresh spices, the menu will feature dishes like Tom Yum Goong, Satay, Tempura, Thai Red Curry, Thai Green Curry, Papaya Salad, Phad Thai Noodles, Thai Spring Rolls, Coconut Steamed Dumpling and many more exotic Thai dishes. We will be offering a Four course meal with options of Seafood, Non Vegetarian and Vegetarian Menus".

15 AEs placed as AEEs

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JAMMU, Sept 5: Government today ordered placement of 15 Incharge Assistant Engineers of R&B (Civil) as Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers.

According to an order issued by the Government, the Incharge Assistant Engineers of R&B (Civil), who have been placed as Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers are Sajad Hussain, Manzoor Ahmed, Mushaq Ahmed Bahadur, Sandeep Gupta, Farid Ahmed Khan, Shawkat Ali Wani, Shafiq Ahmed Zehgeer, Ganshyam Singh Jamwal, Fayaz Ahmed Wani, Peer Mohammad Sultan, Ravinder Singh Tralay, Mehraj-ud-Din Peer, Sanjeev Sharma and Gurcharan Singh.

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SAVE ENERGY FOR BENEFIT OF SELF AND NATION

Peeka Express to be launched soon for immunization: Shabir

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SRINAGAR, Sept 5: Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmad Khan today said that the Government would launch Peeka Express known as National Vaccine Van soon in the State with the aim to achieve cent percent immunization of children, especially in far-off and remote areas of the State.

The Minister was addressing officers during a review meeting of Family Welfare held here today.

He said that in this regard the Government has placed the orders for purchase of 27 Peeka Expresses (National Vaccine Van). He said that Rs 2.16 crore have been provided by Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry and maintained that each van would be furnished with necessary diagnostic apparatus and medicines.

Reviewing the physical and financial achievements registered by the Family Welfare

Department, the Minister underscored the need for mass health awareness against infectious diseases especially in slum, downtrodden and remote areas. He stressed upon the concerned authorities to intensify the services of filed staff to cover register cent percent achievements in immunization programme of different contagious diseases.

Special Secretary Health and Medical Education, Sheikh Mukhtar Director, Family Welfare Department Dr. Baldev Singh, Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman, Mission Director, NRHM, Dr. Yashpaul Sharma, Joint Director Planning, Ganai, Chief Financial Advisor, Zahoor Ahmad and Senior Law Officer, Altaf Hussain attended the meeting.

Director Family Welfare gave detailed resume of the activities of the department being carried out for health awareness and immunization in the State.

Charges framed against 2 for cheating bank

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 5: Special CBI Magistrate (CJM) Jammu, S R Gandhi has framed charges against Ashok Seth and Surinder Arora, Managing Partner and Executive Partner of M/s Balaji Plastic India Ltd, Logate Morh Kathua for cheating the State Bank of India, Channi Himmat branch by forging the docu-

ments at the time of obtaining Rs 1.30 crore loan.

According to the brief facts of the case, Ashok Seth and Surinder Arora obtained loan of Rs 1.30 crore without depositing 25% of the value of the purchases in the form of margin money.

The accused persons after hatching a criminal conspiracy prepared forged documents between March 28, 2007 and June 24, 2009 and by the acts of cheating and use of forged documents avoided the deposit of 25% of the margin money and got the loan amount sanctioned which was not liquidated.

The case against them was registered on November 26, 2010 by CBI Jammu and the investigation was entrusted to Inspector Kamal Sangra of CBI (now in State Vigilance Organization), who after completion of investigation presented challan in the CJM Court on August 30, 2011 instead of CBI Court as role of bank officials named in the FIR didn't emerge.

After hearing APP Neetu Charak for the CBI and the counsel for the accused persons, the court of Special CBI Magistrate (CJM), Jammu found sufficient grounds for presuming that the accused persons have committed the offences under Section 420/468/471 read with Section 120-B of RPC. "The formal charges have been framed against the accused, who claimed to be tried, as such the AAP CBI is directed to produce the witnesses on the next date of hearing".

DC inaugurates 5-day training prog on RBSK, Iron Plus Initiative

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LEH, Sept 5: Deputy Commissioner Simrandeep Singh today set the ball rolling for the launch of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and Iron Plus Initiative in J&K by inaugurating the five-day training program for the officials of Health Department.

The five-day training is being conducted by the National Level Advisor of RBSK, Dr Arun Kumar. After the conclusion of the training, the RBSK and Iron Plus Initiative will be launched by Union Health Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad in Leh, which will mark the launch of both initiatives in J&K, making it the third state after Maharashtra and Haryana.

Others who participated included the CMO, MS SNM Hospital and CEO.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting of Islamic University of Science and Technology at Srinagar on Thursday.

Omar reviews progress of Islamic University of Science & Technology

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SRINAGAR, Sept 5: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today underscored the need for enhancing financial resources by Islamic University of Science and Technology to ensure sustained growth without depending on outside help.

Chairing the review meeting of the Islamic University of Science and Technology, the Chief Minister, who is also Chancellor of the University asked the University Management to formulate Five Year Plans identifying roadmap of development and financial requirements for academic activities, strengthening of faculties and building of benefiting infrastructure.

Omar Abdullah also asked

PIL against unplanned digging, frequent traffic jams

DB grants further time to Div Com

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JAMMU, Sept 5: In a PIL filed by Advocates Ashish Sharma and Deepak Singh Balouria against unplanned digging and frequent traffic jams in Jammu, Division Bench of the High Court comprising Chief Justice M M Kumar and Justice Hasnain Massodi today granted time to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu to comply with the earlier directions within week's time.

When the PIL was taken-up, it was submitted before the DB that ERA, JMC and NBCC have filed their status report.

After hearing Senior Advocate B S Salathia with Advocate Bhanu Singh Salathia, DB directed State counsel to file response to the affidavit filed by JMC explaining as to why the required funds are not being released. Division Bench also granted time to Divisional Commissioner Jammu to comply with the earlier directions within week's time.

In the PIL, it has been submitted that the entire process of digging of roads was so mismanaged that the same were left

the University to focus on consolidation and creation of adequate infrastructure in the University complex. He said whatever help possible would be extended to the University for its holistic development.

In a PowerPoint presentation the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. A. R. Trag stated that the integrated Ph.D programme has been introduced in School of Business Studies. He said Ph.D programmes are being offered in Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences from current academic session.

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Omar Abdullah also asked **PIL against unplanned digging, frequent traffic jams** **DB grants further time to Div Com** dug up for months together with either little or no progress. Not only this, the roads where sewerage pipes had been laid, the agencies responsible for metalling the same were absolutely callous in the discharging duty.

In its earlier directions, the DB had asked the Divisional Commissioner to set up a committee to prepare a plan to ensure that all those roads where the sewerage pipes have been laid black topping was also done preferably within a period of two months keeping in view the rainy season.

Division Bench had further directed that all the authorities shall ensure that a report is prepared and submitted with regard to those roads where the sewer line were laid, black topping was also done but the roads have either given way or the black topping has since eroded due to use of inferior or sub-standard material or failure to meet the specifications.

HC directs Govt to implement orders on quarrying

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 5: High Court today directed the Government to ensure strict implementation of its orders on the operation of stone quarries on forest, Kacharia and Shamilat land in the State.

A Division Bench of the High Court comprising Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir and Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, issued the orders after counsel for petitioners, Ghulam Murtaza, argued before the court that orders are being "violated with impunity."

"We hope that M I Qadri, Advocate General, shall ensure strict implementation of the court directions through all concerned authorities, which may include both Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir," the bench said.

The court further directed the compliance report about implementation to be filed by next date. The court, in its previous

Dr. Trag said that the project entitled 'establishment of quality control and food testing laboratory' has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 386.82 lakhs by Union Ministry of Food Processing and Industries for the University.

The Vice Chancellor said that upto 80 percent construction has been completed in two academic buildings of Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering for which foundation was laid by the Chief Minister last year. He said 50 percent construction has been completed in OBC girls hostel for which foundation was laid by the Minister for Social Welfare, ART and Trainings and Public Grievances.

He said that online admission process has been started from current year and fully automated admission process is on. He said the project proposal for creation and re-modeling of departments for an integrated Masters and Doctorate programme in Nutrition Biology has been submitted to the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

The Vice Chancellor said that three supernumerary seats per course in Engineering streams introduced under NRI quota has been introduced from academic session 2013 to enhance own resource base of Islamic University of Science and Technology. He said that the AICTE Tuition Fee Waiver scheme has been adopted and 44 students benefited during 2012-13.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Higher Education, Mohammad Akbar Lone, Principal Secretary Planning and Development, B. R. Sharma, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, B. B. Vyas, Secretary Higher Education and Secretary Technical Education.



CA delegation handing over memorandum to A K Thathai, Commissioner of Income Tax at Jammu.

ICAI delegation submits memorandum to Income Tax Commissioner

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 5: The executive committee of J&K branch of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) led by its chairman, CA Dalip K Kaul, today met the Commissioner of Income Tax, (J&K), AK Thathai and impressed upon him for seeking of extension in the due date of filing of Income Tax returns of assesses whose accounts are required to be audited till, by a further period of three months.

The demand for extension was mainly raised due to the recent civil disturbances in the State due to Kishtwar turmoil. It was also conveyed to Commissioner that the online filing scheme is being frequently revised by the Income Tax Department wherein a lot of technical difficulties are

being faced by assesses and CAs in uploading the Income Tax returns.

Thathai gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured his full cooperation in seeking extension from Central Board of Direct Taxes, New Delhi. Later on, the above requests were submitted to Thathai in the form of a memorandum.

The delegation also met Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Kifayat Hussain Rizvi and apprised him about the difficulties faced by Chartered Accountants and handed over a memorandum to him.

CA Vikram Garg, vice chairman, CA Anil Sharma, secretary, CA Shalay Razdan, treasurer and CA Sandeep Pachanda, executive member, were also part of the delegation.

Drug merchant denied bail for trying to pollute atmosphere in Kargil

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 5: Principal District and Sessions Judge Kargil, Tahir Khurshid Rana has rejected the bail application of drug merchant for attempting to contaminate the drug-free atmosphere in Kargil district.

According to the police case, on August 12, 2013, Kargil Police Station arrested a tanker driver along with a bag containing contraband (poppy). The driver namely Gurdeep Singh was smuggling the contraband from Jammu and Srinagar to Kargil/Leh for its selling and disbursing among the people of his taste.

Accordingly, police booked tanker driver under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

However, the accused moved a bail application in the court, which was resisted by the Prosecution, which submitted that in a span of just one week three vehicles carrying contraband were seized and

this has acted as shock wave for the administration as well as society as such incidents have the tendencies to contaminate the drug-free atmosphere in the district.

After hearing both the sides, Principal District and Sessions Judge observed, "there is no doubt that society is under severe threat from drug abuse and trafficking of contraband", adding "youth of the nation, which is a great asset to the country, are speedily getting exposed to illicit trafficking of contraband and its usage".

Stating that every conscientious citizen of the country has to raise his voice against this menace and curb it to its hilt, Principal District and Sessions Judge said, "courts of the country are under the bounden and legal duty to give a strong message to the society particularly when such issues come before it".

With these observations, the Court rejected the bail application of accused.

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