

Minister for Revenue, Aijaz Ahmed Khan alongwith DDC Reasi, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary distributing relief cheque to a beneficiary at Arnas on Thursday.

## Aijaz holds public camp at Arnas, reviews restoration works

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Sept 5: Minister for Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation Aijaz Ahmed Khan today held a public grievance redressal camp at Arnas and inspected various ongoing restoration works.

Deputy Commissioner, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary and all district officers accompanied the Minister and participated in the meeting which was attended by people from remote areas of the district.

Aijaz laid foundation stone of Revenue Complex at Arnas to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1.80 crore and distributed relief cheques to affected families for fully and partially damaged houses, loss of livestock, cattle, sheds and cultivable land.

Speaking on the occasion Aijaz appreciated the district administration for presenting relief cheques of 191 cases to the tune of Rs 22.50 lakh in record time of 5 days for benefit of aggrieved persons who lost their houses in various areas of two tehals.

Deputy Commissioner informed that further camps will be held at Pouni, Reasi, Mahore, Thakrakote, Katra, Chassana and other places for immediate distribution of relief next few

## 3-day Sankri Mela concludes

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PANCHARI, Sept 5: The three-day historic Sankri Devta Mela concluded in Block Panchari.

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Yasha Mudgal, who was the chief guest on the concluding day, paid obeisance at the Sankri Devta temple and prayed for peace and prosperity of the people.

Additional SP, Benam Tosh, Mela Officer, Tehsildar Settlement, S.N. Suman, Block Development Officer, Panchari, Sajjad Bashir Sumbria officers of different departments and members of Mela committee were present on the occasion.

Complimenting the people on the occasion, DC said that such festivals symbolize unity in diversity besides providing a common

## Civil Society team to formulate interim report on Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, Sept 5: A delegation of the J&K Civil Society, Jammu after completing its two days tour of Kishtwar returned back to Jammu today. The team assessed the situation there and will now be formulating its Interim report on the situation in a week's time. The members who formed the delegation of the Sub-Committee comprise Ashwani Kumar Chrungoon, Dineshwar Singh and Sardar KCS Mehta. It may be recalled that the open session of the Seminar held on 25th August 2013 at Jammu resolutely formed a Civil Society delegation to visit Kishtwar.

The team met prominent citizens and people of different sections in the town and its suburbs and also visited the markets that were hit by the mayhem on August 9. It met the members of business/traders associations, students, the victims of fire incidents and management of some prominent educational institutions. The delegation also visited the villages of Sangram Bhatta, Matta and Wassar and met people there. The members of the delegation also visited the residence of Arvind Raj (26) who was killed on the fateful day. Later, the team members had meetings with the Dy. Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police of Kishtwar district. A meeting of prominent citizens was held at TRC-Kishtwar, which was attended by a sizeable number of citizens from all walks of life.

It needs to be mentioned that the minority Hindu community's losses are enormous and visible. The members expressed their concern in respect of the victims of

the carnage and impressed upon the administration to immediately give the compensation, as announced by the Government, to the victims of the carnage enabling them to begin their life, business and trade afresh. It was decided by the Sub-Committee to forward its Interim report to the Chairman of the delegation, Ashwani Sharma, MLA for a decision to prepare its final report on the Kishtwar situation after full delegation's visit to the town. The copies of the report will be forwarded to the human rights and civil rights bodies at national and international level.

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The Minister issued instructions for immediate blacktopping of Thanpal road, construction of new school buildings, bridges, restoration of PMGSY, PWD, RDD roads, irrigation canals and PHE schemes in a time bound manner. A number of public grievances were redressed in the presence of Minister. He was informed that action taken report on all grievances of public including timely payment under MG-NREGA will be submitted by the end of month. Later, in a meeting of officers the Minister called for bringing the area under tourism map and also announced Rs 15 lakh from his CDF for construction of hut at Daggan Top for facilitating the visitors to this picturesque remote area. DC informed that work will be executed through Forest Department immediately.

Expressing satisfaction over steps taken by DC for decentralised relief distribution, making available emergent cash relief at Niabat offices and stores and stocks at remote areas, the Minister asked for making a holistic plan under SDRF for strengthening the community preparedness and availability of equipment across the district.

platform to the people of all walks irrespective of caste, colour and creed to interact and share their culture and traditions. She also appealed the gathering to generate awareness among the common masses about the need and importance of education of girls which is vital for creating a healthy and harmonious society. She stressed for saving the girl child and asked to uproot the menace of female foeticide which is not only against law but against humanity. The DC had a round of stalls installed by various departments for general awareness of different schemes.

Responding to local demands of the area, the DC said that administration is fully aware of their issues and efforts would be made to redress the same on priority basis.

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## Rs 1.16 cr plan approved under ATMA for Doda

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DODA, Sept 5: Rs. 1.16 crore plan for the year 2013-14 was approved for Doda district in a meeting of Governing Body of ATMA (Agriculture Technology Management Agency) held under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner, Doda Mr. Mubarak Singh.

Chief Planning Officer Doda, Joginder Katoch, Chief Agriculture Officer Doda, H.K. Razdan, Chief Horticulture Officer Doda, Bipan Pandita, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Doda, Dr Tahir, AD Planning Doda Manish Sharma, AD Planning Agriculture Anil Sharma besides other members of the Governing Body also attended the meeting. While approving the Annual Plan under ATMA for the year 2013-14, DDC laid stress on the expansion and use of latest scientific agro-based technology in rural areas. He impressed upon the officers to mobilize their

field functionaries in rural areas to motivate and create awareness among rural population especially farming community so that they shift towards latest technology rather than old conventional agricultural practices. He said that there is a huge scope of development of agriculture and other allied departments in the region. He asked the officers to provide best and high breed disease resistant variety of seeds to the farming people in the district so that the poor people get enhanced economic benefits. DDC underlined the need to provide exposure and suitable platform to the farmers so that other farmers get motivated and adopt the latest agro-based technology in the region. He said that exposure and motivational result oriented visits/ tours needs to be organized for the progressive farmers so that they keep themselves abreast with the latest technological advancements in the field of agriculture and other allied sectors.



Jammu and Kashmir Film Markers and Artists Cooperative and Television Professionals United Forum addressing a press conference at Srinagar on Thursday. —Excelsior/Amin War

## Television artists threaten hunger strike outside Parliament

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SRINAGAR, Sept 5: Kashmiri Television artists threatened to hold hunger strike outside Parliament if the Centre Government does not release funds for the Doordarshan's Kashmir Channel.

The channel has "lost its purpose" of boosting the State's culture as the Central Government after making tall claims has failed to fulfill its promises, a group of veteran artists said.

"We have been left high and dry. We have no option but to fight for our demands and we will go for a hunger strike at Lok Sabha if our demands are not met at the earliest," Chairman, Television Professionals United Forum (TPUF), Zameer Ashai told media persons here.

The veteran television actor said budget for the channel has been cut by Prasar Bharati from Rs 16 crore to only Rs 3 crore. He said the channel was made

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## Feroz reviews functioning of Education Deptt

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JAMMU, Sept 5: Minister of State for School Education Medical Education, Feroz Ahmed Khan, today asked the officers of Education Department to chalk out strategies for effective implementation of State and Centrally sponsored programmes at grass root level.

The Minister said this while chairing a meeting of CEOs, Principals and other concerned officers held to review the physical and financial achievements of the department.

Director School Education, P.K. Pole, was also present in the meeting.

The Minister sought detail of implementation of various projects under SSA, RMSA, MG NREGA being done in education sector. He was apprised that most of the development projects taken in hand have been completed and the rest would be completed in a time bound manner.

The meeting had detailed discussion over scholarship, upgradation and opening of Government run educational institutions besides construction of additional class rooms, status of staff and vacant posts.

The Minister directed the concerned authorities to expedite

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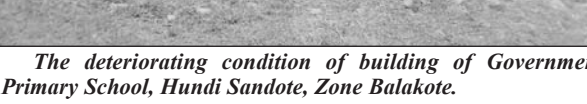
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## Jagti township to get regular power, water supply

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SRINAGAR, Sept 5: The meeting of the Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC-II) of Legislative Council on Revenue Department was held here today under the chairmanship of MLC, Vijay Bakaya to review the functioning of the department.

Legislators, Jahangir Hussain Mir, Dharambir Singh Oberoi and Dr. Shahnaz Ganai attended the meeting. They also gave valuable suggestions for further improving the functioning of the Revenue Department.

The Committee discussed threadbare the issues related to settlement of revenue records, procedure of land transfer to the allottees under the Roshni Act/Scheme, criteria being adopted by the authority to transfer of State land under Roshni Act and eviction of illegal encroachments. The meeting was apprised that work of settlement of land records has been completed in 40 tehals while as settlement work in rest of the tehals is going-on in full swing. The problem of erratic power

## Sustained development priority of Govt: Sagar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 5: While maintaining that the Government has initiated sustained development of every part of the State, the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar today said several flagship programmes have been undertaken which have been instrumental in changing the socio-economic profile of the rural and far-flung areas. The Minister was addressing a gathering after dedicating to the public, the newly constructed 4-km road stretch at Laissou, Damhal Hanjipora in Kulgam district.

The Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, legislators, Nasir Aslam Wani, Bimla Luthra, Dr. B. A. Veeri, Abdul Majid Bhat, besides other senior officers of district administration and different departments were present on the occasion. Asking the people to come forward to avail the maximum benefits of the various flagship schemes introduced by the Government, the Minister said that by doing so they would be exhibiting a participatory involvement in their implementation, besides giving the much needed feedback about them.

The Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo while speaking on the occasion highlighted the various initiatives undertaken by the Government in ensuring the development of the rural and far-flung areas.

## PDP kicks start election campaign at Samba, Vijaypur

\*Sharma seeks people's support for Lok Sabha elections

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Sept 5: Taking a lead from other political parties People's Democratic Party (PDP) today kicked start campaign for the Lok Sabha elections by organising two impressive meetings at Samba and Vijaypur Assembly segments respectively. Campaign for election of Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat was started in the presence of all senior leaders of party. Speaking on the occasion, PDP candidate for Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat, Yash Pal Sharma sought mandate of the people to vociferously raise their voice in the Parliament. Sharma regretted that present regime headed by Omar Abdullah has failed to solve problems of the people. He especially mentioned that residents of border areas were the worst victims of the wrong policies of the present Government because it has failed to take any step to minimize their woes.

Mr Singh informed the people that during the regime of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed there was complete peace on the borders because Mufti Mohammad Sayeed as Chief Minister had convinced both India and

Pakistan to announce cease-fire on the borders. "During PDP regime there was peace on the borders from Kathua and Kargil", he recalled and sought support of the people to pursue the policies of peace and reconciliation. He further reminded that during the regime of Mufti Mohammed Sayeed adequate compensation was given to the farmers whose land was mined during border build up. He also pointed out that it was all due to the efforts of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed that Industrial Growth Centre was opened at Samba which generated employment for locals.

Highlighting plights of the residents of Samba and Vijaypur Assembly segments, Mr Sharma said that being a refugee he was aware of problems of the displaced persons. He assured the gathering that PDP, if voted to power, would formulate a comprehensive policy for refugees for the one time settlement of all their problems. Trilok Singh, Shakur Balbir Singh, Ved Mahajan, Shanti Devi, Daman Bhasin, Fallail Singh, Jagjit Singh Jagga, Hussain Ali Wafa, Rashid Malik and other senior leaders also spoke on the occasion.



Students posing alongwith dignitaries at Srinagar on Thursday.

## Power Grid, Army, CSRL initiative to change future of under privileged students

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JAMMU, Sept 5: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., a central transmission utility, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership, (CSRL), New Delhi, for funding free coaching of 15 students belonging to underprivileged sections of rural Kashmir under IIT/JEE Mains, IIT/JEE Advance, AIEEE and other State Engineering Entrance Examinations, for securing admissions in various premier Engineering colleges viz IITs, NIITs.

The project entails for providing of free residential expert coaching for a period of 11 months, to talented students of under privileged sections of rural Kashmir, for preparing them for IIT/JEE Mains, IIT/JEE Advance, AIEEE and other State Engineering Entrance Examinations, for securing admissions in various premier Engineering colleges viz IITs, NIITs. During residential coaching, the students will also be provided with well equipped free boarding and lodging facility with free meals and free medical care, besides Online coaching by Abhayanand, DGP, Bihar.

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