

Mir lays foundation stone of swimming pool

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Minister for Tourism today laid the foundation stone of a swimming pool at Tourist Reception Center (TRC) and visited the newly established health club at TRC building. The work on swimming pool will be started within two months with an estimated cost of Rs 25 lakh, which would be completed within a year. Speaking on the occasion the Minister directed officers to complete the pool within time frame.

Ajaz chairs Ethics Committee meeting

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: To discuss the issues pertaining to holding of forthcoming Assembly session, a meeting of Ethics Committee of Legislative Assembly was held here today under the chairmanship of MLA, Ajaz Ahmed Jan. Legislators, Zahoor Ahmed Mir, Bimla Luthra, Abdul Haq Khan, Sukhnaandan Kumar, Bharat Bushan and Baldev Raj Sharma present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussion was held on the issues and the Members put forth their suggestions for bringing efficiency in transacting the business of the House.

Stressing for proper utilization of time, the Committee said that it will give a chance to the members to raise more public interested issues during the session. The committee suggested that the Members must submit their questions in advance to the Assembly Secretariat in order to obtain detailed reply from concerned departments to satisfy the Members.

Special Secretary, M.R. Singh, Deputy Secretary and senior officers of Assembly Secretariat attended the meeting.

Farmers blame Agri officials for impeding saffron mission

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: Saffron growers in Pampore area said they are not ready to grow saffron under the Government's scheme as the district agriculture officials are "dissuading" to grow the crop in their fields.

"The saffron growers are not prepared to cultivate the crop as Agriculture Department officials are creating confusion among us that the Government will usurp our land after we register with them under the procedure of the scheme," said Mir Tariq Pampori, Publicity Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Saffron Growers Development, Marketing Cooperative Association.

National Saffron Mission (NSM) was launched by Central Government in the State in 2010 to revive and boost saffron cultivation in over 3,700 hectares of land by planting quality and healthy saffron corms of appropriate size with the objective to enhance the productivity from 2.5 Kg per hectare to 5 to 6 Kg per hectare.

Saffron growers are also paid an amount of Rs 25,300 per kanal to cultivate the cash fetching crop.

Pampori said the Government has not paid the growers the amount of Rs 4 crore due to them since September 2012, especially in village Lethpora.

He alleged that bore-wells dug by the Government as per the scheme are also "flawed" as the crop is rain-fed and the bore-wells are dug only to "fill" coffers of the officials.

Rape accused arrested by Satwari police

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Satwari police today arrested a person involved in kidnapping and raping a minor girl at various places in and outside the State.

A police spokesman said that, on specific inputs, police party from Satwari Police Station led by SHO Hassan Kamaal laid a naka near Simbal Morh and arrested a rape

Pampori also said the Government envisaged to build a Spice park and a quality control Laboratory under the Mission for which 86 kanals of State land was demarcated at Galender in Pulwama district.

District Agriculture Officer, Ghulam Hassan Guroo, refuted these allegations terming them "baseless".

ZSW Officer attends problems of ex-servicemen

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Jammu, Col (retd), JDS Kotwal, along with staff visited Jandrah area of Tehsil Jammu to attend to the problems of ex-servicemen and widows.

A large number of ex-servicemen, widows and their dependents had gathered to get clarified their issues. All routine documentation work like issue and renewal of identity cards and CSD cards besides completion of applications for the financial assistance were done on the spot.

The officer laid emphasis on completion of all documentation like endorsing the name of wives for family pension, publication of Party-II orders of dependents etc, and advised them to complete all such documentation to avail the maximum benefits of the various welfare schemes started by both State and Central Government.

JKCCTU to hold demonstrations on Sept 9 against Pension Bill

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: J&K Coordination Committee of Trade Unions (JKCCTU) in its emergency meeting here, today discussed the passing of PFRDA Bill in the Parliament.

The meeting was chaired by Mohammed Maqbool State president, JKCCU. While condemning the Pension Regulatory Development Ordinance Bill by the Parliament, the day before yesterday which will have disastrous consequences on the Government employees hard earned right pension. This Bill has been passed despite the stiff resistance by the Government employees of the country who resorted to strikes. But learning no lesson, the Central Government seems hell bent upon to attack the social security system to serve the interests of Corporate Sector, the meeting added.

It said the Central Government has already passed an ordinance in this regard years before which has

1 dies as 2 men fall from walnut trees

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: Two men fell down from walnut trees in two different places in district Kupwara.

Police said Suliman Shah, son of Ghulam Mohammad of Muqam-e-Shahwali fell from a walnut tree at Maqam-e-Shahwali, Kupwara and died on spot.

In a similar incident, Abdul Ahad Waza, son of Mohammad Nagri of Nagri Malpora fell from walnut tree at village Barmri, Kupwara and received minor injuries. Police said he was shifted to Sub District Hospital, Kupwara for treatment.

Absconder held by Akhnoor police

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Police today arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest for the past four years.

A police spokesman said that, on specific inputs, police party from Akhnoor Police Station led by SHO Mahesh Sharma arrested an absconder, who has been identified as Jaffar Iqbal, son of Mohammad Iqbal of Mendhar, district Poonch.

The absconder was involved in a case registered with Akhnoor Police Station under FIR number 95/2009 under Sections 279, 337 and 338 RPC and was evading his arrest since then, he added.

The accused was produced in the Court of Law.

Adhoc body of Economic & Statistics officers constituted

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: A meeting of the officers of Economics and Statistics Service (Gazetted) was held at Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Bimina which was presided over by Director General BR Lachotra.

While speaking, Lachotra highlighted various problems being faced by the cadre and assured that all efforts will be made to get their problems addressed by the Government.

During the meeting, an adhoc body was constituted and Parvez Sajjad Kakroo has been nominated as its president. The committee will meet on regular intervals to formalize the association and to take stock of the redressal of the problems of his cadre.

been applied on newly recruited Government employees appointed after 2006. Now after passing this draconian Bill, the State and Central Government employees' pension, as a biggest social security system, will be curtailed and finally withdrawn not only in case of new recruits but to the existing employees as well, it added.

It said this is being done at the dictates of imperialist Finance capital and their institutions like IMF and World Bank to boost the share market and to facilitate the big profit for the Corporate Sector and shift the burden of the present financial crises on the working class by putting their hard earned salary into the share market.

While strongly opposing the Bill which has been passed with the support of biggest Opposition Party like BJP the meeting warned the Central Government to withdraw this or be ready to face the wrath of employees throughout the country.

JKCCTU during the meeting also decided to hold a protest demonstration on September 9 at Press Gal here and Press Club Jammu against the Bill.

2 buildings gutted

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: A school and a college building were gutted in fire in Sopore in district Baramulla today. Police said fire broke out in the building of Noble Mission School at Nadihal, Sopore.

The fire engulfed another building of JBW College of Education due to which the upper storey and roof of the both the buildings was damaged.

However, no loss of life or injury was reported in this incident, they said.

Homeopathic Medical Organization holds meet

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Jammu and Kashmir Homeopathic Medical Organization in its meeting here today highlighted its various demands.

It demanded enrollment of new and old Homeopathic doctors in B Grade in the list of Board Members, completion of quorum of Board members as per the Act of the Board from A Group and B Group doctors which is necessary for the smooth functioning of the Board.

It further demanded creation of new posts of qualified Homeopathic doctors. It also urged the Director AYUSH for re-structuring of Board pyramid in the better interests of Homeopathic system in the State.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Ashok Vaid chairman of the Organisation and it was among others attended by Dr Bimal Gupta, president and Dr Arun Kumar, general secretary.

Posting of teachers in camp school demanded

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Help Line Humanity has demanded posting of subject teachers / lecturers in camp school Jagti as the future of the class 11th and 12th students is bleak.

In a statement issued here today M K Bhat president of the organization said though half of academic session has passed there are no teachers available in the school especially English and Sociology.

He in an appeal urged the Director School Education to post teachers in the school for higher classes.



Minister of State for Power, Vikar Rasool addressing a gathering at Neel on Friday.

Vikar inaugurates awareness camp at Neel

Excelsior Correspondent
BANIHAL, Sept 6: Minister of State for Technical Education, Power, CAPD and Information Vikar Rasool today inaugurated one-day awareness camp at Neel Batoo in tehsil Banihal.

The objective of the camp was to raise awareness among the general masses about the public welfare schemes which was organized by the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Rural Development Department under the supervision of district administration.

ASP Abdul Qayoom, ACD Arvind Kirwani, DSWO, Charak, AD employment, Tehsildar Banihal, BDO, Ramssoo, officials of various departments besides and Sarpanchs and Panchs of the area attended the function.

While speaking on the occasion, Vikar said that State and Centre Governments are committed for upliftment of women, child, old age, physical challenged persons and weaker sections of the society. He highlighted the ongoing schemes for

upliftment of women and stressed upon the women to form self help groups to take maximum benefit of interest free loan schemes.

He informed that a medical check-up camp will be organized soon in the area in which free medicines will be provided to the patients.

Later, the officers and resource persons of different departments provided necessary information to the people. The youth of the area showed keen interest in different employment schemes. Various departments made on spot registration for different schemes.

VDC member shoots self

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Sept 6: A VDC member shot himself with his service rifle this afternoon and he was rushed to GMC Jammu in a serious condition.

As per reports, the VDC member Prem Kumar, son of Ved Parkash of Tangwal Rajouri shot himself in the chin with his service rifle this afternoon after locking his room from inside.

However the bullet missed the target and instead smashed his teeth.

His wife who was also in the house at that time rushed in neighborhood to inform the neighbors. After reaching the spot they broke the door. Seeing Kumar lying in an unconscious state on the bed in his room they took him to District Hospital Rajouri where doctors referred him to GMC Jammu for treatment as his condition was stated to be critical.

Reports said that earlier in the day Kumar had also thrashed his wife.

Body found

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 6: A body of a person was found in suspicious circumstances at Rangipora, Srinagar. The locals shifted him to SKIMS, Soura, where doctors declared him brought dead, a police spokesman said.

He was later identified as Altaf Ahmed Bagwan, son of Mohammad Ramzan resident of Rangipora.

Police has started investigations under Section 174 Cr PC to ascertain the cause of his death.



PARLIAMENT OF INDIA

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INVITES SUGGESTIONS ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE BILL, 2013

The Mental Health Care Bill, 2013, as introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 2013 and pending therein, has been referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare headed by Shri Brajesh Pathak, M.P., Rajya Sabha for examination and report thereon within a period of three months.

2. The Mental Health Care Bill, 2013 proposes to repeal the Mental Health Act, 1987. Its objectives are to: (i) protect and promote rights of the persons with mental illness during the delivery of health care in institutions and in the community; (ii) ensure that health care, treatment and rehabilitation of the persons with mental illness, is provided in the least restrictive environment possible, and in a manner that does not intrude on their rights and dignity; (iii) fulfil the obligations under the Constitution and the obligations under various International Conventions ratified by India; (iv) regulate public and private mental health sectors within a rights framework to achieve the greatest public health good; (v) improve accessibility to mental health care by mandating sufficient provision of quality public mental health services and non-discrimination in health insurance; (vi) establish a mental health system integrated into all levels of general health care; and (vii) promote principles of equity, efficiency and active participation of all stakeholders in decision making.

3. In order to have wider consultations, the Committee has decided to invite written memoranda containing suggestions/ views/ comments of individuals / institutions/ organizations interested in the subject matter of the Bill.

4. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send two copies thereof, either in English or Hindi, to Smt. Arpana Mendiratta, Joint Director, Room No. 222, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi - 110001 [Tel: 23035428 (0), Fax: 23012007] within 30 days of publication of the advertisement. Besides, those who are also desirous of giving oral evidence before the Committee on the Bill are requested to indicate so, for consideration of the Committee.

5. Copies of the Bill may be obtained on requisition from Shri Dinesh Singh, Deputy Director, Room No. 218, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 or downloaded from the Rajya Sabha website rajyasabha.nic. in under the head 'Committees' - sub-head - 'Bills with the Committee and Press release seeking opinions/ suggestions from public'.

6. The memoranda submitted to the Committee will form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as strictly confidential and may not be made public as such an act would constitute breach of privilege of the Committee.

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ReT teachers without salary for 3 months

Excelsior Correspondent
MENDHAR, Sept 6: The ReT teachers of Block Balakote, which were regularized recently have appealed Chief Education Officer, Jammu and Director School Education, Jammu, to release their three months salary prior to their regularization, which they did not get till now.

We met many times to concerned ZEO in this concern, but neither the ZEO nor the clerks of the office bothered to listen our problems, the teachers alleged.

In the absence of salary, we are faced with many financial problems, so we request the CEO and DSE, Jammu to redress our problem and issued orders to release our salaries immediately, they added.

Missing girl recovered from Katra

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 6: Akhnoor police today recovered a missing girl from Katra. A police spokesman said that, family members of the girl hailing from Akhnoor lodged a missing complaint with Akhnoor Police Station last evening after the girl didn't return to the house.

After registering a complaint, police started investigations and on information from reliable inputs, recovered the girl from Katra.

The girl has been restored to the family after completion of legal formalities.

Akhnoor Police Station team headed by SHO Mahesh Sharma recovered the girl under the supervision of SDPO Rayees Mohammad Bhat.

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