



Minister for Tourism, Ghulam Ahmad Mir along with MoS Health, Shabir Ahmad Khan chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Friday.

## Mir, Shabir lay stress on quality tourism infrastructure

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 6: Rajouri Development Authority Board meeting was held here today to review the physical and financial achievements registered for development and up gradation of tourist related infrastructure in the district.

Minister for Tourism, Ghulam Ahmad Mir chaired the meeting while as Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmad Khan, Legislators, Dr. Ramash Sharma, Chudary Zulfakar Ali and Commissioner Secretary Tourism and Culture, Atul Duloo were also present in the meeting.

While reviewing the physical and financial achievements, the meeting was informed that since the inception of RDA,

tourism developmental projects worth Rs. 33.23 crore have been taken up in the district under Centre and State Plans against which Rs. 14.90 crore were expended till last financial year.

The meeting after thread bare discussion approved Rs 1.50 crore action plan of RDA for current financial year.

The meeting was told that under Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Darhal-Shaker Marg project funds to the tune of Rs 119.70 Lakh have been released by the Centre, out of which Rs 40.13 lakh stands utilized and the work is going on under various components. It was also informed that work on additional accommodation at TRC Shahdra Sharief is apace at a cost of Rs 65 lakh and would be completed within one month.

The Tourism Minister said that the main objective of the Government was to provide quality infrastructure facilities to the visiting tourists with focused attention for developing new tourism potential spots. He underscored the need for time-bound completion of the on-going projects and stressed upon the concerned Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) not to create liabilities while taking up new projects.

"The existing tourism projects should be completed in all respects and outsourced after completing legal formalities. The utilization certificate of each project should be submitted before forwarding new detailed project reports for the creation of tourist-related infrastructure," Mir directed to the CEOs.

He said more projects would be forwarded to the Centre for funding so that tourism infrastructure facilities would be upgraded in the area. He directed concerned that before the formulation of project reports for funding, State land should be identified for the purpose.

The Health Minister on the occasion said varied tourism potential of Rajouri district would be explored fully in a systematic manner for which necessary initiatives had been taken already.

He said Rajouri was being developed as a pilgrim destination, while Nangathub was being developed as an eco-tourism destination.

On the occasion, Legislators, Dr. Ramash Sharma and Ch. Zulfakar raised several issues related to tourism development in potential areas of their Constituencies.

The Chief Executive Officer presented a power point presentation depicting physical and financial achievements registered by the authority till date.

District Development Commissioner, Rajouri, F C Baghat, Director Tourism, Jammu, Sujanya Sharma, Managing Directors, JKTDC, Cable Car Corporation, Chief Executive Officer, RDA besides senior officers of Planning, Finance and other concerned departments attended the meeting.

## Radhay Sham calls on CM, discusses development issues

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 6: Vice-Chairman of J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kissans and MLA Nowshera, Radhay Sham Sharma called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and held threadbare discussions on developmental works of Nowshera constituency and other issues.

Mr Sharma submitted a 29-point charter of demands to the Chief Minister seeking timely consideration of long pending demands of border migrants.

He urged a special package for one time permanent settlement of these people at safer places, district status to Nowshera, special employment package for educated unemployed youth, sanctioning of clusters of Model villages,

**Shut down of Gladni Grid Station tomorrow**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 6: In order to carry out works to check the hot spots and tightening/ replacing of loose and worn out jumpers/droppers of 220/132/33 KV Grid Station Gladni, the complete shutdown of 220/132/33 KV Grid Station Gladni on September 8, 2013 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be observed.

As intimated by Chief Engineer, S&O Wing Jammu, during the shutdown, the power supply to areas of Old Jammu City, Gandhi Nagar, Nanak Nagar, Channi Himmat, Narwal, Sainik Colony etc, twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri and areas being fed from Grid Station Sidhra, Miran Sahib, Gangyal, Bari Brahmana, Janipur and Sidhra I & II and Kalakote S/C transmission line will be affected. During this period of shut down 132 KV Gladni- Kalakote line will also remain off for tightening of conductor and branch cutting enroute.

## Reservation on basis of language gross violation of rules: Langeh

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 6: Expressing concern over reported Government's move to provide 8% reservation to Pahari speaking people, State president, Bahujan Samaj Party, Tulsi Dass Langeh, termed it as a second gross violation of reservation rules enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The first gross violation of rules was grant of 20% reservation to RBA and 3% to ALC, whereas there is not any provision for granting job reservation on the basis of RBA, ALC and language, the BSP leader added.

Addressing a series of meetings during his tour to Marh Vidhan Sabha, Langeh said in Article 15(4), 16(4) and 335 of Indian Constitution, the definition of backwardness has been clearly defined that "classes that are socially and educationally backward called backward classes" but some parties for their own political interest are not adhering to reservation rules enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

"Neither predecessor PDP-Congress coalition nor Congress- NC Coalition Government adhered to these rules. Hence keeping in view of the vindictive attitude of NC, Congress and PDP towards the weaker sections of the society, all the people belonging to ST, SC and OBC and progressive minded people should be united under the banner of BSP and elect their representatives to the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha in the forthcoming elections by defeating such political forces, so that weaker sections of the society could get their due share, as per constitutional provision, Langeh asserted.

He was accompanied by RL Chargoita, State vice-president, BD Thapa, coordinator, Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha and Bans Lal, president, Marh Vidhan Sabha.

## DyCM flags-off educational-cum-motivational Bharat Darshan Tour

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 6: Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand flagged-off Bharat Darshan Tour organized by BSF Kashmir Frontier for Kashmiri students here today.

The Bharat Darshan Tour, for brave Kashmiri girls from Snow Valley to Silicon Valley and brave Kashmiri boys from Parimahal to Hawamahal, comprising two contingents, one each of 20 girls and 22 boy students selected from remotest villages and far-off areas of Kashmir valley.

The students would be taken by air to different parts of the country to expose them to various cultural, historical and other famous places, besides interacting with President of India and other prominent personalities of the country.

Tara Chand appreciated BSF for organizing the tour, saying that besides performing security related duties; BSF has also been over the years initiating people friendly welfare measures including organizing Bharat Darshan tours for the students living in far-off areas of the State.

He said that the tour would help the students to get acquainted with the socio-cultural diversity of India besides inculcating in them sense of brotherhood and patriotism.

"Meeting and talking with high profile personalities of the country will also help them gain confidence and inspire in them the spirit of achieving higher goals in life", he maintained.

Lauding the role of Border Security Force in safe-guarding the nation, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the BSF has been doing appreciable work for maintaining the security, unity and integrity of the country, praising the brave BSF men who serve and keep vigil along high mountainous peaks, deserts, plains and forests. He also paid homage to the martyrs who laid their lives for the nation.

Deputy Inspector General, BSF Rajinder Pandey said that like previous years, this year too BSF is organising Bharat Darshan Tour for both boys and girls from the Valley as a goodwill gesture.

Highlighting the background and various itineraries of present tour, Deputy Inspector General, said that the journey would bring new experiences to the students. He said it was an educational-cum-motivational Bharat Darshan Tour organized with the aim to acquaint the students with varied ethos of the country. They would visit Bangalore, Mysore, Delhi, Agra, Gwalior and Jaipur and witness historical sites and places.

## J&K Bank bags 2 HR awards

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 6: J&K Bank was conferred with two awards at 'IPE Asia Pacific HRM Congress Awards 2013' in a gala function held at Vivanta Taj in Bangalore.

The awards were given to Mushtaq Ahmad, Chairman & CEO J&K Bank under the individual category 'CEO with HR orientation' and Abdul Rauf Bhat, President HRD under the category 'HR Leadership Awards'. Abdul Rauf Bhat was

Vijaya Bank and Vice Chairman SBI were also present on the occasion.

Commenting upon the awards Abdul Rauf Bhat said, "such acknowledgement encourages us to further improve upon our HR practices and broaden our engagements with the contemporary frameworks of human resource development both in theoretical and realistic sense."

Though we have systems in place to nurture best HR practices in the industry but we



JK Bank Zonal Head (South) Mukhtar Ahmed receiving award at Bangalore on Friday.

also awarded with a citation of '30 Most Talented HR leaders in PSUs'.

The theme of the Congress was 'Sustainability & Growth in Challenging Times.'

Prof. R K Mishra, Director Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE) presented the awards and citations to the Zonal Head (South) Mukhtar Ahmed, who received these on behalf of the bank's Chairman and President HRD.

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remain open to the changes to keep pace with evolving and integrating conditions of widening banking scenarios for future, he added.

The award, as per the communication from Director, IPE is recognition for the Chairman's position in banking fraternity as strategic and iconic.

The objective at the core of award ceremony was benchmarking talent, in which leadership and contribution of the Bank is well known, read the communiqué.



NCM Chairman Wajahat Habibullah interacting with CEC and others at Leh on Friday.

## NCM to take all steps to resolve issues of Leh minorities: Habibullah

**Excelsior Correspondent**

LEH, Sept 6: National Commission for Minorities would take all steps to resolve the issues and problems of the minorities of Leh district.

This was stated by the Chairman of the Commission, Wajahat Habibullah while interacting with the Chief Executive Councilor, Rigzin Spalbar, Executive Councilors and Deputy Commissioner in a meeting at Council Secretariat.

Stressing the need to extend the benefits of Government of India's ST scholarship and other post and pre-matric scholarships to more deserving students, Habibullah urged for having a transparent mechanism to identify the genuine students along with streamlining direct cash transfer policy and said that this would also help to check the leakages of scholarships at various levels.

The CEC once again sought Commission's active intervention in recognition of Bhoto language in 8th Schedule of Constitution and hoped that the initiative of the Commission towards granting Deemed University status for Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh would yield positive results shortly.

Laying stress on raising women battalion in Leh under para-military forces, CEC sought support from the Commission in this regard and said, "Ladakhi women are comparatively stronger than the men coming from low areas of the country and are capable of guarding the installations even at extreme borders and frontiers in harsh weather".

Urging National Commission for Minorities for intervention in restoring the securities for Karmapa Lama, CEC said that withdrawal of his securities by the Government has hurt the sentiments of entire Himalayan people. CEC also took up the matter of Dharma Centre of Choglamsar, which is nearing completion, and urged the Commission for releasing the committed funds from Union Ministry of Culture.

Mr Spalbar also sought Commission's further support in sanctioning Rs 10 crore project each for all the nine blocks of Leh district under a special package as Council is going to submit this proposal to the Government of India very soon.

The Member National Commission for Minorities, Tsering Namgyal Shunu, Secretary, NCM, Surjit Chaudhery, Executive Councilor Tourism, Mohd Shafi Lassu, Executive Councilor Health, Dr Sonam Wangchuk and the Deputy Commissioner Simrandeep Singh also attended the meeting.



AICC secretary Parveen Davar garlanding bust of martyr Romesh Kumar during tribute paying ceremony at Suchet Garh on Friday.

## Tributes paid to martyr Romesh Kumar BNP must drop idea of projecting Modi as PM candidate: Parveen Davar

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 6: Capt Praveen Davar, secretary AICC Ex-Servicemen Department, has said that BJP-RSS must drop the idea of projecting Narendra Modi as Prime Ministerial candidate after expose made by senior Police officer Banjara about him.

Asserting that secularism is the basic strength of Indian nation, he said that the country would never accept any communal person as Prime Minister.

Addressing a function at Suchet Garh today organized to pay tributes to martyr Sepoy Romesh Kumar, who laid down his life for the nation in Poonch sector in year 1998, AICC Secretary urged the ex-servicemen to assume the role of soldiers of secularism in order to defeat the challenge posed by the communal and fundamental forces which are posing threat to the unity and integrity of the nation.

The senior Congress leader said that Congress has brought ex-servicemen near to the goal of one rank one pension which was long

pending demand and had been totally ignored by other Governments of the country in the past.

Congress party led by Sonia Gandhi has given important rights to the countrymen through the process of legislation, he said and listed Right to Information (RTI), Right to Education (RTE), Right to Employment (MGNREGA), Right to Food (Food Security Act) and Right to Land (Accusation Act).

Former Minister and senior Congress leader R S Chib, in his address, referred to the problems of refugees and displaced persons of 1947, 65 and 1971 as well as those from West Pakistan and said that Congress party has taken major initiatives to resolve their long pending demands of one time settlement and ownership right etc.

MLC Ravinder Sharma also spoke on the occasion and said that Congress party has promised to take up the demands of granting a special concession and benefits to the border belt on the pattern of RBA.

**HC's notice to CS, others in Shilpi Verma's petition**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 6: In a petition filed by Shilpi Verma, widow of Kuldeep Kumar Verma, who sacrificed his life during the 2008 Amarnath land row agitation, High Court today issued notice to Chief Secretary, Secretary Law, Police officers Shalinder Singh, Alok Kumar, M L Kaith and the then DySP Swantantar Arora returnable within four weeks.

The petitioner has been seeking justice so that she and her children could see the report of the Justice (retd) O P Sharma Commission of Inquiry, which was constituted in 2008. She has also been seeking shifting of the writ petition from the Srinagar Bench of the High Court to Jammu Bench.

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