

Adhivakta Parishad warns Govt against disbanding VDCs

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Adhivakta Parishad J&K, a body of nationalist Advocates, organized a discussion on "Role of Village Defence Committees in tackling the terrorism and stopping migration of minorities in Jammu province and the ways and means to strengthen the VDCs" at High Court Complex Jammu.

About 35 advocates of J&K Bar Association Jammu participated in the discussion and elicited their views in detail on the said topic. Advocate Raghu Mehta, president of Adhivakta Parishad, chaired the session. The speakers opined that the voice of disbanding VDCs was being raised by the separatists, anti-national elements and so called self styled human right organizations. They vehemently opposed the idea of disbanding VDCs on the ground that there would be revival of militancy if such a nod is given by the State Government. Hindus living in minorities in the Chenab Valley and Poonch and Rajouri districts would be sitting ducks

without any self defence and massacres can be witnessed again like in the past in two decades, they feared.

The Parishad unanimously resolved to strengthen the existing VDCs by providing respectable honorarium of Rs 10000/- per month to the VDCs members and their regularization in the police or para military forces in a time bound manner. They may also be provided sophisticated weapons for their self protection and for the protection of villages, which are situated at far off places, the speakers suggested.

Warning the State Government against any move to disband the VDCs under the pressure of separatists and anti-national forces, the Parishad said that any move to this effect would lead to a massive agitation in Jammu province.

The participants in the discussion included Advocates Ved Bushan Gupta, N P Kotwal, S S Nanda, Ashok Beotra, K S Charak and young advocates Rajesh Thappa, Rohan Nanda, Munish Chopra, Prem Sadotra, Rahul Raina, R R Bhat, Manohar Anthal and Diwaker Sharma.

NC led coalition working against interests of OBCs: AIBCU

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: All India Backward Classes Union (AIBCU), Social today accused the National Conference (NC) which heads the Coalition Government in the State of working against the interests of OBCs

submitting a memorandum by the vice chairman of the State OBC Advisory and Development Board, Kuldeep Raj Verma on August 30 this year to the Party and termed the five resolutions as a deceitful attitude towards the state OBCs.

Accusing the ruling alliance of playing of vote bank politics, he said the days are now gone and those political parties who betrayed the people will be taught a lesson in the coming Assembly and Parliamentary elections.

He said the OBCs in the State are firm on their stand to depose the ruling alliance in the forth coming elections.

On behalf of the Union Malik appealed all the State OBCs not to support any such political party which has not solved the matter of due share of 27 per cent reservation in favour of State OBCs.

He also accused those OBC leaders who are affiliated to different political parties for pathetic condition of OBCs in the State.

Ramesh Kumar, Khadim Hussain, Mohammed Iqbal, Capt (ret'd) Tara Chand, Sandeep, Principal Nath Ram, Manga Ram, Shambu PrasadTarak Bhat, Ajit Kumar, Sandokh Chand and others were present during the press conference.



AIBCU leaders at a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

for last 32 years. The role of NC shows that it has only worked against the interests of OBCs for past 32 years its rule in the State which has also been its sole agenda, president of the Union Abdul Majid Malik told reporters here, today.

He said Government can't deprive the deprived social castes who have been granted 27 per cent reservation by the Apex Court under the garb of Article 370.

He also expressed his anguish for not taking up of the matter of reservation for the State OBCs by the Congress State unit in spite of



Director MNIT, Jaipur, Prof IK Bhat giving demonstration during a workshop at MIET in Jammu.

Educationists from Jaipur inaugurate Mobile Computing Lab at MIET

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Director, MNIT Jaipur and a renowned educationist of India, Prof IK Bhat, along with Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, NIT, Hamirpur, LK Awasthi, visited the Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) campus here today and inaugurated a Mobile Computing Lab.

development. Prof Awasthi too provided key inputs for the successful operation of the center.

Prof Bhat and Prof Awasthi then conducted a half-day workshop on "NBA Accreditation: Outcomes-Based Process" which is aligned with the new process of accreditation adopted in India by the National Board for Accreditation under the Washington Accord.

Over 75 faculty members from all departments at MIET attended the workshop which focused on developing the programme outcomes, educational objectives and course outcomes which are the cornerstone of the NBA process.

Earlier Principal, MIET, Prof SK Sharma, welcomed the dignitaries and expressed hope that the visit of such luminaries to MIET shall help in building both capacities and capabilities at MIET. Prof Ankur Gupta, Joint Director, MIET, expressed gratitude to Prof Bhat and Prof Awasthi for sparing their valuable time and mentoring MIET over the years.

The Lab, which is the first of its kind in the State was set up under financial assistance of the AICTE. The laboratory will undertake research in mobile computing and specialize in developing mobile applications which is a fast-growing industry-vertical. The lab which shall operate under the Computer Science department shall also undertake student trainings and projects in the mobile domain.

Prof Bhat appreciated the institution for taking such initiatives especially in setting up advanced technological infrastructure for both faculty and student

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All the Diploma Engineer of Power Development Department are requested to assemble Enmass at P.D.D Gladni (Narwal) on 9-9-2013 (Monday) at 11.30 AM in connection with the election of D.E.A to be held on 22-9-2013. The meeting is to be addressed by most charismatic leader in history of D.E.A Er. S.C Goswami (Ex. Gen. Secy).

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- Er. Daljeet Singh
- Er. Altaf Hussain Lodhi
- Er. Naveen Sharma
- Er. Ram Kumar Kalsotra

Rotary Club flays media, police for exposing scandal

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: The members of Rotary Club were today grilled by the media as they instead of resigning owing the moral responsibility for their failure to protect the mentally retarded girls at Rotary Inner Wheel Home at Channi Rama



Sunil Jain interacting with media persons at Jammu on Saturday.

-Excelsior/Rakesh

from being subjected to sexual exploitation, criticized the media for exposing the scandal.

As soon as Sunil Jain, president Rotary Club Jammu started uttering words against the media for exposing the scandal during a press conference, the journalists from print as well as electronic media collectively grilled Mr Jain and other members, who were mostly interested in highlighting their achievements instead of having feeling of regret over the sexual exploitation of the mentally retarded girls that too in the home run by their organization.

The 'criticism' of the media from the members of the Club was notwithstanding the fact that it was only after media exposure

that an advocate wrote a letter to the Chief Justice of State High Court, who while taking serious note of the incident, has treated the letter as Public Interest Litigation.

"With this kind of publicity in the print and electronic media, the entire good efforts of 34 years have been painted totally black and now the people will stop extending cooperation for running the Home", Sunil Jain said, adding "no Rotarian is involved in the scandal. We have no role in the sexual abuse of the girls".

Not only media, Mr Jain also criticized Jammu Police for getting the medical examination of the mentally retarded girls conducted without informing the members of the club.

Further criticizing the police, Mr Jain said that about two months back police had told them about the possibility of this heinous incident and asked them to provide the details besides some other records of the Home which was provided and inquiry was going on "but we were not informed regarding the status".

Responding to a query whether the present members of Rotary Club will resign owing the moral responsibility for their failure in protecting the honour and dignity of these mentally retarded girls, Jain said, "no. The Club has no role in the incident as such the question of resigning doesn't arise".

Girl recovered after 4 months of abduction

Excelsior Correspondent
MENDHAR, Sept 7: Police today solved a four months old kidnapping case by arresting the kidnapper and recovering the kidnapped girl from his possession.

According to the reports, after getting a specific input, a Police party from police station Gursai under the supervision of SDPO Mendhar, SP Amit Bhasin and led by SHO, MA Mirza, raided the house of the accused identified as Shahzad

Ahmed (21), son of Maqbool Hussain, resident of Gultha (Harni), this afternoon and recovered the girl, who was kidnapped by the accused in the month of April this year from her house.

The accused has been arrested and the girl handed over to her parents after medical examination.

A case FIR No 24 under Section 363/109 RPC has already been registered in Police Station Gursai in this regard.

Arjun visiting Malta as member of Educationists' delegation

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Director, KC Public School, Jammu, Arjun Chowdhary, is going to visit Malta as a member of high-profile delegation of Indian Educationists.

together with the University of Malta. The delegates will spend time in Malta, interact with students, faculty and senior officials of the University and participate in an academic programme exclusively designed for them by the faculty of Edward De Bono, Institute of the University of Malta.

The delegation, which comprised of selected High School Principals and Heads of educational institutions from across India, will be visiting Malta from September 8 to 16, 2013.

The event has been supported and facilitated by High Commission of Malta in India

The University is placing special emphasis on developing collaborative exchanges with Indian education experts, academicians and institutions of learning.

Ex-Policemen League holds monthly meeting

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Ex-Policemen League today held monthly meeting at District Police Lines (DPL), which was presided over by its president KS Sambyal.

During the meeting, members said that league has urged DGP to take up the matter of revival of SRO 458 with the Government as SRO protects and takes care of all the problems of retired police personnel.

While speaking, Sambyal

demanding re-imbursment of medical claim to the ailing retired police personnel, 5 per cent reservation in police recruitment to the wards of the retired police personnel and suitable accommodation for the league office in DPL with 50 to 70 chairs.

Among others present were Chirag-ud-Din, PL Mattoo, Makhlan Lal Sharma, Bachan Singh, RK Bali, Inder Mohan Bakshi, Dharam Singh Chib, VP Gupta, etc.

NCSU constitutes Commerce College unit

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: National Conference Students Union (NCSU) today constituted its unit for Sri Pratap Memorial Rajput (SPMR) College of Commerce and unanimously elected Rohit Charak as the president.

Amandeep Singh was elected as senior vice-president while Simranjeet Singh and Shahbaz Khan were appointed as vice-presidents. Varinder Singh has

been appointed as joint secretary and Ajay Sharma as press secretary.

The unit was constituted during a meeting, held under the chairmanship of NCSU provincial president Rakesh Chib, who exhorted the office bearers to work for the betterment of student community and also highlight various achievements of Omar Abdullah led Coalition Government in general and youth friendly policies in particular.

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Applications are invited for Pre-Examination Training (PET), from eligible General and OBC category candidates from the state of J&K who have applied for Common Recruitment Process (CRP) - III for recruitment in officer cadre (POs/MTs) in response to the relevant recruitment notification. The Common Written Examination for recruitment in officer cadre (POs/MTs) is being conducted by IBPS. Candidates who wish to attend Pre Examination Training from 01.10.2013 to 8.10.2013 at J&K Center respectively should send their request through e-mail, to Circle Head, Punjab National Bank, Gupta Towers, Bahu Plaza, Jammu on or before 21.09.2013. While submitting the option the candidates must mention his/her Registration no., Name, Category, complete Postal Address, Contact No & Centre for registration for PET. Further, no application shall be entertained after 21.09.2013.
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NCW Chairperson for participation of women in LAHDC, Panchayats

Excelsior Correspondent
LEH, Sept 7: One-day seminar on the issues and problems of Ladakhi women was organized by the National Commission for Women and National Commission for Minorities here. The seminar was chaired by Chairman, National Commission for Minorities Wahajah Habibullah.

Addressing the seminar, the speakers said, "it is a matter of satisfaction that crime against women such as child marriage, dowry, rape, female feticide and gender discrimination, which is generally seen in other parts of the country, is something unheard in Ladakhi society".

The women speakers, however, regretted least opportunity for women in politics in the region and strongly urged for due reservation for women in LAHDC as well as for Sarpanchs keeping in mind equal capabilities among the women.

Making a mention on shocking practice of giving huge dowry by some uncultured fam-

ilies in Leh, the speakers said that such ill-practices has been grossly condemned by the whole society and strongly appealed the Ladakhis to denounce it considering the secure future of the girls of poor families.

"I am highly impressed that the women in Ladakh are leading a quality life with freedom and dignity in comparison to women in other parts of the country", NCW Chairperson Mamta Sharma said, adding "women should be aware about their legal rights to counter any challenge and must get their due share of participation in institutions like Council and Panchayat".

Noting the demands of women, Mamta Sharma assured that Commission would intervene in ensuring that the benefits of Government of India schemes percolate to the Ladakhi women. She urged for women's involvement and participation in development and growth rather than speaking mush about problems.

Chairman NCM Wahajah

Habibullah said that the women of Ladakh are capable of facing every challenge if they are given the opportunities. "The potential of women should be fully utilized not only for development of the region but for the State and the country as a whole", he said.

Responding to the demand for creation of a women battalion in Ladakh under paramilitary force, the Chairman, NCM gave assurance for taking up the case with Government of India.

Member NCM, Tsering Namgyal, Secretary NCM Surjit Chaudheri, CEC LAHDC Rigzin Spalbar, Executive Councilor, Tourism Mohd Shafi, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Simrandeep Singh, President LBA Dr Tondup Tsewang, President Anjuman Immamia, Ashraf Ali, President, Anjuman Uddin-ul-Islam Sheikh Saif Uddin, the Councilors, heads and members of various women associations of Leh attended the seminar.

Police arrests 3 smugglers, rescues 16 bovines

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Sept 7: The Sunderbani and Nowshera Police rescued 16 bovine animals at two different places in their area today which were being smuggled to Kashmir valley. The police also arrested 3 bovine smugglers.

According to reports, SHO Sunderbani, Davinder Katoch on receiving information that bovines are being smuggled from Akhnoor via jungles of Sunderbani to Kashmir led a police party to chase them.

The police after covering some distance in the jungle trapped the smuggler at Chani Thrat in Sunderbani and seized all 12 animals.

The Police also arrested Mohammed Anzar alias Papu son of Abdul Salam a notorious smuggler resident of Pnager Thanamandi who was smuggling the animals to Kashmir valley and registered an FIR against him.

It may be recalled after laying nankas at various places against the bovine smugglers by Rajouri Police as bovine smugglers were using the Mugal road for smuggling of animals to Kashmir valley, the smugglers have adopted a new strategy of smuggling the animals via deep jungles to evade the

9000 kgs of Polythene bags seized at Toll Plaza

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: A big haul of banned Polythene carry bags was made by Excise sleuths at Toll Post Lakanpur here today, a police spokesperson said.

He said that a vehicle bearing registration No JK02AW-0828 was put on routine check at Toll Post Lakanpur by the assessing officer on duty. The vehicle was declared to be carrying 'Potatoes' by the driver but during the physical checking it was found loaded with 9000 Kgs of Polythene carry bags, he added.

"During the physical checking another fake Challan of 'Triple' was also found from the truck. The driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot leaving behind his truck. The vehicle has been seized for compounding fine under J&K Levy of Tolls Act and will be handed over to the Commercial Taxes Department for further action at their end", he said.

The whole operation was conducted under the direct supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner, Dr Mushtaq Ahmed along with Excise and Taxation Officers.

police eye. But the alert Sunderbani Police not only foiled this bid but also succeeded in arresting a notorious smuggler and kingpin of gang.

In another case of bovine smuggling, Nowshera Police led by SHO Yash Paul during a naka rescued four bovine animals who too were being smuggled to Kashmir Valley by two smugglers today in the town.

The Police after seizing the bovines also arrested two smugglers who were identified as Mohammed Sagir, son of Gulham -ud-Din and Mohammed Aslam, son of Abdul Majid both residents of Tarkari Koternaka .



Participants of refresher course posing for photograph at SKPA, Udhampur on Saturday.

Refresher course for GOs concludes at SKPA

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, Sept 7: Two weeks refresher course for Gazetted Officers (GOs) organized at Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) concluded here today.

The refresher course was organized in order to acquaint the newly promoted DySPs of Jammu Kashmir Police (JKP) with their new role and responsibility and to aware and sensitize them with challenges faced by officers at the cutting edge level.

During the course eminent speakers including academicians, professionals and police officers, working and retired, interacted with participating police officers.

Durga Natak Mandali elects office bearers

Excelsior Correspondent
REASI, Sept 7: Durga Natak Mandali held a meeting and elected office bearers. Sudesh Pandotra has been elected as Chairman, Sanjeev Khajuria as president, Sheel Magotra as vice president, Yash Verma as managing director, Ramesh Gupta as chief director, Naresh Sharma as stage director and Kuldeep Mengi as convenor.

3 motorcycle borne youth injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent
AKHNOOR, Sept 7: Three youth, riding on a motorcycle, were critically injured when their bike collided with a car at Hanuman Chowk, here this evening.

The trio identified as Ramesh Chander (20) son of Prem Pal of Muthi Meran, Jammu, Mukesh Kumar (16), son of Sham Lal of Muthi Meran and Binu Sharma (16), son of Krishan Lal of Muthi Meran, have been referred to GMC Hospital Jammu and their condition was stated to be critical.

They were on way to Jammu from Jourian when their motorcycle collided with a car (i20) bearing registration number JK02AL-94. One Jagdish Chander of Rehari Colony Jammu, who was driving the car, timely shifted the injured youth to local hospital.

Police have registered the case in this connection.

Seminar on 'Publishing & Piracy' held at KU

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: One-day seminar on 'Publishing and Piracy', was organized by the Federation of Publishers and Booksellers Association in India (FPBAI), New Delhi in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, here today.

In his address, the KU vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad urged the academicians, scholars and students to produce original research work. "There are certain trends in current world of publishing and producing research works, so if some of the technical things are taken into consideration, I think most of the problems could be solved there and then," he said.

Asking the youngsters to

show interest in publishing business, president, FPBAI, SC Sethi said that India has reached on third rank in the world of English book publishing so there was a lot of scope for the youngsters to start this business.

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof AM Shah asked the publishers to rethink their marketing and promotional policies as it would attract more and more customers.

Registrar, KU, Prof Zafar Ahmad Reshi said that it was a great opportunity for the students and scholars for understanding about the essentials of publishing business.

During the function, a book, titled as Anwar-e-Seerat Rasool (SAW) by Majid Majeed was also released.



Adarsh Vihar Housing Welfare Society holds meet

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: To take stock of the problems being faced by the residents of Adarsh Vihar Colony, Deeli, Sainik Colony, Jammu, the Housing Welfare Society of the Colony held a meeting under the chairmanship of Balwant Singh Chadhwa, here today.

The members projected the demands of installation of High Tension Wires and Street Lights in the Colony, besides hailing Minister for Housing, Raman Bhalla and the concerned PDD authorities for installation of 250 KVA Transformer in the area, which has enabled the residents to counter hot and humid conditions in a better way.

While lavishing praise on working and ability of the Chairman, Adarsh Vihar Housing Welfare Society, the members have empowered him to deal with various departments and take up all the issues related to welfare of the residents with them.

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