

# Flawed elections led to militancy in Kashmir: Yadav

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 8: The Member Parliament and National President Janata Dal (United), Sharad Yadav today

during elections and those people are elected whom people don't like. In such conditions, how we can expect that peace to prevail in Kashmir." He said that he will launch

here are suffering to a great extent. "Who are responsible for disturbance here? The promises made by New Delhi were not fulfilled. Former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru had promised Kashmiri people that they would lead a respectable life and those promises have been broken. Even Indira-Abdullah Accord was not implemented in true spirit," he said.



JDU president Sharad Yadav along with senior party leaders during a public meeting at TRC Ground in Srinagar on Sunday.

said that militancy in Kashmir was fall out of flawed elections in the State.

While addressing a public meeting here, Yadav said that it is a fact that elections have never been fair in Kashmir. "Rigging takes place at ease

an agitation if the forthcoming Assembly Elections are rigged here. "I tell you with authority that there would have been no militancy, had elections been fair here," he said.

He said that the situation in Kashmir is bad and people



GS Jamwal inaugurating free computer training course at village Patti in district Samba on Sunday.

## Ex-Services League to organize rallies, other programmes

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JAMMU, Sept 8: During the ongoing Ex-Servicemen Month, a series of programmes will be held all across the State by members of Jammu and Kashmir Ex-Services League.

While giving the detailed programme, president of the League, Maj Gen (Retd) Govardhan Singh Jamwal, informed the executive committee that the Ex-Servicemen Month celebrations were launched on September 2 with the visit to Lakshya Defence Academy near Bari Brahmana.

Govardhan Singh announced to organize the mega State Ex-Servicemen Rally on September 29 at Baru Palace Udhewala, Jammu. Before this district level rallies will be held during which memorandum of demand would be submitted to the Deputy Commissioners for forwarding the same to State Government seeking

exemption of VAT on Canteen Stores, 15 percent reservation in Government jobs and revival of Sainik Vanaspati Cooperative etc.

During the meeting, members of Ex-Services League also expressed serious concern over the repeated ceasefire violations on Indo-Pak border in Poonch and also about the situation developing on the Sino Indian border in Ladakh.

Expressing serious concern over recent Kishtwar violence, the members strongly felt that the number of VDCs must be increased and at the same time, maximum ex-servicemen should be issued weapons and arms licenses so that they can assist the Administration.

With a view to boost the morale of the ex-servicemen of this remote district, the meet decided that members of the executive committee will attend Kishtwar rally on September 22.

Yadav expressed shock over the killing of four youth in South Kashmir's Shopian district. "There is not an iota of doubt in this fact that Kashmir people

have been and are being immensely harassed and suppressed", he added.

The JD (U) president said that Central funds are being misused by the State Government. He further said that huge chunk of funds go to the pockets of elite political and administrative class.

Yadav said that Government should take concrete measures to relieve people of Kashmir from all the miseries and oppression. "If we would come to power, I promise to the people of Kashmir that Army would be sent back to barracks and police would be made accountable," he said.

## Miscreant held for assault on police SI

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 8: Janipura police today arrested a miscreant Chunna, who had attacked police Sub Inspector Rahul Mahajan with stones at Janipura Colony causing him a serious injury on nose on the intervening night of September 6 and 7.

Police said Chunna, who was drunk at the time of attack, was arrested today from a hide-out at Qasim Nagar, where he had taken shelter after the attack.

Chunna has been booked under Section 332 RPC for assault on Government official on duty.

Police parties headed by Sub Inspector Rohit Gandhi arrested Chunna under the supervision of SHO Janipura police station Inspector Niaz-ul-Hassan.

It may be mentioned that SI Rahul Mahajan had gone to arrest Chunna but he was attacked with stones causing him injuries. The SI had undergone surgery of nose.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah paying floral tributes to National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his 31st death anniversary at Hazratbal on Sunday.

## Omar pays homage to Sheikh Abdullah

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SRINAGAR, Sept 8: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah this morning visited Mazar of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah at Dargah Hazratbal, offered fete and prayed for peace and prosperity of the State.

The Chief Minister also interacted with the people who had come to pay tributes to

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his death anniversary.

Omar Abdullah referred to the great sacrifice and service rendered by Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah throughout his life for empowerment of people, inclusive development of the State and strengthening of communal harmony and traditional brotherhood between various sections of the society.

## EJCC appeals employees to observe strike on Sept 10,11

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JAMMU, Sept 8: JK Employees Joint Consultative Committee (EJCC) has asked the State Government employees and public sector workers to make its three day long programme beginning from tomorrow a total success.

The employees of Jammu district will assemble in front of Divisional Commissioner's Office here at Panama Chowk tomorrow and stage a massive demonstration. They will also submit a memorandum to Divisional Commissioner

later.

He said on September 10 and 11 complete strike will be observed in all the Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings. However the essential services will be kept above the purview of the strike to press the State Government to immediately implement the agreement made with employees' leaders earlier.

He demanded immediate settlement of demands including extension in retirement age to 60 years, framing of a regularization policy for daily rated workers, casual labourers, ITI trained and need base workers engaged after 1994, removal of pay anomalies of various categories including clerical cadre, pre revised grade of Rs 6500-10500 & full budgetary support for Public Sector Employees.

He said the JCC leaders will start massive campaign to mobilize the employees for three days programme of JCC from September 9 to 11.

The JCC leaders present in the press conference included S Amrik Singh, Comrade Hari Singh, Ganesh Khajuria, Shahid Hussain, Ravinder Singh, K S Khalsa, Rohit George, Darshan Singh, Amrik Singh Sasan, Darshan Sharma, Nazir Ahmed Moulvi, Moulvi Muneer Ahmed, Sat Paul Singh, Vikramjeet Singh, Ramesh Singh, Ranjit Singh, Tanveer Hussain and G M Malik.

While announcing the decision of Employees Joint Consultative Committee, he said the leaders of JCC will submit the memorandums to concerned district develop-



'DADAA' leader addressing participants during Artists meet at Jammu on Sunday.

## Artists Association demands Duggar Channel

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JAMMU, Sept 8: An Artists' Meet was organized today by Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association (DADAA) Jammu under the presidentship of JS Babli in which a large number of members of the association participated.

The meeting resolved to demand the 'Duggar Channel' with sole aim to promote, protect and develop the rich cultural heritage, art and languages of more than one crore Dogri speaking population stretched in between Mirpur, Bimber, Bag, Siyalkot, Shakargarh of (Pakistan) Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Hoshiyarpur (Punjab) Chamba, Kangra, Palampur, Kulu and Manali of (Himachal Pradesh).

During the meeting, various members put their griev-

ances and valuable suggestions for the development of artist community.

Earlier, while giving the welcome address, Janak Khajuria threw light on the working of the association during the period of last seventeen years. He said that DADAA is a non political organization of Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists community in Jammu region which has always championed the cause of protection, preservation and development of rich cultural heritage, art and languages of Duggar land in general and welfare of artists' community in particular.

Madan Rangila, Sandesh Vir, Susham Sharma, Surinder Goel, Arun Bakshi, Uttam Singh, Harbans Sharma and R Vijay Magotra besides others were present in the meeting.

## Farooq releases five books

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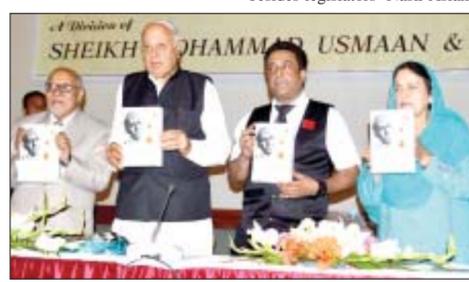
SRINAGAR, Sept 8: Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Dr. Farooq Abdullah today released five books at a function held at SKICC today.

The function was jointly organized by Sheikh Mohammad Usmaan & Sons and Gulshan Books Kashmir.

The two released books "The Blazing Chinar, an

released books are Paradise on The Earth, Kashmir Dells and Dales and Kashmir, The Dream Land which are authored by different authors.

Among others, Minister for Finance and Ladakh Affairs, Abdul Rahim Rather, Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar, Chairperson, J&K Women Development Corporation Shamima Firdous, besides legislators Nasir Aslam



Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Dr Farooq Abdullah releasing a book at SKICC on Sunday.

Autobiography of Sher-i-Kashmir, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and Historical Sikh Shrines of Jammu and Kashmir are written by Commodore Dalbir Sodhu. The other three

Wani, Jehangir Mir and Dr. Mustafa Kamaal, prominent citizens, galaxy of intellectuals and senior officers of civil and police administration were also present on the occasion.



National general secretary, BSP and Member, Rajya Sabha, Narinder Kashyap, addressing a party convention at Jammu on Sunday.

## State rulers compelling OBCs to live miserable life: Kashyap

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JAMMU, Sept 8: National general secretary, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Rajya Sabha member, Narinder Kashyap today said that the negative attitude of the State rulers towards OBCs is compelling OBC youths to live the life of many hardships.

The OBC's Fundamental Constitutional Rights of 27% reservation in the State Government services has been totally crushed by the State rulers due to wrong classification of 'Socially and Educationally Backward' as per State Reservation Act-2004 and Reservation Rules vide SRO-294 of 2005 despite the implementation of judgment of Supreme Court in 1992 on Mandal Commission Report -1980, he added.

He argued that the Article 15(4) and 16(4) of the Indian Constitution have no provision for vertical reservation on the basis of geography and language.

He was speaking during a one-day convention organized by BSP on "Discrimination with OBCs

residing in J&K" at Shri Guru Naba Dass Mahasha Sadar Sabha, Dogra Hall, where he was invited as a chief guest.

Kashyap further said that the issue of trifurcation of State is the only solution to shutdown the discrimination with Jammu and Ladakh regions. With the trifurcation of the State, the Article-370 will be abolished automatically and West Pakistan Refugees will get citizenship right, big industry houses will invest in the State thus creating huge employment.

Regarding the relief to the effected persons of Kishtwar violence, he said that the State Government is not serious as no compensation has been paid till date so far.

The convention was organized under the chairmanship BSP State president, Tuls Dass Langheh.

Gurnam Singh Choudhary, Co-ordinator for J&K State was the guest of honour while RL Chargota, State vice-president, Rattan Lal Bhagat, Mohinder Kashyap and Arjit Kumar Kashyap were also present.

## 9 Mani Mahesh pilgrims injured in road mishap

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UDHAMPUR, Sept 8: Nine persons, including four women, on Mani Mahesh pilgrimage, were injured when a bus carrying them fell into a deep gorge near Khoon, here late last night.

Police shifted the injured pilgrims to District Hospital Udhampur where seven of them were referred to GMC Jammu in view of their serious condition. They were identified as Kleni Devi, Leela Devi, Manoj Kumar, Akshay Kumar, Kamla Devi, Kamal Singh, Kaushalya Devi, Babu Ram and Rakesh Kumar, all the resident of Kishtwar district.

The bus bearing registration number JK06-2427, was on its way from Kishtwar to Mani Mahesh when it slipped into deep gorge near Khoon on NH2A Udhampur, police said.

Meanwhile, in another road accident, one person was killed and another got injured when a truck bearing registration number JK02K-6163, rolled down into deep gorge near Samroli. The truck was on its way from Jammu to Srinagar. The deceased was identified as Tariq Hussain son of Shamas Din of Pull Doda while the injured Mohd Younis son of Abdul Gaffar of Gandoh was admitted in hospital.

## 10 injured in clash over land dispute

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MENDHAR, Sept 8: Ten people were injured in a clash between two groups over land dispute this morning at Dhera, here.

According to the reports, Mohd Din resident of Dhera along with a Government teacher Mohd Rafiq and others clashed with Faiz Mohd of Dhera and his relatives over a land dispute. The Mohd Din and his party assaulted Faiz Mohd and his relatives with sharp-edged weapons leaving Faiz Mohd and nine others injured.

On getting information, a Police party under the supervision of SDPO Mendhar, SP Amit Bhasin and led by Sub-Inspector, Salim Altaf Raina visited the spot, took cognizance of the matter and shifted seriously injured Faiz Mohd (45) and Zabeer Hussain (40) in Sub-District Hospital Rajouri.

The others injured in the clash are Nayaz Hussain (55), Fatima Bibi (45), Ruksana Koser (35), Rabina Koser (30), Altaf Hussain (30), Mumtaz Ahmed (30) and Abdul Rehman (20). No FIR was registered in the case till the last reports came in.

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