

Priya reviews progress on Cluster University projects

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Minister of State for Education, Tourism, Technical Education, Priya Sethi today directed for fast tracking completion of infrastructure development works taken up in the five constituent colleges of Cluster University Jammu.

College, GGM Science College, Government College for Education, SPMR College of Commerce and Government Women College Gandhi Nagar as its constituents. It was informed in the meeting that mechanical system is in place and remaining work is underway on the swimming pool being



MoS for Education, Priya Sethi releasing multilingual journal of HED at Jammu on Wednesday.

She was speaking at a meeting convened to review the pace of progress on the developmental works being executed in these colleges to upgrade infrastructure under the Cluster University initiative.

The meeting was attended by VC Cluster University Jammu Anju Bhasin, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Dr Asgar Samoon, MD JKPC, Chief Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer R&B, PHE, Sports Council, JD Planning Principals of the constituent colleges and other officers of Higher Education Department.

It was informed that the work on all projects is going on at steady pace and these would be soon thrown open for the students of the constituent colleges -MAM

developed at MAM College. "To cater the water requirements of the pool, a tube well has been proposed which needs some observation and revised expenditure" the meeting was told. It was informed that the construction of auditorium at MAM College is also going on and the work on the main structure is at final stage of completion.

Expressing displeasure over delay in completion of Swimming Pool, the Minister directed the executing agency to speed up the pending work to avoid further delay. She said the funds for creating water source will be released soon after submission of 'Observation Report.' She also directed for close coordination to finish the work on the auditorium and set September 2018 deadline for its completion.

Opposition hits out at Govt over civilian killings

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SRINAGAR, Apr 11: Expressing grief over the killing of three civilians in Kulgam today, opposition National Conference, Congress and others have held the State and Central Governments responsible for such incidents.

In a statement, NC president and MP Srinagar, Dr Farooq Abdullah said: "It's time for PDP-BJP Government and especially the Chief Minister to introspect and acknowledge the damage caused by their anti people policies and actions throughout the State."

NC working president Omar Abdullah also expressed grief over civilian killings and expressed solidarity with the bereaved families. He said it was for the Chief Minister and her conscious to answer for her Government's continued supervision of bloodshed and oppression in Kashmir.

Meanwhile NC general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar presided over a meeting of party leaders and legislators at Nawa-e-Subah and expressed dismay over the abject failure of the incumbent Chief Minister and head of the Unified Command in stopping the mayhem that has engulfed the whole State.

The meeting was attended by provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani, North Zone president and MLA Sonawari Mohammad Akbar Lone, District president Srinagar Peer Afaq Ahmad, ex MLA Irfan Shah, provincial secretary Adv Showkat Mir, provincial spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar and Jt secretary Ghulam Nabi Bhat who unanimously condemned the killing of civilians in Kulgam.

"Ever since PDP-BJP Government assumed office, Jammu & Kashmir has suffered at every level. Whether it is Jammu, Srinagar or any other part of the State, mayhem and chaos continues to run amok. We all are witness to the deteriorating situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Deaths and

maiming of the worst order have now become a routine," Sagar said. The J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president G A Mir also expressed profound grief over the unabated loss of lives due to regular incidents of encounters in South Kashmir and elsewhere in the Valley, urging that the killings must end from either side in the larger interests of peace.

Expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives in Khudwani (Kulgam) today, G A Mir said that the blood bath in Valley has crossed all limits for which both State and Centre Govts were fully responsible as they lack any policy on Kashmir with the result that the situation in Valley has turned from bad to worse.

"There is a need to adopt holistic approach to reach out to people to address the problems," G A Mir added and urged upon the Centre to ensure peaceful atmosphere in Valley so that the loss of lives from either side could be avoided.

Urging upon the forces to exercise maximum restraint while dealing with situation, he urged that Forces must ensure that civilians are not killed or injured. At the same time, he also reiterated his appeal to people especially youth to stop confronting forces and maintain calm in the larger interests of safety of life and property.

Former PCC president Prof Saif-ud-Din Soz has said that with the killing of three civilians and injuries to more than 20 others by the forces in Kulgam today, the unrest in Kashmir has touched new heights and Modi Government must declare ceasefire besides initiating talks forthwith.

"The continuous killings in Kashmir have caused unprecedented unrest in minds and people in Kashmir, in one voice, seek an answer from the Modi Govt. as to how long it intends to continue with the killing of civilian population in Kashmir along with others, who are also human beings," he said in a statement.

Abdi Kunj holds literary meet

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Abdi Kunj today held a literary meet at its literary centre in the premises of

presented a special Urdu paper "Urdu-Council-Ke-Tashkil-Ka-Tareekhi-Fesla."

The poets who participated in



Dignitaries during literary meet organized by Abdi Kunj at Jammu on Wednesday.

KIDZEE School Talab Tillo.

The meet was presided over by renowned poet from Kishtwar Khurshid Kishtwari while an eminent Punjabi poet and singer Raj Pal Singh Mastana was the chief guest on the occasion.

Masoon Kishtwari a poet also from Kishtwar conducted the proceedings of the meet.

At the onset, Sham Talib President of the organization welcomed the participants of the meet.

In the prose session, Aarash Dalmotra Chairman of Abdi Kunj

the meeting includes Khurshid Kishtwari, Raj Pal Singh Mastana, Mohan Singh Nirala, Malik Singh Wafa, Masoom Kishtwari, Sarwar Chohan, Habeeb, Maharaj Krishan, Sanjeev Kumar, Chaman Sagoch, Mohammad Baqar Saaba, SK Gupta, Rajeev Kumar, Raj Kamal, Bishan Dass Khak, Shamas Rajan, Santosh Shah Nandan, Aarash Dalmotra, Sham Talib and a poet from Bihar Deepak Bihari.

The vote of thanks was presented by Chairman Aarash Dalmotra.

Speaker reviews functioning of Gandhi Nagar Hospital

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Kavinder Gupta today chaired the meeting of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar and reviewed the progress of the institution.

During the meeting, Speaker took a detailed review of physical and a financial achievement registered by the hospital and was informed about the progress registered in various areas.

Vice Chairman RKS, Dr A D S Manhas briefed the meeting about the works done, revenue generated and expenditure besides other achievements and steps underway to improve medicare facilities in the hospital. He also informed of the progress on decisions taken in the previous meetings.

VC RKS also informed about the major achievements of the hospital made during last 2 years regarding status of outdoor/indoor patients, major and minor operations, deliveries, LSCS, and work done report of other sections of the hospital.

It was also given out that the repair and renovation of recovery ward, Gynae ward, Labor Room and Doctor Duty room with tiling, flooring and wood paneling has been done.

Speaker expressed the satisfaction over the improvement in overall functioning of the hospital. Responding to the needs and requirements listed in the meeting, the Speaker assured full cooperation to provide adequate health facilities and infrastructure to the people of the area.

Kavinder Gupta also distributed cash awards and trophies to

the staff of the hospital for their contribution and outstanding performance for the smooth functioning of the hospital.

Earlier, the Speaker kicked started the laying of water pipes at Goswami Basti, Qasim Nagar near Bahu Fort.

During the visit, the local people highlighted their demands regarding construction of main nullah passing through the area, replacement of old poles and wires, construction of lanes and drains, adequate clean drinking water, providing of Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, widow pensions and other developmental issues of the area.

On the occasion, the Speaker said that with laying of water pipes, the long pending demands of the locals for shortage of drinking water in the area would be fulfilled. He directed the concerned authorities to complete the work within a stipulated time frame.

Regarding construction and upgradation of main nullah, he said that a proposal in this regard has already been approved and the work on the project would be started in soon.

He stressed upon the locals that they should come forward to avail full benefits from various state and centrally sponsored schemes launched for the welfare of the people of the state.

The Speaker took round of the area to inspect the various developmental needs and assured the people that genuine demands projected by them would be redressed on priority basis.



NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah paying obeisance at Dera Baba Bandha Bahadur.

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JAMMU Apr 11: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah today prayed for peace and tranquility in Jammu and Kashmir and sought divine blessings in sustaining time tested unity and inclusiveness in the State.

Paying obeisance at Dera Baba Bandha Bahadur Gurdwara in Reasi, the former Chief Minister also prayed for end to blood-shed and well being of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions.

Interacting with devotees, Dr Farooq Abdullah expressed grave concern over the growing cult of violence and intolerance, saying this is not in consonance with the glorious ethos of the State. He said the perpetrators of violence and hate cannot break the unity of the people, who have had a unique bonding, spreading the times immemorial. This unity in diversity is the real strength of the State that has prevailed even during

most challenging times, he added.

Dr Farooq Abdullah urged the devout to pray for peace in the State and hoped that mischievous and malignant elements would not succeed in breaking the society. "They have already got a befitting response with people of different faiths remaining together in the spirit of humanity and harmony", he said and added this uniqueness is needed to be sustained, strengthened and celebrated to isolate peace inimical elements.

Besides Provincial President Devender Singh Rana, the National Conference chief was accompanied by State Vice President Rattan Lal Gupta, Youth National Conference Provincial President Ajaz Jan besides Pradeep Bali, Mohammed Sadiq, Tariq and others.

Baba Jatinder Pal Singh and Gulati were also present at the Dera Baba Bandha Bahadur Gurdwara where Dr Farooq Abdullah was presented a Sarooja.

DDC goes tough against employees

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KISHTWAR, Apr 11: Taking strong note of the non availability of toilets in the houses of some Government employees of district Kishtwar, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Angeez Singh Rana today directed officers of Government departments of Kishtwar to stop salaries of all their employees who failed to construct the toilet in their households.

The order of DDC Kishtwar reads that "to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation, Government of India is spending crores of rupees on sanitation programme under Swachh Bharat Mission. The Government machinery under the aegis of Rural Development Department (RDD) has taken the mission of constructing the toilet in each and every households to cover the district fully and free it from the menace of open defecation for which RDD is giving wide publicity in every nook and corner of the district regarding the construction of the toilets in their houses, the order reads further.

On receipt of specific reports submitted by ACD Kishtwar regarding non availability of toilets in the houses of 27 Government employees, the DDC has taken the strong note of the matter as the

Government employees and their families are defeating in open which is very shameful and depicts the Government in bad picture as the message going out obviously be wrong, would forget about others, the Government cannot bring the sense of cleanliness and hygiene even in its employees.

"Being a Government employee our behaviours and way of living should serve as guidelines and example in the society for others to follow", the order of DDC reads.

Keeping in view the Mission Targets and taking the serious note on the apathetic approach on behalf of some Government officials the district officers of all those officials whose employees are yet to construct toilets shall stop the salaries.

Meanwhile, the concerned Government employees are further warned that if they don't get the toilets constructed at their houses within 15 days and do away with practice of open defecation, a more strict and stern action will be initiated against them.

Dorjey urges farmers to avail cooperative schemes

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LEH, Apr 11: Minister for Ladakh Affairs and Cooperatives Chering Dorjey Lakrook today urged farmers of this mountainous district to avail loan facilities being provided through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for increasing their agriculture and milk products.

The Minister was interacting with the representatives of Cooperative Marketing Societies of Leh, Changthang, Kharu, Sakti, and Sham areas here.

The farmers were given a detailed resume of terms and conditions for availing the loan for dairy development, fruit cultivation like apricot and seabuckthorn, vegetables and wide range of by-products. They were also told about the value addition possibilities like tetra packaging and other components.

Dorjey asked the representatives of Cooperative Societies to create mass awareness about the NCDC project so that the farmer community could get the benefits under the scheme. He also called for getting feedback for introducing area specific measures.

Councillor, Skyurbuchan, SDM Nubra and officers of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, DIHAR, and Cooperative Departments also attended the interaction session.

Power shut down

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KATHUA, Apr 11: According to Superintendent Engineer, Elect. Maintt. & RE Circle, Kathua, the power supply to Hatlimore Chowk, Sawan Chack, Shastri Nagar, New Bus Stand, Ranjeet Resort and Gandhi Chowk fed from K-1 and PHE feeders emanating from 66/11 KV S/Stn. Hatli More-I will remain affected on April 12, 15 and 19 from 07 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Patel Nagar, Shiva Nagar, RTC Colony, Kiran Nagar, Haji Colony, Kabir Nagar and Gujjar Hostel fed from K-2, PHE, K-6, K-3 and AIR feeders emanating from 66/11 KV S/Stn. Hatli More-I and II will remain affected on April 15 from 00 am to 02 pm.



Members of ISRM honouring Dr Ravi Mahajan after his election as President of the Society in Mumbai

Dr Ravi Mahajan elected as President ISRM

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Dr Ravi Mahajan, Chief Plastic Surgeon, Amandeep Hospitals and Clinics has been elected as President of Indian Society for Reconstructive Micro Surgery (ISRM) for the year 2019-20 in Society's 14th biennial meeting held at Mumbai recently.

There are several organizations in the world to promote Micro Surgery. One of them is ISRM (Indian Society for Reconstructive Micro Surgery). Objective of this society is to promote micro surgery department, to spread research works, studies and education and to organize workshops across the country to promote this department of Plastic Surgery to the junior doctors of the country.

ISRM is country's one of the prestigious organization and getting any designation in this organization is a big achievement.

Its great pride for Amritsar that region's famous Plastic Surgeon Dr Ravi Mahajan has been elected as President of this society.

Amritsar Surgeons' Society

organized special function to honor Dr Ravi Mahajan for this big achievement.

Dr Navpreet Singh, President, Amritsar Surgeons' Society and other Society members honored Dr Mahajan on his arrival to the city and claimed it as a big achievement for the area.

On this occasion, Dr Mahajan said that he will try to work hard to promote the objectives of the society to all the plastic surgeons of the country so that common people of the country can be benefited.

Jammu ready to fight, defeat all challenges, its neglect: NPP

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JAMMU, Apr 11: Expressing grave concern over the BJP's persistent surrenders over all the Jammu centric issues, NPP chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh today appealed the people of region to awake, arise and unite to expose, oppose and finally depose the Saffron juggernaut in the ultimate interests of the public. He said that the

ing fast unto death for the last 12 days with health condition of several deteriorating at Kootah Morh in Hiranagar, Harsh Dev divulged that they were seeking transfer of Asifa Bano rape and murder case to CBI for fair and transparent investigation. He said that pick and choose detentions of the youth and harassment of innocent people by the Crime Branch of J&K Police had created an atmosphere of terror and civil unrest in



NPP leader Harsh Dev Singh addressing public meeting at Samba on Wednesday.

opportunistic BJP had crossed all the limits and it was high time that it was shown the doors.

While addressing protesters at Dogra Chowk Jammu where the party activists torched the effigy of 25 headed monster symbolizing an equal number of BJP's MLAs to ventilate the people's disgust with the mandated leaders.

Singh accompanied by Yash Pal Kundal and other party leaders also held a whirlwind tour of Samba and Kathua districts and held rallies at Samba, Jatwal, Kootah Morh, Chappar Morh and Bhamiyal villages. While welcoming the party leaders with overwhelming response, the people gave an impression that they were ready to face and defeat all the challenges thrown to them by the unholy BJP-PDP alliance.

Accusing the BJP partnered Government for paying no heed to the women protesters observ-

the entire Hiranagar and village Rasana in particular.

"The situation was grim in Rasana. The public embitterment could be gauged by their protest against the Crime Branch sleuths outside the District Court

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Complex in Kathua a couple of days ago which had forced the officials to beat a hasty retreat. The tragic saga of the people revealed that their life in the entire village had been made miserable by the terror unleashed by the Police.

Addressing the current issues haunting the Jammu province due to BJP's total failure, Harsh Dev said that the soaring influx and illegal settlement of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis in Jammu had been posing a serious demographic and security threat to the region.

Second generation Audi RS 5 Coupé launched in India

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JAMMU, Apr 11: German luxury car manufacturer Audi today launched the second generation Audi RS 5 Coupé in India.

With the all new Audi RS 5 Coupé, Audi Sport is presenting its first model to feature the new RS design philosophy in India. The Coupé's all-new 2.9 TFSI bi-turbo engine produces 331 kW (450 hp) and delivers 600 Nm of torque. The standard quattro drive distributes the power to all four wheels.

The distinctive racing details coupled with high performance of a V6 engine makes the new Audi RS 5 Coupé the most desirable model in the Audi A5 family. Priced at INR 1,10,65,000, the all new Audi RS 5 Coupé is now available at all Audi dealerships across India.

"Audi Sport signifies the transition of Audi's racetrack technology into production ready performance cars. Born on the track, built for the road - the all new Audi RS 5 Coupé is the gran turismo among the RS models from Audi Sport. The car's V6 bi-turbo engine has been developed from the ground up and provides significantly more performance coupled with higher efficiency. The all new Audi RS5 Coupé combines the performance of a sports car and the comfort of a sedan which makes it a desirable machine for our customers and enthusiasts who are smart yet adventurous and want to make an incomparable style statement," said Rahil Ansari, Head Audi India.

The new Audi RS 5 Coupé is mated with the 2.9 TFSI bi-turbo engine which produces 331 kW (450 hp) and delivers 600 Nm of torque. The top model in the A5 family sprints from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.9 seconds, and reaches a top speed of 250 km/h. Both turbochargers of the 2.9 TFSI engine unit are centrally positioned inside the V of the engine and each of them supplies a single cylinder bank. The B-cycle combustion process with central direct injection represents a new level of efficiency within the RS family.

"2018 is the Year of Audi Progression and in line with this, we are renewing our performance car portfolio in India and have lined up more surprises in store for our performance car enthusiasts in the coming days. The all new Audi RS 5 Coupé is a unique product as it bridges the gap for the customers who are practical and want to own a luxury car with the performance of a sports car," added Ansari.