



Members of SKUAST-TAJ submitting a memorandum of demands to Minister for Fisheries, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Abdul Gani Kohli.

### SKUAST-TAJ urges Kohli to strengthen faculty of veterinary sciences

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 JAMMU, Apr 15: A delegation of SKUAST-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) led by its president, Dr Vikas Sharma, today met Minister for Fisheries, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Abdul Gani Kohli, at his residence and submitted a memorandum regarding strengthening of Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry of SKUAST-Jammu and sanction of additional faculty of Dairy Technology.

Dr Vikas Sharma informed the Minister that veterinary sciences is an integral part of Agriculture and more so in the present context when Government of Jammu and Kashmir is emphasizing on the integrated farming system approach, which is vital for enhancing farmer's income. Dr Sharma further said that it is felt that existing faculty of veterinary sciences rather be further strengthened and new faculty of Dairy Technology be established, the case for which is already lying with the State Government since, 2005.

General Secretary of the asso-

### Candle light processions taken out in Reasi, Srinagar

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 JAMMU, Apr 15: Candle light processions were taken out in Reasi and Srinagar demanding justice to the family of Rasana rape and murder victim.

A candle light vigil demanding justice for Rasana victim was taken out in Reasi, in which hundreds of youth took part. The protestors were demanding action against the perpetrators of rape.

The march started from Ram Lila park and after passing through main bazaar, culminated at bus stand Reasi.

Meanwhile, Congress also today held a candle light proces-

### Balbir calls on Union Minister

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 15: Vice Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Backward



Balbir Ram Rattan with Union Minister Thaber Chand Gehlot at Shastrri Bhawan in New Delhi.

Classes Development Corporation Limited, Balbir Ram Rattan met Union Minister Thaber Chand Gehlot at Shastrri Bhawan, New Delhi, wherein he handed over a booklet briefing his ten months work.

The booklet 'Vice Chairperson at work' highlights welfare schemes for the unemployed people of the weaker sections, organization of awareness camps to emphasize the Corporation

### Sarv Dharma peace gathering held

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 15: To mark the communal harmony and solidarity of J&K and nation, a Sarv Dharma peace gathering was organised at Bahu Plaza here today.

The responsible and enlightened civil society of Jammu came together to strongly deliver the message that they stand as one single entity against any act of injustice or crime against women.

Ruchi Chauhan Khan of Fahad Mir Foundation, the main organizer of the event, said that for the wrong and heinous act committed by ten men, the greater Jammu region or the lakhs of peaceful, democratic and inclusive people living here could not be tarnished.

Khan said that the entire Jammu region had stood up and raised its voice against the heinous, barbaric crime committed upon minor Rasana girl.

She said that Jammu region has a history of inclusivity and a strong, secular character. She added that it was wrong to spread propaganda against this peace-loving region where people believed in justice and the rule of law.

Rajni Shaleen Chopra of NGO Lehar said that it was essential to address social crimes as a law and order issue. The civil society must play a major role in ensuring communal harmony and peace in society all over the country, Shaleen added.

The Sarv Dharma Peace gather-

schemes, VC's interactions with the unemployed members of the reserved categories like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Safai Karamcharis, people with physical disabilities and those from National level Notified Minorities, besides his official meetings and visits to the loaned units for physical verification in different districts of the state.

The four Apex Corporations at National Level which come under the Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and provides funds to the J&K SC, ST, BC Development Corporation as their channelizing agency are National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHDFDC) and National Safai Karamchari Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

Two other Apex Corporations for Scheduled Tribes and Minorities come under the Union Ministries of Tribal and Minorities Affairs respectively.

### People break ATM

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Apr 15: People today broke down a non-functional ATM machine for not having cash in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Residents angered by non-functioning of all the ATMs including JK Bank, SBI, HDFC and PNB in the entire district, broke down an ATM machine of JK Bank stationed at Hospital Road.

The locals also staged strong protest against all these banks and alleged that indifferent attitude has been shown with the people of Kupwara district.

They urged bank authorities to keep cash inside these machines if they are useless or remove them.

The protesters said that authorities should understand that people need cash all the time and such attitude by authorities can be proven detrimental in exigency situations.



Tributes being paid to Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his birthday at Muthi in Jammu.

### Bhagat Mahasabha celebrates 127th birthday of Dr Ambedkar

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 15: Bhagat Mahasabha celebrated 127th birthday of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar at Muthi, here today.

In an impressive function, floral tributes were paid to the founding father of Indian Constitution wherein prominent people from distinguished social organizations especially employee class attended the function in large number.

Bhusan Dogra, Vice Chairperson, SC Advisory Board J&K Govt was the chief guest and Prof Raj Kumar Bhagat, National president Bhagat Mahasabha was guest of honour.

### One killed, another injured in accident

**Excelsior Correspondent**

DODA, Apr 15: One person was killed and one another was injured, when the motorcycle they were riding on met with accident at Nai Basti area in Karara, tehsil Thathri.

As per police sources, a motorcycle bearing registration number JK06-5834 met with accident at Nai Basti area in Karara, Tehsil Thathri, resulting into the spot death of one person and injuries to one another.

After getting information, police team rushed to the spot and shifted the injured person identified as Mohammad Irfan, son of Ghulam Mustafa of Chiralla to PHC, where he was responding to the treatment, when last reports came in.

The body of the deceased identified as Shoket Ali, son of Mohammad Shafi of Chiralla has been handed over to legal heirs after completing legal formalities.

A case under FIR Number 25/18 has been registered at Thathri Police Station and investigation started.

### Cong demands strict punishment for rapists of Kathua case: Manjeet

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 15: Former Minister Manjeet Singh said that Congress demands strict punishment for the rapists of Kathua case and also demands to run the case in fast track court.

He stated this while address-

brotherhood and secularism but what happened to its values when Omar Abdullah joined BJP as a minister in Union Government. He questioned the NC leaders right from top who did not condemned the incident of Kathua and when seeing whole India is on boil they changed their colour and



Former Minister Manjeet Singh addressing a meeting at village Gagore.

ing a meeting at village Gagore.

Referring to the statement of a NC leader about Congress, Singh said National Conference should look into itself first and then give statements about Congress which always promote brotherhood, national integration and above all believes in nation first, not only through words but from actions also by sacrificing their leaders.

Singh further said that Congress will not compromise on secularism at any cost as it is not power hungry political party but party for the development of India. NC is a party which can do anything for power, its elected members of Legislative Assembly raised slogans in favour of Pakistan and no action had taken till date, he stated.

He added that NC talks about

expelled its member from party. They should have taken action against such member earlier itself, he said.

He stressed that Congress party has absolutely rejected the policies of BJP and in no condition it can compromise on its values in future.

He said Kathua incident has cleared the minds of various parties like BJP, NC and other fringe groups, that people of Jammu are peace loving and against all those who are favouring rapists.

Singh appealed to the people that it is time to teach these power seekers by rejecting their policies and come out openly against them. He asked all to convey this message to other peoples also and make it a mass movement against these parties.

### Fraudster held for issuing fake labour cards

**Excelsior Correspondent**

MENDHAR, Apr 15: A fraudster, who was cheating innocent people by issuing them fake labour cards in lieu of money, was arrested here today in Kandi Ari.

The accused was identified as Mohd Lateef, son of Alaf Din of Patha, Surankot. Fifty application forms of the Labour Department, including some filled one, three stamp pads, three bank account copies, photo I-card and Rs 3800 were recovered from possession of the accused.

He was arrested following some complaints by locals at

Police Post Ari that the accused was charging Rs 300 for preparing labour cards and posing himself as authorized one for the same by the concerned department.

After detaining the accused, Police contacted the Labour Department officers, who denied having authorized anyone for issuance of Labour Cards and further informed that a complaint in this regard was already forwarded to SSP Reasi.

Following this, Police arrested the accused and registered a case under relevant section against him at Police Station Mendhar.













## COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018

26  
GOLD
20  
SILVER
20  
BRONZE












- "India is proud of our sportspersons. They inspire every Indian"

DAW/47/103/13/0008/1819