Lal Singh reviews performance of SFC

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Bhavan here.

Minister of State for Forests the sale of timber. and Vice-Chairman of the Conservator Ravi Keasar and 10.10 lakh cft of timber through he added. of the concerned department till the end of financial year SFC issued to the officials of the were present in the meeting.

The Minister took review of lakh cft.

tion, which in turn would boost health of the corporation.

Managing Director SFC, S.K concessional sale depots till end

the last four years. He also Minister enjoined upon the manreviewed the progress on vari- agement to re-double their JAMMU, Feb 13: Minister ous projects and issues pertain- efforts towards making the for Forests, Environment and ing to the development of the Corporation more profitable. He Ecology, Ch. Lal Singh today Corporation. The Minister also approved the diversification chaired the 67th Board of emphasized on proper utiliza- activities to be initiated by the Directors Meeting of State tion of human resource for SFC for generating additional Forest Corporation (SFC) at Van increasing the overall produc- revenue to improve the financial

He asserted that serious He was informed that efforts are being initiated to pre-Corporation, Zahoor Ahmad Corporation has shown growth serve ecology and environment Mir, Legislatures and Directors in physical achievement by of the State. "Government has of the Corporation Dina Nath extracting 39 lakh cft timber in prioritized the protection and Bhagat and Yasir Reshi, MLA 2017-18 against 37.40 lakh cft preservation plan of forests and Ravinder Raina, Commission timber in 2016-17. He was wildlife by taking up systematic Secretary Forests Souray informed that SFC has sold demarcation of forest and Bhagat, Principal Chief 18.75 lakh cft in auctions and wildlife land across the State",

Minister further said that be any compromise on the prophysical and financial achieve— While expressing satisfactection of wildlife, environment ments of the Corporation for tion on the working of SFC, the and ecology of the State.

Gupta along with senior officers of December 2017, adding that, directions have already been will meet the sales target of 45 department that there shouldn't

HC quashes DC's order issued against Revenue Act

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SRINAGAR, Feb 13: High meaning and contemplation of show cause notice and to con-Court today said that the concept Section 133-A of the J&K Land sider and decide the response, if of rule of law would lose its Revenue Act. The petitioner has any, to the show cause notice essence when authorities of the proceeded to state that he and take subsequent action and State are not held responsible for planned to develop the land, decision, is exclusive province discharging their duty in fair and which is barren in nature into an of the authority under the ausiust manner. Quashing the orders of erected a boundary wall, besides ommendations, if any, made by and Parliamentary Affairs Shivratri is the major festival Deputy Commissioner, wherein laying the service roads for the any other authority or for that

directions were passed for proper management and conven- matter by the House Committee today said that all the arrange- brate it in a unique way by removing all structures erected ient passage/carriage of the pro- will not, as such, triumph over on a big chunk of land for pur- duce. pose of developing the land into an orchard, Justice M K Hanjura authorities have caused undue impugned action culminated in Maha Shivratri festival. said these orders have been interference with the develop- impugned order is vitiated in issued in clear disregard to the mental activity undertaken and law", court said. provision of Land Revenue Act carried at the site which is not in as development of orchard is not a non-agricultural purpose

Court did not stop here and Commissioner have been issued Land Revenue Act.

Making clear that authorities should function in a fair and just ment to act justly and fairly and not arbitrarily or capriciously.

is in possession and occupation expected to be exercised. of 138 kanals of the land as the Yakhmanpora, Baramulla.

The kind of soil of the said is maidani and a few kanals of the case(s) concerning contraven-

This land, it is affirmed, is not A of the Act. agricultural land within the

Revenue Act.

said there is no bar to use this Commissioner Baramulla by his rights of the petitioner in the officers to ensure essential taken in this regard to restore the far-flung areas and Prime land even for residential purposes orders bearing no.DCB/SQ/608- matter of its use, enjoyment, commodities especially wal- the age old pluralistic charac- Minister Narendra Modi is as the orders of Deputy 10 dated 14th June 2012 and possession and occupation by no.DCB/SQ/598-602 dated 14th the petitioner. in breach of clear terms of June 2012, directed his subordi-Sections 133-B, 133-C of the nates to remove all kinds of structures/roads constructed on the land and submit the report.

Court said that the dividing manner, court said, the require- line between an administrative ment of acting judicially in power and a quasi-judicial power essence is nothing but a require- is quite thin and is being gradually obliterated. For determining whether a power is an adminis-"In recent years the concept trative power or a quasi-judicial of quasi-judicial power has been power, one has to look to the undergoing a radical change. nature of the power conferred, What was considered as an the person or persons on whom it administrative power some years is conferred, the framework of back, is now being considered as the law conferring that power, the a quasi-judicial power", High consequences ensuing from the exercise of that power and the The petitioner asserts that he manner in which that power is

As such court made clear that lawful attorney situated in Estate the Collector or any other author-Singhpora and Estate Dever ized officer not below the rank of Pattan, the Assistant Collector of the first Land Revenue Act, is the exclu-



NPP activists staging protest outside DyCM's residence in

NPP conducts 'gherao' of DyCM's residence

BJP has lost moral authority to represent Jammu: Harsh

Excelsior Correspondent

by the Pak sponsored 'Fidayeen District Police Lines Pulwama in attack' on Army camp in August last year, Army camp at Sunjuwan in Jammu recently Nagrota in Nov 2016, Army besides the seditious echo of pro- Brigade HQ at Uri in Sept 2016 Pak slogans inside the J&K and IAF Station at Pathankot in Legislature, NPP activists led by Jan. 2016, he said several party chairman Harsh Dev Singh defence personnel were martyred gheraoed the residence of and many were critically injured DyCM, Dr Nirmal Singh here in the series of attacks but the

amidst clashes with the police the takes angry activists held the sinister coalition responsible for the dete- of colluding with Kashmir cenriorating situation in the State and tric ally in appeasing the antisought the resignation of the national elements which had led DyCM as well as the BJP MLAs to civil unrest, clashes, shut for maintaining the stoic silence downs, public attacks on police while the anti-national slogans stations, lynching and killing of tuted General Council of the ty. He is a former Director School were raised on the floor of the police personnel, assault on

House. Addressing the gathering, Harsh Dev said that the frequent from 9730 stone pelters in terror attacks on the camps of the Kashmir, rehabilitation policy security personnel had rocked the for the surrendered militants, entire State and shaken the belief slapping of FIRs on the Army in of the civilians on the present Kashmir, all had emboldened the regime as far as the credibility, radical outfits to go berserk and the incumbent Government were camps to cause mayhem", Harsh

Paying homage to the martyred brave hearts of 36 Brigade of Pro-Pak slogans raised inside Sunjuwan besides conveying the Legislature by NC MLA sympathies to the bereaved fami- Akbar Lone, Harsh Dev said that lies, he said that the Indian Army BJP MLAs had hurt the nationalhad once again proved its mettle ist sentiment and Dogra pride by foiling the terror attack and once again by maintaining stoic eliminating the JeM militants to silence while such treacherous avert the possibility of a heavy slogans were raised on the floor casualty. Recalling similar of the House.

'Fidayeen attacks' at CRPF Training Camp at Pulwama in JAMMU, Feb 13: Outraged January this year preceded by BJP partnered Govt had not Staging a strong protest, learnt lessons from its past mis-

He accused the Saffron party security forces, death and destruction. "Revocation of FIRs

rued. Describing the ugly episode its demands.

"Thus, the power to issue orchard and accordingly, he pices of Section 133-C. The recor abate the authority of the camps at Jammu and other tions. To remain linked to their the last 3 to 4 years, the far-flung Petitioner submits that Collector. Having said so,



R S Pathania addressing convention of SC Cell at Majalta on

Pathania assures early break-through on reservation in promotion

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMNAGAR, Feb 13: Ranbir Singh Pathania, MLA Ramnagar, while addressing a one day convention of Schedules Caste Cell of class, under Section 133-C of the tehsil Majalta, assured that the striving for peace, development stalemate over 'reservation in proland, according to the petitioner, sive authority to act and deal with motions' shall be worked out early Minister. in a constructive, conducive and the land are recorded as swampy. tion to provisions of Section 133- plausible manner. He took a dig at certain vested interests who are out and out to polarize the situation and play petty politics over it.

the benefits of reservation.

tions of the area of Ramnagar. He many as 10 crores. alleged that in last few decades,

said it has been possible only with the support and mandate of the people of Ramnagar. He further stressed on the requirement of discipline, affability and self restraint amongst the party activists while and Vision -2022 of the Prime The MLA announced kick

starting work on Karkelu to Khabbal road and hand pumps at various needy places. He also called upon the party cadres as well The MLA further informed that as Panchs, Sarpanchs and local is first time in history that Govt. leaders belonging to SC/ST comhas come up with a bill spelling out munity to avail various schemes reservation for 'poorest of poor'. He and programmes as have been inialso evoked consensus and support tiated for the welfare and well on excluding 'creamy layer' from being of SC/ST people. He also announced that work on tribal Pathania dwelled in detail the modal village at Rasli- Gadheran various developmental initiatives shall commence very soon with a he has taken for SC and ST habita- developmental initiatives of as

The programme was organized selective development has been by SC Tehsil Cell president and resorted to in the area of Ramnagar Member State Advisory Board, with SCs and STs lagging far Shiv Ram. Others, who spoke on behind. Maintaining that his the occasion, included Suresh endeavor has been to take the neg- Kumar, Charan Dass, Godawari lected and deprived sections/areas Devi, Munshi Ram, Devi Das, along with in the developmental Tilak Raj, Gian Chand, Tarlok journey of Ramnagar, the MLA, Chand and Shounku Ram.

name of D.K Vaid, a retired civil

As a coloumnist, D K Vaid

English dailies and magazines,

besides writing poetry in English.

administrator, he has been wear-

ing many hats, both as a civil ser-

Darshan Darshi nominated to Sahitya Akademi Board Darshan Darshi is the pen

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: Eminent servant. A Sahitya Akademi Dogri poet, awarded Dogri poet, he has writscholar and ten in almost all genres of Dogri coloumnist language and literature, including Darshan literally criticism. Darshi has been nominated as convener

Dogri Advisory Board of A motivational speaker, a life-National Academy of Letters, engineering teacher and an ex-Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. The nomination was made in

the first meeting of newly consti- vant and as a servant of the socie-Ravinder Bhavan yesterday.

JKAEA deputation meets DG Accounts

and Bangalore.

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: A deputation of J&K Accounts Employees' Association (JKAEA) today met and full salary to employees efficiency and the intentions of unleash fidayeens on Army DG, Accounts and Treasuries, undergoing training. J&K, Dr Ishak Wani, at Secretariat Complex and put forth

> Ahmed Qadri and Kulwant Singh other departments, withdrawal of Sambyal discussed various clarification SRO-160 of 2006 demands and issues related to and creation of examination sys- es and attendance of officers and Accounts personnel. The main tem of Accounts Personnel on the demands put forth by the deputa- pattern of Planning department. tion include creation of new posts, declaration of Accounts Cadre as deputation to solve their demands Marwah and later shifted along serious allegations. professional service, cadre review, as early as possible

switch over of the pay and accounts system, removal of pay anomalies of Accounts cadre, welfare fund, confirmed promotion

Besides, the deputation members also stressed for filling up of vacant posts of Accountant, The deputation led by Nayaz implementation of SRO 272 like

Dr Ishak Wani assured the



Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti handing over a key of motorised scooter to handicapped person at Jammu.

CM hands over motorised scooter to handicapped

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti today handed over a motorised scooter to a handicapped Rakesh Sharma of Khokyal Nagri, Kathua.

The person had met the Chief Minister during her Public Outreach Programme at Kathua where the Chief Minister had promised him to issue a motorised bicycle to him.

All arrangements made for Maha Shivratri celebrations: Veeri

festival.

He said that the Maha

kept this tradition alive after

"It is the earnest desire of

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: Revenue Minister, Abdul Rehman Veeri of Kashmiri Pandits, who celements were made in the migrant maintaining the age old tradiplaces for smooth celebration of roots the displaced Pandits districts like Reasi had received

Addressing a meeting of their migration. Kashmiri migrants organized Court further directed the by A K Sidha, president the present Government to ects achieved in the last 3 to 4 tune with the provisions of Land respondents not to cause any Minority Cell PDP, the ensure return and rehabilitainterference with the exercise Minister said that instructions tion of Pandits in Kashmir and In this connection Deputy of ownership and possessory were given to all concerned many steps have been already have given highest priority to nuts, flowers, milk, cheese, ter of the Valley", the Revenue always responsive to our sensivegetables etc on controlled Minister said.



JAMMU, Feb 13: A delegation of All J&K Plus-2 Quota in favour of Plus-2 Lecturers' Forum called on Lecturers to KAS cadre and

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Baht and Sunil Bhat.

Minister for Education Syed repatriation of Joint Directors Mohammed Altaf Bukhari and from KAS cadre working in discussed various issues con- Education Department to their fronting Plus-2 community and parent cadre. sought his personal intervention in redressal of the same. The delegation, under the order for exemption of Plus-2

chairmanship of Deepak Lecturers from SRO-202 as per Sharma, president of the Cabinet decision at the earliest. hoped that as Other demands, raised during Forum. announced in the budget pro- the meeting, included; non posal, the Government will vacational status to the soon give practical shape to the Principals, restoration of 40



Plus-2 Lecturers meeting Education Minister on Tuesday.

Promotion in favour of Plus-2 removal of pay anomalies and

Lecturers. delegation also Education Lecturers. demanded regularization of all ing for years together. Forum also sought Minister's day in the month of April.

personal intervention in release

regularization of Physical

The Minister assured to incharge incumbents, including consider all the pending Joint Directors and equivalents, demands. On the occasion, the CEOs and equivalents, invited the Education Minister Principals and Lecturers pend- in the Annual Lecturers Day, The which shall be held on suitable

The delegation comprised of Promotion Lists of of N S Jamwal, Anil Sharma, Principals and Sr Lecturers at Amin Shah, Pardeep Singh, R the rate of 1/3rd of the cadre S Salathia and Fazal Hussain.

DC, SSP take stock of people's grievances

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Feb has been contributing regularly to Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Angrez Singh Rana along with SSP Kishtwar, Abrar in view of heavy snowfall in the

The people present in hun- music. Sahitya Akademi held at Education and lives in Jammu dreds at Nawapachi put forth a number of grievances. The meeting was held in the snowclad ground near helipad. The main demands of the people included the cancellation of the staff shall immediately move proposed Bursar Dam, un-interrupted supply of ration and required vaccination of liveother essentials, vaccination of stock. the cattle, availability of the mobile phone connectivity and internet, functioning of CIC Marwah and enquiry of embezzlement of ration by the TSO.

Besides, they also demanded offices. They requested that all with post to Kishtwar or else-

where for availing elevated life standard, be posted back to 13: Marwah.

The DC gave a patient hearing to the public demands and took note of all their issues one Chowdhary, today visited by one. It was decided that a Marwah Sub-Division to take team of officers shall check all stock of the problems of people Government offices from tomorrow and anybody found absent from duties shall face tough

> Regarding the availability of ration and its scale, the Deputy Commissioner gave e detailed bureau of it. It was decided that the Animal & Sheep Husbandry into the area and start the of Shuhul Hyundai, Jammu and The DC also handed over

relief materials for one Janna Begum, a widow wife of late Abdul Ghani Malik resident of village Changer, whose house has got collapsed during the curfrequent operation of heli servic- rent snowfall. He also issued instructions for the shifting of officials in the Government Incharge Manager, J&K Bank, Branch Marwah, Sanjay Kumar, those who obtained job from against whom the public leveled



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a public gathering on the occasion of Shivratri at Ransoo / Shiv Khori in Reasi on Tuesday.

meeting of the Union Cabinet. point.

Reasi is the only district Out of Rs.1.2 crore announced by him, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Rs.60 lakh will be spent on a Community Toilet Complex, which according to him, was a dire need, because of thousands of pilgrims visiting the Shiv Khori shrine, around which dozens of "Langars" are hosted, but there is very little Towns" under "Swachh Bharat that becomes functional, the Abhiyan". Another Rs.40 lakh, he said,

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Administration after participat-

ing in the Shivratri procession

which marched through the

main streets of the Ransoo mar-

public toilet facility.

the attention that was not given

years, Dr Jitendra Singh said,

have been possible because we

tivities. In this regard, he cited

Talwara, for which the proposal

demanded fixation of Induction

Besides, the delegation also

demanded issuance of formal

delegation also

Many of the tasks and proj-

in the earlier decades.

Other Minority Cell leaders the example of four-times hike

who were present in the meet- in the monthly honorarium of

ing included S K Raina, Bal Ji terrorism effected migrants from

Plus-2 Lecturers' Forum apprises

Education Minister of its demands

strength.

The

As for connectivity, Dr to Shiv Khori and Vaishno Devi would be spent on building a Jitendra Singh said, tenders have "Yatri Niwas" to provide costbeen floated for construction of effective lodging and boarding facility for the visitors. In addition, he said, he had earmarked roads, while the State of J&K worked out by the Government Rs.20 lakh, out of which Rs.10 lakh he would arrange immediately for installing tube wells, in response to a public demand. Dr Jitendra Singh said that in and Udhampur have received

> maximum after Kathua. Responding to a demand for extending the railway line to Shiv Khori, Dr Jitendra Singh said, he would discuss the feasi- last 4 years. bility of this suggestion, but added that the world's highest Tourism Minister Priya Sethi to Bhat and others.

was presented and passed at a highlight this spot as a tourist

Dr Jitendra Singh also other than Kathua, Dr Jitendra referred to the State's only "War Singh said, which has been elab- Memorial" dedicated to comorately referred by PM Modi in memorate Golden Jubilee of the his popular monthly radio 1965 War which was set up from broadcast "Mann Ki Baat". his MP fund, near the DC office While Reasi block was the first complex in Reasi. He said, the officially declared "ODF" block survey is already in process for in the State, the Katra town was construction of Katra-Delhi included in the list of "100 Icon Express Road Corridor and once

number of pilgrims and visitors

will increase manifold. MoS Tourism Priya Sethi local Tanda-Ransoo road at a described the details of the procost of Rs. 90 lakh. For PMGSY posed tourist circuit being was given highest - ever pack- involving Ransoo, Shiv Khori age of Rs 2400 crore, nearly half and other neighboring points of of it has been allocated for interest. She also gave an update Udhampur-Kathua-Doda con- about the status of the proposed stituency and out of that, Reasi rope-way project in the area and the new terminal of Tourist Reception Centre.

MoS Ajay Nanda gave a detailed account of the development projects undertaken in the

Also present on the occasion were Divisional Commissioner Railway Bridge, which is even Hemant Sharma, District higher than the world famous Development Commissioner Eiffel Tower, is also coming in Prasanna Ramasamy, Senior district Reasi. He suggested to Superintendent Police Tariq



HM lauds bravery of forces, families **Spl DG CRPF felicitates**

soldier's injured wife **Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 13: The Union their families. He has appreciated the bravery of the soldiers and their

During the encounter Shahzada Khan, wife of Rifleman Nazir Ahmed was seriously injured and was rushed to Military Hospital, Jammu where she was saved and also gave birth to a healthy girl

As a mark of respect to this brave woman and to bless the new born baby, SN Shrivastava, Special

DG J&K Zone, CRPF met Shahzada Khan at the hospital on behalf of the Union Home Minister Home Minister Rajnath Singh has and conveyed the deep appreciaexpressed his condolences for the tion by the Home Minister of the martyrs of attack on Army camp bravery shown by the lady and further conveyed that till the time that there are persons like Shahzada Khan the country shall thwart such attempts gallantly and successfully.

He blessed the baby and presented a bouquet to the lady as a token of solidarity to her on behalf of Union Home Minister. He also appreciated the skills and efforts of the doctors and medical staff of the hospital for the way they handled the situation successfully and saved the life of Shahzada and also brought her daughter to this world.



Hyundai on the launch of new Elite i20. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Shuhul Hyundai launches new Elite i20

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: Shuhul Hyundai today unveiled the new Elite i20 that embodies premium look, sporty styling and a robust

rear stance. The unveiling was done by Rafiq-ul-Hassan, Deputy Koo, Managing Director and Inspector General (DIG), J&K CEO, Hyundai Motors India Ltd Police, in the presence of Owais Guroo and Bilal Guroo, directors other staff members of the showroom.

Speaking on the occasion, Rafiq-ul-Hassan emphasized that road safety measures should be followed. He suggested that deal- tures". erships must educate the safety measures to customer during the delivery of the cars.

dynamics. The new Elite i20 is of nature.

aesthetically designed with premium interiors and modern looks that make it truly appealing."

During the launch ceremony, Shuhul Hyundai today booked 10 Elite i20 cars.

Commenting on launch of the new Elite i20 at Auto Expo, YK said. "The Elite i20 has been a global success, with over 400.000 happy customers since its launch in 2014. The new Elite i20 is a product of our continuous R&D efforts to bring out a premium, sporty and stylish design equipped with hi-tech and convenience fea-

The design of new Elite i20 follows an evolved premium look, sporty styling and a robust rear Owais Guroo and Bilal Guroo stance based on Hyundai Motor's said, "The new Elite i20 with pre- advanced design philosophy. The mium, sporty and stylish design modern design of the new Elite i20 equipped with hi-tech and conven- flows naturally from front to the ience features offering uncompro- rear reflecting beauty in motion mised safety along with advanced inspired from power and elegance