

PM publicly appreciates work done by Ministry of Northeast

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I T A N A G A R (ARUNACHAL PRADESH), Feb 15: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today publicly appreciated the work done by the Union Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in the last over three years.

Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh posted a Tweet saying, "Thanks Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodiji for your kind reference to work being done by Ministry of Northeast @mdoner_india. Your encouragement will add strength to our efforts and our commitment." Prime Minister made a special

things have changed. On - the-spot reviews are done and on-the-spot decisions are taken, he said. This approach of the DoNER Ministry has not only expedited the pace of various projects but also brought accountability, he added. Narendra Modi said, there was a time when a Union Minister hardly visited Northeast, but today, every week there is a Union Minister visiting one or the other State in the region.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated two building complexes brought up in the State capital here with funds from the Ministry of DoNER. The first one is the State Civil Secretariat built at a cost of Rs.92 crore, about which Modi said, this will improve the work environment and help in bringing all the major State offices under one roof. About the second complex, also funded by the Ministry of DoNER and named, "Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre", Modi said, this will enable holding of large conferences and summits not only for the State, but also for trade and business promotion.

On the occasion, Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the academic block of the "Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences". He also announced a bi-weekly train "Arunachal Express" from Delhi.

Complimenting the people of Arunachal Pradesh, Modi said, every Indian wakes up every morning to look towards Arunachal Pradesh because, that is from where the sunrise starts and then spreads its light to the rest of the country.

Power shut down

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Due to execution of various development works by M/s IRCON International Ltd under R-APDRP scheme, the power supply to Upper Roop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Buta Nagar, Paloura BSF Camp, Lakkhar Mandi, Janipur Bus Stand, Janipur Colony and its adjoining areas fed from 33 KV Janipur to Roop Nagar (BH-1) Line and 11 KV J-3 Line will remain affected on February 17 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV CH-6, 11 KV CH-3 and 11 KV CH-4 feeders will remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Gandhi Nagar and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV JDA-1 feeder will remain affected on February 18 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Trikuta Nagar and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV JDA-5 feeder will remain affected on February 17 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Sainik Colony and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV SC-2 and 11 KV SC-1 feeders will remain affected on February 17, 18 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Karan Nagar, Ustad Mohalla, Amphalla and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV D-4 feeder will remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Tawi Vihar and its adjoining areas fed from 11 KV Sidhra-II feeder will remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Roop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Buta Nagar and its adjoining areas fed from RN-3 and RN-1 feeders will remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Muthi PHE and its adjoining areas fed from RN-3 and MU-10 feeders will remain affected on February 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Governor releases "Advances in Fish, Wildlife Ecology and Biology"

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Governor N.N. Vohra released the 7th Volume of "Advances in Fish, Wildlife Ecology and Biology" which has been written by Prof. Bansi Lal Koul, former Professor of Zoology and Principal Govt. SPMR College of Commerce and Management, Srinagar, at the Raj Bhavan.

This well-researched volume is a valuable addition to the ongoing series of publications on "Advances in Fish and Wildlife Ecology and Biology". It has two sections, the first dealing with Fish and Limnology and the second with Wildlife. Prof. Koul has earlier presented to the Governor the first six volumes in this series.

Governor lauded Prof. Koul's continuing endeavours in the arena of scientific research and for writing books which are of immense value for students, researchers and the general readers. He wished Prof. Koul good health and success in all his future endeavours.

Ill fated vehicle after accident at Donadi area of Gandoh Sub Division in district Doda.

1 killed, 6 injured as sumo plunges into gorge

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DODA, Feb 15: One person was killed, while six others received injuries when the Tata sumo, they were traveling in skidded off the road and fell into a 150 feet deep gorge at Donadi area of Gandoh Sub Division, this morning.

The ill-fated vehicle bearing registration number JK06-6092 was on its way to Thathri from Nagni (Bonjwah), when it met with an accident at Donadi area on Gandoh-Thathri road, resulting into the spot death of one person and injuries to six others.

After getting information, police team along with locals rushed to the spot and shifted all the injured persons to Trauma Hospital Thathri. Two injured persons were later referred to District Hospital Doda, where one of the injured failed to respond to the treatment and succumbed to his injuries.

The deceased has been identified as Jarnail Singh (38), son of Jia Lal, a resident of Nagni, while the injured have been identified as Fared Ahmed (21), son of Sajjad Ahmed and Karan Singh (18), son of Kehar Singh, both residents of Nagni, Bhawan Singh (16), son of Suroop Singh, Alam Din, son of Allah Ditta, Syeda Begum (47), wife of Alam Din and Nasreena Bano (10), daughter of Mohammad Sain, all residents of Parshalla.

Mega fest in Economics at SMVDU from today

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KATRA, Feb 15: The School of Economics in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) is going to organize 'Artha', India's first mega fest of Economics, from February 16.

In the three-day mega event, renowned Indian Economist, lawyer and politician, Dr Subramanian Swamy; Dr Manas Paul, economic strategist in the banking finance and education sector; Dr Veena Kumari, eminent strategist and Director of Planning Development & Monitoring Department, J&K Government and young journalist Zorawar Singh Jamwal will be key speakers.

The mega fest of Economics from February 16 to February 18, is aimed to generate awareness regarding Economics as a discourse and provide emerging reorganization to the school, the course and preferred career opportunities.

Veeri reviews functioning of Revenue, EP Deptts

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Minister for Revenue, Hajj & Auqaf and Parliamentary Affairs, Abdul Rehman Veeri, today reviewed the functioning of Revenue Department in a meeting convened with senior officers of the department.

The meeting was attended by Financial Commissioner Revenue Lokesh Jha, Commissioner Secretary Revenue Shahid Inayatullah, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Hemant Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Custodian General Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Regional Directors, Survey & Land Records Jammu and Srinagar and other senior officers of the department.

The meeting was informed about the physical and financial progress achieved by the department including expenditure status of fund allocation under CAPEX Budget. It was informed that out of Rs 712.50 lakh as proposed outlay 2017-18, Rs 613.84 lakh have been incurred upto January 31, 2018 thereby utilizing 86 % of funds authorized by the administrative department.

The Minister asked the officers to furnish Monthly Progress Reports to the Finance Department and asked the Divisional Commissioner Jammu to further streamline the process.

Veeri asked the Financial Commissioner Revenue to regularly review the progress of works at new administrative units and also to take up the works which were taken up but have not completed because of various reasons.

The meeting was informed that to strengthen the old/new administrative units, Rs 85.50 lakh have been utilized upto Jan 2018 out of total earmarked Rs 92.82 lakh during current fiscal.

While discussing other issues, the Minister asked the concerned officers to look into the pending issue of DPC of Naib Tehsildars and promotion of Patwaris to Girdawars.

The Minister asked to furnish the details of Patwaris and Naib

of manpower, the progress is not upto the mark and dedicated staff is required for the process at Jammu and Srinagar districts.

Responding to the issue, the Minister said that issue will be taken care of but double efforts needs to be put in for successful implementation of this prestigious project.



Minister for Revenue chairing a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

Tehsildars who have overstayed at their place of postings so that reshuffling of staff can be done.

With regard to the progress on Digital India land Records Modernization Programme (DIL-RMP), the meeting was informed that scanning of revenue documents/maps and digitization of cadastral maps, establishment of Ground Control Points and development of web-based enterprise Geo-Information System (GIS) is underway.

Regional Directors, Survey & Land Records Jammu and Srinagar apprised the Minister about the status of works under DILRMP. It was informed that writing of Jamabandi, scanning of documents, maps and other required task is under progress and are at various stages.

The Minister asked the concerned to complete the process for the already identified 2 tehsils on pilot basis one each at Jammu and Srinagar in a systematic manner so that the project be kicked off in the State at the earliest.

It was informed that due to short

While discussing the performance of Evacuee Property Department, the Minister asked for taking up the priority projects already identified in Jammu as well in Kashmir division so that same can be completed at the earliest.

He also directed the concerned to maintain the assets register regularly and to complete the inventorization of assets upto district level so that the actual and updated information is available with all.

Regarding, collection of payment against the land/property of EP Department already acquired by Government departments, the meeting was informed that Rs 3 crore have been collected in Jammu while as Rs 75 lakh in Kashmir division.

Veeri asked Divisional Commissioner Jammu to monitor and review the process of payment collection and also asked Custodian General to coordinate and take up the issue of pending payments with concerned department and agencies.



Members of Ladies Club Zanana Park interacting with media persons at Jammu on Thursday.

Ladies Club members allege harassment by Floriculture Deptt

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Ladies Club members of Zanana Park near Civil Secretariat Jammu are being harassed by the Department of Floriculture as latter is undertaking the construction and renovation of Ladies Club building for their own use.

This was stated by President of Ladies Club Zanana Park Vijay Gandotra, while interacting with media persons here today.

She stated that to improve their efficiency the Department of Floriculture Jammu is undertaking the construction and renovation of Ladies Club building at Zanana Park Jammu for their own use thereby causing harassment to women folk in respect of the activities like cultural programme, yoga, kites, etc which are in vogue since its inception during 1932.

"The Zanana Park was exclu-

sively laid for use by the women folk by the then Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and accordingly men folk were not allowed to visit this park for recreation or other activities", Gandotra informed.

She further stated that the intrusion of Floriculture Department for construction of building for their use shall definitely be out of norms as men folk will have an easy access to the park in view of security risk and traffic chaos.

"The Department of Floriculture is maintaining almost all the parks in Jammu city and accordingly can shift their venue easily accessible for public of all groups. The matter stands already referred to the Government and directions for immediate stop of work and shifting of venue to some other park are awaited", President of Ladies Club Zanana Park Vijay Gandotra added.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waiving at the cheering crowd at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday. Also seen is DoNER Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

Soon after the Prime Minister's remark at a public programme addressed by him here today, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS P.M.O, Personnel, Public Grievances &

cial mention of the new initiative by the Ministry of Northeast, wherein each month, the DoNER Ministry holds its Camp Secretariat in one of the eight North Eastern States by rotation. He said, earlier, the DoNER Ministry simply sat in Delhi and worked, but now,

Jammu Chamber felicitates Dubai businessman

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: The Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) today felicitated a Dubai based businessman in a function held at Chamber House, Rail Head Complex, on Railway Road here.

Finance Minister from J&K Dr Haseeb Drabu was the chief guest at the function. The Jammu Chamber honoured Zafar A Wakil, chairman- Marina Retail Corporation Dubai for his great

merchandise mix marina home and fashion brands.

Some of these awards are: RLI Global Award in London, Dubai Service Excellence Award, Best Category Awards in UAE, Saudia Arabia, Bahrain, Oman and NRI Life Time Achievement Award at Mumbai recently.

The chief guest Dr Drabu, and guest of honour Mubarak Gul, MLA also spoke on the occasion. The prominent members of Chamber of Commerce & Industry were also present on the occasion.



Leading businessman from Dubai, Zaffar Wakil being felicitated by CCI at Jammu on Thursday.

achievements in the business world.

Rakesh Gupta, president Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jammu while speaking on the occasion said that Wakil, son of the soil has made the State of J&K and India proud by creating vast network of business across India and worldwide. He also informed the house that Wakil has been conferred with many awards for constant evolution of design,

Wakil extended gratitude to the Jammu Chamber and chief guest and informed that Marina has given employment to more than 700 people who are residents of J&K.

The other office bearers of CCI present on the occasion included- Rajesh Gupta, senior vice president, Rajeev Gupta- junior vice president, Manish Gupta - secretary general, Gaurav Gupta- secretary and Ashu Gupta- treasurer.



NPP activists and unemployed educated youth cook 'Pakodas' on road to mark their protest against Modi Govt in Jammu.

NPP activists protest against soaring unemployment

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JAMMU, Feb 15: Reminiscing the poll promise of Narendra Modi of creating two crore jobs per year with 10 crore jobs during the five year term which had turned out to be another "Chunavi Jumla" and further making a contemptuous mockery of the educated unemployed youth by advising them, to sell "pakodas" on roads, National Panthers Party activists along with scores of highly educated youth led by party chairman Harsh Dev Singh staged a strong protest demonstration at Exhibition Ground here today.

The angry young protesters while raising anti-BJP slogans sold fritters (pakodas) and consigned their degrees to flames to express their resentment and disillusionment against the soaring unemployment. They raised slogans of "Pakoda Sarkar Hai Hai", "Pakoda Rozgar Yojana Hai Hai", "BJP Sarkar... Hai Hai" etc.

Addressing the media, Harsh Dev regretted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had ruthlessly dashed the hopes of educated unemployed youth and made their mockery by citing that selling 'pakodas' was also a form of employment which could be seen in the light of job creation. Terming

the statement as a cruel joke, he lambasted BJP's National President Amit Shah for further sprinkling the salts on the wounds of jobless people when he told Rajya Sabha that it was better to sell 'pakodas' than being unemployed. "Pathetic claim of Modi had exposed the abject failure of his Government in generating employment in the past four years", Harsh rued.

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Singh said the in fructuous policies of the NDA Government had led to poor economic growth, en-masse retrenchments and lay-offs except low-paid jobs in the informal sector and mainly contractual jobs in the organised sector.

Stressing on the heart-rending condition of the highly qualified plus two contractual lecturers which included majority of female candidates, he divulged that their relay hunger strike for regularization of services had completed one full year but none of the BJP Ministers had genuinely raked up their demands in the Assembly.

Rajesh Padgotra, Gagan Partap Singh, Parshotam Parihar, Romesh Khajuria also accompanied.

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