

## Dorjay reiterates Govt's commitment towards promotion, preservation of J&K's heritage

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Minister for Cooperatives and Ladakh Affairs, Chering Dorjay, today reiterated Government's determination towards promotion and preservation of cultural heritage of all three regions of the State. "Culture and traditions symbolize the identity of an area so we all must work collectively to preserve this uniqueness for the posterity", the Minister main-

harmony in creating a healthy and harmonious society. He asked the students to work hard for achieving their goals in life. During the colourful cultural programme, there was display of culture by a gamut of fresh talent that emphasized the need for communal harmony for future progress. President, SAOLJ raised some issues regarding establishment of examination centre at Jammu for various kinds of dis-



Minister for Cooperatives, Chering Dorjay lighting a lamp at Annual Day celebration of SAOLJ at Jammu.

tained. The Minister stated this while speaking at the Annual Day celebration of Student Association of Ladakh Jammu (SAOLJ).

The colourful function was organized in association with Friends of Ladakh and Centre for History & Culture of Jammu and Ladakh regions in which students displayed impressive dance and folk songs items based on culture and traditions of Ladakh region.

Member of Legislative Assembly, Leh, Nawang Rigzin Jora was the guest of honour on the occasion.

Dorjay said that such celebrations immensely help in preserving the rich cultural heritage of a particular region besides giving exposure to the talent of the students. Such functions are a perfect platform for showcasing and preserving our culture and traditions, he added.

The Minister highlighted the importance of unity and cultural

tract cadre recruitment processes. It was informed that this centrally located centre will cater to the need of students of Ladakh region studying outside State and are eligible for State Government jobs. He also demanded introduction of more courses in the degree colleges of Leh and Kargil so that the ambitions of the students of both the districts may not go through any obstacles who wish to pursue higher education in their respective home towns.

The Minister said that Government is taking innovative steps to improve the education facilities being provided to the students. He added that the focus is being laid on ensuring a more friendly and comfortable environment to the students so that they may be able to do their best in their academics and extracurricular activities.

The Minister assured the association that the issues raised by them will be addressed in a phased manner.

## Dynastic rulers responsible for present situation: Vakil

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Jammu Kashmir Bachao Tehreek chief and former minister Abdul Gani Vakil today voiced concern over the repeated escalation at borders and increased militant activities in the Kashmir valley.

In a press statement issued here, Vakil said the Government of India should resume dialogue process without further delay as it is the only option to restore peace in J&K. Vakil said that the killings won't solve any issue.

"How long will people get killed on both sides of Kashmir. Dialogue is the only way forward to solve all outstanding issues," he opined.

Vakil, however, showed surprise over the statements of National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah. He said Dr Farooq has become a "literal chameleon" who is changing his colours like anything just for the greed of power. "Dr Farooq is adding fuel to the fire by talking of war. The mess in Kashmir is because of these dynastic rulers.

This shows that they are not sincere in issues and they want only power by hook or crook," he added.

Vakil said the recent remarks of Farooq Abdullah that India would be left with no option but to wage war against Pakistan is something termed as war mongering and such statements coming from a person like him, whose family is responsible for the prevailing mess in Kashmir, because of their mis-governance and political deceptions from time to time.

"It is not the time of talk hate or war. It is the time to call for dialogue. Dr Farooq earlier said that India has nothing to do with Pakistani side of Kashmir. Now, he talks of waging war against Pakistan," Vakil added.

He advised Dr Abdullah to must talk of dialogue and not war. "These dynastic rulers are responsible for the present situation in Kashmir. They deceived people from time to time. Where has gone the plebiscite movement of Sheikh Abdullah," he said.

## Interaction with Sufiyana Maestro held

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 15: Radio Kashmir Srinagar and Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages (JKAACL) organized an interaction program with Sufiyana Maestro, Qawaal and noted instrumentalist at JKAACL headquarters in Lal Mandi here today.

A JKAACL spokesman said that the program was organized under the series NAAMWAR which is being organized from last more than two years and attended by noted artists, performers, writers and educationists.

"Ustad Mohammad Khaleel Bhat narrated his association with Sufiyana Musiqe, Chakri, Kashmiri Chalang, Ghazal Goyee and other forms of Kashmiri Singing for the last six decades. He presented some of his popular compositions in Kashmiri Qawaali to the best applause by the audience," he said.

He said Syed Himayoun Qaiser, Director Radio Kashmir, Srinagar described Ustad Mohammad Khaleel Bhat as a mile stone in Kashmiri Music, which has introduced certain new trends in Kashmiri Music," he said, adding, "Masood Abbas Balpuri also presented a paper on Life and works of Ustad Mohammad

Khaleel Bhat and Mr Rasheed Nizami conducted proceedings of the function and vote of thanks was presented by Satish Vimal.

He further added that the eminent personalities who were present on the occasion include Zaffar Muzaffar, Dr Neelofar Naz Nehvi, Dr. G.N. Haleem, Raja Bilal, Shafeeq Qureshi, Akhter Hussain, Dr. Syed Ifukhaar, Dr Gulzar Ahmad Rather, Jameel Ansari, Mohammad Iqbal Lone and others.

## Missing boy's body recovered

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Feb 15: The dead body of a missing boy was recovered from Nowshera area of district Rajouri today.

The deceased was identified as 11-year-old Mohd Irfan, son of Nazakat Ali, resident of Gagrote village. The boy had gone with cattle for grazing and he went missing three days ago. The parents were searching for him.

Today, his dead body was recovered lying under a large stone. It is believed that he had been taking shelter under boulder due to rain and a stone fell down and pressed him. A villager noticed the body today and informed family. Later, police party from Nowshera also arrived and shifted it to the hospital for post-mortem. The police has started inquest proceedings under 174 CrPc.

## Speaker inaugurates plastic surgery camp

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Speaker Legislative Assembly, Kavinder Gupta, today inaugurated free surgery camp at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

The camp was organized by the Rotary Club of Jammu City and Rotary Club Jalandhar Central in collaboration with Directorate of Health Services.

The camp would treat about fifty patients with different kinds of plastic surgeries including burn, cleft lips, plastic surgery and other malformations.

The Speaker appreciated the organizers for providing free treatment to patients from underprivileged sections of society. He asked them to conduct a Limb Replacement Camp in future in which amputees and other such patients will be treated free of cost.

Later, the Speaker went around the hospital and inspected various renovation works. He asked the Hospital Management to ensure cleanliness in and around the hospital premises.

Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Dr A.D.S Manhas, Deputy Director, Health Department Jammu, Dr Dimple Singh, world renowned Plastic Surgeon, Dr Sanjeev Uppal, President Rotary Club of Jammu City, Anil Swaraj, Project Chairman for the Camp, Adeep Mehta President Rotary Club of Jalandhar Central, Mukesh Goel and others were also present on the occasion.

## 10-year old girl raped

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Feb 15: A ten-year girl was allegedly raped by a man at Gran Morh, under the jurisdiction of Reasi Police Station, here last night.

Police has arrested the accused, who committed the heinous crime when the victim had come to the house of her relative in connection with a marriage function. The accused was identified as Kashmir Singh (45), son of Ram Singh of Gran Morh.

The matter was brought into the notice of Police by parents of the victim, who approached Police Station Reasi this morning and lodged a written complaint against the accused.

Police has registered a case under relevant sections and started further investigations after medical examination of the victim and arrest of the accused.

## AJKBEF's plea to Chairman

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: All India Jammu and Kashmir Bank Employees Federation (AIKBEF) in its meeting here, held under the chairmanship of its general secretary Chand Ji Bhat and president Haji Farooq Ahmed Bhat discussed the various issues for the welfare of the workman staff of the Bank.

The meeting said that the charter of demands was earlier submitted to Bank Management and their solution is yet awaited.

It however expressed the hope that the present chairman of the Bank has taken various measures for the welfare of the employees and recently he has issued a circular for the promotion of managers from Scale 1 to Scale five. The meeting expressed the hope that the Chairman will also give a due consideration to the charter of demands submitted by the Federation previously so that the workman staff of all cadres, don't get demoralized.

## BPEd, MPed students continue protest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: For the 11th consecutive day, the students of BPEd and MPed in Jammu University continued their protest for shifting the incumbent Director Physical Education, JU.

The protesting students today

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boycotted their classes and took out a protest rally from the Department to the University Main Gate where held a demonstration. The protesting students were raising slogans against the Director and Jammu university administration.

They also staged a dharna in front of the University gate. Pertinent to mention that these students are demanding shifting of the Director because of alleged misbehaviour by the latter with them.



MoS Education, Priya Sethi with party leaders at Nagrota on Thursday.

## Priya attacks NC, Cong for double standards

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Minister of State for Education, Tourism and Culture, Priya Sethi today attacked National Conference (NC) and Congress for double standards and said that both the parties are putting their vested interest over the national interest.

The Minister was speaking during a polling booth Sammelan at Nagrota near here today.

In the quest of gaining political mileage, NC and Congress are playing dirty politics over the blood of brave soldiers of the country the Minister maintained.

Priya said that BJP is a party of nationalists and every member of BJP will always put the national interest first and held the flag of the nation high till his last breath. The Minister criticized NC and Congress for playing a vote bank politics and said that BJP believed in equal development for all and nation building while all these parties only crave for power. "As a citizen of India, we are fortunate to have a Prime Minister like Narendra Modi who is taking the nation to a new era of development and becoming a world leader", the Minister affirmed.

While addressing the gathering, the Minister lauded the party workers for their dedicated efforts by working for the welfare of the

public at large.

The Minister asked all the party leaders at the booth level to work for the strengthening of organization at the core level and cover every single issue of the common masses by approaching them individually. She said that every BJP activist played a decisive role in building a strong foundation for the party.

The Minister said that the BJP has never compromised with the principles while working for the welfare of the society keeping agenda of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas" in mind.

A threadbare discussion was also held for strengthening and extending the party base in the Constituency. Enumerating various developmental works initiated in Nagrota Constituency, the Minister said that the present Government has taken several revolutionary measures for the welfare of masses in Nagrota by initiating prestigious projects like IIT, IIM, FCI, ZOO and many more.

The Minister also stressed on adding more female members to the party's organizational setup.

District president, Rural, Omi Khajuria, State Executive Member, Nand Kishore Sharma, Mandal president Nagrota, Hemraj Verma were present on the occasion.

## Students protest against Govt decision of taking over UIET

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Activists of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad along with the students of University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET) staged a protest outside the Raj Bhavan, here today.

They were protesting against the Government decision of taking over control of UIET from Jammu University. The protest was led by ABVP State Secretariat Deepak Gupta, Mahanagar Mantri Piyush Khajuria & Saksham Koushal, elected representative of UIET.

They raised slogans against the Government decision of taking over UIET.

The protesters told the media persons that students had taken admission in A+ grade Jammu University rather than the Cluster University, which has no grading and which was created only last year.

"We have already completed our first semester of their course of 4 years and now the University Administration and Government are saying us to move to GCET Janglote as per a notification issued by the Cabinet," they added and informed that they had already approached the Vice Chancellor, who purportedly said that he had nothing in his hands, and they also met with Prof. Amitabh Mattoo The Honorable Advisor to the Chief

We also discussed the matter with Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Advisor to the Chief Minister and he has assured the students that some solution would be evolved. They accused the Government of adopting dictatorial attitude and giving no consideration to genuine concern of the students.

The protesting students also met Principal Secretary to the Governor, Umang Narula who assured justice.



HSM activists protesting in Kathua on Thursday.

## HSM protests, demands CBI probe into murder case

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Feb 15: The Hindu Sanghthan Morcha (HSM) led by its president Capt (ret) Gian Singh Pathania demanded the CBI inquiry in Ashefa murder and abduction case.

Holding a demonstration here, today the Morcha criticized the State Government and Police for harassing and torturing the innocent persons. They also submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rohit Khajuria addressed to Chief Minister and demanded handing over of the case to CBI.

While addressing Capt. Gian Singh Pathania alleged that the Crime Branch is harassing the innocent persons and fair inquiry has not been initiated into the matter. He warned that if the Government fails to order fair inquiry, it will lead to serious consequences. He demanded to release the innocent persons and hand over the case to CBI for fair inquiry so that culprits may be punished.

## Body of girl recovered from Chenab

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, Feb 15: A body of the girl, who jumped into river Chenab on January 2 this year, has been recovered near Assar area of the district.

A video purportedly showing this girl jumping into the ice-cold Chenab river from a bridge had also gone viral on social media.

As per police sources, a 20-year-old college student suddenly climbed the railing of the crowded bridge here on January 2 and jumped into the river Chenab.

The shocked onlookers immediately raised an alarm. Some of them clicked some pictures and shoot a video of the girl floating on the river for nearly three minutes and then disappearing in the water.

The girl had been identified Rakshu Devi, daughter of Koushal Kumar, a resident of Rokali, tehsil Thathri. She was the final year stu-

dent of Government Degree College (GDC) Doda and was staying in a rented room in Doda town.

"After getting the information, a police party rushed to the spot and started searching for the girl with the help of rescuers and SDRF team", SSP Doda Mohammad Shabir said, adding that the body of the girl has been recovered today near Assar.

The body of the girl has been shifted to District Hospital Doda for autopsy, which will be conducted tomorrow.

A case under relevant Sections stands registered at Doda Police Station and investigation of the case is going on to ascertain the reason behind such an extreme step.

The video of the incident, which went viral, had drawn criticism from several people on social sites including Facebook and Whatsapp.

## BJP holds series of meetings with district, Mandal presidents Govt committed to address public issues on priority: DyCM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: On the directives of Party High Command to increase public interaction with ministers and seek the feedback from the party activists, Dy. Chief Minister, Dr. Nirmal Singh con-

Davinder Kumar Manyal, Jeevan Lal and Kuldeep Raj, State secretary Adv. Vijay Sharma and other senior leaders were also present in these meetings.

Issues related to Motor Vehicle Department like initiating of new bus service, due stoppage at some

ments so that public issues are promptly taken care of. He prompted party leaders to approach him for any industry related issue and also promote self employment generation among youth.

Priya Sethi stressed on the need to focus on the quality education among the children. She also focused on the initiatives taken for highlighting the tourism sector in the State.

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Dr. Narinder Singh conducted the proceedings of meetings. He said all the ministers will soon visit the various districts allotted to them for looking after various affairs on the ground level while taking effective measures to sort out the developmental issues.

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Deputy Chief Minister and other BJP Ministers during interactive meetings with party leaders at Jammu on Thursday.

ducted series of exhaustive meetings with the party district presidents, Mandal presidents, organizing secretaries and other BJP leaders from Kathua, Samba and Besholi districts to address the issues raised by activists and the public.

State BJP vice-president & district incharge, Parmod Kapahi, State general secretary, Dr. Narinder Singh, Minister for Industries and Commerce, Chander Prakash Ganga, Minister for Transport, Sunil Sharma, Minister of State for Education, Culture, Priya Sethi, MLAs Dr.

## Jandial takes stock of SIDCO working

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 15: Vice Chairman J&K SIDCO, Subash Jandial took stock of the working of SIDCO today and also to ascertain the progress of the works being executed by the Engineering Wing of the Estates Manager of the Industrial Estate Bari Brahmana, he took round of the industrial complex there.

During his tour Jandial chaired a meeting with the staff and union leaders to SIDCO at Industrial Estate Bari Brahmana.

During the site inspections he directed the Executive staff to accelerate the progress of the Centrally sponsored and other schemes which are under implementation so that the fruits of progress are transformed to the industrial unites in the Estate.

Jandial also sought report from the Estate Manager about the land, which was allotted to the sister Corporation and the same was transferred/ sold by them to the other agencies without taking SIDCO into confidence, thus violating the rules of the Corporation and accordingly, the matter is to be taken up with the concerned agencies.

He also instructed the staff to be vigilant to avoid encroachment of the Estate land.

places, effective provision of healthcare facilities, increasing pace of work for the construction of bunkers, matter of appropriate compensation to the border dwelling persons, ease of doing business in the Government departments, issue of shifting KV etc were raised. Ministers in a quick response, asked the concerned officers as well as issued written instructions to them to ensure immediate redressal of grievances.

Dr. Nirmal Singh asked the BJP activists to act as the eyes and ears of the party for the good governance. He stressed that the BJP stands for the welfare and the cause of the down-trodden and the neglected sections of the society. He said that the sole aim of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for direct interaction between ground leader and senior leaders so as to make sure that every public issue is addressed promptly.

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## Panthers Party demands Governor rule in State

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Feb 15: Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (NPP) today demanded the implementation of Governor rule in the State.

While addressing the media persons here, NPP State president, Balwant Singh Mankotia criticized the PDP-BJP coalition Government for its failure on all fronts. He said that the BJP has kneeed down before the PDP and Kashmiri centric poli-

cies are only implemented in the State.

The Stone pelters have been released from the Jail and given employment which was the share of Jammu youth. The militancy is on its peak and army jawans are martyred in various militant attacks. The BJP has no policy to curb the militancy in the State, he added.

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR LAND ACQUISITION (ACR) RAMBAN						
Notice under section 9, 9-A of the J&K State Land Acquisition Act (SVT) 1990						
No: 12/ACR of 2018.						
Notice is hereby given to all interested person that the Government of J&K intends to take possession of land measuring 766-01M at village Gam Tehsil & District Ramban for construction of Marog-Balithote-Adhwhah road as per particulars appended to this notice for which Notification No:- 39-Rev(LA) of 2018 dated 30-01-2018 has been issued by the Commissioner/Secretary to Government Revenue Department vide endorsement No: Rev(LA)/381/2017 dated 30-01-2018 under Section 6 and 7 of the Land Acquisition Act (SVT) 1990 for acquiring of land.						
Now, before taking over the possession of land and payment of compensation, all the interested persons are called upon to appear before the undersigned on 27-02-2018 at 11:00 AM at DC Complex Ramban and state the nature of their respective interests in the land, the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for such interests, and their objections (if any) to the quantum and measurement of land. It is required that all such claims and objections are made in writing.						
Executive Engineer, PMS&V Division Ramban (Indenting Department) is also hereby called upon to appear before the undersigned either in person or through his authorized representative on above said date, time and venue to put forth his objection, if any, to the measurement made and to the amount of the tentative compensation that may be assessed.						
It may be taken into notice by all that no claim or objection whatsoever will be entertained after above said date.						
APPENDIX: PARTICULARS OF LAND VILLAGE: GAM TEHSIL: RAMBAN DISTRICT: RAMBAN						
Item No.	Name of the Owners	Name of cultivator as per Kh. Girdwari	Name of possession holder on spot	Kh. No.	Area	
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01.	Sarkar	Sarkar	Maqbooz Sarkar	415	00	15
02.	Sarkar	Khast Prem Singh etc S/o Shb Ram Singh sakin deh qabiz najiz	Khast Prem Singh etc S/o Shb Ram Singh sakin deh qabiz najiz	419	00	17
03.	Sarkar	Khast Prem Singh etc S/o Shb Ram Singh sakin deh qabiz najiz	Khast Prem Singh etc S/o Shb Ram Singh sakin deh qabiz najiz	434	02	13
04.	Hari Lal etc Malkan as per Khevat No: 6	Khudkashit Amru hisadar	Khudkashit Amru hisadar	435	01	12
05.	Sarkar	Kashit Payar Singh S/o Amar Singh Thakar sakin deh qabiz najiz	Kashit Payar Singh S/o Amar Singh Thakar sakin deh qabiz najiz	444	00	16
06.	Sarkar	Kashit Karnail Singh S/o Hari Lal Thakar sakin deh qabiz najiz	Kashit Karnail Singh S/o Hari Lal Thakar sakin deh qabiz najiz	445	00	04
07.	Hari Lal etc as per Khevat No: 30	Khudkashit Hari Lal hisadar	Khudkashit Hari Lal hisadar	446	00	15
08.	Mangtu etc as per Khevat No: 23	Khudkashit Mangtu hisadar	Khudkashit Mangtu hisadar	520	00	17
09.	Mangtu etc as per Khevat No: 23	Khudkashit Prem Singh etc hisadaran	Khudkashit Prem Singh etc hisadaran	521	01	08
10.	Mangtu etc as per Khevat No: 23	Khudkashit Prem Singh etc hisadaran	Khudkashit Prem Singh etc hisadaran	530	00	18
11.	Sarkar	Maqbooz Sarkar	Maqbooz Sarkar	705	11	05
12.	Sarkar	Kashit Paramveer Singh, Dharamveer Singh, sons Smt. Shukantia Devi W/o Lt. Kohar Singh Thakar Junoo sakin deh qabiz najiz	Kashit Paramveer Singh, Dharamveer Singh, sons Smt. Shukantia Devi W/o Lt. Kohar Singh Thakar Junoo sakin deh qabiz najiz	725	00	06