

Engineers raise issues with FM

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 19: Civil and Mechanical Graduate engineers today met Minister for Finance Syed Altaf Ahmad Bukhari in Srinagar and raised various issues confronting the engineers.

The delegation hailed historic announcement of various reforms for engineering community in Budget - 2018 including approval of ACP (Assured Career Progression), removal of Pay Anomalies at different levels (especially at JE level) and enhancement of FTA (Fixed Travel Allowance).

The delegation requested the Minister for issuance of necessary SRO for ACP (Assured Career Progression) at par with doctors, removal of Pay Anomalies at all levels especially approval of 4260 - Grade Pay in favour of Junior Engineers as same is due from the year 2011 and enhancement of FTA for field engineers from mere Rs 30 to Rs 3,000 - 5,000

CP workers hold protest, project demands

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DODA, Mar 19: All J&K CP Workers PHE Association held protest here today.

The protesters were demanding regularization and release of their 8 months pending dues.

CP workers after submitting a memorandum to Executive Engineer PHE Division Doda held protest and said that despite performing round the clock duties in the most difficult circumstances, they are not being paid their dues, resulting in serious financial and social crisis for them.

They demanded that SRO 520 of Government according to which wages of the casual

Youth assaulted

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REASI, Mar 19: A Tata Mobile driver was brutally assaulted by two shopkeepers, who had hired his vehicles for ferrying goods from Jammu.

The victim, identified as Vikram, son of Mohan Singh of Chassana, was allegedly dragged out of his Tata Mobile JK20A-1728 and then attacked with a sharp edged weapon by the accused.

The incident took place late last night at IRP Chowk, near Sula Park and booth the accused, identified as Karnail Singh, son of Romal Singh of Mahikote and Angrez Singh, son of Kapoor Singh of Seote, Chassana, fled away leaving the victim in a pool of blood.

On being informed by the CRPF, a Police party from Reasi Police Station rushed to the spot and shifted the injured victim to hospital from where he was

3 arrested with Rs 25000 stake money

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Pouni Chak police arrested three gamblers along with Rs 25,000 stake money and playing cards.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Pouni Chak Police Post conducted raid and apprehended three gamblers along with Rs 25,000 stake money and playing cards.

The arrested persons have been identified as Arvind Singh, Hardeep Singh and Manjeet Singh, trio residents of Gole Gujaral.

All the arrested three persons have been booked under Section 13 Gambling Act by Pouni Chak Police.

Police team led by Incharge Pouni Chak Police Post SI Arun Slathia made the arrest under the supervision of SHO Domana Inspector Sumeet Sharma, SDPO Domana Sanjay Gupta and SP Rural Shivdeep Singh Jamwal.

Court convicts Lalu in 4th case

RANCHI, Mar 19:

Former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad was today convicted by a special CBI court in the fourth case of multi-crore fodder scam related to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 3.13 crore from Dumka treasury in 1990s.

Judge Shiv Pal Singh acquitted former Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra in the same case.

The case RC 38A/96 pertains to illegal withdrawal of money from Dumka treasury.

The quantum of punishment in the case would be pronounced later.

The RJD chief has been convicted in four cases of fodder scam so far. (PTI)

DC chairs DAC meet on PC&PNDT Act

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Deputy Commissioner Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, also Chairman District Advisory Committee PC&PNDT (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, convened a meeting to review the implementation of pre-conception & pre-natal sex selection/determination, here today.

During the meeting the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed account of five ultrasound centres. Out of which Sharma Ultrasound Centre, Swastik Ultrasound Centre, KCV Diagnostic Clinic, Triveni Nursing Home were approved for fresh registration/renewal whereas Tirath Ram Satya Devi Charitable Trust was rejected due to installation of portable ultrasound machine which is banned by Govt. of India.

PEEU employees hold meeting with PDD Secy

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JAMMU, Mar 19: A delegation of Provincial Electric Employees Union (PEEU) held a meeting with Commissioner Secretary, PDD, Harsh Kumar here, today regarding various demands of the power employees.

The meeting among others was attended by Additional Secretary, PDD, Director Finance PDD, Deputy Secretary PDD, Director TCI & Planning and all chief engineers of the Department. The Union in the meeting was represented by P C Sharma its president, Ajit Singh, Bishan Singh, Darshan Singh Verma, Pawan Kumar, Ashwani Kumar and Bakshi.

A threadbare discussion was held on the demands of the employees and the action taken report was discussed point wise in the meeting. The main thrust of the Union representatives was creation of promotion avenues for all PDD employees from daily wagers to technician

referred to GMC Hospital in view of his critical condition. Acting swiftly, SHO Reasi, Inspector Shalinder Paul Singh raided suspected hideouts and arrested both the accused besides registering a case FIR number 60/2018, under Section 34, 323 and 4/24 A of RPC at the Police Station.

According to Police, victim and accused were known to each other and the trio had jointly consumed liquor before the incident. After some verbal dual, both the accused assaulted the victim, Police added.

Bovines smuggling bid foiled

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Miran Sahib police foiled bovines smuggling bid by rescuing two cattle.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Miran Sahib Police Station laid a naka at Kullian and intercepted a Mahindra Pick Up vehicle.

During checking, police rescued two bovine animals from the vehicle, while the accused driver managed to escape from the spot.

A case under FIR Number 43/18 has been registered at Miran Sahib Police Station and investigation started.

Thieves decamp with gold item

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RAMBAN, Mar 19: Thieves decamped with gold item of an idol from a temple near Rani Park area, falling under the jurisdiction of Batote Police Station.

As per police sources, some thieves barged into a temple near Rani Park and decamped with gold item (nath) of an idol. However, thieves also made a vain attempt to loot 4 shops.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Batote Police Station and hunt has been launched to nab the thieves.

Congregation held

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JAMMU, Mar 19: The bi-annual congregation of Badyal Biradari was celebrated with religious fervor at Devsthan Sunjuwan.

A large number of Biradari members along with their families participated in this religious function and sought the blessings of the Daati Maa. The function started with Havan and Puran Ahuti and thereafter Bhandara was served to the devotees.

The function was organized by Som Dutt Badyal and Srinivas Badyal, president and general secretary, respectively of the management Committee of the Biradari.

During the meeting, the DC directed the committee to create awareness among people regarding the Act through talk shows, Nukkad natak, workshops, promotion of issues related to Beti Bachao Beti Padhao alongwith emphasis on reward of Rs 50,000 to persons informing about occurrence of sex determination/female foeticide.

He asked for maintaining records of medical termination of pregnancy and MTP pills to avoid misuse of the same and thereby strengthening the Act.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sanjay Turki, Sr Consultant Dr Atula Gupta, Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Dr A D S Manhas and consultant Paediatrician Pankaj Gupta.

The Union demanded retrospective effect to the already regularized daily wagers regularized onwards 1996-99 in terms of SRO 64 of 1999, amendment in PDD service recruitment rules 331 of 1981, releasing of technical grade to all ITI equivalent to ITI and in terms of SRO 149 of 1975, classification regarding implementation of SRO 59, diploma courses for in service employees on government expenses, opening of new EM&RE Division with Headquarter at Basholi, regularization of daily wagers engaged after 1994 by amending SRO64 of 1994, amendment in PDD employees welfare scheme, allotment of proper designation to technical staff and payment of wages to 3405 need base workers.

The authorities agreed to consider the demands and Chief Engineer, M&RE Wing, Jammu was asked to issue speaking orders to address the issues once for all.

During the drives, 4442 vehicles were challaned and 140 vehicles have been seized in the first fortnight of this month, spokesman added. He informed that out of the total 4442 vehicles, 435 vehicles were booked against overloading, 751 vehicles against not wearing of crash helmets, 522 vehicles against not wearing of seats belts, 501 vehicles against without driving license, 26 vehicles against use of mobile phone while driving, 128 vehicles against over speeding, 135 vehicles against use of pressure horns, 134 against commercial vehicles fitted with tape recorders etc.

4442 vehicles challaned, 140 seized

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Traffic Police Rural Jammu challaned 4442 vehicles and seized 140 vehicles in the first fortnight of this month.

As per police spokesman, special drives were conducted by Traffic Police Rural Jammu under the supervision of Shaheen Wahid, Superintendent of Police, Traffic Rural Jammu against violation of traffic rules to ensure strict enforcement.

Mendhar College students protest against Pakistan

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Mar 19: The students of Degree College, Mendhar today held strong protest demonstration against Pakistan for targeting civilians, killing five persons and causing injuries to seven others on Sunday.

The students of the college boycotted their classes and came out on the road at Mendhar at around 1 pm and then moved towards main Bazaar in the shape of a rally. They shouted slogans against Pakistan and demanded that both the Governments should try to restore peace on borders. They condemned the civilian killings and urged upon the Central Government to take up issue with the Pakistan.

The movement of vehicles was disrupted for about an hour with the protest of the students. The senior officers including Addl DC, Poonch Basharat Ahmed and SDPO, Riaz Tantray intervened and then the protesting students cleared the road and allowed movement of traffic.

Woman succumbs to burn injuries

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JAMMU, Mar 19: A woman today succumbed to her burn injuries here at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH).

According to a police official, the woman identified as Neelam (23) wife of Ishar Singh, a resident of Katra, was shifted here at GMCH on March 9 after she suffered about 50% burn injuries in a fire incident.

However, the woman succumbed to her injuries today at about 9 AM. After completing all medico-legal formalities, the body of the deceased was handed over to her legal heirs for last rites.

The concerned police had taken cognizance of the matter.

Middle aged man ends life

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Mar 19: A middle aged man committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at his residence in village Palnoo, tehsil Majajla of Udhampur district.

The deceased was identified as Mohan Lal (55), son of Gulabu Ram. He consumed some poisonous substance at his residence this morning. The family members noticed him in serious condition and vomiting. They rushed him to Primary Health Center (PHC) Majajla where doctors referred him to DH Udhampur. However, he died on the way to hospital.

Old man killed in road mishap

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JAMMU, Mar 19: An old man was killed today in a road mishap in Digiana area of city outskirts.

According to a police official, a pedestrian identified as Waryam Singh (85) son of Nand Lal, resident of House No 755, Digiana, received serious injuries this morning when a speeding scooter bearing registration number JK02BL-5473 hit him at Digiana.

With serious injuries the man was immediately rushed to Military Hospital, Sattari, where he succumbed to his injuries, the official said, adding, his body was shifted to mortuary room of Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for postmortem.

In this connection, a case has been registered at police station Gangyal and investigations started while efforts were on to nab the accused scooter driver, who managed to flee from the spot of crime along with his two-wheeler.

CBEC to verify GST credit claims

NEW DELHI, Mar 19:

In order to check "frivolous and fraudulent" tax credit claims by businesses, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has decided to verify demands of top 50,000 tax payers claiming maximum GST transitional credit, starting with those where the quantum exceeds Rs 25 lakh.

The verification of "unreasonable" transitional credit claims would be conducted in four phases, a source said, adding that credit verification will remain one of the focus areas in 2018-19.

As part of transition to GST last July, taxpayers were allowed to file Form TRAN-1 and avail tax credit on the basis of closing balance of the credit declared in the last return under the pre-Goods and Services Tax regime.

In order to check "frivolous and fraudulent" transitional credit claims, the CBEC has shared with field offices the list of 50,000 taxpayers whose claims would be further scrutinised.

It is suspected that some of these businesses might have

obtained a registration under the GST only to claim transitional credit benefits, the source added.

In the first phase, the tax officers will verify transitional credit claims where the growth is more than 25 per cent or the credit availed is in excess of Rs 25 lakh. This verification is to be completed by June and a status report has to be given to the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) by July 10.

One-third of the remaining claims of 50,000 taxpayers will be verified in three phases — July-September, October-December and January-March (2019).

Taxpayers who have claimed transitional tax credit of more than Rs 25 lakh and have reported 25 per cent increase in such claims are also likely to be asked to submit a detailed statement of purchases during October 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the source said.

According to revenue department data, as much as Rs 65,000 crore of transitional input tax credit was claimed by businesses as on September 2017.

Concerned over large claims for which there was no

"bona-fide explanation", the revenue department had asked taxpayers to revise their claim forms by December 27, 2017, or face enforcement action.

Worried over huge claims, the CBEC conducted a "preliminary scrutiny" following which it has now decided to further verify the "correctness of the transitional credit in a more focused and concerted manner", the source said.

However, in a communication to the field formation, the CBEC said that efforts should be made on the basis of data already available with the department without contacting the taxpayer.

It further said wherever contact with taxpayers is absolutely essential, it should be done with due caution.

"Summon should be issued only where the taxpayer is not sharing information even after repeated requests and lapse of an unreasonable period of time," it said.

AMRG & Associated Partner Rajat Mohan said the move comes amid disappointing tax collections.

"A detailed verification of transitional credit for pre-decided 50,000 GSTIN on all India basis comes as a no surprise. Credit verification would be a focus area in the new financial year, and big data analytics would be of great aid," Mohan said.

As per a finance ministry reply to the Lok Sabha, GST mop up was Rs 93,590 crore in July, Rs 93,029 crore in August, Rs 95,132 crore in September and Rs 85,931 crore in October.

The collections in November stood at Rs 83,716 crore, December (Rs 88,929 crore) and January (Rs 88,047 crore). (PTI)

2 missing boys traced by police

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SRINAGAR, Mar 19: Police today claimed to have traced the two boys who were missing since Mar 17 from Tangmarg area of Baramulla district.

A Police spokesman said that one Farooq Ahmad Qureshi, a resident of Mahayan Tangmarg reported in Police Station Tangmarg that his 18 year old son, Khaleel Ahmad Qureshi and his nephew, Tariq Ahmad Fanda, a resident of Kandi Nowgam Baramulla have gone missing from Mahayan Tangmarg on Mar 17.

He said a missing report was entered in daily diary of the Police Station and search to trace out the missing duo was started.

"After hectic efforts, both the boys were traced out today from Magam area and were handed over to their parents," he said.

Police launches drive against traffic violators

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 19: On the directions of SSP Anantnag, Altaf Ahmad Khan, Police Post Sangam today launched a drive against traffic violators and seized and challaned 19 vehicles in Anantnag district.

A Police spokesman said that during the drive, 12 two wheelers and 2 light motor vehicles were seized and 5 others were challaned under Motor vehicle Acts.

"Anantnag police has enjoined upon all the transporters and commuters to strictly follow the traffic rules and sought public cooperation in adherence of traffic rules for smooth regulation of traffic in Anantnag," he said.

Ghagwal Police rescues 19 bovine animals

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 19: Ghagwal Police foiled a bovine smuggling bid and rescued 19 bovines at Tappal naka early this morning.

A police party of Police Station Ghagwal headed by Inspector, Amit Andotra, SHO Ghagwal under the close supervision of Deepak Digra, Dy.SP Hqrs Samba, during naka checking at NHW Tappal signalled a truck bearing Registration Number JK02AH-6881 coming from Kathua side to stop. On seeing the police party, driver instead of stopping accelerated the speed of the vehicle and when police chased it he abandoned the vehicle near NHW Jatwal and fled away from the spot.

During the checking of the vehicle, 19 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were being transported without any permission. All the bovines were rescued and vehicle seized on spot. In this regard, a case FIR No. 50/2018 under Section 188/RPC, 2/3 PCA Act, 177/184 MV Act has been registered.

Army organizes CPD week

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 19: Army organized "Children Personality Development Week" in order to promote sports and cultural activities in Tangmarg area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

An Army spokesman said that on March 17, "Inter School Cultural Competition" was conducted in this connection.

He said a total of 200 students and 45 teachers from various schools including Rahatgarh participated in the cultural extravaganza. "The students competed in group song, group dance, solo song and skit events.

Speaking on the occasion GOC appreciated the participants and teachers for a wonderful program. He also extended his appreciation to Ziran Army Camp for organizing such an event and giving the students of Tangmarg an opportunity to showcase their talents.

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Punjab Cabinet clears decks for CM, ministers to pay own I-T

CHANDIGARH, Mar 19:

The Punjab Cabinet has cleared amendments to two legislations to allow Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and his ministerial colleagues to pay income tax on their salaries themselves, beginning March 2018.

At present, payment of income tax of the Chief Minister and his ministerial colleagues is done from the State exchequer.

The draft amendment bills for relevant changes to The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947 and The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab Act, 1956 will be presented in the Budget Session of the Assembly, beginning tomorrow.

Being in the rank of Cabinet Minister, the Leader of Opposition will also come under the ambit of the new legislation.

Disclosing this here, a spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office said that the Cabinet decided to omit section 2-C of The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947 and section 7-A of The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab Act, 1956, to facilitate the change.

The Cabinet had on February 15 passed a unanimous resolution to make this change, which would help generate "considerable savings" in the State exchequer, he said.

The income tax being paid by the Punjab Government on this account stands at Rs 11.08 crore, of which the bulk of Rs 10.72 crore is for payment of income tax of MLAs. (PTI)

Army organizes drawing competition

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 19: Army organized a drawing competition for students at Fakir Gujri here today.

An Army spokesman said that in continuation of the persistent efforts to maintain a connection with the AWAAM by engaging the youngsters in creative activities, Army at Chak-i-Dara conducted a drawing competition for school children at Fakir Gujri.

He said the children took part in the activity with zeal and enthusiasm and came up with some splendid drawings. "The best paintings were selected and awarded. The children thanked the army for its encouragement and for providing a platform for them to display their skills," he said.

PRESS NOTICE CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-Tenders

The Executive Engineer, Border Fencing Division, C.P.W.D. near Ftr. SO's mess, BSF campus, Paloura, Jammu invites on behalf of the President of India online Percentage rate bids from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work:-
NIT No:- 08/EE/BFD/Jammu/2017-18
Name of Work :- C/O Border Security Fencing in Original, washed away and Revereine gaps along Indo-Pak Border in Jammu Sector. SH: OP Chenab (BP-514) to Pital (BP-1081) & SP-II (BP-80) to Nursery (BP-51) (Package-2).
SH: Providing services of Manpower in form of computer operator, MLD, MTS etc in the office of ADG Border, MHA & CE BFZ at New Delhi.
Estimated Cost :- Rs. 15,29,292/-
Earnest Money:- Rs.30,586/-
Period of Completion:- 6 Months.
Last time & date of Submission of bid 11:00 AM, dated 27-03-2018.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD.
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Office of the Municipal Committee, Katra
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Sealed offers bids affixed with revenue stamps worth Rs.10/- on the prescribed application form are invited from eligible individuals/firms interested persons of collecting Parking Fee from the vehicles which shall park opposite Municipal Committee Office only prescribed area by MC Katra at counter No:- 2 Katra from the period commencing from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019 as per approved schedule sanctioned rates indicated in the Annexure-I, in the Terms and Conditions enumerated in the Tender Document.

S. No.	Name of the Contract	Description of Business	Minimum Reserve Bid of the Contract (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1.	Parking Fee at counter No:- 2 Katra	Collection of parking Fee	10,00,000/=	100,000/=

The Tender Forms along with detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Committee, Katra during the working hours on cash payment of Rs.1000/- for each w.e.f 14.03.2018 to 27.3.2018 up to 4 PM.

The eligible intending person/Firms can offer his/their Bid on the prescribed form but not less than the minimum official Bid indicated herein above against the Contract.

The tender should be completed in all respects including the Earnest Money of amount shown against the contract in the shape of F.D, R.C, D.R from Bank pledged to the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Katra should reach the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Katra on or before 28.03.2018 up to 2 P.M IST through Speed Post/Registered Post/Reputed Courier Service. The financial bids shall be opened on the same day or any other subsequent day fixed by the Worthy Director Urban Local Bodies Jammu in presence of Committee constituted by the DLB.

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