



People of Dudu Sub Division taking out protest march at Latti town on Tuesday.

## Bandh, protest in Latti against shifting of SDM

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Mar 27: A complete bandh was observed in Latti town of Dudu Sub Division in district Udhampur while people held protest demonstration against the premature transfer of SDM, Baseer ul-Haq.

The people from Latti town and adjoining villages including Jakhed, Sira, Chappar, Panchound etc assembled in the town at around 12 noon today and held protest demonstration against Administration. Beopar Mandal Latti closed the entire market and joined protest demonstration under the leadership of LDC chairman Kasturi Lal Gupta, Ex-Sarpanch Latti Akhtar Hussain and Ex-Sarpanch Chappar, Ms Beant Gupta. Entire market remained closed during the day.

The people raised slogans

against Govt and demanded that order be revoked. Gupta said that for long Dudu remained without SDM as additional charge was given to SDM Basantgarh. Later, Dr Tahir Firdous was placed as SDM Dudu but he was also shifted just after three months. Now, after long time a young and dedicated IAS officer Baseer-ul-Haq was placed as SDM but unfortunately he too, was lifted just after 5 months, keeping post unattended. The officer was performing very well and covering entire division on foot and taking keen interest in public issues and implementing Govt schemes. He termed this move as conspiracy against remote Dudu Sub Division and warned an agitation.

The Latti Development Committee sought intervention of Chief Minister and Chief Secretary into the matter.

## HC partly allows petition challenging FIR in Shopian case

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 27: High Court today partly allowed the petition challenging the FIR lodged against the petitioners in much publicized 2009 alleged rape and murder case of two women in Shopian.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar while disposing of the petition said that this court have no hesitation to hold that putting the petitioners to trial for the commission of offences under Sections 167, 193 and 194 RPC read with Section 120-B RPC would be a sheer abuse of the process of law as the evidence collected in the challan even if accepted in its entirety as the gospel truth, would not make out a case of commission of offences.

With these observations Court partly allowed the petition and ordered that the challan against the petitioners, insofar as it pertains to the commission of offences under Section 193, 194 and 167 RPC read with Section 120-B RPC, is quashed. However, court said, the challan would proceed as against the petitioners for offence under Section 195-A RPC.

"It is, however, made clear that the petitioners would be at liberty to raise all contentions and arguments available to them at the time of framing of the charge and nothing said hereinabove would be taken as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case, insofar as, the charge-sheet against the petitioners for commission of offences under Section 195-A RPC is concerned", reads the judgment.

Court further added that it finds sufficient evidence available in the challan to prima facie indicate the involvement of the petitioners along with others for commission of offences under Section 195-A RPC.

The counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the evidence collected by the investigating agency in the shape of statements as recorded under Section 164-A CrPC before Judicial Magistrate is untrustworthy. Court said these submissions are inadmissible

in law cannot be accepted at this stage for the simple reason that the truthfulness, veracity or even the admissibility of a particular piece of evidence cannot be gone into these proceedings being a subject matter of trial. However, court made it clear, that nothing prevents the petitioners to raise all these contentions before the trial Court, when the matter comes up for framing of the charge.

Court added that there is sufficient evidence against the petitioners that they along with others threatened and induced Ghulam Mohiuddin Lone and Abdul Rashid Pampori to give false evidence, first before the Jan Commission and then before the CJM Shopian when their statements under Section 164-A CrPC were got recorded by the Police Station, Shopian to implicate the personnel of police/security so as to procure their conviction of capital offence. The ingredients of Section 195-A RPC are, therefore, met.

"The evidence collected by the respondents when examined in the light of the provisions of Section 195-A RPC, this Court has no doubt in mind that the respondents have collected sufficient evidence against the petitioners which prima facie show the involvement of the petitioners in threatening and inducing the witnesses to create false evidence to implicate the security personnel in the commission of offences", court said.

"The investigation, however, reveals that petitioners came into action only after the two post-mortems had already been conducted on the deceased ladies confirming the commission of offences of rape and murder", court said.

There is not an iota of evidence, reads the judgment, in the challan from where it could be even inferred that there was some meeting of mind or prior concert which could be termed as conspiracy between the accused doctors who falsified the record and fabricated the evidence and the petitioners who made the two witnesses to depose falsely.

## VDPC delegation calls on Kohli

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: A delegation of Vetasta Devasthan Prabandak Committee, (VDPC) Verinag led by Ashok Ji Koul called on Minister of Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries, Abdul Gani Kohli here, today and objected construction of fish farm near ancient Hindu Shrine Mata Vetasta which is commonly known as Vyeth Vathur at Khagund Verinag in Kashmir valley.

The delegation said that construction of such projects at a holy shrine will not only erode the sanctity of the religious place but will also hurt the religious sentiments of the devotees and members of Pandit community.

Moreover the land being used for the farm also belongs to the shrine which too has been encroached by the department without the consent and information of the Committee managing the shrine.

The delegation said that the matter was brought in the notice of Director Fisheries as well as Joint Director but they did not pay any

heed to it which has generated a resentment among the Committee members. Termining the issue very serious the delegation sought immediate intervention of the Minister and he was urged to pass the directions to concerned authorities to stop the ongoing construction of the fish farm without further delay and shift the proposed farm away from the religious shrine to some other place so that the religious sentiments of the devotees are protected.

In this connection the Minister issued on spot directives to Director Fisheries urging him to stop the work on the fish farm and it should be shifted to other place so that the sanctity of the shrine is maintained and sentiments of devotees are not hurt. The Minister said that it is the responsibility of the Government to protect the religious places of Hindus in Valley, he added.

The other members of the delegation were Badri Nath Tickoo, Omkar Nath Pandita, B K Bhat, Maharaj Krishan Koul and R K Bhat general secretary of the Committee.

## Director FTII Pune inaugurates Digital Film Production course

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 27: A month-long Foundation Course in Digital Film Production jointly organized by Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune and Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J&K commenced here today.

"This unique course is aimed at equipping the media professionals from J&K with advanced filmmaking skills," said Director, FTII, Pune, Bhupendra Kainthola while inaugurating the course.

He said FTII's professional association with DIPR-JK has just begun and it would continue in future to expose media professionals from the State to the advanced technologies and skills in different areas of film production and to enable them meet the job market challenges.

Kainthola said the spirit behind conducting courses in different cities is to groom film makers and acquaint them with story-telling and latest film production techniques.

He said under the initiative of Skilling India in Film and Television (SKIFT), FTII has already trained around 2600 youth in 19 cities in different courses like digital editing, cinematography, direction, action, script writing and acting.

"This is a maiden one month long Foundation Course in Digital Film Production to be taught anywhere in the country. The journey has begun and we will keep coming here as long as State Government keeps us encouraging for conducting different courses for the local youth," he said while referring

to the course which commenced at Srinagar today.

Overwhelmed by the enthusiasm shown by JK's media students to the FTII initiative, Kainthola announced that FTII Pune will shortly organize a crash course for 15 media students from J&K in Digital Film Editing at FTII campus in Pune. Speaking on the occasion, Director Information & Public Relations, Muneer-ul-Islam said DIPR will always facilitate the exposure and means of honing skills in any form of media for aspiring journalism and media professionals from the State.

Muneer-ul-Islam said the Chief Minister is very keen to encourage the budding film makers of State and is very glad to know about FTII initiative for JK youth. "The Chief Minister has even promised to provide scholarship to the students who can secure admission at FTII Pune," he said.

Jayshree Kanal, Course Director said that participants will be taught storytelling techniques, visual grammar, acting and other genres in the month long course.

She hoped that it will be a wonderful learning experience for trainees and a five minute product is expected from each of them.

Sandeep Shahare from FTII faculty gave a brief resume of the Foundation Course. The inaugural function was attended by Joint Director Kashmir Zahoor Ahmed Mir, Deputy Director Information (PR) Headquarters, Sheikh Zahoor, Administrative Officer Munnawar Khawaja, Field Publicity Officer Muhammad Aslam Khan and other officials of DIPR.

## JU celebrates World Theatre Day by staging 'Toba Tek Singh'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu today celebrated World Theatre Day with the performance of Sadat Hasan Manto's play 'Toba Tek Singh', dramatized by Dr Atamjeet.

Based on Saadat Hasan Manto's celebrated short story, Toba Tek Singh, which is a poignant saga of partition, the play was performed as a drama with soulful and emotional music, fascinating set, lights and costumes that observed the madness of partition through the eyes of several madmen and laid its bare agony through humour, tragedy and silly antics of the lunatics.

The play was performed by students of Cultural Council, University of Jammu, under the

direction of Ifra Kak. The play was brought to life after a thorough training of twenty days. Basant Rath, JGP Traffic J&K, was chief guest on the occasion. Prof Sanaam Kour, Dean Students Welfare, presented the welcome address and also informed about the cultural vision of the department.

The story of the play goes like this, few years after the partition of India, the Governments of India and Pakistan come to the realization that, as has happened with the rest of their population, the lunatics in their asylums must also be exchanged. Muslim lunatics in India are to be sent to Pakistan while Hindu and Sikh lunatics in Pakistan will be sent to India. In an asylum in Lahore, a Sikh lunatic whom everyone calls, "Toba Tek Singh", refuses to go.

The students who acted in the play, included Pallvi Kunwer, Avinash Lakhnotra, Diksha Andotra, Namrata Chib, Ramneet Kour, Manreet Kour, Neha Rana, Rajat Salgotra, Puneet Kaur and Hemant Magotra. Lights were executed by Ravinder Sharma, set was designed by Sanam Sudan and Music was rendered by Anuroop Pathania.

## Extraordinary powers of courts for public interest, not individuals: HC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 27: High Court today held that extraordinary power of the courts is to be exercised for the promotion of public confidence of larger public interest and not just for grant of relief in individual cases.

"Any interference by this court, at this stage, would only spin out the trial inordinately. Even otherwise, the impugned orders do not warrant interference by exercise of extraordinary or supervisory jurisdiction of this court, for neither the decision making process of the courts below suffers from any bias nor do the impugned orders cause any miscarriage of justice or otherwise suffer from any error of law", reads the order of Justice M K Hanjura.

Justice Hanjura ordered this on a petition in which the orders of court of Munsiff, Kulgam, (Order dated 18.04.2015) allowing the application for amendment of the plaint, and the order passed by the court of the Sub Judge, Principal District Kulgam, on an appeal preferred by respondents against the judgement and decree, passed by the court of Sub Judge, Kulgam, were challenged.

Justice Hajura after perusal of the orders of trial courts said it does not call for any interference and added, that the powers, vested in this court under Section 104 of the Constitution of J&K, are neither substitution to the revisional nor appellate power, inasmuch as the orders impugned, court said, are neither perverse nor have occasioned serious miscarriage of justice.

Underscoring the Article 227, Court said it can be invoked by the High Court suo motu as a cus-

todian of justice and an improper and a frequent exercise of this power will be counterproductive and will divest this extraordinary power of its strength and vitality. "The power is discretionary and has to be exercised very sparingly on equitable principle. This reserve and exceptional power of judicial intervention is not to be exercised just for grant of relief in individual cases but should be directed for promotion of public confidence in the administration in the larger public interest whereas Article 226 is meant for protection of individual grievances", reads the judgment.

Court further added that the object of the superintendence under Article 227, both administrative and judicial, is to maintain the efficiency, smooth and orderly functioning of the entire machinery of the justice in such a way as it does not bring it into any disrepute.

The basic facts, out of the instant petition, are that the respondents filed a Civil Suit in the court of the Sub Judge, Kulgam, for declaring them as the owners of the land measuring 9 Kanals and one Marla, comprising Survey No. 97, situated at Village Udoora, Kulgam.

The petitioners maintain that the District Judge has travelled beyond the limits of his jurisdiction and has, thereby, committed a serious jurisdictional error by holding that the Shariat Act of 2007 does not bar institution of a suit on the basis of custom. The petitioners have also stated that the Trial Court, while allowing the application seeking amendment, has committed the jurisdictional error as the displacement of the admission cannot be permitted by seeking amendment.

## Two days lecture on 'Unbundling Leadership Potential' concludes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Two days guest lecture on "Unbundling Leadership Potential" organised by Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) at Police Auditorium, Gulshan



VK Singh, Special DGP (Hqrs) PHQ presenting a portrait to Prof Ramnath Narayanswamy from IIM Bangalore on the concluding day of guest lecture at Jammu on Tuesday.

Ground concluded here today. In the lecture there was large participation of Business School students, KAS probationers and large number of senior police officers.

While proceeding today's lecture the guest speaker Prof Ramnath Narayanswamy from

IIM Bangalore, said that one need to ask himself what he has to do in his life? Prof Ramnath speaking on the subject of management said that one should live life like a lotus, while one foot is in the mud the other foot must be outside. Giving the examples from the characters of Mahabharata he said that life is a journey of learning, you should strive to see your potential is realized.

VK Singh, Special DGP (Hqrs) PHQ while referring to the life of Shri Arunachalam Muruganantham said that one need to understand the power of thinking creatively and using minimum resources to create utilities for the public. Singh said that two days lecture by Prof Ramnath Narayanswamy was full of excitement.

In the end, Sameer Rekhi AIG Policy and Training PHQ presented the vote of thanks.

## Natrang celebrates World Theatre Day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Natrang celebrated World Theatre Day at Natrang Studio Theatre with a seminar entitled 'Theatre Today' which featured a presentation by Padamshree Balwant Thakur covering the status of theatre in the world.

At the very outset Balwant Thakur gave a brief about the significance and the history of the celebrations of World Theatre Day. He informed that World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) UNESCO, Paris.

"In Jammu, Natrang started these celebrations in the year 1985 with a seminar at Abhinav Theatre entitled 'What is to be done' and celebrates this day every year since then and at majority of occasion it presented its highly celebrated plays of the year", he added.

Termining Theatre as the only tool of shaping civilized societies, Balwant Thakur stressed on the need of introducing this magnifi-

cent art in all the educational institutions. "In the developed world, theatre has acquired position and is considered as one of the most sought-after activity of community participation and intellectual development", he added.

Balwant further said that for Jammu, the celebration this year has acquired greater importance as this year Theatre Olympics are also being held in Jammu. He said that the dedicated efforts of Jammu theatre artists have taken the theatre art of this place to the global heights. "Today Jammu is being considered as one of the major theatre centre of India and all has been possible because of the earnest efforts of the dedicated theatre artists", he added.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Neeraj Kant, Subash Jamwal and Rahul Singh.

## Court awards life imprisonment after 25 years trial

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Vinod Chatterji Koul today decided an oldest murder case and awarded life imprisonment to the accused Abdul Rashid, son of Sain Mohd of Jammu.

The case was registered at Police Station Satwari on February 9, 1993. After hearing Public Prosecutor Rakesh Kumar Badyal for the State whereas Advocate B L Chatha for the accused, the court observed, "Section 302 RPC is sentence of death or life imprisonment and fine. As the case does not fall within the category of rarest of rare case, life imprisonment would be appropriate sentence".

Accordingly, life imprisonment was awarded to the accused.

## Don't take coercive steps against docs for private practice: HC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 27: High Court today directed that no coercive steps be taken against the doctors for their private practice.

Issuing notice to Government in a writ petition filed by Professor Shaukat Jeelani and other doctors for filing of objections, Justice MK Hanjura ordered that no coercive step shall be taken against the petitioners.

"Till next date of hearing and subject to objections from the other side (Government), ...no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners in terms of the order bearing No. 43-HME of 2013 dated 17th of January, 2013, Circular No. 2-HME of 2016 dated 13th of June, 2016 and Circular No. PS/MC/17/1555-59 dated 19th of January, 2018," HC said.

In its petition Dr Jeelani and his colleagues challenge the circular and order regarding ban on private practice by HOD in Medical Education and Court after hearing Z A Shah Senior Advocate for the petitioners observed that petitioners raise a debatable question, which needs investigation and decision in the

hands of this court, therefore, it shall be appropriate to admit this petition for hearing and seek response from the respondents.

During the course of hearing advocate Shah submitted that in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Doctors (Relaxation of Restriction on Private Practice) Rules, 1998, a Professor can indulge in 'private practice' and, if he/she decides to hold his/her clinic in the Nursing Home, his/her fee is fixed by the Government.

The petitioners state that all of them are Professors and, on the face of such a position, they are entitled to 'private practice'. They have proceeded to state that the Government has to specify a post for the purpose of banning 'private practice'. The post of 'Professor' is not mentioned in the impugned order or in the Rules of 1998.

The petitioners reiterate that since the Head of the Department, is not a post like that of Principal and others, the impugned order/circulars as such is without jurisdiction as the Rules authorize the Government to ban practice of a doctor who is holding a particular post.

## AM Hyundai inaugurates free car care clinic

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: A 10-day free car care clinic was launched by AM Hyundai, Jammu in association with Hyundai Motors India Limited.

The clinic was inaugurated by Gourav Gupta, secretary, Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI), Jammu along with Jatinder Gupta, chairman, AM Hyundai and Akshay Mahajan, Director,

days", he said and mentioned that Hyundai has come No 1 in customer satisfaction in recent JDP survey.

Akshay Mahajan said that Hyundai will provide free 90 point comprehensive car check-up for its customers, to provide preventive maintenance for their cars during the camp. This 90 point check-up will include the thorough examination of the transmission, engine, electrical, underbody,



Gourav Gupta, secretary, CCI Jammu along with others inaugurating free car care clinic at AM Hyundai, Jammu.

AM Hyundai, in the presence of other dignitaries and customers.

Briefing about the clinic, Gourav Gupta said, "We conduct free car care clinic in an endeavour to reaffirm Hyundai's commitment to provide the best of our services to our customers and make their ownership experience more enjoyable".

"This year free car care clinic is being organized at more than 1300 Hyundai Service Outlets across India for a period of 10

exterior, AC, etc. "During the free car care clinic, there will be special benefits for our customers having vehicles which are more than 3 years old", he told customers and also briefed them regarding the concept of fully automated workshop.

He further revealed that recently AM Hyundai opened its 25 facilities in RS Pura and Akhnoor to enhance customer experience at their nearby locations.

## CPWs, cooks hold protest, project demands

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 27: All J&K Contingent Paid Employees Union today protested and threatened to lock all the educational institutions if Government failed to fulfill their demands.

The protesters demanded that the qualified contingent paid employees in the Education Department should be regularized and Minimum Wages Act should be implemented in respect of unqualified employees.

"We are asking the Government for last so many years to come up with a clear regularization policy and give a benefit of Minimum Wages Act to the unqualified employees who are working in Education Department on meager salaries," a protestor said.

He said if the Government fails to fulfill their demands till March 31, they will be forced to lock educational institutes and come on roads.

The protesters said they were working as sweepers, guards, and cooks in different Government schools across Kashmir. The workers appealed the Minister for Education, Altaf Bukhari, to fulfill their demands.

## Anganwari workers continue protest

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Mar 27: Anganwari workers and helpers continued their protest on 16th day, today.

The Anganwari workers drawn from various parts of the district have been sitting on protest dharna here at Dreamland Park for last many days to stress upon the Government to fulfill their demands. They are demanding the minimum wages of Rs 15000 per month.

While addressing the protesting workers, Renuka Kumari said

how an Anganwari worker or helper may survive with monthly wages of Rs 300 or 600. She said that all the schemes are implemented with the support of Anganwari workers but they are not given the wages as per their works.

"Even they are not covered under Minimum Wages Act. The women are largely being discriminated by the State Government despite the State having women CM," she said and warned the Government of intensifying the agitation if their monthly wages are not enhanced.

## 2 girls consume poison, hospitalized

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Mar 27: Two young girls were admitted in District Hospital Kathua after they consumed some poisonous substance under mysterious circumstances at their residences in Dhanore falling under jurisdiction of Lakhampur Police Station and Basai falling under the jurisdiction of Kathua Police Station.

As per reports a young girl of class 10th standard identified as Sabnam, 16, daughter of Rattan Singh resident of Dhanore, Lakhampur was admitted in District Hospital Kathua when she consumed some poisonous substance at her residence today. The doctors gave immediate treatment

to her in the Hospital and her condition is stated to be stable.

The reports said that she did not perform well in Matric examination and was under depression so she took this extreme step. The Lakhampur Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law in this regard.

In another case a young girl identified as Renu Bala, 18, daughter of Som Raj resident of Basai, Kathua consumed some poisonous substance at her residence and she was shifted to District Hospital Kathua in a critical condition. As she became critical, the doctors referred her to GMC Jammu for specialized treatment.

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