

Airlift stranded passengers without delay: PDP to Govt

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 10: Demanding that the stranded passengers in Jammu be airlifted to Srinagar without further delay, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) vice president Abdul Rahman Veeri today said the Government cannot turn a blind eye towards the hardships these passengers are facing at present.

Veeri, in a statement, urged the Governor's administration to come to the rescue of the stranded passengers at an earliest as several among the people who are stranded at the winter capital are aged patients whose saving have got exhausted and they have no means to afford hotel accommodation.

The PDP vice president said the Government is duty-bound to extend all possible help to the stranded passengers in Jammu and make arrangements for their free of cost flights to Srinagar so that they could reach their homes safely.

"In 2005 when PDP was in power it arranged several flights for stranded passengers at Jammu then and the expenses of the same were borne by the Government itself. At present, a similar situation has emerged. One wonders that what is stopping the Government to come to the rescue of the people who have to bear the brunt of highway closure due to inclement weather," Veeri said.

'Mission Modi Again' to work for mass awareness in J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: Ram Gopal Kaka, national working president of 'Mission Modi Again', today exhorted the people of Jammu and Kashmir to join in numbers with the Mission as this is the need of the hour and it is the society, nation and people who desperately want Modi as PM.

While talking to media persons after chairing State work-



National president of Mission Modi Again addressing a press conference at Jammu on Sunday.

vision coupled with effective and hard hitting political will," he said and added that everyone is waiting for India to lead the world towards peace, prosperity and civilized society which has been possible only because of unparalleled and invincible leadership of Narendra Modi.

Narcotics smuggler arrested with intoxicants

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Feb 10: A narcotics smuggler has been arrested along with intoxicants.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Ramban Police Station laid a naka near court complex here and intercepted a person, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police recovered 401 intoxicating injections and 1920 tablets from the possession of the person and arrested him.

The arrested person has been identified as Kulbir Singh, son of Khem Raj, a resident of Duthan, District Ramban.

A case under FIR Number 29/19 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Ramban Police Station and investigation started.

Police team led by SHO Dr Dhotra conferred Best PhD Thesis Award

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: Dr Balbir Dhotra, son of Pushap Lata and



Ram Rattan Sharma, resident of Tarore, Samba, presently working as Assistant Professor (Soil Science) at Organic Farming Research Centre, Chatha, of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) has been conferred with Best PhD Thesis Award recently.

He worked on the topic, "Studies on Soil Boron Dynamics and Nutrition in Broccoli (Brassica oleracea L. var. italica) cv. Palam Samridhi" carried out at SKUAST-J under the prudent guidance of Prof KR Sharma, Division of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry of SKUAST-Jammu.

The award carries a Gold Plated Shield and a Certificate.

11 injured as mini-bus turns turtle

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: About a dozen passengers sustained injuries out of which three were critically injured when a rashly driven mini bus turned turtle on city road here today.

A mini-bus of Janipur-Bahu Fort route ferrying passengers on way from Bahu Fort to Janipur, this evening turned turtle near Mandir-Masjid point in Jewel area, a police official said. He said that 11 passengers of the vehicle suffered injuries out of which three received serious injuries.

The injured were identified as Neelam Kumari (40) wife of Kuldeep Kumar of Vikram Chowk, Abdul Hamid (45) of Soupur (Kupwara), Tanu (17) daughter of Ram Pal of Vikram Chowk, Babita Bhat (40) wife of Sunil Kumar of Jagti (Nagrota), Koushalaya Devi (49) wife of Kartar Singh of Udhampur,

Mehraj-ud-Din (32) son of Abdul Rashid of Kashmir, Mohd Imran (25) son of Abdul Rashid of Kashmir, Pooja (21) daughter of Kuldeep of Vikram Chowk, Rekha Bhat (35) wife of Kaniya Lal of Jagti (Nagrota), Padma (32) wife of Saran Angchok of Talab Tillo and Shering Yangdal (30) of Ladakh(at present residing in Talab Tillo, Jammu). They were shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for treatment.

"As per passengers, who had minor injuries in the mishap, the driver was rashly driving the mini bus and was overtaking other vehicles in speed. In the process, he lost control and the vehicle over turned," the official said.

He further told that the driver managed to escape from the spot leaving injured passengers while the mini bus was seized and a case under relevant sections against the driver was registered at police station Nowabad.

JKPA discusses burning issues of physiotherapists

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: Physiotherapy Doctors today held a meeting under the banner of Jammu & Kashmir Physiotherapists' Association (JKPA) to discuss the burning issues faced by various sections of fraternity members.

The meeting was chaired by its JKPA State president, Dr Pardeep Mahotra and was attended by its senior members, Dr K u l b h u s h a n Sharma, Dr Deepika Saroj Kohli, Dr Javed Giri, Dr Vishal Sharma, Dr Rahul Sharma, Dr Vijay Kotwal, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Isha Sharma, Dr Sandhya Raina, Dr Parshottam Lal and others.

It was made imperative in the meeting, that the community despite giving its best professional services to the mankind as a whole and to the state of Jammu & Kashmir in particular, is facing lot of burning issues. It was stressed that the issues need to be addressed promptly by bringing them in front of appropriate authorities.

Dr Pardeep Mahotra, while addressing the meeting, stressed on quantification and standardization of the professional services across all the sectors, including Government as well as private sectors. He said that the association will highlight the matter for

the creation of specialized posts for the particular sections like neurology, orthopaedics, cardiology etc for the benefit of ailing patients in the specialized institutions like District Hospitals, Government Medical Colleges, AIIMS etc.

In the meeting, it was unanimously decided to take up the



JKPA members posing for photograph after a meeting in Jammu.

issue of formation of "Physiotherapy Council" in the J&K state. The independent Council is utmost necessary for the maintaining as well as improving the practice standards of professionals, which has a direct bearing on the public health.

Pay anomalies in the profession, in Government sector were also alleged in the meeting, with the request of creation of posts according to qualifications and putting them into justified grade pay slabs. The issue of time bound promotion in the jobs was also taken up in the meeting.

BJPMM asks party activists to take inspiration from Modi

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: BJP Mahila Morcha district Jammu president, Rekha Mahajan today announced appointment of Ritika Dhiman as Satwari Mandal president of the Morcha. Addressing a meeting at Satwari near here, today, she said the appointment was made after consultations with senior party leaders.

In the meeting district general secretary, Vinay Gupta, Satwari Mandal, president



BJP leaders during a meeting at Satwari on Sunday.

Harbans Choudhary, corporator, Rajrani Jamwal, Satpal Choudhary, Shakuntala Ji and Ajay Chalotra were also present.

Addressing the meeting, Baldev Billawaria stressed that Mahila Morcha activists should work tirelessly to strengthen the party at the grass roots level. He said that PM Narendra Modi deserves one more chance as people across the country have

realized that such a leader is need of a nation which has taken India to new heights in matters related to development and welfare of all the sections of the society.

Rekha Mahajan said that the newly nominated Morcha activists to further enhance BJPMM activities at Mandal level and reach at the doorsteps of womenfolk in particular to educate them that Narendra Modi is the first PM who works 18 hours and has never gone on leave even for one day during the last over four and half years. Only work and welfare of every individual is his mission, she added.

"We need to take inspiration from this man and contribute in making India a country where fruits of the development and welfare reach to the last man in the last row and 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikaas' becomes a reality.

Rekha Mahajan also nominated Babita Jamwal as Mandal general secretary, Kulbir Kour, Anita Gandotra as district vice presidents, Vidushi Chouhan, Bacchno Devi and Ritika Mahajan as district secretaries.

Remain vigilant against designs of BJP: NDPI to people

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: National Democratic Party (Indian) State President Rajesh Gupta has cautioned the people to remain vigilant against nefarious designs of BJP to polarize and divide the society in all possible ways for narrow electoral benefits.

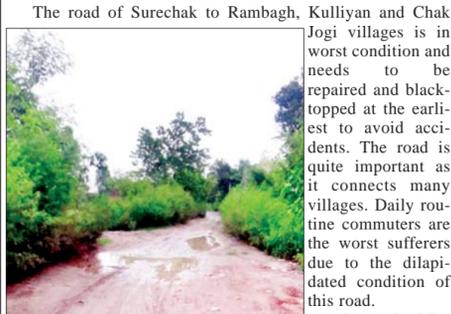
Addressing a gathering of people from all sections of the society at village Dhok Nagrota here, he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP

strategists were working overtime to devise this divisive policy as the Lok Sabha elections draw nearer.

"I appeal to you to remain vigilant against such evil designs of the BJP leaders which they are harping on to divert attention from their failures to fulfill promises made to the people. You must question them when they come to seek your votes as to what happened to the promises made by Centre and BJP-PDP State Governments," he asked the people.

Repair Surechak-Chak Jogi Road

This is to draw the kind attention of the Governor's Administration that the Surechak to Chak Jogi road connecting with Mandal Phallain has not been repaired and black-topped so far, despite being highlighted many a time through print media and also bringing it into the notice of the Governor's Grievance Cell as well.



The road is quite important as it connects many villages. Daily routine commuters are the worst sufferers due to the dilapidated condition of this road. The authorities must respond to our plea at the earliest as whole habitation is dismayed over the lackadaisical attitude shown by the concerned higher authorities so far

in this connection. Therefore, the authorities at the helm are requested to look into the matter and oblige.

Gourav Mandal Phallain

Blacktop Udhampur town roads

The attention of the District Administration Udhampur is drawn towards the bad condition of roads in Udhampur town. The recent rains have played havoc on the roads of the town, making them traffic unworthy.

At some places, the upper surface has got totally washed away and other places numerous ditches and puddles have surfaced. These have now become a source of trouble for commuters and residents as well. The administration is requested to get these roads repaired at the earliest lest any untoward accidents occurs. Hope, the administration would wake upto this reality at the earliest.

Satish Sharma Udhampur

MVD unveils wall calendar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 10: Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Baramulla unveiled the MVD Baramulla wall calendar at Sanctorum College of Education Lalad Sopore during valedictory function of 30th Road Safety Week under the theme "Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha".

Speaking on the occasion, ARTO Baramulla Dr Mohammad

On the occasion, a cultural programme and songs on traffic related laws were performed by Tulkul Cultural Academy. The theme of the show was 'Safe and Disciplined Driving'.

In the end, mementoes and certificates were distributed by the dignitaries among the participants who participated in the essay competition and commendation certificate were also given to best drivers who were found to be obeying traffic



Dignitaries unveiling MVD Baramulla wall calendar.

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Zubair Lattoo said that this is for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir that such an initiative has been taken from the transport department and we are fortunate that this has been done by our district. He further said that calendar is very informative and displays message pertaining to road safety and through this initiative awareness will be generated among the masses also.

President Traders Federation Sopore, President Industries and Commerce, and students from various schools presented their views regarding safety measures to be taken while driving before the audience.

3 Inspectors among 10 transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: Three Inspectors were among 10 police officers have been transferred in Ramban and Jammu districts with immediate effect.

According to the order issued by SSP Ramban Anita Sharma, Inspector Niaz Ul Hassan has been transferred from DPL Ramban and posted as SHO Police Station Gool, while Inspector Javid Iqbal has been transferred from Police Station Gool and posted as SHO Police Station Ramsom and Inspector Naveen Angral has been transferred from Police Station Ramsom and posted at DPL Ramban.

Meanwhile, according to the order issued by SSP Jammu Tejinder Singh, SI HM Shahnaz has been transferred from Police Station Bus Stand and posted as Incharge Police Post Gadigarh, whereas SI Mohammad Ashraf has been transferred from Police Station Nagrota and posted as Incharge Police Post Gujjar Nagar and SI Zaheer Mushtaq has been transferred from Police Post Gujjar Nagar and posted as IO Police Station Bus Stand.

SI Deepak Thakur has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as Incharge Police Post Sainik Colony, SI Thakur Dutt Sharma has been transferred from Police Post GMC and posted as Incharge Police Post Pouni Chack, SI Pankaj Singh has been transferred from Police Station Channi and posted as Incharge Police Post GMC and SI Sumeet Magotra has been transferred from Police Post Pouni Chak and posted at DPL Jammu.

Menace of stray cattle

This is to draw the attention of the JMC authorities towards the presence of stray cattle near Sabzi Mandi Janipur. One can see stray cattle not only obstructing smooth flow of traffic at this spot, but also causing embarrassment to customers at Sabzi Mandi. At times these animals get hit by vehicles and in turn injure other people in the market.

It may be mentioned here that sometime back the JMC had lifted all the bovine from the market and no cattle was seen there. Now, they are back and are seen foraging for food and other items. To avoid this situation, JMC authorities are requested to tackle this problem for ever. Hope action is taken at the earliest.

Naresh Sharma Janipur, Jammu

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Blacktop lane in Anand Nagar

This is to draw the attention of the Jammu Municipal authorities towards the bad condition of Lane No. 4. This lane, one does not know why has remained unmetalled so far when all other streets in the colony have been black-topped to the delight of residents. The residents of this lane therefore encounter many difficulties. Besides, the drain too have got choked. As a result water flows onto the lane causing further problem. As such it is requested that the JMC authorities to get this lane repaired and black-topped at the earliest.

Mohinder Khatri Lane No. 4, Anand Nagar

High School Gurha Brahmana is unsafe

We want to draw attention of the Education Department towards the dilapidated condition of Government High School Gurha Brahmana (Bantalab). All roofs and walls of the said Block are cracked, gone wet and the roofs are leaking. The iron in the roofs has rusted. Due to heavy rains, the said Block has become more risky and any time, any part of this building can collapse thereby endangering the lives of children. In this regard I had submitted representation to Director School Education Jammu on 27.2.2018 duly forwarded by the then Health Minister (MLA Raipur Domana) Bali Bhagat against proper receipt in which the Minister had also informed the Director that building is unsafe but it seems that nobody is serious and no action has been taken in this regard so far.

Due to delay in the repair or reconstruction of the said school building, if any untoward incident happens the responsibility shall be of the concerned authorities. It is, such requested the concerned authorities be directed to check the whole building (old block) of Govt. High School Gurha Brahmana (Bantalab) Jammu at the earliest and the same may be repaired/constructed afresh as early as possible without any further delay.

Babu Ram Bhagat President, Development Committee Upper Gurha Brahmana (Bantalab) Jammu

JCMS celebrates Basant Panchami

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 10: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) today organized a function to celebrate Basant Panchami at Mahajan Bhawan, Shalamar Road, Jammu.

A large number of Sabha members participated in the celebration wherein they paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters of the Country.

R o m e s h JCMS members distributing Parsad during Chander Gupta, Basant Panchami celebrations in Jammu.

president of the Sabha, along with his team of office bearers namely Dr Om Parkash Gupta, Om Parkash Gupta (Kaku Shah), Shiv Partap Gupta and Om Parkash Gupta (general secretary) participated in the function.

In his address, Romesh wished prosperity to the Mahajan community on this pious festival of Basant Panchami, the harbinger of the commencement of the spring season.

The function concluded with distribution of Parsad to the general public and senior citizens.

Others present in the function were CP Gupta, Mukesh Mahajan, Raman Gupta, Vikrant Gupta, Arun Gupta, Nirmal Gupta, Bushan Pargal, Satish Gupta, Vijat Gupta, darshan Gupta and Ashwani Gupta.

Natrang's Dogri play features in National Awards Festival

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Feb 10: Natrang's highly acclaimed Dogri play 'Mahabhoj' featured in National Awards Festival at Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi.

The festival is being organized by National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi.

Written by Mannu Bhandari, translated in Dogri by Prof RN Shastri, play 'Mahabhoj' is innovatively directed by Balwant Thakur.

The most noteworthy feature of this performance was the featuring of Anil Tickoo in lead, who has been conferred this year's Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Acting in Theatre.

This exclusive presentation also featured two Bismillah Khan Yuva Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardees Vikrant Sharma and Sumeet Sharma.

Acclaimed all-over for its unique style of presentation and innovation this unconventional play 'Mahabhoj' revolves around the agricultural labourers of 'Saroha' who bear the brunt of the wrath of their landlord for raising voice against his atrocities. In a gruesome act of arson, their settlements are torched and nine innocent lives are lost. "Beesu", a fiery young man is murdered in a dastardly act and a bold voice is strangled. The murder of 'Beesu' is sensationalized and

every political party is out to earn maximum mileage out of it as elections are round the corner. The media magnifies this tragedy beyond proportions. The Chief Minister, Da Sahib, mastermind behind the murder, uses this murder as a weapon to silence his opponents and suppress internal unrest within party ranks. The hurt sentiments of people of 'Saroha' are nursed by installing a Cottage Industry Project, thus, providing employment opportunities. A fresh inquiry is ordered into Beesu's murder. The politics of power plays its dirty game once again and truth becomes a casualty. Binda'a friend of Beesu and a crusader, is falsely implicated and arrested. The play deals both with the hawkish lust of human being for power and tenacity of human race to stand up courageously against all odds.

The artists who accompanied Anil Tickoo include Suresh Kumar, Neeraj Kant, Subash Jamwal, Sumeet Sharma, Vikrant Sharma, Mohd. Yaseen, Manoj Lalotra, Meenakshi Bhagat, Vrinda Sharma, Abhinav Sharma, Sumit Raina, Rakesh Kona and Sushant Singh.

Music to the mega theatre production of Natrang was rendered by Suraj Singh whereas the lights of the play were designed and executed by Shivam Singh.

Absconder arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Feb 10: Police arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest since long.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Reasi Police Station apprehended an absconder, who has been identified as Shaheen Parvez.

The arrested person was wanted in a case registered under FIR Number 63/11 under sections 279, 337 and 338 RPC with Police Station Reasi. Non-bailable warrant also stands issued against him by CJM Court Reasi.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

Bootlegger arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Feb 10: Katra police arrested a bootlegger along with 36 small bottles of illicit liquor.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Katra Police Station laid a naka and apprehended a person along with 36 small bottles of illicit liquor.

The arrested person has been identified as Raj Kumar, son of Deya Ram, a resident of Changyian, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu.

A case under FIR Number 32/19 under section 48-A Excise Act and 188 RPC has been registered at Police Station and investigation started.